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Steve's Slant

You will likely not be surprised to learn that the word “holiday” comes from the Middle English words for “holy” and “day.”

So, on one hand, it is entirely appropriate to say that our holiday season has officially begun here at Warren Wilson Presbyterian, for we have some truly holy days coming up over the course of the next several weeks. But we have some events planned that look to be just plain fun. I want to give you all an early taste of what lies ahead for us on the church calendar, so that you can mark these dates down on your calendars.

Sunday, November 5th marks our annual observance of **All Saints Sunday**, the day when we remember those loved ones and forebears in the faith whom we’ve lost during the last year, and celebrate their ongoing legacies in our lives.

Sunday, November 12th marks the **close of our stewardship campaign**. With two Sundays still to go, I can honestly say I have personally found our exploration of the question of what the Lord requires of us, individually and collectively to be deeply meaningful. (And if I may, let me also encourage you either to mail in your pledge before the 12th, or bring it on the day, when we’ll receive and bless all our pledges. Both are fine--and welcome!)

Sunday, November 19th we will join together for our annual **Thanksgiving service, complete with our traditional harvest display**. One additional note to add about this year’s display. Due to staff and crew reductions on the college side, I have taken the liberty of promising the college crews that install the display -- farm, landscape and garden, to cite the main ones -- that our members will partner with them in the work of installing it. So, keep your eyes peeled for sign ups in the narthex.

And now for something new, and something that I think is going to be really special:

Thursday, November 23 -- Thanksgiving Day -- our Church/College Relations Ministry Team, in collaboration with the College’s Office of Spiritual Life, will host a Thanksgiving Day meal here in our Fellowship Hall. (For more info on who this is for and how to support or enjoy it yourself, see page 3 of this newsletter.)

Sunday, December 3rd marks the start of **Advent** for this year. So that also means that on...

Friday, December 1st -- bring your gloves, clippers and pruning shears and join us, **starting at 2:30, for the annual Hanging of the Greens**, as we beautify the sanctuary for the Christmas season.

Friday, December 1, our annual Christmas Party follows in Fellowship Hall at 5:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 6th -- Congregational Life Team will host our annual **Christmas Tea at Highland Farms**. The festivities will begin at 2:00 p.m. and will take place in the Parlor, across from the Chapel in the Health Care wing. (Call Sarah Anne Eller or Corise Gambrell for more information.)

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November Birthdays!

Kay Stockdale	November 3	Bob Cook	November 12
Tom Eller	November 12	Barbara Higgins	Nov. 13
Susan Daugherty	November 16	Roberta Martin	Nov. 23
Ernst Laursen	November 24	Sally Broughton	Nov. 26
Pat Laursen	November 27	Kathy Rouse	Nov. 27
Steve Runholt	November 29		



The Warren Wilson Book Group The Warren Wilson Book Discussion Group will meet on Thur. Nov. 9th at noon in the Fellowship Hall of the Warren Wilson Church. Sue Wilson will lead a discussion of "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Judi Repman will provide snacks. Bring your sandwich and join the discussion.... Ove appears to be a grumpy person but underneath has a good heart!! You'll enjoy his antics!



The newly forming Spiritual Nurture Group will next meet in the Fellowship Hall Monday evening, November 13, at 7:00 PM. All are welcome. This group meets once a month to reflect on Scripture, engage in spiritual practices, and share prayer concerns.

Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate and olive oil orders will be taken on Sunday, November 5 and 12 with delivery on Sunday, November 26 and December 3rd. Payment prior to placement of order is appreciated.
Thanks, Anne Dale_____



As we were charged in Steve's sermon on Reformation Sunday, "How can we make it better?" Now is your opportunity to provide constructive feedback on Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church staff to the Personnel Task Force. During the month of November members of the committee, Diana Sanderson, Joyce Ackerman and Milt Butterworth, will be randomly calling WWPC members to obtain a compilation of your thoughts that will be part of individual reviews for Steve Runholt, Vivian Hare, Donna Eagle Joslin and Nan Woodard. WWPC members may also email comments directly to Diana at dsanderson@warren-wilson.edu The deadline for receiving this information is Friday, December 1, and all information provided to this team will be confidential. (Submitted by Joyce Ackerman)

Who's sitting next to you in the pew...?

Nancy and Rick Garrison

Nancy and Rick Garrison are officially new members of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church after having visited Warren Wilson and contributed to the life of the church for years. The Garrisons live in Swannanoa, near the foot of Watch Knob Mountain. Nancy recently retired from the Brooks-Howell Home, a retirement community founded by the United Methodist Women. She still enjoys visiting her friends in the community, and she appreciated the international flavor of the residents, many of whom had been missionaries. Rick worked with the U. S. Forest Service as an entomologist, studying the gypsy moth, in particular. The Garrisons have children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in the Asheville area, and in Raleigh.



