

The Newsheet

✠ Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



February 20, 2022
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.youtube.com/channel/UC1dv3U42u4jLlksq_71Foyg



SCRIPTURES

February 20, 2022
Psalm 37 & Luke 6:27-38

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 Trinity Gibson...

Hello friends,

As the year marker of my mom's death gets closer, my grief grows. I thought the hurt would be less intrusive by now and I would only cry when I stare at her pictures in my hallway or heard the Eagles on the radio. Instead of behaving nicely, my grief has made it clear that it's staying like an unwelcome houseguest.



But God has made a Great Comforter for our grieving, the Holy Spirit. She does not "take away" our grief but sits beside us while we hurt assuring us of God's love and Jesus' compassion. She holds us close and soothes by her presence the way mothers hold and comfort sick children. So, as I've lost the precious feeling of resting my head on my mom's shoulder and singing the Eagles greatest hits with her, I have the Holy Spirit and grief to help me morn the loss and remember the love we shared.



Grief is the other half of love and I pray it never completely goes away. Thank you, God, for the Holy Trinity and thank you for my mom.

In peace,

—Trinity

PRAYER REQUESTS

People in our Prayers

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

Missions in our Prayers 1st Quarter

Local Missions

Cora Cox Academy
Meals on Wheels
SMILE
WRPC Food Pantry

Regional / National Missions

Appalachian Miles for Smiles

International Missions

Aashish Presbyterian Church, Nepal
Love Packages

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 Covid safety protocols.

Sunday 2/20	9:45am	In-Person Sunday School – Preschool through Grade 12
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service (Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102)
	7:00pm	Session
Monday 2/21	3:00pm	Youth Group
Tuesday 2/22	6:00pm	The Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 2/23	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 2/24	6:00pm	Stephen Ministry – ZOOM
Friday 2/25	10:00am	Food Pantry



Don't Forget!

ZOOM Bible Study every Wednesday at 1:00pm!



For the month February...

February is the month for donating shirts of all sizes!

**Thanks so much
for your support!**



Youth Group is on Mondays from 3-5 pm!

Pick-up by 5:15 pm.



We pick up kids from school and parents pick them up. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Trinity with questions at trinity@waverlyroadpc.org.

Encouraging Words

"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." —Anne Frank

Mission Moment Update...

Sunday, February 13—

Waverly Road Child Care Center Update

Waverly Road Child Care Center is one of the many missions and outreach programs that we have here at WRPC.

Needless to say, the past two years have been challenging for WRCCC. We are now entering our third year of the Covid-19 pandemic and we will continue to face even more.

We are thankful that we have received donations for some of our children's tuition payments when their parents got behind due to being in between jobs or going back to school. When we needed a washer and dryer, the WRPC Mission Committee assisted with that, too.

When the pandemic hit in March of 2020, we were all working so hard to provide childcare for our children and their families at very low pay. As a result, our workers were able to find other jobs making higher wages than what they were making working for WRCCC. Again, the Mission Committee came to the rescue and offered a \$600 bonus to each one of our staff members. They were very appreciative and boosted our morale in so many ways!

The Mission Committee also assisted us with updating our playground. The tile on the Infant/Toddler playground was unsettled and became uneven which was not safe for these age groups to play on. WRCCC applied for a grant and received a partial amount to help offset the total cost of the tile which was very expensive and much needed. As for the remainder of the cost, the Mission Committee came through with a donation to pay for the rest of the tiles.

Because of your pledges for the Mission Committee, we were able to keep our staff, our parents and most importantly keep our children safe, happy and well cared for here at Waverly Road.

Thanks for all you have done for WRCCC! —Martha Triplett



**The NEW
Our Daily Bread
publications are here!**

They're located in the Narthex on the table as you enter the Sanctuary. If you would like a copy mailed to your address, just call Amy in the church office at (423) 247-5121.



Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodol

February 20—26, 2022

To all:

Last Friday we delivered 33 bags, the fourth week in a row above 30 bags. Dare I say we are setting a trend? (I dare not—I am always wrong.)

We are increasing the size and frequency of our orders to adjust inventory to meet the changing demand, and again I thank the baggers who are working through the supply chain issues we have been facing.

