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Steve's Slant

Many of you will have heard this news by now, but for those who have not I wanted to update you on an exciting opportunity I will be participating in this July. And I'll fill out some details about it here that may be helpful even if you are aware of this.

For two Sundays in July -- the 9th and the 15th -- I will be exchanging pulpits with the Rev. R. Fraser Penny, the Minister of the Cathedral of Dunkeld, Scotland.

The cathedral parish is part of the Church of Scotland, which traces its roots back to John Knox and the Scottish Reformation, which in turn gave rise to the Presbyterian Church. Fraser has served as pastor of the congregation since January 2001.

The pulpit swap is part of a broader cultural and economic exchange that is expected to arise following the signing of a formal Sister City partnership (known as Twinning in Scotland) between Asheville and the joint community of Dunkeld-Birnam. The partnership was made official with signing ceremonies last August in Dunkeld-Birnam and September in Asheville.

Dunkeld and Birnam are located on the River Tay, roughly an hour north of Edinburgh. The joint community is the seventh municipality to enter a formal Sister City relationship with Asheville, joining towns and cities in France, Greece, Mexico (site of two Sister Cities), Nigeria and Russia.

It is the goal of the Sister City program to promote peace, understanding, cooperation and sustainable partnerships through formalized agreements between international cities and the City of Asheville.

The pulpit exchange is the brainchild of Doug Orr, member-at-large of the Asheville Sister City board and member of Warren Wilson Presbyterian, and Fiona Ritchey, a resident of Birnam and co-author, with Doug, of the New York Times bestseller, *Wayfaring Strangers: The Musical Voyage from Scotland and Ulster to Appalachia*.

As to the inspiration for the idea, Doug described it this way:

"It seems very fitting that an early initiative in our new Asheville - Dunkeld/Birnam partnership is a Presbyterian Church pulpit exchange, given the historic roots of the church in both areas. We anticipate that this significant people- to-people program, so critical to a divided world, will allow many others to follow in the footsteps of Steve and Fraser. Darcy and I enthusiastically recommend the hospitality and stunningly beautiful villages of Dunkeld and Birnam, straddling the banks of the scenic River Tay."

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June Birthdays!

Emma Eagle Joslin	June 1	Mary Fran Spencer	June 6
Fran Roberts	June 13	Nancy Garrison	June 16
Anne Dale	June 17	Fitz Legerton	June 20
Gina Marvin	June 22	Kristin Williams	June 25
Jackie Wintle	June 25	Steven Hamilton	June 27



The Warren Wilson Book Group

The Warren Wilson Book Group will meet on Thur. June 14th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. It will be our last meeting before summer break. We will resume in Sept. with our traditional Salad Luncheon. For June we will read "The Last Castle" by Denise Kiernan. Julie Jordon will lead the discussion. Bring a bag lunch... snacks and tea will be provided..

(Submitted by Sandy Brauer)

SPIRITUAL NURTURE GROUP

The Spiritual Nurture group meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Parlor. This will continue throughout the summer. All are welcome.



ABCCM CRISIS CENTER SOUP KITCHEN NEEDS YOUR HELP Our Faith Community has supported the programs of Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry since its founding, and our active support of programs of this ministry continues. We have a team that monthly manages a clothing room in ABCCM's Crisis Ministry in downtown Asheville, and one that supports the Veterans Restoration Quarters each month at its Oteen center in East Asheville. Our longest running support for an ABCCM program has been that of kitchen duty at the downtown Crisis center in Asheville; however, unless new volunteers are enlisted, our monthly efforts at this location will end after June. While occasional help is always needed and appreciated, a permanent, monthly team will be required (once a month) from 8:00 am-12:30 pm to begin the early preparation of lunch and filling of food orders for folks in need at this location. WWPC has supported this ministry for over two decades. For more information about this service opportunity, call John Laney at 298-2344.

June 3 begins our 10:00 a.m. Worship schedule for the Summer, so there will be no regular Adult or Children's morning classes. Classes will resume on September 9.

Message to Sanctuary Supporting Congregations from Lisa Bovee-Kemper:



Good afternoon,

You are receiving this message because you are one of the seventeen congregations or community organizations that have pledged to support the UU Congregation of Asheville at such time as we would welcome a guest into physical sanctuary here. I hope to be able to publicly share more detailed information about our current situation with you in a few weeks. For now, let me tell you that we are working hard to support the immigrant community in the wake of recent ICE raids, and have had a number of wonderful volunteers helping us out so far. We are grateful for that support, and eager to make sure all of our supporting congregations are included and up to date. Many thanks to any of you who attended the vigil of support last week.

At the moment, there are two specific things members of your community can do as UUCA's support partners in this work. First, mark your calendars for a **Volunteer Training Session on June 6 at 6:00PM at UUCA (1 Edwin Place)** and share the information with your folks. This training will cover specific volunteer roles and needs, and go over the volunteer instruction manual we have created. You'll be able to ask questions AND sign up for volunteer shifts. The second thing you can do is make sure any of your volunteers who wish to be companions are background checked.

