

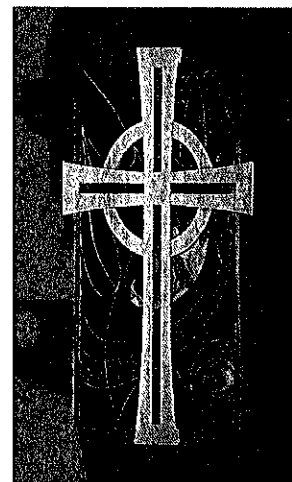
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From the Pastor's Desk

Dear NWPC Family,

What a gift this year has been in my life serving as your Transitional Pastor! It is a joy to get to worship with you on Sundays, pray during the week, and gather around the table together on Wednesday nights to eat some of Dale's delicious cooking! I love watching your kids grow! It's hard to believe that we are all one year older!

As we move through the Season of Thanksgiving, we enter into the journey of Advent. The church celebrates Advent as the beginning of the New Year! December 2nd is the first Sunday of Advent; and thus, the first Sunday of the New Year. So, let me be the first to wish you a Happy New Year!

We don't normally think of making *Advent Resolutions*, but perhaps this would be a good year to start. Advent marks a time of waiting for the coming of Christ. It is a time to prepare our hearts and our lives to welcome once again the Word made flesh.

So how do *you* make ready for the birth of this child? What *Advent Resolutions* do you need to make this year? I hope that you will come to worship and participate in the activities at the church. Some of you may want to set aside a time of quiet each day for prayer and reading your Bible and practice slowing down. Others may find going through what you own and donating whatever you can to help others will not only open up space in your closets, but it will also declutter your hearts. Some of you may want to take a ride on the Blue Ridge Parkway or walk the Greenway to remind yourself of the beauty of our God who creates and recreates. Some of you will be able to volunteer in our community or at our coast, or take a meal to a sick friend, or visit someone who is unable to get out, or write a note of gratitude, or pray with or for someone. These are just a few suggestions to help get you thinking about what would help you this Advent Season.

Making a few *Advent Resolutions* might just help all of us focus on this new year's Advent Journey so that when the Christchild is born, there will be room in our lives to welcome him.

Happy Advent! May God bless you all!

Susan E. Moorefield

From the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family

Hello, NWPC family and happy advent!

Each time December rolls around on my calendar it seems as though I find myself wondering where the rest of the year has gone. The months pass, often times painfully slow, and it seems as though this happy season will never come. Yet here it is, December again, and I can hardly believe it.

I imagine that Mary and Joseph experienced a similar feeling during the wait for Jesus's arrival. The slow and arduous passage of time, waiting for something to happen. Then suddenly the wait was over and forgotten, with the birth of a baby. The Savior!

During advent we observe this season of waiting, but we fill the time with celebrations of the birth of our savior. There are many activities going on this month in our church – card and ornament making, caroling, the children's program, and our annual Christmas Eve service. I'm looking forward to spending this time with our youth and with many of you!

Peace and joy,
Joanna

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 Ben Barr who died on November 24.

Advent Celebration

Please join us for a celebration of the advent season on Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 p.m. Kathryn Steele and friends will be there to help in making cards for our homebound members, and we will be making Jesse Tree ornaments. We will end the evening with supper at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your favorite cookies for dessert.

Homebound Christmas Gifts

Christmas gifts for the homebound members are in the old library. Please pick yours up and make an appointment to visit a week or two before Christmas.

Mission and Outreach Agency of the Month

This month's agency is Wilkes Ministry of HOPE. They are in need of blankets. Please drop off blankets in the fellowship hall over the next few weeks.

Hurricane Relief Mission trip to Wilmington

The Mission and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a mission trip to Wilmington for Hurricane Relief on December 6 – 9. Volunteers may leave on the 6 with a group on the church van or may drive separately on the 7. First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington will be providing lodging, tools, and some meals. Sign up sheets will be located in the narthex and fellowship hall lobby. For more info contact Bill Joyner at 336-467-2512 or Devin Lyall at 336-452-0806.

Kingdom Kids Christmas Program

Please join us on Wednesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. as our Kingdom Kids present their annual Christmas program.

Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to join us as we visit our homebound members on Sunday, December 16. We will leave from the church at 3:00 p.m., and "make a joyful noise" throughout town. After spreading Christmas cheer, we will enjoy a meal together.

Wilkes Chamber Singers Present *Sing Noel*

Sunday, December 16 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Wilkesboro and Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of admission charge, please bring a canned or non-perishable food item to be donated to Samaritan Kitchen of Wilkes.

Kingdom Kids Christmas Party

Calling all Kingdom Kids to come out for our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas Joy Offering

We will receive this offering on Sunday, December 23, during our worship service. Whether providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families or enabling deserving students to attend Presbyterian related racial ethnic colleges and schools, your generous gift to the Christmas Joy Offering will bring Good News of Great Joy to the poor in circumstance or spirit.

Christmas Eve Candlelighting and Communion Service

Join us on Monday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. as we gather with our church family and community friends to celebrate the birth of our Savior! A nursery will be provided.

The Matthew 25 Offering will be received during this service. It is used solely to alleviate human suffering in obedience to Christ's directive and will be administered by our church locally. There is a great need in our community.

December Birthdays

- 5 - Kathryn Steele and Stanley Sanders
- 12 - Tim York
- 14 - Ellen Lipscomb
- 26 - Dale Wayne
- 30 - Tom Musson

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 December 24, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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 December:

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

December 2 - Gerald Lankford
December 9 - Lena Lovette
December 16 - Betty Thompson
December 23 - Carolyn Bell
December 30 - Dan Day

December Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

Baby and Toddler Nursery - Anita Day and Nancy Snipes

Children's Worship - Mary and Olive Keener

December Kirk Night

December 5 - Committee Meetings
December 12 - Kingdom Kids Program

December Kirk Night Meals

December 5 - Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, and Bacon
December 12 - Chicken and Wild Rice Soup and Grilled Cheese Sandwich

December Kirk Night Greeters and Drink Servers

December 5 - Greeter: Alan Cole;
Drink Server: Summer Ward
December 12 - Greeter: Richard Collier;
Drink Server: Margery Edgerton

December Dates to Remember

December 2 - Advent Celebration - 3:00 p.m.
December 3 - Noon Circle
December 5 - Congregational Care Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
December 5 - Administration Committee Meeting - 6:30 p.m.
December 6 -9 - Hurricane Relief Mission Trip
December 9 - Session Meeting - 12:00 p.m.
December 11 - Morning Circle - 10:00 a.m.
December 18 - Wilkes Chamber Singers Concert - 7:30 p.m.
December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 p.m.

October Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$384,172.04
Disbursements Year to Date: \$367,130.59
Net Year to Date: \$17,041.45
Matthew 25 Fund: \$2,207.27

