

### PASTOR'S NOTE

#### Putting God First in Living and Giving

Do we worship idols? The answer may surprise you. During the month of November, our church will hear about God's generosity and our response as we experience our stewardship program, first: putting GOD first in living and giving, developed by author and pastor Mike Slaughter of Ginghamburg Church. There will be opportunities in worship, in bible study, and in devotions that can be used at church or at home.

We are made in God's image and are meant to be creators of life and hope, not the consumers of our culture's shiny gods. We have the ability to change the world and create a legacy that will live forever in the lives of generations to follow. That legacy starts when each of us takes the hard steps of financial discipline and fulfilling the call to generosity that God has placed in all of us.

The goal of this stewardship program is not to make you feel guilty, nor is it to say that you have to be exactly like this or that person. The goal is for all of us to ask questions of ourselves and be open to the possibility that God will lead us in new directions in our lives.

During the four-week program, we'll be challenged in a number of different ways. We'll be asked to look for the idols in our own lives (Hint: Most of them aren't animals made of gold) and name the ways these idols enslave us, holding us back from living in the true freedom that God desires for us.

We'll be challenged to consider the place that money, work, and debt have in our own lives. What are our common understandings of these, and might the witness of Scripture lead us to some different understandings?

We'll be challenged to ask ourselves what it means for us to be faithful, to save, and to give. How do we balance all the competing interests in our lives? What priorities does God want us to have?

Finally, we'll be challenged to give with our hearts, not out of obligation or a sense of duty and not just when we think the recipient deserves our gift. Instead, we'll be challenged to give the way God gives—freely, fully, with no favorites or expectations of repayment.

It is our prayer that, at the end of these four weeks, we will have begun to grow into the individuals and

### MISSION: SEWING BEE



Join us for the next Sewing Bee Saturday, November 3rd, from 8:30am until noon. We are working towards completing our 1000 dresses and 1000 pair of shorts during 2018. Help us make our goals! RSVP to tanyashire@aol.com or 336-927-0911.

Visit [wilkesboroumc.com](http://wilkesboroumc.com) under "Just For You" click "Sewing Bee" to learn more.

Donations of heavy fabric for book bags, new/gently used pillowcases, King-size sheets, bias tape, lace, + ric rac ...etc. welcomed and may be placed in the "kraft" bin in the Educational building. Thanks for your continued support!

### OLDER ADULT MINISTRY



Join the Keenagers for the journey!

Call Jenny Miller, 336-667-9495, if you plan to go any carpooling events and/or with questions.

- ♦ Tuesday, November 6: 11:30am Lunch at @ Amalfi's Italian Restaurant in Wilkesboro.
- ♦ Tuesday, November 20: Meet at the church at 9:30am to visit the newly opened Blue Ridge Artisan Center on Main Street, Wilkesboro, located in the historic 1915 US Federal Courthouse and Post Office...home to the Blue Ridge Artisan Guild and Artisans from Northwest NC, "The 1915" event venue and Artisan Café—preserving the cultural heritage in food, music and the arts. [www.blueridgeartisancenter.org](http://www.blueridgeartisancenter.org). The group will visit the Wilkes County Heritage Museum also.

### MISSION: FOOD DRIVE



Cold weather is here and the holidays are quickly upon us! The Methodist Men ask the congregation to join in helping our brothers and sisters in need feed their families. During November and December, they will match pound for pound of food and dollar for dollar (up to \$1,000) given for Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes. Please indicate "SKW" on monetary gifts to church and place food in container's labeled "Samaritan Kitchen" in the Heritage room and Education building.

the church that God knows we can be. Please join us in first: putting GOD first in living and giving.

Excited for the journey,

Pastor Karen

## CHURCH BUSINESS

### ALL FUNDS GIVING REPORT

09/30	\$ 7,166.00
10/07	\$ 10,321.00
10/14	\$ 9,303.00
10/21	\$ 5,064.00

Administrative Council meeting minutes and Treasurer Reports are available in the Sanctuary narthex and on our website (via the *Newsletter* link).

