

A Note from Laurie

We began celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the church the first week of October and continue our celebration through Sunday, November 23rd. However, as our Stewardship Team has reminded us, we are celebrating 100 years of Service and "The Future is Calling!" Our God is always a God moving us forward into new life. That is true for us as individuals and that is true for the Church, as well. God is always doing a new thing and we might not be able to envision God's plans for the next 100 years of Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, we have confidence that God will be present with us, leading,



teaching, caring, as this congregation shares the love of Christ with each other, the Swannanoa Valley community, and the world. Thanks be to God!

This newsletter is chock full of activities, information about the life of the church, worship notes, and bits and pieces from faithful members of the church. It is our November and December edition and, as such, it contains both information about the ongoing 100^{th} anniversary, but also Advent and Christmas. You will find important information about Stewardship and End of the Year giving, both of which the church depends on to be the church! You will find interesting information about new programs (a Tai Chi class!) and recurring events (Empty Bowls dinner).

When Katy Schafer was with us, she referred a number of times to Psalm 139:14 which in the nrsv states, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made". That has been on my mind since she was here and I've been considering it not only for individuals, but for the church, this church in particular, as well. Read it now from Psalms Now by Leslie F. Brandt:

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A Note from Laurie (cont.)

O God, You know me inside and out, through and through.

Everything I do,

every thought that flits through my mind,

every step I take,

every plan I make,

every word I speak,

You know, even before these things happen.

You know my past;

You know my future.

Your enveloping presence covers my every move.

Your knowledge of me sometimes comforts me, sometimes frightens me,

but it is always far byond my comprehension.

There is no way to escape You, no place to hide. If I ascend to the heights of joy,

You are there before me.

If I plunge into the depths of despair,

You are there to meet me.

I could fly to the other side of the world

and find You there to lead the way.

I could walk into the darkest night,

only to find You there

to lighten its dismal hours.

You were present at my conception.

You guided the molding of my unformed members within the body of my mother.

Nothing about me, from beginning to end,

has been hidden from Your eyes.

How frightfully, fantastically wonderful it all is!

May Your all-knowing, everywhere-present Spirit continue to search out my feelings and thoughts.

Deliver me

from that which may hurt or destroy me, and guide me along the paths of love and truth



Katy Schafer preached in worship on October 26 with help from her friend, Rev Mary Kay Scott. Mary Kay's son Alex, who is a WWC student, offered the Time for Children and also created this piece of art for the cover of that week's bulletin.



All you frightfully, fantastically wonderful people at this frightfully, fantastically wonderful Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church, blessings! - Laurie

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Asheville Farm School Presbyterian Church was founded on November 22, 1925 and became Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church. We celebrate its centennial on **Sunday, November 23**, the same day as the Thanksgiving display.

The celebration includes these events:



- Sunday, November 9, 3:30 PM -Tribute of Thanks Concert by Friends of Steve Williams by His Friends: Dewitt Tipton, Rebecca Hettrick, and Benjamin Blozan
- **Thursday, November 13, 5:30 PM** "History Behind the Architects and Engineers of Six Associates" Heath Towson of the Preservation Society will speak about Charles Sappenfield, who was the main architect of the Chapel and other buildings on campus



• **Sunday, November 23, 12:00 PM** – The Thanksgiving Farm Display and Centennial Celebration. Past ministers and associate ministers have been invited for the occasion. Everyone is encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to place at the foot of the display. This food will be shared with the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry. Following worship the birthday celebration will continue in the Ransom Fellowship Hall with a reception and a program called "The First 100 Years." Please bring your favorite appetizer to share.

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Please don't forget to pick up your copy of the revised Centennial Edition!!



STEWARDSHIP



It is now Stewardship Season at WWPC. You will be hearing from our Stewardship Team in a variety of ways (see below) through November 16 as we consider the offering of gifts of our time, talent, and treasure that makes our church's work vibrant and future oriented. Scan the QR Code to the right to make your commitment.

*If you plan to make a year-end gift, please note these deadlines. To have your gifts counted as a 2025 donation, you must postmark your checks (or deliver them to the church) by December 31. For online gifts, the Presbyterian Foundation must process the payment by December 31.



MINUTE FOR MINISTRY

by Sharon Lytle (as presented in worship October 19th)

Good Morning.

