

The Newsheet

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



February 26, 2023
In-Person and
Online Worship Service
at 11:00am
Click on either link for
Sunday Worship Service



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SCRIPTURES

February 26, 2023
Matthew 4:1-11

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...

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,



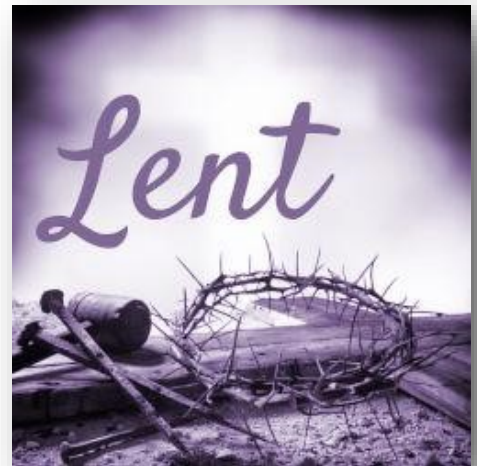
This week begins the
Lenten season. On the way to
Easter, we journey with one
another, taking time to reflect
on why we are in need of the
cross and the empty tomb.

Beginning with the sign of ashes, we humble
ourselves and walk through the 40 days of Lent.

As we walk together, I ask that you take time to
reflect on your faith journey. Take time each day
for prayer and devotion. While it is customary to
give something up for Lent, I encourage you to
take something on. Read through a book of the Bible.
Take on a spiritual practice. Do an act of service.
Participate in the Kingdom of God.

May God continue to bless,

—Rev. Collin



PRAYER REQUESTS

People in our Prayers

Rev. Dan Clark
Holston Presbytery Camp
Patients receiving Dialysis
Lee Bockman
Doris Blanchard
Susan Smith
Beverly Carman
(Howard's Mother)
Ted Germroth

Laci, Nicholas &
Robin Lodal
Sarah Valk
Ann Kibler
Dr. Bob & Jeanne Jernigan
Sarah Hale
Susan Avery
Kirk and Lola Finch
Jane Hunter Family

Missions in our Prayers—1st Quarter

Local Missions

Oasis of Kingsport
Waverly Road Child Care Center

Regional / National Missions

Appalachian Miles for Smiles

International Missions

Butoke Nutrition Center, Congo
Moyo wa Afrika, Tanzania

*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 2/26	9:45am	In-person Sunday School Grades Pre-K – 12
	11:00am	Sunday Worship
Monday 2/27	6:00pm	Youth Group, YS
Tuesday 2/28	9:00am	Walking Group, Greenbelt Entrance Netherland Inn
	6:00pm	The Has Beens, FH
	7:00pm	Season of Mission Presentation, ZOOM
Wednesday 3/1	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:00pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 3/2	6:00pm	Stephen Ministries, MR & ZOOM
Friday 3/3	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH



Join us for **ZOOM Bible Study**
every Wednesday at 1:00pm



For the month of MARCH...

Our wish list for March includes gently used sneakers of ALL sizes and NEW packs of diaper wipes.



WRPC Youth...
February 27 is bowling and pizza night at Youth Group. Bring your appetite and let's bowl some spares and strikes!

Mission Moment Update...

2-19-23

Looking back on 2022: Growing God's Kingdom

Here's a report on 2022 from the Stewardship Committee, which consists of the Finance Committee and the Building & Grounds Committee.

But first, a clarification. This report covers the church's operational budget – that's everything except the Missions part of the budget. As a reminder, our Mission outreach has a separate season and, in fact, you'll be hearing more about that in coming weeks.

I'll start with the Financial Committee's summary for 2022. You may recall back in January a year ago, we started the year with projected expenses of more than \$450,000. We were facing a deficit budget and had to allocate \$55,000 of restricted funds to balance our expected expenditures. I'm happy to report that we ended the year without having to use any of that money, and in fact, had a surplus. Praise God for His many provisions and for our congregation's generosity.

Now we can create spread sheets and analyze numbers till the cows come home (and rest assured your Finance Committee does that), but let's look at what those numbers enabled Waverly Road to accomplish in 2022 – what we're doing to grow God's Kingdom. For this report, I'm going to talk about 4 areas of giving.

Children & Youth

I like to start here for two reasons. We know Jesus loved children... and they are our future. That's why it's so important they are loved, taught, and nurtured as their faith grows. It takes a lot to keep them busy – Children's Time during Worship, creative youth activities, retreats, Vacation Bible School, Godly Play. Thank you to all the volunteers who make these critical things happen. Thank you, Trinity.

Authentic Relationships

As we learn and grow together, whatever our ages, it's important we connect with each other. We call it intergenerational discipleship. That was the focus at last year's retreat at Holston Camp. We also find common interests in Sunday School classes and Bible studies; in SALT groups (Seeking and Learning Together), whether that be walking groups, poetry discussions or trips with the Waverly Wanderers. The Trunk or Treat hosting foster families was a great example of service. Thank you, Rachel.

