

The Newsheet

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



May 5, 2024

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

Click on either link for Sunday Worship Service



<https://www.facebook.com/WaverlyRoadPresbyterianChurch/>



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1dv3U42u4jLlksq_71Foyg



SCRIPTURES

May 5, 2024

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98 & 1 John 5:1-6

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,

Earlier this year I made some changes to my diet. I found out that certain foods that I was rather fond of were not very helpful to my health. Not just sweet stuff, but things like bread and apples and rice. It is not that I am allergic to these things, I just found out through my doctor and a specialist that my body does not metabolize them well.

I could go back to eating them at any time, but I feel so much better now that they are out of my system. It has helped that the specialist gave me a little book with a list of foods that I CAN eat instead of just a list of foods that I can't. Now I just pick stuff out of the book and I feel better.

Scripture should be like my little food book. I should go to it to see what I can do with my days here on earth, but so often I get caught up in those things that I shouldn't do that it just becomes daunting. Yet Christ has given us the shortcut. As we have been talking about in worship on Sundays, what we CAN DO is love.

If we go into the world keeping love as our choice in all situations, we are doing what God commands. Loving God, loving neighbor, loving self. Those are our options, and I pray we let the Spirit empower us all to choose them.

—Rev. Collin



People in our Prayers

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| 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 | Conner Caldwell |

Missions in our Prayers—2nd Quarter

Local Missions

- Family Promise (IHN)
- Second Harvest Food Bank of NE Tennessee
- WRPC Food Pantry

Regional / National Missions

- Holston Habitat for Humanity

International Missions

- Love Packages
- Living Waters of the World

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 5/5	9:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship Service / Communion / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering
Monday 5/6 Tuesday 5/7	7:00pm Stewardship Committee, MR 6:00pm Youth Group, YS 9:00am Walking Group, Greenbelt Holston Valley Trailhead Entrance
Wednesday 5/8	11:00am Staff Meeting, ZOOM 6:00pm The Has Beens, FH 7:00pm Cantemus Concert Dress Rehearsal, Sanctuary
Thursday 5/9 Friday 5/10	1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study 5:30pm WRCCC Celebration for Martha Triplett, Beth Joyner & Marsha Cole, FH 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice 12:00pm Worship Committee, ZOOM 10:00am Food Pantry, FH 11:00am Congregational Care, GS 7:00pm Cantemus Spring Concert



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



**Monday, May 6,
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 May

Our wish list for April includes new or gently used Premie 5T clothing and new or gently used twin bedding (sheet sets and comforters).



Cantemus Women's Choir presents "Poetry in Motion" concert

Friday, May 10, 7:00pm at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church, Kingsport, TN

Saturday, May 11, 7:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, Johnson City, TN

SALT

Greenlight for a New SALT Group!



Our Adult Ministries Committee recently asked for your feedback on your potential interest in a new SALT group focusing on the enneagram personality typing system. We received enough positive responses to indicate we should move forward with the idea. The Committee will be discussing and hashing out ideas on how best to proceed. So details will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to talk to any of our committee members: Eileen Butler (chair), Howard Carman, Anne Garber, Rachel Lawson and Lynda Snook.

Visioning Task Force



Hello friends,
If you were unaware, WRPC has established a Visioning Task Force to kind of get a feel for how the church is doing and where

we should focus our efforts in the future with God's help. We truly want to hear from each member of our congregation whether you have been here for years or have just arrived. We have created this quick (can be done in less than three minutes depending on how much you have to say) survey. We hope you will take a moment and give us your honest thoughts. You may submit your name or remain anonymous. You can scan the QR code below with



your smartphone or follow the link in the newsletter. If you prefer a person-to-person conversation we'd love to have that too. Rachel Lawson as well as myself can be found in the church directory. If we do not answer, please leave a message, we will call you back. Thank you. Here is the link <https://forms.gle/xreWaxTqyPMjw4KA>

—Suzanne Huron



Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodal

May 5–11, 2024



How Does Stephen Ministry Work?



