Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

> August 20, 2023 In-Person and Online Worship Service at 11:00am Click on either link for Sunday Worship Service



WaverlyRoadPresbyterian-Church/ https://www.youtube.com/

<u>channel/</u> UC1dv3U42u4jLIksq_71Foyg



August 20, 2023 Matthew 15:10-28



from 10:00am–Noon.

A very special thanks goes out to all of our Food Pantry volunteers who are helping to FEED THE HUNGRY





From the desk of Trinity Gibson...

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Fall is on it's way!

Last Sunday, we started our 2023-2024 Sunday School. The children had a treat of doughnuts! We got off to a SWEET start! As we delve deeper into the school year, please pray for our WRPC Sunday School teachers and students.

Mrs. Wanda Kerns leads Sunday School for ages 3-Kindergarten as well as Godly Play during our service. Ms. Carlista Barttels teaches grades 1st -2nd. Grades 3-5th are taught

by the Gilmers. Lastly, I am the leader for our Youth aged kids.

Our Sunday School program desperately needs volunteers willing to cover classes during absences. If you've wanted to be a part of our children's activities, here's your opportunity! Please contact me if you have any inkling of desire to help!

I'm also looking for Guest speakers and teachers to speak or lead our Youth Sunday

School class. It is important for you and our teens to meet, share experiences, and get to know each other. This is a continuation of the groundwork laid this summer during our Intergenerational Sunday School.

If you want to learn and grow as a Christian, investing in our Youth is a great way!

Have a great week,

-Trinity





People in our Prayers

Rev. Dan Clark Holston Presbytery Camp Patients receiving Dialysis Lee Bockman Doris Blanchard Susan Smith Ted Germroth Benjamin Salyer Howard S. Carman, Sr. (Howard's Father) Laci, Nicholas & Robin Lodal Ann Kibler Dr. Bob & Jeanne Jernigan Sarah Hale Susan Avery Kirk and Lola Finch Abigael & Ashleen Easley Travis & Kathy Adams (Collin's parents)

Missions in our Prayers—3rd Quarter

Local Missions

Kingsport City Schools Homeless Education Program SMILE WRPC Food Pantry

Regional / National Missions

Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center

International Missions

Love Packages Osman Hope, Honduras

You are loved. We are blessed!

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 8/20	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Sunday Worship
	7:00pm	Session, MR
Monday 8/21	6:30pm	Mission Committee, ZOOM
Tuesday 8/22	9:00am	Walking Group, Greenbelt
		Holston Valley Trailhead
	6:00pm	Has Beens, FH
Wednesday 8/23	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 8/25	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH

WRPC Walking Group Every Tuesday, weather permitting!

We will gather at 9:00 am at the Greenbelt Holston Valley Drive Trailhead entrance to begin our walk.

Join us every Wednesday at 1:00pm for ZOOM Bible Study. We will send out a log-in and password to your email.



For the month of August...

Our wish list for August includes gently used jeans (all sizes) and new feminine supplies.



Youth Group begins Monday, September 11, 6:00-8:00pm

Trinity has some fun things planned for our WRPC Youth. You don't want to miss out!

Mission Moment Update ... August 13, 2023–Stewardship

The Church is one foundation, BUT, it consists of people from infants in the nursery through youth, adults, right on up to senior citizens such as myself.

As a member of the Stewardship Committee, I am here today to review responsibilities, our work to date and plans for the balance of 2023, and preparations for next year.

STEWARDSHIP – one(s) activity concerned with the direction of the affairs of an organization. – Merriam-Webster Dictionary

That's US ! We are all stewards in many ways. The Stewardship Committee is responsible, together with the Building & Grounds Committee, to structure an annual budget, organize and oversee a season of giving to support our budget, to pay our staff, along with our other tangible expenses such as utilities and church building maintenance. We manage all financial issues in the life of our church. The Season of Mission Committee is separate from the Stewardship Campaign and has a funding plan for mission projects in the spring.

I am happy to report that Stewardship tithes, gifts, offerings, and various other incomes received over the first half of the year have closely follow the budget projections. This is commendable. They allow our staff, volunteers, maintenance, utilities, etc. to be financed as planned and in a timely manner.

Expenses over the same period have actually been slightly under budget. That is commendable in a time of inflation and the active programs of our members and staff. We should note that the current budget was approved with a deficit (shortage of income) of approximately \$34,000 on a total expense budget of \$433,000. The deficit amounts to almost a month of average expenses. We are hopeful that controlled spending together with unexpected gifts will narrow or eliminate this shortfall. God's people can work in wonderful ways ! Prayers work too!

