

The Newsheet

Waverly Road Presbyterian Church

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WELCOME
TO WORSHIP



December 5, 2021
In-Person and
Online Worship Service
at 11:00am
Click on either link for
Sunday Worship Service



<https://www.facebook.com/WaverlyRoadPresbyterian-Church/>



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



SCRIPTURES

December 5, 2021
Luke 1:68-79

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 Trinity Gibson...

Happy Advent! (for Collin)

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas to the rest of you!

Though many of us are in full “Christmas mode”, I am not...yet.

This year has been particularly challenging for our family. We have had several significant losses and ongoing trials. Because of WRPC and the work I do here, my faith has stood strong.

You see, I’m not ready for Christmas because I’m still savoring Thanksgiving. My life is full of joy and gratitude for spending days with my children and grandchildren. We enjoyed a full table and full bellies! We prayed to a good God who loves us fully and without reserve. I relish the privilege of coming back to a job for which I am passionate.

Come December 1st, I’ll be decorating trees, hanging garlands, and wrapping presents! But for now I will bask in the blessings that surround us and enjoy the peace of gratitude.

In love,
—Trinity



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	Sarah Hale
Lee Bockman	James Crawford
	The Lincoln Family

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

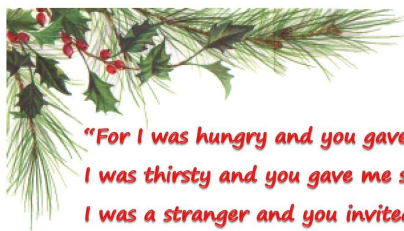
**Indoor and Online Worship at 11:00am following
NEW protocols.**

Sunday 12/5	9:45am	Sunday School Preschool through Grade 12— ZOOM
	11:00am	Sunday Worship Service / 5 Cents-a-Meal Offering (Godly Play Children's Church in Room 102)
Monday 12/6	3:00pm	Youth Group
Wednesday 12/8	1:00pm	ZOOM Bible Study
	6:00pm	Handbell Practice
Thursday 12/9	7:00pm	Chancel Choir Practice
Friday 12/10	10:00am	Food Pantry — OPEN



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

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



*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
I was a stranger and you invited me in..."*

Matthew 25:35

When you make a monetary donation to our Food Pantry through Monday, December 13, a 2021 special edition Christmas card will be sent on your behalf. You may use the card to send Christmas greetings, as a unique gift for a friend or family member, or as a way to remember someone special. You may also prefer to deliver the card yourself.

Please use an order form available in the office and on the Narthex table and send, along with your donation, to Susan Lodal, c/o WRPC Food Pantry. You may also email her at susan.lodal@gmail.com and request a copy of the form.

Last year, we sent 155 cards and received \$13,065 through our Christmas Card Project and year-end giving. It was a record amount for this program that has operated since 1993. We are thankful for everyone who has supported our Food Pantry through their generous donations. You have allowed us to continue serving our hungry neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.



12 Days of Christmas

For the first 12 days of Christmas, SMILE has listed their 12 most urgent needs and will take ANY of them in any quantity! These are all items we need all year round and that are more difficult for us to provide on our own consistently and are items that many of our children need as they enter the foster care system. SMILE has provided for 339 children so far just this year. You can help us make a difference by donating these new or gently used items during the first 12 Days of December! You can drop them off behind the Prospect House in SMILE's drop box. Thank you for supporting foster families!

Item #1

Fidget toys (spinners, pop its, etc.)

Item #2

Ladies' long sleeved t-shirts (sizes M-XXL) and leggings (sizes M-XXL)

Item #3

Boys 10/12 and 14/16 long sleeved t-shirts

Item #4

Men's long sleeved t-shirts (ALL sizes S-XXL)

Item #5

Men's athletic pants, any size!

Item #6

Boys size 12 children's sneakers

Item #7

Boys size 5T long sleeved t-shirts and 5T pants

Item #8

Baby Equipment (cribs, high chairs, bouncy seats, etc.)

Item #9

Car Seats and Boosters (must not be expired)

Item #10

Socks for 0-12 months and 12-24 months (boys, girls, or gender neutral and NEW please)

Item #11

Coats in ALL adult men's sizes

Item #12

Coats in Ladies' sizes L, XL and XXL

**Drop box is located at the BACK of
the SMILE House.**

**1410 Prospect Drive
Kingsport, TN 37664**

**It is a tall, beige storage shed next
to the basement garage door.**

Smile
Foster Closet





Views from the

FOOD PANTRY

by Peter Lodol



December 5—11, 2021

To close out November, we delivered 10 bags this past Friday, a typical post-Thanksgiving total. For the month, we delivered 105 bags. However, this past Friday we had a bonanza of bread. Many thanks to Cynthia and Rick Johnson, who picked all of it up and bagged it on Thanksgiving. With only 10 bags given out, the remainder went to our friends at First Presbyterian for their Saturday and Sunday community breakfast. They were very glad to receive it.

