

THE EXTENDED FAMILY

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

A Note from Margaret

BY MARGARET LAMOTTE TORRENCE

Dear friends,

Here we are on the cusp of June and ready to dive into summer rhythms! Where did the spring go?

Our hearts will be full as we **honor Donna's retirement on June 5**. Rain or shine, please make plans to come to **Owen Park** for a 5:30 celebration of her ministry. We'll be under the covered patio near the basketball court. The church will provide barbeque, beverages and cake. Please bring a side dish to share, and a lawn chair if you have one. The **Whitewater Bluegrass Company** will raise our spirits (and maybe our feet!)

And be sure to stop by the office to **welcome our Interim Administrator, Andrew Tripp**. Andrew will begin work on May 29 (overlapping with Donna for a few days). Andrew is used to the collegial atmosphere of a small church office, having worked at Trinity United Methodist Church in Asheville for more than six years. His official title was Director of Children and Youth, but he is accustomed to wearing many hats and ready to pitch in as needed. The interviewing committee was thrilled when Andrew said "yes!"

Wonderful Wednesdays will continue all through the month of June. On the 5th we will be at Owen Park, and on June 12, 19 and 26 we will gather in the fellowship hall for a simple supper and an engaging presentation. ▪ On **June 12** we will learn about **refugee resettlement** in our area and how we might form a circle of welcome. ▪ On **June 19** we will hear about **Warren Wilson College's Inside-Out program** at the Western Correctional Center for Women in Swannanoa, and how we might offer support. ▪ On **June 26** Savanna Craig from **Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministries** will share about vital new and continuing ministry opportunities in the Swannanoa Valley.

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We'll round out our June special gatherings with a 6:00 Sunday evening presentation in the chapel with Eric Wall, on June 23. Eric is Associate Professor of Sacred Music, and Dean of the Chapel at Austin Seminary. He also is the Conference Center Musician in Montreat, leading worship there each summer. Much appreciated for his capacity to weave musical genres in worship and for his capacity to engage congregations of all ages and backgrounds in song, an evening with Eric is not to be missed.

While we are gathering and scattering in June, as travel and other responsibilities make their claims, your Mission Study Team will be working behind the scenes, interviewing leaders among our mission partners, in the larger community, and at the college. They'll also be assembling the demographic and financial data that are part of such a study. The team looks forward to presenting preliminary findings to you later in the summer.

Wherever you find yourself in June, may you sense the love of God indwelling you and calling you to deeper service and joy. How grateful I am to share this season with you.

Grace and peace,
Margaret

THE WARREN WILSON BOOK GROUP



The Warren Wilson Book Group in Fellowship Hall for a very special meeting at noon on Thursday, June 13. Bring your lunch and enjoy fellowship from 12-12:30. At 12:30 Marian will lead our discussion of *The Puppeteer's Daughters* by Heather Newton. For the second time this year, our group will be joined by the author. So come meet Heather Newton and participate in our discussion. We always welcome new members.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office (298-9092).

(We'll plan to leave celebrations listed for two Sundays—please call the church office if you'd like to add something!)

We celebrate: **Jamie, Cadence, and Rachel** for our service last week; **Frank Boles** for being our organist today; **Allee Williams** on her Graduation from Owen High School

We remember in prayer: **The family of Caroline Stewart**, on her death; **The family of Tom Cannon**, on his death; **Terry Torrence**, Lee's mother, being treated for pneumonia; **John Koegel's family and friends**, on his death; **Thurman Slone**, Joyce Cucinella's brother now under Hospice care; **Carol Lee Joslin**, Blake Joslin's mother suffering from Alzheimer's; **Isaiah Bullerdick** (20), Rodney & Sharon Lytle's grandson recovering from a knee injury that ended his junior year football season; **Beth Newman**, as she continues to heal at home in Asheville; **Jackie Ligon Cole; Pat Crumpler; Vernon Daugherty, Sr.** (Derron's father); **Martha Dugger; Rick Garrison; Houston Huggins** (Beth Meriwether's brother); **Erika Lytle; Salyna Morgan**, recovering from an infection in her bloodstream; Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, **Linda Briggs; Jon Hettrick** and his family; **Marjorie Hettrick; Kim Reece** (daughter of Nancy and Rick Garrison); **Shane Reece** (Nancy Garrison's son); Pat Wilson's son, **Kell**.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Emma Eagle Joslin	June 1	Jim Storey	June 3
Erika Lytle	June 4	Mary Fran Spencer	June 6
Fran Roberts	June 13	Nancy Garrison	June 16
Anne Dale	June 17	Jackie Wintle	June 25
Kristin Williams	June 25	Owen Montgomery	June 26
Rodney Lytle	June 27	Steven Hamilton	June 27



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

HABITAT DEDICATES FIRST FIVE HOUSES IN ITS NEWEST LOCATION INCLUDING HOUSE OF FAITH #3 WHICH OUR CHURCH SUPPORTED

On May 23 Asheville Area Habitat passed ceremonial keys to the first five homeowners in Arden's Glenn Bridge community including Deborah Humphries who is now the owner of House of Faith #3.

