

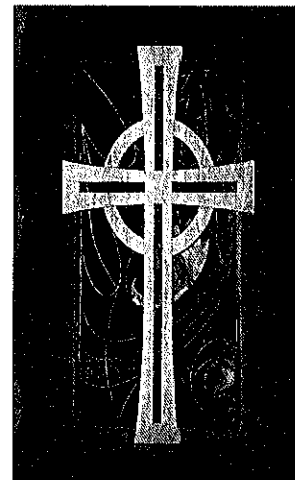
North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

It was 3:30 on Sunday afternoon when Kenny and I got in the car. The weather radar had shown showers and thunderstorms throughout the area with a potential break in the weather around 4:30, just in time for the Church Picnic at Doughton Park along the Blue Ridge Parkway. We loaded up our chairs and food and started driving. Then the rain began.

The rain just didn't begin with a drizzle here and there. No! The skies grew dark and huge drops began to pound the car. The roads became sloshy in an instant, and the clouds settled in.

"Nobody is coming to this picnic!" I said. "I will be *that Interim* who tried to have the church picnic in the middle of a thunderstorm!" Every bend in the road where we could get a look at the sky, I had my eyes fixed on the dark gray masses which moved slowly and held tightly to the mountains. Off and on it poured rain on us all the way to Mile Marker 241.1.

Yet, in spite of the weather and my fears, when we finally arrived through the fog, there you were. Not just one or two of you hearty souls, but a whole group of you sitting with your chairs in a wide circle with tables loaded full of delicious food for the picnic. As we circled and began to pray, the sun broke through the clouds; the weather cleared; and it was the perfect day for a picnic!

On that rainy, sunny afternoon, I witnessed more of who you are as a church. I saw this group of folks who were happy, relaxed, and just delighted to be together, in spite of the storms around them. I saw a group of folks who knew there was a church picnic so they showed up. Even a few of you would point to the clouds or hear the thunder in the distance and say, "That's not coming this way." And it didn't!

It's a lesson worth hanging onto as you move through the changes that are happening in the life of this congregation and in the world around us! There may be storms with heavy rains and winds that come along, but something changes when you show up for one another. Something changes when you gather as a group, and just be the church in spite of it all.

As we held hands and prayed in the sunlight, I knew that God was blessing far more than the food that afternoon. God was blessing each one of us beyond our understanding in the hands that we held and in all those around the circle--- and in the extended circle of this whole congregation.

May 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, Jim Coats, Jean Glass, Dulce Kite, Dot Lewis, Frances Henderson, Ruth McCathren, Opha Manus, Jeannie Ogilvie, Lula Payne, and Eddie Sturdivant.

Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Tom Bowman and family on the death of his sister, Freda Black, who died on July 29 and to Karolen Bowman and family on the death of her mother, Nancy Church, who died on August 27.

Kirk Night

Kirk Night is set to kick off on Wednesday, September 5, with an Ice Cream Social at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will not be served that night but a lot of delicious ice cream will be. Please feel free to bring a special ice cream to share.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 12, come out each week for a delicious meal prepared by Dale Wayne and enjoy great fellowship beginning at 5:30 p.m. The weekly program along with Kingdom Kids and Youth are at 6:30 p.m.

Reservation cards are located in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plates each Sunday. Please make your reservation by Tuesday at noon by calling or emailing the church office so that Dale can prepare adequately. (336-667-1288 or melinda.goforth@nwpres.org)

Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

It's time to start circle meetings for the fall. Noon Circle will meet on Monday, September 10, in the Fellowship Hall. Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. in the Library.

Christian Education Day

Please plan to celebrate Christian Education Day, formerly Rally Day/Promotion Day, on Sunday, September 16th, beginning at 9:45 a.m. Biscuits, fruit, juice, and coffee will be on hand for everyone to enjoy. Our guest speaker will be Dianna Wright, Associate Presbyter and Christian Educator, with Salem Presbytery. This gathering is for kindergartners to elderberries. This celebration will provide fun, fellowship, and an inspiring message for all ages.

New Member Class

There will be a new member class on September 23 and 30 during the Sunday School hour. If you would like to sign up for the class please contact Marla McNeill (macfamily7@charter.net) or Lena Lovette (inlovette@gmail.com).

Elderberries News

Summer is over and so it's time to get back in full swing, so here's the plans!

September 25 – Senior Show and Tell (Vacation Memories) – We will get together at a restaurant to be named later, for everyone to share a memory or two about a special vacation we enjoyed. It will be a fun time for all of us to share and fellowship together!

Get this date on your calendars and let's have big attendances! You are missed if you're not there!!! Give me a call or email me if you have questions!

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Child and Youth Protection Policy Adopted By the Session

North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church seeks to provide a safe and secure environment for the children who participate in our programs and activities. Our goal is to protect the children/youth of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church from incidents of misconduct or inappropriate behavior while also protecting our staff and volunteers from false accusations. For purposes of this policy, the terms "child" or "children" include all persons under the age of eighteen (18) years. The terms "worker" or "volunteer" means anyone involved as a teacher, nursery worker, youth leader, and in other one-on-one situations, such as counseling or mentoring minors.

The full policy is posted on our church website. All who work or volunteer with our children and youth should read and be familiar with this policy prior to the 2018-2019 year, which begins September 16th. If you have questions, please see Ellen Lipscomb or Dan Day, co-chairs of the Faith Formation committee.

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 September 2, 2018.

Our Sunday school class is studying various readings.

NWPC Sunday Schedule:

9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
7:00 p.m. - PNC Meetings

Wilkesboro Chapel Sunday Schedule:

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

NWPC Wednesday Schedule:

11:30 a.m. - Prayer Group
5:30 p.m. - Kirk Night Meal
6:30 p.m. - Kirk Night Program
6:30 p.m. - Kingdom Kids and Youth
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Ushers and Greeters for September:

Mamie Collier, Margery Edgerton, Jo Green,
Barbara Gregory, Ted Hall, Bill Lipscomb, Bud
Mosley, Peg Mosley, Perry Snipes, and Bob
Vickery

Elder at Wilkesboro Chapel Communion Table

September 2 - Mary Finley
September 9 - John Wyatt
September 16 - Devin Lyall
September 23 - John Wyatt
September 30 - Alan Cole

September Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

Baby and Toddler Nursery – Anita Day and
Nancy Snipes

Children's Worship – Mary and Olive Keener

September Kirk Night

September 5 - Ice Cream Social at 6:30 p.m.

September 12 – Bible Trivia

September 19 - Jed Cockrell – School
Presentation

September 26 - Committee Meetings

September Kirk Night Greeters and Drink Servers

September 5 - No Greeter and Drink Server

September 12 – Greeter: Richard Collier; Drink
Server: Lynn Durchman

September 19 - Greeter: Caroline Czerkawski;
Drink Server: Betty Powell

September 26 - Greeter: Mike McNeil; Drink
Server: Mamie Collier

September Dates to Remember

September 3 - Church Office Closed – Labor Day

September 10 – Noon Circle; Fellowship
Committee Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

September 11 – Morning Circle – 10:00 a.m.;
Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.

September 16 – Christian Education Day

September 22 – Presbyterian Women
Fall Gathering

September 23 – Session Meeting

September 25 – Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.

July Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$290,413.84

Disbursements Year to Date: \$259,932.33

Net Year to Date: \$30,481.51

Matthew 25 Fund: \$2,888.70