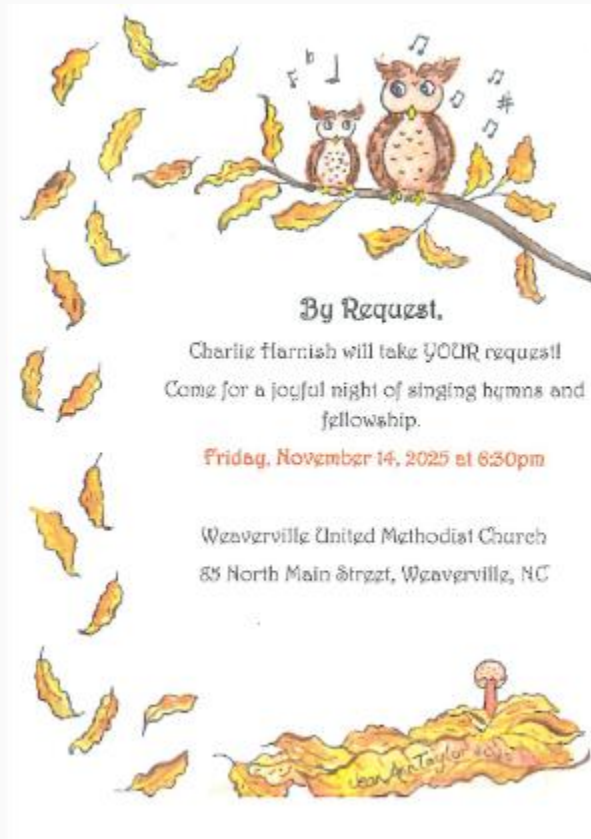


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WUMC Newsletter 11/13/2025



Weaverville UMC to Receive Special Recognition for Helene Response - November 16, 2025

Please mark your calendars and join us for 11:00 a.m. Worship this Sunday!

We are honored to welcome **Dr. John Boggs**, who was one of our **Acting Co-District Superintendent of the Blue Ridge District**. He will present

a **special award to Weaverville United Methodist Church** in recognition of our church’s outstanding service and leadership during the aftermath of **Hurricane Helene**.

When Helene struck, *we—the people—*became the Church in action. In extraordinary times, our congregation stepped up and stepped out to share the love of Christ in tangible, powerful ways.

We called to check on our neighbors and offered help where it was needed. Our church quickly became a **major supply and re-distribution center** serving **North Buncombe, Madison County, and West Yancey County**. Through the **BEAR Closet**, we provided critical baby supplies to families in crisis. We hosted drive-by food and water distributions, delivered meals to trailer parks and local distribution points, and fed first responders, town workers, and volunteers so they could stay focused on serving the public.

Our outreach extended even further—

- Repairing damaged driveways and providing furniture for families re-establishing their homes
- Supporting a family living in a camper, funding a well for a couple still without running water a year later
- Providing furniture and basic home goods for a single mother and child to move into a home after a long period in a camper
- Purchasing a new bed for a child whose bed was ruined by floodwaters
- Sending hygiene and medical supplies to **ABCCM**, local nursing homes, and the **Veterans Restoration Quarters**
- Delivering clothing, heaters, baby items, and sleeping bags to **BeLoved Asheville** for distribution to those in need
- Helping a local business owner restore her art studio
- There are many other wonderful stories where we stepped up to assist those in need.

Throughout this season, every act—large or small—was an intentional expression of love and faith. Each prayer, each hour volunteered, each donation made a difference. It truly took all of us working together to meet the overwhelming needs of our community.

Please join us this Sunday as the Conference formally recognizes **Weaverville UMC**—and you, the people, who made it all possible—for being the hands and feet of Christ in a time of great need.



M&M Luncheon

Please join us this month on Thursday, November 20, at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

Jim and Jane McCoy will be providing music for us to enjoy.

For lunch we are serving various quiches, salads and desserts.

