

The Newsheet

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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July 4, 2021

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

Click on either link for
Sunday Worship Service



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Scriptures for July 4, 2021

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 &
Mark 6:1-13



FEED THE HUNGRY

WRPC Food Pantry

WE'RE STILL 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 Dr. Kate Stubbs...

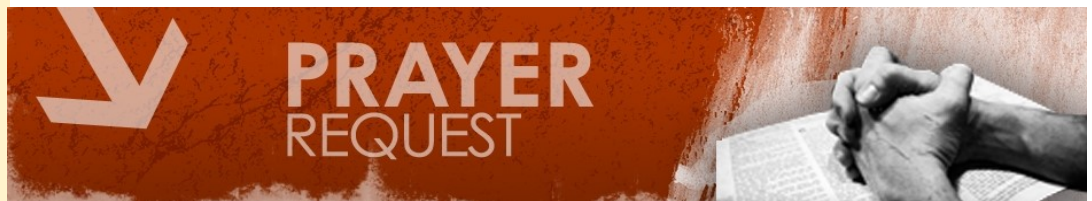
Greetings,

For those of you whom I haven't had the opportunity to meet yet, my name is Kate Stubbs, and I'm delighted to join the staff as your new Director of Music Ministries. My family and I are relatively new to the area, having moved here two years ago from Oklahoma to be with family. My husband, Tyler, and I have one daughter named Arianna, who is 8 years old. Arianna is our miracle child, born at 28 weeks and weighing

1 lb., 12 oz. She spent 3 full months in the neonatal intensive care unit in Austin, Texas while I was in my first year as a full-time Doctoral student and Teaching Assistant. God has been good to us, and she is now a rising 3rd grader at John Adams Elementary School. We are also foster parents and have had the privilege to help families in our community through our endeavors.

During my time in Oklahoma, I was the Director of Music at a Disciples of Christ church for several years. Since moving to Tennessee, I've been part of a couple of different churches who would have been happy to keep me. Despite this, I continued to wait for God's calling in leading me to where I was meant to be. When the opportunity for Waverly Road came across my desk, I felt a deep sense of "rightness", and strongly felt God's calling that this was the next step for not only myself but my family as well.

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People in our Prayers

Mary Margaret Bowles	Laci, Nicholas & Robin
Mike Lewis	Lodal
Helen Austin	Joyce Caldwell
Rev. Dan Clark	Tom King Family
Jackie Britton	Sarah Valk
Holston Presbytery Camp	Ann Kibler
Patients receiving Dialysis	Jo Morrison
Debbie Reiff	
Rorie Parker Family	
Lee Bockman	

Missions in our Prayers 3rd Quarter

Local Missions

Kindermusik
Second Harvest Food Bank of NE Tennessee
WRPC After School Program

Regional/ National Missions

Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center

International Missions

Butoke Nutrition Center, Congo
Moyo wa Afrika, Tanzania

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

Online Worship and In-Person Worship continues at 11:00am following all protocols.

Sunday 7/4

- 9:45am Sunday School Grades Preschool – K – **ZOOM**
- 10:00am Sunday School Grades 6-12 – **ZOOM**
- 10:30am Chancel Choir Practice
- 11:00am Sunday Worship Service / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering – Online and In-Person

Tuesday 7/6

Wednesday 7/7

Friday 7/10

- 3:30pm Staff Meeting – GS
- 1:00pm ZOOM Bible Study – **ZOOM**
- 7:00pm Chancel Choir Practice – Sanctuary
- 10:00am Food Pantry – OPEN

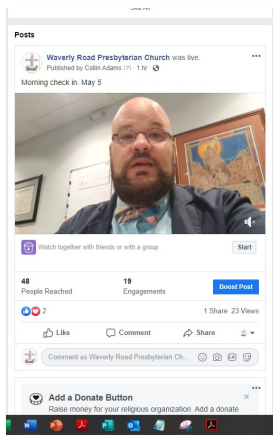
From the desk of Dr. Kate Stubbs, cont'd...

We have all been made to feel so welcomed at Waverly Road. In fact, this was at the forefront of my initial impressions from each person I spoke to before joining the staff. There was a great outpouring of kindness and warmth which made me feel cared for from the onset. I could also sense a great deal of pride and community from all that has been built in these last 75 years.

I was very encouraged to hear that there has been such a strong and long-lasting tradition of music at Waverly, and how crucial that was to worship. I could feel how important this was to the choir and other members of the congregation. I know it has been especially challenging to not be able to freely sing together during the pandemic. Congregational singing and the church music program are a beautiful vessel to singing God's praises. Yes, I'm biased!