General Budget YTD 10-20-18

Tithes and Offerings	\$292,147
Expenses	\$289,505

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### POINSETTIAS

Honor or Remember a loved one by adding a Christmas Poinsettia to the sanctuary decor. Cost is \$16 per poinsettia.

Contact the church office to place your order.

## HAND IN HAND MINISTRY



The Christmas for Families mission offers the gift of love and sense of community to Moravian Falls Elementary students' families by helping to make Christmas special for them. If you would like to contribute, indicate "Christmas Families" on your gift to WUMC.

Donations of school supplies, new or gently used Ty beanie babies, books in excellent condition, and Box Tops are appreciated all year! "Hand" donation bins are located in the Sanctuary and Educational building.

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY—UMW



United Methodist Women have been busy. We provided food for the brunch for Homecoming September 30th. Then we had our annual Methodist Women's Sunday on October 14th where we celebrated the history of our organization as we come up on our 150th anniversary. We combined this with Children's Sabbath. During the service a gift to mission was presented to Carol Patton for her work with a UMW project of book bags, part of the Sewing Bee mission project. Book bags are distributed by mission teams to children along with dresses and shorts also made by the Sewing Bee group. Becky Kilby and Angila Thornton were given mission pins in recognition of their work with the children and youth of the church in so many different ways. These ladies work tirelessly and with such enthusiasm. Once again our ladies participated in Make a Difference Day on October 27th by preparing sandwiches for workers and packing and distributing lunch bags that day.

Officers were elected for 2019. Gretchen Barelski and Margaret Cooper will remain co-presidents; Sherry Mabry will become vice-president; Cindy Winslow and Phyllis Austin will continue as co-secretaries, as will Jan Taylor remain Treasurer; Francoise Hughes will again be responsible for program resources and pledges; Mary Summerford will serve in a new position of membership/mentoring new members. Lorraine Golds will continue to handle our Sunshine Fund and Mary Clark will head up all kitchen related activities. Jean Stetler will be chairman of the 2019 nomination committee. There will be a Leadership and Membership Development Training for these officers in Elkin on November 3rd.

Upcoming activities include catering a ["I Don't Want to Be Alone Day"] birthday party for Chuck Byers on November 18th and having a Tea event in conjunction with the Relay for Life Christmas concert [date tba].

Recycling bins are available in several areas of the church—Let's be good stewards of God's earth!

All ladies of the church are welcome to join us on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, and if you choose, come at 6:00pm & share a meal prepared by the Methodist Men.

## MEN'S MINISTRY—UMM



On November 6th, all men in church will want to join together for a celebration with Wilkes Adult Developmental Program. The evening will be in honor of Adam Randolph and several ADAP clients will share their inspiring story. It all begins at 6:00pm in fellowship hall to renew friendships and make new ones while enjoying a good meal.

Remember, each month bring food items, bottled water, paper products, etc. for the local homeless shelter. And see page 1 for the UMM sponsored Food Drive in November and December.



## MISSION REPORT: ARMENIA

Project Agape, Pastor Karen, and Larry and Dee-Dee Caudill wish to say thank you for everyone who made donations and contributed prayers for our mission trip [in October] to Armenia and the people of the Republic of Artsakh. We were blessed to be present for the 25th Anniversary of Project Agape and heard first hand from many who have benefited from the support of The United Methodist Church of North Carolina. It was a day filled with laughter, food, dancing, and speeches but watching the children show the ways they have benefited by Project Agape was truly priceless. Because of your gifts a young girl and her mother will not only receive a newly renovated home but you helped provide an excess that will pay for kitchen appliances and some much needed furniture to truly make their house a home.

As we prepared to leave I asked the program director what their most pressing needs were. She replied that supplies for new mothers was one need and new or very gently used children's clothing was another. They will also need school supplies in the near future.

