



WUMC Newsletter 03/19/2026

JOIN US THIS SUNDAY,  
MARCH 22, @ 11 AM FOR...

# YOUTH SUNDAY

Support the Youth of Weaverville UMC, as they led *all* parts of worship - even the sermon!  
Our Youth have been working hard, and wrote their own Affirmation of Faith.  
We will also partake in Holy Communion together.

The graphic is a colorful, abstract collage with a white circular area in the center containing text. The background features various colors like purple, yellow, and red, with some elements resembling flags or banners.

**MULCH DAY , Saturday March 28th  
9am till Noon**

We're getting 2 big truck loads of mulch delivered to beautify our church grounds. We need lots of help to get this done in a day, so please bring your wheel barrows, pitch forks, snow shovel, and hard tooth rakes to have fun working as a team to make this happen. When everyone pitches in, we will be done quickly. Thanks so much for helping us complete this project! Contact Les Love with any questions: 828.230.1861



**M&Ms (Mature and Methodist )Lunch for today had to be cancelled.**

We will gather again next month on April 16.

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**The Ad Council will meet this Sunday, March 22 immediately following worship in the Love Conference Room.**

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## **ABCCM MARCH FOOD DRIVE**

**Only Sunday the 22nd and Sunday the 29th remain so.....**

Our goal is to surpass the 680 pounds we collected during our drive last year! Donations can also be added to the front pew whenever the church office is open.

What does God ask of Peter (and us) over and over?

"Feed my sheep, take care of my sheep, feed my lambs."

**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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United  
Women  
in Faith

**In March, our United Women in Faith honored Barb and Dave McElroy and Brian Witcher with a Special Mission Recognition Pin for their dedicated service in 2025.**

Barb and Dave pioneered a card ministry during COVID, and are still sending holiday cards and making visits to special members and those who can no longer be with us in worship.

They make sure we all participate at Christmas by preparing card packets. All we need to do is sign our name to spread some much appreciated Christmas cheer! They make sure this list of people and addresses is kept up to date. If you would like to make a visit or have a copy of the list, contact them at church or at [davidorbarb@gmail.com](mailto:davidorbarb@gmail.com).

In addition, they keep the busy bags in the Narthex stocked and organized for children to use during worship.

Brian Witcher's nonstop community service during Heling recovery is still ongoing. He continues to collect and distribute food to a local Hispanic mobile home community, encouraging us to become involved.

Sometime following COVID, when we were left without a youth leader, Brian was quick to step in to keep up the momentum as "parent leader", planning activities and getting the youth involved with Helene recovery. He was right beside Pastor Richard and now Pastor Ann, keeping our youth enthused, active and sometimes in line.

Brian serves this year as the Chair of the Trustees Committee, who make sure everything pertaining to our four buildings and grounds is addressed, problems solved, and contractors acquired when necessary.

Brian does all these things with a smile on his face. He lives his faith daily, and truly embodies Christ's teaching to love one another.

We are so grateful to have Barb, Dave, and Brian as fellow members of our

Church Family and will be making a gift in their honor to support the mission work of the United Women in Faith Organization.



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

# 2026

## Youth Events

\*Families Included (4<sup>th</sup> grade & you must have an a

MARCH	<p><b>1</b> - Youth Group: Art as a Spiritual Practice   4:30-6pm <b>8</b> - Youth Sunday planning   4:30 - 6 pm <b>13-15</b> - Winter Retreat   Fri, 5pm - Sun, 11 am <b>22</b> - Youth Sunday   9:45 am - 12 noon * - Youth group: hide n' seek &amp; treats   4:30-6 pm * <b>29</b> - MISSION MINDED - ABCCM   4:30-6 pm</p>
APRIL	<p><b>5</b> - NO Youth (Easter) <b>12</b> - Asheville Retrocade   3-6 pm * <b>19</b> - MISSION MINDED   4:30-6pm <b>26</b> - Hiking Scavenger Hunt   12:30 - 4 pm</p>
MAY	<p><b>3</b> - Mini Golf   3 - 6pm * <b>10</b> - NO Youth (Mother's Day) <b>17</b> - MISSION MINDED   4:30-6 pm <b>24</b> - NO Youth (Memorial Day) <b>31</b> - End of year party!   4:30-6 pm</p>

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**Mark your calendar for the yard sale fundraiser benefiting both our Youth and Preschool!**



**Church**  
**YARD**

**SALE**

**Saturday**  
**April 25 | 8 AM - 12 PM**

90 N. Main Street - Parking Lot

\$20 for a table to sell items

We're also collecting quality items,  
starting April 13, for the youth to sell

email [youth@weavervilleumc.org](mailto:youth@weavervilleumc.org) to be a vendor





# 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 \(Baby Equipment and Resource Closet\)](#)

A huge THANK YOU to all of the 18 volunteers who helped with Thursday's Season change event. All those busy bees got a tremendous amount of work done. New friends were made with laughter and chatter filling the room.