And, BIG NEWS—The Food Pantry Annual Meeting will be presented during our Season of Mission series. It is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8. Autographed copies of the annual report will be available the day after the presentation. Reserve yours early, they go fast every year! —Pete Lodol

WAVERLY ROAD PRESBYTERIAN



ANNIVERSARY

We continue to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church. All year long, our Newsheets 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— (taken from Be Thou My Vision revised edition by Keene White)

On March 18, 1992 the Organ and Chancel Committee first revealed their plan for replacing the aged pipe organ and for remodeling the sanctuary. During the next several months the committee devoted much time to developing the plans for the work and for financing the project. On September 27, 1992 the Organ and Chancel committee recommended to the Session that the congregation asked to authorize a Capital Funds Campaign to be conducted at the same time as the annual canvass. The goal would be \$270,000 which would be allocated as follows: New Pipe Organ - \$120,000,

Sanctuary renovation - \$80,000, Building maintenance - \$40,000 and Bicentennial fund - \$30,000. On Nov 25th it was reported to Session that the goal had been reached and plans and decisions began to be made.



Signed board by the congregation

On January 30, 1994 construction began as did a period of worship in the Fellowship Hall while the remodeling took place. Remodeling included removal of the old organ, refinishing the pews and furniture, installing new carpet and lighting fixtures, painting the walls, and installing a new sounds system. The goal was for all work to be completed before Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday, after having worked through the night, the sanctuary was ready for the worship service, except for the organ.



Dr. Doty, Johnny Boyles, Lynda Snook and Sally Kirby taking up carpet.



Johnny Boyles, Bob Avery and more church members continue taking up carpet.

Jenny Poe talking to Bonnie Bruner while they clean out pews.





Who's ready for Winter adventure at Zip N Slip?

We are excited to do something fun together with our WRPC friends. We are going for an hour

of snow tubing at Zip N Slip in Mars, Hill NC (about 30 miles north of Asheville off I-26, my GPS says 59 minutes away). You do not have to be a child or have school aged kids to participate, anyone over 3 years old can come! Tickets will be \$15/participant ,however children ages 3-5 are free with paying adult so please do not list them as participants so we don't accidentally buy too many tickets.

Please sign up [HERE](#) ASAP, deadline this Sunday Feb. 20th. —*Rachel Lawson*

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040D49ACAA22A2F49-wrpc>

Beignets

A traditional New Orleans-style recipe for their famous beignets! Grab a cafe au lait and you're set!

Yield: 10 servings

Ingredients

- 2 ¼ teaspoons active dry yeast
- 1 ½ cups warm water (110 degrees F/45 degrees C)
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 7 cups all-purpose flour
- ¼ cup shortening
- 1 quart vegetable oil for frying
- ¼ cup confectioners' sugar

Directions

1. In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add sugar, salt, eggs, evaporated milk, and blend well. Mix in 4 cups of the flour and beat until smooth. Add the shortening, and then the remaining 3 cups of flour. Cover and chill for up to 24 hours.
2. Roll out dough 1/8 inch thick. Cut into 2 1/2 inch squares. Fry in 360 degree F (180 degrees C) hot oil. If beignets do not pop up, oil is not hot enough. Drain onto paper towels.
3. Shake confectioners' sugar on hot beignets. Serve warm.



Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Stephen Ministry



STEPHEN MINISTRY

A few years ago, at my former church, a new member of the congregation told our pastor "I am a Stephen Minister so if you know anyone who can use one, I will be glad to talk with them." When I heard that, I made an assumption

that he was referring some specific people who was grieving and very ill in our congregation. Since then, I have learned that Stephen Ministry is so much more.

This article is going to address some of the most frequently asked Questions about Stephen Ministry.

What exactly is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry is a ministry in our congregation, as well as many others, in which trained and supervised lay persons, called Stephen Ministers, provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals facing life challenges, difficulties, and transitions.

What do Stephen Ministers Do?

They are caring Christian friends who listen, understand, accept, and pray for and with care receivers who are working through a transition or having a rough time.

Are Stephen Ministers Counselors?

Stephen Ministers are not counselors; they are trained lay caregivers. Their role is to listen and care—not to give advice or counsel. Stephen Ministers are also trained to recognize when a care receiver's need exceeds what they can provide. When that happens, they work with care receivers to help them receive the level of care they really need.

