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Guilford College United Methodist Church  
strives to be a vibrant Christian community  
that **transforms** lives, **strengthens** believers,  
and **equips** disciples to *live beyond ourselves*  
in the light of Jesus Christ.

*Guilford College UMC  
Living Beyond Ourselves*



### ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

**Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 pm  
in the Sanctuary**

**Please join us as we begin the Lenten season and reflect on our human mortality and redemption through Jesus Christ. This service sets the tone for our Lenten journey**

**Come join us in the fellowship hall from 5:45-6:45 pm for a meal of pancakes, sausage and fruit.**

**This will be a fundraiser for our Kenya Mission Team.**

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## Caring

**Prayer Concerns:** Bonnie Burkett, David Ward, Barbara McLeod, Greg Matthews, Carla Sutton, Kathy Pierce, Wilder Rodriguez, Katherine and Charles Forbes, Kathy Graham, Marjorie Liles, Betty Kirkman, Harold Eagle, Becky Archer, Gina Murphy, Dot Brogan, Helen Phillips, Bill Blyshak, David Wasserboehr, Tom Jenkins, Lisa Hodges

### Sunday Morning Transportation

If you are unable to transport yourself to worship on Sunday mornings, please call the church office by Thursday each week, and we will be glad to arrange a ride for you to worship.

### Sunday Morning Drivers:

Feb. 8: Jim Taney, Mike Garcia

Feb. 15: Terry Weatherford, Mike Ballard

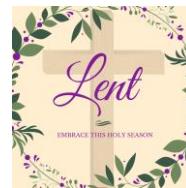
**Prayer Concerns – Extended Family:** Bo Sinkler; Joan Hartman (Carol Randecker's sister-in-law); Wayne Leadbetter; Sarah Lemon, Fay Holliday; Carla Morgan; Courtney Reavis; Heather Taylor; Kathie Williams; Tammy Smith; Peggy Conaway; Sue Yeeles; Jim Cashman; Alannah Romano, Jim Eldrett (Daryl Watkins' brother); Shilah George; Judy Journey; Debbie Sexton; Sammy Williams; Joanne Burgener; Y'Suan & H'Lai Mio & family; Tammy Strickland, Kenneth Briggs; Azalea Marbury; Debra Rutt; Shannon Wilson

### **CELEBRATE THE FORMAL OPENING OF OUR NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL ON SUNDAY,**

**FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup>!** – On Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, you are invited to stop by between 9:45 am and 10:45 am to tour our newly renovated Fellowship Hall area and to share in an Open House with refreshments. Then, make plans to return that Sunday afternoon at 4pm for a Service of Dedication in the new space that will include special music, prayers of thanksgiving and consecration, a message from Pastor Jeremy, and the presence our new Northern Piedmont District Superintendent, Rev. Rodvegas Ingram. Come celebrate together!

### **Members In Home and Senior Living Facilities:**

**TerraBella** – Paul Long; **Carolina Estates** – Barbara McLeod, Lynn Wall; Sharon Kienholz; **Brookdale Lawndale** – Ann Brantley; **Brookdale NW** - Patsy Wyatt; **Carolina Pines** – Janie Shell; **Clapps Nursing & Rehab, Pleasant Garden** – Sarah Gorham; **Friends Home Guilford** – Karen Lowder, Claudette Kayler, Diana Clark, Ellie Dawkins; Barbara Engle, Ellen Lancaster, Emogene Stewart; **Friends Home West** – Bill & Sarah Brubaker, Barbara Jones, Betty Kirkman, Pat Routh, Terry & Joe Ann Weatherford, Bill & Jan Dowdy; Ray & Judy Harris; **Greenhaven** – Becky Patterson; **Spring Arbor** – Doris Linker; **Abbottswood** – Dot Brogan, Gay Brown; Barbara Price; **Heritage Green** - Carrie Gowen, **Well Spring** – Barbara Ebert; **Westchester Manor** – Susie Love, Tina Bell Midgett; **White Stone** – Barbara Price; **In Home** – Sue Causey, Terri Hastings, Helen Phillips, Betty Siders, Marion Sharpe



The Western Guilford Missional Network invites you to the Lenten Services which begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Each Wednesday during Lent the service will be in one of the Missional Network churches at noon with a light lunch to follow. Currently, we do not have all of the host churches scheduled. We will let you know as soon as we confirm the locations. For the moment, please place the Lenten Services on your calendars: February 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, and 25, April 1 (Holy Week).

