

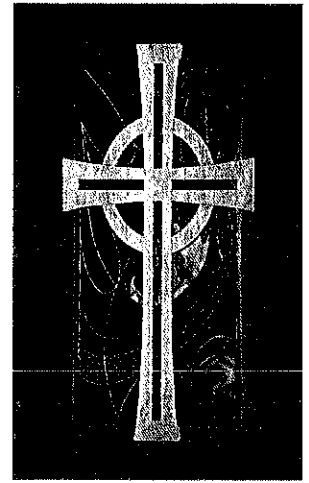
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The Newsletter of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

Transition. Change. Adjust. Opportunity. Adapt. Possibility. Accept. September is all this and more. But, it is especially a month of transition. School is back in session. Summer is coming to an end. Daylight hours are getting shorter. Kirk Night resumes, as do other church programs and activities. Our new minister and his family will soon arrive.

As children and youth return to school to learn the proverbial 3Rs (reading, writing, arithmetic), perhaps this is an appropriate time for us to review the 3Rs of the Christian faith--reverence, respectfulness, respectability.

When asked 'what is the greatest commandment', or just what is most important for God to see in us, Jesus said, "love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength; and, only second to this, love your neighbor as yourself." The 3Rs for Christian faith.

Reverence is our highest calling. We are to honor the holy God, who loves and cares for us, in all we say and do. It involves attitude and action, 'heart, soul, mind, strength.' In the entirety of our lives we seek to glorify and honor our Lord. There is nothing of greater importance at church, home, work, school, marketplace, community, or playground.

Respectfulness of others is our response to God's goodness to us. Respect for all God's children is our way of acknowledging God's love for everyone. Respect for others demonstrates our understanding of God's desire for justice and righteousness in this world. Faith is relational and involves our working to maintain right relationships with God and all God's children (our neighbors) rooted in respect.

Respectability best describes the outward expression of our lives in the world, the new quality of life. The respectable life demonstrates to the world that in Christ we are transformed, we are new creations. The broken, tarnished image of God in which we were created, has been renewed and restored. Those who are 'at peace' with God, with others, and with themselves live life with a respectability that is noticed and appreciated.

There is great potential here at NWPC! There is much to do for serving God in this place. As we are so richly blessed, may we bless others for our Lord. As we grow in our knowledge of God and God's love for us, may we grow exponentially in our love and service for God.

In His Love, Steve

Welcome Rev. R.C. Griffin and Family

On July 28, 2019 the PNC enthusiastically recommended to the congregation and by unanimous vote, Reverend Ralph Cornelius "R.C." Griffin III was called to be the next pastor of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church.

Reverend Griffin, his wife Gretchen and their sons Jude, Asher, and Amos, are excited for the opportunity to lead the congregation as we worship together and as they grow into our community.

Reverend Griffin will begin on October 1.

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

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Robin Keller, on the death of her mother, Arlena Creasman, who died on August 23.

Presbyterian Women Circles

It's time to start circle meetings for the fall. Morning Circle will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, in the library and Noon Circle will meet on Monday, September 9, in the library. All are welcome to join!

Kirk Night

Kirk Night is set to kick off on Wednesday, September 4, with an Ice Cream Social at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will not be served that night but a lot of delicious ice cream will be. Please feel free to bring a special ice cream to share.

Beginning on Wednesday, September 11, come out each week for a delicious meal prepared by Dale Wayne and enjoy great fellowship beginning at 5:30 p.m. The weekly program along with Kingdom Kids are at 6:30 p.m.

Reservation cards are located in the pew racks and can be placed in the offering plates each Sunday. Please make your reservation by Tuesday at noon by calling or emailing the church office so that Dale can prepare adequately. (336-667-1288 or melinda.goforth@nwpres.org)

Service of Peace

All are invited to North Wilkesboro First United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 8, at 4:00 p.m. for a Service of Peace. This service is in remembrance of 9/11 and to offer a blessing of thanksgiving for first responders.

