

Wilkesboro United Methodist Church

Letter from Our Pastor 1/12/22

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad! In the midst of all today's challenges I pray that God reveals some light and joy.

Inclement Weather: You might have noticed that they are calling for a potentially large snowfall for us this weekend. If it goes as predicted we will most likely not have in-person worship this Sunday, but we will make sure we have a worship service on Facebook and YouTube for you and your family to participate in. Remember: Weather cancellations will be announced on our Facebook page, on WXII News cancellations, and I will send a phone message. If you are not on our phone notification system and wish to be added please let the church office know what number you would like for us to add to our database.

Worship: We celebrated Epiphany this past Sunday - how the light of a star led the wise men to Bethlehem to see how God is revealed through the life of Jesus. Attached is the sermon and you can also check out the full service by watching on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

Follow the Star: If you watched last week's service or read the attached sermon you will know that each person that attended the service was given a "star gift" - a star with one word written upon it. As the wise men followed the Bethlehem star and found God revealed to them, you are invited to follow your "gift star" word this year and see how it might lead you to know more about God or have a better relationship with God. If you would like to receive a "star gift" please email me karenroberts@wilkes.net with your address and I will be happy to send you one.

1. place your star somewhere you will see it daily (mirror, computer screen, refrigerator, car)
2. reflect daily upon how you experience that word in the world and how God is speaking to you through that word
3. look for ways that the word is a gift to you
4. look for ways that it can be a gift to others
5. share your journey and tell others what God reveals to you

Bible Study: Our Adult Bible Study returns next week, Wednesday, January 19 at 6 pm. We will continue meeting over Zoom for the next few weeks as we await the latest COVID spike to flatten. We will start a 6-week study called The Disciples Path - in which we will learn what it means to be a Disciple in The United Methodist Church. This study has a workbook that includes daily scripture reading, a short devotion, and some self-reflection questions. We will then meet each Wednesday to discuss the topics in more detail. **Books are currently available in the church office** (if you wish to purchase your book the cost is \$12).



COVID: As I have stated before, with the majority of our church vaccinated and with boosters, we are hoping not to shut down in-person worship again. We are, however, at around 18% positivity rate in our county so we want to be diligent in our safety protocols.

1. If you have computer access, if you are unvaccinated, if you are immune compromised - you may be safest to return to online worship
2. If you choose to attend in-person worship or meetings, please:
 - a. Wear your mask at all times (please have mask in place before entering the building rather than waiting until you are seated to put it on.
 - b. Keep your mask on at all times - especially when singing
 - c. Do your best to social distance by family groups. Please be cautious about sitting with those outside your family group as they may desire to social distance for their safety
3. If you hold in-person meetings please follow mask guidelines and limit the need to remove masks by refraining from serving refreshments

Prayer: As always, please hold one another in prayer and loving-kindness. Especially we pray for: Kermit Honeycutt (my father) recently diagnosed with Melanoma and awaiting surgery

Have a blessed day,
Pastor Karen

COMING UP...

- 1/17 Mon Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/18 Tue @ 6:00p Trustees Committee Meeting
- 1/19 Wed @ 6:30p Adult Bible Study resumes
- 1/20 Thu @ 6:30p Finance Committee