

# The Newsheet

## ✠ Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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### WELCOME TO WORSHIP



**March 13, 2022**

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

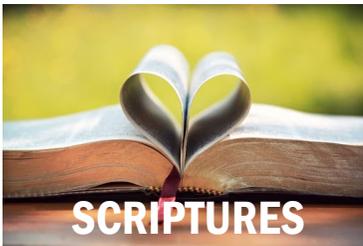
**Click on either link for Sunday Worship Service**



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### SCRIPTURES

**March 13, 2022**  
Philippians 3

### 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 the benediction that I have been using there is a line that says “Christ of the mysteries, we trust you to be stronger than each storm within us.” I have found this line to be very comforting to me lately. It is a reminder that though things might seem unknowable to us, Jesus still stands there in the midst of them and can see a way through.

It also reminds me that I am to place my trust in Jesus. Not myself, not someone else, but Jesus. It is then, in that trust, that I can find rest from the storms that rage around us. Those storms seem so big, ranging from small personal problems to the major crises of geopolitics. Yet, in the midst of them all stands Christ, stronger than the storms around him.

This week, trust that Jesus will get you through. Look for shelter in his presence and rest.

May God continue to bless,

*—Rev. Collin*



### 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                | Dr. Bob & Jeanne Jernigan |
| Rorie Parker Family         | Sarah Hale                |
| Lee Bockman                 | James Crawford            |
| Doris Blanchard             | The Lincoln Family        |
| Helen Austin Family         |                           |

### Missions in our Prayers—1st Quarter

#### Local Missions

- Cora Cox Academy
- The Oasis of Kingsport
- SMILE

#### Regional / National Missions

- Appalachian Miles for Smiles

#### International Missions

- Aashish Presbyterian Church, Nepal
- Love Packages

#### Special Offerings

- Mission Action Pledge Sunday – Sunday, March 27

*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.**

<b>Sunday 3/13</b>	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	Personnel
<b>Monday 3/14</b>	3:00pm	Youth Group
<b>Tuesday 3/15</b>	6:00pm	The Has Beens, FH
<b>Wednesday 3/16</b>	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
<b>Friday 3/18</b>	10:00am	Food Pantry
<b>Saturday 3/19</b>	11:00am	Helen Austin Memorial Service



**Don't Forget!**

**ZOOM Bible Study every Wednesday at 1:00pm!**



**For the month March...**

**March is the month for donating gently used sneakers of ALL sizes and NEW packs of diaper wipes!**

**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](mailto:trinity@waverlyroadpc.org).**

## Encouraging Words

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.” —Dr. Martin Luther King

# Annual Review

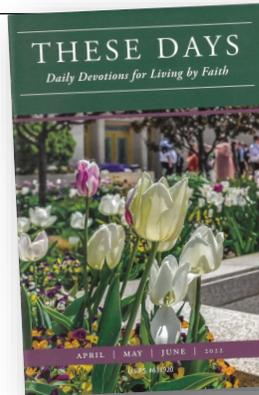
## Waverly Road Presbyterian Church 2021 Year-End Financial Report December 31, 2021

Hello, fellow Waverly Road Presbyterian Church congregants. God was faithful in 2021 to guide us through a challenging year and to enable us to continue to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples through it all. Each member, friend, and visitor contributed to God’s work here on Waverly Road. How we spend the money entrusted to us for that mission is part of fulfilling God’s vision for us. By clicking on the following link, you can access a PDF file that contains the end-of-the-year financial report. <https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:c92a769c-79af-3c96-8bd3-ab4845c7882d>.

**Here are a couple of things you need to know.**

- The data is shown as it existed on December 31, 2021.
- The figures in the report are expressed in percentages rather than dollars. If you would rather have a copy that shows dollar amounts, please contact Sharon Petke at [sspetke@mac.com](mailto:sspetke@mac.com) or 423-676-6931.

