

The Newsheet

✠ Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



November 21, 2021

**In-Person and
Online Worship Service
at 11:00am**

**Click on either link for
Sunday Worship Service**



[https://www.facebook.com/
WaverlyRoadPresbyterian-
Church/](https://www.facebook.com/WaverlyRoadPresbyterian-Church/)



[https://www.youtube.com/
channel/
UC1dv3U42u4jLlksq_71Foyg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1dv3U42u4jLlksq_71Foyg)



SCRIPTURES

November 21, 2021

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WRPC
Food Pantry
SERVING EVERY FRIDAY
from 10:00am—Noon.

*A very special thanks goes out
to all of our Food Pantry
volunteers who are helping to
FEED THE HUNGRY
in our community.*



You are loved. We are blessed!



From the desk of Pastor Collin...

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

In just a few weeks we will be right in the midst of the Christmas season. It is going to be a time of decoration and singing. A time of baking and wrapping. A time when we are busy with the hustle and bustle of the season.

Sounds like a great time to start something new!

Starting on Monday, December 6 at 6 PM there will be a gathering of people who want to tell stories or learn how to tell stories. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall and talk about storytelling and how to get comfortable with telling a story. The best part is this: You can make it to a class or miss a class as you please. If you can't come in December, come in January or in March, you can hop in at any time.

Being comfortable with telling a story and discovering a story is a great tool for our faith. It helps to get comfortable with sharing our own story of faith and finding way to interact with others. Stories are a great way to do outreach and are also just a part of our lives. Jesus told stories and you can as well.

May God continue to bless,

—Rev. Collin



Let's start something FUN!



People in our Prayers

Mary Margaret Bowles	Laci, Nicholas & Robin
Mike Lewis	Lodal
Helen Austin	Joyce Caldwell
Rev. Dan Clark	Sarah Valk
Jackie Britton	Ann Kibler
Holston Presbytery Camp	Jo Morrison
Patients receiving Dialysis	Sharon Petke
Debbie Reiff	Dr. Bob Jernigan
Rorie Parker Family	Sarah Hale
Lee Bockman	James Crawford

Missions in our Prayers

4th Quarter

Local Missions

Kingsport City Schools Homeless Education Program
Shades of Grace
Trunk or Treat

Regional / National Missions

UKirk (ETSU)

International Missions

Families Involved Serving Humanity (FISH), Nicaragua
Northumbria Community Retreat Center &
Mother House, England

We will leave names on the Prayer Request List for three weeks unless you notify the Church Office to remain on the list for an extended amount of time.



This Week at WRPC

**Indoor and Online Worship at 11:00am following
NEW protocols.**

Sunday 11/21	9:45am	Sunday School Preschool through Grade 5— ZOOM
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service (Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102)
	7:00pm	Session— ZOOM
Tuesday 11/23	6:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 11/25	8:00am	Thanksgiving Holiday, Church Offices— CLOSED
Friday 11/26	8:00am	Floating Holiday—Church Offices CLOSED
	10:00am	Food Pantry— OPEN



NO ZOOM Bible Study Thanksgiving Week.
We will resume the following week.

(You will receive individual emails for different ZOOM events by email with a PIN and Passcode)



For the month November...

**If you would like to donate to
SMILE, its "Pajamas" month!**

**Please leave them in the tan
storage shed at the
back of the Prospect
House. There is a SMILE
logo on it.**

**Thanks so much
for your support!**



SALT

SEEKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

As described in the Newsheet Volume 53 Issue 39 (October 13, 2021), the Adult Ministries Team and Fellowship & Discipleship Committee are excited to announce a new group program at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church: SALT Groups ("Seeking and Learning Together").

To learn more about this program and to indicate and share your interests, we are asking that everyone complete an online form and survey that is available at the link below. Just click on the link and follow the directions to indicate your interests in (a) participating in new SALT Groups that have been formed and will kick off very soon (including year-round Dining Groups similar to previous Feasts of Fellowship groups, (b) create a new SALT Group to share your own interests and passions with others, and/or (c) share your ideas and interests in possible future activities and groups. Once you have completed and submitted the form, you will receive further information on how to proceed with participation in these groups.

