

JANUARY 28, 2026

# THE CONNECTION



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## LEADERSHIP BOARD MEMBERS

Angela Livingood (Lay Leader/Board Chair), Connor Jones, Lynn Saunders (Finance), Mike Collier (S/PPRC), Joe Thore, Heath Roop (Trustees), Angela Francioni, Hunter Jones, Mitch Phillips, Jim Wooten, Ruth Ashe, Judy Davis, Aly Horton (Youth Representative)



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## Weekly Opportunities

### Sunday School

Sundays at 9:00 AM

### Methodism 101

*Leader: Kristy Burnette* - Sundays at 9 in the NA room

### "City of God" Bible Study

*Leader: Brent Livingood* - Sundays at 3:45 PM in the parlor

### 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.

## Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Worship Design Team - 12:00 noon

Finance Team - 4:30 PM

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Leadership Board - 5:30 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

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## WILDERNESS VASE WORKSHOP

MEMBERS OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED TO CREATE  
A WILDERNESS VASE FOR LENT ON  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21.  
SIGN UP ONLINE OR IN THE NARTHEX BY  
FEBRUARY 1ST.



## 2025 Giving Statements

Giving statements  
were emailed this  
week. If you need a  
printed copy,  
please  
contact  
Ashley.



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

On Sunday we will turn once again to the prophets. We've heard a lot from the prophets lately - all through Advent and now several weeks into the season after Epiphany. Prophets speak God's word to God's people. At times those words come as lament or correction. Other times as hope. But always words of grace.

This week we will hear from the prophet Micah 6:1-8. The passage begins with God pleading a case against God's people. God wants answers, "What have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!" God wants to know what has caused the people to turn away from God.

But they misunderstand and answer with offerings of ritual worship - burnt offerings and sacrifices. This is not what God requires. Rituals will not suffice.

So the prophet answers with God's truth:

**"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God."**

God requires more than ritual worship. What they do outside the walls of the sanctuary matters. Their day to day lives must reflect Who they worship. This is where they have missed the mark.

On Sunday we will reflect on the prophet's words and consider how our Sunday morning worship is reflected in our day to day lives. The message title is "What is Good." I look forward to worshipping with you.

See you Sunday,  
Kristy

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP CARTER ABOUT THE  
2026 LEADERSHIP GATHERING OF THE  
COUNCIL OF BISHOPS**



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## Who Are These People??

Today we meet our Lay Leader Angela and her husband Brent!

Angela is originally from Roxboro, NC, and she did her undergraduate work at UNC Chapel Hill, and also her Pharm. D. degree and a Master's degree in Hospital Administration from UNC. Angela works from home for Novant as a pharmacist in their drug diversion program.

Brent is from Chattanooga, TN, and he is a graduate of Emory and Henry University and then moved on to Duke Divinity. Brent is well-travelled and has many interests. He currently works as a professional photographer. Angela and Brent have 3 children Daniel, who lives in Timberlake, NC, Hunter who lives in Minnesota, and Christian who lives in Hamstead, NC. They have dogs Augustine and Agatha, and 14 hens and 2 roosters. They live in the Scottville area up a long road that is scary in the winter snows.

Angela is currently our Lay Leader and also this year the Chair of the Leadership Board, and Brent is doing some photography for the church and teaches Bible Study groups. They discovered our church 2 years ago when Angela found us online and gave us a try. So glad they did!



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## Red Card Ministry

As we enter a new year, The Red Card Ministry would like to take a moment to thank you. Your love, prayers and continued support for the children of Ashe County are inspiring. We feel honored and blessed to serve along with you in this way. So many of you leave bags of toys or children's clothing at the bell room door. It warms our heart weekly to see these offerings of love. Others give throughout the year, some in the monthly offering, others by mailed-in check. Again, it's a blessing. We continue to find deals: \$200 coats for \$10, \$50 toys for \$5, a person willing to donate 50 stuffed animals. Whatever it is, we get it, catalog it and store it for Christmas. Last year, your donations provided gifts for 170 children in Ashe County. Several people reached out specifically to our church when they were in need. We were able to be THAT church because of you. You honestly live by the directive "Go and Be the Church" and we love you for it.



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.







## Faith in Action: Youth Achievements

We are excited to celebrate Chloe Henson, daughter of Scott & Dana Henson and her recent accomplishments as Conference Champion in shot put! On January 19th, Chloe competed in the Conference Indoor Track meet held at the JDL Fast Track in Winston Salem. There were over 20 girls competing in her event. Chloe placed 1st with her throw and will compete at the State competition held in Winston Salem on February 12th. Way to go, Chloe!!



## Supporting Jordan & Jayden Jones' Mission Trip

This spring, Jordan and Jayden Jones will be traveling to Puerto Rico (March 14–20, 2026) with UNC Wesley Campus Ministry for a mission trip focused on service, partnership, and cultural connection. They will work alongside Iglesia Metodista Obispo Francis Asbury in Bayamón, supporting ministries that serve the local community, including efforts to help feed those in need.

