

NOVEMBER 13, 2025

# THE CONNECTION



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## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday School

Sundays at 9:00 AM

### Men's & Women's Small Groups

*Women's Leader: Kathy Collier    Men's Leader: Greg Johnson*

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM                      Wednesday at 6:30 PM

*Leader: Beverly Clayton*

Wednesdays at 2:00 PM in the parlor.

### Wednesday Prayer & Devotion

12:00-12:30 PM in the sanctuary every Wednesday.

### Free Wednesday Community Meal

Weekly from 5:30 until 6:30 PM

- November 12<sup>th</sup> Menu - *Meatloaf, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert & Drink*
- November 19<sup>th</sup> Menu - *Chicken Pie, Collard Greens, Candied Yams, Apple Salad & Drink*

## Upcoming Events

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

Charge Conference - following worship

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

Red Cross Blood Drive - 11 AM - 3:15 PM

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

Leadership Board Strategic Planning Meeting - 9 AM-2 PM

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23**

Decorating the Fellowship Hall for Advent- following worship. All are invited to participate.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

Decorating the Sanctuary for Advent- 1:00 PM. All are invited to participate.

Bring joy to our  
youngest hearts in  
just 5 minutes.  
Sign up to lead  
Children's Time - a  
fun and simple way to  
share God's love and  
be a part of their  
spiritual journey.



Our church nursery is  
available for children  
in kindergarten and  
under. Loving care is  
provided so you can  
enjoy the service  
worry-free!







## In Preparation for Sunday

Sometimes it's way too easy to become negative. It seems everywhere we look we see wars and divisions, natural disasters and suffering. If we focus on the trouble too long our own hearts can become fatigued. Fear and frustrations might push aside hope and comfort which can make it hard to imagine a world made right again. Yet, through the prophet Isaiah we are offered God's promise :

*"For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind."*  
(Isa. 65:17)

This word was originally spoken to the Jewish people returning home from Babylonian exile. They would need to find their way, start over, rebuild. And God's promise was for their present reality, but also for their and our future. God's promises are as relevant today as they were then. Knowing that God is creating toward something new must shape how we live right now. We are invited to rejoice forever in God's movement in the present and God's promise for the future.

On Sunday we will continue our focus on the prophets with the worship series "The Days Are Surely Coming." Our text for Sunday is Isaiah 65:17-25 and the sermon title is "Rejoice Forever in Creation." I look forward to worshipping with you.

See you Sunday,  
Kristy

### Leader in Me Breakfast



Our church is providing breakfast for the Blue Ridge Elementary students on Thursday, November 20 as part of The Leader in Me program — a school-wide initiative that helps students develop leadership and life skills like goal setting, teamwork, and critical thinking. Want to help? We'd love a couple volunteers to help that morning, or you can give a monetary donation to help purchase Hardee's biscuits, juice, water, and pastries.

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## Leadership Board Planning Meeting

Hello church family, I just wanted to make sure everyone is aware of our upcoming Leadership Board Strategic Planning meeting. We plan to meet Saturday November 22, and at that meeting our current Leadership Board members and our new class for 2026 will get together. One of our main goals is to discuss and make plans for the future, especially as it concerns JUMC moving forward in our mission to make space for all people to discover life with Jesus. We are very interested in hearing from our church people as we prepare for this meeting. We want to know your goals, your ideas, what you think should be our focus, what we have done well and what we need to improve. Please prayerfully consider this and send any one of us on the Board a message, a call, or email, or send information through Ashley [umcjefferson@gmail.com](mailto:umcjefferson@gmail.com) or Pastor Kristy [kburnette@wnccumc.net](mailto:kburnette@wnccumc.net).

Thanks,  
Leigh Bradley  
Leadership Board Chair

## Living Our Story of Giving Stewardship Campaign Update

We are excited to announce that the JUMC 2026 estimate of giving commitment now stands at \$263,372. Your stewardship pledges have topped 29% above last year's pledges. Your faithfulness enables our church to not only meet recurrent monthly needs, but also to increase the presence of God in our community. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to God and Jefferson UMC.

Your Stewardship Committee



Want to know what's going on at JUMC? Click here to view our online [calendar](#). Email [umcjefferson@gmail.com](mailto:umcjefferson@gmail.com) to have an event added.







## Brunswick Stew FUNDRAISER



**\$15/QUART**

Proceeds to benefit the  
Pastor's Discretionary Fund

To order: Sign up in the narthex or  
email [umcjefferson@gmail.com](mailto:umcjefferson@gmail.com)



## New Building Use Fees Effective January 1, 2026





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A



**CELTIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
FEATURING "STONES THROW"

A UNIQUE TRIO OF VIOLIN, FLUTE, AND HARP, WHICH PERFORMS CAREFULLY CRAFTED CELTIC MUSIC

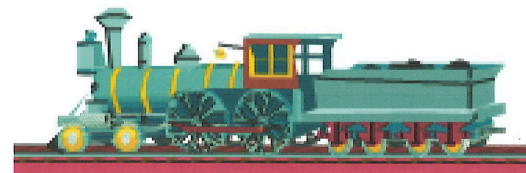
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 AT 3 PM**  
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AFTER

Bald Mountain Baptist Church  
1435 Bald Mountain Road, West Jefferson, NC 28694

**Donations will benefit the rebuild of  
New River Calvary Church - Fleetwood, NC.**



## Model Train Show



**Lansing Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall**

**Saturday, December 13th  
10am to 4pm**

**See 5 sizes of trains running!  
Z, N, HO, S, O,  
and STANDARD GAUGES**

**Admission:  
Donations of Non-perishable food**



## Message from Bishop Carter

To the People of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church:

The 2024 General Conference delegates approved four Constitutional Amendments that came before annual conferences across the world for consideration. The Western North Carolina Conference voted on them at annual conference in June, 2025. Today the Council of Bishops announced that each amendment passed with more than 90% support worldwide. While these amendments will be incorporated into our Book of Discipline in 2028, they take effect immediately.

