

The Newsheet

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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**WELCOME
TO WORSHIP**



October 8, 2023
**In-Person and
Online Worship Service
at 11:00am**
**Click on either link for
Sunday Worship Service**



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SCRIPTURES

October 8, 2023
Psalm 19 &
Philippians 3:4b-14

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,

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This Sunday we will gather outside on the lawn to worship. I love the lawn of our church. I spend many hours walking there under those oaks. Somedays I like to sit and read and watch others go by. I enjoy the plants and flowers tended to by church members. I love to watch the way that things change as the seasons change.

Worship on the lawn is a reminder to all of us that being the church does not just happen in the building. We are called to declare the glory of God out in the world. The world is sometimes cold (bring a coat this Sunday), noisy, smells like car exhaust or whatever else might be in the air. The world is also beautiful and ever changing.

This Sunday come on and help us be the church in the community. Bring a chair, bring a friend, and bring your heart to God.

May God continue to bless,

—Rev. Collin



PRAYER REQUESTS

People in our Prayers

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

Missions in our Prayers—4th Quarter

Local Missions

Meals on Wheels

Regional / National Missions

Ukirk (ETSU)

International Missions

Congo Hope, Congo

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 10/8	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Outdoor Worship Service, Front Lawn
Monday 10/9	7:00pm	Personnel, Library
Tuesday 10/10	6:00pm	Youth Group, YS
	9:00am	Walking Group, Greenbelt Holston Valley Trailhead
	6:00pm	Has Beens, FH
	6:00pm	Children & Youth Ministry, MR
Wednesday 10/11	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 10/12	12:00pm	Worship Committee, ZOOM
	6:00pm	Stephen Ministries, MR & ZOOM
Friday 10/13	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH
Saturday 10/14	2:00pm	Marie Jones Memorial Service



A big thank you from SMILE Foster Closet for WRPC'S support of this fall's fundraiser Rummage Sale. \$1,687 was raised and 54 foster children got to "shop" for free.

It's Candy Time!

October is here and it's time to start collecting candy donations! Lincoln Elementary will be trick or treating at WRPC on Halloween day. We will need some goodies for a whole school's worth of kiddos! Please bring candy donations or small non-edible goodies by the church and leave them in Rachel's office between now and Sunday, October 29th. **Can you help distribute candy on Halloween day to the Lincoln kiddos? Let Rachel know if you're available between 10:00am and 2:00pm to help!**



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
instructions to your email.

WRPC Fall Festival

Sunday, October 22, 2023

WRPC Fellowship Hall

5:00—7:30pm

In lieu of a Trunk or Treat this year, we will be changing it up a little with a Fall Festival. We're serving hot dogs with chili and chips for dinner. Then, we're having a Fall costume contest for kids AND adults and a cake walk. Who doesn't love cake and desserts, right? Please feel free to bring a cake or dessert to share for the cake walk, so everyone goes home with something sweet!

It's going to
be fun for
everyone!



For the month of October...

Our wish list for October
includes gently used coats and
hoodies, new socks and
underwear (all sizes).



Monday,
October 9,
6:00—8:00pm

We will be gathering
in the Youth Suite
for a evening of
activities and FUN!



Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodal



October 8–14, 2023

We finished off September last Friday with 29 bags delivered, giving us a total of 198 bags for the month, the largest in 2023.

We also received notification from Food City that we are going to receive \$3500 in Race Against Hunger funds, an increase of \$500 over last year. Our thanks to Food City for their generosity.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

—Pete Lodal



**WRPC Fall Church Retreat
November 3-5, 2023
at Holston Camp,
Banner Elk, NC**

Sign-up below!

You do not have to be a church member to attend. The theme is Ecclesiastes 8:15 - fun and fellowship! You can sign up by clicking the link below:

<https://forms.gle/pTFixz9sVY1znc1X9> or call the church office. Please sign up as soon as possible with reservations needing to be in by Sunday, October 22 so they can plan the meals accordingly.



