

# The Newsheet

## ✠ Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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**WELCOME  
TO WORSHIP**



**February 25, 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/WaverlyRoadPresbyterianChurch/)



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

**February 25, 2024**

Mark 8: 31-38 &  
Romans 4:13-25

**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,**

One thing that I am trying to do right now is sit and contemplate something. Sometimes it is a plant or a tree outside. Other times it is a piece of writing such as a poem or scripture. I just sit and ponder whatever it is. This allows me to stay with that thing for awhile until it becomes a part of my day. It helps me to focus and to reflect.

We need to contemplate, especially contemplate scripture.

We often think that we know what scripture says, but when we sit down and really think about it we see that we might have misremembered or conflated scriptures. When we sit and ponder these things we have a chance to really unpack it, to examine it from all sides and to see it for what it is, a living word.

Take several minutes to contemplate each day. See what God is breathing into you.

May God continue  
to bless,

*—Rev. Collin*



### People in our Prayers

Rev. Dan Clark	Laci, Nicholas &
Holston Presbytery Camp	Robin Lodal
Doris Blanchard	Ann Kibler
Ted Germroth	Jeanne 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)
Mike Lewis	Chuck Green
Dave & Sharon Petke	Marty Qualls
Steve Hall	Jack Lowe Family
Laura Van Hoozer	
(Brenda Lewis' Sister-in-Law)	

### 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.

<b>Sunday 2/25</b>	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship Service
<b>Monday 2/26</b>	6:00pm	Youth Group, YS
	7:00pm	Mission Committee, ZOOM
<b>Tuesday 2/27</b>	9:00am	Walking Group, Greenbelt Holston Valley Trailhead
	6:00pm	The Has Beens, FH
<b>Wednesday 2/28</b>	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
<b>Friday 3/1</b>	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH



## for children and youth

- Nursery available for children 0-3 years Sundays from 9:30am - 12:30pm
- 3yrs - Kindergarten Sunday School - led by Godly Play Room. 9:45-10:45am
- 1st-2nd grade Sunday School - led by Carlita Bartells and Charlie Foster
- 3-5th grade Sunday School - led by John and Karen Gilmer
- 6-12th grade Sunday School - led by Trinity Gibson
- 6-12th grade youth group Monday evenings 6-8pm led by Trinity Gibson and Suzanne Huron



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



### Try One of Our Adult Sunday School Classes!

**Apprentice Class** - Hybrid Format via Zoom and in-person in Room 105. Class begins at 9:15 instead of 9:45 to accommodate the logistics with Zoom. Leaders: Howard Carman, Dave and Sharon Petke. The next study will be "Thinking Through Salvation", a 9-part video series by N.T. Wright.

**Women's Sunday School Class** - Room 205. Leader: Karen Carman. The class uses a variety of DVD/Workbook Small Group Studies as the basis for the lessons and subsequent discussions. A new study titled "In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land" by Max Lucado will begin on February 18.

**Adult Lectionary Class** - Gathering Space. Leader: Shelley Porter. Discussions are prompted by the Weekly Lectionary Text.



**Monday, February 26, 6:00-8:00pm**

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



### SMILE for the Month of February

Our wish list includes new or gently used plus-sized clothing, 2X-5X clothing all sizes and new fidget toys.

## Encouraging Words

"Attitude is the 'little' thing that makes a big difference." —Winston Churchill





Views from the

# FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodol



**February 25—March 3, 2024**

To all:

Second verse, same as the first: We delivered 44 bags Friday, as compared to 43 last week. A new normal, perhaps? (Don't bet on it).

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

—Pete Lodol

## Stephen Ministry Update



On October 22, 2023, we commissioned our new Stephen Ministers. They are: Tom Christian, Mark Crow, Linda Qualls, and Martha Triplett. These men and women received 50 hours of specialized training in Christian caregiving and join Scott Bowles, Susan Foster, Anne Garber, Barbara Lane, Dave Petke and Sylvia Rotenberry as active Stephen Ministers serving our congregation and community.

Sharon Petke retired as Stephen Ministry Coordinator/Leader/Minister in September 2023. We express our thanks for her hard work in having the vision to implement this ministry at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church and her hard work since 2008. Dave Petke is filling her former role.

