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Steve's Slant

Last October if you woke up before sunrise and happened to look up into the night sky, you saw something special. Three planets, Venus, Jupiter and Mars, formed a close triangle in the pre-dawn darkness. Their convergence was special because it was rare. Ordinarily these distant planets do not line up in such close visual proximity to one another, relative to viewers on earth.

I say this because starting later this month, we are about to experience a special convergence of our own right here at WWPC. Within a span of just a few weeks, we will:

1. Welcome a new Director of Music.
2. Launch a new website for our church.
3. Introduce the final draft of our long awaited ministry plan.

It perhaps goes without saying that this particular combination of events has never occurred here before, at least not in such close proximity to one another. But this convergence is special not just because it's rare. It's special because it points to something larger than itself.

To put that another way, I believe the timing of these events is more than coincidental. I believe that God is at work here, and that, taken as a whole, these events herald the start of a new and exciting chapter in the ongoing story of our life together as a congregation.

Let's take a closer look at each one of these events in turn, and perhaps you'll see why I believe the timing of this convergence is providential.

On September 25th, following a search process that began last May, we will welcome Vivian Hare as our new Director of Music. Vivian brings an unusually rich combination of talent and experience to this role. She "auditioned" for the position on July 10th, when she served as our guest organist. If you were here that day, you already know why the search committee was immediately enthusiastic about Vivian's candidacy for the position.

If you weren't here that day, you will soon experience for yourself Vivian's gifts as a musician and worship leader, and why we believe that, building on Steve Williams' marvelous legacy, our future is bright, musically. So, if possible, I hope you will plan to be here on the 25th to help welcome the newest member of our church staff. (For additional background information about Vivian, and our plan to welcome her, please see the article on page 7.)

The second of these three converging events has been unfolding now for the better part of a year. With Session's approval, our Communications Committee set out last September to develop a new website for our church.

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS: Neil Satterfield; Ellen Huggins, Beth Meriwether's mother; Bob Keener; Barbara Robinson; Chuck & Lue Stephenson and Mary Moorrees.

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September Birthdays!



Liam Pulsifer, September 4
Natalie Cowel, September 15
John Laney, September 23
Fritz Ackerman, September 25
Elizabeth Cook, September 27



The Warren Wilson Book Group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 8th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. It is the first meeting after our summer break and will be a Salad Pot Luck. Bring your favorite salad to share with the group... dessert will be provided. Judi Repman will lead a discussion of "Lilac Girls" by Martha H. Kelly. Corise Gambrell will provide the dessert. Call [828-803-0956](tel:828-803-0956) for information

THE BACK PORCH SESSIONS Because community can be hard to find. Because who doesn't like live music and great stories? Because there are lots of different ways to do church. The Back Porch Sessions is a joint offering of the Spiritual Life department of WWC and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Join us Sunday night, September 4, at 7:00 on the porch of Ransom Fellowship Hall for an evening of roots music and storytelling, followed by communion served in a Mason jar and on a wooden plate; just like on your back porch.

The Sign-up Sheet for the Nursery Brigade will be available in the Narthex, beginning Aug. 28th. Readers will be needed beginning Sept. 11th. After the Children's Sermon, walk with the nursery staff and children to the nursery. Read the Bible Story Leaflet to them, spend a few minutes talking with them and then return to the church service. It is an early beginning into the much-loved Bible Stories. The Fall quarter focuses on Joseph and Moses. Leaflets are available a week ahead in the Nursery.



JUST FOR FUN We'll kick off our new year of Just For Fun with a barbecue dinner at Hickory Nut Gap Farms on September 14th, from 5:00-7:00. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex of the church.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION We begin a new year of Sunday School on September 11th at 9:45. (Look for the CE Newsletter in the Parlor) Our children will begin with the Old Testament story of Joseph, and the Adult Fellowship Class will start a video series entitled "Living the Questions." All are welcome. A nursery is provided.

Building Hope

Presbytery of Western North Carolina Ministry Campaign

“Where there is no vision, the people perish”- so says the Bible.

Your Presbytery [PWNC], as the vital connecting link between its 109 congregations, has the responsibility of promoting that Vision – by helping its congregations work together to achieve far more than any one church could ever hope to do alone.

Carefully listening to its people, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has designed a Vision of four empowering Ministries, which will be funded by a Presbytery-wide campaign. The Vision is to better train its leadership, strengthen the relationship between pastors and congregations, and enable them to reach out more effectively to those seeking spiritual growth, including youth, and the needy in the world.

