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Steve's Slant

Georges-Pierre Seurat was a French painter from the 19th century. He is most famous for helping to pioneer a style of painting known as pointillism. In this method, the artist applied hundreds of small individual dots of paint to a canvas.

Up close these dots looked just like the name implies--like a blotch of tiny little points. But from a distance, they resolved into beautiful paintings whose subjects -- the Eiffel Tower, Sunday afternoon outings along the River Seine -- were easily recognizable.

I mention this because I'd like to update you all on several different pieces of news. Alone, these might seem like individual points on a canvas. But taken together, I believe they comprise a larger whole.

First, as you may have seen in an earlier email from me, our Session has approved a recommendation to hire a part-time Associate in Ministry. The position is for sixteen hours a week.

The work will be primarily focused around two of the primary goals of our ministry plan and supporting the leadership teams that are overseeing these goals: improving our congregational care and hospitality; and enhancing our faith development and spiritual nurture. If you're interested in more specifics, a copy of the full job description is available on our website.

(Just to be clear about this, my work will be focused on the other three goals of our plan and supporting the leadership teams overseeing and coordinating them: deepening our engagement with and service to the wider community, including the campus community; enhancing our worship and music experience; and strengthening our church for a sustainable future. Beyond these broader duties, I will also remain primarily responsible for providing the preaching and pastoral ministries of our church, for overseeing and supporting our staff and moderating Session. I also intend to remain active on Presbytery-level committees, and to continue serving as a visible faith leader -- and public representative of this congregation -- in the greater Asheville area.)

We have begun receiving applications for the associate position and are cautiously optimistic that we can have it filled by the end of this month. This is clearly a very consequential hire for us. So let me invite you to pray for the action team that has agreed to oversee and conduct this search: Corise Gambrell, Kristin Williams and Eloise Murchison.

The second piece of news I wish to share with you is that representatives of our Forward Planning Leadership Team met after worship this past Sunday. We met mainly to review where we are with regard to the implementation of our Ministry Plan.

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PRAYERS WELCOME FOR: Anne & Jamie Dale on the death of Jamie's mother; Blake Joslin; Rodney Lytle; Neil Satterfield; Dr. Steven Williams; Barbara Robinson; Calvin Clark; Chuck & Lue Stephenson and Mary Moorrees.

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August Birthdays!

Beth Meriwether
Darcy Orr
Elaine Barnes
John Craven
Bill Mosher
Vicki Collins
Ed Martin

August 1
August 4
August 8
August 9
August 11
August 14
August 21

Ray Stock
Alisa White
Blake Joslin
Pat Levi
Paulette Heck
Jerry VanEman

August 1
August 6
August 8
August 11
August 12
August 19

**A Trip to the
Ball Game**

Come join the fun at McCormick Field on Friday, August 25 for baseball and fireworks!

Our annual trip to the ballpark is upon us.

Advance tickets are available through Susan Laney. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex on Sunday following church to get all the details.

Sacred Spaces

The College academic year begins for new incoming students on August 22. One of the activities during orientation week is a tour Brian Ammons gives of all the sacred spaces on campus. This tour happens on Friday, August 25 at 9:00 pm. and the Chapel is the first stop on the tour. We will provide cookies & lemonade for this group beginning at about 8:30 pm. Contact Diana Sanderson for more information at 712-6222.

Mark your calendars...service time change...
Sunday service begins at 11:00 am on August 27

Welcome the students!

All are invited to our annual pot luck on August 27 following our 11:00 o'clock service as we welcome new and returning students. This is a great time to make connections with students through the fellowship of shared food and fun. Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex toward the end of August and bring your favorite dish to share!



Partner Family Named for Habitat's Next Presbyterian/Methodist House;
Construction Will Begin Soon



Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity recently announced that construction of the next house to be sponsored and built by volunteer labor from Presbyterian and Methodist churches will begin early next month in Arden.

This will be the 26th house sponsored by the two denominations, and the partner family for the three bedroom, one and a half bath green built house are Nikita Norris and Regina Hunter, and their one-year-old daughter, Kyree.

Nikita grew up in Asheville and is a Head Start teacher. When he is home caring for their child, Regina works at a local restaurant. As we have with previous partner families, we will invite Nikita, Regina and Kyree to a worship service, probably in the fall.

