

THE EXTENDED FAMILY

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

A Note from Margaret

BY MARGARET LAMOTTE TORRENCE

Dear friends,

The Easter season now stretches before us—and what a wonderful time to begin our Mission Study! The Mission Study will lie at the heart of our work during this transitional time.

The process will unfold over the next few months, but the value of the study will depend upon congregational participation, as we seek to answer the questions: *Who are we? What is God calling us to be and do? Who is our neighbor?*

Here's what's been happening behind the scenes, as we have prepared for the study to begin. In late winter, the session appointed the following members to serve as our Mission Study Team:

- Sally Broughton
- Don Collins
- Natalie Daugherty
- Barbara Griswold
- Pat Levi
- Sharon Lytle
- Ken Murchison
- Brent Roberts (Chair)

The team spent a delightful morning together on March 16, and we now are ready to **invite all of you to our first congregational event: a lunch and conversation after church on April 21.**

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We will provide the food; all that you need to do is to come ready to listen and engage with others who care about this worshiping community and its ministry in the world. **(You do not need to be an official “member” to participate in this process—if you have interest in this community, we’d love for you to come!)**

This means that you will have opportunities to stay for lunch after church two Sundays in a row!

April 14: Jeff Keith’s presentation on the history of Warren Wilson College

(see page 5 for more information)

April 21: “Holy Conversations,” our kickoff for the Mission Study Process!

We’d love to have an approximate head-count for each of these events. Please use these links to let us know you plan to come.

If you plan to come on April 14, please let us know by Wed., April 10.

If you plan to come on April 21, please let us know by Wed., April 17.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me or to any member of the Mission Study Team.

I so look forward to the discoveries we will make in the months to come, as together we listen for the Spirit’s leading.

In great anticipation,

Margaret

THE WARREN WILSON BOOK GROUP



The Warren Wilson Book Group will have a special meeting at noon on April 11 in Fellowship Hall. Carolyn will lead our discussion of *A Home on Wilder Shores* by Susan Posey and Susan (the author) will be joining us! The book is historical fiction set in Western North Carolina. We're sure to have an interesting meeting so please join us for lunch from 12-12:30 followed by our discussion. New members are always welcome!



JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office (298-9092). *Recently updated entries are in italics.*

We remember in prayer: *Mary Fran Spencer and family, on Darrell's death;* Jackie Ligon Cole; Pat Crumpler; *Will Dale (Jamie's brother), anticipating cardiac bypass surgery in April, following lung cancer surgery in late February;* Vernon Daugherty, Sr. (Derron's father); Martha Dugger; Rick Garrison; Houston Huggins (Beth Meriwether's brother); Erika Lytle; Salyna Morgan; *Beth Newman and her family, at the news that Beth's stem-cell transplant was successful and she is in full remission. She is hoping to return soon to the Asheville area;* Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs; Jon Hettrick and his family; Marjorie Hettrick; *Allyson Hettrick's mother, Sylvia Revis, as she recovers from a fall in assisted living;* Kim Reece (daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison); Shane Reece (Nancy Garrison's son); Pat Wilson's son, Kell.



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.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Eloise Murchison	Apr. 4	Walt Roberts	Apr. 7
Molly Hamilton	Apr. 10	Leslie Sayyar	Apr. 11
Mary Craig	Apr. 13	Angie McDonald	Apr. 14
Claudia Nix	Apr. 21	Ken Murchison	Apr. 24



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

BY CORISE H. GAMBRELL

Join us at the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering on April 20, 2024 in Upper Anderson Auditorium at Montreat. Registration and brunch begin at 9:00 AM and the meeting begins at 10:00. Our theme is Celebrating Presbyterian Women. The speaker, Nancy Midgette, is a research historian at the Presbyterian Heritage Center, and we will learn about Hallie Paxson Winsborough, considered the founder of the Women's Auxiliary in the PCUS. We will award a Faith Fund Grant, award a PW scholarship, hear from the Microloan Task Force, and honor women who entered the Church Triumphant in 2023. The offering goes to the Presbyterian Disaster Agency. Our PW historian, Teresa Carpenter, is compiling a Powerpoint presentation from the PW groups who sent histories to her to celebrate what PW is doing today. Lunch is in Assembly Inn, and the Heritage Center will be open for tours after lunch.

The registration deadline is April 6. The registration fee is \$15, and you may mail a check to Corise Gambrell or pay when you arrive on April 20.

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Corise H. Gambrell



Spring Gathering April 20, 2024



JEFF KEITH PRESENTATION

On Sunday, April 14, following our service we will host distinguished Warren Wilson faculty member Dr. Jeffrey Keith for a lunch presentation to kick off our Mission Study. Jeff has done extensive research on the history of this church, and the college, which he will share as part of his presentation.