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

Happy Advent.

—Pete Lodol

WAVERLY ROAD PRESBYTERIAN



memorabilia that you would like to share with us please contact Rachel Lawson.

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

The Story of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church—Scenes from Christmas Past

This month we are pausing our timeline history to celebrate Christmases past! If you have any photos of Christmas Pageants or other Christmas programs we would love to have them to share in our news sheet and for our archives - all years are wanted but particularly the early years! Please send them to rachel@waverlyroadpc.org or drop them by the church office. You may find the easiest way to send them is to take a picture OF the picture with your phone or tablet, and attach it to the email. Here are some we do have in our archives to share! Happy Advent!



SMILE is partnering again with Bellafina

to offer world class chocolates that can be picked up locally or shipped anywhere in the country for the

perfect Christmas gift. The best present of all is 100% of the proceeds will go to providing clothing, hygiene and shoes for children in foster care. Click on the link to order!



<https://bellafina.com/product/smile-special/>



Our Daily Bread

publication is now available in the church Narthex. If you would like a copy mailed to your address, please call Amy in the church office at 247-5121 and she will be glad to send a copy to you.

From our Stephen Ministers

A Great Gift You Can Give a Hurting Friend



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

We think of the Christmas season as being a time of celebration of Jesus's birth, a time to spend time with family and friends, Christmas trees and lights, Christmas pageants, and other special activities. However, the joy of

Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care.

Are you or do you have a friend, neighbor, coworker, or relative who is going through a difficult time? Here's a great way you can help — tell them about our Stephen Ministry! Stephen Ministers are members of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church who have received special training to people who are grieving the loss of a loved one, coping with a cancer diagnosis, going through a divorce or separation, battling a chronic illness (or caring for a spouse or parent who is chronically ill), experiencing a great deal of stress, facing the loss of a job, loneliness — or encountering any of countless other life challenges and transitions.

Stephen Ministers meet weekly with their care receivers to listen, care, encourage, pray, and support the person through the holidays and as long as the need persists. They provide emotional and spiritual support. (Males are matched with males, and females are matched with females.) The caring relationship lasts for as long as the person needs care. It's free, and it's a powerful way you can help a hurting friend.

To learn how to connect someone you know with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Sharon Petke, Dave Petke, Diana Eldredge, or Barbara Lane. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!

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



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.

SALT

SEEKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

As described in the Newsheet Volume 53 Issue 39 (October 13, 2021), the Adult Ministries Team and Fellowship & Discipleship Committee are excited to announce a new group program at Waverly Road Presbyterian Church: SALT Groups ("Seeking and Learning Together").

To learn more about this program and to indicate and share your interests, we are asking that everyone complete an online form and survey that is available at the link below. Just click on the link and follow the directions to indicate your interests in (a) participating in new SALT Groups that have been formed and will kick off very soon (including year-round Dining Groups similar to previous Feasts of Fellowship groups), (b) create a new SALT Group to share your own interests and passions with others, and/or (c) share your ideas and interests in possible future activities and groups. Once you have completed and submitted the form, you will receive further information on how to proceed with participation in these groups.

If you would rather talk to someone on the Fellowship & Discipleship Committee by phone or in person to complete the form and survey, instead of the online form, please contact one of the following committee members:

Howard Carman: hscarman@charter.net,
(423) 914-1778

Sharon Petke: sspetke@me.com, (423) 676-6931

Alison Christian: alisonchristian37@hotmail.com,
(479) 466-1762

If you have any questions or would like to communicate further with the Adult Ministries Team and/or the Fellowship & Discipleship Committee, please contact Howard Carman by email or phone. Thank you for your interest and participation in the new WRPC SALT Groups.

To help get things started by year end, we ask that you please complete the form and survey by November 26, 2021. Click on this link to complete the online form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTjBE7scKBmcugh6gA4RKnIUzXf5ENeR3OMZ_DqKBjfl5HevQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you, on behalf of the Fellowship and Discipleship Committee. —Howard Carman

MissionMoment Update...

Good morning. I would like to share with you an update about our Mission Action Plan, also known as MAP. These are the missions that the Mission Committee has researched and chosen to support with funding you provided this year through your pledges.

In 2020, we financially supported missions that were experiencing emergency needs as the pandemic impacted our world. The needs were immediate and obvious.

On April 1 of this year, which was the beginning of our Mission Action Plan year, we began to communicate with our mission partners to find out if they had specific needs. This is a list of how we have responded to those needs thus far through your generous giving. Our MAP year will continue through March 31, 2022.