# Connecting

## Wednesday Welcome Table

**February 11, 5:45-6:45 pm**  
**\$7.00 per meal**

Lasagna with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar, (Sliced chicken will also be available on the salad bar). Dessert

Kids Meal: Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Apple Sauce

## February 18 – Fundraiser for Kenya Team

Pancakes, Sausage & Fruit  
Donations accepted.

**SnYP (Students & Young Professionals)** meets weekly on Wednesdays. Small group starts at 6:45! Not sure if SnYP is for you? SnYP is for college students, young adults navigating the working and grown-up world and others who want to journey together in a supportive, inquisitive, and fun environment.

## PASTOR JEREMY'S DISCIPLE SCHOOL

has returned. All are welcome to join us in the sanctuary beginning at 6:45 pm for an hour in which we focus on how we can become better followers of Jesus together. Early in the year we are learning how we can draw closer to God through what John Wesley called "The Means of Grace": the gifts of Scripture, Prayer, Community, Fasting, Holy Communion, and Visiting the Poor. Disciple School meets roughly every other Wednesday, with future sessions planned for 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/08, 4/22 & 5/06.

## JOURNEY GROUP REGISTRATION:

Registration for 2026 Journey Groups is now underway! Journey Groups are formed of 8-10 folks committed to journeying together for a year in holy friendship, prayer and study. John Wesley referred to these small groups as



"class meetings"—and small groups have been a part of our Methodist way from the beginning. If you're feeling led to go deeper in faith and connection this year please consider a Journey Group. This year there are 12 groups to choose from with a variety of times, days and people. See where you might find your place and register for your group at <https://guilfordcollegeumc.org/ministries/journey-groups-2026> Or see our station in the Information Center for a group listing and registration forms. Questions? Laurin is always happy to talk with you! [lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org)

**PRISCILLA SHIRER LIVE SIMULCAST WOMEN'S DAY APART** – Save the date of Saturday, August 22, for a full-day women's spiritual renewal day at GCUMC. We will soak in uplifting worship and Bible teaching as we encourage and fellowship together. It will be good for your soul.

**CONFIRMATION SPRING 2026** - We are excited that a Confirmation experience will begin with a day apart retreat on February 14 for youth in eighth grade and older! Confirmation provides an opportunity to explore basic beliefs concerning God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, and how God is inviting us into this journey together with Him. We will explore what it means to be a Christian and a member of the United Methodist Church. If you have questions or desire more information, please contact Donna Ford at 336-292-5833 or [dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org).



Our next blood drive will be held on February 19th. Go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule your appointment to donate. Should you have any questions, call/text David Saunders at 336-337-3126.

**SEEKERS CLASS** - If one of your New Year's Resolutions, is to spend more time in the Bible, then perhaps you would like to try the Seekers class. The class meets on Sunday morning at 9:45. We are digging and reflecting on the book of James. We would love to have you join us. Contact Sara Hardin at [hardin4@bellsouth.net](mailto:hardin4@bellsouth.net) if you have questions. We meet in Room B5.

# Connecting



## Rise Against Hunger Event

has been re-scheduled for Saturday, February 21, 9:00-11:00 am in the fellowship hall.

We plan to pack 17,000 meals to be sent to places in the world where food is scarce. Please plan to join us and sign up with this link or use the QR code on the flyer included with this newsletter. <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/guifordumc26>

Pre-registration is important because it acknowledges our liability release waiver, sends confirmation emails and notifies when meals are being shipped.

**Messy Bun Book Club** will meet on Thursday, February 12 at 7:00 pm at Mythos on Battleground Ave.. Snag your copy of *How to Read a Book* by Monica Wood at the library or bookstore and we'll see you for dinner and discussion at Mythos on Battleground Ave. on Feb. 12!

