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This is the last newsletter of the year!
Next newsletter will be on January 7.



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.

(All small groups will resume January 7)

Wednesday Prayer & Devotion

12:00-12:30 PM in the sanctuary every Wednesday. *(will resume January 7)*

Free Wednesday Community Meal

Weekly from 5:30 until 6:30 PM. *(will resume January 7)*

Upcoming Events

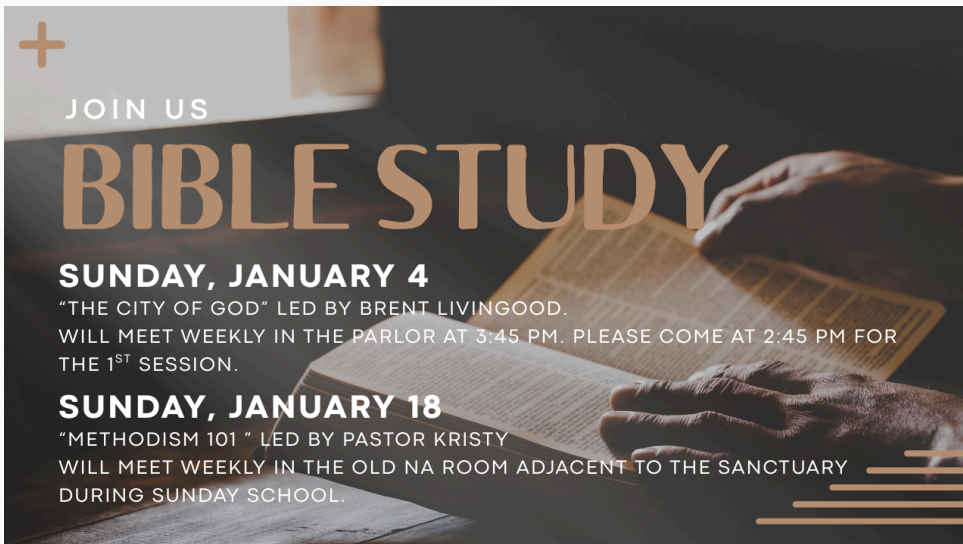
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Church Offices Closed - Pastor Kristy will be available.

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.



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JOIN US

BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4
"THE CITY OF GOD" LED BY BRENT LIVINGOOD.
WILL MEET WEEKLY IN THE PARLOR AT 3:45 PM. PLEASE COME AT 2:45 PM FOR
THE 1ST SESSION.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
"METHODISM 101 " LED BY PASTOR KRISTY
WILL MEET WEEKLY IN THE OLD NA ROOM ADJACENT TO THE SANCTUARY
DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL.



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 Worship

"... to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:11

Over the course of the Advent season we have considered the "impossibility" of all that took place in and through the incarnation. God, in the person of Jesus, fully divine and fully human, was born making peace, hope, joy and love possible.

In the incarnation, God makes peace possible. In Jesus, God brings about transformation that leads us to prioritize *shalom* - the divine way of peace that brings wholeness and abundance, not just the absence of conflict.

In the incarnation, God makes hope possible. In Jesus, God's plan of redemption is at work and this brings hope. Not just hope for ourselves and our families, but hope for the whole of creation. There will come a day when all will be as God intends - when the kingdom of God is fully realized.

In the incarnation, God makes joy possible. In Jesus, God is in the world with and for us - Emmanuel, God with us. Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection all point to the promise of God's rescue and redemption of all creation. This is cause for joy.

In the incarnation, God makes love possible. In Jesus, God's love is on full display and offers us the possibility to love in a way that is beyond what we could ever do on our own.

I pray that this Advent season has filled you with God's peace, hope, joy and love. As a final act of worship during this Advent season we will gather on Christmas Eve to remember both Jesus' birth and his last supper. We will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 PM for worship with Holy Communion. This will also be streamed online. Our scripture lesson is Luke 2:1-20. The message title is "The Impossible Made Possible".

On Sunday, December 28th, Christmas Sunday, we will remember the holy family's escape to Egypt and their ultimate return to Nazareth. Our scripture lesson is Matthew 2:13-23. The message title is "God Found in Impossible Places."

I look forward to worshipping with you during this holy season as we are reminded that God loved the world so much that God chose to send the Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Wishing you all the wonderment and grace of the season.
Kristy

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CHRISTMAS EVE
Candlelight
SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24

Jefferson United Methodist
7:00 PM

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Want to know what's going on at JUMC? Click here to view our online calendar. Email umcjefferson@gmail.com to have an event added.

