

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

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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: *Tammy Thore* 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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Wilderness Vase Workshop - 10 - 11:30 AM in the fellowship hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - MARCH 29

A Lenten Reflective Reading Class - 3:45 PM. [Click here for more info.](#) If interested, please email Brent Livingood at bhlivingood@gmail.com.

2025 Giving Statements

Giving statements were emailed on January 26th. 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

Last week, we considered the words of Micah 6:1-8 which helped us reflect on whether we're truly living into God's call to justice, mercy, and humility. This week, we hear from the prophet Isaiah who invites us to take the next step—to move from reflection into action. And the first action Isaiah points us toward is confession. As we move closer to the season of Lent, confession can be a meaningful practice for our community. Like Isaiah shows us, we need to name our sin so we can recognize what we need to turn away from. This isn't about shaming one another, but about telling the truth together in a way that helps us grow into lives marked by justice, mercy, and humility. Through confession, we open ourselves to God's sanctifying grace, which brings renewal and helps guide us as we continue responding to God's call in our lives.

Our text for Sunday is Isaiah 58:1-12. The message is entitled "Glory Revealed: Called to Action." I have high hopes that we will finally be in the sanctuary again this Sunday. I miss seeing you all. But if snowy weather happens again we are blessed with the ability to join together virtually. I look forward to worshipping with you.

See you Sunday,
Kristy

BISHOP CARTER'S FEBRUARY 2026
PASTORAL LETTER TO THE WNCC



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Who Are These People??

Time to meet someone who has been a cornerstone of JUMC for many years...

Donna is originally from Hickory, NC. She attended Appalachian State for her undergraduate and post graduate work and she fell in love with the mountains and never wanted to leave. Her first husband was a Methodist minister who was appointed to West Jefferson United Methodist, and this is how she came to Ashe. When he left she stayed and has been here



50 years now. Donna had a long career with DSS originally in Child Protective Services and then served as director for 28 years until retiring in 2015. Donna has a son Andrew who lives in Wilkes, and Donna is currently enjoying retirement living in Jefferson.

Donna has a love of serving on boards and has served on many boards in our community. At JUMC she has taught Sunday School for many years, she chaired the Church Council for years and she was our first chair of the Leadership Board. She sings in the choir and plays handbells. She has a beautiful touch for decorating, and is a kind and loving person. Thanks for all you have done Donna!

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EVERYONE
HAS A STORY



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 to have an event added.

WE ARE

please join us for a baby shower honoring future parents

TORIA & PAT

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 | 2 PM
JEFFERSON UMC FELLOWSHIP HALL
115 E MAIN ST | JEFFERSON, NC 28640

RSVP online or to Chelsea at 980.622.8213
Toria & Pat are registered at my.babylist.com/baby-toria-pat





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.

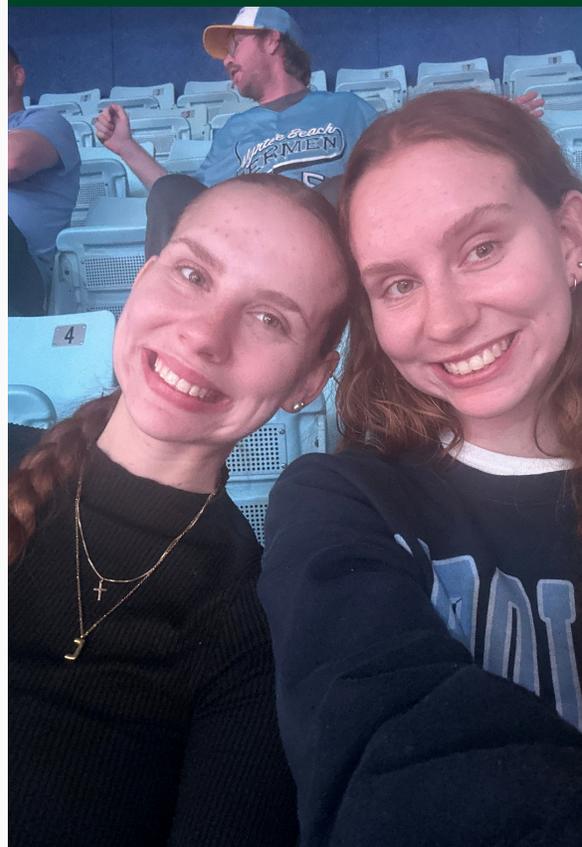
As they prepare for this meaningful experience during their final semester of college, Jordan and Jayden invite the congregation to prayerfully consider supporting their journey. The cost of the trip is \$2,000 per person, and any contribution—large or small—will help make this mission possible.

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. 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.





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

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 JANUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 1

Gifts

Weekly Giving		Weekly Budget	\$5,740
January Giving	\$14,762.71	Monthly Budget	\$24,871

Presence

Worship	4	Online Worship	130
Sunday School	0		

Service

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



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), Tammy Thore

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}, Steve Lecount, Michael Wilson (back), Toria's parents (traveling), Gerald & Angela Long (Dana Henson's parents)

OUR STAFF:

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



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