We have decided we can meet one of those needs during our season of Advent! You will see in our newsletter the directions for how to create a Layette pack. It is our goal that as we anticipate the birth of Christ this advent we might purchase those Layette items as if we are throwing a baby shower for Jesus. On Christmas Eve you will be invited to bring your Layette packs or items and place them under the tree where we will bless them and the babies they will serve in Armenia and the regions of Artsakh. If you have further questions please ask Pastor Karen or Larry and DeeDee Caudill.

Blessings to you who give with a happy heart!

### LAYETTE KIT

- ◇ **6 Cloth Diapers:** Prefolded or plain diapers only, NO disposable diapers.
- ◇ **2 Shirts:** Undershirts or onsies.
- ◇ **2 Wash Cloths:** Infant size only, NO adult wash clothes.
- ◇ **2 Gowns or Sleepers:**
- ◇ **2 Diaper Pins:** Must have protective plastic closures, NO regular safety pins.
- ◇ **1 Sweater or Jacket:** Must open from the front, may be hand knitted, crocheted or sewn. Hooded sweatshirts are acceptable.
- ◇ **2 Receiving Blankets:** 30" x 30" or 30" x 32" sizes only, NO crib blankets.

**Assembling Directions:** Lay one of the receiving blankets flat on a table. Set aside the diaper pins and place all remaining items on top of the blanket. Fold the blanket around the items and secure the bundle with the diaper pins.

**Important Notes:** All items must be new. Do not wash any of the items as they will be considered used. Please remove all packaging.

### THANK YOU

*Thanks it was so nice of you...to be so nice to me! Well, I don't know really where to begin. You are so "wonderful". You pray for us. You feed us wonderful pancakes and bacon. You give us gifts like cups, pens, candy, and PA-PER!! You help our school in so many ways— You are the best church around. Thank you for being so wonderful!*

*~ Sharon Long, MFES Teacher*

*Thank you, church family, for your prayers and support during the recent loss of my sister, Patricia Hemric. Although we were on a mission team in Armenia, the prayers of many and the efforts of the mission team there made it possible for us to arrive in time to be with our family when they needed us the most. Also, we want to express our appreciation to the many church members that made contributions to the mission project. When we left, construction was well under way to renovate and modernize a*

*house for a mother and child with considerable need for suitable, comfortable housing.*

*~ Larry & Dee-Dee Caudill*

*THANK YOU—We are grateful and thankful for those that gave their time to help on "Make a Difference Day" [10/27/18] at Moravian Falls Elementary School. Your efforts improved the landscape in front of the school for staff and students to enjoy. A special thank you to Derick Smithey for securing the mulch at no charge and delivering it.*

*~ Jane Joines/Russell Golds,  
Hand In Hand Ministry*

*A great big thank you everyone helping in the Fall Festival outreach [10/28]! And a special thanks to the West High FFA for helping make the hay ride possible! It was a wonderful opportunity for us to open our doors and hearts to the community! Without the help and participation of church family, it would not have been possible !!!*

*~ Becky Kilby, WUMC Youth*



**ORDER PECANS**  
from the Christian Friendship Sunday School Class now until all sold!

Call Phyllis Austin 336-921-3957 or ask any class member. Profits help support mission projects.

Delivery before Thanksgiving.

16oz Halves = \$12

16oz Extra Large Pieces = \$11

12oz Chocolate Covered = \$9



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Pre-K through 5th grade aged

children are encouraged to participate in **Children's Church** - *Blessing of the Children* during Sunday worship services, **Sunday School** in classrooms below the sanctuary at 10am AND

### J.A.M. (Jesus And Me)

group meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm for mission projects, bible studies, & fun activities.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday School**

@ 10am

Donnie Thornton

### Wednesday Nights

@ 6:30pm—> Rachel Styers,  
rachel.styers@gmail.com  
Bible Study + Discussion  
NBC TV show "The Good Place"

### YARD & PLANT SALE

November 3rd

7am—1pm

High School Youth required

### SAMARITANS PURSE

November 24th

Meet at the church 12:30pm.  
Work processing Operation Christmas Child boxes.

