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# THE EXTENDED FAMILY

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

## A Note from Margaret

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Dear friends,

What a wonderful time of year this is, as the days lengthen and we anticipate all that is to come.

We are about to enter a wonderful season in this community's life, too. Even as I write, your session is working to assemble a team to lead us through a Mission Study.

In a process undergirded by prayer and the study of scripture, that team will help us to explore the history that has carried you to this place, the relationships to which you are committed, the gifts and resources entrusted to your care, and your sense of where God is stirring in your hearts and in the world.

We also will take a fresh look at the surrounding community. The members of this team, and others they may involve, will go out and ask community leaders to identify pressing needs in the valley, and to share the changes they anticipate in the coming years.

Together we hope to discern where God is calling you to ministry in the next season of your life together. Ultimately, the Mission Study Team will distill the information and insights that they have gathered. They will compile a report that they will present to you, to the session, and to the presbytery's Committee on Ministry. Once the Committee on Ministry approves the report, the way will be clear to elect a committee to search for your new pastor.

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How can you help?

**Pray:** Please pray for God to move in our midst, and that we all will be open to the Spirit's leading.

**Participate:** When events are scheduled, come ready to listen and to speak. We will need each person's gifts and insights if we are to be the church God is calling us to be.

God gives us to each other in community, so that all may find a place of purpose and belonging. If you see a need that you would like to try to meet, please let us know—the Spirit may have planted that impulse in your heart. And if you are feeling overburdened, please let us know that, too—so that we can share the load.

I used to puzzle over Jesus' invitation to those who are weary:  
*"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."*  
How could the yoke of someone who died on a cross be easy or light?  
—And then I learned that in ancient times, yokes were joined one to another; animals pulled together. Jesus is inviting us to be yoked to him -- to join in work already begun -- work we need never accomplish alone.

I so look forward to the season ahead.

Your sister in Christ,  
Margaret

## THE WARREN WILSON BOOK GROUP



The Warren Wilson Book Group will meet at noon on Thursday, March 14 in Fellowship Hall. New members are always welcome! We bring our own lunch and have time for fellowship from 12-12:30. At 12:30 Judi will lead our discussion of *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. Hope you can join our group in March!



# JOYS AND CONCERNS

Our Healing Prayers go out to: Winn Legerton and family, on Fitz’s death; Martha Dugger; Beth Newman; Darrell Spencer: Vernon Daugherty, Sr., Derron’s father; Susan Runholt, Steve’s sister; Salyna Morgan; Blake Joslin and his parents, Carol Lee and Brooks; Houston Huggins, Beth Meriwether’s brother; Bartley Spencer, Sandy Brauer’s brother; Jackie Wintle’s sister, Judy Reynolds; Pat Crumpler; 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; Marjorie Hettrick; Kim Reece, daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison.



We want to celebrate more joys with our congregation. If you have something you would like to share (birth of child/grandchild, anniversary, wedding or any type of good news), please complete this [form](#) or scan the QR code at the right of the screen to take you to the form.



## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Betty Siviter	Mar. 2	Evva Hamilton	Mar. 6
Beth Newman	Mar. 6	Catherine Showalter	Mar. 7
Patrick Sanderson	Mar. 10	Amber Crumpler	Mar. 11
Bill Sanderson	Mar. 15	Wendy Myer	Mar. 18
Anne Hamilton	Mar. 20	Harriet Cowal	Mar. 22
Dennis Stockdale	Mar. 24	Jonathan Crumpler	Mar. 26
Andrew Pulsifer	Mar. 27	John Bishop	Mar. 29





## VETERANS RESTORATION QUARTERS

OUR VOLUNTEERS PREP AND SERVE LUNCH AT THE VETERANS RESTORATION QUARTERS on the fourth Friday of each month which is not always the last Friday of the month as stated in the recent Church Annual Report.

For example, when a month starts on a Friday, as happened this month, the fourth Friday is March 22 which is not the last Friday of the month, and we will be there on March 22.

We arrive at 9:30 and prepare things for that day's lunch, sack lunches, and other things such as salad dressing, before serving lunch in a cafeteria line at noon. The veterans are always appreciative of what we do, and we are welcome have lunch there after we finish serving.

If you would like to know more about this, ask Larry Griswold, Anne or Jamie Dale, or Susan, Derron or Natalie Daughterty.





## MORAL MARCH TO STATE HOUSE

# NORTH CAROLINA



- Join the NC PPC and the national Poor People's Campaign movement as we build momentum for the Mass Poor People's and Low Wage Worker's Moral March to State House Assemblies, a national action on Sat March 2nd, part of 40 weeks of action from February 5 leading to the November elections.
- Why are we doing this? Because the people of North Carolina are suffering!
  - Over 40% of the state are poor or low-income: over 4 million residents.
  - Over 1 million North Carolinians still lack health insurance.
  - Nearly 2 million North Carolinians earn less than a minimum living wage of \$15/hour, 37% of the workforce.
  - Average household debt rose 6% in 2022 to an average of \$56,590 in North Carolina.
- Together, we are a powerful force for eliminating poverty, the 4th leading cause of death in the nation.
  - Join us Saturday March 2 for the Mass Poor People's and Low Wage Workers' State House Assembly and Moral March on Raleigh and to the Polls.
  - Sign up to reserve a seat(s) on buses leaving from and return to Asheville on Saturday March 2.
  - Donate to the 2024 Campaign Rallies Bus Fund to get people to Raleigh on March 2.
  - Sign up as a mobilizing partner (this is an invitation to faith communities, neighborhood associations, worker's right organizations, social justice organizations, individuals, and more).