However challenging and painful it was to distance, not be able to sing as a congregation, and to limit musical outputs during the pandemic, I genuinely believe these experiences will make all of us appreciate the gift and opportunity community music making provides even more. I know there's a great deal of excitement and readiness for this return to normalcy and new opportunity.

I'm looking forward to the great things to come. Of the meaningful relationships that are yet to happen, for a fresh new start and growth for our congregation, and for the renewed outpouring of love and faith in our music. I look forward to being part of a community where my family and I can continue to grow and deepen our faith with Christ. I'm grateful that we'll be on this journey together, with a strong support system at Waverly Road. Thank you all for your kind words and encouragement as I start this new journey with you. I ask for your grace and prayers during this transition, and I'm sincerely looking forward to the coming days and weeks of worship together! —Dr. Kate Stubbs



Morning Check-Ins with Rev. Collin on



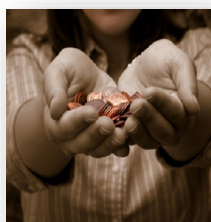
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For the month of July...
If you would like to donate to SMILE,
July is the month for sizes 6-20, all season and all genders.
Thanks so much for your support!

5 Cents-a-Meal Offering will be collected this Sunday, July 4!



This Sunday, we will collect the 5 Cents-a-Meal Special Offering that is used to assist Holston Presbytery congregations in their local and international hunger relief ministries. The purpose of the offering is to get our families involved in contributing to a larger corporate effort to

fight hunger. Members of all ages are asked to collect a few cents (five) at every meal throughout each month and bring that as an offering once a month as an expression of thanks for what we have received. If you stop to do the math, this works out to nearly \$5/month/person! Thank you for participating in this special offering.

WRPC Church Offices will be CLOSED on Monday, July 5th for the Fourth of July holiday.



Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodal

Week of July 4–10, 2021

To all:

We distributed 20 bags this past Friday, for a total of 85 bags for the month of June.

A couple items of interest:

1. Second Harvest held their annual meeting this past week. At the meeting, they announced that, since the beginning of the pandemic, 93% of their distributing agencies (including us) stayed open for the duration of the lockdown. That is a remarkable statistic, which demonstrates the faithfulness of people working to reduce hunger. In that time, more than 4 million pounds of food were distributed, 2-3 times normal for Second Harvest.
2. I am attaching an article from the June 6, 2021 edition of the Economist, a British news magazine (on the next page). It presents statistics which show a significant decline in hunger in the US, mainly attributed to governmental support, such as the stimulus payments and food distribution. As you know, the food we have received from Second Harvest has been at no cost to us, through a combination of state and federal grants. So, if you ever wondered as to whether what we (and many others) are doing to reduce hunger is effective, the answer is a resounding yes!

As always, my thanks to each of you for your support and prayers. —Pete Lodal



School Makes a Difference

Sunday School for Children & Youth offerings for the next few weeks:

Sunday School via Zoom every Sunday:

Pre-school - K 9:45am with Wanda Kerns

Grades 1st-5th 10:00am with Candace Sass and Carlisa Barttels **NO Class on 7/4/21**

Grades 6th-12th 10:00am with Karen & John Gilmer

Church Members Serving Our Community

As many of you know, Bays Mountain Park is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year! Bays Mountain officially became one of the largest municipal parks in the United States in 1971. Many of us call it Kingsport's crown jewel.



Church members, Bree and David Fox were guest speakers last Tuesday at the Birding Kingsport monthly meeting sharing their knowledge and expertise with a wonderful presentation on the history and development of Bays Mountain Park.

Bree and David have been very active in the Bays Mountain 50th Anniversary Celebration with their research and programs on the history of the land, the development of the park as well as their hikes in the park.

David has created a website <http://www.baysmountainhistory.org/> with an archive of pictures, documents and stories relating to Bays Mountain Park, pre-Park history, Park history and maps.

Additional church members participating in the 50th Anniversary are Susan and Peter Lodal.

Thanks for sharing your love of this amazing park with Kingsport Birding members, Kingsport residents, extended family members, guests and tourists visiting our beautiful region.



Bree and David pictured with Kingsport Birding President, Helen Sirett.



Bree and David pictured with Kingsport Birding Treasurer, Ken Hendrix.



► Ms Guillermo says that the medicines can cause catastrophic injuries and death on the track. Some horses are on several, known as “stacking”. As long as they are within the approved limit, this is allowed. But the cumulative damage of masking an injury means that a horse is at greater risk of collapsing and needing to be put down.

