

# THE EXTENDED FAMILY

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## *Steve's Slant*

In just a little over a month Americans of all persuasions, living all across the country, have the opportunity to engage in one of the most important civic actions any citizen can perform: we have the opportunity, and the right, to vote. In casting our individual ballots we have the astonishing privilege of having a say in who we want to be as Americans, in the kind of country we want to create together, in what our future might look like as a people.

It's also true that, starting in just over ten days' time, you will have the opportunity to do much the same thing here at the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, if on a smaller scale. In churches people tend to vote with their wallets, and starting on Sunday, October 14, you will have the chance to do just that, when we invite you to make a pledge in support of the ongoing ministries of this church.

The team that has been planning the specifics of this year's stewardship season, including our themes and our goals, will soon be sharing those details with you directly.

We have agreed that this is their work to do -- their duty and their joy -- so in lieu of detailing that information here, let me instead share a personal story. It's about why I am part of what surely is a tiny minority of people who looks forward every year to this season on the church calendar.

In a recent meeting here at church, someone expressed the view that stewardship season is all about money. This is of course the way most of us see and understand stewardship. Indeed, this view is implicit in the remarks I myself made earlier in this article. But money is the least interesting part of this story.

Before I went to seminary, I worked as the director of the major donor and foundations department of a Christian non-profit. As you might surmise from my title, my work was mainly focused on building our cadre of donors who were willing and able to make major gifts to the organization.

Yes, money was part of the mix. Money bought the cement and hand-pumps we used to install fresh-water wells in rural Uganda. It paid for the vaccines and malaria medicines we distributed to rural health clinics in Ethiopia. It provided the capital we used to provide micro-loans to small-scale entrepreneurs (mostly women) in Bangladesh, and the seed we made available to subsistence-level farmers in Kenya and Mozambique who lost their harvests to draught or elephants or bandits.

And of course a percentage of these gifts also paid my salary and the salary of everyone who worked at Partners International.

But what really mattered in these exchanges was not money but the work itself; the work we were able to do together -- our donors, our staff, and our partners overseas: the work of changing lives, building capacity and creating hope.

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**October Birthdays!**

Rebecca Hettrick	Oct. 4	Donna Eagle Joslin	Oct. 6
Marion Satterfield	Oct. 10	Betty Smith	Oct. 15
Mark Meriwether	Oct. 17	Bill Heck	Oct. 18
Evan Williams	Oct. 21	Salyna Morgan	Oct. 22
Susan Laney	Oct. 25	Toby Ives	Oct. 25
Käthe Mosher	Oct. 25	Barbara Griswold	Oct. 27



The Warren Wilson Book Group will meet on Thursday, Oct. 11th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Susan Taylor will lead the discussion of "Everyone Brave is Forgiven" by Chris Cleave. Bring a bag lunch and dessert will be provided by Clotilde.....her desserts are always a special treat! Discussion begins at 12:30. Come join the fun accompanied by thoughtful discussion. (Submitted by Sandy Brauer)

**Thank You Work Day Volunteers**

Thank you to the 10 WWPC people who participated in the work day at the church on Saturday morning, 22 September. We accomplished a lot in just a few hours and work will continue on a couple of projects on the list. Some of the things done included: installing a dry erase board in the children’s classroom; placing furniture sliders under the communion table and another table to make it easier when these tables must occasionally be moved; removed weeds, branches, and edged other vegetation encroaching on sidewalks and the walkway night lights leading up from the drive to the Fellowship Hall; trimmed back brush and branches growing out into other walkways, parking spaces, and street areas; weeded some flower bed areas and worked on plants around the entrance to the Chapel; removed vines growing on exterior walls on the west side of Chapel; removed spider webs on exterior walls and windows on the Chapel, Fellowship Hall / Administration / Classroom building, and exterior of windows on narthex parlor area; cleaned up the porch / fireplace area outside the Fellowship Hall; spread 2 cubic yards of mulch in the playground area; “experimented” with a College-recommended, environmentally friendly weed treatment in and around the gravel walkway east of the Fellowship Hall (several of us are curious about how well this is going to work); and other things. Thanks again for volunteering to help with the work day and all you accomplished. We ask everyone to keep us informed of projects that need attention for future work days.



(Submitted by Bob Gambrell)



## Earth Care Congregation Recycling and Hazardous Waste Disposal Event

As you may remember, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church was recognized this year by the Presbyterian Church USA as an Earth Care Congregation. We want to maintain this distinction in future years and continue to look for new ways to enhance our earth care efforts. One service

through the church we want to offer this fall that will give us a few points for renewing our Earth Care designation and serve as an opportunity to assist our members is disposing of or recycling items that are difficult for many of us to safely or conveniently get rid of properly. The Buncombe County Landfill accepts electronics, household hazardous waste, and recyclables that are not picked up during our normal weekly residential trash pickup. Their published guide mentions old televisions (\$5 fee if 19 inches or less, \$10 if larger than 19 inches), computers, other electronics ( fee of \$0.30 cents per pound), unneeded household, garden, and automotive chemicals, fluorescent light tubes and bulbs, and spent rechargeable batteries. In addition, they will take old lead acid (automotive) batteries, cardboard, appliances, scrap metal, and paint (fee for paint is \$2 per gallon). Note the fees on a few items, but most items are accepted without charge.