Youth Meetings

Youth group meetings are moving to Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Our first meeting of the year will be September 8 at the home of Gerald and Linda Lankford. Come prepared to swim in the pool and bring a friend! Contact Joanna if you have any questions.

International Peacemaker Visit

Please mark your calendars and make plans to take part in a get-together and conversation with Rev. Arlington Trotman on September 21 from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. Rev. Trotman is a Presbyterian International Peacemaker who is visiting Salem Presbytery from his home in England. This is a rare opportunity to hear and learn from someone who has been on the front lines of the immigrant/refugee crisis in Europe, and who has been involved in the ongoing struggle for social and racial justice for all people. Lunch will be served. This is a free event, sponsored by NWPC's Mission and Outreach committee. Join guests from approximately 10 other area churches for four hours of insight and observations regarding our world, the church's role in it, and how we can apply lessons learned in our own communities.

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 September 1, 2019.

New Sunday school material is in process of being selected.



**GOD AT
WORK HERE**

GOD'S NOT DONE WITH US YET...



Explore the work God is doing in our lives as individuals and our life together as church family. Where is there growth? Where should we prune? What fruit do we bear?

**Churchwide Retreat at Valle Crucis Conference Center
October 25 - October 27, 2019**

**Retreat Leader: Rev. Paul Sink
Pastor of Taylorsville Presbyterian Church**

Paul Sink serves as pastor of Taylorsville Presbyterian Church and has been in our neighborhood of Salem Presbytery for the last 19 years. He has worked with the Presbytery Youth Council for almost the entirety of this time and has led and keynoted many retreats for his own churches and others. Paul's ministry education was completed at Union-PSCE and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Paul and his spouse, Jennifer, have two children and have been married for over 20 years. They love restoring old homes and are currently living in and working on a large 1880's farmhouse in Alexander County. Paul is an active Scout leader and loves backpacking, hiking, and cycling. He also enjoys designing and creating custom woodwork in his shop.

**Register Now! \$25.00 Registration Fee Payable with
Registration Form**

**Cost: Adults - \$90.00; Youth - \$50.00; Children (ages 3-11) - \$25.00;
Maximum per Family - \$250.00**

**Our churchwide opportunity for spiritual growth and wonderful fellowship
in NC's beautiful mountains!**

NWPC Sunday Schedule:

9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Worship

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 September:

David Bauguess, 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

September 1 - Carolyn Bell
September 8 - Dan Day
September 15 - Revis Felts
September 22 - Mary Finley
September 29 - Devin Lyall

September Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

Baby and Toddler Nursery – Beth Huie and
Lena Lovette
Children's Worship – Fran and Linda Grace York

July Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$245,357.15
Disbursements Year to Date: \$298,075.45
Net Year to Date: (\$52,718.30)
Matthew 25 Fund: \$5,991.21

September Kirk Night Schedule

September 4 - Ice Cream Social
September 11 - Uncle Joe and the Shady
Rest plus 12-Note Map
September 18 - Committee Meetings
September 25 - Advocacy and Mission

September Kirk Night Greeter and Drink Server Schedule

September 11 – Greeter (Caroline Czerkawski); Drink Server (Betty Powell)
September 18 - Greeter (Alan Cole); Drink Server (Mamie Collier)
September 25 - Greeter (Richard Collier); Drink Server (Carolyn Bell)

September Dates to Remember

September 3 - Morning Circle – 10 a.m.
September 4 – Ice Cream Social – 6:30 p.m.
September 8 – Session Meeting; Youth Pool Party – 5:30 p.m.
September 9 – Noon Circle
September 10 – Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.
September 21 – International Peacemaker Visit – 10:00 a.m.
September 22 - Elderberry Outing to Roaring River Vineyard and Restaurant
September 24 - Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.

September Birthdays

2 Anna Turner Dooley
11 Nancy Snipes
13 Betty Powell
16 Bob Vickery
17 Jean Page
21 Betty Thompson
23 Bob Thompson