



# THE EXTENDED FAMILY

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## *Steve's Slant*

Starting this Sunday, we are entering what promises to be a rich and fruitful season in our life together.

As always, or I should say as *almost* always, the first Sunday of October is both Homecoming Sunday on campus -- a day when we celebrate our historic connection to Warren Wilson College; and World Communion Sunday -- a day when we celebrate our present connection with the global community of Christian churches.

This is always a special day but this year promises to be even more so, for two reasons.

First, we will unveil the Shower of Stoles display. Having helped mount the display earlier this week, I can say that it is strikingly beautiful. It also feels manifestly sacred. It is a kind of memorial, only the bodies it represents are still very much alive.

Second, we will welcome Mollie Donihe as our guest preacher. Mollie is a 2016 graduate of Warren Wilson College and was a superstar during her time here. Among other accolades, she won the Sullivan Award for . She's now a senior at Vanderbilt Divinity School and will graduate with her M.Div. next spring. Personally, I can't wait to hear her preach -- and I hope you'll come out to support her!

Of course, as we always do, after sharing in Communion together, we will gather in the fellowship hall to break bread again, following the service -- and to eat fried chicken and deviled eggs and mac & cheese, to name just a few of the delectable delights we'll enjoy together.

So, again, as you can see, it promises to be a Very Special Day.

Then, looking deeper into the month, we will launch our 2019 Stewardship Campaign on Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>. Our theme this year is For Such a Time as This.

That phrase...for such a time as this...comes from the book of Esther. The latter is a story of bravery in a time of political upheaval. It's a story of faithfulness. And it's a story about God's provision.

We will explore those themes on that Sunday, and then in the weeks to follow, we'll drill down a little deeper as we examine that theme more broadly: for such a time as this in our own lives. For such a time as this in the life of the larger Church. And for such a time as this in the life of the small "c" church -- in our life as congregation.

Then on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we have another Very Special Day planned. That is All Saints Day on the Church calendar. And we will be welcoming another guest preacher to our pulpit. The Rev. Alex McNeill will be the first openly trans man to be ordained in the history of the Presbyterian Church (USA). I say "will be" because Alex's ordination service is slated for Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church here in Asheville. All are welcome, should you wish to attend and show your support for Alex.

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**PLEASE HOLD THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:** The Family of Barbara Higgins, on her death; Pat Crumpler; Ray Stock; Dr. Steven Williams; and Mary Moorrees.

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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	Carolyn Cole	Oct. 21
Salyna Morgan	Oct. 22	Susan Laney	Oct. 25
Toby Ives	Oct. 25	Kathë Mosher	Oct. 25



The Warren Wilson Book Group will meet at noon in the Fellowship Hall on Thur. Oct. 10th. Anne Dale will lead the discussion of "Song Yet Sung" by John McBride. Clotilde will provide dessert. Bring a sandwich and enjoy the fellowship.

**Homecoming Pot Luck**

Join us following the service on October 6 for our annual Homecoming meal in Ransom Fellowship Hall. See old and new friends and share good food and fellowship! All are welcome.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

**Oct 6 & Oct 13**—Finishing up *Short Stories by Jesus: The Enigmatic Parables of a Controversial Rabbi*. We are exploring six parables of Jesus using the research of Jewish New Testament scholar, Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, who teaches at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Each Sunday will include a 10 minute video by Dr. Levine. No preparation required, just come!

**Oct 20-Nov 24 For Such A Time As This...**

People, events, and issues in history and what they have called forth from people of faith and the Church.

**Oct 20 & 27 Ron Vinson**, executive director of the Presbyterian Heritage Center, will teach about **John Knox** as we approach Reformation Sunday.

**Nov 3 Alex McNeill**, executive director of More Light Presbyterians, will speak about **LGBTQ** ministry and his own journey as a transgender man in ministry.

**Nov 10 Steve Runholt** will share about the work and context of **C.S. Lewis** and invite those who attended the CS Lewis symposium in Montreat to share from their experience.

**Nov 17 Fitz Legerton** will be interviewed about his time as a young pastor in Atlanta during the **Civil Rights** movement.

**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 Milt Butterworth – with the annual review of the church staff as we envision the church we are called to be. To complete the task, this 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 improve our ministry in the future. We 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 by putting them in the clerk's mailbox, or you may submit them by email to Sally Broughton ([sallycallaham@gmail.com](mailto:sallycallaham@gmail.com)). Please share your thoughts before Oct. 14, so we can incorporate them into the review process.

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### CLERK'S REPORT



**At the August stated meeting, the session took the following action:**

1. Approved the construction of a new playground outside the education building.
2. Approved the proposed changes to the entrance to the chapel, including the recommendation to implement the proposal in stages.
3. Approved a community engagement team recommendation to make a \$1000 contribution to the Presbyterian Disaster Agency border worker to match the gift from the Wharton family to honor Carolyn Wharton.
4. Approved the recommendations for adult Sunday School classes for September.
5. Approved three recommendations from the Children and Youth Ministry Team –  
Use of PCUSA Confirmation curriculum “Big Questions” and the Confirmation schedule.  
Use of lectionary based curriculum for Children/Youth class created by Kristin Williams.  
Continuation of Music Time with Joel Rogers during Children’s Sunday School.
6. Accepted the \$1000 memorial gift in honor of Charlotte Wharton to be used to support border ministries of the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund.