• \$600 – Family Promise

When it was our turn to host families recently, this donation MORE than covered the cost of gift cards for food. The gift cards were distributed to the families staying in hotels through Family Promise.

• \$1,000 – Second Harvest Food Bank of NE Tennessee (Project Thanksgiving)

Our Food Pantry was recently allocated 115 boxes of food, a frozen turkey, and a Bible to distribute to families through Project Thanksgiving. We partnered with Kingsport City Schools to distribute the boxes to families most in need. Neighbors and churches throughout our region have donated the \$25 cost of the Project Thanksgiving meals. Our \$1,000 donation covers the cost of 40 of those Thanksgiving meals. Kingsport City Schools staff packed a record 265 boxes of food at Second Harvest Food Bank as their way of giving back to the program.

• \$1,425 - Shades of Grace

One of our service projects during the 2021 Season of Mission provided donated food and funding for to-go meals that were distributed outside each day to hungry people in downtown Kingsport.

• \$2,000 – Kingsport City School Homeless Education Program

For several years, we have provided funding to help with the cost of food boxes that families rely upon over the holidays to bridge the gap in feeding their children when school is out of session for two weeks.

• \$4,000 – Osman Hope

We supported this mission in Honduras last year with funding for food delivered to families prohibited from leaving their homes during the pandemic. Last spring, this donation provided computers and high-speed internet for online learning.

• \$4,000 – Waverly Road Childcare Center

Our childcare center received a grant to help cover the cost of playground upgrades, but it was not enough, so this helped them reach their goal.

• \$5,000 – Habitat for Humanity Faith Build

As a partner in the Habitat Faith Build, this is our share of the cost for a new home for Darlene in Kingsport. The house is currently under construction.

• \$5,000 – Holston Presbytery Camp & Retreat Center

Financial support is assisting our church camp in Banner Elk, NC since it began a covenant relationship with Holston Presbytery on July 1, 2021. As of January 1, 2022, the Camp will no longer receive funding from the presbytery and donations will be critical to make up for monetary losses from COVID.

• \$10,000 – Kingsport Homeless Ministry

We honored Jo Morrison on her 105th Birthday with this donation to the new Grace House facility that will serve our community's homeless population.

• \$15,000 – Congo Hope

Bulape (boo'-luh-pay) is the community in Congo where a school was built in memory of Lee Garber a few years ago. Through our mission contact, Jimmy Shafe, we have learned of a need for help with construction of buildings that will house a school for girls studying cutting and sewing, a pastoral institute, and supplies for the hospital that include a permanent source of drinking water.

Since April 1, we have distributed over \$48,025 from our Mission Action Plan through your generosity.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Mission Committee thanks you.



Join us for our annual
Children's Christmas Play
Sunday, December 12 at 5:00 pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
Everyone is welcome!



2021 Holston Habitat Faith and Community Build Update and Need

Waverly Road's volunteers and volunteers from Colonial Heights United Methodist Church completed their week at Darlene's Build at 2134 Ramsey Avenue. The Habitat Regulars and other volunteers have continued work on the house. However, as shown in the completion schedule below, more volunteer workdays are needed:

Tuesday, 11/30/21

- Finish up on all electrical work
- Build forms for concrete pouring @2119 & 2134 Ramsey - NEED 4-6 VOLUNTEERS
- Begin installing cabinets - NEED 1-2 VOLUNTEERS to work with JJ
- Raise yard barn walls - NEED 2-4 VOLUNTEERS
- Begin building concrete forms @2119 and 2134 Ramsey for HVAC pads, if excavation is finished - NEED 4-6 VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, 12/1/21

- Electrical inspection scheduled in the morning.
- Install interior doors (NEED 5-6 VOLUNTEERS)
- Pour sidewalk and HVAC pad @2134 Ramsey Avenue by contractor - Abbie
- Pour HVAC pad and front porch @2119 Ramsey Avenue by contractor - Abbe
- Continue installing cabinets - NEED 1-2 VOLUNTEERS to work with JJ
- Counter and Vanity tops delivered

Thursday, 12/2/21

- Install countertops - NEED 1-2 VOLUNTEERS to work with JJ
- Build roof to yard barn, if material available

Friday, 12/3/2021

- Setup scaffolding in rear @2119 Ramsey and finish siding.

Saturday, 12/4/2021

- TBT based on availability of regulars to work with volunteers from Christ Fellowship on base and window trim installation
- Joe G - are you available to lead this group ????????
- Any of the other Regulars available to help ????
- Begin concrete forms for driveway

Monday, 12/6/2021

- Finish layout/prep/Forming driveway's forms for concrete

If you wish to volunteer, please privately text or email Coordinator Tim Mallinak (423-384-6442; tmallinak@gmail.com) with your availability to volunteer for any of these planned tasks.



Schedule Winter 2021—2022

December 6 Scripture of the week (James 4:8)
Christmas Play rehearsal

December 13 Youth Christmas Party!

