



## WUMC Newsletter 1/8/2026



# Council Meeting

The Ad Council will meet in the Love Conference Room following worship on Sunday, January 11. Lunch will be provided.



**January 11 - Confirmation Interest Meeting** in the Love Conference Room at 3pm.

Confirmation is an opportunity to say 'yes' to God's 'yes' at baptism. Youth in **5th, 6th and 7th grades** will meet weekly, before youth group, to learn about the Church and living a spirit-filled life. At the end of May, Confirmands will take membership vows and officially join WUMC.

**Youth Group, January 11** - Did you know that experts say that we make about 35,000 decisions every day? With that many choices **per day**, how can we always make sure we are making the right decision? Join us at 4:30pm as we eat pizza and dive deeper into decision making!

**NO Youth Group on Sunday, January 18, for the holiday weekend. We will gather again on January 25.**

# 2026

For 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades

## Youth Events



\*Families Included  
(4<sup>th</sup> Grade & younger  
must have an adult)

### JANUARY

- 4 - Snowtubing | 2-6 pm \*
- 11 - Confirmation Interest Meeting | 3pm  
- Youth Group | 4:30-6 pm
- 18 - NO Youth Group (MLK Weekend)
- 25 - Youth Group | 4:30-6 pm

### FEBRUARY

- 1 - Youth Group - Board Game Blitz | 4:30-6 pm
- 8 - Snowtubing | 2-6 pm \*
- 15 - MISSION MINDED - Haywood Street Respite | 4-7 pm
- 17 (Tues) - Fat Tuesday Pancake fundraiser | 4-8 pm
- 22 - Youth Group: Art as a Spiritual Practice | 4:30-6pm

### MARCH

- 1 - Youth Group: Art as a Spiritual Practice | 4:30-6pm
- 8 - Youth Sunday planning | 4:30 - 6 pm
- 13-15 - Winter Retreat | Fri, 5pm - Sun, 11 am
- 22 - Youth Sunday | 9:45 am - 12 noon \*  
- Youth group: hide n' seek & treats | 4:30-6 pm \*
- 29 - MISSION MINDED - ABCCM | 4:30-6 pm

### APRIL

- 5 - NO Youth (Easter)
- 12 - Asheville Retrocade | 3-8 pm \*
- 19 - MISSION MINDED | 4:30-6pm
- 26 - Hiking Scavenger Hunt | 12:30 - 4 pm

### MAY

- 3 - Mini Golf | 3 - 6pm \*
- 10 - NO Youth (Mother's Day)
- 17 - MISSION MINDED | 4:30-6 pm
- 24 - NO Youth (Memorial Day)
- 31 - End of year party! | 4:30-6 pm

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## No M&M Lunch in January

There will be no M&M luncheon in January and we look forward to seeing everyone in February.



**Blood Drive**  
**Weaverville United**  
**Methodist Church**

Fellowship Center  
90 N Main St  
Weaverville, NC 28787

**Monday, January 19, 2026**  
**3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

To make an appointment or for more information, please call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767) or scan the QR code below and enter Sponsor Code "WUMC".

Bring your Red Cross Donor Card or Photo ID.  
Walk-Ins are welcome. Appointments honored first!



Come to give Jan. 1-25 for chance to win a Trip for 2 to Super Bowl LX in Call rcblood.org/SuperBowl



The Flower Calendar for 2026 is posted in the narthex. **There are many open spaces.** Please write your name on a Sunday when you want to dedicate to a loved one or occasion and provide the flowers for the altar.



We will have a reception for our new members that joined our community this past year on **January 18**. See Joy Pansiera for more information. 828.777.2337



## What has God asked me to change?

Did you enjoy the church devotions during Advent? Did you miss out on an opportunity to write a devotion?

We would love to have all who are interested write a devotion for Lent. Pastor Ann will organize the devotions and schedule them to be posted the same way they were during Advent. Please email Pastor Ann for details.