*The Finance Committee, a part of WRPC Stewardship Committee*



## **These Days Daily Devotionals are here!**

Be sure to pick up a copy of *These Days* for the months of April, May and June. They are located in the entrance to the Narthex. If you would like to receive a copy by mail, please call Amy in the church office at 247-5121 and she will be glad to send you one in the mail.





Views from the

# FOOD PANTRY by Peter Lodol

**March 13–19, 2022**



To all:

Last Friday we delivered 32 bags, about what has become our new normal. However, in even bigger news from last week – we received a call from Food City that they had some donated food for us. (We received a similar donation from them last year, which we are just now using up). I went to make the pickup, and filled our Honda completely – moving only about a quarter of the donation. To the rescue came Anthony and Gabe Lawson, who met me the next night and picked up the remainder, which packed both of our vehicles. We received 4 cases of Stove Top Stuffing (240 boxes), 2 cases of Hershey Cocoa (80 canisters), 41 cases of green beans, and 91 cases of diced tomatoes – a total of 3120 cans, weighing more than two tons! YOUZA! Needless to say, our clients will be getting green beans and tomatoes for the foreseeable future. My gratitude to Anthony and Gabe for their labor.

Just a reminder that the Season of Mission continues tomorrow night (March 8) with me. Please don't let that deter you from coming, as I will be discussing the Food Pantry – past, present, and future. Look for the Zoom invitation later today from Amy. Last week's presentation from Dave Cohn, the new executive director of Holston Camp, is now posted on the WRPC YouTube channel. *—Pete Lodol*

**2022 spaces at Holston Presbytery Camp are filling up and there is already a waiting list for some sessions. Don't wait to register if you plan on attending!**



## WAVERLY ROAD PRESBYTERIAN



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 (Continuing our 50th Anniversary Celebration)

It's time for a little bit of humor! In celebration of the 50th anniversary, a collection of funny stories and memories from the first 50 years were compiled into "A Golden Sampler". Here is one of them, with a few more in the pictures below and on the next page!

John MacKinnon shared some lovely times in his ministry to this church from 1949-52. For those who were alive during those years, this represents a special time in our history. Keep in mind this preceded air conditioning. The windows were kept open, protected by screens from the bugs, etc. It seems that a young man by the name of Bobby Morrison had another, quite ingenious use for the screens - great antennae reception for his transistor radio! It was a minor inconvenience for the ushers as they had to duck under the wire coming and going down the aisles. At some point Bobby's father, Hall Morrison, disgustedly said to the minister "I've told him time and time again not to listen to that radio here in church! Preacher - you know what makes me the maddest? He's listening to the preaching down at First Baptist!!!"

Written from a tape of John MacKinnon by Ada Lee Malone

Another incident happened while Morris Warren was pastor at W.R.P.C.. He came in 1967. Later there was an associate pastor, Wylie Smith. This event happened one Sunday while Morris was leading THE TIME WITH CHILDREN. The children were gathered around Morris in the front of the sanctuary when a small voice was heard saying, "My head is stuck." Mercifully, Wylie alertly came to the rescue and Preston Smith's head was released from between two railings near the chancel steps. These are just a few of the precious moments we would love to freeze in time.

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## Waverly Road Presbyterian Church 50th Anniversary Celebration with more humor, *cont'd.*

