

WUMC Newsletter 12/11/2025



Our final M&M (Mature and Methodist) luncheon for 2025 will be on Thursday, December 18, at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Our wonderful pianist, Charlie Harnish, will be playing Christmas music for us. Lunch will be chili, sides, bread and dessert.

Please RSVP to Lorraine Cipriano at 828-707-2724

or <u>raincip@charter.net</u> so that we can plan accordingly. Also, volunteers are needed for bringing food, so let Lorraine know if you can contribute. All are invited, whether mature or Methodist.



UMM Breakfast Sunday, December 14, 9:00 – 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall

Contact Cliff Harvey to RSVP or for more information at charvey207@yahoo.com or text 816.392.3102



<u>Dec. 14 at 3:30pm</u> -We will meet right before youth group to get costumes and practice parts for next week's Youth and Children-led advent worship. **At 4:30pm** is the beginning of the Youth Christmas Party! We'll play holiday

themed games, and celebrate a fun semester in youth ministry! **Bring a** wrapped \$10 hat for a fun gift-swap game.

<u>Dec. 21 at 9:45am</u> - Youth & Children led Advent worship - We will practice and prepare for the 11am service. We will be narrating the story of Jesus' birth. There are speaking and non-speaking parts available - if your child or youth would like to participate (none of the lines need to be memorized), please reach out to Pastor Ann.



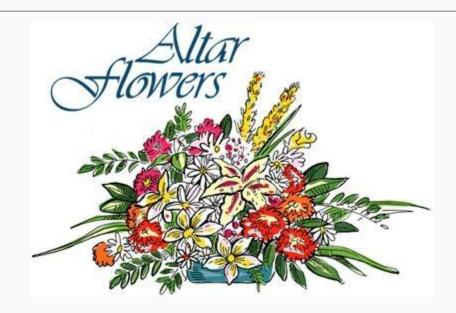
Holiday Parade Fun!

Thank you so much to everyone who labeled close to 1,500 suckers, decorated the van, and participated in the parade! It was an amazing community event, and we're so thankful that Weaverville UMC was part of it.

(Pictured from left to right: Billy Stowe, Pastor Richard, Gabrielle & Maggie Blount, Will Weaver, Barb McElroy, Pastor Ann Owens, Eddison, Holly & Sterling Cooper, Tammy Cipriano, Matthew Weaver, & Blake Cooper. Not pictured: Phyllis Stowe, Theresa & Juliet Cipriano)



We will be collecting money for staff Christmas gifts this coming Sunday December 14 and next Sunday, December 21st



Sunday December 28th is open!

Please write your name on the calendar in the back of the sanctuary to provide the flowers for the altar.

Kim Mallicoat will be happy to create a lovely bouquet for you. Her phone number is 828.280.7664.



Advent Devotionals

Our Advent theme this year is based on the God in The Neighborhood Bible Studies.

Since the First Sunday of Advent a new devotional is being emailed 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.



Return To Bethlehem hours:

Thursday - December 11, 6-8:30

Friday - December 12, 6-8:30

Saturday – December 13, 2-8:30

Sunday – December 14, 2-6

Hosted by Groce United Methodist, 954 Tunnel Rd.



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.

The Little Pantry at 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.

Urgently Needed: Peanut Butter, preferably 16 oz jars.

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

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



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 5T & 6T, boy 3T to 6T tops and pants, All-In-One Convertible car seats, non-expired car seats in good condition. Use our wish lists on <u>Amazon</u>, <u>Target</u>, and <u>Walmart</u> for specific ideas. All our info and links are also on the WUMC

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



Step into a story of hope by being a Christmas Angel. Volunteering in the Christmas Angel Shop is a hands-on way to bless children whose families are experiencing hardship. Whether you join us for one shift or multiple days, your service helps create a joyful and meaningful Christmas for our neighbors.

Volunteer with Christmas Angel



The **Matilda Dryman** Circle will meet Thursday, December 18th in the Love Conference room at 10am.



Birthdays in December

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

December 1: Carol Edwards

December 3: Kip Duff December 4: David Webb

December 6: Sophie Banks, Keith Cooke, Debra DeBruhl, Carol Krueger

December 8: Sawyer Davis, Debby Graham

December 11: Helen Boone December 12: Penny Weaver

December 13: Karen Jones, Susan Penland

December 14: Theresa Cipriano, Jack Teague, Louis Williamson

December 15: Kate Parsons Decembe4 17: Ian Rogers

December 18: Kim Litz

December 19: Rick Tipton December 21: Emily Farthing

December 24: Shane Owenby

December 27: John LaMonica

December 28: Jennifer Miller, Pat Webb

December 29: Ann Joyner December 31: Lynn Harvey





Our Bell Choir and Chancel Choir will perform with Charlie Harnish at the piano leading the event.

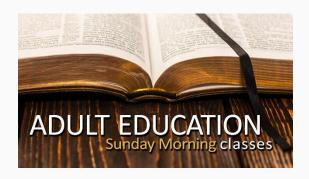


Please join us on Wednesday, December 24th at 7pm for our Christmas Eve Service.



Sunday School for children, youth, and Ignite classes will meet at 9:45am Sunday, December 14.

Children and Youth Sunday School will not meet next Sunday, December 21, (to prepare for the play) or December 28, (holiday weekend). We will gather again on Sunday, January 4, 2026.



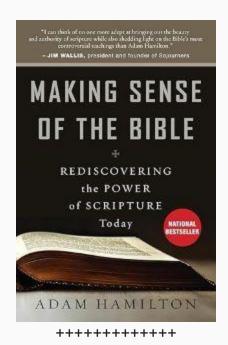
Ignite Class

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 current study is <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/jhear.2007/jh



Explorers Class

Explorer Class is studying <u>Making Sense of the Bible</u> by Rev. Adam Hamilton; The meeting takes place in the Love Conference Room at 10 am every Sunday morning.



Women's Bible Study

The Tuesday Women's Bible study 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.





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

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Mary Francis McAbee, Family of Don Mills.

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Travel Mercies, School sicknesses in community, Hurricane Helene Recovery, Elaine Barnett, Lynn Boring, Kenny Boring, Carmak Family, Carol Tinkel.

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, Sarah Alagood, Angeline Belada, Gary Cooper, Roy Cramford, Andrew DeBonis, Bob DeBruhl, Mike Branson, Marcia Buchynsky, Dedi Dillingham, Tracy Fiaco, Lauren Fieffer, Eric Foor, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Annalee Franklin, Janice and Mike Garland, Jim Greenhut, John Hall. Lynn Harvey, Ryan Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Gwen Kelsey, Richie Little, Diana Loveland, Kitty Malone, Jeanne McDermit, Craig and Tina Monaco, Swann Payne, Jennifer Phillips, Michelle Robertson, Nancy Roop, Jo Ann Sanderson, Emily Sewel, Joan Stafford, Tom Stade, Stan and Joanie Strohm, Stephanie Stroupe, Susie Wallace, Claire Williamson, Bill Yost, World Conflicts, US Armed Forces.



Supporting the Church

General Giving By Week:

Target Giving Goal each week: \$9,000.00

November 16: \$13,484.80 November 23: \$9,654.95 November 30: \$7,796.61

As of November 30, 2025 Income: \$355,355.18 Expenses \$355,509.86 Net: -\$154.68

Mortgage Balance \$123,822.34

Attendance at worship:

November 16: 115 total November 23: 97 total November 30: 94 total December 7: 93 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



Watch last Sunday's service here if you couldn't be there in person