

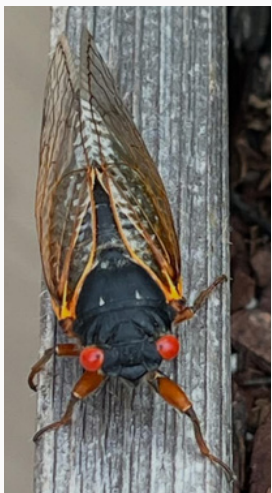
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# THE EXTENDED FAMILY

Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church

## A Note from Laurie

Can we talk about the cicadas for a minute? They are screaming their bellies out (I read the sound comes from their abdomen) here at the church. They are loud in Black Mountain, but here at the church, they are divebombing us and filling our trees and our ears. Our parking lot looks like a Cicada graveyard. I am hopeful they fill an important ecological role, because they are certainly annoying. I read that our Cicada friends will be around 4-6 weeks. I'm sure after they are gone again, I will be able to make a theological connection and learning, but right now, I am practicing patience with the cicada soundtrack of the summer of 2025.



At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church (and in this newsletter), you will find information about our upcoming summer. As we finish our

Love Above All sermon series this Sunday (June 8), we will be welcoming new members and confirming our faith together. You will see some new (or maybe familiar faces) in June as we welcome guest musicians Eunice Stackhouse on June 8 and DeWitt Tipton on June 15. Later in June, we will get to know Rev. Dr. Lewis Galloway, who will lead worship on June 29 and July 6. The Rev. Wilson Kennedy will bring us greetings from the Office of the General Assembly Special Offerings in a Minute for Ministry on June 22. On July 6, we will have a picnic following worship and at the end of July, Cadence Cowell, will be attending the youth Triennium gathering of the PC(USA) as a delegate from Warren Wilson and the Presbytery of Western North Carolina.



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## A Note from Laurie continued...

Our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is up and running and you can expect regular updates from them as they begin their work together. This is an opportunity and time of prayer for all members of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Please be in prayer for the work of the PNC and for the person whom God is already preparing to come and serve here as your next pastor. Pray for wisdom and discernment for all involved.

Personally, besides a family cruise to Alaska, I am mostly around for the summer. With the PNC doing their work without me (as required by presbytery), few ministry teams meeting the month of July, and students gone, I will be focusing on vibrant worship for the summer and fall, some special projects that will help the onboarding of a new pastor, and getting to know the congregation a bit better. Let me know if there is any way I can be of service to you.

Together we serve.  
Peace, Laurie



Supporting at-risk children, youth, and young adults.  
WWPC will receive the Pentecost Special Offering this Sunday, June 8

The Pentecost Offering invites us in denominational-wide effort to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person’s life. By receiving and supporting the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of children, youth, and young adults. There will be offering envelopes next to the offering plates for the special offering or you can write PENTECOST OFFERING in the memo line of a check.





# WWPC NEWS AND NOTES

## Report from the 225th Meeting of the Synod of the Mid Atlantic

I, Rodney Lytle, am currently serving on the Synod of the Mid Atlantic's Nominating Committee whose major role is to select and nominate pastors and ruling elders to fulfill the role of their Presbyterian areas as slated for the work of the church.



The 255th Stated Meeting of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic (PCUSA) unfolded over two powerful days of spirit-led worship, prophetic teaching, justice-centered dialogue, administrative diligence, and heartfelt celebration. Held at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Glen Allen, Virginia, the Assembly brought together commissioners from all fourteen presbyteries, corresponding members, PCUSA agencies staff, volunteers, and guests to engage deeply with the pressing challenges and sacred opportunities before the church today.

How will the PCUSA (SMA) Speak Truth to Power?

- The Nominations Committee elected RE John Barker (ABI) as its co moderator. The committee worked through collaboration with the Executive and Administration Committees to develop a list of nominees to serve on the Synod Executive and Stated Clerk Search Committee. Vacancies exist in NHO, JAM, and SHE presbyteries on Representation; Vacancies exist from NEW and PEA presbyteries on Jubilee Fund; Vacancies exist from EVA, JAM, NAT, and PEA presbyteries on the Nomination Committee. Presbyteries are urged to fill these vacancies as soon as possible. It is critical that every presbytery is represented on synod committees.