The Rev. John R. MacKinnon was Waverly Road's second pastor, serving from 1949 until 1952, when he was called to active duty as a chaplain in the Korean War. John died several years ago, however he was able to be here in 1986 for our fortieth anniversary, and he told this story at that time. In the early days, he said that Waverly Roaders visited new residents to the area before the Welcome Wagon had left, scarcely giving them time to move in. John remembered one afternoon going to visit a lady in the neighborhood and telling her he was the preacher from the little church on the hill. You could see it pretty clearly in those days with lots of empty land around. This lady was dressed in a halter top and shorts, had her hair all tied up, and had been up on a ladder hanging curtains. She told him she was embarrassed for him to see like that. He told her not to worry, that this was the way his wife dressed when she was working around the house. He invited her to church, and she seemed very pleased to be invited. Several Sundays after that, John looked up to see this beautiful woman coming into the church, wearing a big white hat and accompanied by a fine looking gentleman. John couldn't figure out who these people were, but he wanted to make sure to speak to them after the service. In those days when the service was over, he would have an elder stand beside him at the door to get the names and addresses of visitors. That day, Johnny Seay was there with him. John told Johnny to be sure and get this couple's names when they came through the line. When the couple got to him, John bowed and introduced himself and said, "I really want to welcome you to Waverly Road." This gorgeous lady smiled back and said, "Mr. MacKinnon, I don't believe you know me with my clothes on!" John said Johnny Seay nearly dropped dead when he heard this. That lovely lady was Melva Myers, and her husband was John Myers, who later became the first member of Waverly Road to give his life for his country. He died in the Korean conflict about a year later.

Submitted by Anne Garber

From the beginning, Waverly Road has been blessed with challenging Senior High Young People. Each pastor or youth advisor will have their special memories and though all are different, they'll all be alike in so many ways. The group we worked with were special in their own way...all leaders and all followers.

During Collier Harvey's reign, the Senior High Youth ushered and took up offering during the morning worship. Just as soon as morning worship started this group would run across the parking lot to "PEGGY ANN'S" for a soft drink, always returning just in time to take up the offering. Mr. Harvey, of course, knew what they were doing and attempted several times to change the order of the service just enough to trip them up on the time and to introduce them to a little humiliation...he was unsuccessful as they had some way worked out and they were always on time!

One Sunday morning someone (unknown except for a select few) set the alarm clock in the pulpit to go off during Mr. Harvey's sermon. As planned the alarm sounded and God was keeping an ever vigilant eye on Mr. Harvey that day, for the alarm sounded at a perfect place in his sermon for the minister to casually turn around, cut off the alarm as he said something resembling the postman's creed, "Let neither rain, nor hail, nor ALARM CLOCKS keep us etc...This worked out as if the preacher had it planned and to our knowledge has not been tried since.

This group along with those before and after them have gone on to become leaders in all walks of life...Doctors, Lawyers, Judges Nurses Teachers City Managers etc...Can you name them?

Submitted by Helen Austin

From the same tape as the above story, is another of my favorite "word pictures". Bill Schotanus said that one of his most difficult tasks during his ministry at Waverly Road was attempting to keep Summers Lyle awake...especially in the summer. Perhaps to avoid misunderstanding concerning this issue, Lyle (with supreme believability) approached the minister and very seriously told him, "Bill, I work outside five days a week and often a warm, comfortable place relaxes me. If you should see me nod off from time to time, I want you to know that it's because I have a lot of confidence in you...I know you wouldn't say anything while I'm asleep that you wouldn't say while I'm awake!"

Written from a tape of Bill Schotanus by Ada Lee Malone

TIME WITH CHILDREN has become one of the most popular and meaningful parts of our ministry, also one of the most entertaining and enlightening. Nothing is quite so wonderful as a child's innocence and their total knack for spotting the obvious. Their blunt reaction often catches us in a corner with "NOWHERE TO GO, NOWHERE TO HIDE"! This was never more true than the time John Campbell was going for beautiful message to the children, complete with a plain, unadorned clay doll. He held the doll aloft and asked the children, "What is this man missing?" Not receiving an answer from the children, but several giggles from the congregation and worried glances from some parents...who were all too aware of possible answers, he tried again to elicit what appeared to him to be the obvious answer, BREATH. He asked again the question, "What is this man missing?". At this point the congregation is rolling (and not in a holy way from what I hear.) To the children's credit, they answered "hair", "eyes", "clothes". Finally John supplied the answer, "BREATH" and went on to explain that man is nothing but form until God breathes into him the breath of life.... Wonder who learned more that day, the children, the parents or the minister!