Susan Foster and Linda Qualls are enrolled in the Stephen Leader training program and will be commissioned as leaders in early spring.

Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receiver for around an hour to listen, care, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support for the person. Caring relationships last for as long as the person's need persists. You can find more information on this ministry by going to the church home page to choose a link to the Stephen Ministry page for Waverly Road.

Please pray for our new Stephen Ministers and future Leaders—ask God to bless their ministry and work through them to bring hope and healing to those whom they serve. Pray also for the ongoing ministry of our current Stephen Ministers.

Our congregation is one of more than 13,000 worldwide, representing 160 Christian denominations, that use the Stephen Series system of lay caring ministry developed by Stephen Ministries in St. Louis.

If you know of someone who would like to have a Stephen Ministry, please contact any of the above people and the Referrals Coordinator will be in touch with that person.

## Mission Moment Update...

**February 18, 2024—Season of Mission Service Projects for 2024**

I am here to share information with you about the service projects we will be undertaking as a congregation during our Season of Mission ~ Season of Hope. There will be 3 different opportunities for you to choose from. Two of the projects will involve collecting items for our Food Pantry and the Oasis of Kingsport.

People visit our food pantry to pick up groceries they cannot afford. We already give them dish detergent and laundry detergent. They will often ask for other items such as: bars of soap, toilet paper, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. We can also use canned or boxed soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat, and canned pasta with meat or cheese. These will be extra items we can add to the bags of groceries distributed on Friday mornings.

We will also be collecting items for the Oasis of Kingsport PERKS program called Philippians 4:19. In case you are wondering what this verse says, I looked it up for us. *And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.*

Oasis of Kingsport is the name of the women's ministry that provides a day center with a calming and protective atmosphere. You heard from Brenda Fox about this last week. Women attending programs and classes at Oasis can earn points that allow them to choose items in the PERKS program. We will help provide some of those items they can earn as a reward: body wash, deodorant, lotion, razors, shampoo, conditioner, aluminum foil, Ziploc gallon and quart freezer bags, kitchen hand towels, paper towels, and dish soap.

Don't have time to shop in the next few weeks? You may choose to send a check to the church instead and write on the memo line either Food Pantry Service Project or Oasis Service Project. We will do the shopping for you and choose items that we need to complete our donations.

We are asking that you bring your items and leave them in the designated plastic tubs in the Narthex by March 17, *(Continued on back page)*

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## Season of Mission Service Projects for 2024, *cont'd.*

which is Season of Mission Pledge Sunday. More details, including the list of the items, will be available beginning this coming Sunday.

On Sunday, March 10, the Mission Committee will be hosting lunch after Worship. We have invited some special mission guests to join us. During that time, the children and youth are invited to decorate paper bags that will be used at First Presbyterian Church on Saturdays and Sundays for their Grab & Go Breakfast Ministry. If you have not already made a reservation for lunch on March 10, please use the bulletin insert for that purpose OR you can sign up in the Gathering Space OR you can call the office. The Mission Committee wants to have plenty of food for everyone attending.

Thank you for helping us serve as the Hands of Christ on Waverly Road.

—Susan Lodal



"Exchange what can never satisfy  
you for the only thing that can."  
— Wendy Speake



## Church Library News

Check out our new titles shelf and the shelf around the library computer for a collection of new titles that have been given to us by: Susan and

Peter Lodal; Sharon and Dave Petke; Colin Adams; Howard Carmen; Jack Boyles and other anonymous donors.

Books accumulate in the library closet and I have to determine where they need to go. Sometimes we are gifted multiple copies of the same book that has been a book study. Obviously, we do not need multiple copies unless I have a request to keep them in the closet for future use. Sometimes they will be sent with the "Love" packages.

When I retired from the school system, I went through my books and gifted them to Cora Cox Academy to begin their in-house library. The principal at that time was delighted for my suggestion because the DB Library was open to them but that involved a trip. When Jack Boyles retired he gifted us several books; some we kept for our collection and others that were appreciated by the new principal at Cora Cox Academy. This is just another layer to our mission work at Cora Cox Academy.

Thank you,

—Wanda Kerns, Church Librarian