**Important 2026 Summer Dates**

- **Vacation Bible School** | June 22-26 | 3 years old - 12<sup>th</sup> grade
- **Local Mission Blitz** | July 19-25 | 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger may attend with a grown-up
- **4th-6th Grade retreat** | Sept. 25-27 | 4th-6th grade for 2026 school year



United  
Women  
in Faith

**Minevia Brittain Circle** of UWIF is meeting Wednesday, January 14 at 7pm. Contact Joy Pansiera for more information 828.777.2337.

**Matilda Dryman Circle** of the UWIF is meeting on Thursday, January 15 at 11 am in the Love Conference Room



Not just help for a day, but for life.

**Always Needed:** Canned Tuna, Chicken and Stew, Hearty Soups, Spaghetti Noodles and Sauce, Cold Cereal, Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Rice and Dry Beans, Chef Boyardee. Drop donations into the basket in the back of the sanctuary.

For monetary donations, write a check to the church with the notation **ABCCM NORTH**

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

Would you like to help local families?

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

Currently needs: Winter clothing - girl 5T & 6T long sleeve tops, boy 3T to 6T long sleeve tops, All-In-One Convertible 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.

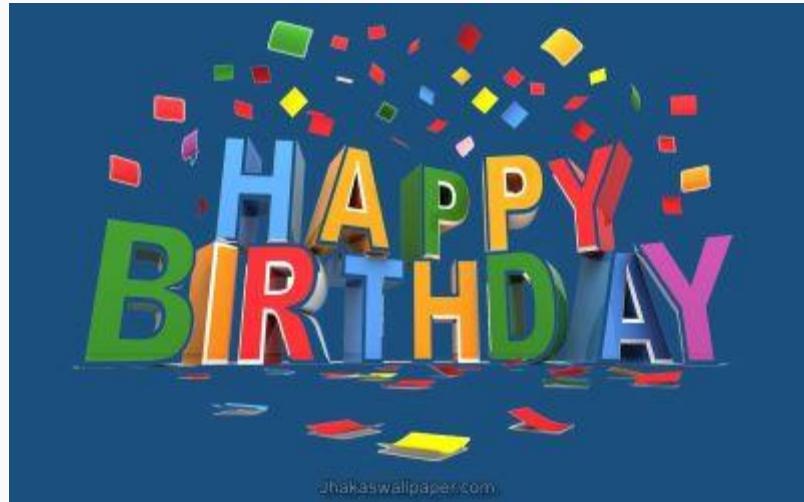
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**The Little Pantry at Weaverville UMC**

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

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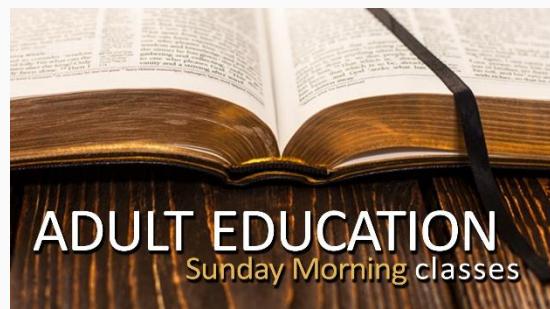
### **Birthdays in January**

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

January 1: Marion Ellis  
January 3: Bonnie King  
January 7: Janna Dankel  
January 8: Cliff Harvey  
January 9: Bill Graham  
January 10: Gavin Cooper  
January 14: Tyler Phelan, Ericka Witcher  
January 15: Angela Moser  
January 19: Anne Gaddy  
January 23: Marcia Buchynsky, Donna Parsons, Deanne Stowe  
January 24: Bob DeBruhl  
January 29: Beth Ramsey  
January 30: PJ Williamson  
January 31: Amy Sanders



**Children and Youth Sunday School meet at 9:45am in the Education Building this Sunday, but no class next week, January 18.**



**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 [The Wired Word](#).



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### **Explorers Class**

Explorer Class will begin a 6-week study of [Make a Difference](#) by James A. Harnish. The meeting takes place in the Love Conference Room at 10 am every Sunday morning.



## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Following Your Passion  
and Finding Your  
Place to Serve

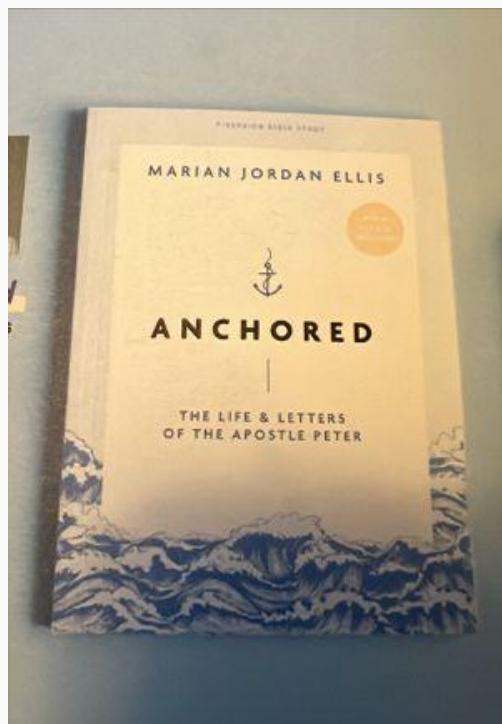
**JAMES A. HARNISH**

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### **Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Bible Study will restart **Tuesday February 3rd** with a study on the letters of Peter. [Anchored](#) is written by Marian Jordan Ellis. We will be studying 1st & 2nd Peter. The focus is on being equipped to discern, live and share the truth in a hostile world. When purchasing the book please buy the on-line video & book. This is a 7 week study.

Invite your friends & neighbors to join us. Please contact Angela Moser at 828-215-2642 or Lorraine Cipriano at 828-707-2724 with any questions.



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

**PRAISES:**

Emma Loveland engagement.

**FAMILIES OF DECEASED:**

Family of Morris Waxler

**PRAISES AND CONCERNS:**

“ Janice Garland, Travel Mercies, School sicknesses in community, Hurricane Helene Recovery, Lynn Boring, Kenny Boring, Emily Sewll, Carol Tinkel.

**CONCERNS:**

Prayer for God's Direction, Unrest and Violence in the country, Prayer for our Latino Community, Sarah Alagood, Angeline Belada, Mike Branson, Marcia Buchynsky, Christy Cheek, Bob Cipriano, Gary Cooper, Roy Cranford, Andrew DeBonis, Bob DeBruhl, Dedi Dillingham, Tracy Fiacco, Lauren Fieffer, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Annalee Franklin, Janice and Mike Garland, Jim

Greenhut, Lynn Harvey, Ryan Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Gwen Kelsey, Richie Little, Kitty Malone, Don Mallicoat, Mike Marshall, Jeanne McDermit, Pat Meltzer, Craig and Tina Monaco, Angela Moser, Jennifer Phillips, Michelle Robertson, Nancy Roop, Greg Spencer, Joan Stafford, Tom Stade, Stan and Joanie Strohm, Stephanie Stroupe, Susie Wallace, Claire Williamson, Bill Yost, World Conflicts, US Armed Forces.

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### **Supporting the Church**

#### **General Giving By Week:**

Target Giving Goal each week: **\$9,000.00**

**December 7:** \$7,934.00

**December 14:** \$6,795.00

**December 21:** \$19,042.37

**December 28:** \$5,902.00

#### **As of November 30, 2025**

Income: \$355,355.18

Expenses \$355,509.86

Net: **-\$154.68**

Mortgage Balance \$123,822.34

#### **Attendance at worship:**

December 14: 97 total

December 21: 147 total

December 24: 178 total

December 28: 69 total

January 4: 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

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Here is the Sunday Service on January 4

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

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