

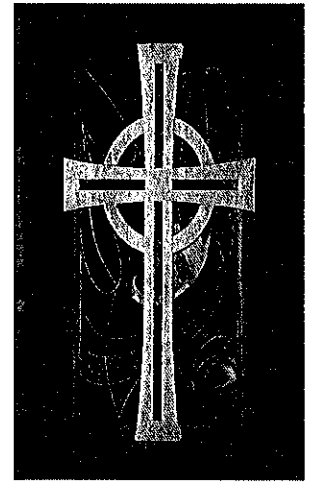
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From the Pastor's Desk

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
(II Cor. 5:17)

Finally, Spring is arriving! There is no more beautiful place on earth in the Springtime than in the South! The daffodils begin to bloom, then the honeysuckles and wisteria. The earth shakes off its winter coat, and new life breaks forth.

It is no wonder that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ in the spring time! People often ask me, "Who determines when Easter is?" It was the Council of Nicaea in 325CE that decided Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon after the vernal equinox.

As much as we may want to get to Easter to experience this new life in Christ, we would be wise to remember Paul's words that when this new life comes, the old life passes away. Now, there may be much of the old life that we *really* want to pass away. You and I could each make a list of the parts of the old life that we need to have pass away...but then there are those others parts that we would prefer to hold on to. As wonderful as new life sounds, sometimes we aren't sure that we are ready to let go of some of the old life quite yet.

The message of Easter is one of transformation---a huge, dramatic transformation beyond anyone's wildest imagination. This is the *Good News* of Jesus Christ. God is at work creating new life. The journey of faith is that we are willing to let the old life pass away so that God's new creation breaks forth in each one of us and in the church of Jesus Christ! Happy Spring!

May God bless you all,

Susan

From the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family

VBS volunteers needed!

Spring is here! Halleluiah!

With the onset of warmer weather, I am in full planning mode for children and youth summer programming. One well loved tradition that I am preparing for is Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is Bible Science. We'll be learning how Bible lessons apply to modern scientific principles the week of July 29-August 2. I have been having a lot of fun planning for this week-long event, but of course, I can't pull it off alone. Please email me at joanna.stuckeysteele@nwpres.org or call me at 336-667-1288 to volunteer your time and talents for VBS later this summer.

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.

Elderberry Luncheon

On Monday, March 25, 2019, the Elderberries will meet at Teresa's Carousel Café at 11:30 a.m. This month will be Vacation Senior Show and Tell, so bring a photo or memento from a recent or past special vacation to share with the group! It will be fun with lots of special stories, fellowship and food!

Massanetta Middle School Conference

The Massanetta Middle School Conference will be held July 11-14. This conference is open to rising 6th graders through rising 9th graders. Any student who would like to attend needs to contact Joanna at joanna.stuckeysteele@nwpres.org and turn in a \$50 deposit by Sunday, March 31.

Maundy Thursday Service

The Maundy Thursday Service will be held on Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. On this night we remember and celebrate the final supper Jesus shared with his disciples in the context of Passover. An offering will be received for the Matthew 25 Fund. A nursery will be provided.

Flowers for the Easter Cross

You are invited to bring fresh cut flowers from home to place on the cross in the church yard on Easter Sunday morning, April 21.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

On Easter Sunday, April 21, we will receive this offering. Lent is a time to celebrate both the coming of Easter and following Christ's example, to share the pain and sorrow of a world in need.

Mission and Outreach Agency of the Month

The Mission and Outreach Agency of the Month for March is Phases Recovery. Donations of paper products and cleaning supplies are needed. These items may be left on the designated table in the fellowship hall.

Kirk Night Lenten Bible Study

The culture in Corinth conflicted greatly with the lifestyle that the Apostle Paul proclaimed to those who chose to follow Jesus. In the same way, the church today is called to proclaim the gospel in every environment, showing the world

what it looks like when we give our lives to Jesus.

Filmed on location in Israel and Greece, in the **Cultures in Conflict Study, Teacher Ray Vander Laan** in this 16th volume of the *That The World May Know*® film series, **addresses how you live in a culture where the worldview conflicts with Christianity.**

The schedule for these sessions to be shared during Kirk Night at 6:30 p.m. is as follows:

March 27 – The Lord's Supper: Discerning the Body filmed in Greece

April 3 – Transforming the Chaos filmed in Corinth, Greece

April 24 – Who Is This Man: Three Days That Changed The World by John Ortberg

Presbyterian Minister, John Ortberg, reveals how Jesus and Christianity came to make an inescapable influence on our world, and how we as Christians can make a difference too.

Fall, 2019 Kirk Night

Our Kirk Night programs for Autumn 2019 are beginning to take shape! We invite everyone in the congregation to offer suggestions to the Fellowship Committee about topics or programs that would be of interest. Programs which inform, entertain and/or inspire us are our goals for Kirk Night, and we want your ideas! Please contact Fellowship/Kirk Committee Chairs Summer Ward smmrkey75@gmail.com or Carolyn Bell carolyn.bell@gwynmail.net if you have suggestions on programming.

April Birthdays

2	Richard Smithey
3	Joanna Stuckey-Steele
4	Alison Hege
7	Carolyn Mason
10	Jane Bouchelle
12	Barbara Gregory
12	Dot Lewis
12	Nancy Wayne
18	Jim Trice
26	Chase Huffman

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 April:

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

April 7 - Andy Steele
April 14 - Bob Vickery
April 21 - Barbara Wiebel
April 28 - Carolyn Bell

April 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

February Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$48,727.34
Disbursements Year to Date: \$90,537.56
Net Year to Date: (41,810.22)
Matthew 25 Fund: \$5,319.23

April Kirk Night

April 3 - Lenten Bible Study by
Richard Collier
April 10 - Committee Meetings
April 17 - No Kirk Night
April 24 - Lenten Bible Study by
Richard Collier

April Kirk Night Menus

April 3 - Barbeque, Potato Salad,
Green Beans, and Rolls
April 10 - Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,
and Bacon
April 24 - Chicken Salad, Macaroni
Salad, and Fruit

April Kirk Night Greeters and Drink Servers

April 3 - Greeter: Caroline
Czerkawski; Drink Server:
Beth Huie
April 10 - Greeter: Mike McNeil;
Drink Server: Jo Green
April 24 - Greeter: Richard Collier;
Drink Server: Alan Cole

April Dates to Remember

April 1 - Noon Circle
April 2 - Morning Circle – 10:00 a.m.
April 9 - Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.
April 14 - Session Meeting
April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00
p.m.
April 23 - Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.

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 during
worship on April 7, 2019.

Bible Study dates are April 10 and 24 at 6:00 p.m.

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