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In Preparation for Worship

As we move deeper into the season after Epiphany, we will continue to consider the glory God reveals among us. During this important time of year, the time that bridges Epiphany and Lent we often emphasize Jesus as the revelation of God's glory. However, as we talked about last week, God's glory is also revealed through God's people - the church. This week we will look at another of Isaiah's servant songs that can describe Jesus but can also describe the church.

As you prepare for Sunday, think about all the many ways you see God's glory revealed through the people of Jefferson UMC. Consider the ministries of nurture that care for those within the fellowship through cards, calls and visits. Consider the ministries of mercy and outreach within the fellowship and the community: hot meals, groceries, Christmas gifts and emergency funds for heat, electricity, and medicine to name only a few. Consider our ministries of worship and discipleship: choir, bells, Sunday school, small groups, midday prayer and devotion and other special services and studies throughout the year. God's glory is revealed in numerous ways through this congregation.

On Sunday we will focus on Isaiah 49:1-7. The sermon title is "Give You As a Light." In this "servant song" we are invited to consider how God reveals glory through us, God's servants - individually and collectively. I look forward to worshiping with you.

See you Sunday,
Kristy

**BISHOP CARTER'S JANUARY 2026
PASTORAL LETTER TO THE WNCC**



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Who Are These People??

Jefferson United Methodist is a nice blend of families with long roots in the community and folks who are relatively new. It is always nice to learn a little about each other. The plan is to take a family or 2 each week and get to know our fellow church people a little better. When you see the Church Historian coming your way for a brief interview it might be your time in the spotlight!

Our first family to meet is our pastor Kristy and her husband Dewayne Burnette. Kristy was born and raised in Canton, NC and worked in real estate for a while. She finally accepted the call into ministry and graduated from Pfeiffer University and then Hood Theological Seminary in Salisbury, NC. JUMC is her 5th appointment as a Methodist minister. Dewayne is also from Canton, NC, and after serving in the Air Force for 12 years he worked as a long haul trucker. His current passion is building custom wagons. Kristy and Dewayne were married in 1999 and they have 2 children, Gary and wife Tracey who live in Phoenix, and Kacey and husband Anthony (and Jack) who live in San Diego. Kristy and Dewayne are animal lovers and have dogs Gladys and Sammy and cats Ethel and Lucy.

Kristy and Dewayne are very happy to be in Jefferson and feel that it is a blessing to serve at JUMC.



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EVERYONE
HAS A STORY



2026 LEADERSHIP

Ministry Team Leaders

Worship Design Team

Dana Henson & Jeanne Miller

Disaster Response

Jim Hallsey

Safe Sanctuaries Oversight

Rebecca Rash

Hospitality Team

Beverly Clayton

Congregational Care Team

Jennie Hallsey

Children's Ministries/Nursery

Jenny Johnson, Rebecca Rash, Ruth Ashe

Campus Ministries Team

Leigh Bradley

Martha's Helpers

Peggy Bailey

Property Care Team

Tommy Jones

Active Adults

Jeanne Miller

Technology

Paul Bailey

Discipleship

Mike Collier

Outreach

TBD

Wednesday Night Meal Team

Cheryl Baker

Red Card Ministry

Courtney Benson & Lisa Camp

Food Pantry Team

Janice Henson

Finance Team

Joe Thore

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Loyce Horan

Leadership Board

Angela Livingood

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CARE4Ashe



All teens welcome!

Snacks, card games, prizes

Decorate gift bags, air dry clay, paint



Sign up Here:



Feb 7 1-3 p.m.

Basement of the Ashe Library



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.





Faith in Action: Youth Achievements



CONGRATULATIONS!

ALYSSA - ROSE H.

Alyssa-Rose H. is a senior at Ashe County High School who began taking college classes during the summer of her junior year. She has already completed 27 college credit hours. Alyssa-Rose plans to pursue a doctorate in Linguistic Anthropology, with the goal of becoming a field manager on archaeological digs.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

DECEMBER 2025

WILKES
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Wilkes • Ashe • Avery

We give thanks for the dedication & determination shown by the young people in our church family.

Through commitment, curiosity, and hard work, they continue to grow and prepare for the paths God is placing before them. Today, we are especially proud to celebrate Alyssa Horton, whose academic drive and passion for learning reflect

both as Scripture reminds us, perseverance and purpose. "Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established" (Proverbs 16:3). We look forward with gratitude and excitement to all that lies ahead as she continues to use her gifts to make a difference in the world.

We are also excited to celebrate Layla Roop, daughter of Heath & Chelsea Roop and her recent accomplishments at the Ultimate Dance Tour! Layla competed her solo for the first time this season and earned a Platinum award, an Ultimate Buzzer, and placed 6th Overall in the Title competition. It was a weekend filled with long days, late nights, and lots of hard work—but also plenty of joy and fun. We are so proud of Layla and the dedication of all the dancers who shared in this wonderful experience.



Wilderness Vases
Members of all ages are invited to create a wilderness vase (shown below) for Lent on Saturday, February 21. Sign up online or in the narthex by February 1st.





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

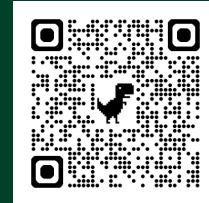
Card Ministry Leader

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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with your church family.
Directory, giving
statements
and more
available!
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is jumc)



Gifts, Presence & Service

WEEK OF JANUARY 5-11

Gifts

Weekly Giving	\$4,850.49	Weekly Budget	\$5,740
December Giving	\$26,381.15	Monthly Budget	\$24,871
YTD Giving	\$326,626.65		

Presence

Worship	85	Online Worship	75
Sunday School	26		

Service

Food Pantry Households	52	Individuals	115
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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

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 Griffis, John Camp, Gail Mossholder, Madison Milky, Michael Badger, Mack Little, Doug Brown - cancer, Jimmy Thompson, Steve Lecount, Michael Wilson (back), Martin Baker Family, John Brown, Elizabeth (Beverly's Niece), Susan Baldwin Family, (Toria's parents, Mark Johnson - traveling), Hobie Davis (neck fracture), Walt & Dee Peterson, Derek (kidney rejection)

OUR STAFF:

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



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