The Newsheet Vaverly Road Presbyterian Church



March 10, 2024

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



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March 10, 2024 John 3:14-21 & Ephesians 2:1-10



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,

Like many professions, being a pastor comes with its own lingo. In the PC(USA) we have a lot of different acronyms. So, I find myself talking about PDA, the BoO, the BoC, and the GMB.* That's not even scratching the surface of how many there are or delving into all of those big theological words.

While this allows me to shorten some conversations, it becomes a hindrance when I assume that everyone knows what I am talking about. We sometimes talk about our faith like that. We talk about discipleship, mission, worship and other things in ways that make sense to us, but may not be very helpful to those who are not a part of our faith lives.

For these next few weeks of Lent, let's see how we can simplify our faith. Think of ways that you can share what you believe with others in a really simple, lingo-free way. I know that this is something that I really need to work on.

*Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Book of Order, Book of Confessions, General Mission Board

—Rev. Collin

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People in our Pravers Laci, Nicholas &

Rev. Dan Clark Holston Presbytery Camp Doris Blanchard Ted Germroth Benjamin Salver Howard S. Carman, Sr. (Howard's Father) Sue Hall (Steve Hall's mother) Mike Lewis Dave & Sharon Petke Steve Hall Laura Van Hoozer

(Brenda Lewis' Sister-in-Law)

Robin Lodal Ann Kibler Jeanne Jernigan Sarah Hale Kirk and Lola Finch Abigael & Ashleen Easley Travis & Kathy Adams (Collin's parents) Chuck Green Marty Qualls Jack Lowe Family

Missions in our Pravers—1st Ouarter

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 3/10	9:45am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship Service
	12:00pm	Season of Mission ~ Season of Hope
		Luncheon, FH
	7:00pm	Personnel, Library
Monday 3/11	11:00am	Circle of the Word, Room 205
	6:00pm	Youth Group, YS
Tuesday 3/12	9:00am	Walking Group, Greenbelt Holston
		Valley Trailhead
	6:00pm	The Has Beens, FH
	6:00pm	Children & Youth Ministries, MR
	7:00pm	Kingsport Music Club, GS
Wednesday 3/13	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Thursday 3/14	12:00pm	Worship Committee, ZOOM
Friday 3/15	10:00am	Food Pantry, FH
Saturday 3/16	2:00pm	Kingsport Music Club Young
		Adult Recital Rehearsal, Sanctuary

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.

Monday, March 11, 6:00–8:00pm

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





Lenten Window Banners Open House

Friday, March 29, 2024, 10:30am–2:30pm Waverly Road Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

This beautiful tradition was created in 2000 by Judi Easley and Miklos Bus and continues today. We hope that your time here will draw you closer to our Lord, and that the window banners will enrich your Lenten journey.

Hi, folks! Anyone notice anything special about this year's banners? It is hard to believe, but this year marks the twenty-fifth year since we first made banners!

In celebration of that and the fact that the lectionary cycle is the same, AND Collin decided to preach on the gospel passages, this year will be a re-hanging of the ten original banners Mike Bus and I did in 2000! I have been mentally reliving the fun, frustration, experimentation, laughter, mistakes and surprises at the outcome we had that year!

It was a rollercoaster ride for sure, and we were unsure whether they would last even to the next year, yet here they are 25 years later in pretty good shape. I miss my friend Mike, as I do every year when I hang banners, but it is such fun to see them all together again and remember. I hope you all will enjoy them all over again as much as I do! *—Judi Easley*

Easter Egg Hunt and more! Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024, after Worship in the Fellowship Hall

There will be games and activities and an Egg Hunt for the children!





To all:

We delivered 36 bags this past Friday, held back by the rainy weather.

On a positive note, we have received a hunger grant of \$858.58 from Holston Presbytery, funded by the 5 Cents-a-Meal offering.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

—Pete Lodal







The NEW *Our Daily Bread* and *These Days* **Publications are here!**

These publications are located in the Narthex to the right as you enter the Sanctuary. If you are

unable to come to church, just call the church office at 247-5121 and we will be glad to mail to your home address.