If you would rather talk to someone on the Fellowship & Discipleship Committee by phone or in person to complete the form and survey, instead of the online form, please contact one of the following committee members:

Howard Carman: hscarman@charter.net, (423) 914-1778

Sharon Petke: sspetke@me.com, (423) 676-6931

Alison Christian: alisonchristian37@hotmail.com, (479) 466-1762

If you have any questions or would like to communicate further with the Adult Ministries Team and/or the Fellowship & Discipleship Committee, please contact Howard Carman by email or phone. Thank you for your interest and participation in the new WRPC SALT Groups.

To help get things started by year end, we ask that you please complete the form and survey by November 26, 2021. Click on this link to complete the online form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTjBE7scKBmcugh6gA4RKnUzXf5ENeR3OMZ_DqKBjfl5HevQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you, on behalf of the Fellowship and Discipleship Committee. —Howard Carman





Views from the

FOOD PANTRY by Peter Lodal

November 21–27, 2021

To all:

We had a slight increase this past Friday to begin November--35 bags delivered.

I appreciate the response I have received from all of you in re-upping for 2022, helping keep this important mission of WRPC thriving. Thank you.

On Friday afternoon, I had the pleasure of meeting Amy Collette and Girl Scout Troop 157 (with a number of parents as well) to take delivery of the food the troop collected in their "Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat" event. Their donations packed the shelves, with four boxes still to be unloaded once we have space. This is a tremendous blessing headed into the holiday season. A huge "Bravo!" to the scouts (and their parents) for thinking of the Food Pantry in their Halloween activities. —*Pete Lodal*

WAVERLY ROAD PRESBYTERIAN



We continue to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church. All year long, our news sheets will be filled with our history, pictures, stories, and memories of our beloved WRPC from the archives and from WRPC member contributions. If you have any of these in your own personal memorabilia that you would like to share with us please contact Rachel Lawson.

The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church—(Part 6 taken from Be Thou My Vision by Keene White)

On December 7th, 1986 David Kennedy formally asked a meeting of the congregation to concur with his request for dissolution of the pastoral relationship as of December 28, 1986 so that he might accept the call of the historic Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Kingstree, SC. A farewell reception on December 28th after the worship service bid farewell to David and



Photo: David Kennedy

Margaret. Later they would move to a pastorate in Lenoir, NC and subsequently to Asheville, NC where David would begin counseling work.

Photo: Reception for the Kennedys in 1986



The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church—(Part 7 taken from Be Thou My Vision by Keene White)



One of the most useful in any congregation is that of the Church Secretary. This person, or persons, is called upon to devote hours of cheerful service to any of the members having need of help in their church work; to

deal with much information of a confidential nature; to maintain cordial relationships with other churches' personnel; to handle routine matters for the staff members; and above all, to strive to serve Christ and His church with efficiency.

The worth of this office is most clearly seen during the time between pastors. Jane Skeen, who had been employed in 1980, had worked through one of these interims and was now called on again to demonstrate her great talents, as had others in the office in other years. We have never found any of them wanting. Others who have served in the office are Betty Lee, Mildred Wade, Philip Blackwood, Frances Yett, Helen Austin, Bettye Bingham, June Lady, and Connie Stone.

Photos: Jane Skeen



When David Kennedy told us of his call to the church in South Carolina the congregation elected a Pulpit Nominating Committee with Brian Dillon as Chairman and Zellie Earnest as Vice-Chairman. The Session also began to make plans for maintenance of a high level of activity and Elders accepted the larger tasks that were before each of them with determination. They each agreed to be on call on a rotating basis as "Elder of the Week" to be of service to members. They also decided to (Continued on page 4)



Path Forward with Family Promise

On Thursday, November 11, twenty of us gathered in the Fellowship Hall to discuss what we believe God is calling us to do in regards to supporting Family Promise in 2022. Since the inception of Family Promise of Greater Kingsport, Waverly Road has served as a host church, providing accommodations 4 weeks a year to families experiencing homelessness. While this continues to be a worthwhile and necessary ministry to our community, the majority of the attendees agreed, after passionate and heartfelt discussion, that we simply do not have the labor resources and facilities to effectively continue as a host church. One option that is less resource intensive is for us to transition to a support church model, where we would be partnered with a host church and provide meals and volunteers for a couple of days during their hosting weeks. We still have more work to do to understand exactly how this model works, but we will be exploring that in the weeks ahead.