Please RSVP Lorraine at 828-707-2724 if you are attending and also if you could help in providing one of the quiches, salads or desserts.

As always, all are welcome whether mature or Methodist.

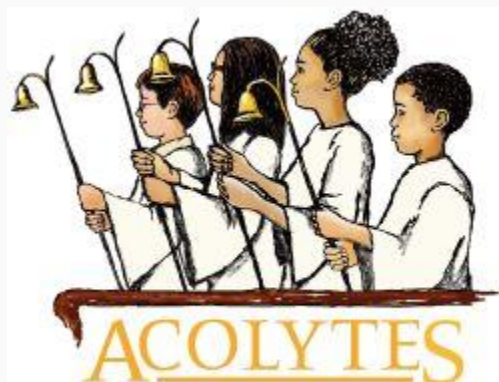


Christmas Cards donations needed between now and November 30. If you know of someone in our church who needs a little extra Christmas cheer please contact Barb McElroy 828 775 9329 or davidorbarb@gmail.com. More to come on how you can participate in this outreach endeavor.



United
Women
in Faith

The **Matilda Dryman Circle** will meet on Thursday, November 20, in the Love Conference Room at 10am and then join the M&M luncheon in the fellowship hall. Call Joanie Strohm at 828.707.8928 for more information.



Acolyte Training

We are hoping to start our acolyte program back by Advent (Nov. 30) and are looking for students in 2nd grade to 8th grade, who want to light the candles for worship. We will hold an acolyte training on **Sunday, Nov. 23**, right after worship, in the sanctuary. It will last about 20-30 minutes. Please plan to attend if your child is interested. If you cannot attend the training, but want to participate, email Pastor Ann, youth@weavervilleumc.org.

We are also still looking for a few more adults to help coordinate the acolytes, and help them get ready before worship. Please reach out to Ann if you would like to serve our children and youth in this way.



Nov. 16 is Mission Minded Sunday! We will partner with the WUMC Nurture Committee to put together care packages for our college students, as they prepare for finals. Help us share some love and warmth to our college students, from their church family! We will gather at 4:30 pm for pizza and juice - bring a friend!

Nov. 23 - Join us for Friendsgiving with a chicken n' fixins meal at 4:30 pm. Bring your favorite candy for CANDY SALAD, we will talk about thankfulness and play games. We will also be setting up the WUMC Fellowship Hall for the sorting of the Holiday food drive. After Youth Group, all youth and their families are invited to attend the combined Thanksgiving worship at First Baptist, 6pm. After worship, folks from all 3 churches will come to WUMC Fellowship Hall to sort food donations, likely around 7 pm.

Nov. 30 - We're going bowling, the Sunday after thanksgiving! **We will meet at the church at 4 pm, and will return at 7 pm.** Bring a friend, a pair of socks, and money for extra snacks/drinks. Please RSVP to Pastor Ann (youth@weavervilleumc.org) to hold your spot.

Dec. 14 - Youth Christmas Party! Join us at 4:30pm as we play holiday themed games, and celebrate a fun semester in youth ministry! **Bring a wrapped \$10 hat for a fun gift-swap game.**

Dec. 21 - Youth & Children led Advent worship - For all ages under 18, willing to lead all elements of worship. There are speaking and non-speaking parts available. For Children's Moment, we will be leading a 'Semi-spontaneous Christmas Pageant' - if your child or youth would like to participate in the pageant, or lead worship, please reach out to Pastor Ann. We will meet right after worship on Sunday, Dec. 14, to get costumes, and practice parts for Dec. 21 worship. We will gather at 9:45 on Dec. 21, to practice and prepare for 11 am worship.

Youth/Children Special Events Request

Pastor Ann wants to support all WUMC children and youth in their extra curricular activities - sporting events, theater, and other special events. Please fill out this form so Ann can come out and support YOU!

[Click here for special events requests](#)



Follow Us on Instagram!

Curious About What Our Youth Are Up To?
Stay connected and see all the exciting things happening in our youth ministry by following us on Instagram! From service projects and Sunday fun to special events and meaningful moments—this is your inside look at the life of our youth group.