**SUNDAY KIDS ZONE** for Grades K-6 is provided in Room C14, Second Floor Children's Building from 9:45-10:45 am. Children explore a devotional message and connect through games and activities.



**FAITH FRIENDS (GRADES K-3) AND FAITH FILES (GRADES 4-6)** – Both groups will resume meeting regularly on Wednesday, January 14 from 6:45-7:45 pm. Both kids' groups provide an environment for children to pray for each other, encourage each other, learn about God and each other, and have great fun together! If you have any questions, please contact Donna Ford, [dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org).

**Focused Book Discussion:** Laurin is looking for two or more folks to read Rachel Gilmore's book, *Followers Under 40*, along with her and then commit to discussing the book and brainstorming about how we can best invite and live alongside younger adults in the church. Email Laurin at [lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:lallred@guilfordcollegeumc.org) to join the discussion and get your free copy of the book.



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Every gift counts.  
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**First things first.**  
This familiar phrase means putting matters most at the

at the center before everything else. As it relates to stewardship, "first things first" means placing God at the center of our lives. He is our top priority. Scripture talks a lot about first: "the first day of the week, the first-born, the offering of first fruits" are just a few. All of these "firsts" were sacred practices God's people implemented into their lives to reflect that everything they had came from God. They viewed this faithful generosity as an act of worship and not an afterthought. As with God's people back then, the same holds true for us now. Our modern-day response to God's blessings in our lives has not waivered or diminished. We may not be offering the first of the flock, or the first of the harvest, but rather we offer the first of our time, talent, and financial resources in faith and gratitude to God. We center on Him as He has centered on us by giving His Son, Jesus, who is the greatest offering of all. Pause and meditate often this year on the priority of centering on God. Seek ye first God's kingdom. **First things first.**



**JOY (Just Older Youth) BOOK CLUB** - The JOY book club will meet on Tuesday, March 24, at McAlister's on New Garden Road. The book we will discuss is *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict. We hope you will join us.

## Ladies Luncheon (to meet new people and enjoy lunch.)

**Friday, March 27, 11:30 at Sarah's Kabob Shop**

RSVP to Sandy Riffe at [sandyriffe@hotmail.com](mailto:sandyriffe@hotmail.com) or 336-664-1087 by **March 20**.

After eating each person stands and tells one thing about themselves. Meet neighbors on both sides of you and get to know them. Make plans to join us and enjoy the fellowship, food and making new friends.

# Connecting

## YOUTH UPDATE

I had an interesting discussion about worship a few weeks back with three of my youth. They shared some incredible insights that may take people by surprise. They emphasized the importance of participating in worship and it being something to be part of. They commented on services they have attended where it felt more like a performance or show, something to be consumed. They like the variety of music (choral, hymns, and praise band) not just one particular. They also mentioned enjoying the opportunity to read, pray, and serve. This is very different from our consumeristic society where we emphasize consumption. I wonder how the youth can be part of other aspects of the church. Where can they be invited to read, pray, connect, witness, and serve?

During Lent, the theme will be Wesleyan means of grace. We will practice acts of piety (prayer, scripture, communion, fasting, and conferencing) and mercy (social actions)

### Invitation to Adults

We need adult men and women to journey with the youth on our mission trip to Asheville June 22-28. If you can come for the whole week or just a couple days. We need people to help with transportation, projects, chaperoning, and meals. Please contact Randy Wall ([rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org)) if you are interested in helping.

### Youth in Leadership

Four of our youth (Kendra Tucker, Raegan Gilman, Maddie Shearer, and Andrew Sacrity) will be leading the spring retreat, IgniteUs, March 20-22. Please be praying for them as they lead various aspects of the weekend.

Raegan Gilman will be going to the 2026 Peace Conference at Lake Junaluska March 13-15. The theme is Disarming Hatred. Please pray for the conference and safe travels.

