

The Newsheet

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



January 21, 2024

**In-Person and
Online Worship Service
at 11:00am**

**Click on either link for
Sunday Worship Service**



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WaverlyRoadPresbyterian-
Church/](https://www.facebook.com/WaverlyRoadPresbyterian-Church/)



[https://www.youtube.com/
channel/
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SCRIPTURES

January 21, 2024

Mark 1:14-20 &
Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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...

"You can't be what you can't see." ~ Marian Wright Edelman



Edelman, an American activist for the rights of children, originally used this quote. She believed that children are less likely to be inspired for their future, if they don't have visible role models.

Being inspired for the future.

Admittedly, that's tough when all we perceive to hear about is what is "wrong" - with the world, the country, our state, our city, our religion, etc. The negativity is everywhere and draining. Sometimes, it can even creep into the walls of WRPC. Financial

concerns, man-power concerns, future concerns.... how do we get inspired? How do we ensure that WRPC serves not just the next generation but

the ones we have right now? As the decades go by and the world outside our walls continues to shape and influence our priorities we have to continually re-develop our visioning statement. What is important to each individual in our church family is based on all kinds of factors. Some of which I'm sure I have never even considered!

I don't know what direction the church wants to go to make sure we continue Loving God, Loving Others and Making Disciples. It's so much more than a tag line. As we look toward the future, please pray and be open to BEING the change. A call to action is required to SEE what we can be. I don't care if you've never set foot in a Sunday School class - there would be a reason you haven't and we need to know what that is. Surely if we get inspired together, then change will not be so scary (even for us Presbyterians)!

—Rachel



PRAYER REQUESTS

People in our Prayers

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

Missions in our Prayers—1st Quarter

Local Missions

Cora Cox Academy
The Oasis of Kingsport

Regional / National Missions

Appalachian Miles for Smiles

International Missions

Butoke Nutrition Center, Congo
Osman Hope, Honduras

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 1/21	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship Service / Installation of New Elders
	7:00pm	Session, MR
Monday 1/22	6:00pm	Youth Group, YS
Tuesday 1/23	9:00am	Walking Group, Greenbelt Holston Valley Trailhead
	6:00pm	The Has Beens, FH
	6:00pm	Children & Youth Ministry, MR
Wednesday 1/24	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 1/26	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH

Mission Moment Update...

January 14, 2024— Food Pantry

My message today is to thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry as loyal volunteers, donors of food and funds, and for your participation in our 2023 Christmas Card Project.

Last month, 117 special edition Christmas Cards were requested and sent to family and friends. My appreciation goes to Judi Easley for her design and preparation of the cards, to Amy Boyles for the printing, to Karen Carman for managing the project when I was out of town, and to members of the Sunday Sisters class for their assistance in assembling the cards. It was a team effort!

When end-of-year giving is combined with the amount donated for the cards, an additional \$5,505 was added to the Food Pantry account to help us begin 2024 in stronger financial shape.

The Annual Food Pantry meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 30th at 7:00 pm via ZOOM. Please be watching for a link early that week.

Thanks be to God for blessing our Food Pantry ministry as we enter this 47th year of serving our hungry neighbors as the hands of Christ on Waverly Road.

—Susan Lodal



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



**Monday, January 22,
6:00—8:00pm**

We will be gathering in the Youth Suite for a fun evening of learning and fellowship!

**In case of inclement weather,
Trinity will send an email to cancel Youth Group.**



SMILE for the Month of January

Our wish list includes new or gently used baby equipment and new diaper wipes.

Great-Green-Growing Sundays



As you walk down the hall towards the library, you may see this banner inspired from the lesson The Circle of the Church Year off to the left. In the story, the phrasing for the **regular Sundays** is "Great-Green-Growing Sundays".

In reflection of that, the overall shape of the banner resembles a leaf, along with the choice of colors being mostly in greens. The dark green vines and leaves signify that as you go through the regular Sundays, you are getting ready for the following special seasons. Each top leaf on the vines has a different colored leaf, representing the different special seasons. The colored leaves are arranged by the first special season encountered at the beginning of the New Year. (From left to right) **Purple Leaf: Lent, White Leaf: Easter, Red Leaf: Pentecost, Includes both Blue and Purple Leaf: Advent.**





Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodal

January 21–27, 2024



To all:

The bang of last Friday was not repeated this week — only 34 bags delivered. Yet another prognostication fail.

As Susan announced yesterday, we will hold our 23rd annual meeting by Zoom on Tuesday, January 30th. The nice thing about Zoom is that you don't need a snow date. I will send the link closer to the meeting time.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

—Pete Lodal



Barnabas Project for College Students Celebrating 25th Year at WRPC

In 1998, Susan Lodal and Charlene Combs, a retired school librarian, began the Barnabas Project at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church. Barnabas who was a mentor to Paul as they worked with new Christians in Antioch, was an encourager and that is what we want to be to these students.