In a balanced campaign, the PWNC will be seeking support for two local Ministries – Vital Churches, and Camp Grier – and two Ministries abroad – Malawi, and Guatemala. This response to the Lord Jesus’ commands to “make disciples” and “tend my sheep” will reinforce the unity of God’s people in the PWNC and show Christ’s practical love to all.

Dick Larson of Banner Elk Presbyterian, who is leading this campaign for Presbytery, spoke to our congregation after worship on August 14. If you were unable to hear him, there are several ways you may access more information: pick up one of the brochures on the information table in the chapel parlor, watch a brief video at this link: <http://buildinghope.wncpresby.org/video.html>, speak with one of our Session members, or go to this website: <http://buildinghope.wncpresby.org/>

Join the Team-WWPC Sponsor a “Welcome Tote”

Donations to Social Outreach are being used to fill “Welcome Totes to make our youth feel welcome at Black Mountain Home for Children, Youth and Families. These totes are filled with personal items to help each child feel welcome as they enter our care.”
(Approximately 50 children annually)

Committee members have selected to sponsor boys/girls in the teen years (13-15, 16-18). This is the group with most need for support and personal identity/self-esteem.

These totes are placed in the Narthex with the hope that individuals, families, groups of friends, church school classes, other church groups will sponsor a tote to return by September 25.

Guideline lists are in each tote. If you can help with this, please find the sign-up sheet in the Narthex on Sunday Mornings.

(Submitted by Pat Crumpler)



A note from the office: These donations given to Social Outreach were in honor of Pat Crumpler’s birthday, and long service to Social Outreach)

HABITAT PRESBYTERIAN/METHODIST HOUSE # 25 NOW BEING BUILT AND PARTNER FAMILY WILL VISIT OUR SEPT. 25 WORSHIP SERVICE

Construction of the Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian/Methodist house # 25 began in last month with WWPC volunteers helping at the site.

Starting on Aug. 11, more than a dozen different WWPC members and family members helped build the house on four different days during the month. Work will continue at the location in Asheville through Sept. 19 before the site closes for work by contractors through Oct. 1. Volunteers will then return to help complete the project.

WWPC has volunteer days on Thursday, Sept. 8, Saturday, Sept. 17, Tuesday, Oct. 4 and Wednesday, Oct. 12. A signup sheet is in the narthex, and Larry Griswold can answer questions and schedule volunteers for other days if that is better for them. No previous experience is needed to help build a Habitat house.

On Sunday, Sept. 25, the partner family for the house, Cindy Hensley, and her children, Bryanna and Bryson, will visit at our worship service for a Habitat for Humanity Moment for Mission, and to meet our congregation. Like all Asheville area future Habitat homeowners, Cindy must donate 200 hours of sweat equity, and by mid-August she was more than half way to meeting the requirement.



We will also receive a special offering that day to help purchase building materials for the house.



Jill Franklin of the Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity staff introduced Presbyterian /Methodist House # 25 homeowner, Cindy Hensley (**left**), and her daughter, Bryanna, at a dedication event for the house last month. Cindy, Bryanna, and Cindy's son, Bryson, will visit our worship service on Sept. 25.



WWPC volunteers helping get construction of Presbyterian/Methodist House # 25 underway on Aug. 11 included Bill Heck (left), Toby Ives, Georgena Millar and Sally Broughton.



The first wall for Presbyterian/Methodist House # 25 was ready to raise on Aug. 12, and group of volunteers including Anne and Jamie Dale and Georgena Millar put it up and nailed it in place during a dedication event for the house.

**The Blue Ridge Orchestra
Performing at Warren Wilson
Chapel on Saturday, September 17**

The Blue Ridge Orchestra is an all-volunteer ensemble dedicated to engaging Western North Carolina's extraordinary music community in opportunities to perform, listen to, and learn about great symphonic music. Drawing from the area's rich mix of amateur, professional, and retired musicians, the BRO performs in a range of venues across the region, bringing exceptional music into the heart of local communities and creating symphonic experiences of unparalleled intimacy and excitement. Former Warren Wilson instructor, Milton Crotts, joined the BRO as Music Director and Conductor in 2011. With a doctorate in conducting and over two decades of symphonic experience, Milt is known for his accessible programming and audience engagement, and has received numerous honors for musicianship and teaching.

In addition to the BRO, Milt has directed UNC-Asheville's Symphony Orchestra and Wind Ensemble. He is spending the 2015-16 season abroad, teaching at the American School in Japan.

