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North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church

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From the Pastor's Desk

On Wednesday, February 26, we set out on a journey together – the journey of Lent. Lent is a journey downward as we consider the ways we have fallen from grace. Lent is a journey inward as we reflect upon who we really are. And Lent is a journey crossward as we make our way toward Holy Week, confronting our fickle selves as our shouts of “Hosanna” turn ever so quickly to “Crucify him!” And while we might want to move quickly through seeming discomfort of this season of reflection and introspection, I would urge us to take this journey seriously: to sit with ourselves a little while, to recognize our own brokenness, to dwell in the darkness, . . . because without journeying downward and inward and crossward, we cannot move onward and outward and upward toward the future that God has in store for us.

Let us journey through this season of Lent so that we might come to a deeper awareness of God's future before us, God's mission for us, and God's presence with us.

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), Opha Manus (Villages of Wilkes), and Ed-die 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 Alison Hege and family on the death of her mother, Judith Lewis, who died on January 31, and to Margi Turner and family on the death of her mother, Dot Lewis, who died on February 3.

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!

JubiLENT Bible Study Luncheon

Beginning March 3rd, a “JubiLENT” Bible Study Luncheon will be offered from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm every Tuesday in March at the First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro fellowship hall. Each week a free lunch will be provided by partnering churches and participants will be led in a Lenten study of human need and our Christian response (schedule below).

Inspired by the biblical year of jubilee, the gatherings will also offer the opportunity to make a lasting impact in our community as we partner with RIP Medical Debt. This non-profit organization bundles, purchases, and forgives medical debt for pennies on the dollar. All donations collected during the month will remove the burden of unpaid medical bills from low-income families in our area. The goal of \$20,000 raised could relieve \$2,000,000 in medical debt. RIP Medical Debt then sends, debt “forgiveness notices to the benefiting families, and subsequently helps the recipients repair their credit reports—renewing their access to opportunities and resources” (RIPMedicalDebt.org). Thousands of local families could be set free from medical debt through our combined generosity.

If you or your organization would like to participate please RSVP by {emailing Naomi@TheFoundationChurch or by calling (336) 896-3584}.

March 3: “Jubilee and Justice” led by Rev. Kedron Nicholson of St. Paul’s Episcopal

March 10: “Energized by Empathy” led by Rev. Dr. Bert Young of First Baptist Church of North Wilkesboro

March 17: “Poverty and Possibility” led by Rev. Naomi Bivins of The Foundation Church

March 24: “Call and Compassion” led by Rev. R.C. Griffin of North Wilkesboro Presbyterian Church

March 31: “Restore and Rejoice” led by Rev. Karen Roberts of Wilkesboro UMC and Rev. Dr. Tim Roberts of North Wilkesboro UMC

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Don’t forget to Spring Forward your clocks on Saturday evening, March 7. Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8.

Fellowship Gathering

On March 15 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.

Mission and Outreach Agency of the Month

The Agency of the Month for March is Samaritan’s Kitchen of Wilkes. Please bring in food for the summer backpack program for children or contribute financially as you are able. Please place food on the designated table in the fellowship hall.

“Women’s Connection”

A group of women from NWPC is planning to attend Montreat Conference Center’s annual women’s conference, “Women’s Connection,” Aug. 14-16. The group will be staying at William Black Lodge.

Speakers will be the Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgill, preacher, the associate general presbyter of Charlotte; Jen Hatmaker, keynoter, host of “For the Love” podcast; and the Rev. Dr. Frances Taylor Gench, Bible study leader, a professor of Biblical Interpretation at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

The weekend will include worship, workshops and Bible study, and of course, fun and relaxation! Call Caroline Czerkawski, 336-984-7720, or Donna McNeil, 336-957-7435 for more information and to sign up.

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 March:

Carolyn Bell, Margery Edgerton, Barbara Gregory, Bud Mosley, Peg Mosley, and Perry Snipes

Elder at Wilkesboro

Chapel Communion Table

March 1 - Revis Felts

March 8 - Mary Finley

March 15 - Devin Lyall

March 22 - John Wyatt

March 29 - Barbara Gregory

March Schedule for Nurseries and Children’s Worship

Baby and Toddler Nursery –

Tammy Finley and Crystal Huffman

Children’s Worship –

Fran and Linda Grace York

January Financial Report

Receipts Year to Date: \$32,634.28

Disbursements Year to Date: \$41,934.96

Net Year to Date: (\$9,300.68)

Matthew 25 Fund: \$9,052.52

Kirk Night Meal Increase Effective March 4

There will be an increase in price for the Kirk Night meals beginning at the March 4 Kirk Night. Adult prices will be \$6.00 each and the maximum family cost will be \$22.00.

March Kirk Night Schedule

March 4 - Supper and Visiting (optional committee meetings)

March 11 - Lenten Bible Study with RC

March 18 - Lenten Bible Study with RC

March 25 - Lenten Bible Study with RC

March Kirk Night Greeter and Drink Server Schedule

March 4 - Greeter: Alan Cole;

Drink Server: Mamie Collier

March 11 - Greeter: Caroline Czerkawski;

Drink Server: Betty Powell

March 18 - Greeter: Mike McNeill;

Drink Server: Jean Cole

March 25 - Greeter: Alan Cole;

Drink Server: Margery Edgerton

March Birthdays

4 - Fred Bauer

8 - Janet Ashley

15 - Charlotte Pagett

22 - Anne Farmer

22 - Coleman Ashley

24—River Steele

27—Robin Bauer

29 - Doris Stroud

29 - Penny Musson

March Dates to Remember

March 2 -

Noon Circle

March 3 -

Morning Circle -
10:00 a.m.

March 8 -

Daylight Saving
Time Begins

March 8-

Session Meeting

March 10 -

Faithful Friends -
6:00 p.m.

March 15 -

Fellowship Gather-
ing after Worship

March 24 -

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 March 1, 2020 during worship.

Our Sunday school class will have a special Lenten study led by Reverend Steve Snipes. We will be using the book, "The Walk", by Adam Hamilton.