

The Newsheet

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



October 17, 2021

**Indoor 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

October 17, 2021

Mark 10:32-45 & Hebrews 5

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...



I came across an article this morning about some movies made in the late 90s/early 2000s that probably wouldn't make the cut nowadays due to some "cringe worthy" jokes and situations portrayed. Most of the conduct was centered around body shaming, uncomfortable relationships involving underage teens/adults, and jabs or jokes that were disparaging to the LGBTQ+ community. While back then, most of these scenes were considered humorous to the millennial population, to the current Gen Zers (born between 1997-2012) these same scenes are much more likely to raise eyebrows and frowns. I can't help but think about how in these few years, how the social constructs have changed so much. And if that change is significant, then how much MORE have they changed since biblical times? There are lots of curricula that dive deeper into the social customs from that time to help us understand context. Situations regarding older men and younger girls back then were the "norm" unlike today. Topics like divorce seem to be still relevant today, but there really weren't women's rights then either, so that too, looked very different.

As a parent of Gen Z kiddos the following question is important to me: How then, do we use the Bible to help us reach Gen Z when so many biblical instances seem unrelatable? As Christians we can all agree that the unconditional love of Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for us because of said love IS the Message we are called to share.

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." John 4:16

Unconditional love kinda seems like something the Gen Z demographic is into. So, let's start there!

—Rachel



PRAYER REQUESTS

People in our Prayers

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

Missions in our Prayers 4th Quarter

Local Missions

Kingsport City Schools Homeless Education Program
Shades of Grace
Trunk or Treat

Regional / National Missions

UKirk (ETSU)

International Missions

Families Involved Serving Humanity (FISH), Nicaragua
Northumbria Community Retreat Center &
Mother House, England

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.
Masks are encouraged.**

Sunday 10/17	9:45am	Sunday School Preschool through Grade 5— ZOOM
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service / (Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102)
Monday 10/18	7:00pm	Session— ZOOM
	12:00pm	WRCCC Board Meeting—FH
Wednesday 10/20	10:00am	Sanctuary Guild Meeting— Sanctuary
	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study—ZOOM
Friday 10/22	6:00pm	Handbell Practice
	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
	10:00am	Food Pantry—OPEN

Godly Play During the Church Hour



**Precautions have been made in the
Godly Play Room for a safe as
possible environment.**

- * Hepa Filter Air Cleaner
- * Window Fan
- * Window Open
- * Adults Masked (Bob and I have had our booster vaccine)
- * We fully understand if you refrain from participating.



**We will worship indoors and online on
Sunday, October 17.
Masks are encouraged. All are welcome!
Invite your friends and neighbors.**

For the month of October...



**If you would like to donate to
SMILE, its "Socktober"!
New socks and underwear all
month!**

**Please leave them in the tan
storage shed at the back of the
Prospect House. There is a SMILE
logo on it.**

**Thanks so much for your
support!**

Mission Moment Update...

Adult Ministries: Fellowship & Discipleship

Since January of 2019, the Adult Learning & Discipleship committee has been learning, discussing, studying, and debating what discipleship means and should mean for Waverly Road Presbyterian Church. And how we, as a loving community, can help each other grow in the ways we each wish to grow in our faith and in our love – for God, for each other, and for our communities. Committee members have been Howard Carman (chair), Pastor Collin, Alison Christian, Tom Christian, Tim Nolen, Sharon Petke, Martha Triplett, and Tabatha Yost. Recently, Diana Eldredge and Anne Garber from the Fellowship Committee have participated.

In the Spring of 2020, our committee came to the conclusion that the true key to growing our faith and our love was to become better at just living together as a Loving Community – within our congregation and beyond. Enjoying and sharing together all the things in life that bring us each joy and fulfillment – not just Sunday School and Church. Unfortunately, as we began to discuss how we might share and implement resources and tools we had envisioned, the COVID pandemic was upon us and being together physically as a community became hazardous and risky. Now, 18 months later, we are still not where we wish to be in that regard, but we are hoping to be there in the very near future. So we are ready to announce and begin to roll out new programs of Fellowship & Discipleship at Waverly Road.