The full meeting of the 255th can be found on the Presbytery of Western North Carolina's website for the April 14th meeting of Presbytery held at the Anderson Auditorium, Montreat NC.

With grace and peace,  
Rodney Lytle



### Baptism

On April 27th we were able to celebrate the baptism of Allison Anderson during morning worship. Allison is seen here with parents, Alex and Sunny, and Pastor Laurie



# WWPC NEWS AND NOTES

## Chapel Staining Project

by Jim Storey

The WWPC Session has authorized a project to stain the exterior of the Chapel building this summer in preparation for our 100th anniversary celebration. Strong Painting of Asheville has been selected to perform this work which will repair carpenter bee damage and clean and stain the wood on the outside of the Chapel. The work will take 2-3 weeks depending upon the weather and will be performed on weekdays to avoid impacting access to the church on Sundays. This project will likely begin later in the summer to avoid conflicts with other weekday uses of the Chapel such as the Swannanoa Gathering and rehearsals for the Chamber Music Society of the Carolinas summer concert series.



Before the work can begin, we need to decide on the stain color to be used, and to that end, there are some sample color cards and a color booklet in the church office. These samples show some of the options available with the Benjamin Moore Woodlux® stain that we plan to use. More information and additional color examples can be found on the Benjamin Moore website at <https://www.benjaminmoore.com/en-us/woodlux-exterior-wood-stain>.

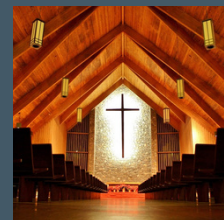
Please share your thoughts regarding color choices and direct any comments or questions about this project to Jim Storey at [jstorey57@gmail.com](mailto:jstorey57@gmail.com).

## Pastor Nominating Committee

AN UPDATE FROM THE PNC: The Pastor Nominating Committee has been hard at work since their first training on May 18 with representatives from the Presbytery. Our work is moving at a brisk pace, and has led to many fruitful and faithful conversations among committee members. Recently, we have submitted the Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) to the Presbytery. This is an exciting and important step in the committee's work! You can learn more about the call process and see updates at: <https://warrenwilsonchurch.org/pastoral-search-information/>

## Church Directory

Many changes have been made to our online directory. There are instructions in the narthex, as well as in past editions of this very newsletter, on how to access Breeze and see all of our church family with the latest additions and changes. We know not everyone wants to access the directory that way, so we have prepared a summer edition of the WWPC directory. Because it uses a lot of paper and ink, we are not printing copies of it for distribution. Instead we ask that you contact Andrew in the church office to have a PDF e-mailed to you that you can keep digitally or print on your own. If you really just want a paper copy, ask Andrew and he'll gladly print one.





## OTHER NEWS AND NOTES

### An Evening with Amy-Jill Levine

The Montreat Conference Center welcomes Amy-Jill Levine on Saturday evening, August 9 at 7:30 PM in Anderson Auditorium. Following her presentation, Jacq Lapsley, President of Union Presbyterian Seminary, will host a brief Q & A session with Amy-Jill before the program concludes.

Amy-Jill Levine ("AJ") is Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace and University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies Emerita and Mary Jane Werthan Professor of Jewish Studies Emerita, at Vanderbilt. Tickets are available along with more information at <https://montreat.org/events/an-evening-with-aj-levine>



### Bone Marrow Registration Event with WWPC and WWC Students - September 11, 2025 by Don Collins

The Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church-College Relations Team has scheduled a Bone Marrow Registration drive with Warren Wilson College for September 11, 2025, 11 am – 4:30 pm in Canon Lounge of Gladfelter. Bone marrow registration solicits many young adults – in good health between the ages 18 and 45 – to register with the Project Life Movement to become possible bone marrow donors to help cure patients suffering from previously incurable blood-borne diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma, and a variety of other blood conditions.

