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Steve's Slant

When you think about it, there are an amazing number of ways to get involved with the life and ministries of our congregation.

Some of them – such as serving on one of our Ministry Teams -- are more general, focused on a broad area of church life. Others are more specific, focused on a particular event or effort.

Some are outward facing, focused on serving the wider community, some are more inward facing, serving to support or enrich our shared life together.

Below is a list of these opportunities. I have organized them around the work of Ministry Teams. In case it is helpful, I have included the name of the current convener and a short description of the work and purpose of each team. Where we have active, ongoing and specific opportunities for involvement, I have also listed those opportunities (we often call these “Action Teams”) under the specific Ministry Team that provides oversight for them.

As you read through this list, I invite you, first, to take a moment to appreciate the breadth of ministries in which our church and our members are engaged.

Then, if you are not already involved in one of these efforts, let me also invite you to take another moment to consider whether God is calling you, or your heart is calling you, to get involved as we work to love and glorify God, to love and serve our neighbors (near and far), and love and care for one another through the following ministries:

- **Administration Ministry Team:** oversees all administrative aspects of the church, including finances, stewardship and personnel.
Convener: Ken Murchison
- **Church/College Relations:** provides a platform for two communities (Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church & Warren Wilson College) to foster fellowship and spiritual growth through shared activities such as joint service projects and spiritual and cultural celebrations.
Convener: Tacci Smith
- **Communications:** develops ways to provide for effective communications with current members and potential new members about the life, ministries and activities of the church; examples include newsletters, signs, website and social media platforms.
Convener: Brent Roberts

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September Birthdays!

Liam Pulsifer	Sept. 4	Natalie Cowal	Sept. 15
John Laney	Sept. 23	Michael Montgomery	Sept. 24
Elizabeth Cook	Sept. 27		



Please join the Warren Wilson Book group at noon on Thursday, **September 8**. This meeting is our annual salad lunch so please bring a salad to share at lunch, which begins at noon. At 12:30 Carolyn will lead our discussion of The Thursday Murder Club by Richard Osman. We'd love to have you join us!

OUR HEALING PRAYERS GO OUT TO: Gina Marvin; Barbara Howell and her husband Loren Gifford, Carla Greenfield's sister and brother in law; Kip Smith, Tacci's father; Tim Joslin, Blake's brother; Pat Crumpler; Milt Butterworth, Sandee, and family; Fran Roberts; Shane Reece, Nancy Garrison's son; Pat Wilson's son, Kell; Erika Lytle; Jackie Ligon Cole; Rick Garrison; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Flo Bishop; Jon Hettrick and his family; Jon's mother, Marjorie Hettrick; Mark Laabs, friend of the Griswolds; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.



Children and Youth News

Join us for an Intergenerational Sunday School event on Sunday, September 11 from 9:45-10:45 to kick off the Program Year! All ages are invited to explore together what it means to be made in the image of the God who created us, claims us and loves us.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS



PARTNER FAMILY FOR NEXT HOUSE OF FAITH WILL VISIT FOR OUR SEPT. 25 SERVICE

Construction of Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity's next House of Faith has progressed nicely since April, and the house's future owners, Jesse and Kayla Coffey, parents of three small children, will visit us on Sept. 25 for our annual Habitat Moment for Mission.

This will give the Coffey's the chance to meet 14 WWPC members and 1 friend of our church who worked on the house for a total of 84 hours, volunteering for half days or full days in May and June.

Kitchen cabinets for the 4 bedroom, 2 bath single family house in West Asheville's New Heights neighborhood are being installed now, and the Coffey's anticipate closing on Nov. 4.

The 2022 House of Faith is being built in memory of Susan Barbour with funding from the law firm of McGuire, Wood & Bisette, and from the longtime support of a diverse coalition of faith communities. Local faith organizations like our church have partnered with Asheville Habitat to build 49 homes since 1992. The Adopt-a-Lot sponsor is the family of Susan Barbour.

The final Sunday of September is our traditional Habitat Moment for Mission day when we welcome the partner family for the current Habitat house and receive a special offering to help with the cost of building materials.

Three Ways to Make a Habitat Special Offering

1. Through our Church web site (click the Give Online button near the top right corner)
2. By Check mailed to the Church Office - 101 Chapel Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778
3. By Check dropped in an offering plate inside the front door of the sanctuary

If you donate by check, please write *Habitat offering* on the memo line. Thank you.



Construction of the Habitat for Humanity House of Faith began less than five months ago, and this photo was taken in August.



House of Faith partner family Jesse and Kayla Coffey with their children.

CLERK'S REPORT

At its stated meeting on 16 August, 2022, the Session:

1. Approved a recommendation from the in-house worship team that we return to requiring masks for those attending worship for at least a few weeks. This will be reconsidered based on Covid infection trends, and is a recommendation similar to what Warren Wilson College is doing at the beginning of their fall semester.
2. Heard a report from Pastor Steve Runholt that our Afghan refugee siblings, Farkunda and Elam, recently enjoyed some time at Lake Fontana with Steve and Robyn, but that this is a particularly difficult time for them as it has been one year since they have left Afghanistan and their family.
3. Heard reports from Sarah Grace Montgomery and Sandy Brauer about our church's Vacation Bible School event this summer that was fun with a great program for the children.
4. Learned of plans by the Congregational Life and the Church-College ministry teams about church sponsored events for Warren Wilson college students to help the congregation and students learn more about each other.
5. Learned about plans for having interested WWPC members get together in Asheville on Friday, 2 September for an Asheville Tourist baseball game and fireworks display.
6. Discussed the need for continued follow up with the College about renovation needs for our shared college-church facilities after recent changes in personnel in the College business office.
7. Received confirmation that, weather permitting, an outdoor worship service in the College pavilion is planned for Sunday, 5 September, a continuation of a long-term tradition for the Sunday before Labor Day.
8. Learned the status of completed and pending repairs and replacements for some of our facility's equipment items and about other facility issues that are being discussed with the College.
9. Was pleased to approve reimbursement to Jack Ballard for material costs for the spacious and beautiful cabinet he constructed that has replaced the former storage space known as the candle cabinet.
10. Approved as a motion a recommendation from the Administrative Ministry Team that a capital needs assessment team be appointed in the very near future and approved by Session to make a report on capital needs by the end of November.