How Much Does It Cost?

Stephen Ministry is a caregiving ministry available to our members and community free of charge.

What does the Stephen Series Logo Mean?



The Stephen Series logo consists of a cross and circle together with a broken person and a whole person. The broken person behind the cross symbolizes the brokenness in our lives due to our sins and imperfections. The whole person stands in front of the cross because it is only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole. The circle symbolizes the wholeness we receive through Christ and God's unending love for us.

Why the Name Stephen?

The name *Stephen* comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need as recorded in Acts 6.

Remembering those who served faithfully at WRPC



Rev. Bill Jones

Rev. Bill Jones died on January 28, 2022. Bill was called in the spring of 1970 to work with the current pastor, Reverend Morris Warren, as Associate Pastor until _____. Read more about Bill's life at:

<https://ocracokeobserver.com/2022/02/03/islander-bill-jones-1944-to-2022/>



Rev. Dr. William M. (Bill) Shotanus

Rev. Dr. William M. Shotanus died on February 4, 2022. He was 103 years old. He was Waverly Road's third Pastor and serving from 1953-1958. Read about his extraordinary life of service at:

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/timesdispatch/name/william-schotanus-obituary?id=32954136>

Editorial:
Lewis and Doris Carson were an amazing couple
Feb 10, 2022

We share our community with some remarkable people,

but most don't know of them — people such as Lewis and Doris Dempsey Carson — until they read about them in the Times News.

Lewis grew up in Orangeburg, South Carolina. His engineering degree at Clemson was interrupted by World War II when he entered the Navy at 18 and trained as a gunner/radio operator aboard Navy Liberators. He returned to Clemson to earn both his bachelor's degree in 1949 and the affections of Doris Louise Dempsey of Lexington, Massachusetts.

Doris was teaching nearby and became Lewis' wife and cherished companion. A master's degree in industrial engineering from Oklahoma State University led Lewis to a 32-year career at Eastman, from which he retired in 1983.

Doris was the youngest of six children, raised in Waltham and Lexington, Massachusetts. Her father, a beloved Boston Globe gardening columnist, agriculturalist and early advocate of Victory Gardens, had known her mother from childhood. Despite the Depression, the household was busy and happy. One high point was a family trip across the country in 1941 in a Ford Woody, an unusual accomplishment for the time.

Doris grew up on the homestead of Capt. John Parker, leader of the Lexington Minutemen, attended Blue Mountain College in Mississippi, and while teaching at Anderson College in South Carolina met Lewis through a blind date. Their accomplishments since are amazing, including a life of abundant travel.

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Lewis and Doris Carson were an amazing couple, *cont'd.*

When her children reached school age, Doris got a teaching degree and began teaching in Kingsport schools.

The couple and their children embarked on cross-country trips. Their love of travel and giving back bloomed upon Lewis' early retirement from Eastman. They indulged their love for nature, flowers, birds and hiking, driving multiple times to Alaska and Central America.

They were the first couple to hike over the 40 peaks over 6,000 feet in the Southern Appalachian mountains. They traveled to at least 35 countries, including volunteer service for Earthtrust to work with leatherback turtles in Costa Rica, penguins in South Africa, fish eagles in Kenya, and at their most beloved location, counting albatross on Midway Island.

They loved to help others, including building Habitat houses both locally and in Nicaragua and serving as volunteer teachers in China and Russia. Their spiritual home and social center was Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, where Doris served as an elder, Sunday school teacher, choir member and many other activities, and Lewis fostered many lifelong friendships while serving

as deacon, elder, Sunday school teacher, food pantry bagger, and Habitat for Humanity enthusiast. Doris also served Holston Presbytery Synod as its first female moderator and was a member of the Board of Trustees of Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk.

We did not have the pleasure of knowing Doris or Lewis. We learned of their life's work from this newspaper — the obituary section.

Lewis passed Nov. 22, 2018, on Thanksgiving Day, and Doris Jan. 5 at Asbury Place Retirement Home. Her obituary appeared last week and caught our attention for her and Lewis' accomplishments.

Their many friends knew of this exceptional couple, and now so do we. We only wish it had been while they lived among us so that we also could have admired them and praised their lives of fulfillment and giving back. What an amazing couple. The world is poorer without them.