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# THE EXTENDED FAMILY

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

## A Note from Laurie

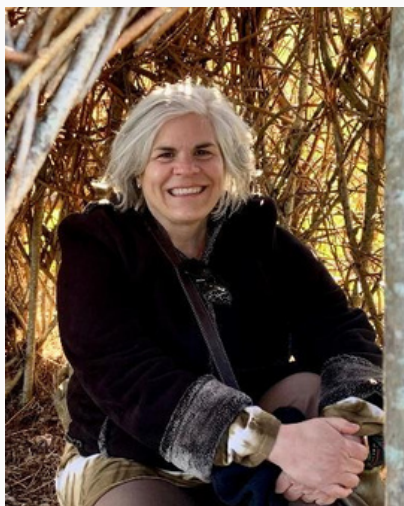
And so, Lent Begins - - -

Greetings! Following, you will find much good and important information as we head in to the Lenten season at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Lent is a bit later this year (because Easter is a bit later, coming on April 20), so we are already seeing signs of spring. I have seen robins and bluebirds already. I look out the office window now and see some daffodils and iris' peeking out. We know it is a tease and it will get cold again, but the signs are good reminders that new life will emerge.

This week, there are two mid-week events for our church and college family as move into Lent. First, is the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Tuesday, March 4 at 6 pm) Second, is our Ash Wednesday worship service (Wednesday, March 5 at 6 pm) Students will be joining us in worship leadership and Beth Meriwether will share her gifts as a flutist. Both the Pancake Supper and the Ash Wednesday service will be held in our Fellowship Hall.

In other news, the Mission Study Team is winding up their work. They have produced a comprehensive Mission Study Report which will be reviewed by the Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina on Tuesday, March 4. If/When the Study is approved by COM, our session will be given a green light to seek nominees for a Pastor Nominating Committee. You are invited to a Pizza Lunch and Presentation of our Mission Study on Sunday, March 16: Holy Conversations.

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# A Note from Laurie continued...

While tidying the shelves in Fellowship Hall, I came across the book *Kneeling In Jerusalem* by poet Ann Weems. I used to own all of Ann Weems books and I pulled this 1992 beauty off the shelf and put it on my desk. I assume Ann Weems presented herself as a partner for this Lent, like an old friend. What (or who) will be your Lenten partner for 2025, the year of our Lord?

## LENT by Ann Weems

Lent is a time to take the time  
to let the power of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events  
get up and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify  
our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over  
the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem  
or to walk along the sea and listen to his word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder...  
Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!



# COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

## WEDNESDAYS AT NOON MARCH 5 - APRIL 16, 2025

ALL SERVICES WILL BE HOSTED AT BLACK MOUNTAIN UMC  
101 CHURCH ST. BLACK MOUNTAIN, NC

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL FOLLOWING THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY OPEN TABLE

SPONSORED BY SWANNANOVA VALLEY MINISTERIAL ALLIANCE

SPEAKERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS:

MARCH 5 - BMUMC	APRIL 2 - WARREN WILSON PRES.
MARCH 12 - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	APRIL 9 - ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL
MARCH 19 - TABERNACLE UMC	APRIL 16 - FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MARCH 26 - BLK MTN PRESBYTERIAN	GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18 - MONTREAT PRES.





# LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is on March 4th at 6:00pm**, one last hurrah before we begin Lent! Please bring a protein, egg casserole (meat,vegetarian,or vegan), or fruit. King cake will be provided. Please join us for a fun evening and wear those Mardi Gras beads!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

MAR 5  
6:00PM



## CEMETERY Walk and Story Share

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 1-3pm

Join us as Rodney Lytle guides us to learn about the history of the cemetery and the saints of Warren Wilson.



Warren Wilson Presbyterian Cemetery:  
Take Warren Wilson Road to Riceville Road, then turn onto Dillingham Circle.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

SUN APR 13	Palm Sunday	11:00am, Warren Wilson Chapel
WED APR 16	Cemetery Walk	1:00pm, Warren Wilson Presbyterian Cemetery
THU APR 17	Maundy Thursday	6:00pm, Warren Wilson Chapel
FRI APR 18	Good Friday	12:00pm, First UMC - Black Mountain
SUN APR 20	Easter Sunday	11:00am, Warren Wilson Chapel



### Easter Brunch

On April 20th at 9:30 AM we are having our Easter Brunch! Bring a breakfast dish to share and come celebrate the season with your friends! An Easter Egg Hunt will follow after the church service. Bring your basket, additional baskets will be provided.



