

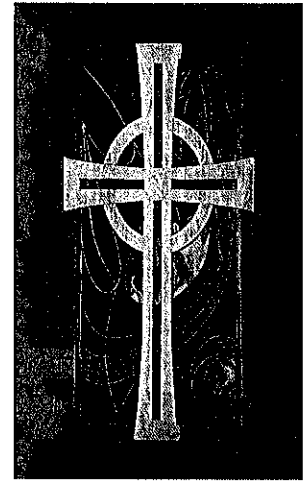
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The Newsletter of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church

January, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear North Wilkesboro Family,

As I write this newsletter article, there is a deep blanket of snow outside my study window. With this new fallen, December snow, we all get to see the world transformed: The trees glisten white. The green of the grass is tucked away. Even the blacktop of the street blends into the rest of the landscape. Snow brings a kind of hush to the world.

With the snow, there is a newness as well. Whatever was before—just a few days ago—has been changed into something completely different. Our normal rhythm of life has taken a break. Schools are closed! Even our church was closed --- breaking a long-held record of “never closing on a Sunday”! Most of us have had to stay put for a while, even slow down and realize that some creatures on this earth go into hibernation this time of year. When we slow down, we can focus on some of the things we take for granted each day—like electricity, and for those of us on well water, running water. The snow brings changes to our life outside as well as within.

During this time, the words of this old Christmas hymn keep playing over and over in my mind:

*In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.
Our God, heaven cannot hold him nor earth
sustain;
Heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to
reign:
In the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed
The Lord God incarnate, Jesus Christ.*

(https://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com/Hymns_and_Carols/in_the_bleak_midwinter.htm)

God continues to work bringing newness into our lives. We are reminded that the past is gone, and we are allowed to let it go and to embrace this very present moment in which we live. We get to celebrate with joy that our Lord has come and with his coming we receive new life.

May this New Year of 2019 offer you newness and healing in the frozen areas of your life, and may the North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church continue through this Transformational time with a new awareness of God's many, many blessings all around us.

God's peace,

Susan

From the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family

Warm tidings in this New Year, Church Family!

A new year brings so many new opportunities to worship and fellowship together. I'm looking forward to what 2019 has in store for our children and youth ministries.

We are currently taking registrations for the Montreat youth conference in June. If you have a high school student who would like to go, please call or email me so we can reserve their spot.

Also, look for an announcement about the Massanetta Springs middle school conference coming up in July. It promises to be a really great conference for our rising 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Thanks everyone,

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), 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 Mark and Lorie Edmiston on the death of her mother, Linda Nichols, who died on December 2, to Ashlynn Skerbinc on the death of her father, Erick Skerbinc, who died on December 4, to Jim and Karen Worley on the death of her mother, Gladys Reynolds, who died on December 10, and to the family of Jeanne Ogilvie, who died on December 18.

Addresses to send condolences are:

Mark and Lorie Edmiston
571 Shingle Gap Road
Purlear, NC 28665

Ashlynn Skerbinc
1625 Skyland Drive
Wilkesboro, NC 28697

Jim and Karen Worley
387 Huie Road
Hays, NC 28365

Ogilvie Family
281 Talon Drive
Moravian Falls, NC 28654

Montreat Youth Conference

It is time to sign up for the Montreat Youth Conference which will be held June 9-15, 2019. Please contact Joanna Stuckey-Steele to sign up and pay the \$50.00 deposit by Sunday, January 6.

New Member Class

A New Member class will be held on Sundays, January 13 and 20 during the Sunday School hour beginning at 9:45 a.m. in room E103 of the Educational Building. If you would like to attend please contact Lena Lovette (lrlovette@gmail.com) or Marla McNeill (macfamily7@charter.net).

Covered Dish Luncheon on January 27

We will honor our teachers with a Covered Dish Luncheon immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall. This includes all teachers from our church.....Sunday School, public school, and college instructors. Jed Cockrell will talk with us about issues the public schools are facing today, and we will see where we as a church can help. We hope you will bring your favorite dishes and join us in celebrating education and to thank those who teach now and those retired.

January Birthdays

- 3 - Forest Steele
- 3 - Patti Trice
- 4 - David Haynie
- 8 - Ken Muenster
- 14 - Chris Huffman
- 26 - Camille Eller
- 29 - Crystal Huffman

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 January 6, 2019 during the worship service.

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 January:

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

Elder at Wilkesboro Chapel Communion Table

January 6 - Revis Felts
January 13 - Mary Finley
January 20 - Devin Lyall
January 27 - John Wyatt

January Kirk Night

January 2 - No Kirk Night
January 9 - Committee Meetings
January 16 - Mission Program
January 23 - Mentoring for Medicine
January 30 - TBA

December Kirk Night Greeters and Drink Servers

January 9 - Greeter: Caroline Czerkowski; Drink Server: Betty Powell
January 16 - Greeter: Mike McNeil; Drink Server: Mamie Collier
January 23 - Greeter: Richard Collier; Drink Server: Margery Edgerton
January 30 - Greeter: Alan Cole; Drink Server: Summer Ward

January Dates to Remember

January 1 - Church Office Closed
January 7 - Noon Circle
January 8 - Morning Circle - 10:00 a.m.; Personnel Committee Meeting - 4:30 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. - Faithful Friends
January 13 - New Member Class
January 20 - New Member Class
January 21 - Church Office Closed
January 22 - 6:00 p.m. - Faithful Friends

November Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$425,034.28
Disbursements Year to Date: \$403,999.64
Net Year to Date: \$21,034.64
Matthew 25 Fund: \$2,256.68