### Upcoming Youth Events

February 8<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl party at the Class residence.  
March 20-22 IgniteUs Spring Youth Retreat

# Serving



**Saturday, February 21**  
**Prepare and Serve Dinner**  
**at Weaver House**  
**Online link available soon**

**2:00-5:00 pm:** Prepare food at GCUMC kitchen or prepare at home & bring to church.

- 2:00-5:00 at GCUMC – 3-4 people age 12 & above to prepare main dish & muffins
- Prepare a bag salad, dessert, or bottles of salad dressing. Indicate number of servings you will provide. We expect to serve 80 people. **Bring to church by 2:00 pm.**
- Meal will be ready to transport to Weaver House at **5:15 pm.**
- **For more info contact Lisa Kobrin at 336-558-9506 or [kobrinlb@gmail.com](mailto:kobrinlb@gmail.com)**

### 5:45-7:45 pm – Serve Meal

Potter's House Kitchen, 305 W. Gaate City Blvd.,  
336-271-5959

- 9 people needed, age 12 & up
- Meet at church at 5:15 to carpool or meet at 5:45 at GUM.
- Set up & serve evening meal for 80 adults
- Dinner served at 6:30. Clean up afterwards.
- **For more info contact Margaret Pigue at 336-402-2711 or [jpigue@triad.rr.com](mailto:jpigue@triad.rr.com)**



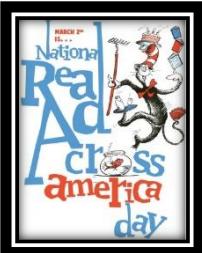
**WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL** – Registrations are being received for the 2025- 2026 & 2026-2027 years. For enrollment information go to [www.gcumckids.org](http://www.gcumckids.org) or contact Shelby Hallquist [preschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:preschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org).



### 2026 Flower Calendar

If you would like to donate flowers for our altar to be used during worship services, please sign up by the date you would like on the calendar. These can be given in memory of someone or in honor of an event. We appreciate all who have donated flowers in the past.

# Serving



**YOU ARE INVITED TO:  
Jefferson Elementary School's  
ANNUAL  
COMMUNITY READING DAY**

**Monday, March 2, 2026**

**When** – March 2, 2026 between 8:00am and 1:45pm. (30 minutes)

**Who** – We will assign you to a class based on your preferred time. If you have a grade level preference, please let us know.

**How** – We will have books for you to read, or you can bring one of your favorites.

**WHY?** – To help us reach our vision of 100% of students reading on or above grade level. Students need to – hear good readers; see how reading can bring JOY; and most importantly, students need to hear how and why READING MATTERS in your daily life! This brings purpose to the work of learning to read.

Thank you for being a part of our  
**JES COMMUNITY READING DAY 2026!**

~ Please RSVP by signing up on our Sign-Up Genius:

[Click Here To Sign Up!](#)

or emailing Eddi Johnson at [johnsoe4@gcsnc.com](mailto:johnsoe4@gcsnc.com)

**Youth Snack Supper.** We need people to help us with Sunday night youth dinners. You can cater or cook the meal. We also ask that you stay and eat with us. This is an excellent opportunity for adults and youth to connect over food. Please contact Randy Wall or Lindsay Fusaiotti to sign up. We are booked through February, but we need volunteers most Sundays in March, April and May.

[rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:rwall@guilfordcollegeumc.org)  
[lindsayfusaiotti@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayfusaiotti@gmail.com)

**Serve Breakfast at Potter's House Community Kitchen on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month, 6:00-8:00 am.** Join the Redfern family to serve breakfast at GUM, 305 Gate City Blvd. For more information contact Justin or Julie Redfern: Julie: 337-353-1773, [juliecredfern@gmail.com](mailto:juliecredfern@gmail.com); Justin: 336-541-0464, [justin.redfern@yahoo.com](mailto:justin.redfern@yahoo.com). Carpooling/rides are available.



**AFTER SCHOOL MINISTRY –**

Volunteers are needed to assist the teachers and engage with the children from 2:00-6:00 p.m. one day per week. Excellent kiddos who are fun to be with! Please

contact Donna Ford, [dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:dford@guilfordcollegeumc.org), or Shelby Hallquist, [afterschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org](mailto:afterschool@guilfordcollegeumc.org).

**Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Report**

Thank you to all who were a part of Operation Christmas Child to help take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to millions of boys and girls around the world. The total number of Shoebox gifts that were packed in 2025 was 12,205,900! Thank you to all that participated in this worthwhile ministry across the world!

**MEMORIALS**

**In Memory of Oliver Burns**

**(Dennis & Beth Creamer's son-in-law)**

***Passages Class***

**In Memory of Robert Gullett**

**(Wes Gullett's father)**

***Jack and Nancy Vanstory***

**In Memory of H'Juan Mlo's brother**

***Jack and Nancy Vanstory***

**In Memory of Mary Katherine Wells**

**(Carolyn Campbell's sister & Kathy Raper's aunt)**

***Jack and Nancy Vanstory***

**In Memory of Harold Proctor**

***Emogene Stewart***

## **Year End Report by Donna Garcia, Lay Leader, that was shared at Church Council on January 27, 2026**

Dear Friends,

I will always look back at the year 2025 and think of two things. I will think of The Bible Year, in which we read the Bible through together from cover to cover, and were greatly and spiritually transformed through God's Word.

I will also always look back at the year 2025 as the year of the Fellowship Hall renovation.

In late January, our church voted to approve a capital campaign to raise funds for a long overdue renovation of our existing fellowship hall and the bathrooms directly behind it. With the money from estate gifts that had been set aside for the project, and pledges that we received, it became very clear this renovation would become a reality. It is what happened in the months leading up to, and during the actual construction that I will remember the most.

The building team and all the subcommittees met frequently and tirelessly, planning and making important decisions concerning ALL aspects of the renovation. Every decision made was the result of deep, thought-provoking discussions with input from everyone on the committee and in alignment with our vision for the space.

In April, we had the great cleanout! Church staff and volunteers cleaned out spaces all over the church. Many things were repurposed and directed to other ministries outside our church. No space was overlooked and the volunteer hours and work to do this was a major undertaking. Amy Wall did a great job working to find temporary meeting spaces for most of the groups that had been displaced during the renovation.

I think I am most proud of what transpired from May through December. Amidst the noise, the dust, the disgusting smells, the interruptions and inconveniences, our church never stopped the work of God.

Our monthly Red Cross blood drives continued in another location and 424 units of lifesaving blood were collected during the year. Our refugee teams set up apartments for 12 refugee/immigrant families and 20 GUM families that were in transition. We provided programs for kids at Partnership Village twice a month and assisted with other ministries there. We began serving monthly breakfasts at Potters House Community Kitchen, hosted the Potato Drop and Rise to Hunger events on our church campus, providing food to people in need. We have an ongoing food collection wagon at church and sponsor a Bringing in the Harvest food collection event in the fall. We held a March Madness event to collect food and support your favorite basketball team during the NCAA tournament. We had 2 serving days, doing some projects at church but others out in the community. We sent over 400 Operation Christmas Child boxes to Samaritans Purse. We sent adult mission teams to Spruce Pines twice and a youth mission team to Asheville to help with the continued rebuilding and cleanup after Hurricane Helene. Our congregational care team makes sure our homebound and nursing home residents feel cared for and loved. Our Stephen Ministry team nurtures hurting individuals by providing caregivers who meet with them on a regular basis.

Even though we couldn't have our annual fall bazaar and craft sale, our United Women of Faith teamed up with our Boo Bash coordinators and still were able to have their Bake Sale during the Boo Bash, resulting in a fun afternoon for everyone attending. Our pumpkin patch brought in new and returning visitors and storytelling in the patch was offered to preschool classes and during the Boo Bash as well.

Our funeral receptions had to also be moved to a new location and our bereavement team did an amazing job coordinating this change and still offering a respectful gathering space for grieving families.

Our Brazo Abiertos faith community met weekly and had several special services during the year, most recently celebrating Las Posadas during Advent.