📱 Follow us: @weaverville_umc_youth
Let’s grow, serve, and have fun—together!

Click Here



Sunday, November 23rd at 6pm
Weaverville First Baptist Church

As in years past we once again gather for a community Thanksgiving service. We are collecting the following food items for our community in need:

Bag of Potatoes, Ham, Plain Macaroni, Green Beans, Corn, Bag of Masa, Dried Pinto or Black Beans.



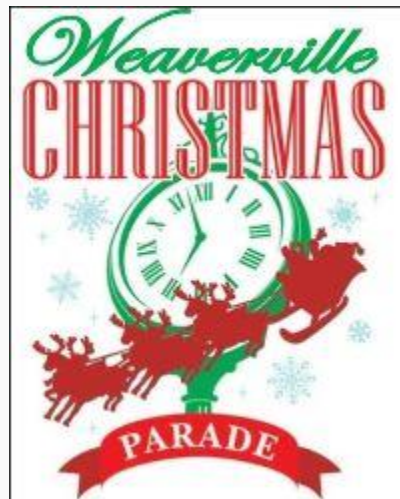
Advent Devotionals

Our Advent theme this year is based on the God in The Neighborhood Bible Studies. Since we, the church, make up so much of the ‘neighborhood’ of Weaverville, I thought it would be nice for us to hear from each other this Advent season. Starting on Sunday, Nov. 30 (1st Sunday of Advent) we will email out a new devotional each morning, written by a different person in the church, up until Christmas Day. If you are interested in participating by writing a devotional, please reach out to Pastor Ann, youth@weavervilleumc.org.



Operation Christmas Child All Boxes are due back Sunday, November 23

When will my Shoebox be delivered? Shoebox gifts are shipped out from the processing center by the middle of December and depending on the distance they must travel, some are delivered by Christmas; primarily those in Centra/South America and Eastern Europe. Most of the gifts are sent via ship. Although the collection of Operation Christmas Child gifts is during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season, the delivery of some gifts may be delayed due to complex international shipping procedures. They may not clear customs in receiving countries until spring. In addition, many countries that receive shoebox gifts must transport them to rural areas using very poor roads. Distributions typically occur from late December through spring each year, extending the joy of Christmas to children that receive them! If you have questions contact Holly Ray at rayholly@hotmail.com



Saturday, December 6, 2025

The WUMC bus will be in the Weaverville Holiday Parade!

We are in need of folks to walk with us and hand out candy canes, and wave from the bus.

We will gather in the church parking lot and load up the bus at 10 am, for the 11 am parade. If you want to join us, please reach out to Pastor Ann, youth@weavervilleumc.org.



Outreach – Find Your Way to Serve!

At Weaverville UMC, we believe that *serving others is one of the most joyful ways to live out our faith!* Our Outreach Committee continues to make a difference in our community — and there's a place for **you** to help.

Helping Our Neighbors Rebuild

We're still walking alongside families recovering from **Hurricane Helene**. Some are rebuilding homes, others are waiting for permanent housing — and your prayers, support, and helping hands continue to bring hope. Beyond Helene, we're also serving local families who face food insecurity, housing challenges, and financial hardship. Together, we can continue to be a light in our community!



Urgent Needs: Holiday Ministry Leaders

We have two exciting opportunities for leadership this holiday season — a wonderful way to share the joy of giving!

Angel Tree Coordinator

Our congregation has expressed interest in sponsoring local families this Christmas! We'd love to begin by supporting **4–6 families** this year. The coordinator will help organize the tree, identify angels, collect gifts, and work with congregation to distribute the gifts.

Contact Renee Weaver – grohweaver@aol.com

ABCCM (Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry)

Did you know? Weaverville UMC helped launch what became ABCCM! **Joy Pansiera** is a regular volunteer on Thursdays.

Current Needs: Men's pants (29" waist / 30" length) for veterans.