Bob Gambrell
Clerk of Session

CHAPEL CHOIR

Adult choir has begun rehearsals at 7:30 PM. on Wednesday evenings in the chapel. If you would like to sing and would be interested in joining, just contact joelprogers1967@gmail.com or pop up to the balcony any Sunday after church!



Joel P. Rogers



WALK FOR YOUR NEIGHBOR

Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 9, 2022 when the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry sponsors the annual Walk for Your Neighbor. Allee Williams will be leading the WWPC congregation in our participation. Just as last year, money raised during the Walk will go to help our neighbors with food, clothing, medical bills, utility bills, and emergency gasoline needs. Last year, the Walk raised a record \$61,000.

The Walk begins at 2:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Black Mountain. You can choose to walk a mile, walk four miles, or just come with your contribution and enjoy the afternoon.

Exploring a Different Approach to Church Beautification

In the past and currently with students and / or some contract labor, the College has done various tasks associated with keeping the interior of our facilities clean, and the grass mowed with occasional other outdoor trimming. Since the college eliminated their student landscape crew, their outdoor work has mostly been mowing the grass. There are many other outdoor areas around the church that frequently need trimming and other upkeep that the College does not address as we have all seen and noted.



A few months ago, our Beautification Team got together one Saturday and in a couple of hours got a lot of trimming and other outdoor lawn and shrub projects completed. Most of the team have also gone to the church on their own and tackled some of these outdoor beautification needs. (continued)

With our busy and varied schedules, it is difficult to get a team of 6 or more volunteers together at the same time to work on these projects.

A few of us have talked about a different approach that might be acceptable to more people and be more convenient. The new approach would have two parts. One part would be to establish a list of particular spots or areas that need work many times during the plant growing season such as pulling weeds, using a weed eater, cutting back branches growing into walkways or over handrails, clearing unsightly brush, and washing some of the more accessible exterior windows. The other part would be for volunteers in our church to sign up for one or two of the tasks on the list as their contribution to keeping our facilities looking nice. Volunteers signing up for one or two of these tasks would on their own decide when it was time to work on their area and do it on their own whenever it was convenient for them.

Flexibility would be important since with time the list of tasks requiring work might need to be modified, or, a person may decide what they initially agreed to do was more difficult than first anticipated and they may need to switch to a different task. And finally, while two or a few people might be needed to coordinate some of this, there should be a way for anyone in the church to offer suggestions on any aspect of this beautification effort.

In summary, this article is being put in our church newsletter to get comments and suggestions from all in our congregation that have interest in this approach. The Session would be asked for comments and approval as well if there is interest in pursuing this idea.

There is a tentative list of tasks representing many of the outdoor beautification needs available by contacting the church office, or by picking up a printed copy in the Narthex of the church on the small table to the left as you walk in.

Again, we are soliciting your comments which you can get to us by emailing Donna, Kay, or Bob.

Thanks.

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Steve's Slant continued...

- **Community Engagement:** challenges the congregation to respond to the commands of Jesus to participate in God's activity in the world. We attempt to minister to the needs of the hungry, poor, homeless, children and families and to practice a ministry of love and compassion worldwide.
Convener: Sally Broughton
Action Teams:
 - Circle of Welcome for Afghan refugees
(Coordinators: Jamie Dale and Vicki Collins)
 - Habitat for Humanity *(Coordinator: Larry Griswold)*
 - Monthly lunches at Veterans Restoration Quarters *(Larry Griswold)*
 - Walk for Your Neighbor *(Coordinator: Allee Williams)*
- **Congregational Life:** works to promote and nurture the community life of the Warren Wilson congregation and assist in congregational and pastoral care. We serve at many congregational gatherings such as dinners, coffee hours and funerals, and try to bring cheer to shut-ins.
Convener: Susan Daugherty
- **Facilities Usage (aka Buildings and Grounds) :** deals with use and maintenance of our facilities, including the Chapel and the Ransom Fellowship Hall.
Convener: Bob Gambrell
- **Liturgical Arts:** focuses on enriching the worship life of our church. By using color, fabric, music, drama and dance
Convener: Kristin Williams
- **Spiritual Nurture:** works to plan and supervise our education programs for children of all ages as well as adults.
Children's education convener: Sandy Brauer
Adult education convener: Steve Runholt
- **Worship and Music:** This ministry team handles all aspects of planning our corporate worship services to inspire the congregation and bring praise to God.
Convener:
Ministry opportunities:
 - Chapel choir (Director: Joel Rogers)
 - Bell choir (Director: Joel Rogers)
 - Liturgists (Sign-up sheet in Narthex)

I am mindful that in detailing this list, I might have missed something. But not to fear! We will come back to these ministries during our upcoming stewardship season, and we would be happy to highlight then any I may have inadvertently omitted here.

Grace and peace, Steve

HANDBELL CHOIR

Musical Opportunity! We are currently looking for a couple new members of the handbell choir for this year. We have so much fun and if you like music and might be interested, please consider joining us. Just send an email to joelprogers1967@gmail.com, or just pop upstairs after church. We meet once a week on Wednesday at 6:30. Come join us!—



Joel P. Rogers



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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 - 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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