Since the Fellowship Hall wasn't available, we gathered for meals outside and in the adult hallway on designated Wednesday nights, followed by the children, youth and young adult programs, ESOL, along with Jeremy's disciple school.

In the summer we gathered for baseball games, an ice cream social, and a picnic at the Troxler Farm. Vacation Bible School and Camp Guilrock are always summer highlights for the kids.

By the fall of 2025 our afterschool program had grown to 24 kids, serving 5 elementary schools in the area. Our preschool program continues to be strong and we are inviting and encouraging all our families to come be a part of our church, inviting them to dinner and events here.

We continue to grow together as a faith community in our church, offering bible studies, journey groups, and Wednesday prayer time. Our Priscilla Shirer simulcast is always well attended and such a fulfilling afternoon.

Our Just Older Youth "Joy" group has continued to grow, offering different outings and opportunities for our "older" adults to meet for community and fellowship.

I can't say enough about our church staff and the wonderful work they do here every day. Each of them plays an important role to fulfill our goal of providing ongoing vital ministry to our church and the surrounding community. You are a blessing to all of us!

Over the last 8 months, we all worked together to ensure our church's ongoing ministries. Soon, we will be able to celebrate and dedicate our completed Fellowship Hall and bathroom renovation. We can start to envision new ways to glorify God in this space and offer new ministry opportunities that will grow God's kingdom. Is there a vital or specific role God is calling you to be a part of? Something really spoke to me from my bible study notes last week. It said, "God positions believers in unique zones of influence to accomplish eternal work He has designed for them. What is your part in building Christ's church?" So I ask, "what can we do together as a body of Christ to help build His temple--the Church?" What is your part in doing that?

To God be the Glory,  
Donna Garcia, Lay Leader

## **SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT KENYA TEAM**

The Refugee /Transitions room will sponsor a silent auction in the fellowship hall during the Kenya Team's Wednesday Welcome Table meal on Ash Wednesday February 18. The silent auction features donated items that are outside the guidelines of what is provided for incoming families. Be prepared to be surprised by the beautiful donations – several are collectors' items. Listing here just a few: eight pieces of Fiesta Ware, Pendleton stadium blanket set, Dansk baking dish, Lenox Christmas carafe, complete set of China by Wedgewood in quince pattern, set of China by Noritake in Greenbriar pattern, Coca-Cola embossed dessert plates, fancy serving pieces, Fostoria amber glasses, Fostoria green glasses, decorative dishes from Portugal, and lots more. All donations at the silent auction will benefit the Kenya Team's projects in country.





## ***BIRTHDAYS in February***

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| Feb. 1  | Tricia Bacon, Laurie Carney, Parran Crump, Charles Freeman            |
| Feb. 2  | Tracy Dirks   |
| Feb. 3  | Thomas Congo, Rebecca Patterson, Jim Pierce                           |
| Feb. 4  | Bonnie Burkett, Sarah Fiori, Wes Gullett, Jonathan Shope, Finn Sumner |
| Feb. 5  | Rizki Rashidi   |
| Feb. 6  | Clay Minor  |
| Feb. 7  | Lee Stimpson  |
| Feb. 8  | Bryan Cobb, David Hayes, T.D. Stump, Della Troxler                    |
| Feb. 9  | Sydney Hull   |
| Feb. 10 | George Meister, Elizabeth Mosher, Emogene Stewart                     |
| Feb. 11 | Daniel Allred   |
| Feb. 12 | Erick Aydelette   |
| Feb. 13 | George Bowen, Joanna Stone  |
| Feb. 14 | Leslie Bacon, Holland Britt, Brian Wilson                             |
| Feb. 15 | John Bayersdorfer   |
| Feb. 16 | Susan Whitesides, Kelly Woolard                                       |
| Feb. 17 | Addison Gullett, Kathy Madren   |
| Feb. 18 | Lottie Harrison, Ken Stone, William Thomas                            |
| Feb. 19 | Scott Draper, Kimi Miyagi, David Phillips                             |
| Feb. 20 | Jonathan Ballinger, Jr., Mike Fogleman, Stephanie Sinkler             |
| Feb. 21 | Donna Garcia, Marissa Kota, Jayne Morgan, Kristen Symonds             |
| Feb. 22 | Theron Miller   |
| Feb. 23 | Jim vonCannon   |
| Feb. 24 | Lilia Edwards, Cristie Gibson, Jean Lojko, Cameron Waldron, Lynn Wall |
| Feb. 25 | Angela Cox, Emma Hepler   |
| Feb. 26 | Shaun Bradshaw, Margaret Woodrum                                      |
| Feb. 28 | Robin Gibson  |

