

WELCOME GUESTS AND MEMBERS!

We are so glad you chose to worship Jesus Christ with us today! We would love to know that you were with us. Please fill out this slip, detach it, and drop it in the offering plate.

GUESTS

Name(s)

Street Address

City/State/ZIP

Phone

Email

I would like to become a member

I would like to become involved in a ministry or mission

I would like the pastor to call me

MEMBERS

List each person present and update any info

Name(s)

Street Address

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Phyllis Austin, Wade & Brenda Church,, Margaret Cooper, Brenda Dale,, Jim Day, Amy DeSouza,, Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Jimmy Epley, Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, Craig Freas, Charles Gambill, Terry & Anne Garwood,, Cade Gibbs,, Jennifer Gibby, Troy Harmon, Sherry Harrold, Kay Hayes, Kimberly Hughes, Francoise Hughes,, Shannon Hughes, Mark Johnson, Brenda Kilby, Pam King, Tom Kinlaw, Barbara Kitchen, Aislynn Ladouceur, Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, Joe McMillan, Ricky Moretz, John Nobles,, Glenda Pierce,, Adam Randolph, Debbie Reeves, Mary Jane Rich, James Rizoti, Mary Sallie Styers, Gerald Stierwalt, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, Amber Thornton,, Donnie Thornton, Bob Taylor, Lee Tedder,, Kim Tetzlaff,, Cecil Walters, TA. Welborn, Dorothy Wilcox, Edgar Wilcox, Derrick Wilson, Becky Wilson, Seth Wilson, Ernie Winslow, Gavin Young, Hispanic neighbors, Ukraine, our planet in crisis, for God to bring Peace, for the hearts our president and our country's leadership to be "strangely warmed" with God's love, those affected by storms, our unhoused,

Family of Rozella "Rosie" Shepard, Family of Max Joines, Family of Billie Rowe, Family of Mike Higgins, Family of Randall Woodruff. Daughter (Ann) of Cindy & Ernie Wislow (Grandson was born early, and weighs 3lbs 14oz.

SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES: Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Cathy Freeman (Harmony at Brookberry Farm/Winston), David Freeman (Rose Glen Village), Wanda Garwood (Rose Glen Village), Barbara Groce (Wilkes Assisted Living), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson) and Rosie Shepard (Rose Glen Manor)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF

TODAY	Join us for Sunday School at 11am
TUESDAY	Coffee with Karen at Wilkes Coffee at 10am.
WEDNESDAY	No Bible Study
FRIDAY	Join the Friday Night Foodies at 5pm today at Cagney's for dinner.

STAFF and LAY SERVANTS

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SOUND TECH:	John Mabry		
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GENERAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES

3/24/2026 TITHES & OFFERINGS: \$51,516 EXPENSES: \$54,671



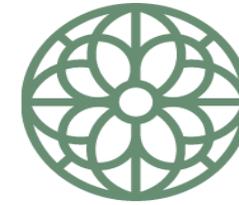
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LOVE
THAT WILL
NOT LET
US GO

A Lenten Series

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

MARCH 8, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

Enter to Worship
March 8, 2026

Kneel to Pray
Third Sunday in Lent

Rise to Serve
10:00am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MOMENT

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come carrying stories –
some polished, some complicated,
some we would rather not tell.

And still, God meets us here.

We come thirsty –
for belonging, for mercy, for something that makes sense.

And still, Christ draws near.

We come unsure of who belongs,
unsure of who is worthy,
unsure of what God might do next.

And still, the Spirit gathers us into love.

HYMN *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* **UMH 384**

INVOCATION

PSALTER **Psalm 36** **UHM 771**

SCRIPTURE **John 4:5-42 (NRSV)**

ANTHEM **The King of Love, My Shepherd Is** **Beck**

SERMON **Held in Love – Surprised by Grace** **Rev. Karen Roberts**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

WORDS OF PARDON

HYMN *Lead Me, Lord* **UHM 473**

INVITATION TO RESPOND

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* **UHM 95**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all
creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* **UHM 381**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION **The King of Love My Shepherd Is (Reprise)**

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never;
Good shepherd may I sign they praise within thy house forever.

*POSTLUDE

***Stand as you are able

PRAYER CONNECTIONS

*Jesus said, "Therefore I say to you,
whatever you pray and ask for,
believe that you will receive it, and
it will be so for you."*

- Mark 11:24 (CEB)

We believe in the power of prayer.
If you have a prayer concern that
you would like for the church
and/or the pastor to pray with you
about, please let us know by
writing it down on the slip below
and dropping it in the offering
plate.

**Check here to have your prayer
request shared with the church.
Otherwise, it will remain
confidential.**

Use the space below to list any
requests for more information about
events or to provide additional
place this slip in the offering plate.

We are in the process of updating
our church member data base.
Please update your birthday(s) and
anniversary in this space.

John 4:5-42 (NRSV)

5 So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. **6** Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. **7** A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." **8** (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) **9** The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) **10** Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." **11** The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? **12** Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" **13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, **14** but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." **15** The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." **16** Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." **17** The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; **18** for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" **19** The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. **20** Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." **21** Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. **22** You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. **23** But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. **24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must

worship in spirit and truth." **25** The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." **26** Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." **27** Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" **28** Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, **29** "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" **30** They left the city and were on their way to him. **31** Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." **32** But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." **33** So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" **34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. **35** Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. **36** The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. **37** For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' **38** I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." **39** Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." **40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. **41** And many more believed because of his word. **42** They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."