The process of registering is very simple: in addition to filling out the registration form, each individual will be asked to take 4 cheek swabs of 10 seconds from each of 4 quadrants of their inner cheeks. They will then place the swabs in an envelope which will be sent – along with the potential donor's registration to Project Life for analysis of the genetic information in the donor's cells to the matching needs for a potential treatment of a suitable patient. About one in 1000 potential donors will be called to donate their blood cells to help save a life. Therefore, to increase the chances of needy patients to receiving the life-saving treatment, many, MANY, registrants are needed. College age people are the ideal people to enroll in the registry. Registrants will be eligible to become donors until they reach the age of 61. It is therefore important for registrants to update and confirm their address and contact information for many years. If a possible match is found, the potential donor will be called to have more tests to confirm compatibility.

This drive is an event sponsored by the Church-College Ministry Team. We will need volunteers from both the church and the college to handle and collect the materials and cheek swabs from the potential donors. People older than the maximum registration age (45) may help with the registration event. People planning to register may also help with the logistics of the drive.

A couple of Warren Wilson Students were called to donate some of their bone marrow needed for patients after previous registration drives about a dozen years ago. The extraction procedure was conducted in a hospital setting with Project Life paying transportation and all other expenses. More information on the Project Life Movement may be found at the website: <https://projectlifemovement.org/>. It is also possible to register on-line from home but will require postage for mailing the samples.



# VETERAN'S RESTORATION QUARTERS (VRQ)

You never know who you might meet when you volunteer!

by Larry Griswold

The Friday of Memorial Day weekend, being the 4th Friday of the month, was the day our church provided volunteers to serve lunch at the Veterans Restoration Quarters on Tunnel Rd. We've been doing this for 15 years, but the job has changed since last September when massive flooding caused by Helene destroyed the VRQ's entire first floor including the kitchen and dining room. Up until then groups of 3 to 6 volunteers would check in at 9:30 in the morning and cook things like fish and chips or grill ham and cheese sandwiches to serve for lunch, and also prepare items for the salad bar, make salad dressings, and pack sack lunches for residents away at lunch time.

Due to the flooding damage however, residents (108 at this time, but sometimes as many as 150) were moved to a nearby Quality Inn which is serving as a temporary location until the VRQ can be rebuilt and reopened. Much work has been done already, but the project is on hold until an application for funding from FEMA is acted on. When that has been done a capital campaign will be launched to raise whatever funds are still needed.

Because the Quality Inn does not have a kitchen or a dining room, food is being provided by Mercy Chefs and volunteers like ours simply repack it in takeaway boxes for the residents. When our volunteers arrived at the site on May 23, there was a car with a cover over it in the middle of the parking area. Soon after that two NASCAR (stock car racing) drivers arrived and the car was uncovered. The car sponsor, Advent Health, was there to provide lunch, and the drivers included Erick Jones, and Jimmie Johnson, one of the greatest NASCAR drivers of all time. Jones and Johnson came to honor veterans that had been impacted by Helene and mingled with the residents, signed autographs and posed for pictures. It was a most memorable day for the residents of the VRQ, and for the volunteers too.



On May 23 at the temporary VRQ location, Susan and Derron Daugherty were among the lunch volunteers who met and talked with NASCAR driver Erick Jones and car racing legend Jimmy Johnson, on the right.

Two days before it raced in the NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 in Charlotte on May 25, the Advent Health car and its driver Erick Jones, visited the Veterans Restoration Quarters temporary location on Tunnel Rd.







## Honoring Mothers Building Hope For the Next Generation








### A Mother's Strength in Action

Meet Chelsie. Just a few months ago, she and her two children were unsure where they would sleep each night. Chelsie worked tirelessly to find stability for her family. Thanks to generous supporters like you, Chelsie and her children recently moved into their very own apartment at Hope for Tomorrow.

