

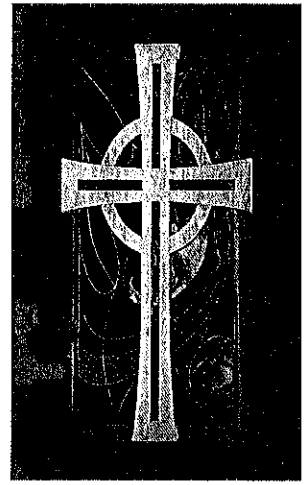
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Steve Snipes, Bridge Interim Pastor

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From the Pastor's Desk

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in peace. (Psalm 133:1) On September 21, NWPC's Mission and Outreach Committee hosted international peacemaker, the Rev. Arlington Trotman, a Methodist minister from England. His work as CEO of Churches' Commission for Racial Justice involved travel and work in the United Kingdom and Europe. His visit to our church is part of PCUSA-sponsored visit to the United States by 14 international peacemakers.

As we face challenging times in peacemaking and racial justice, here is a summary of my impressions and learnings from this gathering that may shape the work before us:

- *confront the sad consequences of our past actions of injustice;
- *commit to seeing all humanity as beloved and valued children of God;
- *challenge ourselves to demonstrate kindness in all our conversations and activities; and,
- *convince ourselves and others we are the best and most authentic version of ourselves through our relationship with Jesus Christ who helps us be better and do better than we ever thought possible.

A lot to digest! But, well within our calling as Christians.

In His love, Steve

Luncheon for Rev. Steve Snipes

Please join us for a luncheon to honor the service of Rev. Steve Snipes, our recent Bridge Minister and friend. The luncheon, provided by the Transition Committee, will be directly after the worship service on Sunday, September 29. We hope you will join us for this special time of friends, food and fellowship.

Welcome Rev. R.C. Griffin and Family

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.

On Sunday, October 6, immediately following worship there will be a reception in the fellowship hall to welcome Pastor Griffin and his family to NWPC.

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 Christian love and sympathy to Revis Felts and family on the death of her mother, Mary Jo Lowe Lovette who died on September 23, 2019.

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 6, we will be celebrating World Communion Sunday. In observance of World Communion Sunday, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and our unity in Jesus Christ.

On this Sunday, we will receive the Peace and Global Witness Offering, and pray for peace around the world. Monies from this offering will be designated in the following ways: 50% to our Matthew 25 Fund, 25% to Presbytery's Peacemaking efforts, and 25% to the General Assembly's Peacemaking office.

Elder Elections

At September's Session meeting, a decision was made to defer Elder Election until later to allow our new minister time to get situated and to push officer training away from the busy end of year activities of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. The Nominating Committee will begin it's process in the coming weeks, allowing for election, training, and installation to be completed by early April. The Class of 2019 elders will serve until that time.

Kirk Night

Make plans to 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)

Youth Schedule

Youth group meetings are now on Sunday afternoons at 5:30 p.m.

October 6 – Church Youth Rooms
October 13 – The home of Al and Jean Cole
October 20 – Defy Trampoline Park in Hickory (leave after church)
October 27 – No Youth Group – Church Retreat

Play to Learn Program

Join Wilkes Community Partnership for Children for a free weekly program that gives kids and their parents/caregivers opportunities for learning as they play together. Story time, songs, finger plays, games, and individual play are just a few of the things offered. Children develop pre-literacy and social skills through hands-on activities. Parents/caregivers learn to use everyday objects to help children learn. Take-home activities and parent resources are also provided! It's a great place for children to meet other children and for parents to meet other parents! Choose your class time: Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church. For more information, contact Mary Sallie Styers @ 336-480-4955 or the Partnership at 336-838-0977.

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 October 6, 2019.

Our Sunday school class will be studying Rob Bell's book, "Love Wins".



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
5:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting

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 October:

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

October 6 - John Wyatt
October 13 - Mark Edmiston
October 20 - Bill Joyner
October 27 - Gerald Lankford

October Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

Baby and Toddler Nursery – Anita Day and Nancy Snipes

Children's Worship – Martha Brame and Jean Cole

August Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$312,409.51
Disbursements Year to Date: \$343,189.78
Net Year to Date: (\$30,780.27)
Matthew 25 Fund: \$6,089.45

October Kirk Night Schedule

October 2 - Guardian Ad Litem
October 9 - Committee Meetings
October 16 - Mission and Advocacy
October 23 - Free Clinic with Dr. Curl
October 30 - Kingdom Kids

October Kirk Night Greeter and Drink Server Schedule

October 2 - Greeter (Mike McNeil);
Drink Server (Margery Edgerton)
October 9 - Greeter (Carolyn Bell);
Drink Server (Beth Huie)
October 16 - Greeter (Richard Collier);
Drink Server (Jo Green)
October 23 - Greeter (Mike McNeil);
Drink Server (Lynn Durchman)
October 30 - Greeter (Alan Cole);
Drink Server (Summer Ward)

October Dates to Remember

October 1 - Morning Circle – 10:00 a.m.
October 7 - Noon Circle
October 8 - Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.
October 13 - Session Meeting
October 29 - Faithful Friends – 6:00 p.m.
October 25 – 27 - Church Retreat

October Birthdays

2 Jack Steele
3 Hailey Cole
4 Mary Finley
11 Perry Snipes
15 Anna Margaret "Maggie" Dooley
17 William Watts
26 Andy Steele
28 Barbara Wiles
31 David Smithey
31 Kyle Barger Finley