Members of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church have been secretly paired with college students, including Collin Adams while he was in seminary, through this ministry, throughout the school year, the adult volunteer encourage the student by lifting him or her up in prayer and sending notes of encouragement and care packages. The students may be living at home or they may be attending school far from home. There are times when all of us can benefit from prayer, an encouraging word sent through the mail, or a care package. Our college students are no exception.

In the spring or summer, we will hold a Barnabas Reveal gathering where the students will learn who their secret encourager was this school year. The students participating in the program for the twenty-fifth year are:

Gillian Marlow A junior at University of Alabama
Lauren Whipple A December graduate of ETSU
Marshall Palmer A 5th year student at Maryville College

Why is the Barnabas Project important to our college students? Studies have shown that between two thirds to three fourths of young Protestants will stop attending church for at least a year between the ages of 18 and 22. This occurs for many reasons. Unfortunately, the number of graduates that are returning to regular church attendance is growing smaller each year. Studies have also shown that those who come back, choose to do so partially because of the relationships that they have sustained with members of their church family.

In the Fall, we will kick off the program for the School Year of 24-25. We will be reaching out to the congregation for the names of college students and also for people who are willing to be a Barnabas for these students. Please be in prayer for this project.

CarePortal

Care Portal Update

We had our first successful Community Care Portal Need entered on December 9th by Marsha Musick, Family Liaison at Lincoln Elementary. It was for some furniture for a set of Grandparents who have custody of their grandson and have recently moved into a house after being homeless for a while. One of the grandparents had also recently had surgery. Thanks to Waverly Road Presbyterian and Mafair Methodist, the family received 2 mattresses, 2 bedframes, 2 sets of bedding and mattress protectors, 2 sheet sets, 4 pillows, 2 dressers, Christmas Ornaments, and a table and chairs. Thank you very much to everyone who responded so promptly. The family was very appreciative.

Since it was the first community request, we had some questions come up. One was a question about giving money. For this request, we accepted donations made out to the church and put it in a special account and used those funds to purchase some of the items. There is also a way of giving to the Care Portal on-line if that is more convenient. There are two things to be aware of: (1) It is probably better to wait until we have an active request so that the funds will be used within a specified time period and (2) There is a 5% fee when you make the donation. You will have the option of covering that cost; otherwise, the amount put in our account will be reduced by that percentage. For example, if you give \$25.00, there will be a fee of \$1.25, if you pay the fees, your donation would be \$26.25 and if you don't cover it, the church's Care Portal (Continued on back page)

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Care Portal Update, *cont'd.*

account would get \$23.75. To make a donation, the link to use is <https://system.careportal.org/church/waverly-road-presbyterian-church/99742>. We will be putting a link on the home page of the church web site shortly. When a need comes up, we have a Care Portal Card to which the needed funds will be transferred so that we can make the purchase.

Another comment we had was that it is difficult to respond to the request. When we get another request, we will send out an email with step-by-step instructions on how to respond to the email. The first step is to chose "Yes, I Can Help" and it will give options to choose an item or pray. We definitely will give more instructions for the next request.

Again, many thanks for all the donations. Thanks to you, this family had a Christmas with beds to sleep in and a table to sit at. Also, thank you very much to Anthony and Rachel Lawson, as well as Ray Lawson for delivering and assembling the items.

If you would like to be notified of requests, please click on this link to sign up to receive the emails <https://system.careportal.org/church/waverly-road-presbyterian-church/99742?kiosk=6vtH97wWwulVjLbYjpGLTUOzn>. This link will be included on the home page of the Church web site soon.

If you have any questions about on-line giving or Care Portal in general, please let Rachel Lawson or Barbara Lane know.

French Hot Chocolate

Intense, rich, and absolute heaven for any chocolate lover. Recipe based off of the famous Café Angelina in Paris. Yields: 2 servings

Ingredients

- * 1 1/2 cups whole milk
- * 1/2 cup heavy cream
- * 2 teaspoons powdered sugar
- * 1/2 teaspoon espresso powder
optional, but delicious for intensifying chocolate flavor
- * 8 ounces bittersweet chocolate at least 70%, chopped
- * Giant bowl of whipped cream for serving



Instructions

1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, whisk together the whole milk, heavy cream, powdered sugar, and espresso powder until small bubbles appear around the edges. Do not allow the mixture to boil.
2. Remove from saucepan from the heat and stir in the chopped chocolate until melted, returning the sauce to low heat if needed for the chocolate to melt completely. Serve warm, topped with lots of whipped cream.