Nancy and Rick enjoy traveling. They have had exciting adventures in India, and most recently, they traveled all over Ireland. They also appreciate the opportunity to care for their grandchildren in Raleigh, when the kids are on breaks from their year-round school year.



Did you know that the WWC dining halls close over the Thanksgiving holiday, but the dorms do not? Which means there are many students who are left to fend for their meals during the 4 day break? Yes, there are kitchens in all the dorms and ways to get to the Swingles. For me, Thanksgiving is a time to gather together to give thanks for the bounty and for friendships. The Church/College Relations Ministry team invites you to spend Thanksgiving Day with the Warren Wilson College community. The church will sponsor some turkeys, a ham, and a vegetarian option and we, along with faculty/staff families who elect to celebrate with us, will provide sides and pie in one big, happy dinner starting at noon, with serving to begin at 2pm.

Be on the lookout for emails with further details about what to make (yes, there will be a menu of sorts) and the like. We will try to get some idea of how many students/faculty/staff will want to participate with us. Afterwards, stay in Fellowship Hall to watch movies, play board games, knit in front of the fire and visit.

For details, please contact Diana Sanderson (dsanderson@warren-wilson.edu or 712-6222) or Mike Levi (mlevi41@gmail.com or 296-7361). Happy Thanksgiving, y'all!

Community Outreach Team

Help for the Holidays

We all have those pictures of the perfect Dickens Christmas. There's a beautifully decorated tree, stockings hang on the mantle, snow has fallen outside, the scent of baking cookies fills the air, and carols are playing.



We also know the reality of the holidays. No time for baking, too many presents to buy-or worse-not enough. Family is too far away or not getting along, dinner isn't ready on time, and the kids won't get off their electronics long enough to build a snowman.

So often, Christmas doesn't quite meet our expectations. We know we can't give our kids a perfect Christmas. But we can give them the best holiday possible and you can help. We need supporters to:

- 1) Help fill wish lists. Each child writes a "letter to Santa" with seven or so items they'd like to receive. Take on a full list or purchase a single item - Santa needs lots of elves. Call Cheryl at 828-582-4814 if you'd like to help.
- 2) Sponsor a Christmas outing. Over the school break we plan fun outings for the kids like ice skating, bowling, a trip to Fun Depot, or even skiing and tubing. Chip in to cover the cost of some holiday fun.
- 3) Support the Every Day Fund. While these dollars don't necessarily support Christmas directly, they do help us meet the children's daily needs from new socks to laptop computers for school.

Would you like to help?

Please sign "Santa's Elves" sheet in the Church Narthex.

Label gift by: Boy / Girl

Age range: Infant / Toddler
 Toddler / Pre-school
 6 - 9
 9 - 12
 12 - 15
 Older

Bring unwrapped gift for Santa's Pack by December 3.

Any gift will be appreciated and enjoyed by child, a Christmas blessing.

Many Thanks, (Submitted by Pat Crumpler)

Steve's Slant continued...

Sunday, December 10th -- we'll join together in the Fellowship Hall after worship for **Wassail**, always a fun and festive event!

Wednesday, December 13th -- **Cookies and Carols**, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, and continuing after with caroling around campus. All are welcome to bring your cookies and your voices, for what is always a truly fun and festive evening.

Sunday night, December 24th -- our annual **Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols**, at 9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

I hope you'll jot these dates in your calendar, or post this page on your refrigerator for easy reference. Because, as is always the case during the holidays, the more the merrier!

TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE FOR EMPTY BOWLS!

In celebration of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (November 11-19), Warren Wilson College will hold its 19th Annual Empty Bowls Fundraiser on Wednesday, November 15, 2017, 6:00pm, Ransom Fellowship Hall.

The event raises awareness about hunger and food security in Asheville and Buncombe County. Participants will eat a simple meal of bread and soup served in handmade bowls and, at the end of the evening, take the bowls home as a reminder of the work we can do together to end hunger in our communities. Students from the Bonner Leaders Crew organize this event in collaboration with local agencies in order to ensure that the evening is educational and meaningful for all participants.



All proceeds from the event will benefit [Asheville Poverty Initiative](#).

Cost of the event is \$15 for WWC students and \$20 for WWC employees and the general public. Tickets will be sold in the Center for Community Engagement and during lunch in Gladfelter. For more information, email engagement@warren-wilson.edu or contact [828-771-3065](tel:828-771-3065).

