

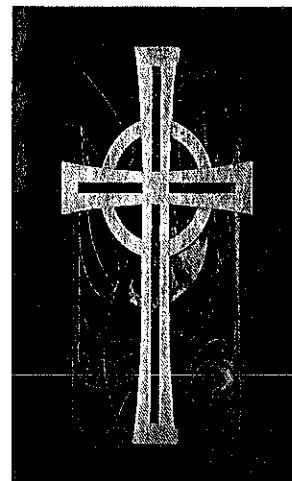
# *North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church*

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Christ prays for us. What an encouraging thought! And, it's true, according to John (17:20) and Paul (Romans 8:34).

Christ prays specifically that we will have faith, believing and trusting that God sent him to the world as the expression of God's love for us. Christ prays for our friendship with him in a relationship like the closeness he has with the Heavenly Father. Christ prays for our fellowship with one another as a community sharing common concern and working together for the common good. And, Christ prays for our future with him and promises that where he is, we also will be--now and always.

James (5:18) states that the prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. There is none more righteous than Jesus Christ who intercedes (prays) for us.

In his love..... Steve

## From the Interim Director of Children, Youth, and Family

"Oh, the Lord's been good to me.  
And so I thank the Lord,  
For giving me the things I need  
The sun, and the rain, and the apple seed.  
The Lord's been good to me.  
Amen."

This is the Johnny Appleseed prayer that Forrest learned in preschool this past year. It is sung, rather than spoken, and the students used it as a blessing over their food at snack time. Their teachers taught them other prayers, but this was a class favorite. So much so, that they sang it for family and friends during their end of year program.

We use it at home a lot as well because Forrest's face lights up each time we ask him to pray over a meal.

At first, we let him pray alone, but more recently we all sing together, and I often find myself singing it under my breath when I'm doing tasks around the house.

When he first shared the apple seed prayer with us, I thought it didn't seem very prayer-like. However, there is something very catchy in the tune, and the more I sing it, the more I have realized why the children love it so much, and why I have come to love it too. It's a sweet reminder that gratitude doesn't have to be over thought or flowery. If we just take a moment to pause and look around, we will often find that we already have everything we need, and then some.

## 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), and Eddie Sturdivant (home). Please use the church directory or contact the church office for visitation information.

## Sympathies

We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to John and Ellie Elledge on the death of John's mother, Gerry Elledge, who died on May 26.

## Blessings

Blessings and Godspeed to David, Jennifer and Richard Smithey as they move to Richmond, Virginia, on June 17, where David will soon begin studies at Union Theological Seminary. Smitty, Jennifer and Richard, know that you take with you the prayers and love of your North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church family.

We will miss you.

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## Vacation Bible School Meeting

There will be a meeting for VBS volunteers on Tuesday, June 25, at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to come and join in. If you have questions please call or email Joanna ([joanna.stuckeysteelle@nwpres.org](mailto:joanna.stuckeysteelle@nwpres.org)).

## Summer Sunday School

Please join us for an intergenerational Sunday School study! We will be taking a break from our traditional Sunday school classes beginning June 30 and continuing through July 28. Pollye Pruitt will lead a class for youth and adults in the fellowship hall. Joanna Stuckey-Steele will provide a separate lesson for the children's classes. The lesson will begin at 9:45 a.m., and a continental breakfast will be provided.

## Wilkes Chamber Singers

present

### *Festival of Freedom*

A concert celebrating America's birthday!

Two performances:

Sunday, June 30, at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, July 1, at 7:30 p.m.

North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall

## Elderberry News

**July 22 – Lunch at the Lake** – We are planning a simple Potluck lunch at the shelter at the Lake. Hope you can join us!!!

## Massanetta Middle School Conference

The Massanetta Middle School Conference is July 11-14. Please remember the leaders and youth as they travel and attend the conference.

## Bible Science Vacation Bible School

Please join us July 29-August 2 for our Bible Science themed VBS. Monday – Thursday will be regular VBS nights. We will begin each evening with dinner at 5:30. After we share a meal together the children will break into their groups for bible lessons, science experiments, and recreation. Each night will wrap up around 7:30. Friday evening will be our family fellowship night, where everyone is invited to come have a meal and see what the children have done through the week. We hope you can all join us for what promises to be a fun and exciting week.

## July Birthdays

2	Allison Day
3	Peg Mosley
5	Ward Nichols
8	Summer Ward
10	Mary Cashion
19	Jim Coats
21	Frederick Lewis
22	Beth Huie
24	Judith Lewis
25	Jim Bouchelle
29	Barbara Hill
31	John Wyatt

## July Dates to Remember

<b>July 1 -</b>	Wilkes Chamber Singers Concert
<b>July 4 –</b>	Office Closed – Independence Day
<b>July 9 -</b>	Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.
<b>July 11-14 -</b>	Massanetta Middle School Conference
<b>July 15 –</b>	Fellowship Committee Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
<b>July 15 – 20-</b>	Triennium
<b>July 22 –</b>	Elderberry Potluck Luncheon at Shelter at Lake
<b>July 23 -</b>	Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.
<b>July 29 – August 2 -</b>	Vacation Bible School – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 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 July 7, 2019.

### 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  
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

### Ushers and Greeters for July:

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

July 7 - Betty Thompson  
July 14 - Summer Ward  
July 21 - Barbara Gregory  
July 28 - Pollye Pruitt

## July Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

**Baby and Toddler Nursery** – Linda Lankford and  
Joanna Stuckey-  
Steele

**Children's Worship** – Lena Lovette and Doris  
Stroud

### May Financial Report

**Receipts Year to Date:** \$200,986.44  
**Disbursements Year to Date:** \$210,751.74  
**Net Year to Date:** (\$9,765.30)  
**Matthew 25 Fund:** \$6,174.12