Last week, Pat Hardy began our stewardship season with a beautiful and heartwarming message. Today, I hope to build on that foundation by exploring another vital dimension of stewardship: A MINISTRY OF GRATITUDE.

Oftentimes, when we hear the word stewardship, I'm sure most of us probably think of budgets, pledges, or the numbers on our financial reports. But stewardship is really about something much deeper... It's about gratitude —it's about being part of what God is doing through us.

In 1 Peter, chapter 4, verse 10: "Christians are encouraged to be good stewards of the gifts they have received: using them to serve others with sincerity and love."

Each of us has been blessed with gifts. Some of these gifts are easy to see... and some are quiet, behind the scenes... but all are equally important. Stewardship invites us to use those gifts in ways that bless others.

When you give — whether it's your time, your prayers, your wisdom, your talents, or your financial support — you help continue the ministry that has shaped lives at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church and the greater community. Stewardship isn't about equal giving — it's about equal commitment. Each of us offering what we can, with a grateful heart.

So, with that being said, I invite you to pray...pray about how you can take part in this ministry of gratitude because together.... as faithful stewards of God's grace.... we will keep Warren Wilson Presbyterian church's light shining... The Future Is Calling!

Thanks Be To GOD!



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS









POINSETTIAS Order a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of your loved ones. These will be displayed in the front of the chapel to help celebrate the Christmas season, and can be taken home after the service on Christmas Eve. Each poinsettia costs \$12 and orders can be sent to Andrew in the office, or turned in on Sunday mornings by looking for the order forms and envelope in the narthex. Deadline is **December 7**.



CHRISTMAS AT WWPC





COOKIES AND CAROLS On **December 7 at 7:00** we will celebrate a festive holiday



tradition: Cookies and Carols! Enjoy delicious Christmas treats and join in singing some

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE Relish this holy night as we share carols, candlelight, and communion on **December 24 at 7:00 PM**.

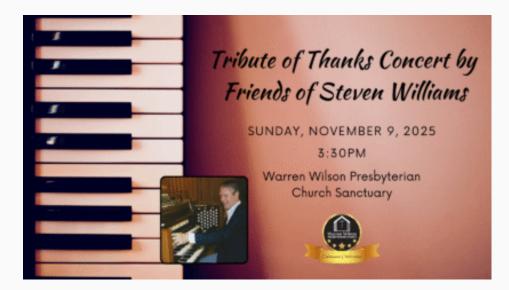
EPIPHANY We will conclude our celebration of Christmas with Epiphany, which we will celebrate this year on **January 4 at 11AM**. Come, receive the gift of a star to follow in the year ahead.





MUSIC NOTES

Sunday, November 9, 3:30—Tribute of Thanks Concert by Friends of Steven Williams-friends pianist Dewitt Tipton, violinist Rebecca Hettrick and pianist Benjamin Blozan. Be there to honor and thank a century of great Music Directors at Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church.





INVITATION TO SING

The Chapel Choir invites members and friends to join the choir for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. Rehearsals for the season begin Wednesdays, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Sundays, beginning November 30 at 10:000 a.m. in the Choir Loft. The season ends Wednesday, December 24 at the 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service.

No auditions, but you must be able to carry a tune. Give the choir a try in this joyous season and enjoy good friends in singing together. Questions or need a nudge? Call/Text Choir Director Ted Stewart. (816) 305-1038, or catch him after church service.

Blue Ridge Orchestra



The Blue Ridge Orchestra is back in our Chapel on December 7, performing a Holiday Concert. They always provide such a unique and fantastic show!

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS THERE IS LOTS TO REPORT!

HOUSE OF FAITH #5 WILL BE A BIG HOUSE FOR A BIG FAMILY

One year after Hurricane Helene's floods devastated Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity's offices and ReStore in Biltmore Village, repairs are complete and an organizational meeting for the next House of Faith, to be built with financial support and volunteer labor from congregations like ours, was held in late September.

Construction of Houses of Faith # 3 and # 4 was in Arden at Glenn Bridge, and the next House of Faith, # 5, will built in West Asheville's New Heights neighborhood where more than 30 families have already become Habitat homeowners in recent years. Construction of House of Faith # 5, a one-story, four-bedroom, single family house, has just started and is expected to be complete in early June, 2026.