**Additional volunteers welcome, call Donnie Thornton to sign up.**



**WILKESBORO  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*exists to share the good news of Jesus Christ,  
comfort the troubled and embrace God's love.*

**Sundays**

9:00am & 11:00am Worship  
10:00am Sunday School

**NOVEMBER 2018**

- 3 Sat** 7a—1p Yard & Plant Sale, p. 4  
8:30a Mission: Sewing Bee, p. 1
- 4 Sun** 2:00a Daylight Saving Time Ends, p. 4  
9:00a+ Worship + Sunday School, p. 4
- 6 Tue** 10:00a Krafters  
11:30a Keenagers—Luncheon, p. 1  
5:30p UMW Executive Committee  
6:00p UMM, p. 2  
6:30p UMM Member, p. 2  
7:30p Jubilate Ringers
- 7 Wed** 6:30p Programs, p. 4
- 11 Sun** 9:00a+ Worship + Sunday School, p. 4
- 12 Mon** 2—7p ARC Blood Drive @ WBC, see insert  
8—10p The Upper Room Living Prayer Center Ministry
- 14 Wed** 6:30p Fellowship Supper + Programs, p. 4
- 18 Sun** 9:00a+ Worship + Sunday School, p. 4  
2—4p "I Don't Want to Be Alone Day", see p. 2  
Women's Ministry—UMW  
6:00p Administrative Council
- 20 Tue** 9:30a Keenagers—Blue Ridge Artisan Center, p. 1
- 21 Wed** No Fellowship Supper or Programs, p. 4
- 22 Thu** *Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed*
- 23 Fri** *Day after Thanksgiving—Church Office Closed*
- 25 Sun** 9:00a+ Worship + Sunday School, p. 4
- 28 Wed** 6:30p Fellowship Supper + Programs, p. 4

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS**

6:00pm Fellowship Supper	6:45pm Adult Bible Study
6:30pm J.A.M. Children, p. 3	6:45pm Carillonners
6:30pm Youth, p. 3	7:45pm Chancel Choir



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY** will resume Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> with a study on the Book of Revelation.



**FELLOWSHIP SUPPERS** will resume Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> with Soups, Salads, Sweets as a benefit for Hand In Hand Ministry.



**MISSION: RISE AGAINST HUNGER**

www.riseagainsthunger (formerly known as Stop Hunger Now)

The Wilkesboro United Methodist family goal in this mission project is to raise \$5000+, which will provide 20,000 meals. The meals will be part of school feeding programs in developing countries. Your financial gift to WUMC/memo "RAH" and help in February 2019 for the meal packaging event is welcomed.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- ☛ Every \$1 spent on malnutrition prevention delivers \$16 in economic returns. 2016 Global Nutrition Report
- ☛ 792.5 million people in the world don't get the food they need to live a healthy life. 2016 FAO Stats
- ☛ 66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world. World Food Programme
- ☛ RAH meals are highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, and 23 essential vitamins and minerals.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Pancake Day will be February 22, 2019!**

Genesis SS Class is collaborating with other groups to make it happen! Contact any class member if you'd like to get involved.

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**YARD  
SALE**

**@ WUMC**

**YARD & PLANT SALE**  
**Saturday, 11/03**  
**7am—1pm**

Thanks for your support of the Youth Mission Team!



**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

Sunday, November 4, 2018

@ 2AM

SET CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR



**INSERT INFORMATION:**

- ◆ Operation Christmas Child—Shoebbox Dedication 11/11
- ◆ Blood Drive 11/12
- ◆ November Celebrations & Ministry Assistants