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

In our last article, we learned how someone's life can be touched by Stephen Ministry. We will now take a look at how Stephen Ministry works in our congregation. The Stephen Leaders at WRPC are Dave Petke, Susan Foster, Linda Qualls and Barbara Lane. Each of them has completed Leadership training provided by staff of the Stephen Ministry Organization.

Our Stephen Leaders recruit, select, and train members of our congregation to be Stephen Ministers. Stephen Ministers receive high-quality training in Christian caregiving skills. This training involves general topics like listening skills, feelings, assertiveness, and boundaries, and specialized topics like how to use prayer and other Christian resources or how to minister to someone experiencing grief, divorce, a medical crisis, and more. Upon completion of their training, we commission our Stephen Ministers in our worship services. This is a way for our whole congregation to recognize that we have Stephen Ministers who are ready to provide care and a listening ear.

When a Stephen Minister is requested, the Recruitment Leader prayerfully pairs up a Stephen Minister with the member of the congregation or community who needs care. They care for people experiencing the death of a loved one, divorce, hospitalization, loss of a job, a terminal illness, a relocation, the birth of a child, an empty nest, the transition into retirement, a spiritual crisis – the list goes on and on. With Stephen Ministry, we have a team of well-trained Christian caregivers who can provide care in these situations.

Stephen Ministers have one care receiver at a time. They meet with that person for about an hour a week. Stephen Ministry is a confidential ministry. The only people who know the identity of a care receiver are that care receiver, their Stephen Minister, and Stephen Leader who linked the two together. Nobody else knows – not even the other Stephen Ministers or Stephen Leaders. This way care receivers can feel assured that anything they tell their Stephen Minister will remain confidential.

Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders get together regularly for continuing education and supervision. Continuing education is a way for Stephen Ministers to be always learning, growing, and enhancing their caregiving ability. Supervision, meanwhile, allows Stephen Ministers to guide and support one another in their ministry so they can provide the best care possible to their care receivers. If you have any questions about Stephen Ministry or would like to know more about this ministry, please contact one of the Leaders listed above, visit the church web-site, or visit the Meditation Room, where there are several articles on this ministry.

Waverly Road's Stephen Ministers are here to care for you!!!

To all:

We completed April with 41 bags delivered, more in line with recent weekly totals.

For the entire month, we delivered 159 bags, our smallest month in 2024.

As always, thank you for your support and prayers.

—Pete Lodal

A German Shepherd, Doberman, and a cat have died...

All three are faced with God who wants to know what they believe in.

The German Shepherd says:

"I believe in discipline training and loyalty to my master."



"Good," says God. "Then sit down on my right side. Doberman, what do you believe in?"

The Doberman answers:

"I believe in the love, care, and protection of my master."

Ah," said God. "You may sit to my left."

Then he looks at the cat and asks, "And what do you believe in?"



The cat answers:

"I believe you're sitting in my seat."



Strawberry Crisp Recipe

This Fresh Strawberry Crisp is the best springtime dessert ever! Fresh juicy strawberries are topped with a buttery and crumbly oat topping, and is absolutely delicious with a big scoop of vanilla ice cream on top!



Ingredients

Filling:

5 heaping cups fresh strawberries, hulled and quartered
1/4 cup granulated white sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 Tablespoons cornstarch

Topping:

1 cup all purpose flour
3/4 cup old fashioned oats
2/3 cup granulated white sugar
2/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted

1. Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a deep dish pie plate or large baking dish with butter or cooking spray and set aside.
- Combine the chopped strawberries and sugar in a large bowl and mix until the strawberries fully absorb the sugar. Add in the cornstarch and vanilla extract and stir until all of the strawberries are evenly coated. Pour into the prepared baking dish.
- In a separate medium size bowl, combine the flour, oats, brown sugar, granulated sugar, salt, and cinnamon. Pour in the melted butter and stir well until well coated and crumbly. Sprinkle the crumb mixture evenly over the top of the strawberries.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 35-40 minutes until fruit is bubbly and topping is golden brown. Allow to cool slightly before serving. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream on top. Enjoy!



Coming Up:
WRPC's Churchwide Picnic

Sunday, May 19,
4:00 to evening
Eastman Picnic Shelter
More details to come!