Since Hurricane Helene, Habitat affiliates from other states have sent many volunteers here to help with new house construction. College and university students have also come to help, and more will volunteer starting in late February. As a result of that, the work period

The Bochkai family immigrated from Ukraine and Serhii works to provide for the family while Olha cares for their seven children from age 19 to less than one year. They will be the future owners of Habitat House of Faith #5 in Asheville.

for faith partner volunteers will start on Jan. 13 and run for seven weeks, and will involve indoor work with heaters such as painting, and, weather permitting, outdoor work.

During two volunteer periods for faith partner volunteers while House of Faith # 4 was built, 11 members our congregation worked a total of 128 hours to help bring that and other homes being built in Habitat's Glenn Bridge neighborhood to completion.

During the upcoming volunteer period, our church has spaces reserved for volunteers on three Fridays (half shift), and three Saturdays (full shift), and there will also be open volunteer spaces on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays. No prior experience or special skills are needed to help Habitat as a volunteer. All that is needed is a willingness to help with its mission of providing families with well-built affordable homes in safe neighborhoods.



HABITAT NEWS (CONTINUED)

HABITAT VOLUNTEERING by Don Collins

I have always looked forward to helping build houses as a volunteer at Habitat for Humanity sites in our area, and recently participated in a new program, indoor component building, at a facility run by the Hendersonville area Habitat for Humanity. Working with a skilled supervisor, four volunteers

pre-assembled walls (the framing of walls made from 2x4's and particle-board sheathing) in October for delivery to the New Heights Habitat site where House of Faith #5 will soon be built.

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In October, a small group of Habitat volunteers including Don Collins assembled high quality walls indoors at a facility in Hendersonville for soon to be built houses at New Heights in west Asheville.

the other volunteers, and found that the process was remarkably efficient. We worked on a large table where the studs and plates (the uprights and horizontal 2x4's that make up the wall framing) were laid out to be nailed together. The 2x4's were pre-cut and labeled, and we used power nailers for rapid assembly of each wall. This included attaching particle board sheathing on the surfaces and we achieved the goal of assembling five walls per work day. These walls that Habitat volunteers assembled with excellent detail have proven to be a better match to the needs of the construction, so there will probably be other pre-assembly projects in the future.



I encourage other church members and friends to join the volunteers to work on Habitat for Humanity projects. The experience and camaraderie with the crew leader and other volunteers is wonderful.

Finished walls assembled in Hendersonville ready to be delivered to the Asheville Area Habitat Humanity site where House of Faith #5 will soon be built.



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EMPTY BOWLS

The WWC Community Engagement Office is excited to host our 27th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner on Wednesday, November 19 from 6-8pm in Ransom Fellowship Hall. Each November, the Community Engagement Office partners with the WWC Ceramics Crew to raise funds for a community partner focused on food and/or housing justice. The annual Empty Bowls Dinner at WWC is an opportunity to gather with community members, share a meal together, and continue the conversation about creating equitable food and housing systems that work for all. Dinner will be served in hand-crafted ceramic bowls created by Warren Wilson students and faculty and YES, you get to take your bowl home!

This year, all proceeds from ticket sales will benefit Asheville Poverty Initiative's 12 Baskets Cafe. Tickets are available for online purchase now at: https://empty-bowls-event.square.site/.

WWC FARM BULK SALE

Come one, come all! The Farm is hosting its semi-annual Fall Bulk Meat Sale! We are selling our meat in bulk packages of grassfed lamb and beef and pasture-raised pork. For the bulk sale, our meat is at a bulk-pricing discount, and, as always we will have student/staff discounts. We will also have products from Garden/Herb, Forestry, and Fiber Arts, as well as live music and meat samples. Join us for a beautiful day down at the Farm!

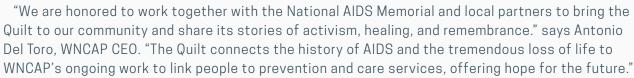


You can always order meat online at <u>warrenwilsoncollegefarm.grazecart.com/</u>

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Western North Carolina AIDS Project, the National AIDS Memorial, Campaign for Southern Equality, and Revolve Gallery are partnering together to bring 7 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to Asheville as part of the Community Display Program. The Quilt panels will be on display from 9 AM to 6 PM at Revolve Gallery on Riverside Drive from December 1st through December 13th. The display is free to the public, with any donations received supporting the mission and work of WNC AIDS Project.