2023 UWGK LIVE UNITED AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations, Susan!

> Last week at our 2023 Annual Meeting we had the honor of celebrating Susan Lodal as the 2023 UWGK Live United Award Recipient! Susan has served as a volunteer with United Way of

Greater Kingsport for over fifteen years, including serving on the Board of Directors in 2017.

With a passion for school children and serving the hungry, Susan served on the board of education for over 16 years. She also helped establish the UWGK "Hunger Task Force", Harvest of Hope Community Garden and <u>www.FeedKingsport.org</u>, an online resource of food pantries for our community.

She is a lifetime Girl Scouts supporter, Meals on Wheels Volunteer, co-sponsor of the Appalachian Miles for Smiles event at Waverly Road Presbyterian, and she helps coordinate Thanksgiving meals for KCS families. Susan and her husband, Pete Lodal, were recently honored as Kingsport's Best Philanthropy Awards for their service to our community.

Congratulations, Candace!

Candace Sass won a "Service to Mankind Club Award" from the Sertoma Club last week. It was given to her for her work with Meals on Wheels.

"In recognition for exceptional efforts and contributions to further the Sertoma Mission."

Thank you, Candace for making our community a better place to live!



SMILE for the Month of March

Our wish list includes new or gently used sneakers and infant/toddler shoes. We also need new diapers and pull-ups.



Mission Moment Update... March 3, 2024–Annapurna Panchakanya Basic School in Nepal



"Finally, we got the water in the school!"

These are the words from Raj Dangol at the Annapurna Panchakanya Basic School in Nepal -

referring to the recent project funded from contributions to your Mission Action Plan.

For over eleven years, Waverly Road has supported this school for grades one through eight in Nepal, a developing country in Southeast Asia.

While trekking through the mountainous Annapurna region in Nepal, Mission Committee member Bob Avery was introduced to the Panchakanya Basic School and its needs by his trekking guide Raj Dangol. Bob brought the potential mission





project to the committee, and since then, Waverly Road has supported many needs of the school including repairs following an earthquake and construction of a new classroom building.

For several years we provided the salary for an English teacher. Knowledge of English as a second language is an important necessity for employment in the one of Nepal's largest and fastest-growing sectors – international tourism. This would provide better employment opportunities for the students.



A Waverly Road mission trip lead by Bob took duffels full of second-hand clothing for the children.

Following Bob' death, many friends both from and outside our congregation contributed \$4,780 to the Mission Action Plan in Bob's memory. With the help of Rosanne and Jeff Kappa who were travelling in Nepal, we renewed communication with Raj and were able to send those funds to the school in Bob's memory.

Among the current needs are desks, library materials, stationery, whiteboards, and ideally an English teacher. However, the first big need at the school was installation of the potable water line directly to the school so the children would not have to fetch it in buckets from the central supply.



This project included running the underground line and building two concrete storage tanks. That system is now providing potable water, supporting education.

Annapurna Panchakanya Basic School is one example of the international missions being met by your Mission Action Plan contributions. You can see the entire list in your MAP packet.



Thank you for your generosity.



Check Out Montreat's Women's Conference Coming Soon! August 9-11, 2024

WRPC women are invited to participate along with a group from First Presbyterian. First Presbyterian is coordinating and covering the cost of Reynold's Lodge and food. Participants register on Montreat's website as a commuter, cost \$247. Montreat's Conference website: <u>https://montreat.org/events/wc-2024</u> If you have questions about what to expect, ask Rachel Lawson or Adult Ministries Elder, Eileen Butler, who can speak from personal experience.



Godly Play: Lent Study of the VII Faces of Easter

As we think about the season of Lent in the Godly Play room, we look into the three great mysteries of the Christian Calendar Year. The

mysteries are Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Each of these mysteries have a "preparation time." The four weeks before Christmas is known as Advent. Another preparation time is Lent, the six weeks before Easter. Our preparation time is longer for the season of Lent than Advent. We need more time to get ready for this greatest mystery of the Christian Calendar Year, Easter. After Easter we have six more Sundays of Eastertide. Easter is so big a mystery that we need more than one Sunday to Celebrate. At the end of Eastertide we reach the third great mystery of the Christian Calendar Year, Pentecost. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus.