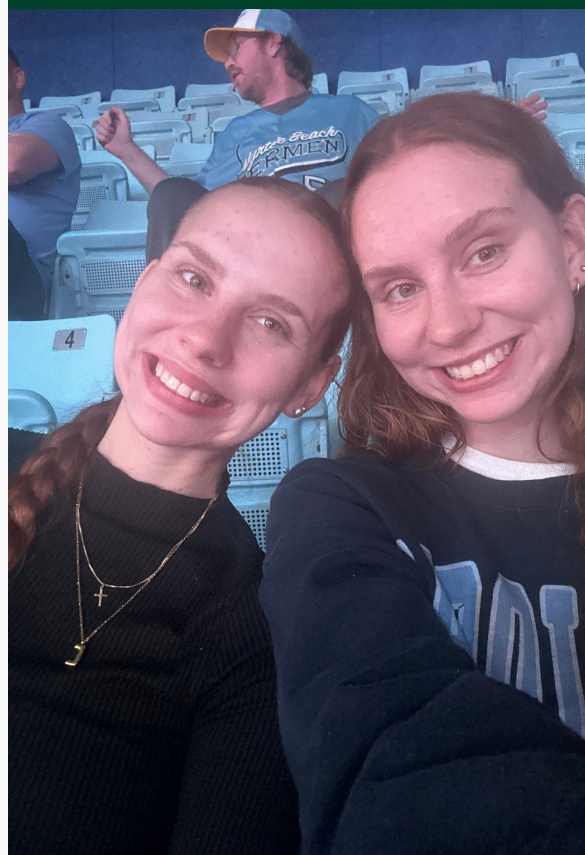
As they prepare for this meaningful experience during their final semester of college, Jordan and Jayden invite the congregation to prayerfully consider supporting their journey. The cost of the trip is \$2,000 per person, and any contribution—large or small—will help make this mission possible.

If you would like to support Jordan and Jayden, tax-deductible gifts can be made online, by check, or via Venmo through UNC Wesley Campus Ministry. [Click here for more information.](#)

Thank you for encouraging and supporting our young adults as they live out their faith through service.

## Church Directory Update

We are blessed to have many new faces at JUMC! As we update our church directory, we would love to include photos of everyone. Please email your individual photo to [umcjefferson@gmail.com](mailto:umcjefferson@gmail.com). If you'd like, feel free to also share a photo of your family together. If you need a photo taken, please let Ashley know.







## January Birthdays

January 10	Jimmy Thompson
January 12	Donna Weaver
January 16	Delsin Baker, Trent 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	Bob 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

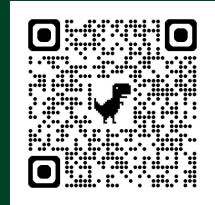
## Card Ministry Leader

Judy Davis

## Prayer Team Leaders

January 4	Carol Seaman
January 11	Beverly Clayton
January 18	Jennie Hallsey
January 25	Jim & Marilyn Wooten

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## February Birthdays

February 2	Matt Dixon
February 6	Mary Gordan Tugman
February 7	Angela Francioni
February 16	Gwyn Campbell
February 20	Tucker Eller
February 23	Katie Thore
February 28	Carson Staley

## February Anniversaries

February 16	Scott & Dana Henson
February 27	Paul & Peggy Bailey

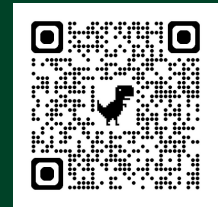
## Card Ministry Leader

Jenny Johnson

## Prayer Team Leaders

February 1	Carol Seaman
February 8	Ruth Ashe
February 15	Jennie Hallsey
February 22	Jim & Marilyn Wooten

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## Gifts, Presence & Service

WEEK OF JANUARY 19-25

### Gifts

Weekly Giving		Weekly Budget	\$5,740
December Giving	\$26,381.15	Monthly Budget	\$24,871
2025 Giving	\$326,626.65		

### Presence

Worship	4	Online Worship	122
Sunday School	0		

### Service

Food Pantry Households	Individuals
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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, Robert Groenke, Alice Thompson, Dana Colvard, Mike Collier (surgery 1/22)

### 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, Emma Griffis, John Camp, Gail Mossholder, Madison Milky, Michael Badger, Mack Little, Doug Brown, Steve Wall - cancer}, Jimmy Thompson, Steve Lecount, Michael Wilson (back), Susan Baldwin Family, (Toria's parents traveling), Hobie Davis (neck fracture), the Walt Peterson Family, Derek (kidney rejection), Laurie Moon (surgery 1/20), Gerald & Angela Long (Dana Henson's parents), The Mike Hall Family

### OUR STAFF:

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



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