# WWPC UPDATES

## Lecture from our own Jack Allison

You are invited to attend an in-person and virtual lecture. You may attend the event virtually: <https://ecu.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=37cb4653-b366-4ad8-b539-b28e015747c3>

Dr. Jack Allison served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malawi, Africa, 1967-69. His public health education was punctuated by many original songs and jingles which became quite popular with Malawians throughout the country.

Jack has had a distinguished career in academic emergency medicine, with an emphasis on public health, acting as Chair and Medical Director of Emergency Medicine programs in Charleston, and the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. He founded the Depart. of Emergency Medicine at ECU-SOM in 1980. Dr. Allison became the second endowed Chair of Emergency Medicine internationally.

Additionally, Dr. Allison responded to the earthquake in Haiti in January 2010 by treating hundreds of quake victims. In February 2012, he volunteered in Kenya and Somalia where he provided both emergency care and public health education to hundreds of Somali refugees; then in October, he volunteered in Zambia where he helped to install 112 shallow water wells. Since 2017, Jack has been a senior consultant to the Fulbright Association's WASH project in Malawi.

Allison's avocation is singing and songwriting. He has written over 150 songs and jingles. Since 1967, he has raised \$170,000 with his music, and he and his wife, Sue Wilson, have given away all of those monies to various charitable organizations, including \$30,000 to help feed Malawian AIDS orphans.

## BEWARE

Every now and then our church's contact information, especially the pastors' e-mail addresses, have been used to try and scam congregants and friends of the church. Most of the attempts that church leadership are aware of involve e-mails or texts that seem to be from the pastor asking for help buying gift cards. We would ask that you always verify any such requests by calling or e-mailing the church office or the pastor directly using phone numbers and e-mail addresses that you already know belong to the church and its staff.

If you think you might have fallen victim to such a scam, our Attorney General has a website with information on what to do: <https://ncdoj.gov/file-a-complaint/telemarketing-complaint-form/>. In addition to being the place where you can file a claim, the website also has tips for spotting scams.

e Medical History Interest Group Presents

## The Convergence of Emergency Medicine and Public Health: To Brody via Africa and Beyond

Presented by

**Jack Allison**  
MD/MPH, FACEP, FACPM


Wednesday,  
March 5, 2025  
3:30 p.m.

Evelyn Fike Laupus Gallery,  
Laupus Library (4th floor)

Photo courtesy of doctorjackallison.com

Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be provided. e lecture will be recorded and live-streamed. Contact us at HSLHISTMED@ECU.EDU if you have questions about this event.

Individuals requesting accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the ADA Coordinator at least 48 hours prior to the event at (252) 737-3018 (voice/TTY) / ada-coordinator@ecu.edu

 ECU LAUPUS LIBRARY

Ruth and John Moskop History of Medicine Lecture Series  
Laupus Library History Collections





# HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

## HABITAT HOUSE OF FAITH #4 MOMENT FOR MISSION WILL BE ON MARCH 30

Though Hurricane Helene adversely affected Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity in many ways and cancelled our Moment for Mission last September, considerable progress has been made since then and our Moment for Mission is now scheduled for Sunday, March 30.

Wayne Thomas, future owner of House of Faith #4, now being built by a coalition of faith communities including ours, will join us for the Moment for Mission at the start of our worship service.

Like House of Faith #3, which several church members helped build with donations and work at the job site last year, House of Faith #4 is being built in Arden's Glenn Bridge neighborhood. It is a single-story townhome with closing anticipated in June or July.

The faith communities that help build each House of Faith also donate money to help buy materials and we will receive a special offering for this purpose on March 30. A donation of any size will help, so please consider making one. If you prefer to make a donation before then, here are options for that:

- 1) Through our Church web site (click Give Online button - top right corner)
- 2) By check mailed to the Church Office - 101 Chapel Lane, Swannanoa, NC 28778, or dropped in an offering plate inside the front door of the sanctuary with Habitat offering written on the memo line.
- 3) By a Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA or check from a Donor Advised Gift Fund to the Church with the designation Habitat offering included.