Care & Compassion

Following Christ means loving each other, and we have many ways to love each other. We pray, we help
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Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodol



February 26—March 4, 2023

To all:

This past Friday, our totals rose slightly to 37 bags delivered.

And, in the big news of the week, the Food Pantry Annual Report is finished! This much-anticipated report (suitable for framing) is chock-full of marvelous charts, graphs and photos. OK, you get the idea.....

I will send it to all of you with next week's update, after my Mission Moment on Sunday.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

—Pete Lodol

Help Jump Start our 2023 Season of Mission ~ Season of Hope



On Tuesday, February 28, Frank Waldo, Founder, and Michelle Campbell, Vision Director of Appalachian Miles for Smiles (AMS) will join us for an educational

evening on Zoom. Learn more about this local non-profit organization that provides a FREE Mobile Dental and Vision Unit and serves the uninsured and under-insured of Upper East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. Dental services include X-Rays, necessary extractions, fillings, and cleanings. Vision services offer comprehensive eye exams, free prescription glasses and referrals to specialists as needed. Pulmonary exams and mammograms are also available. We have partnered with Mafair United Methodist Church since 2019 to host an annual AMS event. Join us on Tuesday, February 28 at 7pm on Zoom to learn more about this worthwhile service and to show our support to Frank and Michelle. Zoom invitations will be sent just prior to the event.



Mission Moment Update... Cont'd.

others through Stephen Ministry, we reach out by visitation, phone, and technology — a special shout out here to all those joining us online today. Thank you to the many volunteers to make these things happen.

Worship

The final category is the mother ship, right? It may be the biggest reason we're all here. To worship our Heavenly Father. Each Sunday, we see the result of much behind-the-scenes planning. The words we say in our Calls to Worship, Confessions, hymns, prayers — you've no doubt realized they are all connected, reinforcing strong messages of faith. We are blessed to have a pastor who passionately leads and inspires us in worship here in this sanctuary, and who also never fails to encourage us to share God's love when we leave this place. Thank you, Pastor Collin.

And the music! Sometimes it's serene and prayerful; other times it's joyfully loud and proud, but it's always brought forth from hours of planning and practice. Through your generous gifts, we now have 3 very talented young people on vocal scholarships. And it's no small feat that we've been able to continue to enjoy a wonderful music program since our organist's retirement, thanks to Kate offering up solo piano pieces, directing the choir as she plays and picking up on the organ. Thank you, Kate.

That's my report from a program or ministry point of view, but there's more! We are blessed to have an office manager who makes sure we have timely information for worship and upcoming events. She receives visitors to the church and answers countless questions. You'll soon be seeing information about a new congregation directory and updates to our website. Thank you, Amy.

The other half of the Stewardship Committee is Building & Grounds. This is a group of true heroes. And I'll include our church sexton in this category. We have an old building. It sometimes leaks, creaks, and speaks to us loud and clear about what it needs. Our brave committee never fails to fix things or get things fixed in a timely and cost-effective way. Gutter cleaning, painting, steeple maintenance, drywall patching, lawn and garden care, appliance repair....everything you have to do at home, but bigger. Thank you, Renea. Thank you, Building & Grounds.

And to all of you who serve in so many ways, graciously sharing your time, talents and money to keep things hopping here at Waverly Road, THANK YOU! 2022 was a good year; let's make 2023 even better! (Submitted by Martha Lawson on behalf of the Stewardship Committee.)

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Quick Facts about Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday, in the Christian church, is the first day of Lent, occurring six and a half weeks before Easter (between February 4 and March 11, depending on the date of Easter).

Ash Wednesday is a solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God and marks the beginning of the penitential Lenten season. It is commonly observed with ashes and fasting.

In the early Christian church, the length of the Lenten celebration varied, but eventually it began 6 weeks (42 days) before Easter. This provided only 36 days of fasting (excluding Sundays). In the 7th century, 4 days were added before the first Sunday in Lent in order to establish 40 fasting days, in imitation of Jesus Christ's fast in the desert.

It was the practice in Rome for penitents and grievous sinners to begin their period of public penance on the first day of Lent in preparation for their restoration to the sacrament of the Eucharist. They were sprinkled with ashes, dressed in sackcloth, and obliged to remain apart until they were reconciled with the Christian community on Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter. When these practices fell into disuse (8th-10th century), the beginning of the penitential season of Lent was symbolized by placing ashes on the heads of the entire congregation.

In the modern Roman Catholic Church, the ashes obtained by burning the palms used on the previous Palm Sunday are applied in the shape of a cross on the forehead of each worshipper on Ash Wednesday. Together with Good Friday (which marks the crucifixion of Jesus before Easter), Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence, where only one full meal and no meat are to be consumed. Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, it is traditionally one of the most heavily attended non-Sunday masses of the liturgical year. Worship services are also held on Ash Wednesday in Anglican, Lutheran, and some other Protestant churches. Eastern Orthodox churches begin Lent on a Monday and therefore do not observe Ash Wednesday.