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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear NWPC Family,

As we come to the Season of Thanksgiving, I invite you to return to the Psalms during this time. The Book of Psalms is often called *The Prayer Book of the Church*. The Psalms depict for us the breadth and depth of human life, all of which is brought before God and laid open in prayer. The final Psalm is 150, and this Psalm offers a wonderful closing to all the prayers that have been prayed throughout this book. It is a Psalm of pure praise:

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!
Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

During the month of November, I invite you to pray through the Psalms as part of your prayer time. If you haven't read them lately, I think you may be surprised that you find your very own needs being voiced to God by the Psalmist. We may not have had the words, and here we are given the words. Words that have been passed throughout the ages and still hold the power to transform our lives through prayer.

Our Thanksgiving Day Service will be a Meditation on the Psalms along with singing hymns of praise. Let's gather together and celebrate the goodness of God!

With gratitude for each and every one of you,
Susan E. Moorefield

Welcome Joanna Stuckey-Steele, our new Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family!

It is with great joy that the Session announces the arrival of Joanna Stuckey-Steele to our staff as the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family! To this ministry, Joanna brings many gifts: She has a open heart as well as an open mind. She welcomes questions of faith and extends the love of Christ to all. "Joanna was the prime organizer and planner of our Family Fun Day this summer. She has a real interest and enthusiasm for exploring creative, new ways for us to enjoy being the family of God." (Ellen Lipscomb) Joanna holds a BA in Religious Studies and Humanities from Lees-McRae College. She will be a wonderful addition to our staff! It is no wonder that the Session unanimously approved Joanna!

From the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family

Happy November, NWPC Family!

I am humbled by the warm welcome you have given me as I begin my time here as the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family. Just as you did nearly five years ago when we first started to attend NWPC, you have shown me so much love and kindness. I am very excited for this opportunity, and to grow with all of you in my faith.

With love and gratitude,
Joanna

Sympathies

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Anne Miller whose brother, Howell Graham, died on September 24, to Jo Green whose brother, Larry Green, died on October 1, and to the family of Dudley Waugh, who died on October 19.

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.

Congregational Care Committee Meeting

The Congregational Care Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 7, at 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Susan will meet with us for a conversation on visiting our sick and bereaved members and also those members who are facing terminal illnesses. Please join us for this special opportunity.

Faith Formation Committee

The Faith Formation is recruiting members to join their committee. If you are interested in being on the Faith Formation committee please see Dan Day or Ellen Lipscomb.

Attention all 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. Please contact Joanna Stuckey-Steele at joanna.stuckey-steele@nwpres.org, if you are interested. We will need to plan housing arrangements for those who plan to go.

Thanksgiving Day Service

Thursday, November 22

10:00 a.m.

You are encouraged to come and bring friends and family and join in with others in a special time of Thanksgiving to God.

A special offering will be received during this service for the church supported children's homes, Grandfather Home for Children and Barium Springs Home for Children. This is a tangible way in which we can give thanks to God for the many blessings we have.

Medical Equipment

The church has a supply of medical equipment that is available for use by church members. Equipment includes walkers, canes, wheelchairs, etc. If you would like to borrow any of the equipment or donate equipment please see Gerald Lankford.

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 November 4, 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 November:

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

November 4 - Fran York
November 11 - Mark Edmiston
November 18 - Bill Joyner
November 25 - Summer Key

November Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

Baby and Toddler Nursery - Crystal Huffman and Linda Kilby
Children's Worship - Jenny Cockrell and Marla McNeill

November Kirk Night

November 7 - Committee Meetings
November 14 - Wilkes Art Gallery
November 21 - No Kirk Night
November 28 - Trivia

November Kirk Night Meals

November 7 - Dale's Chili Beans, Mexican Cornbread, and Dessert
November 14 - Dale's Vegetable Soup, Grilled Cheese, and Dessert
November 28 - Grilled Chicken Tenders, Garden Blend Rice, Vegetable Medley, and Dessert

November Kirk Night Greeters and Drink Servers

November 7 - Greeter: Alan Cole;
Drink Server: Lynn Durchman
November 14 - Greeter: Caroline Czerkawski;
Drink Server: Betty Powell
November 28 - Greeter: Mike McNeil;
Drink Server: Mamie Collier

November Dates to Remember

November 5 - Noon Circle
November 6 - Morning Circle - 10:00 p.m.
November 7 - Congregational Care Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
November 11 - Session Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
November 13 - Faithful Friends - 6:00 p.m.
November 22 - Thanksgiving Day Service
November 27 - Faithful Friends - 6:00 p.m.

September Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$360,810.83
Disbursements Year to Date: \$332,262.96
Net Year to Date: \$28,547.87
Matthew 25 Fund: \$2,424.37