Each adult in a partner family is required to donate 200 hours of sweat equity to their house or other Habitat projects before buying their house. The house is made affordable because volunteer labor helped build it, and at the closing, the partner family assumes a 30-year, interest free mortgage.

Volunteers helping build the house work from 8:15 until 3 on Tuesday through Saturday, except Friday when work ends at noon. No previous experience is required, and all tools and materials are provided.

Due to the willingness of many different people to help, Warren Wilson Presbyterian volunteers have consistently contributed the most hours of all participating churches to building each Presbyterian/Methodist house.

Starting on August 6 there will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for work dates in September and early October. A signup sheet for work dates in late October and early November will follow later on.

If you have any questions, or would like to help with this house but cannot on the dates on the signup sheet, talk to Larry Griswold. There are many other dates that need volunteers, and Habitat would welcome your help in any way you can for this important mission program.

HABITAT HOUSE BUILDING DAYS - Construction of Presbyterian/Methodist house # 26 will begin in Arden next month and our first four workdays are Sept. 6, 14, 23 and Oct. 4. Other dates are available if you would like to help but cannot on those dates. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Ask Larry Griswold.

Volunteers
Needed



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**
OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

PWNC Missions Committee

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Mission Trip to Kinston, NC

October 8-13, 2017

Hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Kinston

What will we do?

Help folks rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Matthew.

Where will we stay?

First Presbyterian has designed facilities to house groups coming in to work.

What is the cost?

\$150 per person includes food/lodging.

How many can go?

We have space for 20 folks.

How can I sign up?

Registration forms will be available at the PWNC website along with a Kinston site manual.

Antiracism Training event has been rescheduled for 2018

Hello, friends.

The Crossroads Antiracism Training event has been rescheduled for 2018. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have already registered, there are several ways to handle fees paid: 1. We can apply all fees to the rescheduled event (August 17-19, 2018); 2. We can provide a full refund; or 3. We can apply any fees paid to the Radical Beauty Conference taking place October 9-12, 2017 (full details available at www.montreat.org/radical-beauty). Anyone who has pre-registered for this event will also be receiving an email from our registrar, Susan Akduman, with the same instructions. If you'd like to contact Susan directly, her email is susana@montreat.org or [828.419.9814](tel:828.419.9814). Thank you!

Nickel A Meal

Where Are All Our Nickels Going?

Every first Sunday when the red baskets are passed this offering goes to help our Presbytery's hunger relief program called "Nickel a Meal". The simple act of setting aside a small amount of change at every meal raises thousands of dollars for our Presbytery's hunger relief efforts. Here are the most recent places where your gifts are being put to use. In May of 2017, the following grants were recommended by our Presbytery's Hunger Committee and approved by our General Council.

1. The Reems Creek – Beech Presbyterian Church received \$1,200 for an innovative program. Working with the federally funded Summer Feeding Program the members of Reems Creek – Beech prepare a nutritional snack for each child which supplements and sometimes substitutes for the meal.
2. The Canton Presbyterian Church is sponsoring the request of **"The Community Kitchen"** which serves hot meals and provides a food pantry 7 days a week for the residents of Haywood County. The Community Kitchen was awarded a \$7,000 Nickel a Meal grant.
3. Montreat Presbyterian Church is sponsoring the request of the **food pantry of the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry**. SVCMM provides a number of services for the residents of the Swannanoa Valley. Their food pantry is just one of their services. We are supporting their food pantry with a Nickel a Meal grant of \$3,000.
4. Banner Elk Presbyterian Church is the sponsor of **Reaching Avery Ministry's** request. Reaching Avery Ministry (RAM) serves all of Avery County and provides a variety of supportive services. Their Nickel A Meal grant of \$5,000 will be used to help supply their full-time **food pantry**.
5. Waynesville Presbyterian Church is sponsoring the request of **Haywood Pathways Center**. This organization supplies a number of supportive services for the homeless and recently released inmates of Haywood County which are temporarily housed and trained in their facilities. Their Nickel A Meal grant of \$5,500 will be used to provide meals for their residents.
6. **Nkhoma Hospital's feeding program** received a \$10,000 Nickel a Meal grant which will be used to provide varieties of nutritional support. Some of their services include: providing meals for recovering child patients and the families who stay with them on site; nutritional support for mothers of new born and premature babies; take-home nutritious food for outpatients; and supplementary nutrition for *all* patients admitted during the "hunger season".