Wayne Thomas, future owner of Habitat for Humanity House of Faith #4, shown here with his partner, Regenia Major, will attend our Habitat Moment for Mission on Sunday, March 30.





## A Transitional Housing Program of Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

**MISSION:** To create a community where each single mom and her children have access to safe, supportive, and sustainable housing, empowering them to achieve independence and thrive in all aspects of life.

**OBJECTIVE:** To empower housing insecure single moms and children to live independently by providing low-cost temporary transitional housing, community, case management, and empowering programs such as life skill classes, counseling, spiritual enrichment, and financial coaching.

**PRIORITY:** Given to those who live, work, or have children attending school/preschool in the Swannanoa Valley area.

- Single Mom facing housing insecurity.
- 1-2 children under the age of 19 (still in high school), living with you.
- Means of transportation such as car or bus system.
- Employed or employable.
- Complete pre-screening with Case Manager or Program Director.

*(Examples of eligible applicants: Women who have just gotten a job and need some time to save; women who are ready for housing but are on a waiting list, women who are working but earning less than enough for suitable housing.)*

### We Cannot Accommodate:

- Moderate to severe mental illness.
- substance abuse issues with less than 1 year recovery and sponsor.
- acute domestic violence concerns.
- history of violent or threatening behavior.
- Current domestic relationships.
- Moms with responsibility for friends or other family members.
- Need for aid with daily living (physical, medical, mobility, mental health).

To schedule prescreening or for more information call 828-571-0915 or email

[HopeForTomorrowinfo@gmail.com](mailto:HopeForTomorrowinfo@gmail.com)



**Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry** is in need of:

- Small mens' sized jeans
- Mens' small/medium sized underwear (new, unopened packs)
- Childrens' 4T-5T clothing (especially girls)
- Queen and king sheet sets
- Queen and king blankets
- Towels, hand towels, and washcloths

Deliver to SVCM at 101 N Ridgeway Ave, Black Mountain.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



The Center for experiential learning Presents

**The 26th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner**


Spring Edition

A Benefit for Blunt Kitchen

**Tickets**  
Students: \$15  
General: \$25  
Raffle: \$2

March 19th, 2025  
Ransom Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Scan to purchase tickets!



Warren Wilson COLLEGE

LOCAL CLOTH PRESENTS

**HURRICANE RELIEF SUPPORT EVENT**

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APRIL 5  
10AM - 3PM  
Warren Wilson Church Fellowship Hall

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ASHEVILLE | NC

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# JOYS AND CONCERNS

COMMUNITY JOYS AND CONCERNS: If you would like to add or update a prayer request, please contact the church office.

We celebrate: **The Mission Study Team** for their ongoing work. ◦ **Jim Storey** and his efforts to get us better lighting in the narthex and parlor, as well as better electrical access at the chancel. ◦ **Natalie Daugherty** for completing her certificate program. ◦ Improved lighting in and around the Chapel courtesy of **Bob Gambrell** ◦ All whose pieces went in the 2024 Annual Report and **Andrew Tripp and Sally Broughton** for compiling and creating it.

We remember in prayer: **the family of Will Dale, Jamie's brother**, following his death on January 29 ◦ **Bob Gambrell**, having surgery to receive and artificial heart valve on March 7 ◦ **Arden Starnes, her family, and her caregivers** ◦ **Vicki Collins**, recovering from shoulder surgery ◦ **Wanda Mitchell, friend of Sally Broughton**, has been referred to hospice care after a hospitalization for pneumonia. ◦ all who continue to be affected by loss caused by recent storms. In our congregation, we remember especially **Andrew Tripp, Cindy and Dennis Riley, Jackie Wintle, Joyce Cucinella, and Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff** ◦ **Susan Laney**, receiving therapy at home ◦ Ongoing prayers for the extended **Lytle family** ◦ **Mary Craig** ◦ **Jackie Ligon Cole** ◦ **Pat Crumpler** ◦ **Martha Dugger** ◦ **Rick Garrison** ◦ **Fran Roberts' sister-in-law, Linda Briggs** ◦ **Jon Hettrick and his family** ◦ **Marjorie Hettrick** ◦ **Shane Reece (Nancy Garrison's son)** ◦ **Pat Wilson's son, Kell**