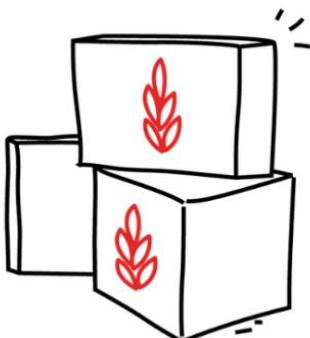


# RISE AGAINST HUNGER®



Help package  
17,000 meals  
to fight global hunger!

**Guilford College UMC**  
**Saturday, February 21st**  
**9 AM - 11 AM**



Register & donate!



<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/guilfordumc26>

## 2026 Journey Group Listing

### **Women's virtual group**

Group for women, primarily middle aged and younger, meeting wherever you are during the lunch hour! Meets on Mondays at noon via ZOOM. \*The time and day can be shifted once the group is formed if the need arises\*

Bi-weekly

### **Men's virtual group**

Intergenerational group for men. This faithful set spans all adult life-stages and frequently has discussions about larger life-application topics in addition to the weekly message. Meets on Mondays at 7:00 via ZOOM. Bi-Weekly.

### **Women's 55+ group**

Faithful group of middle-aged and older women. This group is excellent for long-time members of the GCUMC family and newcomers alike. Meets on Mondays in the leader's home. 7:00pm. Weekly.

### **The Golden Girls: Women supporting women**

This is a group for retired women, and is welcoming to all "golden" women seeking the friendship and support of other faithful ladies. Meets on Tuesdays at the church. Afternoon. Twice-monthly

### **Men's Breakfast group**

These (mostly retired) guys meet for breakfast and lively conversation each week. Meets on Wednesdays at 8:00am. Panera on Highwoods Blvd. Weekly.

### **Parents of Teens & Young Adults**

This group is meant to accommodate the schedules and challenges of parenting teens and young adults. Anyone caring for teenagers and older are welcome! Meets at the church on Mondays at 6:30pm.

Bi-weekly

### **Superwomen!**

For women recently retired or nearing retirement, but still very much active and engaged! This group will determine the meeting time via consensus of those who join.

### **Senior-aged "Grumpy old men"**

This group is for senior men, who aren't really grumpy...

They meet at Panera on the first and third Thursday mornings of each month. The Grumpy Old Men are currently at capacity, but if you're interested in joining with them, contact Laurin Allred.

### **Open to All**

Open and welcoming to all people across any age or life stage. Designed with the hope of forging intergenerational friendship and spiritual growth, this group remains "open" throughout the year as a place for new friends to join the journey. Meets Thursday 7pm at the church.

Bi-Weekly.

### **Newcomer's Journey**

Open and welcoming to newer people at GCUMC who want to go deeper in faith and friendship. This group is designed to be a bridge into deeper connection and friendship at GCUMC. Journey alongside other new folks and a few who've been around a while.

This group alternates Wednesdays with Pastor Jeremy's Disciple School so that after the Wednesday Welcome Table meal you can participate in both a Journey Group and other Wednesday evening activities.

Wednesdays, 6:45pm at the church. Twice-monthly.

### **Dads & Dudes**

For middle aged and younger men and dads.

Meeting details TBA soon! Sunday Evenings and other possible times.

### **The Immigrant's Journey**

This group is open to anyone that would like a Sunday-school hour Journey Group, *but with special invitation to immigrants and refugees or those who would be an ally*. This group is led by Wilder Rodriguez and Pastor Susan and will be conducted in English. CHURCH, Sunday mornings 9:45am, twice monthly.