

The Newsheet

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



February 12, 2023
In-Person and
Online Worship Service
at 11:00am
Click on either link for
Sunday Worship Service



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SCRIPTURES

February 12, 2023
Psalm 119:1-8 &
Matthew 5:21-37

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!



the following:

From the desk of Pastor Collin...

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

As we approach Valentine's Day, I think about love more and more. All of the hearts filled with chocolate and the Valentine's cards have had me thinking about how we have hollowed out the word love and made it into yet another thing that can be commodified. This is about the time that I start to get cynical.

So, it was a real blessing today when I came in to the office and opened a book on my desk to read

If you expect a reward for your love, it is not true love. The essential quality of love is to give blessings to all who are around you without asking something in return.

There is a lot of goodness in this world, but there is only one true good: loving other people.

"Love that is given for a reason is not pure love. Only unlimited, unconditional love is eternal. Such love does not disappear but grows continuously with time." This quote comes from *Thoughtful Wisdom for Every Day* by Leo Tolstoy (Translated by Peter Sekirin). It is a reminder to me that our main call as Christians is to love. We are a people who are called to grow continuously in love. Not the kind of love that you find in a box of sweets or see in a romantic movie, but true, unconditional love. The love that Christ showed for each and every one of us.

May God continue to bless,

—Rev. Collin



People in our Prayers

Rev. Dan Clark	Laci, Nicholas &
Holston Presbytery Camp	Robin Lodall
Patients receiving Dialysis	Sarah Valk
Rorie Parker Family	Ann Kibler
Lee Bockman	Dr. Bob & Jeanne Jernigan
Doris Blanchard	Sarah Hale
Susan Smith	Susan Avery
Beverly Carman	Kirk and Lola Finch
Howard's Mother)	Ken & Jane Hunter
Ted Germroth	

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 2/12	9:45am	In-person Sunday School Grades Pre-K – 12
	11:00am	Sunday Worship
	7:00pm	Personnel Committee, Library
Monday 2/13	6:00pm	Youth Group, YS
	6:30pm	Mission Committee, ZOOM
Tuesday 2/14	9:00am	Walking Group, Greenbelt Entrance Netherland Inn
	6:00pm	The Has Beens, FH
	6:00pm	Children & Youth Ministry, MR
Wednesday 2/15	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:00pm	Handbells
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 2/17	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH

Happy Valentine's Day!



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



For the month of FEBRUARY...

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



WRPC Youth... Join us on February 20 in the Youth Suite for snacks and some church housekeeping activities.

Mission Moment Update...

1-5-23 Family Promise

This is a quick update regarding our ministry with Family Promise. For those of you who may be unfamiliar, Family Promise of Greater Kingsport is part of a national nonprofit corporation that strives to help families that are experiencing homelessness achieve sustainable independence.

In 2022, WRPC changed our commitment from being a host church to being a support church. We committed to giving Housewarming Baskets to families as they completed the Family Promise program and were moving out of homelessness into their own housing. These baskets provide basic materials that will help the family maintain a household. The baskets include laundry, kitchen, and general cleaning supplies. In 2022, we delivered a total of 7 of these Housewarming Baskets.

In addition to providing Housewarming Baskets, we offered to provide additional volunteers in partnership with a host church. We are still waiting to see if such assistance will be needed.

Currently, Family Promise is operating in a sort of hybrid mode, combining the "pandemic" format with the previous model of hosting. Some weeks families stay at host churches just as WRPC used to do with a warm dinner welcome and a place to gather for the evening and then sleep overnight. In the weeks without host churches, the families are put up in a hotel by Family Promise and provided with a modest means to purchase food to eat.

There are currently 2 families in the Family Promise Shelter Program with both families being parented by a mother. The ages of the kids in the program are 8, 12, and 15 years old. Both families are in their 6th week of the program. Last week these families were provided shelter and food in a motel. This week they will be hosted at First Broad Street Methodist Church. Next week the families are hosted by Grace Fellowship.

Meanwhile, we have worked to dispense of our many years of accumulation of hosting materials. Items have been relocated, donated, or disposed of. The one remaining task is the dispensing of the room dividers that were used to "build the city" and create private spaces for each of our guest families. They are old and not in the best of shape, but still usable. If anybody knows of an organization, individual, or location where these might be put to further use, please let either Carlستا Barttels or the church office know. The goal is to tackle this endeavor over the next couple of months.

May we continue to pray for Family Promise and other ministries that serve those experiencing homelessness as we make ourselves available to be used by God to provide for their needs. — *The Mission Committee*



Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodol



February 12–18, 2023

To all:

With the weather considerably chillier this past Friday, we distributed 33 bags. Yet another blow to my prognostication abilities.

Happy February!

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

—Pete Lodol

WRPC Church Members sharing their talents at Farm Expo!



The kids at Farm Expo enjoyed story time with Bob & Wanda Kerns and Peter & Susan Lodol featuring the book 'Unalii's Big Adventure'. Jay Huron did the photography for this beautiful children's book. Bree and David Fox also presented a seminar about the History of Bays Mountain at the event.

Stephen Ministry Training Update



STEPHEN MINISTRY

We had a great first day of training for our Stephen Minister trainees on Saturday, January 28th. Our trainees are Tom Christian, Mark Crow, Linda Qualls, and Martha Triplett. We will meet again on Saturday, February 11. Here is what they are learning on the 11th.

Session Four – Distinctively Christian Caring (Part 1) - This is the first of two sessions on distinctively Christian caring. Stephen Ministers will explore the essentials of using their Christian faith in caring for another person, drawing on the resources of prayer, witnessing, the Bible, forgiveness, blessings, and more. An important motto of Stephen Ministry is "The Stephen Minister is the caregiver, and God is the cure giver." This training session underscores this Christ-centered focus for Stephen Ministers offering care in Jesus' name.

Session Five – Distinctively Christian Caring (Part 2) - This is the second of two sessions on this topic, as Stephen Ministers explore how Christian caregivers have something distinctive that they can offer – God's unconditional love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. In this session our Stephen Ministers will specifically practice and discuss the use of prayer, confession and absolution, and the Bible in caregiving relationships.

Session Six – Process versus Results in Caregiving - If ever there were a time for Stephen Minister trainees to say "Aha!" this module would be it. They learn the key to understanding that they don't have to (and indeed can't) fix whatever problem it is that their care receiver faces. This session is a time for a collective sigh of relief. God is the cure giver; the Stephen Minister is the caregiver. This establishment of roles is what makes Stephen Ministry possible. The concept runs counter to the strong results-oriented approaches of present-day society. But in caregiving, the more one pushes for results in another, the faster and farther they flee.

Please pray for our Stephen Ministers Trainees and Leaders as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills.



Happy Valentine's

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Strawberry Cake Mix Crinkle Cookies

Serves: 18

If you're looking for the easiest cookie recipe of all time for a Valentine's Day treat, look no further! These Strawberry Cake Mix Crinkle Cookies require just FOUR ingredients and come out perfect every time!



Ingredients

- 1 box strawberry cake mix
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar, for rolling

Directions

- Preheat oven to 375F, and line two cookie sheets with parchment or silicone liners.
- In a medium bowl, stir together the cake mix, 2 eggs (or flax eggs), and vegetable oil until a soft dough forms.
- Place the powdered sugar in a small bowl. Using a spoon or cookie scoop, make balls of dough about 2 tablespoons big, and roll into the powdered sugar. Shake off the excess, and place on a prepared pan, about 2 inches apart from each other.
- Bake for 10-12 minutes, until puffy, dry, and the powdered sugar has cracked.
- Serve immediately or store at room temperature.