*"This is more than just a roof over our heads." Chelsie shares. "It's a safe place my children can call home and a space where we can begin our journey toward healing. I will be able to work, finish my program at AB-Tech and save for our future while here."*

Since 2018, Hope for Tomorrow has been a loving refuge for over 38 single moms and their children as they heal from housing insecurity and take hopeful steps toward a brighter future. With the care of our Wellness Management Team and numerous volunteers, families are empowered to meet goals that build lasting stability and a life filled with possibility. For a nominal fee, families reside in one of our 8 duplex apartments from 3 to 18 months depending on where they are on their journey to suitable sustainable housing. Families continue to have access to Hope for Tomorrow programming and support for one year upon moving into permanent housing.

### Your donation helps provide:

-  Emotional and mental health support for mothers like Chelsea
-  Safe and stable housing for single mom families starting over
-  Wellness programs that build resilience, hope, and holistic health
-  Educational and fun activities for families to experience together
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To donate scan this QR code or visit  
[svcmblackmountain.org](http://svcmblackmountain.org)  
and scroll down to designate Hope for Tomorrow



# JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

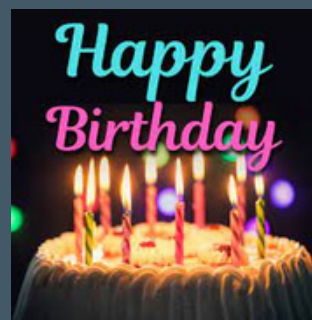
**We celebrate:** Our new members: confirmands **Cadence, Evva, Hythe, Steven, and Izzy; Paulette Heck, Kathy Jacobs, and Jackie Wintle** ◦ The Peace Garden outside the chapel and the beautiful peace pole are such joyous additions to our campus ◦ The members of our congregation that give their time and expertise to AARP helping file taxes: **Ken, Barbara E, Tom, Sarah Anne, and Janice** ◦ An excellent year from **The WWPC Chapel Choir** under the direction of **Ted Stewart**

**We remember in prayer:** the family of the Rev. **William "Bill" Heck** following his death on May 27 ◦ **the family of Olivia LaMotte** following her death on May 22 ◦ **the family of Joanne Lincoln** after her death on May 7 ◦ **the Hamilton family** on the death of **David Hamilton (brother-in-law and uncle)** ◦ **Brooks Joslin, Blake's father**, in the ICU with a blood infection ◦ **Beth Newman** in the hospital due to an infection ◦ **Eloise and Ken Murchison's daughter, Kathryn**, recovering from surgery ◦ **Arden Starnes, her family, and her caregivers** ◦ all who continue to be affected by loss caused by Hurricane Helene. In our congregation, we remember especially **Andrew Tripp, Cindy and Dennis Riley, Jackie Wintle, and Bob, the father of Natalie's partner Jeff** ◦ **John and Susan Laney** ◦ 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** ◦ **Marjorie Hettrick** ◦ **Shane Reece (Nancy Garrison's son)** ◦ **Pat Wilson's son, Kell**



# 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	Kristin Williams	June 25
Jackie Wintle	June 25	Rodney Lytle	June 27
Andrew Tripp	July 2	Robert Castellini	July 4
Larry Griswold	July 4	Allyson Hettrick	July 8
Amanda Branscombe	July 17	Don Collins	July 18
Brent Roberts	July 23	Bob Gambrell	July 27
Pat Crumpler	July 29		





# IN MEMORIAM

## Rev. William “Bill” Heck

Bill passed on May 27th. There will be a service for him at the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church in Swannanoa, NC, on June 21st at 10:00 AM. Reception to follow. Please do not send flowers. Instead a donation may be made to the Presbyterian Church USA's One Great Hour of Sharing:

[pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing](https://pcusa.org/special-offerings/one-great-hour-sharing).



## Olivia LaMotte



Olivia Ann Bishop LaMotte started life in Greenville, Florida during the Great Depression. Her high school graduating class had seventeen people. She had barely been out of Florida when, at age seventeen, she rode the Greyhound bus by herself to Montreat for college. She and John LaMotte fell in love while working as summer staff at Assembly Inn. That love lasted through her last breath 73 years later.

