



THE EXTENDED FAMILY

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Steve's Slant

Sunday, June 9th, marks a hugely significant day on the Church (capital C) calendar. That is Pentecost Sunday, the day we celebrate the arrival of Holy Spirit on the world's stage.

This year the timing of Pentecost is especially noteworthy because it feels to me like a fresh wind is blowing through our life together, bringing new life and new energy to our community.

I see this new energy in three areas in particular: in the lawn outside the fellowship hall, in our youth room, and in our sanctuary. Let me explain....

A minor miracle: not water into wine but lawn to playground

Earlier this spring we secured a pledge of \$10,000 from a private individual to be used to replace the lawn outside the Christian Education building with a playground. (For reference sake, this is the area between the Lower Fellowship Hall on one side and our youth room on the other, just at the foot of a rarely used door that leads up from the lawn to the church offices.)

The promise of this funding breathed life into this long-dreamed-of project, and gave it the boost it needed to move it from the concept phase and into the action phase. So here is a summary of the action we have taken so far:

- We have recruited a Playground Action Team (PAT!) of Derron Daugherty, Tacci Smith, Brent Roberts and myself. Given the work she has already done on this project, and the close, ongoing contact she has with our parents, Grace will also serve as a consultant to and advisor on the project.
- We have secured approval for the installation of the playground from Dave Ellum, the Dean of Land Resources for Warren Wilson College.

With preliminary funding in place, a leadership team ready to go, and with Dave's approval secured, President Lynn Morton has invited us to submit a proposal for the project for review by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. (The Trustees have final say on what can and cannot be done on campus from a land use standpoint. But Lynn assures me that the Executive Committee has the authority to approve this project.)

In preparation for writing that proposal, we are now busy with the due diligence phase of the project, focusing on these two specific areas:

- Determining the overall cost of the project, including equipment, ground cover and fencing. (From a safety standpoint, the ground cover piece is especially crucial.)
- Determining who bears the primary liability responsibility for the project.

Once we clarify these details, we will submit a draft proposal to our own Administration Ministry Team for their review. We will then make any changes or adjustments they deem necessary before we send the final draft of the proposal to the Executive Committee for their review.

Assuming the committee approves the project, and assuming our overall budget allows, we will then solicit competitive bids for the installation phase, and begin work as soon as possible.

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June Birthdays!

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| Emma Eagle Joslin | June 1 | Marc Mullinax | June 2 |
| 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 Discussion Group meets Thursday, June 13th at noon in the large classroom. "The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris" by David McCullough will be discussed. It is a fascinating account of famous Americans living, working or studying in Paris between the years of 1830 to 1900 Elisabeth Blackwell, James Fenimore Cooper and Harriet Beecher Stowe are 3 examples. Bring a sandwich and join the discussion.

CENTERING PRAYER Sundays June 2, June 9, June 16 from 9:30-9:45 am in the Adult Class room. Centering prayer is a practice of letting go in order to calm the mind and increase openness to God's presence. We will begin with guided prayer, followed by ten minutes of silent prayer using a word or phrase from that morning's scripture to re-center when the mind wanders.

Dear Board Members and Volunteers,

One of our single moms who has been homeless and couch surfing was able to save up enough money and buy a trailer. The trailer needed lots of work and many of the appliance need to be replaced. We are working thru the repairs of the trailer. She currently needs an electric stove, refrigerator and washer.



We also have had many calls from other clients in need of the same items. If you are upgrading and still have any of these appliances that still work, please let us know. Please share this with your friends and family as well. Together we can make this happen!

Thanking you in advance for your help and support.

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Fellowship with your Warren Wilson Church “neighbors”

Have you ever had a brief conversation with “an acquaintance” during coffee hour that you wished you could continue? Have you greeted someone with the peace of Christ, but never actually had a conversation? Have you had the pleasant opportunity at a church breakfast to sit with people you didn’t know well and realize that you all had really interesting lives and stories to share?

Beginning in 2015 when our congregants participated in in-depth conversations about what they longed and hoped for, there was a repeated refrain to re-start “Caring Groups”. That’s what we called them back in the 80’s and beyond.