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

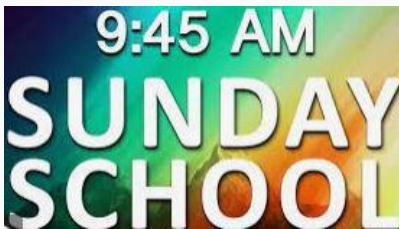




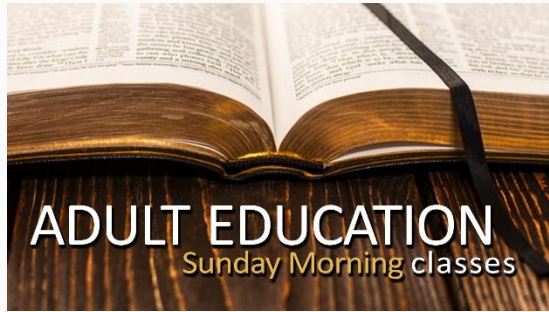
### **Birthdays in March**

**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



**Children and Youth Sunday School meets at 9:45am in the Education Building.**



### **Ignite Class**

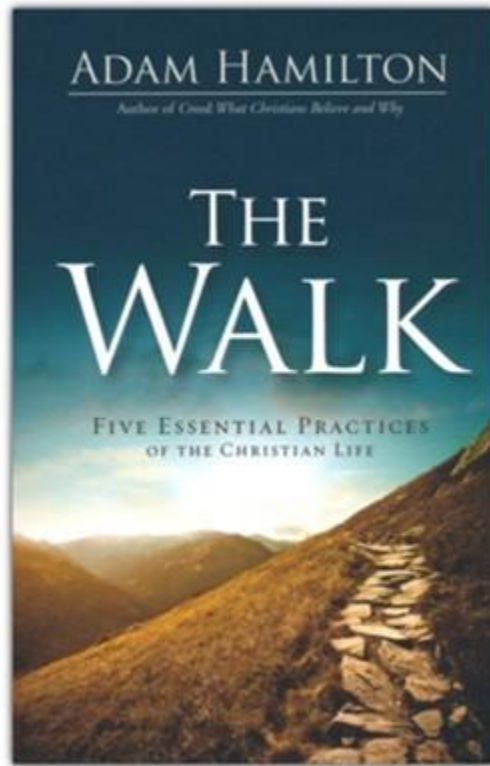
*Once you have dropped your child off in their classroom you are invited to join us downstairs in the Wesley Brown Room. This class serves as a space for the parents and caregivers of the children and youth in the church during the Sunday School times. The current study is The Wired Word.*



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### **Explorers Class**

Explorer Class is meeting in the Love Conference Room at 10 am every Sunday morning. The current study is The Walk by Adam Hamilton.

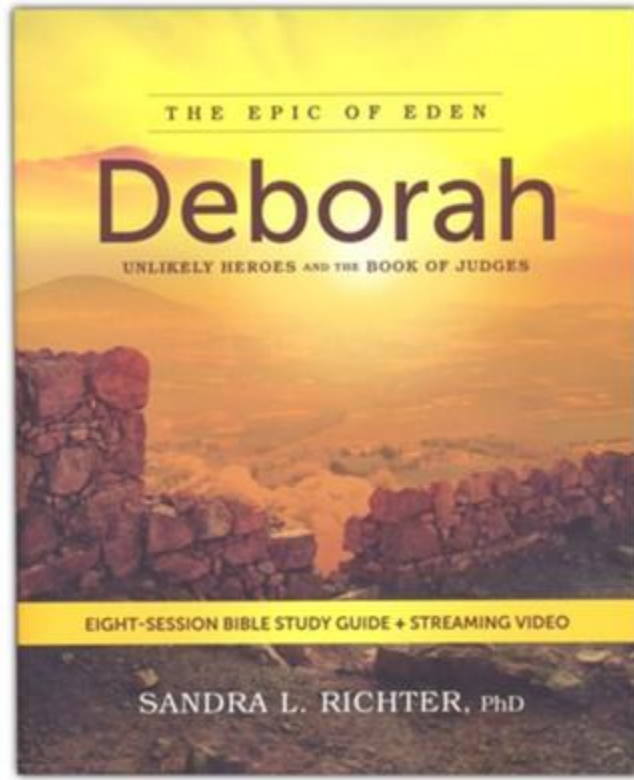


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### **Women's Bible Study**

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 Cipriano 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

**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 McDermitt, 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

March 15: 141 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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