Olivia was God’s faithful servant, moving with John to Oceana (WV), Richmond, France, Chatham, Switzerland, the Congo, Norfolk, Sarasota, Roanoke, Wake Forest, Black Mountain, and Swannanoa. She gave life to four children. She loved her family (born and otherwise) and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, June 8 at 2:00 at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. We are hoping to reserve the parking spaces immediately surrounding the chapel for those who have limited mobility. All are encouraged to carpool, and we hope that able-bodied friends will park elsewhere on campus and make the short walk to the chapel. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Habitat, your faith community, or any organization dedicated to lifting up God’s people in need.

## Joanne Lincoln

Joanne “Jo Jo” Elizabeth Lincoln passed away peacefully on May 7, at the age of 79, in Black Mountain. Joanne spent the first part of her life in New Jersey, moving to the Warren Wilson College community in 1978. After completing coursework at WWC, Joanne opened her own in-home daycare where she was adored by parents and children alike. In 2000, Joanne moved to Black Mountain. During this time, Joanne fully embraced her artistic nature and could be found typing stories in the library, painting, and walking the town in bright colors with sketchbook in hand. Joanne brightened the lives of both locals and tourists. Everyone knew Jo Jo!



Please join us for a celebration of Joanne’s life on June 7, 2025, at 2:00 at the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. Reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church.



## THE WARREN WILSON BOOK GROUP



The Warren Wilson Book Group will meet in Fellowship Hall at noon on Thursday, June 12. We enjoy lunch and fellowship from 12-12:30. At 12:30 Chris will lead our discussion of *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn. The book group does not hold a meeting in July.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Since Easter, the Adult Sunday School class has been discussing ways to be more welcoming to a wider community. We have been reading and discussing the book, *Transforming*, by Austen Hartke and learning a lot about the unique struggles and successes of transgender Christians. The book weaves together the stories of several people, specific Bible passages which show a very inclusive picture of God's love for all types of people, and ways churches can more clearly demonstrate that love. We hope to present some concrete ways our church can welcome transgender folks especially since the Warren Wilson student community is very diverse.

## VOLUNTEERS IN WORSHIP

**Sound/Video** We have a team of folks who have been trained to run the soundboard and live stream for our Sunday morning services (and other occasions). 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!**

## SCAMMING REMINDER

This is a reminder to be aware of potential scammers posing as clergy, staff members, or people associated with Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. You will never receive an email, text message, or phone call from anyone at WWPC urgently asking you to send money or gift cards. All church emails end with [@warrenwilsonchurch.org](mailto:@warrenwilsonchurch.org) or [@warren-wilson.edu](mailto:@warren-wilson.edu).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Laurie or the church office.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 7/6 Picnic

The July 4th potluck picnic is on Sunday, July 6 following the worship service. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Hamburgers, vegetarian hamburgers, hot dogs plus all the trimmings, and drinks are provided.

Come and enjoy the holiday!



### 2025 Chamber Music Society of the Carolinas Concert Series

Saturday Evenings at 7:30 PM from July 12 – August 2 in the WWPC Chapel



Individual Tickets: \$35.

Season Tickets (4 concerts): \$120.

**For Information  
or to Purchase  
Tickets in  
Advance**



Concert series is sponsored by  
Warren Wilson College.

### Swannanoa Gathering Concerts

The Swannanoa Gathering will be using the Chapel this year for their public concerts!

Each concert begins at 7:30 and costs \$35. Here's the lineup:

- Fiddle, Mandolin & Banjo - Mon, June 30, Tues, July 1 & Wed, July 2
- Traditional Song Week - Mon, July 7 & Wed, July 9
- Celtic Week - Mon, July 14, Tues, July 15 & Wed, July 16
- Old-Time Week - Mon, July 21 & Wed July 23 (dancing follows)
- Guitar & Contemporary Folk - Mon, July 28, Tuesday, July 29, & Wed, July 30

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