Thank you for your faithful support. Please keep those nickels coming.

Save the Date for our 9th Annual Spirituality Conference!
Saturday, October 28, 2017
A day with The Rev. Dr. Barbara Brown Taylor

Join us for this one-day conference when Barbara will explore with us how religious pluralism challenges and deepens Christian identity in a world of many (and no) faiths. She will also speak in the Dean's Forum on Sunday, October 29 at 10:10 (in between services).

If you are not familiar with Barbara, she is a New York Times best-selling author, college professor, and Episcopal priest. Her first memoir, *Leaving Church*, won a 2006 Author of the Year award from the Georgia Writers Association. Her last book, *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, was featured on the cover of TIME magazine. She has served on the faculty of Piedmont College since 1998 as the Butman Professor of Religion and has been a guest speaker at Emory, Duke, Princeton, and Yale, as well as a guest on SuperSoul Sunday with Oprah Winfrey. Taylor and her husband Ed live on a farm in the foothills of the Appalachians, sharing space with wild turkeys, red foxes, white-tailed deer and far too many chickens.



This day long conference will include lectures, discussion and question & answer. **We will notify you in late summer when registration is open.** The cost is \$65/person and includes lunch. For groups of 4 or more, the rate is \$60/person, and the late registration (after October 22) price is \$70/person.

The location of the conference is the Cathedral of St. Philip, 2744 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. Please visit our [website](#) for hotel and other information.

Blessings,
The Rev. Cathy Zappa
Canon for Spirituality and Outreach



Thanks to all who helped collect and update information for our new directory. If you still have changes to your address or e-mail etc. please contact the church office.

If you're wondering why the new directories are not out yet, you're not alone!

A decision has been made to hold off on printing them so that we may include the new Associate in Ministry when that person is hired. Thanks for your patience during this process!

Come join the Choir!

Chapel Choir rehearsals begin on August 30

The Chapel Choir meets 7:00-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the sanctuary. We are a great group of folks who enjoy singing together and sharing our music in worship.

We welcome those who love music and enjoy singing with others as we offer our music for worship each week

throughout the year. Our musical expression during worship includes choral anthems with a variety of sounds -- classical, spiritual, global music, Appalachian music, contemplative and more.

Whether choir has been part of your life or you have never been in a choir before, we welcome you! If you are interested, please call Vivian [\(828\) 767-3921](tel:8287673921)



Steve's Slant continued...

It's worth remembering that from start to finish, it took us more than a year of focused, intentional effort to develop and produce the final version of our plan. So, as the leadership team noted when we met on Sunday, it is no surprise that the process of implementing the plan is also going to take some time.

I resolutely believe our new team-based model of ministry is right for us. It lessens the burden carried by a handful of our most active members. It does this mainly by broadening the opportunities for more members of our church family to engage in and support our programs and ministries. So, this is obviously a beneficial change for all of us.

But shifting from a committee-based approach to ministry to a team-based model is also a big transition. To bring us all into a clear, shared understanding of how this model works -- how the day-to-day work once overseen by our committees will get done, how our teams relate to Session and to each other, and, crucially, how individual church members can connect with these teams and get involved in our ministries -- all of this is going to take some time. It's also going to require some focused, intentional effort to communicate this information simply and clearly to our congregation as a whole.

So, helping to paint a clearer picture of what our ministry plan looks like in practice is, I think, our first and most important goal for the immediate future. As we head into the fall season, our plan is to meet with our leadership and ministry teams to get a sense of how things are going. We want to know what's working well and what may not be working as well. We also want to know what our teams may need to realize their full potential and achieve the goals and objectives we've set for ourselves.

I am personally, and deeply, committed to this work. I know that the members of our forward planning leadership team are also deeply committed to it. And hopefully within just a few more weeks, we will have a new associate in ministry who can also share in the work of supporting our teams and helping us achieve our goals as we live into our bright, hopeful future.

That's the big picture we're all hoping to paint, together.



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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