During Lent, we follow the story of Jesus from birth until his resurrection (Faces of Easter) After Easter and the resurrection, we will begin a study of "Knowing Jesus in a New Way." This includes the time between Jesus' resurrection and ascension. But let us now focus on the "Faces of Easter."

Faces of Easter I

God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus. When the baby looked up into the face of the Mother Mary, he already saw the cross. When he looked into the face of Father Joseph, he saw the cross there too. Mary and Joseph held the baby close and warm. They gave Jesus everything that he needed and Jesus began to grow.



Faces of Easter II

The baby grew and became a boy. When he was twelve years old, he traveled with his parents to Jerusalem for one of high, holy days. When it was over the people of Nazareth started home. Suddenly, Mary and Joseph discovered that Jesus was not there. There were a lot of people and a lot of children they thought he might be playing with as they journeyed home. When they got home Jesus was not there. They rushed back to Jerusalem to find him. They looked everywhere they had been before. Finally they looked in the temple and there he was.

Jesus had been talking and listening to the priests and rabbis. When Jesus spoke they listened because he knew so much. When the priests and rabbis spoke Jesus listened because he wanted to learn more. Mary and Joseph asked Jesus why he did this and he replied, "Didn't you know that I would be in my Father's house?" They did not understand, but they did not forget.

Faces of Easter III

Jesus grew and became a man. When he was about thirty years old, he went to the River Jordan where his cousin, John, was baptizing people. Jesus came face to face with John and said, "Baptize me." John looked at Jesus and for the first time saw who he was and



said," How can I baptize you? You are the Messiah, the one we have been waiting for. You must baptize me." Jesus said, "No, it is written that you will come before me and prepare the way. You must baptize me." When John lifted him back up into the light, there were people there who said they saw a dove come down from heaven; they heard a voice say, "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased." Jesus then waded across the Jordan River into the desert. He stayed there for forty days and forty nights to learn more about who he was and what his work was going to be. - Wanda Kerns

Maundy Thursday Worship Service and Communion Thursday, March 28, 2024, 7:00pm

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." – John 13:34



Good Friday Prayer Service Friday, March 29, 2024, 12:00pm

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But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. - Isaiah 53:5

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Hi, WRPC family! I would like you to take a minute to think about the music here at Waverly Road. Isn't it wonderful? I know one of the things I have loved about WRPC through the years has been the outstanding music we have been able to have here. But as the years have passed, lifestyles have

changed and many people no longer have the ability or free time to participate in many of the wonderful music programs we have had (but if you DO have time, there are OPPORTUNITIES available for you!). Our choir has shrunk and is not as balanced and strong as it once was. We have found one way to help maintain the high quality of our music program through the Music Scholars program. I feel confident you have enjoyed the three scholars we presently have who join our choir each week, or on several occasions have been the only ones bringing us music in worship. They have been a lovely addition to our worship, blending their voices praising God and inspiring us. The Music Scholars program is a win/win situation for them and for us. We get the benefit of their strong young voices, and they get some relief from the financial burden of college. But this solution isn't cheap. To recompense them for coming to Kingsport twice a week for a full semester, each scholar receives \$2000. Thus far, this program has been financed by your generous love and support through individual giving and through the general fund.

We are thinking ahead now to this summer and next year's program. We need to fund this program by May if we are to continue it. Is the music in worship important to you also? Would you be willing to donate to this program to help it continue? Our scholars have been a delight both personally and artistically. I also think we have been a welcome Christian influence on them, and hope that God will help them grow in their faith and commitment to bring songs of joy and hope to God's people in their lives.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to this program through the offering (with a note designating the Music Scholars), online with the QR code, or at the Music Program Appreciation Lunch after church in May.

Thank you, and may God always put a song in your heart!

—Judi Easley