There is no avenue, or words to express the level of appreciation that we have for the support of this church family. Life has a way of throwing curve balls that we can never truly prepare for, or predict. That said, there is no doubt in my mind, that the 'pull' that John and I felt to this church so many years ago, was God's leading hand. The foundation of faith and love that we have here, has proven to be one of the biggest gifts I have ever experienced in my life. My children are growing up *surrounded* in your love. They frolic around this church laughing, learning, singing, conversing and dancing in joy. God gave us this wonderful blessing - all of YOU. When I look into the future, regardless of how overwhelmingly different that feels now, I smile. Knowing that my children have the unconditional love and a fundamental faith from this church is such a peace of mind. They will go out into the world armed with it, like a tool belt around their waist, ready to face whatever life unfolds. The outpouring of support you have shown us recently is hard for me to even comprehend, let alone attempt to express my infinite gratitude. For the hugs, the cards, the time, the meals, the visits, the investment in the children, the countless efforts for the memorial service and reception, and the AMAZING love offering.... we are forever grateful to every one of you.



Much Love,
Kristin, Allee, Evan and Gretchen Williams

CHRISTMAS WREATHS Delta Kappa Gamma teachers' society will be selling fresh locally made wreaths for Christmas. Proceeds go to our scholarship fund. Prices range from \$15 to \$25, and delivery will be Dec. 3. See Vicki Collins by Nov. 21, or sign up in the narthex.



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Have you ever wondered
how our church's Thanksgiving tradition began?

"All is safely gathered in, now let the winter storms begin"
words to a familiar Hymn has set the tone for 83 years the
Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Bernhard Laursen, a Dane who had immigrated to Boston and
became a citizen, came to teach and work at Asheville Farm
School in 1931. He began the tradition of "gathering in" for the
Church's Thanksgiving service in 1933. At that time, the
school was holding its church services in the parlor of

Sunderland, the men's dormitory. He brought in a shock of corn, several grains, potatoes,
apples, and other produce grown on the farm as a display for the service, the Sunday before
Thanksgiving.

As the farm manager, he felt that sharing the visual aspect of the harvest would add to the air
of thanksgiving. He continued the tradition until his retirement in 1956 and his son Ernst
became the farm manager.

Ernst continued the tradition until his retirement in 1996. The students on the farm crew were
always involved in the "gathering in from the fields", the gathering of animals and the creation
of the display each year.

Beginning in the 1940's the Churches of the Swannanoa Valley met together in the decorated
chapel for services Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving with the different churches taking
part in the service. This practice continued until the mid 1960's.

This year, we continue to "gather in" on **November 19 at our 11:00** service of worship. We
would ask all who would like to bring items to place at the front of the church during the
offertory, to bring canned goods that will be distributed to the Swannanoa Valley Christian
Ministry.

Join us for this special gathering in the sanctuary, and make sure to thank the student crews
for all their hard work!

College Choir Concert

The Warren Wilson College Choir (36-voice ensemble with students, faculty, staff, administrators,
alumni and community members) led by Dr. Steven Williams, will present its Fall Concert

November 19, 3:00 pm in the Chapel (Free)

HUNGER WALK

Congratulations and thanks to all those who participated in and contributed to the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry Hunger Walk on October 15. Each dollar raised helps keep food on the table for our neighbors in the valley. To date church members have given over \$600.

Thanks you so much!!
Anne Dale



At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

Generosity and Thanksgiving go together, I'm thinking, as I turn my calendar over to November. If you've been to a worship service recently, you know that we're celebrating Stewardship Season by having our various Teams share a bit of the work of the Ministry Plan in our congregation and in our community. Those Moments for Stewardship at the beginning of worship will continue through November 12. I hope they've supported your discerning, "What does the Lord require of you", our theme for this year.

While the diversity of our congregation may not be obvious on the surface, we recognize that members are in various stages of their lives. Your gifts to our congregation are unique, and we wouldn't be WWPC, if you weren't you. Please pledge as you are able; we want you to feel a part of the whole of this congregation, as well as supported by this worshipping body, whatever you are able to give financially, and through gifts of your time and talents. Many thanks if you have already brought in your pledge form, and if you have not yet, we would appreciate your doing so by the last Sunday of this Stewardship Season, **November 12**. The Administration Team will happily digest their thanksgiving turkeys with less stress if they know that all pledges are in and our goal has been met.

Hopefully, you received your pledging letter and budget information in the mail. If not, there are extras in the narthex and church office, or you can call Donna in the office to have one sent. To date we've received 16 pledges amounting to \$68,649.

With deep gratitude for each of you, for this church, and to God that we get to share our spiritual paths together,

The Stewardship Team – Barbara Griswold, Larry Griswold, Sandy Brauer, Mike Levi, Nancy Garrison, Sally Broughton, Elizabeth Cook



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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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