Food Donations continuously needed: Canned Tuna, Chicken and Stew, Hearty Soups, Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce, Cold Cereal, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Rice and Dry Beans, Chef Boyardee, Bags of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. If giving by check indicate **ABCCM North** in memo line.

Where to Give: Drop food items in the **ABCCM box** in the sanctuary entryway.

The Little Pantry @ Weaverville UMC

Did you know? Our **Preschool Program** sponsors the Little Pantry behind the Fellowship Hall — providing food to anyone in need, no questions asked.

Requested Items: Canned chicken, tuna, salmon, or beans; Canned fruit & applesauce cups, Spaghetti sauce.

Drop donations in the **Little Pantry box** in the back of the sanctuary.

B.E.A.R. Closet (Baby Equipment and Resource Closet)

Did you know? The B.E.A.R. Closet provides baby supplies for struggling families.

Urgent Need: Volunteers!

Some long-time helpers have stepped back — can you give a little time to help local families?

To Volunteer: Text **Catherine Love at 828-777-1211** with your name and contact info.

Currently needed: Winter clothing - girl and boy clothing 2T through 6T tops and pants, girl and boy 5T and 6T coats, Convertible (for NB to 40-60lb) car seats, non-expired car seats in good condition.

Use our wish lists on [Amazon](#), [Target](#), and [Walmart](#) for specific ideas. All our info and links are also on the WUMC

website <https://www.weavervilleumc.org> Click BEAR Closet for ideas.

You Can Make a Difference

Every donation, every hour volunteered, every prayer — it all matters.
Let's continue to share God's love and serve our neighbors together!



Birthdays in November

May God's grace be with you on your birthday and every day!

November 1: Lindsey Anderson, Makenna Clark, Jessica Pond

November 2: Annabelle Cooper

November 4: Brian Lovelace, Jerry Morelock

November 5 : Larry Sprinkle, David Tunnell

November 6: Cody Morelock, Amelia Weaver

November 7: Elijah Willis

November 8: Jo Ann Sanderson

November 9: Wally Hartman, Elizabeth Stowe, Meredith Stowe

November 10: Ben Meler

November 11: Tucker Chason, David Devane, Susan Johnson, Jennifer Phillips

November 13: Harrison Cooper, Debbie Devane, Barbara Randall

November 14: Joe Witcher

November 15: Jen Corbin

November 16: Phoebe Rogers

November 17: Sandra Reese

November 18: Swann Payne, Grace Szucs

November 19: Peighton Cooley, Josh Williams

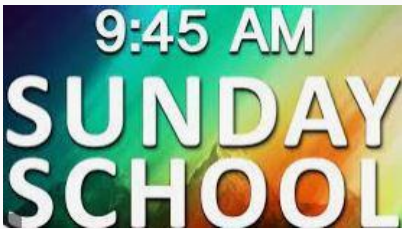
November 21: Cliff Horrell

November 23: Janet Foor, Heather Weaver

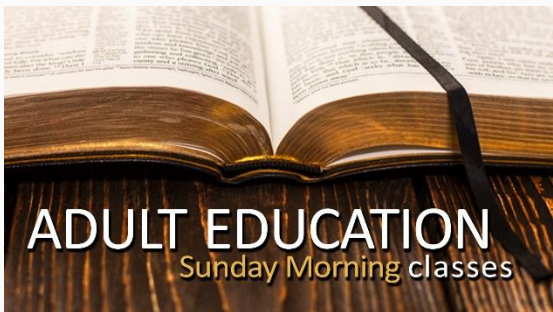
November 24: James Wimer

November 25: Andrew Barlow, Patrick Barlow, Lauren Eddins, Marty

Stewart
November 26: Lynn Boring, Charlie Davis
November 28: Jo Ann Horton



The Youth and Children's Sunday School Classes meet at 9:45am on the 3rd floor of the Education Building. We have 3 classrooms: PreK-2nd grade, 3rd-6th grade, and 7th-12th grade. Join us for fun, fellowship and learning more about God's word!



