

# The Newsheet

## Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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**WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP**



**December 17, 2023**

**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/  
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**SCRIPTURES**

**December 17, 2023**

Luke 1:46b-55

**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...



When was the last time God did an extraordinary thing in your life?  
Are you waiting for God to do something amazing?

Sunday is the lighting of the Joy candle. The shepherds probably couldn't wait for morning to come. Night was a dangerous time for sheep. They might wander off in the darkness, and more predators hunt at night. So these low-paid workers eagerly waited for the early morning sun to make things easier for them. Instead, they experienced something totally unexpected and really big: first, an angel appeared and announced to them joyful news about a

newborn Savior, and then a sky full of angels praised God. Overwhelmed with joy, they ran to meet this wonderful baby, and then they spread the word, glorifying and praising God. God had changed everything!

Maybe God did something really big in your life, like answer a prayer in a huge way. Maybe you were going through a really tough time and an unexpected blessing came just at the right moment. When we can point to something amazing God did, we're awestruck and filled with praise for God.

But maybe that hasn't been your experience. Maybe when someone asks you about your day, you respond with, "Nothing special." And yet, God is at work, even when we don't always see it. We don't always expect God to show up and bless us, but we should, because that's what God does. Maybe it's a small thing, like a friend saying something kind when you really need it. Maybe it's a beautiful early morning sunrise. What has God done today that brought you joy? What makes you want to glorify and praise him? Look for God's blessings and anticipate that he will do something. He always does!

— Reflection by Rod Vandenburg



### People in our Prayers

Rev. Dan Clark	Laci, Nicholas &
Holston Presbytery Camp	Robin Lodal
Patients receiving Dialysis	Ann Kibler
Doris Blanchard	Jernigan Family & Jeanne
Ted Germroth	Jernigan
Benjamin Salyer	Sarah Hale
Howard S. Carman, Sr.	Kirk and Lola Finch
(Howard's Father)	Abigail & Ashleen Easley
Sue Hall	Travis & Kathy Adams
(Steve Hall's mother)	(Collin's parents)
Ken Marsh	Chuck Green
Mike Lewis	Marty Qualls

### 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.

<b>Sunday 12/17</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship Service / Christmas Joy Offering
	7:00pm	Session, MR
<b>Monday 12/18</b>	6:30pm	Mission Committee, ZOOM
<b>Tuesday 12/19</b>	9:00am	Walking Group, Greenbelt Holston Valley Trailhead
<b>Wednesday 12/20</b>	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 12/22</b>	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH



## For the month of December...

It's the 12 Days of Christmas at SMILE! Here's our Wish List!

SMILE has been able to double our numbers served from last year (643) to over 1200 already! So many products that we had drives for earlier in the year are seriously depleted. We are happy to send you a tax deductible receipt for any and all physical or monetary donations.

- \* Underwear (all sizes)
- \* Infant and Children's Socks
- \* Pajamas (all sizes)
- \* Diaper Wipes
- \* Toddler/Preschoolers Car Seats
- \* Hairbrushes and Combs
- \* 3 in 1 Kids' Shampoos/Body Wash
- \* Body Wash for Teen Girls
- \* Athletic pants and hoodies for teen boys (adult sizes)
- \* Athletic leggings for teen girls (adult sizes)
- \* Hygiene products for natural/biracial skin and hair
- \* Pack n' Plays and Cribs (gently used is fine)



### 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 log-in instructions to your email.

CANTEMUS WOMEN'S CHOIR OF THE TRI-CITIES INVITES YOU TO THEIR 10<sup>TH</sup> SEASON



SUGGESTED DONATION OF \$10 (CASH ONLY) [WWW.CANTEMUSWOMENSCHOIR.ORG](http://WWW.CANTEMUSWOMENSCHOIR.ORG)

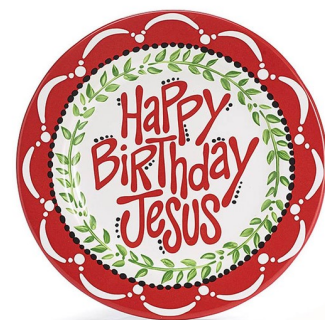
## December 24, 2023 WRPC Christmas Eve Schedule