Throughout the ongoing AIDS crisis, more than 700,000 lives have been lost in this country to HIV/AIDS. Today, the HIV epidemic has shifted, disproportionately impacting Black and Hispanic/Latino communities, and the Southern United States. Quilt displays offer opportunities to raise awareness about the advances in HIV treatment and prevention medications, including PrEP-medications that could bring us to the end of the HIV epidemic.

"The issues our nation faces today- social injustice, health inequity, stigma, bigotry, and fear - are the same issues faced throughout four decades of the AIDS pandemic," says John Cunningham, CEO of the National AIDS Memorial. "The Quilt is a powerful teaching tool that shares the story of HIV/AIDS, the lives lost, and the hope, healing, activism and remembrance that it inspires."

The Quilt was created in the '80s during the darkest days of the AIDS pandemic by gay rights activist Cleve Jones. While planning a march in 1985, he was devastated by the thousands of lives that had been lost to AIDS in San Francisco and asked each of his fellow marchers to write on placards the names of friends and loved ones who had died. Jones and others stood on ladders taping these placards to the walls of the San Francisco Federal Building. The wall of names looked like a patchwork quilt, and inspired by this sight, Jones and friends made plans for a larger memorial. Today, the Quilt has grown to more than 50,000 panels, with more than 110,000 names stitched within its fabric. It weighs 54 tons, stretches more than 50 miles in length, and is the largest community-arts project in the world. The Quilt is now part of the National AIDS Memorial, which oversees its preservation, care, storytelling programs, and community displays. The Quilt can be viewed in its entirety and people can search for names on the Quilt at www.aidsmemorial.org/quilt.



SVCM - DECK THE TREES

Come experience the charm of Black Mountain and get in the Christmas spirit. You will discover beautifully decorated Christmas trees at the Monte Vista Hotel and in stores and businesses throughout Black Mountain and the Swannanoa Valley area. Each tree, uniquely decorated around the theme: Winter Wonderland, will be created by businesses, organizations, or individuals to help raise funds for the Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry Fuel Fund. This fund keeps our neighbors warm during the winter and raised over \$78,000+ in 2023. Let's beat that this year! Share in the Christmas spirit and support your favorite tree by donating www.svcmblackmountain.org/deck-the-trees





Where to Find the Trees

Community Business Locations

MONTE VISTA HOTEL

Black Mountain, NC (308 West State St.)

Action COACH

Beradu

Black Mountain Beautification
Black Mountain Blooms
Black Mountain Elementary
Black Mountain Fire Department
Black Mountain Pickleball
Black Mountain Presbyterian School
Black Mountain Swannanoa Chamber
Bramblewood
Buckeye Kennels
Donald S. Collins Early Learning Center
Girl Scout Troop 02498
Carolyn Johnson
Judi Melton Real Estate Consultant

Kiwanis Club of BMT & Swannanoa McDevitt Sisters Mountain Fairy Hair My Carolina Mountain Life Noble & Company Realty Swannanoa Valley Arts League The Gem Drop Shop

Kilwin's Black Mountain

The Monte Vista Hotel
The Tatted Tree
YMCA of Black Mountain

Broadway Street

109 - Tyson Furniture 119 - Seven Sisters Gallery 137 - Cariku

Cherry Street

125 - Europa 132 - Chifferobe 139 - Sassafras on Sutton

Jane Jacobs Road

15 - Wise Eye Care

E Market St

2 - Beradu

Midland Avenue

160 - Town of Black Mountain

Montreat Road

105 - White Horse Black Mountain 128 - Fifth Third Bank

Ridgeway Ave

101 - Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry

Ross Drive

15 - Green Tee Grille, Black Mountain Golf Course



Community Business Locations

East State Street

200 - Black Mountain Savings Bank 206 - Sunshine Pharmacy

West State Street

110 - Krista Anne's Boutique 116 - Kilwin's Black Mountain 203 - The Enchanted Oak 223 - Swannanoa Valley Museum 406 - Peri Social House 411 - Black Mountain Family Eye Care

Sutton Avenue

207 - The Old Depot Gallery 208 - The Mulberry Tree

US Highway 70

2580 - Laps & Naps, Swannanoa Valley Animal Hospital





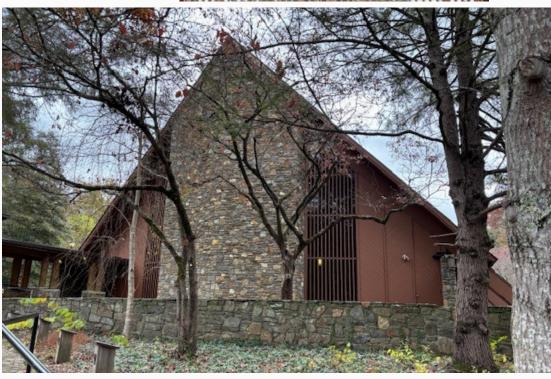
CHAPEL STAINING





To prepare for events like Homecoming and our Centennial, we had the Chapel restained.





