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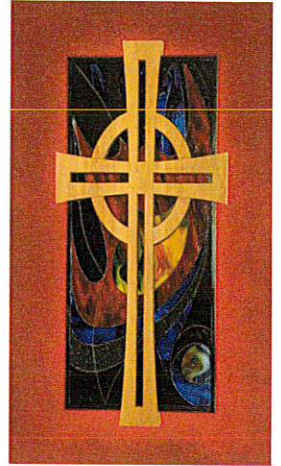
*North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church*

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*Rev. R.C. Griffin III, Pastor*

*February, 2020 Edition*



## **From the Pastor's Desk**

It seems to me that the Church is at a bit of a crossroads – not just this congregation but *all* congregations. We're all trying to figure out how we're going to be faithful to our call in a time when "Church" is no longer the central, organizing principle of life. And it seems to me that the prophet Micah is addressing a people in similar circumstances: They are trying to be faithful, they're trying to figure out where it is God is directing them, and they're trying to make their way forward in an ever-changing world.

But when the people ask Micah – when the people ask God – if they should offer sacrifices – the central, organizing principle of worship for the people – Micah says this: God "has told you what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8); that

is, to be people who work for perfect balance and order in our world, to selflessly give of ourselves for others, and to know our place as children of God.

Perhaps this is our way forward too – to be people of justice and loving kindness, humbly confident as a family of faith.

Peace, R.C.

## **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), Dot Lewis (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 the family Jean Glass who died on December 24, Rick Thornton on the death of his father on December 27, the family of Brenda Hall-Cashion who died on December 31, Anita Crunk on the death of her mother on January 1, Cathy Hubbard on the death of her father on January 8, the family of Martha Nichols who died on January 19, and to Crystal Keener on the death of her step-father on January 19.

## Montreat Youth Conference

It is once again time to register for the Montreat Youth Conference which will be held June 14-20. All youth who would like to go need to contact the church office and pay a \$50.00 deposit.

## Staff Positions

We are looking for two part-time staff people, one to resource our ministry to children and one to serve our youth – *and we need your help*. If you know someone who loves young people and would do well in one of these positions or if you yourself would be interested, let us know! Be on the lookout for details about these two ministry opportunities as we look to nurture the faith of the youngest among us.

## Valentine Boxes

The Faithful Friends in coordination with the Presbyterian Women will be packing the Valentine Boxes for our college students on Tuesday, February 11, immediately following the Faithful Friends meeting.

Donations of goodies for the boxes would be greatly appreciated and may be dropped off to the church office by February 11.

## Gathering

Are you new to North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church and would like to get to know a few folks? Are you interested in finding out more about what NWPC has to offer? Are you thinking about becoming a member? Then you're invited to a casual "get-to-know-you" gathering from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, at the home of Mary Finley. Please contact the church office for more details and we hope to see you there.

## Fellowship

On February 16 following our worship service, everyone is invited to stop by the Fellowship Hall for coffee, conversation and lite refreshments. It's an opportunity to chat with friends and to warmly welcome our newest members and our visitors.

## Ash Wednesday Service

On Wednesday, February 26, the Ash Wednesday service will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten Season in the life of the church, when as disciples of Jesus, we traditionally observe a time of penitence, prayer, and self-examination. The ritual of the imposition of ashes will be offered to all.

## 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 February:

William Brooks, Alan Cole, Jean Cole, Bill Joyner, Debbie Mancusi, Mickey Mancusi, and Harry Page

## December Financial Report

**Receipts Year to Date:** \$467,699.16

**Disbursements Year to Date:**

\$466,900.85

**Net Year to Date:** \$798.31

**Matthew 25 Fund:** \$9,422.83

## Elder at Wilkesboro

## Chapel Communion Table

**February 2** - Betty Thompson

**February 9** - Summer Ward

**February 16** - Carolyn Bell

**February 23** - Dan Day

## February Schedule for Nurseries and Children's Worship

**Baby and Toddler Nursery** – Anita Day  
and Nancy Snipes

**Children's Worship** – Marla McNeill

## February Dates to Remember

- February 1** - Potential New Member Gathering at the Home of Mary Finley - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- February 3** - Noon Circle
- February 4** - Morning Circle - 10:00 a.m.
- February 9** - Session Meeting
- February 11** - Faithful Friends - 6:00 p.m.
- February 25** - Faithful Friends - 6:00 p.m.
- February 26** - Ash Wednesday Service - 6:30 p.m.

## **February Kirk Night Schedule**

**February 5** - Supper and Visiting  
(optional committee meetings)  
**February 12** - Safe Haven Pregnancy  
Shelter  
**February 19** - Prison Ministry  
**February 26** - Ash Wednesday Service

## **February Kirk Night Meal Schedule**

**February 5** - Hamburgers and Hotdogs  
with Fixings, Potato Chips, and Dessert  
**February 12** - Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs,  
and Bacon  
**February 19** - Hamburger Steak with  
Gravy and Onions, Smashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans, Rolls, and Dessert  
**February 26** - Dale's Potato Soup, Grilled  
Cheese Sandwich, and Dessert

## **February Kirk Night Greeter and Drink Server Schedule**

**February 5** - Greeter: Mike McNeil;  
Drink Server: Beth Huie  
**February 12** - Greeter: Carolyn Bell;  
Drink Server: Betty Powell  
**February 19** - Greeter: Richard Collier;  
Drink Server: Margery Edgerton  
**February 26** - Greeter: Mike McNeil;  
Drink Server: Lynn Durchman

## **February Birthdays**

**12** - Alan Cole  
**14** - Mallory Cockrell  
**19** - Carolyn Gwyn Bell  
**19** - Neil Cashion, Jr.  
**20** - Jennifer Smithey  
**20** - Ted Hall  
**21** - Meredith Felts

## **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 February 2, 2020 during wor-  
ship.

Our Sunday school class will return to the  
study of Rob Bell's book, "Love Wins".