Here is a link to the volunteer training sign up form

<https://goo.gl/forms/ZEaAHzb4L11Gwg9D2> which also contains information about background checks.

Please don't hesitate to contact me or Rev. Mark Ward (minister@uuasheville.org) with any questions you may have, and many thanks for your support.

CLERK'S REPORT

At its stated meeting on May 15, 2018, the session took the following actions.

Approving a \$1500 contribution to a Warren Wilson scholarship in honor of the installation of President Morton, using funds in the designated Church College Relations fund.

Requesting the Children and Youth Ministry Team to offer a recommendation as to how the local portion of the Pentecost Offering should be used.

Approving these recommendations of the Administration Ministry Team:

1. Hiring Barbara Escalante as the new church bookkeeper.
2. Continuing Lucy Keil's financial review for the church and paying her fee of \$1000 from the general endowment fund
3. Approving the purchase of a new computer for the Bookkeeper's use with funds from the general endowment fund.
4. Asking the Worship and Music Committee to agree to the use of funds from the Music Endowment for the purchase of ten hymnals.

Approving a contribution of \$500 to callofjustice.org, a nonprofit started by Warren Wilson student Jacob Ratcliff, with the funds coming from the Church College Relations designated fund.

Approving two contributions to CIMA with the funds for both contributions coming from the portion of the Waldrop bequest that was set aside for community outreach activities:

1. A \$500 gift to sponsor a detainee.
2. A \$500 gift to the bond fund.

Approving a \$150 contribution to the Presbyterian Heritage Center at Montreat with funds to come from the community engagement budget.

The members of the session also met briefly as the Board of Directions of the corporation and approved the establishment of an account at Vanguard to received contributions in kind.

Ken Murchison
Clerk of the Session



A SPIRITUAL MOMENT

Meditations from Richard Rohr and the Center for Action and Contemplation
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Last month I wrote about Father Rohr's suggestions about letting concepts on Spirituality filter slowly into new ways of thinking. The concepts are not learned thru reading and study. They are learned in a quiet meditative process.

In one of his early meditations he wrote that... **Being a Peace Maker begins with us connecting to the source of Peace within!** At Warren Wilson we are considered a progressive church and are involved in many peacemaking efforts in our community, our city and the world at large. The acts of kindness that we do can be interpreted as simply acts of kindness – humanitarian actions – or human kindness. (Continued on next page)

But considering Father Rohr's view of God's presence is in our individual lives, then our acts of kindness become manifestations of God's spirit at work in each of us. God is moving and working in our lives and our actions are more than humanitarian actions. They are actually an example of the Spirit of God working in us as we move out into the world.. we are becoming the hands and feet of Christ. It is a subtle difference and either way peacemaking happens. But thinking in spiritual terms sheds a different light on our actions.

It takes courage to trust our divine image and to grow in God's likeness. We have to choose it, respect it and allow it to blossom. Often, I doubt... am I worthy? Is it possible that God actually works in our lives... in my life.... in your life.... But then faith kicks in.... I don't doubt.... I believe that yes... God **does** work in our individual lives....

Join our Spiritual Nurture Gathering in the Parlor on the 2nd Mon. of each month at 7pm. We are a small group, seeking to find where God is working in our lives.....

Until next month... Peace and Blessings.....Sandy

Steve's Slant continued...

Plans to welcome Fraser and his wife, Susan, include special music on the first Sunday they are here (July 8th).

The service will be immediately followed by a "Fourth of July" picnic in and around the fellowship hall.

Doug and Darcy have also made plans to take the Pennys to visit the Biltmore Estate and to welcome them to several concerts at the Swannanoa Gathering, where it just so happens that Celtic Week will kick off on the first Sunday they're here.

For my part, I have been filled with a growing sense of gratitude and excitement as the date of the exchange draws nearer.

I'm grateful to Doug and Fiona for first suggesting the idea of a pulpit swap as part of the larger Sister City exchanges between Asheville and Dunkeld-Birnam.

I'm also grateful to the Session here at WWPC for supporting the idea. Having Fraser fill this pulpit for two weeks in July will greatly enrich the congregation's summertime worship experience. His visit is also likely to attract a number of visitors to our church. As for myself, I'm really excited to be part of this exchange with Dunkeld-Birnam, and to visit Scotland, a country that has played such a formative role in the life of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.



P.S. Let me share one other piece of exciting news with you. Robyn and I are moving! To Montford. We finally realized that we just don't need as much space as we have in our current home. So we bought a smaller, more cottage-style house. We also love that it is in an old settled neighborhood. He hope to invite you all over for an open house after we get fully settled and moved in...so watch this space!



JUNE

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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