

MAY 21, 2025

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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 Community Meal

Weekly from 5:30 until 6:30 PM

- May 21st Menu - *Breakfast, dessert and drinks*
- May 28th Menu - *Chicken stir fry, rice, carrots, salad, dessert & drinks*

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, MAY 26

Church Offices Closed (Memorial Day)

TUESDAY, MAY 27

Disaster Relief Ministry Team - 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall

THURSDAY, MAY 29

Ashe Community Singers Concert - 7:30 PM at Ashe Civic Center

TUESDAY, JUNE 3

Outreach Team - 6:00 PM in the library

THURSDAY, JUNE 5

Active Adults - 11:30 AM at Boondocks in West Jefferson

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

Graduation Sunday - 10:00 AM

TUESDAY, JUNE 10

Worship Design Team - 12 noon

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

Stewardship Team - 10:00 AM in the library

Graduation Sunday

We will celebrate our graduates on June 8 during morning worship. If you know of folks in the church who are graduating from high school, college, graduate school, etc. please contact the church office with their name, school, and degree if applicable.





In Preparation for Sunday

Jesus so often taught through metaphor. He would paint pictures with words. His “I am” statements in John offer us images of himself as he relates to his followers.

“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” John 6:35

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12

“I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.” John 10:9

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Each of these metaphors give us an example of how Jesus leads and guides us. They also offer us an example of our part to play in the relationship. To receive the “Bread of Life” we must eat. To move out of the darkness we must walk in the Light. To be saved we must enter through the “Gate,” and follow the “Good Shepherd.” And to bear fruit, we “the branches” must remain connected to the “Vine.”

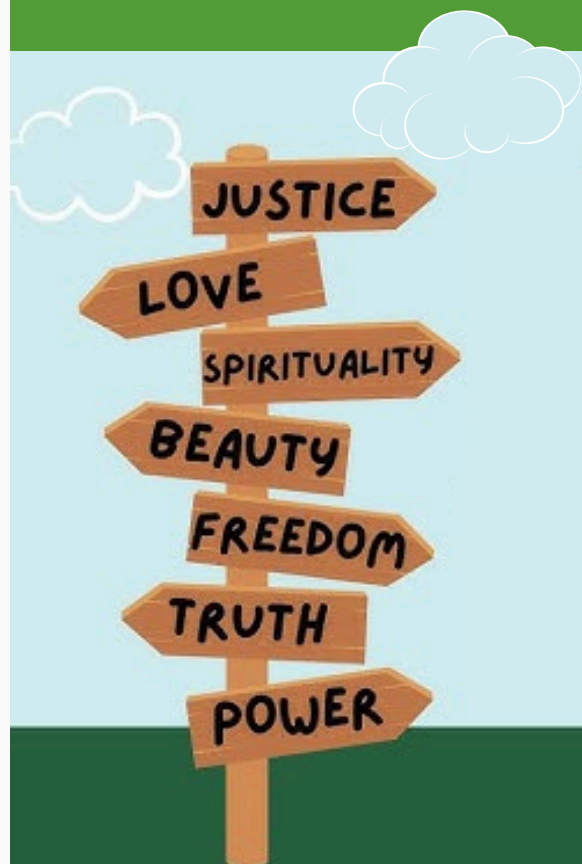
On Sunday we will continue our worship series, “Signposts of Hope.” This week’s signpost is spirituality. Christian spirituality is the connection between the believer and Christ - between the branches and the Vine. This connection is one that is growing and active. A connection which, through the power of the Spirit, produces fruit. We will consider Jesus’ metaphor of vine and branches as we also consider how our connection to the “Vine” brings us glimpses of the hoped for new creation. The scripture lesson is John 15:1-8. I look forward to worshipping with you.

See you Sunday!
Kristy

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Welcome New Members

On Sunday, May 11, we warmly welcomed new members to our church family.

- David & Debbie Hodges
- JJ & Rachel Johnston

If you are interested in joining the JUMC congregation, please contact Pastor Kristy.



MAY NEWSLETTER FROM APPALACHIAN DISTRICT



New Short Term Study coming in July. “Are You A Heretic?” - Brent Livingood



For more information, click [here!](#)





Announcement Policy

You may have noticed that several times recently we have exceeded the planned one hour worship time on Sundays. Although there will occasionally be instances when we cannot stay within an hour, we do want to be mindful of the folks who have other obligations on Sundays. With this in mind, I have met with the Worship Design Team and had conversation with the Leadership Board about ways we might shorten the length of our Sunday worship services. It seems the easiest place to start is with announcements. So, beginning Sunday, June 1st, we will limit the time devoted to welcome and announcements to five minutes. Welcome and announcements will be done by the liturgist.

With this change, printed and digital announcements will be very important. If you have announcements for the bulletin or newsletter, please send those to the church office (umcjefferson@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday morning. These announcements are displayed on the sanctuary screens and live streamed on Facebook and YouTube 15 minutes prior to worship. In some instances, special social media announcements are posted on Facebook and Instagram. In the event you have an announcement and cannot meet the Tuesday morning deadline, please feel free to make printed announcements to hand out with the bulletins on Sunday. The hosts will be happy to help get the information to all who enter.