The overwhelming passage of these Constitutional Amendments gives me great hope for our church and its present and future mission in sharing the gospel with all people. The new constitution honors who we are as a worldwide denomination, and understands that our mission in Europe, the Philippines, Africa and the United States is contextual. In this way it allows United Methodists to best serve their unique communities.

The amendments help us to relate to each other on a more equal basis while allowing us to continue to connect and be in ministry with each other around the world. The language moves away from a United States-centered church, with outposts around the world, to a truly worldwide denomination with each region able to make some independent decisions. We have clearer language that prohibits the exclusion of persons because of gender or ability. And our constitution now includes an honest confession of the church's role in racism, colonialism inequity, and privilege. Each is rooted in our conviction that every person is created in the image of God.

Our denomination now has 8 regional conferences. Each will have the authority to maximize the effectiveness of their mission and ministry by adapting portions of the Book of Discipline based on their context and culture(s).

Currently, there are 7 Central Conferences – which are the regional bodies outside of the United States. They will become regional conferences. Now the United States will become a regional conference. The 8 regional conferences will be: Africa, Congo, West Africa, Central & southern Europe, Germany, Northern Europe & Eurasia, Philippines, and the United States.

A regional conference can establish a regional Book of Discipline, set standards and qualifications for clergy and specialized lay ministers, publish a regional hymnal with adapted ritual, and adapt structures for missional contexts. The United States Regional Conference will continue to be organized into 5 Jurisdictions. The Western North Carolina Conference is a part of the Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The regions cannot alter bodies that serve the entire denomination, such as the General Conference, a Judicial Council, the Council of Bishops, and General Boards and Agencies. And we will continue to share one Constitution with the same Doctrinal Standards (Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith), Our Theological Task, Christian Ministry and Social Principles. These are not adaptable by regional conferences. They will still be subject to this same process of revision that we are going through now. Perhaps most importantly, our Wesleyan theological doctrine and identity will remain a constant.

This is an historic moment. The democratic, Spirit-led process that took place across the world was brought forward by the Committee on Central Conference Matters in continuity with the Council of Bishops, the Commission on a Way Forward, the work of successive General Conferences, discernment at every level of the church, and the love for Christ, the church and the world that is represented by the Cross and the Flame. I give thanks to God today for this good news and am honored to share it with you as your Bishop.

The Peace of the Lord,

+Bishop Ken Carter

Resident Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference  
The United Methodist Church



# Trunk or Treat 2025







# *Time to Celebrate!*

## November Birthdays

|             |                             |
|-------------|-----------------------------|
| November 6  | Joe Clayton<br>Heath Roop   |
| November 7  | Susan Powers                |
| November 8  | Jim Powers                  |
| November 18 | Marilyn Wooten              |
| November 20 | Phil Stevens<br>Tammy Thore |
| November 21 | Matt Levi                   |
| November 23 | Rachel Johnston             |
| November 25 | Cherie Granger              |
| November 28 | Paul Bailey                 |

## November Anniversaries

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| November 9  | Jim & Susan Powers      |
| November 27 | Michael & Cindy Bingham |

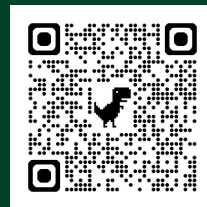
## Card Ministry Leader

Kay Perkins

## Prayer Team Leaders

|             |                      |
|-------------|----------------------|
| November 2  | Carol Seaman         |
| November 9  | Beverly Clayton      |
| November 16 | Jennie Hallsey       |
| November 23 | Jim & Marilyn Wooten |
| November 30 | Anne Shumate         |

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## Gifts, Presence & Service

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3-9

### Gifts

|                |             |                |          |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Weekly Giving  | \$3,061.72  | Weekly Budget  | \$5,740  |
| October Giving | \$35,501.65 | Monthly Budget | \$24,871 |

### Presence

|               |    |                |    |
|---------------|----|----------------|----|
| Worship       | 74 | Online Worship | 43 |
| Sunday School | 33 |                |    |

### Service

|                        |    |             |    |
|------------------------|----|-------------|----|
| Food Pantry Households | 17 | Individuals | 42 |
|------------------------|----|-------------|----|

Your gifts matter! Thank you for your generosity.

Give now!



## Remember in Prayer

### MEMBERS:

Liz Poulos, Sarah Johnson, Glenn & JoAnn Crawley, Alice Graves, Gay Freeman, Carol Seaman, Martha Scott, Mary Gordan Tugman, Matt & Colleen Dixon

### MILITARY:

Anatoly Ray, Riley Watson, John Wooten, Nicole Seaman, Anna Wooten, Jake Duvernois, Delsin Baker

### FRIENDS:

{Jim Gambill, Walter Pugh, Buddy Mash, Stuart Tugman, Stuart Tugman, Gail Rothstein, Linda Bailey, Emma Griffiths, John Camp, Gail Mossholder, Madison Milky - cancer}, John Brown, Charlie Davis, Jimmy Thompson, Steve Lecount, Keith Hall, Michael Wilson (back), Bailey (family conflict), Jordan Ashe (neck pain), Carrie & Family, Tom Wilcox, Waylon Cox Family, Sarah Corley (Spain)

### OUR STAFF:

Kristy Burnette, Ashley Church, Michael Bell, Anthony Benson, Clay Camp, Angie Taylor, Jimmy Taylor, Lynette Driver Jude



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