Building Healing-Centered Church Communities Embedding Training

Join us as we connect, collaborate, and continue building Healing-Centered Church Communities.

January 20th-22nd, 2026 | 9AM-4PM
Huntersville Office, Wesley Conference Room, 13924 Professional Center Dr, Huntersville, NC 28078

February 24th-26th, 2026 | 9AM-4PM
FUMC Morganton, 200 N. King St Morganton, NC 28655

These trainings offer the chance to apply trauma-informed knowledge and tools. No prerequisites needed!

This Embedding Training has two date offerings so please only select ONE training to attend

Register Here:
<https://bit.ly/48zetLM>

Western North Carolina Conference
The United Methodist Church





New Early Response Team (ERT) Classes Added - January 24th

Date: January 24, 2026

Time: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: First UMC, Hendersonville, NC

Cost: \$30 (includes lunch!)

Be part of the first response after disasters and help bring hope where it's needed most.

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 **REGISTER NOW**

The Come to the Table Conference is hosted by the Come to the Table Program of the Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI). Under the leadership direction of Co-Executive Director Kavita Koppa, RAFI challenges the root causes of unjust food systems, supporting and advocating for economically, racially, and ecologically just farm communities. The mission of the Come to the Table program is to empower faith communities to participate in the creation of a just food system through collaboration, capacity building, and advocacy.

Since 2007, Come to the Table has been holding biennial conferences to convene persons of faith, farmers, and community leaders to come together around issues of food access in their communities. Previous conference themes have included Food, Land & Sacred Stories (2024), Spirit, Power, and Connection: Owning Our Food Future (2021), Called to Action: Uprooting Hunger and Cultivating Justice (2019), and Bridging Divides: Cultivating Food & Faith Connections (2017).

New Building
Use Fees
Effective
January 1, 2026





December Birthdays

December 2	Dewayne Burnette
December 3	Polly Himm
December 4	Jennie Hallsey
December 8	Heather Arreola
December 10	John Fields Perkins
December 13	Page Worthington
December 16	Lynn Saunders
December 18	Jim Wooten
December 25	Joe Duvall

December Anniversaries

December 18	Charles & Debbie Jones
December 21	Carson & Robin Staley Jimmy & Alice Thompson

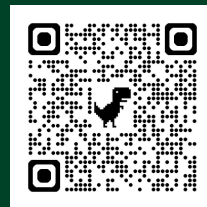
Card Ministry Leader

Jennie Hallsey

Prayer Team Leaders

December 7	Carol Seaman
December 14	Beverly Clayton
December 21	Jennie Hallsey
December 28	Jim & Marilyn Wooten

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January Birthdays

January 10	Jimmy Thompson
January 12	Donna Weaver
January 16	Trent & Delsin Baker Jenny Johnson
January 20	Aletha Eller
January 21	Judy Davis Grier Hurley
January 22	Mitch Phillips
January 25	Karen Cooper
January 26	Ralph Reeves
January 27	Robert Groenke
January 28	Mable Coleman
January 29	Rhianna Absher Joe Thore
January 30	Ben Hurley

January Anniversaries

January 1	Mitch & Janine Phillips
January 2	Dewayne & Kristy Burnette

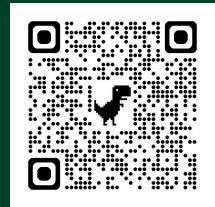
Card Ministry Leader

Judy Davis

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Gifts, Presence & Service

WEEK OF DECEMBER 15-21

Gifts

Weekly Giving	\$4,718.00	Weekly Budget	\$5,740
November Giving	\$25,932.21	Monthly Budget	\$24,871

Presence

Worship	104	Online Worship	56
Sunday School	22		

Service

Food Pantry Households	27	Individuals	77
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Your gifts matter! Thank you for your generosity.

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Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS:

Liz Poulos, Sarah Johnson, Glenn & JoAnn Crawley, Alice Graves, Gay Freeman, Carol Seaman, Martha Scott, Mary Gordan Tugman, Robert Groenke, Alice Thompson (headaches)

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, Michael Badger - cancer, Jimmy Thompson, Steve Lecount, Michael Wilson (back), Neil Family (house fire), Mike Cogdill Family, Martin Baker Family, Washington State (flooding), John Brown, W.R. Hardin, Greg Biffle Family, Elizabeth (Beverly's Niece)

OUR STAFF:

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