There will be times when certain ministries or announcements will need special attention in the worship service. At these times, a “ministry moment” will be added to the order of worship. Ministry moments will be planned in advance.

It is my hope that moving away from a focus on announcements will aid us in being more focused on worship and attuned to the Holy Spirit’s movement. As always, if you have suggestions, I would love to hear from you.

Grace & Peace,
Kristy

Memorials

A contribution to the
Legacy Fund
has been made by
Allison Simmons
in memory of
Peggy Oliver.



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SAVE THE DATE FOR UNITED METHODIST DAY

AT HICKORY CRAWDAD'S STADIUM

This is the 3rd annual UM day at the baseball park in Hickory. Doors open at 6:00 PM.

**FRIDAY,
MAY
23RD**

Click [here](#) to preorder tickets. Groups of 20+ can go straight to the Crawdad's group sales so your tickets are all together.

Meal Train for the Greens



Free lunch!

GREAT raffle prizes!

Everyone gets an Amazon gift card!

Must be at least 16 due to content

For a registration link, please email Harley Nefe at hjnefe045@wilkescc.edu or Becky Greer at rcgreer213@wilkescc.edu saying "I would like to register for the Young Adult Pathways retreat, please."

YOUNG ADULT PATHWAYS TO WELLNESS:

Rooted in Resilience

JUNE 12

12-4PM

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Pathways



to Wellness

Ashe Campus - Wilkes Community College
and Ashe County Schools

present

Pathways to Wellness Retreat 2025

ROOTED IN RESILIENCE

June 12th









Sign-in: 8:30 AM

9:00AM - 4:00PM

**KENT POE HALL - MT. JEFFERSON
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Lite breakfast, lunch and snacks provided!

This retreat will provide invaluable information for our community on resilience practices, leadership during challenging times, and how technology impacts our lives.

-  Keynote Address: Rooted in Resilience, with Dr. Denise Presnell, MSW, Ph.D.
-  Emotional Recovery After a Natural Disaster
-  Art of Resilience exhibition by local High Country artists
-  Leading through Crisis with Dr. Caleb Marsh, Ph.D.
-  Technology Health & Literacy with AppState's Clinical Psychology Doctoral Trainees
-  Online Safety 101 with Ashe County Sheriff's Office
-  Eating Your Way to Healthy with Elevation Health P.C.
-  Adult Art Session with Florence Thomas Art School

Local resource providers will be present to provide information on their services.

For a registration link, please email Harley Nefe at hjnefe045@wilkescc.edu or Becky Greer at rcgreer213@wilkescc.edu.

This informative training opportunity is provided to our community at no cost thanks to the generous support of Vaya Health and BCBS. Seats are limited. Registration is required in advance.

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Time to Celebrate!



May Birthdays

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| May 4 | Sharon Duvall |
| May 9 | Marsha Goforth |
| May 10 | Bobbie Barden |
| May 13 | Laurie Wichryk Wilson |
| May 15 | Kevin Wonsick |
| May 22 | Gay Freeman & Layla Roop |
| May 25 | Olivia Brown |
| May 28 | Norma Allen & Chloe Henson |
| May 31 | Swift Black |

May Anniversaries

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| May 6 | Kevin & Mindy Wonsick |
| May 14 | Ben & Grier Hurley |
| May 19 | Travis & Kendra Perkins |
| May 23 | Greg & Jenny Johnson Brent & Angela Livingood |
| May 24 | Paul & Loyce Horan |
| May 25 | Joe & Beverly Clayton |

Card Ministry Leader

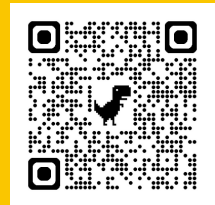
Katie Thore
Joe & Tammy Thore

Prayer Team Leaders

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

Download the Breeze
app to stay in touch
with your church family.

Directory, giving
statements
and more
available!
(Sub-Domain
is jumc)





Gifts, Presence & Service

WEEK OF MAY 12-18

Gifts

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|---------------|-------------|----------------|----------|
| Weekly Giving | \$3,269.26 | Weekly Budget | \$5,740 |
| April Giving | \$22,531.88 | Monthly Budget | \$24,871 |

Presence

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|---------------|----|----------------|----|
| Worship | 93 | Online Worship | 44 |
| Sunday School | 22 | | |

Service

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|------------------------|----|-------------|----|
| Food Pantry Households | 34 | Individuals | 87 |
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Your gifts matter! Thank you for your generosity.

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Remember in Prayer

MEMBERS:

Liz Poulos, Sarah Johnson, JoAnn Crawley, Alice Graves, Gay Freeman, Carol Seaman, Martha Scott, Mary Gordan Tugman

MILITARY:

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

FRIENDS:

}Jim Gambill, Walter Pugh, , Buddy Mash , Kathy Ward, Kathy Phillips, Sharon Tucker, Annika Lynn, Melanie Pollard, Chris - cancer}, Mike Horan, Brian Scott (surgery), Allan Burnette, Bob Blue Family, David (Pat's friend), Randy Murrell, Della (Jonathan's mom), Pat Kluttz, Jacob Shepherd, Donna & Abby Roland

OUR STAFF:

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



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.

