

Wilkesboro United Methodist Church

Letter from Our Pastor 10/13/21

Hello Church Family,

I am excited to bring you a few important updates for the week....

1. **Return to In-Person Worship.** In looking at the trends for Wilkes County, our Trustees have made the decision to return to in-person worship this Sunday, October 17th, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with mandatory masks and social distancing (as we were doing before). We will continue to offer online worship for those who now join us from distant homes and for those who feel it is safest for them to remain at home in this time.

I am so appreciative of those who have been encouraging and supportive of our Trustees as they have wrestled weekly with this difficult decision and the responsibility of upholding church safety and community well-being. I am appreciative of the church members who work in health care and public service who have offered feedback and helped to guide us through this challenging time. I do hope you will let your Trustee Committee know you appreciate their hard work and the weight of their decision.

2. **Return to In-Person Sunday School.** We will return to Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall (with masks and distancing) at approximately 10:45 a.m. (or immediately following worship service).
3. **Wednesday Night Bible Study** is TONIGHT at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. Tonight we will look at how Courage and Hope are connected. Please contact the church office to obtain the direct meeting link or the specific phone number to participate.
4. **Administrative Council and Charge Conference Meeting:** A reminder that at 6 p.m. this Sunday, October 17th, we will hold a brief Administrative Council Meeting immediately followed by a brief Charge Conference via Zoom. We will proceed with Zoom for this meeting as that is what I am authorized to do by our conference. Please contact the church office to obtain the direct meeting link or the specific phone number to participate.

As a reminder - All Administrative Council Members are expected to attend and all church members are invited to attend although only Ad Council members hold voting privilege.

5. **Last Sunday** we continued our sermon series on courage by talking about honesty and candor. If you missed it you can see the attached sermon, or better still - catch it on video so you can also enjoy the prayers and songs. You can find the video on [Facebook](#) or on [YouTube](#).
6. **Please continue to hold one another in prayer and loving-kindness.** We especially lift up church member (improving daily), church member (knee surgery), church member (improving via rehab) and others who are in various stages of recovery and healing.

Have a blessed day and I will see you Sunday (either in-person or online),

Pastor Karen

- ❖ **Chicken Pie Orders** {Mrs. Pumpkin's Bakery}: Place orders with any Wilkesboro UMW member 10/05—10/21. Pickup @ church 10/27 from 3:30—6pm.
 - ◇ \$13/each (chicken pies plain or vegetables; baked spaghetti; baked vegetarian spaghetti; brownies). Note: 3 of any \$13 item = \$36.
 - ◇ \$16/4pk mini chicken pies

PRAYER CONCERNS [10/13/21]: *For the current Prayer Concerns list, please contact the church office.*