2015-16 Season Conductor

The Blue Ridge Orchestra is delighted to welcome WNC native and well-known local conductor Chuck Taft aboard for the 2015-16 season!

Mr. Taft is well-known to musicians and audience members from his work as the Music Director and Conductor for the Reuter Center Singers, Director of the Givens Estates Choir, Director of Worship Services at Biltmore United Methodist Church, and Music Director and Conductor for innumerable regional theater groups. His passion for musical expression is contagious, and the BRO is thrilled to work with him.

Blue Ridge Orchestra
Milton Crotts, Music Director

GAGA for Vivaldi

featuring
the Blue Ridge Chamber
Symphony Strings

VIVALDI
Allegro in D

STAMITZ
Symphony in G minor

VIVALDI
Concerto for Two Cellos
Erin Klinstra, cello
Bill Bednash, cello

GEMINIANI
Concerto Grosso

LADY GAGA
Fugue based on
"Bad Romance"

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 3PM
Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church: 701 Warren Wilson Rd, Swannanoa

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 3PM
St Giles Chapel, Deerfield: 1617 Hendersonville Rd, Asheville

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Room In The Inn

Social Outreach

WWPC will be hosting the women guests of Room in the Inn, Sept. 11-18. Room in the Inn is a Homeward Bound program with more than 2,000 volunteers from over 40 faith congregations. **Please be one of those MANY volunteers that makes this program so successful at our church.**



Room in the Inn partners with local faith communities to provide shelter for up to 12 women. Each week, a different congregation opens its facilities to welcome the women, offering a safe place for them as they work toward gaining permanent housing. One goal is to keep homeless women from sleeping on the street and risking their safety. Another goal is to build caring, supportive relationships with them, one week at a time.

Room in the Inn is a national model. In our community, it was started in 2001 by a few women with a vision. For years it was volunteer-run with an active steering committee, but in 2010, the committee decided to take it to the next level. They asked Homeward Bound to manage the program. Their goal was to move Room in the Inn away from simply being a shelter and transition it to a program that provides solutions for the women it serves. The newer model focuses on case management and working with the clients to move into permanent housing.

Susan Laney and Paulette Heck are co-coordinators of Room in the Inn. Please contact Paulette if you wish to volunteer (pheck812@gmail.com, 828-581-0080). **We need lunches, dinners and overnight hosts.** Many thanks!

Dear Friends,



We are very pleased to announce that Session approved our recommendation to hire Vivian Hare as our next Director of Music here at the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church.

Vivian is currently serving in this same role at New Hope Presbyterian Church. After fulfilling her obligations there, her first Sunday at WWPC will be September 25. Please join us after worship that day for a reception in her honor.

If you were here for worship on July 10, you heard Vivian's talents on display. She played the prelude and postlude beautifully, skillfully led the congregation in the hymns, and worked and with Doug and Darcy to include a hymn featuring Vivian on piano and Doug and Darcy on guitar and dulcimer.

Vivian graduated from Presbyterian College with a double major in music (with an emphasis on pipe organ) and Christian Education. She has a Master's Degree from PSCE/Union Seminary in Christian Education. From 2002 – 2015, Vivian worked full time as both the Director of Christian Education and the Director of Music and organist for Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church, where she directed the Chancel Choir, and also led the Children's Choir and an occasional chime choir. (Continued)

Vivian is married to Keith Grogg, the pastor of Montreat Presbyterian Church, and they have two college age children.

Vivian is excited about working at Warren Wilson Presbyterian. She says that “the church is who I am.” She especially loves collaborating with others to plan worship. We are excited to welcome her and we look forward to her contributions in music, worship, and programming here at WWPC.

We believe that in Vivian Hare God has blessed us with the person we need to lead us forward in our music program. Soli deo Gloria! (Glory to God alone!)

Corise Gambrell, Doug Orr, Diana Sanderson
Music Director Search Committee

Hunger Walk Sunday, October 9th is quickly marching toward us - and so is the Swannanoa Valley Ministries Hunger Walk. Funds raised provide food for those in food deserts or who just need help providing meals for their family or for themselves. So... please join us for a 1 mile or a 4 mile walk. Just as hunger is experienced rain or shine, we will walk on October 9 rain or shine.

Steve's Slant Continued...

We launched our previous site in 2008 and it has served us well in the years since then. But website design has recently changed quite dramatically. To keep pace with these changes, we had little choice but to undertake a significant redesign of our site.