Forty-nine horses died at the Santa Anita track in California during the 2018-19 fiscal year, according to a report by the Los Angeles district attorney. Many had multiple drugs in their systems on the day they died. California eliminated stacking in 2019. Some trainers complain that the different rules in each jurisdiction are confusing. That will soon change, as national oversight is coming into the home stretch. The Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act will require uniform safety standards, including anti-doping and medication control. Scott Stanley, a chemist at the Gluck Equine Centre, is helping to write the rules. He is already seeing fewer medication infractions in his service lab in Kentucky.

But racing faces other challenges. IBIS-World, a research firm, says the industry is in a state of long-term decline. Fewer punters means track closures. Arlington Racecourse outside Chicago, which has just begun its final season, will be sold for development. Some tracks have diversified into slot machines and casinos. Demand has eroded as competing entertainment and other forms of gambling siphon off potential customers. Racing's loyal fans tend to be on the older side. The Triple Crown events still retain interest, but a few minutes of excitement once a year is not a durable business model. ■

Measuring poverty

The hunger wanes

LOS ANGELES

Fewer Americans are going hungry. What went so right?

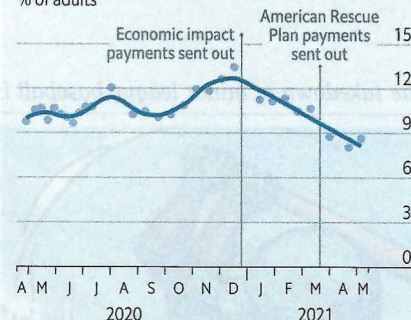
“SINCE WE TOOK OFFICE,” tweeted President Joe Biden on May 23rd, “hunger rates have dropped 43%.” That statistic, although astonishing, is broadly correct, according to data from the Census Bureau. “That’s the American Rescue Plan at work,” Mr Biden added. The claim of causality, however, is less certain.

Since April 2020 the Household Pulse Survey, carried out by the Census Bureau, has asked a representative sample of American adults whether there was enough to eat in their household over the previous week. The share who respond either that there is “sometimes” or “often” not enough food are classified as living in hunger. Over the course of the covid-19 epidemic, this proportion has hovered around 10%. It peaked just ahead of Christmas at 13.7%, equivalent to 30m people. Since then the figure has fallen steeply (see chart). The survey, carried out between April 28th and May 10th, put the figure at 8.7%, or 18.2m people.

Although Mr Biden would like to credit his American Rescue Plan for this improvement, the claim does not stand up to closer inspection. The president signed that bill on March 11th, yet by March 17th the share of people saying that they had

Making dough

United States, hunger rate
% of adults



Source: Census Bureau

not eaten properly had already fallen to its lowest since covid-19 was diagnosed widely in America. It took at least six days for the first Rescue Plan cheques, worth \$1,400 for every adult, to be received, suggesting that the initial decline in hunger was caused by something else.

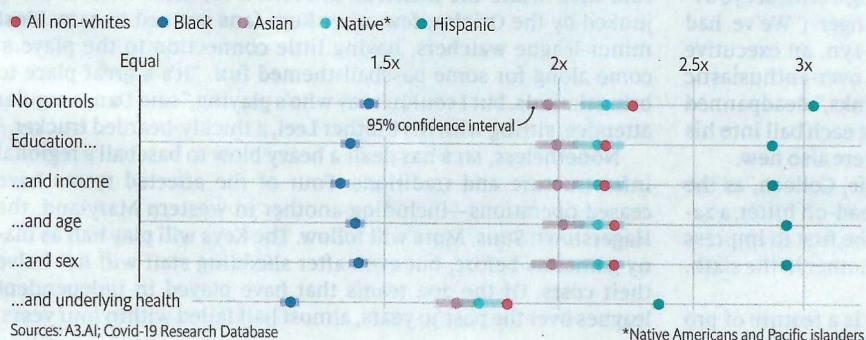
There are several possible reasons why hunger has fallen. First, the steadily improving economy. The unemployment rate has fallen from its peak of 14.8% in April 2020 to 6.1%. However, hunger rates did not begin to decline until the final days of 2020; they remained stubbornly high last year even as unemployment fell. On a state-by-state basis, there appears to be little relationship between the change in unemployment and the fall in hunger rates over the past year. Another possible explanation is the reopening of schools, which may have given more children access to subsidised food. But again, school reopenings did not begin until well after hunger began to trend downwards.