### Christmas Morning Worship Service

11:00am in the Fellowship Hall  
Christmas Pageant and  
Birthday Party for Jesus

### Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service

6:30pm in the Sanctuary



### Children's Nativity Pageant and Birthday Party for Jesus

Sunday, December 24, 2023, 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall





Views from the

# FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodal

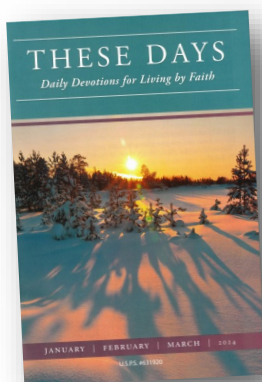


**December 17–23, 2023**

We delivered 57 bags on Friday, up by 10 from the previous week.

Also, this morning I meet representatives from First Presbyterian-Kingsport to accept their White Gift offering – 35 fully packed food bags ready to distribute. This is an extremely generous gift, and one which First Presbyterian has given to our Food Pantry for a number of years. Our heartfelt thanks to them for their generosity.

—Pete Lodal



## The NEW *These Days* publications are here!

The booklets are located in the Narthex to the right as you enter the Sanctuary doors. If you would like a copy mailed to you, please call Amy in the church office at 247-5121.

# CORRECTION

**Bree Fox has a correction for her Bundt Pan Cornbread recipe. The oven temperature should be a 400 degree oven, not 450.**



## Mission Moment Update...

**December 10, 2023**

**Kairos Ministry Team**

This past Tuesday night the Kairos Ministry Team had a Christmas Party for about 300 inmates at the Northeast Correctional Complex in Mountain City. The Christmas gathering was sponsored by Mini Mission Grant from Waverly Road Presbyterian Church.

Each man was fed a wonderful meal, from the outside, a sub sandwich, chips, veggie-packs and given a personal hygiene kit. There was also live string music with Christmas songs and Carols and the reading of Luke 2 about the birth of Christ story.

Thanks again for this WRPC Mission...to give support to those men and show them that there are people on-the-outside who care about them. Matthew 25:36 "I was in prison and you came and visited me."

The Kairos Alumni has already sent out a big THANK YOU to our church for sponsoring their Christmas Gathering for the 300 inmates. They were most appreciative of our church reaching out to them.

—Mission Committee

Mafair United Methodist Church  
and  
Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

present

## The Seven Noels

Songs to Light the World

a cantata by Pepper Choplin

12th Night Celebration - Friday, January 5, 2024

Mafair UMC 1409 E Center St, Kingsport

Music at 6:00 pm with community dinner to follow

RSVP for dinner at  
[www.mafairumc.org](http://www.mafairumc.org)  
or call (423)378-9620



## Cranberry Noel Cookies

*These cookies are sweet little shortbread cookies with a touch of tart cranberry and nutty pecans. You could also substitute the cranberries with dried cherries.*

### Ingredients

- 2 sticks (1 cup) unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp. milk
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3/4 cup dried cranberries, chopped
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut (optional)



### Directions

1. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream the butter and sugars until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Mix in the milk and vanilla extract.
2. Gradually mix the flour and salt into the butter mixture until a soft dough forms. Fold in the dried cranberries and pecans.
3. Transfer the dough onto a countertop sprinkled with flour. Divide the dough in two. Roll each section of dough into a smooth log, about 2-inches in diameter. Roll in shredded coconut, if using. Wrap each log in plastic wrap and chill the dough for two hours.
4. Preheat the oven to 375°F, and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Remove the dough from the fridge, and take off the plastic wrap. Use a sharp knife to slice the logs into 1/4-inch slices, and place each slice on the prepared baking sheet.
5. Bake the cookies for 14 minutes until the edges are lightly golden brown. Remove the cookies from the oven, and let cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes before transferring to wire racks to finish cooling.