If you were one of the “choir members” singing that chorus, the answer to your prayers is here. “Caring Groups” will commence in the fall. But here’s the deal: we don’t really remember exactly how they were in the past, and, regardless, they don’t have to be that way in the future. We’ll be inventing this as we go, but the thing is, we’re collecting the names of those interested NOW, in preparation for the organization of groups in the fall. Even the name may change, so if you have a catchy name for how we might label these fellowship groups, please let us know!

I’ve done a bit of research on-line to see how this has worked at other churches (Presbyterian, Episcopal, Methodist, Society of Friends) and here’s some thoughts from other congregations, but please do let us know what YOU WANT for our church.

Fellowship Groups - Human beings are created by God to be in community with each other. As Christians, we thrive and mature as we live our lives in relationships with other Christians, including those outside our immediate families.

“Gathering groups” are informal gatherings for a simple meal (usually potluck) and fellowship in homes of members and attendees. This is a fun way to get to know others in the Meeting better for both new and continuing participants. Participants take turns hosting the gatherings, but you can participate even if you prefer not to host.

Friendly Eights is a fun way for members and attendees to meet outside of Gwynedd Meeting. They coordinate casual and cozy pot luck dinners in Friends’ homes for small groups of people. It doesn’t have to be eight people – We’ve had as many as nine and as few as five people. The host provides the main course and the venue. Each guest brings something to share: an appetizer, salad or dessert, etc.

Fellowship: Gathering in small groups allows us to form and strengthen friendships. We can get better acquainted with people whose names and faces we know, but whom we have never really chatted with before. We learn more about each other over a nice meal. (Also, the food has been great!) It’s an inexpensive night out, and preparing or purchasing one dish is manageable for most people.

“Friendly Eights” might include topical discussions of Friendly concerns, sharing of spiritual journeys, inspirational readings, guided meditations, book discussions, or presentations by Peace and Earth Committee or by invited guests, but Friends may have other ideas as well.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you think you might be interested, please sign up. If you have suggestions or hopes for these groups, please contact us. And stay tuned for more info toward the end of summer.

Sally Broughton and Gina Marvin

CLERK'S REPORT



At the May stated meeting, the session took the following actions:

1. Accepted an anonymous gift designated for construction of a new playground, directed the Pastor to extend thanks to the donor, and authorized the Pastor to name an action team to plan for the playground.
2. Referred the Pastor's request for sabbatical leave in the summer of 2020 to the Administration Ministry Team with a request that the team work with the Pastor to develop a complete plan that the session can approve by the end of the year.
3. Expressed its thanks to Ray Stock and Alisa White for their years of service as receiving treasurers and authorized the purchase of an appreciation gift to each of them.
4. Approved loaning banners not currently being used in chapel services to Kenilworth Presbyterian Church.
5. Authorized repair of the church's hand bells with payment to come from the music program dedicated fund.

Ken Murchison, Clerk of Session

PRAYERS FOR: Ray Stock; Ron Wilson; Barbara Higgins; Dr. Steven Williams and Mary Moorrees.

Steve's Slant continued...

Our youth room: a new beginning

Starting essentially from the moment we first noted flood waters seeping into our Youth Room late in the afternoon of Good Friday, the college has been particularly responsive to our requests for help with flood remediation, restoration and prevention measures.

On the restoration side, we are awaiting the final estimates to install a water-resistant, wood-grain vinyl floor in the youth room, and to repair and paint the sheetrock that sustained water damage. We are hopeful that the cost of these repairs will be covered by insurance.

On the prevention side, the college has recommended that we undertake the following measures to help protect the room from further flooding in the future:

- replace the existing (and woefully inadequate) gutters on the CE building with 6" commercial-grade gutters, with leaf guards
- install an asphalt curb that runs parallel to the building
- install Plexiglas rain shields over the window wells on all the basement windows.
- remove the plant material from the garden near the parking apron that serves the building to help keep the drain in that area clear and free of leaves and other debris

Per our covenant, the cost of these measures will be shared 50/50 between the church and the college. Our on our side, these monies will likely come from our building maintenance fund.

Our sanctuary: more color, more community

And finally, as we prepare for the "ordinary time" of summer, we will soon debut a new approach to adding more color in our sanctuary, and cultivating a greater sense of community during our worship service. Look for special green ribbons to appear over our back pews on the first Sunday after Pentecost. I hope this helps explain why I feel that the Spirit is moving among us. I hope you feel it, too!

Re-cap of the Spiritual Nurture Picnic at Owen Park!





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-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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