

# The Newsheet

## ✠ Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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### WELCOME TO WORSHIP



**May 8, 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.facebook.com/WaverlyRoadPresbyterian-Church/)



[https://www.youtube.com/  
channel/  
UC1dv3U42u4jLlksq\\_71Foyg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1dv3U42u4jLlksq_71Foyg)



### SCRIPTURES

**May 8, 2022**

Acts 9:36-43

### 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 Rachel Lawson...

What have I learned from digging into our history (DEEP):

We are so much more than Robert's Rules that are played out as "good and in decent order" in committee and Session meetings.

We are so much more than a building, though renovations and improvements are exciting, it's the come together to complete a common goal mentality that makes it MEMORABLE and

MEANINGFUL. It's the process, not the performance. It's in the

volunteering and the promises to God and to your church family that we're

in this together. We are all here to navigate this sometimes cruel and unfair world with our fellow disciples. The original twelve disciples even struggled to understand

Jesus' teachings, including loving one another. When we inevitably stumble, there will be people to help you get through. Just like siblings, Christ's brothers and sisters don't always agree. But in the long run, the big, hard decisions, stepped on toes, and all that angst turns into just one line amongst thousands of pages of Session minutes.

What I've seen over these 75 years is compassion, gratitude, faith, and lots and lots of love. It got us this far and it will get us 75 years more as we continue to extend Christ's love to the world and invite others into our church HOME.

—Rachel



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### People in our Prayers

Mary Margaret Bowles  
Mike Lewis  
Rev. Dan Clark  
Jackie Britton  
Holston Presbytery Camp  
Patients receiving Dialysis  
Debbie Reiff  
Rorie Parker Family  
Lee Bockman  
Doris Blanchard

Laci, Nicholas & Robin  
Lodal  
Joyce Caldwell  
Sarah Valk  
Ann Kibler  
Jo Morrison Family  
Dr. Bob & Jeanne Jernigan  
Sarah Hale  
Susan Avery

### Missions in our Prayers—2nd Quarter

#### Local Missions

Family Promise / IHN  
Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast TN  
Waverly Road Childcare Center

#### Regional / National Missions

Holston Habitat for Humanity

#### International Missions

Annapurna Panchakanya Primary School, Nepal  
Congo Hope, Congo  
Osman Hope, Honduras

#### Special Offerings

One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter – April 17)  
Pentecost Offering (June 5)

*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.

**Sunday 5/8**

9:45am In-Person Sunday School –  
Preschool through Grade 12

11:00am Sunday Worship Service /  
(Godly Play Children's Church in  
Room 102)

**Tuesday 5/10**

7:00pm Personnel, Library

9:30am Walking Group / Meet at  
Greenbelt behind PetSmart

6:00pm The Has Beens, FH

7:00pm Cantemus Women's Choir Practice,  
Sanctuary

**Wednesday 5/11**

1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study

7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice

**Friday 5/13**

10:00am Food Pantry



### Cantemus Women's Choir Concert

## Where Light Begins

**Saturday, May 14, 7:00 pm**

**St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnson City**

*and*

**Sunday, May 15, 7:00 pm**

**Waverly Road Presbyterian Church**

The spring concert will feature music with uplifting  
messages of love, light, and hope.

The choir is under the direction of Patricia Denmark,  
and Bryan Underwood serves as collaborative  
pianist. WRPC's Phyllis Wine, Eileen Butler and  
Julie Vogel are Cantemus members.



### Outdoor Worship Service

**Sunday, May 22, 11:00am**

**WRPC Front Lawn**

Bring a lawn chair and  
dress for the weather  
and let's worship together!

### Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center



Holston Helpers is right around the  
corner. Come on out May 6 & 7 and  
help us get ready for the summer  
season. It will be a time of food,  
fellowship, fun and work as we  
prepare the camp for all the campers  
arriving soon!

The current project list, registration link, and other details are  
available at <https://holstoncenter.org/events/>.