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When Bill Schotanus preached his first sermon at W.R.P.C. as our new pastor, the sale of alcoholic beverages was illegal in Kingsport and Sullivan County. Consequently, local consumers made convenient, if often covert, trips to Gate City, VA, to make their purchases of these items. During one of Bill's early sermons he mentioned having "made a trip to Gate City recently." When the comment was received with howls of laughter from the congregation, a puzzled Bill was in the dark until a whispered explanation in his ear from a choir member enabled him to join in the merriment!

Submitted by Jenny Thompson

# Godly Play Banners



## Fun Facts About Lent

### What does Lent mean?

The word Lent comes from *lencten*, an old English word for “spring,” which is related to the word *length*, referring to the lengthening of the days. Other traditions refer to it as things like the “Great Fast,” “the Forty,” or the “Fasting Time.”

### Lent is an ancient Christian practice

In the ancient church, Lent was the period during which catechumens – those being prepared for baptism at Easter – prepared themselves for a life of Christian discipleship. It eventually became a time of penance for all Christians.

### Fasting

It has become common to abstain from something during Lent – chocolate or sweets are usually high up on the list – but the practice of giving up something or taking on a spiritual discipline is an ancient one. Traditionally, the practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were Lenten discipline, as these are the three subjects covered in Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 6;1–6; 16–21, which is traditionally read on Ash Wednesday. Today, some people have decided rather than abstaining from something, to add an activity as part of their spiritual discipline.

### 40 Days

The Lenten fast is a period of forty days, following the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness fasting before beginning his public ministry. There is a monastery in Jericho, Palestine to this day built near caves in the side of the mountain where it is believed that Jesus conducted his fast. This Monastery of the Temptation is a pilgrimage site for many to this day – and, somewhat ironically, near a very popular restaurant built into the side of that same mountain.

### Sundays Off

If you look closely at the calendar, you’ll notice that there are actually forty-six days between Ash Wednesday and Easter. How can that be if Lent is a period of 40 days? The answer is that the Sundays in Lent do not count as part of the fast. From a Christian perspective, Sundays are perpetual feast days in the church in commemoration of the Resurrection, so no fasting is allowed on Sundays! Does that mean you can have your little piece of chocolate on Sunday? Why, yes, it does!

The banners you are seeing in the hall beside the door of the Godly Play Room represent the Calendar of the Christian Year. The one you see represented with the blue or purple background and the white cross will be placed there for the next six Sundays of Lent as we get ready for the Mystery of Easter. This banner is inspired by two lessons, *THE FACES OF EASTER* and *THE MYSTERY OF EASTER*.

The Faces of Easter cards and the cross puzzle both flip over to reveal the resurrection of Christ. To connect with that element, the banner also flips from front to back. The front of the banner is purple with a white cross showing that even though Jesus died, there is hope of his resurrection. The back of the banner is white with a red risen Christ leading us into Pentecost. The cut at the bottom of the banner signifies an arrow that points to the journey Jesus takes to the mystery of Easter and beyond.



Front of Banner



Back of Banner



## Lenten Soft Pretzel Recipe

*Did you know that the pretzel is a traditional food for Lent? In fact, the pretzel was actually invented in order to be a simple Lenten snack! Enjoy this simple soft pretzel recipe during Lent.*



### Ingredients

- 1 package yeast .25 oz
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 4 cups flour
- 1 egg
- Extra salt for the top of the pretzels large kosher salt works best!

### Instructions

1. Preheat your oven to 425°F
2. Mix yeast, water, sugar, and salt in a large bowl.
3. Stir in the flour, and knead until the dough is smooth.
4. Shape into the form of arms crossed in prayer and place it on a baking sheet.
5. Brush the dough with a beaten egg to give it a shiny finish. (This is optional. I skipped the egg on mine.) Sprinkle the top with salt.
6. Bake at 425°F for 15 minutes.

### Notes

The yield on this recipe depends on how large or small you make your pretzels. However, I would suggest making 5 - 6 pretzels with this recipe.