



## WUMC Newsletter 03/12/2026

Please pray for our youth group - 8 youth & 2 adults - as they spend the weekend growing deeper in relationship with one another AND God, while also having tons of fun! We appreciate all your prayers and well wishes for a joy-filled weekend!

A poster for a weekend youth retreat. The background is a sunset with silhouettes of five people with their arms raised in praise. The text "Weekend Youth Retreat" is written in a large, white, cursive font at the top. Below it is the Weaverville United Methodist Church logo. At the bottom, the dates "MARCH 13 - 15, 2026" are displayed in a white, sans-serif font inside a dark orange rounded rectangle. Below the dates, there is a paragraph of text and an email address.

Weekend  
*Youth Retreat*



MARCH 13 - 15, 2026

Join us for a weekend of fun and fellowship with other,  
local youth groups at Ridge Haven Retreat Center!

Email Pastor Ann to register, or for more information  
[youth@weavervilleumc.org](mailto:youth@weavervilleumc.org)



## **ABCCM MARCH FOOD DRIVE**

There are 3 FULL WEEKS and 3 SUNDAYS left to bring donations. Let's meet or surpass the 680 pounds we collected during our drive last year!

What does God ask of Peter (and us) over and over? "Feed my sheep, take care of my sheep, feed my lambs" (John 21:15-18)

Maybe during Lent you gave up a favorite food. What could you do with the \$2.00 you "saved" each time you were tempted? \$2.00 adds up quickly.

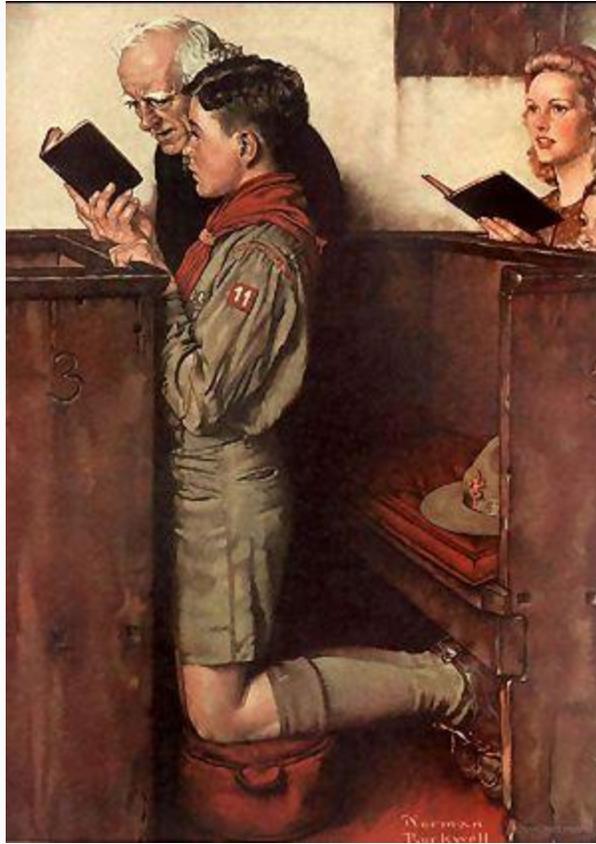
**Non-Perishable items** that will bless our neighbors in need:

Canned meats, vegetables, fruit, soups and stews  
Cold adult cereals, hot cereal and grits (packets are good)  
Vegetable oil, flours, corn meal, sugar  
Spaghetti sauce and pasta, mac'n cheese, rice

**Perishable items** such as eggs, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables can be taken directly to the North pantry location Monday - Friday from 8:30am-5pm.

As always, monetary donations can be made out to the church with the notation "ABCCM NORTH"

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### [Scout Sunday on March 13, 2026](#)

This Sunday we will celebrate the long tradition of scouting at worship. Join us for a special service.

The United Methodist Men will host a hot dog lunch in the Fellowship Hall after church.



**Give blood.**  
*Help save lives.*

 American Red Cross

**Blood Drive**  
**Weaverville United Methodist Church**  
Fellowship Center  
85 N Main St (Across Street from Church)  
Weaverville, NC 28787

**Monday, March 16, 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 visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sponsor Code "WUMC".