Christmas Break until January 10th.

If you know people in need of clothing or if you would like to donate clothing...



For those who need clothing

The Clothing Closet has now reopened at First Presbyterian Church in the Fellowship Center from 9:00 am – Noon.

For those wanting to donate clothing

If you would like to donate clothing, donations are accepted in the Fellowship Center on Wednesdays from 10:00am – Noon and 4:30 – 5:30 pm. A donation bin will be available in the future to allow for donations anytime.

What if you don't get the links to Sunday Morning Worship and the Bulletin for Worship?

Technology is great if it works. But when it doesn't...

You will always be able to find them here!

<https://waverlyroadpc.org/>

Pledge Drive Update

Projected Expenses: \$446,425

Pledges Received so far: 333,215

Other Projected Income: 55,512

Yet to be Received: \$57,698

Congregational Meeting: December 12



Christmas Eve Service

Friday, December 24 at 6:30pm

Same protocols as Sunday worship.



WRPC Christmas Poinsettias Order Form

The cost of each Poinsettia ordered is \$10.00. Checks should be made payable to Waverly Road Presbyterian Church and marked "for Poinsettias". Please indicate below whether you will be picking your Poinsettia up after Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24 or after worship on Sunday, December 26.

Poinsettia given by: _____

Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Celebration of: _____

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK BELOW . . .

_____ I will pick my Poinsettia up after Christmas Eve Service on Friday, December 24 or on Sunday, December 26.

_____ I will not pick up my Poinsettia

DEADLINE TO ORDER: No later than Wednesday, Dec. 15

Christmas Charcuterie Board

This easy to make Christmas charcuterie board is packed with cheese, olives, grapes, and meats, and shaped into a gorgeous and festive wreath shape. Makes 8 servings.



Ingredients

- Fresh greenery like eucalyptus sprigs
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese cubed
- 8 ounces pepper jack cheese cubed
- 8 ounces Colby cheese cubed
- 8 ounces fresh mozzarella balls
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes halved
- 1 cup black olives cured and pitted
- 1 cup green olives cured and pitted
- 8 ounces pepperoni sliced
- 8 ounces salami sliced
- 8 ounces green and/or purple seedless grapes about 1 ½ cups

Directions

1. Choose a large, flat, wooden cutting board to create your wreath on. A round board will be easiest, but you can use a rectangle as well.
2. Take a look at your ingredients, then make a mental note of where each should go. For this wreath design, you'll want to be sure that there is a good mix of colors and that the items are alternating in some way.
3. Start by putting the 4 different types of cheeses down, one in each corner of the wreath.
4. Add the olives, tomatoes, and grapes: Again, keep in mind the arrangement as you place piles of each ingredient down.
5. Add the Meat Last. We do this because we want to arrange the pepperoni and salami in nice fluffy arrangements, and the other ingredients will help keep the meat upright. You can turn the sliced meats into rosettes (see notes to learn how to make them) or simply fold each piece in half and then in half again and stick them in between the other ingredients.
6. Gently move around any ingredients that aren't where they should be, and make sure that your wreath is round. Then take your greenery and decorate around the outside and inside of the circle. Serve your charcuterie with sides of crackers or chips.

For more tips and tricks visit <https://littlesunnykitchen.com/christmas-charcuterie-board/>

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The History behind Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Many of the carols we sing have a rich theological tradition, and “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!” is no exception. It was written by Charles Wesley, who was an English Methodist leader and hymn writer. Wesley wrote over 6,000 hymns, more than any other male writer (Fanny Crosby wrote 8,000).

His goal in writing hymns was to teach the poor and illiterate sound doctrine. His brother, John Wesley, a famous theologian and founder of Methodism, said that Charles’ hymnal was the best theological book in existence. Some have noted that Methodism was born in song and Charles was the chief songwriter.

Wesley, inspired by the sounds of London church bells while walking to church on Christmas Day, wrote the “Hark” poem about a year after his conversion to be read on Christmas Day. The poem first appeared in Hymns and Sacred Poems in 1739 with the opening line of “Hark, how the welkin (heaven) rings.”

In 1753, George Whitefield, a student and eventual colleague of Wesley’s, adapted the poem into the song we now know today. It was Whitefield who penned the phrase “newborn King.”

The Theology Behind: “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

The first stanza describes the good news of the savior’s birth. God has sent the One who will reconcile the sinner back to Himself. Therefore, all the nations should rise and sing and proclaim the good news, which is Christ the King! The next stanza speaks to the mysticism of Christ’s coming and the good news in it. The final stanza tells of the accomplishment of Christ and the power that it brings.

For well over two hundred years, “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” has been a Gospel-saturated anthem pointing people to the Savior. This famed carol is loaded with rich theology.