## HOLSTON CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

# WE'RE HIRING

### SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

#### REQUIREMENTS :

- 18 years of age or older
- Staff training: May 22-June 1
- Camp sessions: June 2-July 16

#### PERKS :

- \$250 per week served
- Develop your leadership skills
- Free trips and weekend activities all summer
- A lifetime of memories and friendships, plus the support of a huge faith community

**EMAIL DAVE COHN FOR MORE INFO**

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Views from the

# FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodol

May 8–14, 2022

To all:

This past Friday we closed out April with 19 bags on a 5th Friday. For the month of April, we served a total of 135 bags.

Second Harvest sent out an e-mail to all agencies last week documenting their continued supply chain issues. I saw this first-hand on my pickup day last Wednesday, with stocks down significantly, and many items unavailable. Except for oatmeal, we continue to have sufficient supplies, but I am monitoring the situation weekly.

As always, thanks for your support and your prayers.

—Pete Lodol

## 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 Church History 2021)

In January of 2021, Julie Vogel, our director of music ministries for 35 years retired. Because Covid restricted us from having any in-person celebrations a special book of memories and a virtual "kudos" board was made for Julie with contributions from choir members and the congregation to recognize the faithful service to God that her ministry with WRPC was.



Richard Brown stepped in as interim for Julie while we searched for a permanent Director of Music Ministry.



Julie's WRPC Memory Book

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

Services over the holidays were live streamed, but in February the Session committee met (online via Zoom) to discuss the worship committee's motion to reinstate in-person services. The drop in Covid case numbers allowed worship to resume with precautions such as a mask requirement, social distancing and limited seating, singing only by a small choral group in the choir loft, and no hymnals or shared elements (pre-packaged elements for communion were provided). When Julie retired, thus did Ernie who primarily ran the sound board for many, many years. The new online streaming platforms like YouTube and Facebook where we posted live worship content had its hiccups with some initial sound and feedback issues. The sound system was inspected and later updated to keep up with the new demands of streaming.

To keep in touch with our members during these unprecedented times, online Zoom game nights replaced Feasts of Fellowship this year. A LET - Love and

Encourage Teens - program was started to pair 9 of our teens with congregation members that they may regularly not get to have much contact with. The LET program was run similarly to the Barnabas program except the teens were aware of who they were partnered with.

A socially distanced egg hunt was held and very well received! Each family had a scheduled time to hunt their eggs.



Totally 80's at-home VBS in July was a huge success too, with a kick-off in a rented movie theater so we could socially distance while watching an 80's movie, activities and games at home, and an outdoor pool party to end the weekend!

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## The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church (Continuing our Church History 2021), cont'd.



On June 14, 2021 we welcomed Kate Stubbs as our Director of Music Ministry. She jumped right into the job successfully navigating Covid-safety requirements, virtual streaming, outdoor, and regular in-person choir!

**SA-48-21:** The following motion was made and seconded:

The Session has been in prayer and discussion over the pandemic resurgence in our local area, and how best to respond. WRPC is a congregation whose mission is first and foremost to Love God and Love One Another, as our Savior taught us. With humility, to do all we can to protect the most vulnerable in our community, WRPC will be returning to virtual worship services only through Sunday, Sept. 19. At that time, the Session will reassess the local data and CDC guidance. During this period masks will be required in the Church building during the week, and for those recording the virtual services on Sunday, with the exception of individuals speaking at the pulpit. These actions are consistent with previous actions we have taken during times of high community spread.

We don't take these actions lightly, and are praying fervently that this is a temporary situation. Please be in prayer for our church, our community, for our health care workers, and all who are being impacted by the pandemic.

"One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.' -Mark 12: 28-34 (NRSV)

Motion carried unanimously. The motion will be shared with the Congregation and Staff ASAP.

Note: After the meeting, Susan Lodal and Diana Eldredge expressed support for the motion via email.

**SA-49-21:** All business was concluded. A motion was made to adjourn, and the meeting concluded at 8:00 PM.

*Rw Coll: Blair Allen*  
*Shelley Porter, Clerk of Session*

Over both 2020 and 2021, protocols were changed, adjusted, canceled, and re-instated many, many times. Covid numbers spiked again with a new strain surging in August 2021 and plans to return to more normal activities were once again delayed. Services returned to virtual that month and Sunday Schools remained via Zoom.

Family Promise for 2020 and 2021 housed families in hotels, with the WRPC mission committee supporting the mission with additional funds for the cost of rooms and meals for weeks we are scheduled to host.