**At the September stated meeting, the session took the following action:**

1. Accepted an offer to provide a small patio area near the new playground in exchange for a plot in the Warren Wilson Cemetery.
2. Approved the use of the memorials fund to pay for the improvements to the entrance to the chapel.
3. Approved the proposed adult Sunday School classes from October through the end of the year.

Ken Murchison, Clerk of the Session

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## PEACEMAKING OFFERING

World Communion Sunday, October 6

The session has approved a special offering in support of refugees and immigrants in detention as part of our 2019 Peacemaking Offering.

25% of the offering will go to El Refugio, a volunteer center supporting detainees at Stewart Detention Center in southwest Georgia, and their families.

Items on the wish list will be taken in late October.



## WISH LIST

**Gas cards:** Shell gas cards in \$25 denominations help our families afford trips to Lumpkin to visit their loved ones. Families share with us that these cards help, as they are financially depleted from having a loved one in immigrant detention.

**Exterior Enhancement Project:** We are transforming our backyard into a wonderful play space and place of relaxation for our families.

**Storage shed:** We need a storage shed for donations we cannot store in our house, which was built in the 1800s and has just one closet. The shed we need costs \$900.

**New and used men's clothing:** Shoes in very good condition, sizes 6 and up; new or gently used jeans or casual pants (no dress pants, please) all sizes; men's belts, new or gently used; new or gently used men's casual shirts, such as polo shirts, all sizes; new men's underwear and socks; new or gently used duffel bags or backpacks (must have a zipper). Our particular need right now is for men's jeans and shoes in smaller sizes. We also need white shoelaces, as we received a large donation of sneakers without laces.

**Walmart gift cards:** Many families struggle to pay for groceries, diapers, and other necessities when their loved one is sent to Stewart.

Sponsored by the Community Engagement Team

## ***Steve's Slant continued...***

He will be sharing some of his story with us, and giving his own thanks for all the saints who went before him, making it possible for him to preach as an ordained minister and to preside at Communion, which he will do with us for the first time outside of his ordination service.

And we will of course give thanks for the saints who have gone before us and made it possible for us to be who we are.

So as we think about the next few weeks ahead, I believe we can look forward to not just a special day but a special season in the life of our congregation.

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## **Donations for WWC Student Food Pantry**

Last Summer, WWPC helped supply students on campus with food during the time the cafeteria was unavailable. This was very successful and many students verbalized their gratitude to the church for thinking of them and providing them with food. As Fall Break approaches, (another time when the cafeteria will be closed) we have been asked by a student to collaborate with them as they develop a food pantry on campus. The non-perishable donations we provide will be available to student workers who remain on campus to work during the break periods.

These are the items needed:

**Canned soup, ramen, pasta and sauce, canned fruit/vegetables, dry lentils, and rice and beans.**

They are working with bounty and soul to provide fresh produce to supplement these staples.

If you are able to donate any of these items to help fill the pantry, please leave them in the Narthex under the sign in the boxes provided. The food will be picked up on October 12 and 14.

(Fall break is October 12-20)



(Submitted by Donna Eagle Joslin)

## The Shower of Stoles Project

The Shower of Stoles Project is an extraordinary collection of over one thousand liturgical stoles and other sacred items representing the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people of faith. These religious leaders have served in over thirty denominations and faith traditions, and come from six countries on three continents. This collection celebrates the gifts of LGBT persons who serve God in countless ways, while also lifting up those who have been excluded from service because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. The Project bears witness to the huge loss of leadership that the Church has brought upon itself because of its own unjust policies. The collection tours constantly around the country, being exhibited in local congregations, universities and seminaries, and regional and national denominational gatherings.

*Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church is displaying 50 stoles from this collection in the Chapel during the month of October. Each stole has a story attached so the viewer can learn about its owner.*

The Shower of Stoles is displayed with the profound hope that God's loving church will someday fully recognize and accept its lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members.

Faith traditions represented:

African Methodist Episcopal Church Alliance of Baptists American Baptist Church/USA Assemblies of God Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Church of God Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) Church of Religious Science Community of Christ Ecumenical Episcopal Church Evangelical Covenant Church Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Free Will Baptist Independent Baptist Church Independent Christian Church Messianic Judaism Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod Mennonite Church (USA) Non-Denominational Pentecostal Orthodox-Catholic Church of America Presbyterian Church (USA) Presbyterian Reformed Church of Cuba Reform Judaism Reformed Church in America Roman Catholic Church Southern Baptist Convention Unitarian Universalist Association United Church of Canada United Church of Christ United Methodist Church Unity Fellowship Church Movement Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches ...and many ecumenical groups



Coming October 13<sup>th</sup>  
Stewardship 2019

**For Such a Time as This**

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Save the Date...Sunday, October 27  
**Trunk or Treat !**  
Make a plan to decorate your vehicle  
and join the fun!

(Who is that masked man...?)

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**NEW DIRECTORY** Our Church directory is being updated and is almost complete! Please check the table in the Narthex to make sure your information is correct and let us know if you'd like a fresh updated photo. Information will be collected until October 7.

**Make sure to get your updates in by October 7!**

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**SVCM WALK FOR HUNGER RELIEF** Save the date! The 2019 Walk will take place on Sunday, October 13. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. We will meet at First Baptist Church at 1:30 pm on that Sunday. Children and youth whose families participate will be treated to ice cream afterwards at the Blue Cone in Black Mountain.

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month!



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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