For more information, please contact Jamie Dale



## SCHROVE TUESDAY SURPRISE



Due to an unexpected power outage in the Fellowship Hall/CE Building on February 13, an impromptu decision was made to move everything into the chapel...pancakes and all. Our congregation did what they always do, and turned the evening into another great event.





## NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

### Ecumenical Lenten Service in the Chapel

**On Wednesday, March 6,** Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church will host the weekly Lenten service as part of the Swannanoa Valley ecumenical project. The service will begin at noon. The offering collected will go to benefit SVCM's ministries to unhoused neighbors living in the valley. Come share in meaningful worship, and support our neighbors in need.

### Student Led Service

**On Sunday, March 17,** the Spiritual Life Crew of Warren Wilson College, along with Chaplain and Spiritual Life Director Shannon Spencer, will lead our 11:00 worship on this fifth Sunday in Lent. Come and be blessed by the gifts God has planted in these students' hearts.

### Palm/Passion Sunday

**On Sunday, March 24,** we'll meet in front of the chapel at 10:55 to gather our palms and then process in to worship. Palm Sunday begins in jubilation, but before the morning is over, we will have begun to consider what the rest of the week will hold, and so this day has come to be known as Palm/Passion Sunday.

### Maundy Thursday

**On Thursday, March 28,** we will gather in the chapel at 7:00 pm to share communion and meditate on a love that knows no bounds.

### Good Friday

**On Friday, March 29, 12:00 in Montreat,** all are invited to an ecumenical service in Upper Anderson Auditorium. The depth of joy we discover on Easter morning is tied intimately to our willingness to encounter the suffering of the cross.

### Easter Day

**On Sunday, March 31, 9:30 am** join us for our annual **Easter Brunch** in Fellowship Hall. Bring a breakfast dish to share, and come celebrate with your church family.

**11:00 Worship** Our celebration of the resurrection will take place in the chapel at 11:00. We will share communion, be led in worship by the choir, and be blessed by the sound of our newly refurbished bells!

**Easter Egg Hunt at 12:15** in front of, and around the chapel. If you don't have a basket, don't worry...one will be provided!







Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent (February 14 – March 31), each gift to OGHS helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

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#### **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)**

- Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees
- Receives 32% of funds

#### **PRESBYTERIAN HUNGER PROGRAM (PHP)**

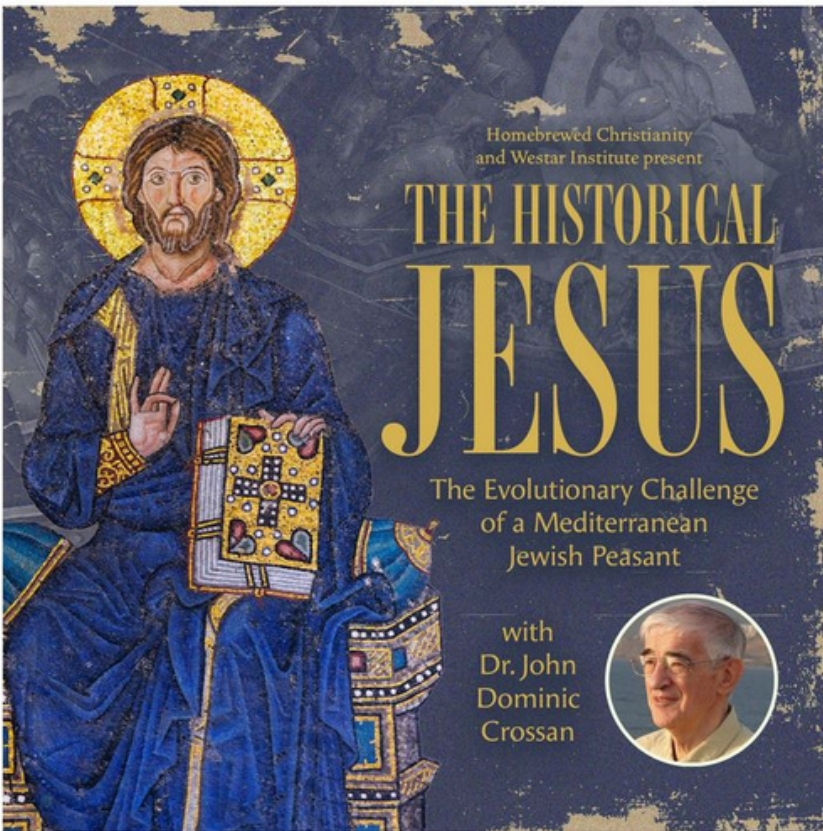
- Takes action to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed
- Receives 36% of funds

#### **SELF-DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE (SDOP)**

- Invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues
- Receives 32% of funds



## Adult Education Series



Join us for our Adult Education video series as Dr. John Dominic Crossan discusses *The Historical Jesus. The Evolutionary Challenge of a Mediterranean Jewish Peasant*.

The class begins at 9:30 am in the large classroom beyond Fellowship Hall, and runs through Lent.

All are Welcome.

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