

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)

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Mary Jane Rich, Family of Bob Barrett, Kathy Clonch, Phyllis Austin, **Family of Trenton Barnes (Chuck's nephew)**, Diana Cecil, Wade & Brenda Church, Brenda Dale, Charles Drum, Hal Emery, Jimmy Epley, Millie Einhardt (2 yr old battling brain cancer), Kyson Farley, Ronnie Farley, Craig Freas, Terry & Anne Garwood, Cade Gibbs, Jennifer Gibby, Troy Harmon, Sherry Harrold, Kimberly Hughes, Francoise Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Mark Johnson, Brenda Kilby, Pam King, **Tom Kinlaw**, Aislynn Ladouceur, Becky Lakey, Mike Mabry, Bubby McEntire, Janice McHolland, Joe McMillan, Ricky Moretz, John Nobles, Adam Randolph, Debbie Reeves, James Rizoti, Tom Sargent, Mary Sallie Styers, Mary Summerford, Keith Summerford, 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 our government, for law and order.

SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES: Brenda Dale (Wilkes Health and Rehab), Cathy Freeman (Harmony at Brookberry Farm/Winston), Wanda Garwood (Rose Glen Village), Barbara Groce (Wilkes Assisted Living), Troy Harmon (Yadkinville Nursing Center/Magnolias), Caroline Randolph (The Pines in Davidson)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF		
TODAY	Join us For Sunday School @ 11:00am in the Ecclesia Room	
TUESDAY	Coffee this week 10 am Anchor Coffee	
WEDNESDAY	No Bible Study	
FRIDAY	Join the Friday Night Foodies at 5pm today at Cagney's for dinner.	
STAFF and LAY SERVANTS		
MINISTER:	Rev. Brian Elwell 919-609-5943	pastor@wilkesboroumc.org
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USHER:	Art Groce and Barton Waddell	
SOUND TECH:	John Mabry	
YOUTH/CHILDREN:	Angila and Donnie Thornton	dthornton7530@gmail.com
KEENAGERS: (>50)	Let us know if God is calling you to lead this vital ministry.	
MEMBER CARE	Jan Taylor	j.kay.tay@gmail.com
GENERAL CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENSES		
7/14/2026 TITHES & OFFERINGS: \$162,141.03 EXPENSES: \$168,812.11		



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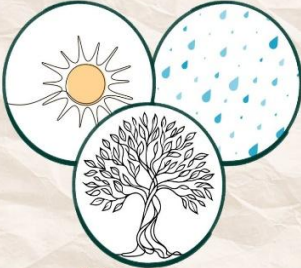
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Blessing

A WORSHIP SERIES AT WILKESBORO UMC

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER

PENTECOST

GATHERED IN WORSHIP

JULY 19, 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

<i>Enter to Worship</i>	<i>Kneel to Pray</i>	<i>Rise to Serve</i>
July 19, 2026	Eighth Sunday After Pentecost	10:00am

– Call –

Welcome and Announcements	Pastor Brian Elwell
Time of Centering	
Prelude	Evelyn Davis, violin
Call to Worship	arr. Mulfinger
	Based on Psalm 121

Leader: We lift up our eyes to the hills. From where does our help come?

All: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The Lord is our keeper. The One who watches over us neither slumbers nor sleeps.

All: God is with us in every season, guarding our coming and our going, now and forever.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, whose presence is our refuge, whose faithfulness is our strength, and whose holiness fills this place.
All: We come with thankful hearts to worship the Lord. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty!

*Hymn of Thanksgiving	UMH #64
	<i>“Holy, Holy, Holy”</i>

***Prayer of Illumination**

***Affirmation of Faith**
UMH #883
“A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada”

***Gloria Patri**
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.

	<i>– Word –</i>
A Celebration of Students and Teachers	
A Children’s Moment	Pastor Brian Elwell
	<i>“The Potter”</i>

The Old Testament Reading
Dr. Jim Brooks
Genesis 32:22-32

²² Jacob got up during the night, took his two wives, his two women servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed the Jabbok River’s shallow water. ²³ He took them and everything that belonged to him, and he helped them cross the river. ²⁴ But Jacob stayed apart by himself, and a man wrestled with him until dawn broke. ²⁵ When the man saw that he couldn’t defeat Jacob, he grabbed Jacob’s thigh and tore a muscle in Jacob’s thigh as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ The man said, “Let me

go because the dawn is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I won’t let you go until you bless me.”²⁷ He said to Jacob, “What’s your name?” and he said, “Jacob.” ²⁸ Then he said, “Your name won’t be Jacob any longer, but Israel, because you struggled with God and with men and won.” ²⁹ Jacob also asked and said, “Tell me your name.” But he said, “Why do you ask for my name?” and he blessed Jacob there. ³⁰ Jacob named the place Peniel, “because I’ve seen God face-to-face, and my life has been saved.” ³¹ The sun rose as Jacob passed Penuel, limping because of his thigh. ³² Therefore, Israelites don’t eat the tendon attached to the thigh muscle to this day, because he grabbed Jacob’s thigh muscle at the tendon.

The Anthem	Hopson
	<i>“Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place”</i>

The Sermon	Pastor Brian Elwell
	<i>“The Blessed Place”</i> <i>– Response–</i>

Hymn of Response	UMH #328
	<i>“Surely the Presence of the Lord”</i>

Prayers of the People
Leader: Lord in your mercy
All: Hear our prayer

Giving our Gifts

The Offertory	Evelyn Davis and Larry Souther	arr.Purifoy
		<i>“Redeemed”</i>

***The Doxology**

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	Dr. Jim Brook
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***The Lord’s Prayer**
– Sending –

*Hymn of Sending Forth	UMH # 472
	<i>“Near to the Heart of God”</i>

***Blessing and Benediction**

***Choral Response**
UMH # 666
“Shalom”

*Postlude	arr. Tornquist
	<i>No Greater Love</i>

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.