The first of several challenges we would need to address in order to continue as a host church, is to identify one or more individuals who are passionate about this ministry and are feeling called to step up to assume the leadership responsibilities of Primary Coordinator. In the past, this role has been filled by one person, but sharing the responsibilities between two people would certainly lighten the load. If you are feeling a nudge from God that this is something He is calling you to do, please reach out to Karen Carman or Pastor Collin so that we can help you better understand the responsibilities and further explore this calling. **If we have not identified one or more people who have agreed to assume this role by December 2, WRPC will move forward with transitioning to serving as a Support Church for Family Promise.** Thank you for your continued prayers as we try to discern God's calling for us in support of this ministry. —Karen Carman

The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church—(Part 7, cont'd.)

engage the services of an Interim Pastor for up to a period of one year. In March, 1987 John and Gretchen Campbell came to Kingsport to fill that need. John had served as Interim Pastor in several churches and was especially well-equipped for the task at hand.



Photo: Welcome to John and Gretchen Campbell 3/14/87

The programs of the church continued in the same general direction including the visits of our missionaries Emmitt and Sandra Young in February and Gary and Eleanor Coppedge, missionaries to Zaire, in March.

In April, 1987 the first contact with a very special program was initiated when we received a request from the local sponsors of the Ulster Project for help in providing host families. The project had its genesis under the leadership of the Reverend Kerry Watersone of Northern Ireland and sought to improve the difficult relationships there by bringing a group composed of both Protestant and Catholic youth to visit our country. They stayed in the homes of families with children of the same age group and took part in activities together to get a feeling of how people of differing faiths could live and work without the strife to which they were accustomed. Our involvement this first year was minimal but began to take on more importance each year thereafter. This involvement has helped to nurture our relationship with St. Dominic's Catholic Church and it has become traditional for the two churches to hold a worship service together during the time of the visits and to share a meal.



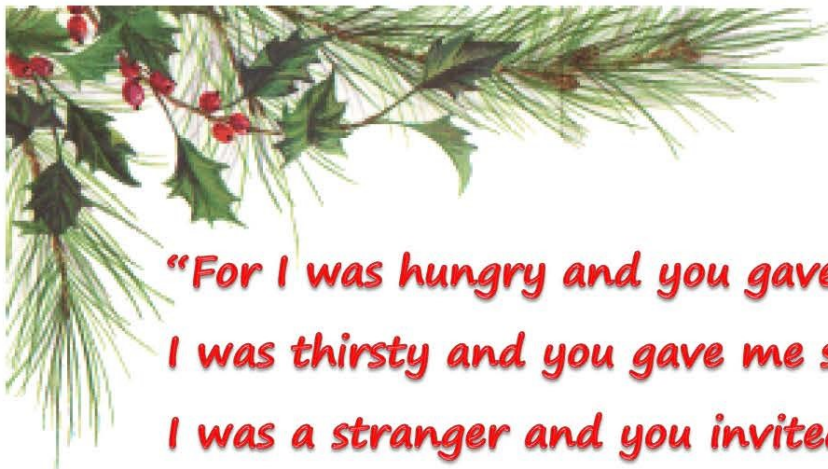
SMILE is partnering again with Bellafina

to offer world class chocolates that can be picked up locally or shipped anywhere in the country for the perfect Christmas gift.

The best present of all is 100% of the proceeds will go to providing clothing, hygiene and shoes for children in foster care. Click on the link to order!

<https://bellafina.com/product/smile-special/>





*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in..."*

Matthew 25:35

When you make a monetary donation to our Food Pantry through Monday, December 13, a 2021 special edition Christmas card will be sent on your behalf. You may use the card to send Christmas greetings, as a unique gift for a friend or family member, or as a way to remember someone special. You may also prefer to deliver the card yourself.

Please use an order form available in the office and on the Narthex table and send, along with your donation, to Susan Lodal, c/o WRPC Food Pantry. You may also email her at susan.lodal@gmail.com and request a copy of the form.