A third possible cause of the decline in hunger is one that Mr Biden may not wish to trumpet. An earlier round of stimulus cheques worth \$600 was delivered in December 2020 to every American adult, under legislation signed by the outgoing president, Donald Trump. That bill also increased food-stamp benefits by 15%. The cheques were sent out on December 29th, precisely when hunger rates began falling.

Although the American Rescue Plan may not have started the decline in hunger, it is likely to play a role in sustaining it. Experts say that the vital signs of labour markets, such as earnings and unemployment—which is still nearly twice its pre-pandemic rate—are closely tied to levels of hunger. Therefore extraordinary benefits, such as the cheques approved by both Mr Trump and Mr Biden, have kept hunger rates lower than they otherwise would have been. The government may hand out more money later this year, while the American Rescue Plan has extended food stamps, too. Both policies are likely to help keep hunger at bay. ■

Crossing the intersection

United States, odds of being infected with covid-19, compared to white people
By ethnic group, April-December 2020, log scale



Sources: A3.AI; Covid-19 Research Database

*Native Americans and Pacific islanders

Covid racial disparities

According to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, racial minorities were three times as likely to be hospitalised with covid-19 as whites. But why? Data scientists at A3.AI, a health-research group, analysed the insurance records of 14m patients in the Covid-19 Research Database, 380,000 of whom were diagnosed with the virus, to disentangle the causes for *The Economist*. Even controlling for education, income, age and prior health conditions does not explain what is going on. But one notable finding is that Hispanic Americans were the most vulnerable group. ■

WAVERLY ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



We continue to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church. All year long, our news sheets will be filled with our history, pictures, stories, and memories of our beloved WRPC from the archives and from WRPC member contributions. If you have any of these in your own personal memorabilia that you would like to share with us please contact Rachel Lawson.

The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church Part 3, cont'd: (September 1957—May 1959)



Reverend Collier Harvey

As Waverly Road Presbyterian Church prepared to move into the 1960's, change was afoot. Having said goodbye to Bill and Nancy Schotanus and family, the pastoral search committee swiftly moved to fill the position of pastor by extending a unanimous call to Collier S. Harvey, Jr. of Hillsboro, West Virginia.

Collier arrived in Kingsport with his wife, Betty Ann and their

daughters Ann Gray and Ginger on April 21st and began his ministry to the church on May 1, 1959. The family welcomed a third daughter, Lois, in November of the same year.



*Pastor Harvey sharing with a "friend" in the library.
(As we update our archives, can anyone please help us identify the person seated with Rev. Harvey?)*

Members of the congregation remarked on how nice it was to hear Reverend Harvey's soft Virginia accent from the pulpit.

Reverend Harvey served the people of WRPC until August of 1966 when he moved to assume the pastorate of Tinkling Springs Presbyterian Church in Fisherville, Virginia. Congregants had many pleasant memories of the time he and his family spent at Waverly Road. Collier Harvey was particularly remembered for the hours that he spent visiting folks in the hospital, time spent with he and his wife in fellowship, Bible study and prayer and most importantly, for his acceptance of all people just as they were and his refusal to be their conscience.

Coleslaw for the Fourth of July

Ingredients:

- 1 medium head cabbage, shredded
- 1 large red onion, diced
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup white vinegar
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 1 tablespoon dry mustard
- black pepper to taste



Directions:

In a large bowl, combine cabbage, onion, carrots, and celery. Sprinkle with 1 cup sugar, and mix well. In a small saucepan, combine vinegar, oil, salt, dry mustard, and pepper. Bring to a boil. Pour hot dressing over cabbage mixture, and mix well.

Cook's Note:

This is best if made a day ahead to 2 weeks ahead. If you make it far ahead, drain juice prior to serving.



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More Pets Go Missing on July 4th Than Any Other Day Of The Year!

Share these great tips to provide a safe Independence Day for your canine household!

Take your dog for a long walk before the festivities begin. This will allow them to potty before the noise begins and it tires them out.



Never use fireworks around your dog. The noise can spook them into taking off, or they can accidentally get burned by the fireworks.

Make sure your dog is wearing an ID collar with your current contact info. Collars can come off, so microchip your dog as well (and be sure to register it).



Loud, crowded fireworks displays are no fun for dogs. Resist the urge to bring your dog with you to the festivities.



Leave your dog at home with all the windows securely closed and all shades drawn. Turn on some music to drown out noise from fireworks.



Leave your dog with something to play with (A frozen kong stuffed with treats will last hours).



Consider staying home with your dogs to insure they remain safe, especially if they have anxiety.

If your dog is extremely anxious, consult with your vet about giving a mild sedative to help calm your dog.