Beyond simply helping to keep us up to date technologically, the new site will have several additional and important benefits. First, a new, more welcoming user interface will be much more inviting to visitors and newcomers who are searching online for a new church home. To this end, the site will help us tell the story of who we are and of what we believe and value in a way that was not possible before.

Internally, we also believe that with a new, richer calendar function, the site will be a more inviting “go to” resource for our members who use the Internet to find up to date information about what’s going on in the life of our congregation.

Which brings us to the final piece of this three-part convergence. Last October, we launched our “Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow” campaign. As you know, the latter part of this campaign, the Bright Hope for Tomorrow part, was centered on a forward planning process intended to help us discern answers to two questions: Who God is calling us to be, and what God is calling us to do as a congregation as we move into our future?

On October 16th, almost exactly a year after we started down this road, we will present to the congregation the final draft of our long awaited ministry plan. Dozens, even scores of you, have participated in this process. Your ideas formed the basis of this plan. Your wisdom and input helped us discern answer to the key questions of what our core identity is and what our mission ought to be.

So on that Sunday, October 16, we will celebrate all the work we’ve done together – listening to one another, praying together, discerning God’s voice and God’s will together. And the leadership team will present this plan to the congregation as a whole—a plan that we believe will guide us into our future and, with God’s ongoing help, enable us to become the best church we can be.

See what I mean about the timing of this convergence? This is no accident. This is providence.



Presbytery of Western North Carolina's Church Leadership School

The Church Leadership School/Commissioned Lay Pastor (CLS/CLP) Training is a course of study designed to help you learn and grow in discipleship.

The program offers 170+ hours of training and class work in a two year cycle and begins with a required September kick-off retreat on a Friday evening and Saturday. The purpose of the retreat is to get to know one another, explore faith sharing and development, and to think about ways students can apply

their learning and experiences. It is an opportunity to grow as a group committed to greater spiritual growth. In addition, during this Retreat, students will engage in special topics, acquire their textbooks and syllabi for the beginning term.

Many people take the course for their own personal enrichment or to strengthen their ability to serve their church. For others, the program is designed to meet some (but not all) of the requirements leading to commissioning as a Commissioned Lay Pastor. More than 20% of graduates have gone on to serve in this capacity.

Since its inception in 2001, the Church Leadership School has graduated 100 people. The 2016 graduating class consisted of individuals from 6 different churches from our Presbytery and one from Salem Presbytery.

The CLS meets 6 Saturdays each in the Fall and Winter, and 5 Saturdays in the Spring. The CLS/CLP curriculum is undergoing exciting changes and we will post all new information here. We meet at First Presbyterian Church, Morganton.

Current tuition is \$75* each term and includes the costs for textbooks. Students are occasionally encouraged to purchase other texts.

The CLS/CLP sub-committee of our Presbytery is excited about this opportunity for you. If you want to be more connected to God, to your neighbor, to your church, and to your community, this dynamic program will make it happen! You will have a renewed sense of purpose in your life.

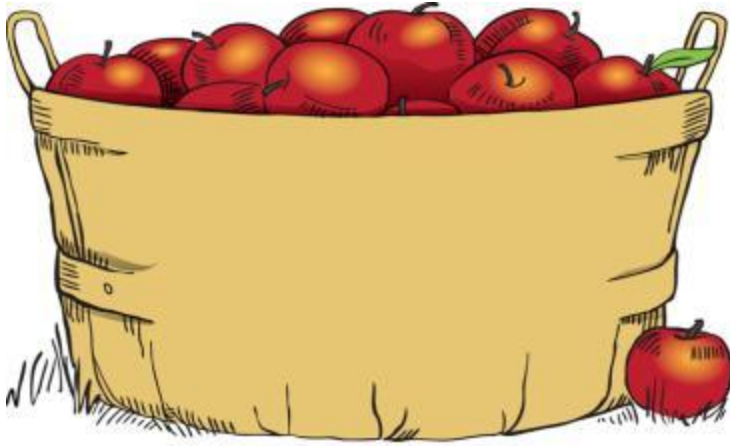
To register, or for more information contact:

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586/243-9362 or kerryborder@charter.net

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. —Song of Solomon 8:7

Our hearts, prayers, and thoughts go out to the people of Baton Rouge and the Gulf Coast in the wake of catastrophic flooding. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has deployed the National Response Team to support the Presbytery of South Louisiana and the Synod of the Sun as they begin outreach to those affected.



September

At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole. We are the many faces of humanity-yet as a community of faith, we are committed in our diversity to be one in Christ!

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