Ignite Class

Once you have dropped your child off in their classroom you are invited to join us downstairs in the Wesley Brown Room. This class serves as a space for the parents and caregivers of the children and youth in the church during the Sunday School times.

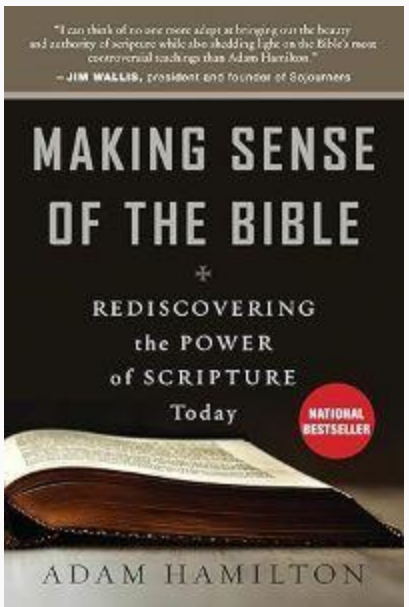
The Ignite Class meets Sunday at 10am. The current study is *The Wired Word.*



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Explorers Class

Explorer Class is staring a new study by Rev. Adam Hamilton; *Making Sense of the Bible.* The meeting takes place in the Love Conference Room at 10 am.



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Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday Women's Bible study will finish their current study next Tuesday, November 18th. The group will go to lunch at a local restaurant at 12 noon. If you have participated in any of the Bible studies in the past, please join us. We will announce the next study in late December. We would love for anyone to join us when we restart in early 2026. Please contact Angela Moser at 828-215-2642 or Loraine Cipriano at 828-707-2724 if you have any questions.

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Please let the office know of anyone you want to be included in our prayers

PRAISES:

Aria Hope, Shannon and Charissa Loflin.

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

School sicknesses in community, Hurricane Helene Recovery, Lynn Boring, Kenny Boring.

CONCERNS:

Prayer for God's Direction, Unrest and Violence in the country, Government

and Government Employees, Prayer for our Latino Community, All who are struggling with mental health, Mission Hospital, Sarah Alagood, Angeline Belada, Luke Banks, Elaine Barnette, Bonnie Bullman, Carmack Family, Gary Cooper, Andrew DeBonis, Bob and Debra DeBruhl, Mike Branson, Byers Family, Danielle and Casmiria Deese, Dedi Dillingham, Tracy Fiaco, Lauren Fieffer, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Janice and Mike Garland, Jim Greenhut, Nancy Hinsley, Sam Hollister, Lynn Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Beck Humphrey, Gwen Kelsey, Richie Little, Jeanne McDermitt, Craig and Tina Monaco, Donna and Haley Parker, Swann Payne, Jennifer Phillips, Michelle Robertson, Nancy Roop, Emily Sewel, Joan Stafford, Tom Stade, Stan and Joanie Strohm, Stephanie Stroupe, Carol Tinkel, Dawn Tomsett, Susie Wallace, Claire Williamson, Pamela Witcher, Bill Yost, World Conflicts, US Armed Forces.



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:
Target Giving Goal each week: \$9,000.00

October 19: \$32,603.00
October 26: \$5,418.00
November 2: \$10,817.00

As of October 31, 2025:
Income: \$294,318.57
Expenses \$314,898..89
Net: -\$20,580.32

Mortgage Balance \$ \$ 127,427.62

Attendance at worship:

October 19: 89 total
October 26: 87 total
November 2: 77 total
November 9: 104 total

Finance Update

Thank you very much to everyone who has continued to support WUMC with their contributions! Options to donate:

1. On our [web site](#)
 2. Through your bank's online bill pay
 3. Mail checks to:
Weaverville United Methodist Church | PO Box 37 | Weaverville, NC 28787
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Watch last Sunday's service here if you couldn't be there in person

Deadline for newsletter submissions:
12:00pm (Noon) on Tuesdays

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