Bring your Red Cross Donor Card or Photo ID. Walk-ins are welcome, appointments honored first!

 Give In March for a \$15 QR Card by email & successful donations get A1C testing! [rclblood.org/March](http://rclblood.org/March)

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**M&Ms (Mature and Methodist) meets on Thursday, March 19, at 11:45 in the Fellowship Hall.**

Our speaker will be Brian Witcher who will speak about his work for the US Forest Service after Hurricane Helene and about what he and Southern did to help others after the storm.

We will have a lunch of Sloppy Joes, sides and desserts.

Please let Lorraine or Bob Cipriano know if you can come and if you would like to bring a side or dessert. [raincip@charter.net](mailto:raincip@charter.net) or 828-707-2724 Feel free to invite a friend.



## **Happy Spring from Preschool**

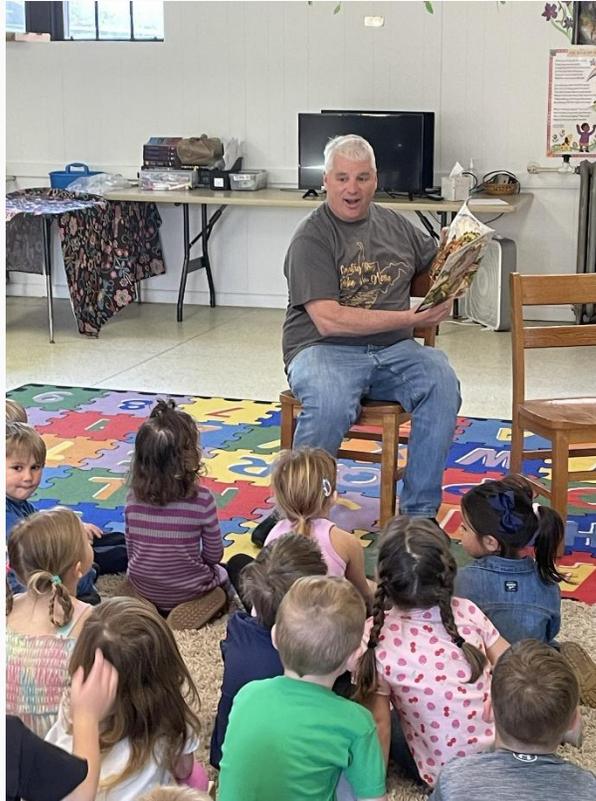
A warm and heartfelt thank you for all the donations, including anonymous, from our church family made through the offering plate. The team is always excited to use these monies for extra playground supplies, classroom items and most importantly our scholarship program to assist families.

We are excited to plant more seeds of God's ultimate sacrifice and his endless love for us in the WUMC preschoolers.

I have heard from a few preschool families that commented they felt so welcome when visiting our church. It is a wonderful feeling for me to walk in on Sunday and see some of our little ones worshipping at WUMC.

Holly Leavitt, Director

A recent visit from a celebrity reader to our preschool.



## IMPORTANT UPDATES

### **Hurricane Helene Recovery Update**

We are grateful to share some encouraging news about a family our church has been working with this past year, since Hurricane Helene. After more than a year of challenges and uncertainty, the mother and son recently moved into a refurbished rental home and is finally beginning a new chapter.

Their journey has included temporary housing with relatives, time spent in a camper through the winter, and many months of waiting for stable housing. Throughout that time, members of our congregation walked alongside them with prayer, encouragement, and practical help. Several other families and contributions the church received for Helene Recovery work also played important roles by providing furniture and other support to help make the new home comfortable.

We are thankful that this family is now settled, marking the final household our church has been actively assisting following Hurricane Helene. Remaining disaster relief funds will be reserved to help another family connected to our congregation as they continue working toward rebuilding their home.

We also want to share a brief update about another couple our church supported after the storm in the Pensacola area. After more than a year of repairs and recovery, they now have a new well, septic system, and heating system installed. Having running water, working utilities, and heat again has been a significant step forward for them this winter.

As daily life returns to normal for many of us, some neighbors are still rebuilding after the storm. Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity, and compassion as we support those still on the road to recovery.

Meal Train for new parents **Jordan and Cody Cheek** is still going on. Let's support the young family by signing up for a meal.