This past July, Session approved a change in the Ministry Team structure, whereby Fellowship and Discipleship are now joined together into one committee in a new Ministry Team called Adult Ministries. That Ministry Team will also include the adult Sunday School classes. The primary reason for this change is that our committee came to the conclusion that we cannot have effective Discipleship without first having effective Fellowship. The two go hand in hand. Living with, learning from, and sharing with each other is the first step in being and making disciples.

In addition to the adult Sunday School classes, which have always been, and still are, pretty self-sufficient, the Adult Ministries Team will also continue to coordinate and help with traditional activities such as church picnics, Waverly on Wednesday (WOW) programs, the Barnabas Program for encouragement of our college students, and the church library.

We are most excited to announce a new small group program that we are calling SALT Groups: Seeking and Learning Together Groups. We will soon be sending you information, by email and in the Newsheet, about resources that we have developed that will make it easy
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Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodal



October 17–23, 2021

To all:

We had our biggest (relatively speaking) Friday in some time this week, with 33 bags delivered. We'll see how things play out for the rest of the month.

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

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—The 80's, Part 1

In January of 1980, the Session authorized the establishment of a "Handbell Fund" to which members and friends could make contributions. Several memorial gifts were received very soon thereafter, including one from one of our former ministers as a special tribute to the Christian witness of Phil and Eva Hamer. As soon as enough funds were available, the initial two octaves were purchased and the first bell choir performance was a part of the program at a special family night program on August 12, 1981. This beautiful music has made many of our worship services even more special and has given a great many members an opportunity to participate.

Rev. Morris retired from active parish ministry in December of 1981. The prior October Morris announced that he and Katie had agreed to serve a church in England for a year. After many months of planning, organizing, and needle crafting by more than 40 women a very special quilt was completed. Each of the squares represented some aspect of the Warren's family life or Christian experience. The quilt was presented to them at the special family night service on August 12.

With the departing of the Warrens after 14 years, our Associate Pastor Wylie Smith took full pastoral responsibility and with the support of the officers and members, she provided leadership and stability to our congregational life. Unfortunately, 1981 was to be a year of loss, as two of our charter members, Hall Morrison, and Mrs. Mae Lyons were both called home by the Lord. The two had, by their Christian example, greatly influenced the character and witness of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church and the impression of their personalities will be forever a part of our congregational life.



John and Karen Gilmer's Sunday School class for grades 6-12 will not meet on 10/17 due to Fall Break.

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Mission **Moment** *Update...* *cont'd.*

for everyone in the congregation to communicate with each other about what types of activities they would enjoy sharing with other members of the congregation, and others if desired. If there is an activity, a Bible study, a book study, a sport or physical activity – the list is endless – that you enjoy and would like to help lead or just participate in, we will provide the resources you need to share your interests, attend a brief training session if you would like to start a group, invite others to join a group, and share your experiences with each other. A particularly exciting aspect of the new program is that we will be providing the tools and resources we'll need to have a year-round Feasts of Fellowship program in the form of rotating Dining Groups.

There are already four SALT Groups being organized and that will begin rolling out soon. The first is the Circle of the Word, which is already well established and active, but will join the new program as a SALT Group. The second is a Walking Group that will be led by Pastor Collin. The third is a Book Study Group that will be led by Tom Christian. The first book will be *The Party Spirit* by theologian Robert Capon. The fourth is a poetry appreciation group that will be led by Alison Christian.

More detailed descriptions of each of these groups will be available in the near future.

Be watching your inbox and the *Newsheet* in the coming weeks to learn more about how you might participate in these existing groups, learn about other groups that are being considered, OR form a new group that interests you even more. Meanwhile, feel free to give me a call if you have any questions.

We look forward to the coming months as we return to the post-pandemic world and to being together again, enjoying living in a loving community with one another, Seeking and Learning Together, and growing in our faith, discipleship, and love together.

On Behalf of the Adult Ministries Team,

—Howard Carman



**Join us for Zoom Bible Study on Wednesdays with
Rev. Collin at 1:00pm**

(You will receive individual emails for different ZOOM events by email with a PIN and Passcode)