"Seven Origin Stories in a Sentence: Reflections on Warren Wilson College's 130-Year History"

In this discussion, Dr. Jeff Keith—a professor in the Department of Global Studies and History at Warren Wilson College—will discuss some of the complexities hidden within a conventional one-sentence "origin story" for Warren Wilson College. The lecture is informed by Dr. Keith's research into the history of the college in the context of the Swannanoa Valley.

Dr. Keith is currently writing the first of three volumes of a "People's History of Warren Wilson College." The three-volume "people's history" will explore the College's past through the lenses of environmental, cultural, and social historical conventions, respectively. The first book — "The Valley Remembers" — will tell some of the deepest known stories of the Swannanoa Valley in the context of the college's history of learning from its setting.

Dr. Keith's work is funded by The Council of Independent Colleges' program known as the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE), which is funded by the Lily Endowment. NetVUE awarded Warren Wilson College a Grant for Reframing the Institutional Saga in 2021, and Dr. Keith has been working on this project since that time.



STUDENT LED SERVICE ON MARCH 17



EASTER BRUNCH AND SERVICE



NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

Lunch presentation by professor Jeff Keith

On Sunday, April 14 following our service, everyone is invited to join us for a lunch presentation on the history of Warren Wilson College by Dr. Jeffery Keith in Fellowship Hall. Please see page 5 for further details of this event.

Spring Gathering

Join us at the Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering **on April 20, 2024 in Upper Anderson Auditorium at Montreat**. Registration and brunch begin at 9:00 AM and the meeting begins at 10:00. For more information see page 4.

Holy Conversations

On Sunday, April 21 Please make plans to attend the luncheon kick-off of "Holy Conversations," the Mission Study that will inform our path forward, and ultimately guide our search for a new pastor. Congregational participation is crucial as we seek to answer these vital questions: Who are we? What is God calling us to be and do? Who is our neighbor? We will provide the food; all that you need to do is to come ready to listen and engage with others who care about this worshiping community and its ministry in the world. (You do not need to be an official "member" to participate in this process—if you have interest in this community, we'd love for you to come!)

RSVP: Please let us know that you plan to attend these events. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby, or you may respond online, or by emailing or calling the church office.

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Camp scholarships still available

Even if you've already registered for Camp Grier's summer programs this year, it's not too late to get some help with the cost. Scholarships are \$500 and will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis until the fund goes dry. Contact the camp for more information. Admin@campgrier.org

When you contact the camp, ask about Adventure Day!





PRESBYTERY GRANTS \$30,000 TO HOMEWARD BOUND HOUSING PROJECT

Like Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has pledged to guide its activities by Jesus’s injunction in Matthew 25 to serve “the least of these brothers and sisters of mine.” As part of its commitment as a Matthew 25 presbytery, our presbytery recently made a significant contribution to the affordable housing needs in the western part of the state. Using \$200,000 of the money derived from the sale of the property of closed churches, the presbytery recently approved grants to eight projects that support affordable projects from Lincolnton and Rutherfordton to Sylva and Banner Elk.

Two of the grants supported affordable housing projects in Asheville. One grant provided \$30,000 for Homeward Bound’s Compass Point Village. The other gave \$25,000 to Beloved Asheville for the Beloved Village of Tiny Homes.

Continuing its longtime partnership with Homeward Bound, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church joined Montreat Presbyterian Church and First Church Asheville as endorsing congregations for the Compass Point Village application. On Friday, March 22, Sally Broughton went with Keith Grogg from Montreat to present the check to Jim Lowder, major gifts officer at Homeward Bound (see picture). They received a tour of the facility with its 85 permanent supportive housing units; Homeward Bound estimates that the facility will reduce unsheltered homelessness in our community by 49%.

The other projects supported by the presbytery’s housing grants will have similar impact throughout western North Carolina. We can all rejoice at this illustration of how much more we can accomplish as we work together in the larger church of which we are a part.





You Are Invited:

The WW Chapel Choir invites you to join us in praising God in song and in leading congregational singing during the last seven weeks of our Eastertide season of worship at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church.

Details:

Begin: First rehearsal: Wednesday, April 10, 7:00-8:20 pm in the choir loft.

First Service: Sunday, April 14, Warm-up at 10:15 am in the choir loft.

Requirements: Ability to match pitch and sing a song—No Audition.

Role: Congregational Cheer Leaders for Singing in Worship.

Perks: Find your “True Singing Voice” (vocal coaching).

- Mental/Physical Health Boost
- Uplifting spiritual experiences
- Great Team Friends
- Parties

How to start: Just show up for first (or a later) rehearsal

Need a Nudge? Call/Email Interim Director Ted Stewart or another choir member:
stewart.smith@att.net / (816) 305-1038

Got a singing friend to recommend? We'll make a contact.

A great opportunity for new life and self-discovery!



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