Her house is the 50th Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity house built by a coalition of faith communities and partners. Funding for the house was provided by participating congregations and the Rusty Pulliam Foundation, and Barbara and Larry Griswold sponsored the lot in honor of all faith partner volunteers.

Last fall 11 members of our church helped as volunteers at the site during the early construction of House of Faith #3, and volunteer opportunities will come around again when the House of Faith #4 build starts in October. House of Faith #4 will be a one story townhome with a planned closing date in June, 2025.

The other houses in the recent key passing ceremony included Woman Build #19, Student Build #6, Deerfield IX, and Episcopal House XV.



SVCM

A note from SVCM...

I wanted to put this need out to you in case you, or your church congregations and community groups, are able to help in some way. **We are in need of:**

- **mens socks**
- **packs of unopened/unused girl's underwear: Sizes 2T-3T, 12, and 14**
- **packs of unopened/unused boy's underwear: Sizes 6 and 8**
- **packs of unopened/unused men's underwear: Sizes Small, Large, and Extra Large**
- **packs of unopened/unused women's underwear: Sizes 5, 6, 8, and 9**

A gift of any of these items would be a big help to us. You could also make a monetary donation designated for socks/underwear, so we can purchase them.

Thank you!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Allee Williams** who will graduate from Owen High School on June 16. Allee has been a part of the Warren Wilson family for most of her life. She served on the WWPC Session for a year as a youth Elder. Allee plans to attend the University of North Carolina, Greensboro and major in Health and Human Sciences. She also hopes to be a part of the UNCG pre-med program. This summer Allee will compete in the national FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders) competition in Seattle. Her team's community service project with Bounty and Soul was a winner on the state level.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday, May 18, **Larry Griswold** was honored to represent Western North Carolina boys lacrosse referees as an official for the state championship game played at Durham Stadium in Durham, NC.

This photo was taken before the game started, and then a large crowd cheered for both sides and it was fun.



NOTES FROM SESSION

BY SALLY BROUGHTON

Session held its monthly meeting on May 21 virtually by zoom. It was noted that the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was offered on May 5th and May 19th in celebration of Pentecost. Communion will not be served on June 2 as Margaret will be on leave and we'll have a guest pastor, Sarah Ogletree. We affirmed that services will not be held at WWPC on June 9 and the congregation will be welcomed for worship at the Montreat Conference Center, where Margaret will be preaching – services begin at 10:30. Margaret offered a report on the work of the Mission Study Team, which will begin community interviews soon. Session confirmed the recommendation of the search team for a temporary Church Administrator to offer the position to Andrew Tripp (who we're happy to report is training with Donna three days this week). Session is receiving estimates for re-carpeting two offices in the Christian Education building. We're excited about the upcoming Wednesday's in June gatherings – there are many multiple opportunities for fun, fellowship, education and service. We'll also be happy to welcome Savannah Craig of SVCM as our guest preacher on July 14th.

POOL PARTY

On Thursday, June 6, WWPC and Black Mountain UMC will again host a pool party at Christmount for Hope for Tomorrow families. Hope for Tomorrow, a part of the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry, provides housing for mothers and children who are homeless. Burnace Roberts, during his time as President of the SVCM Board, was instrumental in making HFT a reality, and WWPC adopted and furnished an apartment. There are currently five families in the nine available apartments. Several apartments are being refurbished for new families, and one is ready for a new family, but currently available for people to tour. If you would like to know more about Hope for Tomorrow, please contact Corise Gambrell, who is on the HFT advisory board. HFT is staffed by The Rev. Cindy Riley, program manager, DeShondra Glenn, case manager, and Harmony, property manager.

We would be happy for you to join us at the pool party, but please contact Corise Gambrell if you want to attend. We will be providing pizza and ice cream for dinner after the pool time, so we will need a count. We will be at Christmount on Thursday, June 6, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.



CELEBRATE THE 90'S WITH US

COME CELEBRATE THE 90s! As Jackie Wintle marks the beginning of her own 9th decade, she will be hosting a celebration honoring all in our community who have crossed that threshold! Please stay after church on Sunday, June 23rd, for gourmet cupcakes and lots of laughter. Honorees include: Ernst Laursen, Beverly Ohler, Olivia LaMotte, John LaMotte, Jackie Wintle, and Billy Ed Wheeler. And please let us know who else needs to be on that list!