**Join us for our
Outdoor Worship
Service this
Sunday, October 8,
WRPC front lawn.**

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

STEWARDSHIP

SHARING THE GIFTS WE HAVE



It is not an accident that in our traditional order of worship the offering is always collected shortly after the reading of the Scripture and the sermon. This part of the worship service is called "Responding to the Word" and there is possibly no more practical, tangible, or immediate response to God's grace than to joyfully give our financial resources.

As Receiving Treasurer, I am always happy to receive your gifts on behalf of the church regardless of how you choose to give them: Cash or check; online or in the offering plate; once a week or once a year; a stock certificate or a plastic bag full of coins. In a sense, each gift is visible evidence of our invisible faith.

During this Stewardship season, I do encourage you to prayerfully consider your own Response to the Word in terms of your financial commitment. If you intend to financially support the church in the coming year, please formalize your intention by making a Pledge. History has shown that Waverly Road receives 99.9% of what is pledged each year. Knowing that we can count on these gifts is a great help in planning for the coming year.

Dear God, thank you for Waverly Road Presbyterian Church. Help us to be good stewards of everything you have entrusted to our care. AMEN.

Noah McMillan, on behalf of the Stewardship Committee



Loving Each Other

Dear Fellow Waverly Roaders,
Your Fellowship & Discipleship and Congregational Care Committees are working to get our time of fellowship and meal sharing, formerly known

as WOW (Waverly on Wednesday) up and going again after a 3-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic and related changes in church demographics and dynamics. The 3-year work of the Adult Learning and Discipleship Committee from 2019-2021 came to the following conclusions: (1) the primary goal of Discipleship is to learn to follow Jesus and "live in communion" as a congregation of people who love each other (as described in Acts 2:42-47); (2) to do so first requires Fellowship, as love first requires relationship.

Historically, programs like WOW have been viewed as a "gift" from the church to the congregation. A committee
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Loving Each Other, cont'd.

and a few volunteers took responsibility to consistently provide an opportunity for the congregation to gather and enjoy fellowship together. As our church has changed in the past few years (pandemic effects, shrinking congregation, shrinking budgets, etc.), we believe we have lost the "critical mass" of volunteers to continue with such perspective.

We are therefore proposing a new program of "Loving Each Other (LEO) Meals," on selected Sundays after Worship. The idea is that individuals and/or families who have a desire (a "calling," or "passion") to do so, may offer their time, energy, and love to plan, prepare, and serve a meal as their "gift" to their brothers and sisters in the congregation, on a Sunday of their choosing (that does not interfere with other activities already on the church calendar). They may recruit others to help, as needed, for planning, cooking (if needed), serving, and cleaning afterward. They may choose to cook (in the church kitchen or at home and bring to the church), to plan and coordinate catering, to invite a food truck, to bring sandwiches, chips, and drinks, a bowl of soup and slice of bread, or whatever other method they are most comfortable with to provide a simple meal to their brothers and sisters following Worship. The F&D Committee will reimburse expenses for anyone unable to

donate their costs in addition to their time, energy, and love. Our committees will also help in any way possible to make the experience fulfilling and meaningful for everyone involved. There will be no "regular" scheduling of LEO meals. They will occur when those "called" are available and willing to provide them. Nursery workers will be available for young children.

If you are interested and willing to participate in this new effort, either as a "LEO Leader" (responsible for a meal), or as a "LEO Assistant" (willing to help LEO Leaders when possible), please contact Howard Carman, Linda Qualls, or Amy Boyles. Guidelines will be provided for LEO Leaders, describing what will be needed and how to obtain information, assistance, or resources for helping provide your "gift."

Each LEO meal will include an informal program of table discussions prompted by questions from "Talking Points for Christians" (a card deck of questions for faith-based conversations for any comfort or knowledge level).

The first LEO meal will take place on October 15, 2023 (Pledge Sunday), in the Fellowship Hall following Worship. This gift will be provided by Linda Qualls (and her team of helpers, including Cindy Slayer, Conner Caldwell, and Howard Carman). Please plan to attend if you are able. And stay tuned for news of other LEO events, hopefully in the very near future.