In October in-person services resumed with a mask requirement, with precautions returning in November to the measurements taken before the Delta outbreak which made mask wearing optional, except in the special social distancing and mask wearing section. Congregational singing began again, and choir members could choose to

not wear a mask in the chancel. Due to vaccinations not being available yet for all children under 12, Sunday School remained via Zoom. Advent and Christmas offered both in-person and streaming services and a small Christmas pageant play was performed in the Fellowship Hall in early December.



Elizabeth Crow, Angels  
Eva Lawson and Eleanor Collette

Andie Henley, Inn Keeper



Michael Lawson  
(Christmas Mouse),  
Natalie Guillen-Hamer  
and Evie Crow

Head Angel Elizabeth  
Crow, Angels: Eva  
Lawson, Lydia and  
Claire Smith



# Mission Moment Update...

## Report on Snacks for Cora Cox Academy May 1, 2022

Good morning. My message to you from the Mission Committee this morning is, "Thank you, thank you!"

We offered opportunities for you to participate in two service projects during our recent Season of Mission ~ Season of Hope.

I am reporting on your donations of snacks for the students at Cora Cox Academy, an alternative education program of Kingsport City Schools. Karen Carman will provide an update soon on donations of Hygiene Kits for Grace House.

First Presbyterian Church provides snacks for Cora Cox Academy as an ongoing project of their Outreach Committee. We joined up with them in February and March to provide specific items that staff members identified as the most requested snacks.

Some of you donated \$100 towards this project and it was used to help purchase some of the food. Thank you.

Between the donations of funds and the donations of food, this is what we delivered:

- 53 individual servings of pasta
- 66 individual servings of macaroni & cheese
- 68 bottles of sports drinks
- 111 individual servings of Ramen Noodles and other soups
- 244 individual packages of fruit snacks

Including other assorted food donations, we delivered a total of 615 snack items to Cora Cox Academy at the end of March.

Students are already benefiting from your gifts of food during the school day and if anything should remain at the end of the school year later this month, which is highly unlikely, it will be available to students attending summer school.

Thank you for giving generously in the name of Jesus Christ. —Susan Lodal

## Sunday School Teacher Needed for Grades 3-5

We need a dedicated Sunday school teacher for Grades 3- 5. Anyone interested please send Trinity Gibson or Martha Triplett an email at: [trinity@waverlyroadpc.org](mailto:trinity@waverlyroadpc.org) or [waverlyccdirector@gmail.com](mailto:waverlyccdirector@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Creamy Strawberry Dessert Squares

Yield: 20 servings

### Ingredients

#### Crust:

1 (17.5 ounce) pouch sugar cookie mix

½ cup butter, softened

1 egg

#### Filling:

1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened

1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping

#### Topping:

⅓ cup white sugar

2 tablespoons cornstarch

4 cups sliced fresh strawberries, divided

⅓ cup water

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 dash red food coloring, or desired amount

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Spray the inside bottom of a jelly roll pan with cooking spray.
2. Mix sugar cookie mix, butter, and egg together in a large bowl until a soft dough forms; press evenly into prepared pan.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until crust is light golden brown, 10 to 15 minutes. Cool completely, about 30 minutes.
4. Beat cream cheese using an electric mixer on medium speed in a bowl until smooth. Add whipped topping and stir until smooth; spread over crust. Refrigerate.
5. Mix sugar and cornstarch together in a 2-quart saucepan; add 1 cup strawberries, water, and vanilla extract. Cook and stir strawberry mixture, mashing strawberries with spoon while cooking, over medium heat until strawberries are softened and mixture is thickened, 10 to 15 minutes.
6. Stir food coloring into strawberry mixture and remove from heat; cool for 10 minutes. Gently stir remaining 3 cups strawberries into strawberry mixture; spoon over cream cheese filling. Refrigerate until set, about 1 hour. Serve within 4 hours.





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**For the month of MAY**

May is the month for donating gently used Kids sizes 2-T—5-T clothing and **NEW Swimwear** (all sizes).

**Thanks so much for your support!**



**Let's Walk**

**WRPC Walking Group**

**Every Tuesday, weather permitting!**

We will gather at 9:30 am at the Greenbelt entrance beside PetSmart.



**Don't Forget!**

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