We plan to have a utility trailer at the church parking lot west of the Chapel clearly identified with a "WWPC recycles" sign on Wednesday, 24 October, and Thursday, 25 October. The trailer will be at the church about 8:00 A.M., to 6:00 P.M. both days to receive items and materials you cannot easily get rid of and would like taken to the county landfill to be properly disposed of or recycled. The trailer will not be left at the church overnight. Obviously, items need to be of a size and weight that one person can unload from a trailer at the landfill's recycling centers. As a reminder, there will be a brief statement about this event in our Sunday church bulletin for a couple of weeks about the middle of October with a contact name and phone number / email address if you have questions.

We want to maintain our Earth Care Congregation recognition for future years, continue to look for new ways to enhance our earth care efforts, and hear from WWPC members with ideas to do this.

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### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

On **Oct 7**, Rev. Dr. Brian Ammons, Director of Spiritual Life and Chaplain at Warren Wilson College, will share about his work and ministry with the students.

From **Oct 14-Nov 18** the class will be reading [Always With Us? What Jesus Really Said About The Poor](#), by Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign. This is a book that the former co-moderators of the PCUSA recommended every church read. Dr. Theoharis is a Presbyterian Pastor with a PhD in New Testament and Christian Origins. Her book examines how the Matthew 26:11 text ("the poor you will always have with you") is taken out of context and distorted. "Poverty is not inevitable, Theoharis argues...and all Christians have a responsibility to partner with the poor to end poverty once and for all."

## ANNUAL REVIEW

As Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church begins its new programmatic year, the Administration Ministry Team has charged four individuals – Sally Broughton, Ken Murchison, Burnace Roberts, and Adeeb Sayyar – with the annual review of the church staff, as we envision the church we are called to be. To complete this task, the action team is soliciting your input by sharing your words of praise for the work our staff has done and your suggestions as to how we can strengthen our ministry. The team will be making direct requests to each of the church ministry teams, but would also like to invite the entire congregation to participate in this review of our ministry. You may share your signed, written comments with any member of the team, or you may submit them by email to Sally Broughton ([sallycallaham@gmail.com](mailto:sallycallaham@gmail.com)). Please share your thoughts before October 5, so we can incorporate them into the review process. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration of the process.

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## A note from SVCM about upcoming Shelter dates

Training this year for volunteers has been scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 8, @ 6:00 FBC Black Mountain

Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 FBC Black Mountain

Tuesday, October 16..same time and place.

I hope to see many of you soon and look forward to serving alongside again this winter. If you know of anyone who would consider volunteering with us this year, please bring them along. We always need new volunteers to keep this service running.

Thank you for all you do!

Sonny Moore

SVCM

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## Homecoming Pot Luck following the service on October 7

Join us, on World Communion Sunday for our annual Homecoming Pot Luck in Ransom Fellowship Hall following the service. Join with friends old and new in the fellowship of sharing food and good memories. All are welcome!\_\_\_\_\_

**SVCM WALK FOR HUNGER RELIEF** The 2018 Walk will take place on Sunday, October 14, beginning at First Baptist Church Black Mountain on Montreat Road at 2:00 pm. We ask that walkers bring a bag of non-perishable food with them to drop off at SVCM as they pass by during the walk. For information on sponsorship or how to participate, please contact Cheryl Wilson, Executive Director at 664-9224 or [svcmdirector@gmail.com](mailto:svcmdirector@gmail.com).

## TRUNK OR TREAT

On Sunday October 28 at 4:00 pm we will again be having "Trunk or Treat" in our parking lot for the neighborhood. Start thinking about how you want to decorate your car trunks this year! We also plan to have a pumpkin carving time in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 4:30 pm, with popcorn and hot drinks to warm up on a cold day.



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From the Stewardship Planning Team

***"Coming soon....."***



***"Stay Tuned!!"***

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*Steve's Slant continued...*

In my role, I happily asked for significant gifts because I believed in the cause. I saw the effect those gifts had in the field, in the lives of the people living in the communities with which we partnered in the ongoing work of making God's love real and creating hope in some of the world's toughest places, where hope was sometimes hard to find.

And more often than not, our donors generously responded to these requests because that was the kind of work, and the kind of change, they felt good about helping to effect.

So, yes, in the weeks to come you'll see the details of our challenge budget for next year, and you'll get a pledge card. That's the part about money.

But over the course of stewardship season, we plan to focus on the larger story in play during this season and beyond -- a story not about money but about the ways your gifts and pledges help us bring God's love to life and to create hope here in our beautiful corner of the world.

So, if you like a good story, stay tuned! It's coming soon . . .

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

September was a very busy month for WWPC volunteers helping build Presbyterian/Methodist House # 27 with one or more members, family and friends working on six different dates. These photos are from three of them.



*Ned Guardenier, Andrew Daugherty, Brent Roberts and Derron Daugherty worked with Habitat Construction Supervisor Craig Comeau (center) to cut, fit and install siding on the house.*



Emily Pulsifer, a teacher and track coach at Christ School, brought a large group of students whose youthful energy was a real help with landscaping and other tasks.



## HABITAT continued...

Don Collins and Pastor Steve Runholt installed insulation in the outer walls and closed up a few remaining open spaces prior to the arrival of rain and wind from Hurricane Florence.

September ended with the partner family for Presbyterian/Methodist House visiting our Sunday morning service.



*Shaketia Simpson, next to Steve, brought her children, Mahogani and DaMarion, and thanked everyone who has helped build the house or donated to it.*

*During the Time for the Child in Us All, some of our children presented Mahogani and DaMarion a potted plant they had assembled to help make the Simpson's new home even more special, and Rev. Grace Boyer led them in a prayer.*



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-and everything in between.

Together we are the many faces of humanity, yet as a joyful, caring and loving community of faith, we are committed in our diversity to be one in Christ!

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