Requests for estimated 2024 expenses have gone out to the various committees. These "wants" will be collected and compiled into a sample budget for 2024. Beginning later this month various committee members will be telling us about their services, needs and projects. This work touches us all in multiple ways. Together with missions, our financial support of them is the key to allowing Waverly Road, THE CHURCH, Our Church, to march forward into a fresh and active NEW YEAR.

Pledge Envelopes and cards with detailed information will be mailed to each member household in September. Pledge Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 15. (*Continued on next page*)



August 20-26, 2023

To all:

We delivered 30 bags this past Friday.

Our bread from Panera was way down – don't know if this is a trend yet or not.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

—Pete Lodal

Hission Moment U

The Stewardship Committee will, using our income figures, and requested committee expenses, prepare a 2024 budget for consideration by the Waverly Road Session at their October meeting.

In conclusion, I want to read you the words of a very familiar song from a hymnal.

Onward Christian Soldiers

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading Where the Saints have trod. We are not divided; All one body we: One in hope and doctrine, One in charity.

Onward, Christian soldiers! Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before. AMEN

(Submitted by Ken Marsh)



Stephen Minister Training Update



Pray for our Stephen Minister trainees: Martha, Linda, Mark, and Tom as they continue to enhance their caregiving skills on Saturday, August 19th.

This Saturday, they'll be learning about **"Understanding Suicide:"** How to Help People Get the Care They Need." Stephen Ministers will never knowingly be assigned to someone at possible risk of suicide, but it's important that they be able to recognize the signs of suicidal ideation, determine the level of risk, and connect the care receiver to a qualified professional as needed.

The 2nd session will be on **"Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close."** Stephen Ministry relationships last until the care receiver no longer needs a Stephen Minister's care. In this session, trainees will explore how to know when it's time to bring closure to a caring relationship and how to do so in a healthy way.

In the 3rd session, they will begin **"Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care"** this week. They'll learn more about the kind of discussion that takes place in supervision while preserving confidentiality. Stephen Ministers attend monthly supervision meetings once they complete their initial training. This supervision provides them with the support, guidance, and accountability they need to ensure the best care possible for their care receivers.

Please pray for the trainees that they develop these essential abilities for their ongoing ministry and for Sharon and Dave as they prepare to lead the sessions.

Care Portal

What is CarePortal anyway, why is Rachel going on and on about it, and what good will it do me and WRPC?

These pressing questions and more will be answered at a luncheon hosted jointly by the Mission and Congregational Care Committees on Sunday, August 27th in the Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. Rachel will be providing the programming.

We hope you can come enjoy fellowship along with our friends from Mafair and discover how CarePortal can help us to be the hands and feet of Christ both in our congregations and neighborhood. Please RSVP either online <u>here</u> or by placing the provided bulletin insert into the offering plate on either Sunday the 13th or Sunday the 20th (please don't RSVP twice both online and via the insert).

See you there!

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Wandering..

The Waverly Wanderers have some exciting adventures coming up! Contact Rachel Lawson for more details about any of our outings.

Wednesday August 30th we will be traveling to Lake Lure, NC (where Dirty Dancing was filmed) to take a boat tour and have lunch. We can take up to 15 people and suspect the bus will fill up quickly so let Rachel Lawson know ASAP if you'd like to join us.

September 24th we will be going to Bristol to see the musical Oklahoma at the Paramount Theatre. Please RSVP no later than Monday, August 20th for that.

October - Date TBD – trip to the Museum of Appalachia in Clinton, TN

Fried Green Tomatoes

Ingredients

- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour, divided
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 cup cornmeal
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 green tomatoes, cut into 1/3-inch slices
- Vegetable oil

Directions

Add coating to green tomatoes:

Mix together egg and buttermilk; set aside. Combine 1/4 cup all-purpose flour, cornmeal, 1 teaspoon salt, and pepper in a shallow bowl or pan. Dredge tomato slices in remaining 1/4 cup flour; dip in egg mixture, and dredge in cornmeal mixture.

Fry tomatoes:

Pour oil to a depth of 1/4 to 1/2 inch in a large cast-iron skillet; heat to 375°F. Drop tomatoes, in batches, into hot oil, and cook 2 minutes on each side or until golden. Drain on paper towels or a rack. Sprinkle hot tomatoes with salt.

