

CHURCH INFORMATION: You can learn more about WUMC by pointing your smart phone (in camera mode) to this QR code. It will give you a link which takes you to our web site, where you can sign up to receive our weekly newsletters and view past editions. We also have printed copies of our latest newsletter available in the Narthex for you to take with you. This service will be live-streamed and video recorded. Please notify an usher if you prefer to remain off-camera.



1st and 3rd Mondays from 5-7pm
2nd, 4th and 5th Mondays 10am –12 Noon
URGENT NEED: Volunteers! Some long-time helpers have stepped back—can you give a little time to help local families?
To volunteer: Contact Catherine Love at 828.777.1211 with your name and contact info.
Items needed: Winter Clothing— Girl 5T & 6T, boy 3T to 6T tops and pants, All-In-One Convertible car seats, any non-expired car sets in good condition. Go to our church website. Click BEAR CLOSET . Use our wish list on Amazon, Target, and Walmart for specific ideas.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Richard Blount III, Pastor (ext. 101) rblount@weavervilleumc.org
Charlie Harnish, Church Music Director (ext. 102) music@weavervilleumc.org
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Katharina O’Hara, Administrative Assistant (ext. 100) office@weavervilleumc.org
Maintenance (ext. 901)



Food Donations needed: Canned Tuna, Chicken and Stew, Hearty Soup, Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce, Cold Cereal, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Rice and Dry Beans, Chef Boyardee, Bags of Fresh Fruit and Vegetables.
For monetary donations write a check to the church with the notation ABCCM **North** for food ABCCM **Rent** for rent and utilities.

General Giving by Week:

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**

Office Hours

Monday Wednesday, Thursday: 9am-12 Noon
Tuesday: 12 Noon –3pm



Weaverville United Methodist Church
Weaverville, North Carolina

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

God of the ages, you have blessed us with another year.

Help us to make room for the blessings that are in store for us in the coming months.

May we be open to learn the right lessons, even if they hurt a little.

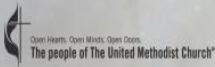
Help us to be patient so that we won't miss divine opportunities.

Show us how to be fulfilled without material possessions, so that we will not miss what it means to be a blessed people.

Enable us to be a blessing so you will recognize us as the ones who gave you bread when you were hungry, drink when you were thirsty, and clothes when you were naked.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Adaptation of a prayer by the Rev. Kevin B. Smalls



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, December 28, 2025—First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude		
Welcome		
Announcements		
Opening Hymn	<i>“Be Thou My Vision”</i>	UMH #451
Scripture	<i>“Psalm 119:129-144”</i>	UMH#843
Hymn	<i>“O Little Town of Bethlehem”</i>	UMH #230 (v. 1&2)
Affirmation of Faith	<i>“Apostles Creed”</i>	UMH#881
Offertory		Charlie Harnish
Doxology	<i>“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”</i>	UMH#95
Children’s Message		Sophie Banks
Praises and Concerns		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Sermon Scripture	<i>“John 1:9-18”</i>	
Sermon	<i>“Light in the Darkness”</i>	Pastor Ann Owens
Hymn	<i>“I want to Walk as a Child of the Light”</i>	UMH #206
Blessing		Pastor Richard Blount
Postlude		Charlie Harnish

PRAISES:

Baby Cutler Cheek, All the Christmas Cards sent by the community, Emily Sewell, Our youth and Pastor Ann, Attendance at worship.

FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Eric Furr, Family of Daylon Lawson

PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Travel Mercies, School sicknesses in community, Hurricane Helene Recovery, Lynn Boring, Kenny Boring, Janice Garland, 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 Cranford, 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, Joan Stafford, Tom Stade, Stan and Joanie Strohm, Stephanie Stroupe, Susie Wallace, Claire Williamson, Bill Yost, World Conflicts, US Armed Forces.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS:

Flowers today are given with thanks and wishes for your health and happiness in the New Year, and in recognition of our fifty-first wedding anniversary. Blessings, Elaine & Phil Barnett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ Please pass the pew pads
- ◆ **Flower Calendar** for next year is in the narthex. Please write your name on a Sunday when you want to honor a loved one or an occasion and provide the flowers for the altar

- ◆ **Children’s Bulletins** for 3+ and 7+ year old children. Pick one up at the entrance to the sanctuary before the service. Crayons, pencils and fidget activities are also available in the worship bags.
- ◆ **Pastor Richard** is on vacation with his family and will return by January 4th.
- ◆ **Pastor Ann** will be on vacation beginning tomorrow and return by January 4th.
- ◆ **Upper Room Devotional** for January-February is in the Narthex. Grab a copy on your way home from church.
- ◆ **Youth Group** (5th—12th grade) are going snow tubing on January 4th! Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 2pm. We will return at 6pm. Children 4th grade and younger may join with a grown-up. Email Pastor Ann at youth@weavervilleumc.org to hold your spot!
- ◆ **Youth and Children’s Calendar of Events** for the first part of 2026 are available in the narthex.
- ◆ **The office** will be closed New Years Eve and New Years Day. We will be back Monday, January 5.
- ◆ **Women’s Bible Study** will resume on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 with a study on the letters of Peter. *Anchored* is written by Marian Jordan Ellis. We will be studying 1st and 2nd Peter. The focus is on being equipped to discern, live and share the truth in a hostile word. When purchasing the book, please buy the online video and book. This is a 7 week study. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us. Contact Angela Moser 828.215.2642 or Lorraine Cipriano 828.707.2724 with any questions.