[Sign up here](#)



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

**2026**

## Youth Events

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### 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 | 3-6 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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## Children and Youth Ministry

### Important 2026 Summer Dates

- **Asheville Tourists Baseball Game** | June 7 | 1:20pm
  - Weaverville UMC is going to the ballgame! Celebrate the end of the school year with baseball, hot dogs, and friends
- **Vacation Bible School** | June 22-25 (Mon-Thurs)
  - 3 years old (potty trained) - 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Youth volunteers: 6<sup>th</sup> - 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 |
  - Must be in 4th-6th grade for 2026-27 school year

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

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

Current needs: Winter clothing - girl 6T long sleeve tops, boy 6T lightweight long pants or jeans, 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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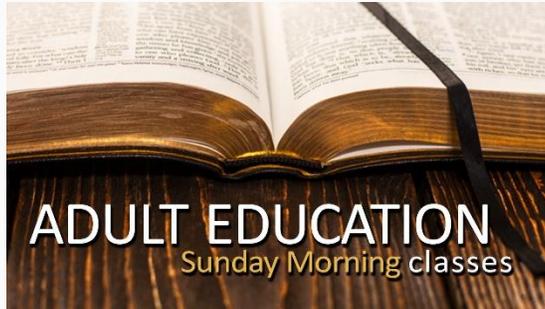
### **Birthdays in March**

**May God bless you with His grace on your birthday and every day!**

- March 1: Sue Magley
  - March 2: Sharon Waltman
  - March 3: Betty Cooper
  - March 4: Jill Clark
  - March 9: Krystal Owenby, Cynthia Roop
  - March 10: Cael Phelan, Jackie Pond
  - March 11: Liam Rogers
  - March 13: Jason Rodrigue
  - March 14: Tom Weaver
  - March 15: Walker Corbin
  - March 17: Dedi Dillingham, Mitchell Davis
  - March 19: Hayden McBride
  - March 21: Ben Weaver, Christy Cheek, Blake Cooper
  - March 22: Julian Palien, Finley Phelan
  - March 24: Zack Banks, Bob Cipriano
  - March 25: Greg Jones, Jeanne Morgan
  - March 26: Brock Blount, Elaine Ingle
  - March 30: Hanna Davis, Kay Rodrigue
  - March 31: Levi Justice, McKenzie Dillingham
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**Children and Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45am in the Education Building.**



### Ignite Class

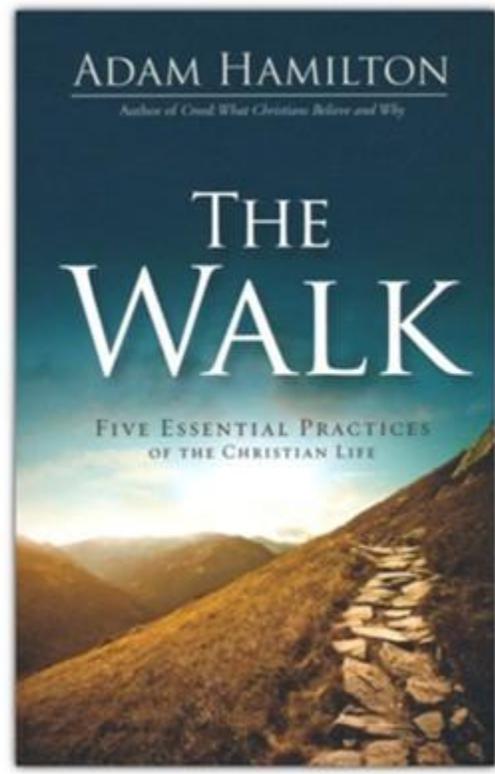
Once you have dropped your child off in their classroom you are invited to join us downstairs in the Wesley Brown Room. This class serves as a space for the parents and caregivers of the children and youth in the church during the Sunday School times. The current study is The Wired Word.



