

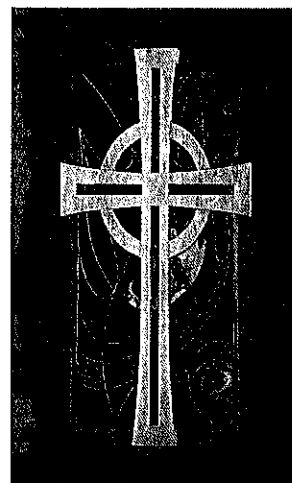
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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear NWPC Family,

One evening last fall, Kenny and I found ourselves sitting in downtown Wilkesboro in front of a newly built stage as strands of little lights twinkled and crisscrossed overhead. A group called The Krüger Brothers began to play, and I was transported:

“I’ve seen sunsets on the ocean. I’ve seen the desert bloom.

I’ve driven endless highways beneath the prairie moon.

Yet, the picture in my mind I see when I think about it all

Is the color of the leaves in Carolina in the Fall.”

Carolina in the Fall by the Krüger Brothers

As fall comes to the Carolinas, these words play over and over in my mind. Every time I hear them, I am even more thankful for this amazing part of the country in which we live. I understand why you call it, “God’s Country.”

These words also remind me of the passage of time and the change of the seasons. This month, we will celebrate 125 years of the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church! It is clearly a time to give thanks to God for the journey of the life of this congregation! Be sure that you participate in all the upcoming events!

With the marking of a major anniversary, we cannot help but to be reminded of the passage of time. Some of you have been part of this church your whole life long; many of you have worshiped here for years; and all of you have wonderful stories to share! In sharing these stories, you realize that you are not the church that you once were, and you are not presently the church that you will become in the future. The church of Jesus Christ changes, as the color of the leaves do. We change because we are alive. We are the body of Christ whose living Spirit dwells deep within us.

This same Spirit has been present with this church for 125 years, and we trust God to lead this church into the next 125 years and beyond. NWPC is clearly in a time of transition, but isn’t the church always? Isn’t life always changing? Isn’t it exciting to watch what God is doing in our midst?!

This month we have so much to celebrate! We have so many reasons to give thanks to God! And along with everything else, we get to experience “the color of the leaves in Carolina in the Fall.”

Blessings,

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 (home), Mildred Brooks (home), Jim Coats (Rose Glen), Jean Glass (home), Dulce Kite (home), Dot Lewis (home), Ruth McCathren (home), Opha Manus (Villages of Wilkes), Jeannie Ogilvie (home), Lula Payne (Rose Glen), and Eddie Sturdivant (home). Please use the church directory or contact the church office for visitation information.

Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to the family of Frances Henderson who died on September 17, to Barbara Hill and family on the death of her husband, Garland Hill, who died on September 21, and to Janet Sink and family on the death of her father, Blume Johnson, who died on September 24.

History of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church

Witness a “Historical Event”.....that only comes around once every 125 years! On Wednesday, October 3rd, a program will be presented by Margi Turner and friends about the history and life of NWPC over the last 125 years. This will be a fun look at historical facts as well as stories about the life and work of our church from 1893-2018. The program will begin at 6:00 PM (note time change), with the Kirk Night meal served at 5:30 PM. Make reservations and attend the meal and/or come just for the program in Fellowship Hall. You will **not** want to miss this...and you will probably learn something you did not know about our church!!

125th Anniversary of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church

On Sunday, October 7, we will be celebrating the life and history of NWPC. There will be a Pot Luck Lunch in the fellowship hall following worship. Everyone is invited to attend and to bring covered dishes to share. Dessert will be provided. Also, during lunch, anyone who has a short story to share about the church, past or present, humorous or not, is invited to do so and is asked to contact Richard Collier at 336-838-2751 or 336-984-7548 so that he will know how many plan to share a story and can coordinate the speakers and their time with the emcee.

Attention College Students

Registration for the 2019 College Conference at Montreat (www.montreat.org/college) begins October 8, 2018. The conference dates are 1/2/19-1/5/19. This year's outstanding speakers include: Eboo Patel (named one of America's best leaders in 2009 and President Obama's Inaugural Faith Council), Chaplain Carol Dalton (Chaplain of the Swannanoa Valley Correctional Center), Chaplain Shannon Spencer (Founder of the Asheville Poverty Initiative), and Reverend Aisha Brooks-Lytle currently the executive presbyter of Greater Atlanta). To register please contact the church office.

Mission and Outreach News

The Mission & Outreach Committee thanks all who contributed the many backpacks & school supplies to the Communities in Schools Back-to-School Backpack Program. Thanks to you, dozens of children – particularly those who were still trying settle in after the school year started – had the materials they needed to begin school on a good note. The CIS staff were very appreciative of what you accomplished.

“Play to Learn” sessions began on September 5 for kids aged 0-5 in our Toddler Nursery classroom. Sponsored by Wilkes Community Partnership for Children (which is headed by our own Susan Cogdill), these sessions teach social and academic skills to as many as 15 at-risk children.

The Mission Garden fed plenty of God's creatures this year – but we're not sure just who and what they all were. It appeared that several local residents, including deer, rabbits, and very possibly a groundhog or two, got into the crops before we could harvest much of anything for our intended beneficiaries. As a result, we were only able to deliver small quantities of potatoes, green beans, cucumbers, and a few tomatoes to those in need. We're reassessing operating strategy for next year. Those plans may include a fence – with plenty of gates for humans. And we'll certainly need to recruit some help from the church for the frequent tending that a garden requires.

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 October 7, 2018.

Our Sunday school class is studying “What is the Bible?” by Rob Bell.

NWPC Sunday Schedule:

9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship
6:30 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 October:

Neil Cashion, Dan Day, Richard Huie, Gerald Lankford, Debbie Mancusi, Mickey Mancusi, Tom Musson, Doris Stroud, and Walter Stroud

Elder at Wilkesboro Chapel Communion Table

October 7 - John Elledge
October 14 - Cam Finley
October 21 - Beth Huie
October 28 - Marla McNeill

October Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

Baby and Toddler Nursery - Linda Lankford and Brenda Hall-Cashion

Children's Worship - Lena Lovette and Doris Stroud

October Kirk Night

October 3 - History of NWPC
October 10 - Children's Talent Show
October 17 - 125 Years Ago in Wilkes
October 24 - TBA
October 31 - No Kirk Night

October Kirk Night Meals

October 3 - Grilled Chicken Tenders, Rice with Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Rolls, and Dessert
October 10 - Hamburger Patty Plate, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Rolls, and Dessert
October 17 - Homemade Potato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Crackers, and Dessert
October 24 - Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, and Bacon

October Kirk Night Greeters and Drink Servers

October 3 - Greeter: Richard Collier;
Drink Server: Margery Edgerton
October 10 - Greeter: Alan Cole;
Drink Server: Summer Ward
October 17 - Greeter: Caroline Czerkawski;
Drink Server: Beth Huie
October 24 - Greeter: Mike McNeil;
Drink Server: Jo Green

October Dates to Remember

October 1 - Noon Circle
October 2 - Morning Circle - 10:00 p.m.
October 7 - 125th Anniversary of NWPC Luncheon
October 9 - Faithful Friends - 6:00 p.m.
October 11 - Memorial Service for Frances Henderson - 11:00 a.m.
October 14 - Session Meeting
October 23 - Faithful Friends - 6:00 p.m.

August Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$322,063.68
Disbursements Year to Date: \$302,539.03
Net Year to Date: \$19,524.65
Matthew 25 Fund: \$3,087.97