# BIRTHDAYS

Betty Siviter	March 2	Kathy Jacobs	March 3
Kara Nash	March 6	Catherine Showalter	March 7
Patrick Sanderson	March 10	Amber Crumpler	March 11
Bill Sanderson	March 15	Wendy Meyer	March 18
Anne Hamilton	March 20	Harriet Cowal	March 22
Dennis Stockdale	March 24	Laurie Furr-Vancini	March 25
Jonathan Crumpler	March 26	Andrew Pulsifer	March 27
Ted Stewart	March 27	John Bishop	March 29
Eloise Murchison	April 4	Molly Hamilton	April 10
Leslie Sayyar	April 11	Mary Craig	April 13
Angie McDonald	April 14	Claudia Nix	April 21
Ken Murchison	April 24	Margaret LaMotte-Torrence	April 25





## THE WARREN WILSON BOOK GROUP



The Warren Wilson Book Group will hold its next meeting at noon on Thursday, March 13 in Fellowship Hall. Sue will lead our discussion of The Tall Woman by Wilma Dykeman. Please join us to discuss this important historical novel by a local author set in the mountains of Western North Carolina! We bring our own lunches and enjoy some fellowship from 12-12:30 and our discussion begins at 12:30.

The April meeting of the Warren Wilson Book Group will take place on Thursday, April 10 in Fellowship Hall. We'll be discussing All the Beauty in the World by Patrick Bringley, with Judi as our leader. Do you have a favorite museum or a favorite art work? Come share with us as we have lunch together from 12-12:30 with our book discussion following. New readers are always welcome!

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

We meet Sundays at 9:30 in the Adult Ed room. In March we will begin reading and discussing the book, Pause: Spending Lent with the Psalms, by Elizabeth F. Caldwell. All are welcome at any time, even if you haven't read the book. Please contact Beth Meriwether at 828-777-2867 or [bethmeriwether@gmail.com](mailto:bethmeriwether@gmail.com) for more information.

## “TOGETHER” GROUP

We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month through May at 1:30 PM in the chapel parlor. This is a time where all are welcome to build and strengthen relationships, spend some time in quiet reflection and prayer, learn and practice calming and relaxation skills, and share resources. This is an open group; feel free to come whenever you are able. Contact Beth Meriwether (828-777-2867) for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS IN WORSHIP

**Sound/Video** We have a team of folks who have just been trained to run the soundboard and live stream for our Sunday morning services. If you would like to be a part of that team, please contact the church: [info@warrenwilsonchurch.org](mailto:info@warrenwilsonchurch.org).

**Greeters** will welcome worshipers, offer bulletins and other worship resources to guests, and assist with a brief after-service cleanup of bulletins and hymnals.

**Liturgists** typically lead the Call to Worship, offer the Prayer for Illumination and the First Reading, and lead the Affirmation of Faith. All texts are supplied to readers.

**Coffee-Hour Hosts** make coffee (provided by the church), and put out snacks, juice, and water. (Hosts may choose to use snacks available at the church or bring refreshments to share.) Hosts have access to the parlor kitchen for clean up. Susan Daugherty and members of the Congregation Life Team are available to answer questions or provide assistance.

Sign-up sheets are available in the entryway. We'd love to have you participate!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**MAR 4  
6:00PM**

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

One Last HURRAH before we begin Lent!  
Join in for a fun evening and wear your  
Mardi Gras beads!

**Sign Up Sheet in Narthex!**

Let us know what you can bring:

- Egg Casserole
- Juice
- Fruit
- Protein

(Pancakes, King Cake and Beads provided!)

Located in the Ransom Fellowship Hall!



**March  
16**

### Holy Conversations

**Pizza & Presentation**

Join us as we hear from our Mission Study Team and share in questions and thoughts about the future of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church! All members and visitors are welcome!

In Ransom Fellowship Hall immediately following worship.

### Empty Bowls

Empty Bowls is a fundraising dinner organized by Warren Wilson's Community Engagement Crew, which will take place March 19 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All bowls are provided by current ceramics students and you get to take your bowl home with you at the end of the evening! This year's cash recipient will be Blunt Pretzel, specifically their Blunt Kitchen program, which provides free hot meals in Swannanoa. Tickets for Empty Bowls will be on sale outside of the Chapel for an hour both before and after service for \$25. Also on sale are raffle tickets for \$2 each. Cash, card, and check accepted, as well as Venmo upon request.

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