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### Explorers Class

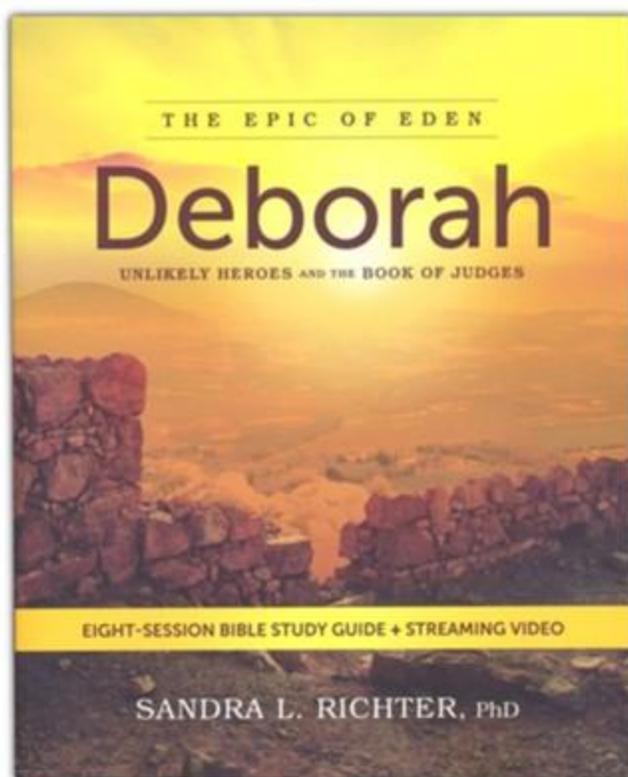
Explorer Class is currently studying Make a Difference by James A. Harnish. The meeting takes place in the Love Conference Room at 10 am every Sunday morning. On March 8th a new study begins with The Walk by Adam Hamilton.



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## Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study will finish their current study on Peter on March 24th & take a week off. We will be going out for lunch on 3-24 after class to Soba's. Please join us if you have been to any previous women's Bible study. We will resume with a book called *Deborah & the Judges* by Sandra Richter. This author is a wonderful teacher of the Old Testament. We will start this study April 7th. We meet in the Love Conference Room from 10:30am to 12noon. Please contact Angela Moser or Loraine Cipirano for any questions.



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

### PRAISES:

All the behind the scenes servants, Janice Garland

### FAMILIES OF DECEASED:

Family of Jim Greenhut, Family of Dennis Silver (Holland Silver's grandfather)

### PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Sicknesses in community, Hurricane Helene Recovery, Kenny Boring, Carol Douglas, Sharon Rodrigue, Carol Tinkel.

### **CONCERNS:**

Prayer for God's Direction, Thermo Fisher Employees, Unrest and Violence in the country and world, Prayers for our Latino Community, Andrew, Rudy and Heather Abadilla, Angeline Belada, Mike Branson, Marcia Buchynsky, Bob Cipriano, Gary Cooper, Susan DeBonis, Dedi Dillingham, Carol Douglas, Kate Dovey, Faye Feldmeyer, Tracy Fiaco, Lauren Fieffer, Patricia Foresman, Tonya Fotinos, Ann Gaddy, Sandra Grant, Vicki Grogen, Mary Groh, Nancy Guthrie, Lynn Harvey, Shawn Henderson, Roney Hilliard, Kathy Hipps, Gwen Kelsey, Lawson, Kitty Malone, Mike Marshall, Jeanne McDermit, Miles Melzer, Caroline Miller, Craig and Tina Monaco, Nate Penland, Jennifer Phillips, Mary Ann Ryan, Michelle Robertson, Stephanie Rodrigue, Nancy Roop, Jo Ann Sanderson, Emily Sewell, Grover Snyder, Greg Spencer, Joan Stafford, Tom Stade, Stan and Joanie Strohm, Stephanie Stroupe, Dawn Tomsett, Steve Tweed, Susie Wallace, Bill Yost, US Armed Forces, War in Iran.

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### **Supporting the Church**

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

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

**February 15: \$7,952.00**

**February 22: \$4,666.00**

**March 1 \$7,492.00**

#### **As of February 28, 2026**

Income: \$42,172.00

Expenses \$67,857.29

Net: **-\$25,685.29**

Mortgage Balance \$114,547.25

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

February 15: 110 total

February 22: 97 total

March 1: 95 total

March 8: 92 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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Click on the arrow to watch last week's worship service.

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

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