Lower Heartbreak Ridge Trail opens in Old Fort. The Grandfather Ranger District and community partners opened the 3-mile Lower Heartbreak Ridge Trail for mountain biking and hiking. Part of a 42-mile expansion funded by North Carolina, the trail offers sweeping views and connects Mount Mitchell to Old Fort.

“This is the critical link that started the dream of new trails in Old Fort, and it is the one trail that literally connects the town limits to the Pisgah National Forest for hiking, biking, running, and backpacking,” says Jason McDougald, executive director of Camp Grier. “We wouldn’t be building this trail without the ongoing support from our community.”



NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

Celebrate Donna - Picnic

Wednesday, June 5, 5:30-7:30 an evening picnic with live music at Owen Park, to celebrate the ministry of Administrator Donna Eagle Joslin, retiring June 1.

Summer Worship Field Trip

Sunday, June 9: The whole congregation is invited to take a field trip as we join summer worship in **Anderson Auditorium in Montreat**. Margaret will preach. Please note that the start time is 10:30. (There will be no service at WWPC that morning.)

Celebrate the 90's

Sunday, June 23 coffee hour we will celebrate our members who are in their nineties. (See page 7 for details.)

Evening of Conversation

Sunday, June 23: Austin Seminary's Eric Wall (who also serves as Conference Musician in Montreat during the summers) will be here for an evening of conversation and song as we consider the role of music in the life of faith.

4th of July Celebration



GUATEMALA PROJECT

CELEBRATION OF THREE DECADES OF GUATEMALA PARTNERSHIP

One of the highlights of the April 2024 meeting of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina Was the worship service celebrating 30 years of partnership between our presbytery and the Sur Occidente Presbytery and the Suchitepequez Presbytery in Guatemala. The guest preacher was Osmundo Rene Ponce Serrano, a pastor and former member of Guatemalan National Congress. The text for his sermon was Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up.” He noted that three decades of working together has made all three presbyteries stronger.

The Guatemala Partnership is a far reaching one. It involves the presbyteries working together in five areas:

- a. Education – One of the priorities of the partnership between the presbyteries has been to improve the level of education of the Guatemalan children. In this program, partnership churches form scholarship covenants to offer scholarships for needy children and youth. The program guidelines provide that scholarships are to be given according to need regardless of sex or church membership.
 - b. Health – The work with the Guatemala presbyteries together in health ministry has several components: church members serving as community health promoters, a children’s nutrition program that provides children in many communities a healthy snack on a weekly basis, and a variety of other programs such as vegetable and medicinal herb gardens, composting latrines, fuel-efficient stoves, and family-sized water filters. Presently, a health committee in Guatemala is surveying communities to assess the present status of health knowledge and the local health needs. The primary funding for the health program is the Small Change offering in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina, supplemented by the Alternative Christmas Giving project of the presbytery.
 - c. Church to Church Partnerships – Twenty-nine churches in the Presbytery of Western North Carolina have partnership agreements with congregations in Guatemala. The Presbytery supports partnerships between sister churches in our presbytery and Guatemala through assistance with delegation trips and, communication as well as developing and renewing covenants and policies.
 - d. Microloans – The Presbyterian Women have established a Microloan Project to provide short-term loans that enable women in Guatemala to embark on or to expand business ventures such as selling food or tortillas, growing corn, raising chicken or pigs, or selling clothing, firewood, or basic supplies. Participants repay loans at the end of a six-month cycle with interest. Adegua, a Guatemalan non-profit, oversees the project.
 - e. Men in the Mirror (Hombres En El Espejo) – This initiative is a training program for Men’s Ministry in Guatemala. The curriculum helps to address the issue of domestic violence from a male perspective with the recognition that the vast majority of perpetrators of violence in Guatemala are male.
- The Guatemala Partnership is another way the Presbytery of Western North Carolina wisely uses the resources we have entrusted to it



WELCOME ANDREW TRIPP

We welcome Andrew Tripp as our Interim Church Administrator. Andrew was born in Georgia, where he lived until moving to Swannanoa in 2007. He comes to Warren Wilson Presbyterian from a somewhat varied career in music, education, and ministry. When Andrew isn't at work he likes to spend time with his grown children or with his partner and their large collection of furry companions. He also enjoys getting lost in some work of fiction or trying to remember how to play one of his too-often ignored instruments. Mostly Andrew is grateful to get to live in this beautiful area and really enjoys just appreciating the family, friends, nature, and food that are thankfully so abundant.



WITH MUCH GRATITUDE



Sometimes, if we're lucky...
we find a great match.

A place of hope, guidance and healing.
Where grateful people help each other to love and grow,
and teach the giving ways of the heart.

That place is this church. Those people are you.

Thank you for all you have given me.

Donna

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