Last year, we sent 155 cards and received \$13,065 through our Christmas Card Project and year-end giving. It was a record amount for this program that has operated since 1993. We are thankful for everyone who has supported our Food Pantry through their generous donations. You have allowed us to continue serving our hungry neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.





WRPC Christmas Poinsettia Order Form

You can participate in the tradition of beautifying our Sanctuary during the Advent season by ordering a Poinsettia. If you would like to contribute a Poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone, or to celebrate a special occasion, please write the name of the person(s) to be honored or memorialized and any other appropriate information in the space below and return it to the church office, along with your check **no later than Wednesday, December 15**. The cost of each Poinsettia ordered is \$10.00. Checks should be made payable to Waverly Road Presbyterian Church and marked "for Poinsettias". Please indicate below whether you will be picking your Poinsettia up after Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24 or after worship on Sunday, December 26.

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Poinsettia given by: _____
In Honor of: _____
In Memory of: _____
In Celebration of: _____

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Pledge Drive Update

Since last week ...

Committees have cut expenses.

Congregation has increased the total amount of pledges.

Still not enough.

What are we going to do?

Amounts

Projected Expenses (as currently revised by committees)
.....\$454,019
Total Amount of 2022 Pledges Received to Date: \$321,415
Other 2022 Income (Projected).....\$ 54,512

The money available in our reserves is less than it was in years past (mainly because during those years we drew on it to balance those years' budgets). Therefore, we do not have enough to supplement pledges and other income to reach the amount we will need to operate next year.

What are we going to do?

First, next, and last – we are going to pray. A couple of weeks ago, Pastor Collin reminded us that there are many areas of life that are worthy of our prayers. Please consult his original article here and pray this week, and every week, as he suggested.

Inspire

Some of you have shared with me unusual ways that you are going to give more to God's church. There are some interesting ideas here that others may want to use.

Bonus

Not increasing next year's pledge. Noticing that their investments have done very well this year and donating some of the extra to the church.

Decrease in expenses

Some have identified a way to cut their expenses next year: changed car insurance companies and it saved money; canceled a magazine subscription because they weren't reading it anymore; their nest is now empty and their bank account is not as much. Some of these may seem insignificant, but if given willingly, God can magnify them.

Diversion

Some plan to ask their family to donate to the church instead of spending money on them for Christmas or

birthday or other occasions. In some cases, entire families might like to celebrate their blessings in such a way.

Anticipate God's blessings

Most of us receive unexpected money from time to time. For example, few of us were expecting a stimulus check in 2020! Someone has decided that all unexpected money that comes into their possession during 2022 will go to the church. In faith, though, they pledged a certain amount of money over and above their regular pledge. If more than that comes in, it all goes to the church's treasury. They're also ready to give at least the amount of their extra pledge if their extra money does not reach that total, although that is not what they expect to happen.

You?

If you would like to share your ideas about how to use different methods to give, let me know. I will share them anonymously with the congregation if you would like for me to do that, or the celebration of what God is doing in your life can be just between us.

**Thanks be to God – and to you –
for unimaginable generosity!**

—Sharon Petke

YOUTH

Schedule Winter 2021—2022

- November 15** Warm-up games and snacks.
Scripture of the week (Psalms 139:7-10) and memory scripture.
- November 22** Thanksgiving Week, no Youth meeting
- November 29** Scripture of the week (Psalms 16:11),
Christmas craft for outreach.
- December 6** Scripture of the week (James 4:8)
Christmas Play rehearsal
- December 13** Youth Christmas Party!



When spending time with family this Thanksgiving, just remember that

Pie

makes everyone happy!
Make lots of pies!

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Thanksgiving Turkey with a Healthy Twist!

All you need to make this healthy turkey is some long skewers, a pear cut in half, carrot pieces for the legs and beak, pastry "eyes", blueberries, pineapple, clementines, green and red grapes and bananas. You could also add strawberries for even more color and flavor! How cute is that?

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

If you know people in need of clothing or if you would like to donate clothing...



For those who need clothing

The Clothing Closet has now reopened at First Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Center from 9:00 am – Noon.

For those wanting to donate clothing

If you would like to donate clothing, donations are accepted in the Fellowship Center on Wednesdays from 10:00am – Noon and 4:30 – 5:30 pm. A donation bin will be available in the future to allow for donations anytime.