

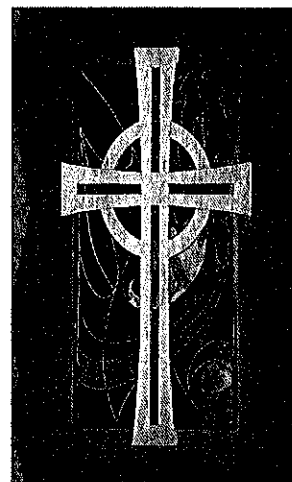
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From the Pastor's Desk

The process to call your New Pastor is now fully underway! Your PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) has begun their regular meetings and is being trained for all the work that lies ahead of them. Please remember them and this whole search process in your prayers.

Your Focus Groups have met with around 100 members participating! This is an awesome turn out! Thank you to all who were able to come! The responses given during your Focus Groups will be assembled into a Mission Study along with other information about your church.

Once the Mission Study is completed by your PNC, it will be presented to Session. After Session approves it, the Study is sent to presbytery. After the presbytery's Commission on Ministry has approved your Mission Study, the PNC will get the green light to write the MIF (Mission Information Form.)

The MIF is a 10-page document, before it's filled in, which describes your congregation and the gifts that you are seeking in your new pastor. This MIF will be posted on line on the Church Leadership Connection website of our denomination (<https://clc.pcusa.org/OpportunitySearch.aspx>) for all perspective pastors to read and to discern if they are sensing a call to come here. If you go to this website, you can see all the churches which are presently searching for a pastor. You will **not** be able to see the names of any pastors who are searching....for obvious reasons—they don't want their own congregations to know!

This system will also match a pastor's information with your church's information. Some of us affectionately call it the *dating service* of the PCUSA because it truly does try to match pastors and churches together. It has matched me with some of the churches I have served. It is a wonderful tool, and your information will be posted within a few months on this system.

Once your form is "live" in the PCUSA system, your committee will start receiving information from pastors. It is estimated that they will be sifting through information on over 100 pastors. Your committee will be reading multi-page documents on each and every one of them!

And in this whole process, we trust that God's hand is guiding it all. We walk in faith that God had led this congregation for 125 years and will continue to lead it. This is an exciting time to be part of this church---as we watch and wait to together with joy and anticipation.

I am reminded of Isaiah 43:19:

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

May God give us the eyes to see and hearts to be wide open to God's new work among us!

God bless you all,
Susan

Homebound Members

Our long time members who are unable to attend worship and activities would love to receive your visits, phone calls, and prayers: Coleman Ashley, Mildred Brooks, Nancy Church, Jim Coats, Jean Glass, Dulce Kite, Frances Henderson, Ruth McCathren, Opha Manus, Jeannie Ogilvie, Lula Payne, and Eddie Sturdivant.

Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Alan Cole and family on the death of his brother, Brian Cole, who died on July 2, and to Mary Frances Galifianakis and family on the death of her husband, Harry Galifianakis, who died on July 15.

Prayer Group

A new prayer group has formed and you are invited to attend. We will meet in the sanctuary on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Please come as you are able to pray for the concerns of our church family, the Pastor Nominating Committee, our community, and folks throughout the world. All are welcome.

Focus Groups

Your Focus Groups are scheduled for August 1 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Every church member is asked to sign up to attend *ONE* Focus Group, if you are able. The Focus Groups are limited to 12 members each and are 90 minutes long. Choose the time that suits your schedule, and come with an open spirit.

Congratulations to Beth Barksdale – Recent Graduate of Wake Forest School of Divinity

As a second career divinity school student, Beth has spent the majority of her life as the President and CEO of CCI, a patient communications company serving hospitals throughout the United States. At least three times during her 30 year tenure, she contemplated leaving the company to pursue ordination in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A, but “reason” always eclipsed her call. Beth can truly say one of the most clarifying moments of her life was speaking with associate dean of admissions Dr. Shonda Jones and coming to the realization that it was time to “get on with it.” Prior to attending Wake Forest University Divinity School, she attended Harvard Business School’s Executive Leadership program, the University of the South’s Education for Ministry (EFM) program, and earned a BA degree in Psychology from Salem College.

The Season of Singing Has Come

The new choir season will begin on Wednesday, August 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. We are seeking new members for the choir and would love for you to join us.

Church Picnic

The annual church picnic will be Sunday, August 19, at 5:00 p.m. at Doughton Park located on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Bring your lawn chairs and a covered dish to share and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

Directions to Doughton Park From Just Save Grocery in North Wilkesboro:

- ◆ Head north on Hwy 18 for 18 miles
- ◆ Go under bridge and turn right on Blue Ridge Parkway
- ◆ Go 1/10 mile to stop sign and turn left on Parkway North
- ◆ Go 7 miles and turn right into picnic area
- ◆ Go 1/10 mile and turn right
- ◆ Go 1 mile to loop

Follow signs along the way that will be posted starting at the parkway.

Red Cross Blood Drive

The Mission and Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a Red Cross Summer Blood Drive on Tuesday, August 14, from 3:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the NWPC Fellowship Hall. Please contact Ellen Lipscomb to make an appointment.

News from the Wilkesboro Chapel

Worship begins at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning and is followed by Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Communion will be celebrated on August 5, 2018.

Our Sunday school class will be studying "The Great Spiritual Migration", by Brian D. McLaren.

NWPC Sunday Schedule:

9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship

Wilkesboro Chapel Sunday Schedule:

9:00 a.m. - Worship
10:00 a.m. - Church School

NWPC Wednesday Schedule:

11:30 a.m. - Prayer Group
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Ushers and Greeters for August:

Gary Booth, William Brooks, Jed Cockrell, Alan Cole, Jean Cole, John Elledge, Bill Joyner, Martha Nichols, Harry Page, and Jean Page

Elder at Wilkesboro Chapel Communion Table

August 5 - Betty Thompson
August 12 - Dan Day
August 19 - Carolyn Bell
August 26 - Revis Felts

August Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

Baby Nursery - Linda Kilby and
Lena Lovette
Toddler Nursery - Fran York
Children's Worship - Marla McNeill

August Dates to Remember

August 1 - Focus Group Meetings - 2:00 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m.
August 12 - Session - 12:00 p.m.
August 14 - Red Cross Blood Drive - 3:00 -
7:30 p.m.; Faithful Friends - 6:00
p.m.
August 19 - Church Picnic at Doughton Park -
5:00 p.m.
August 27 - First Day of School for Wilkes
County Schools
August 28 - Faithful Friends - 6:00 p.m.

June Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$247,435.79
Disbursements Year to Date: \$223,949.58
Net Year to Date: \$23,486.21
Matthew 25 Fund: \$2,775.12