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: All that helped with multiple receptions, potlucks, and meals that were hosted the past two months • All of the Warren Wilson College alumni past and present that joined us for Homecoming, including the Alumni Choir • the staining of the Chapel • the return of the Chapel Choir under the direction of Ted Stewart, following their summer break • the two new members of the Chapel Work Crew: Eloise Hill and Isabella Love • The Spiritual Life Crew, Chapel Crew, and all the students who were part of the Student Led Service on September 7



Our own **Jackie Wintle** has been inducted into The Order of the Duck, a cherished tradition at Givens Highland Farms, honoring residents who have reached milestone birthdays. Residents who turn 90 years old are celebrated as "ducks," while those who reach 100 and beyond are honored as "supreme ducks." This celebration is more than just a dinner—it's a joyful tribute to longevity, community, and the vibrant lives of Givens Highland Farms residents. It brings together residents, team members, and families in a spirit of appreciation and fun.

We remember in prayer: The family of Margaret Woods, Andrew Tripp's aunt who died October $31 \circ$ Mary Wheeler healing from surgery after a fall \circ Blake Joslin having back surgery on November $6 \circ$ The Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue interviews \circ Tommy Eller now home after a hospital stay \circ Mary Craig \circ Salyna Morgan

BIRTHDAYS

Kay Stockdale	November 3	Martha Dugger	December 4
Patricia Hardy	November 11	Doug Orr	December 9
Tommy Eller	November 12	Jon Hettrick	December 12
Susan Daugherty	November 16	Emily Pulsifer	December 15
Virginia McKinley	November 21	Tacci Smith	December 22
Beverly Ohler	November 22	Jack Cole	December 26
Ernst Laursen	November 24	Sandy Brauer	December 31
Sharon Lytle	November 25	Derron Daugherty	December 31
Sally Broughton	November 26		
Kathy Rouse	November 27		
Paul McDonald	November 28		





THE WARREN WILSON BOOK GROUP



The Warren Wilson Book Group will meet at noon on Thursday, Nov. 13 in Fellowship Hall. Sandy will lead our discussion of *An Invitation to Poetry: A New Favorite Poem Project Anthology* edited by Robert Pinsky and Maggie Dietz. Our December meeting takes place at noon on Thursday, Dec. 11 (also in the Fellowship Hall) when Corise and Judi will lead a discussion of *84 Charing Cross Road* by Helene Hanff. Bring your lunch and enjoy some fellowship from 12-12:30 when the book discussion begins. New readers are always welcome!



WELLNESS OPPORTUNITIES

Tai Chi/Qigong Practice Class

Improve your balance, bone & muscle strength, flexibility, posture, range of motion, breathing fitness, concentration, and stress level using gentle, fluid, easy-to-follow stretching and exercise.

Mondays, 2:30 PM, in the WWPC Lower Fellowship Hall, Starting November 10.

Lead by Paulette Heck, pheck812@gmail.com; 828-335-4631 (cell)

Paulette began taking classes and practicing Tai Chi/Qigong 15 years ago. She started teaching classes 5 years ago.

Yoga

We are hosting the Riceville Community Yoga that lost their usual meeting place to Helene. This class is open to all ages and any skill level (including no skill level) and meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 AM in the downstairs Youth Room of the Education Building.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Education Class meets Sundays at 9:30 in the Adult Education class at the end of the hall in the Education Building. Together we read books, watch videos, listen to speakers, and have lively conversations. It's a great opportunity to get to know folks better and expand our knowledge and perspectives. All are welcome, so please join us!

TOGATHER

All Saints Day was November 2. On that day we recognized these WWPC members and those associated with members who died in the past year by reading their names and lighting candles for them in worship:

Vernon Derron Daugherty, Sr April 24, 1934 - November 17, 2024 Carol Lee Joslin April 29, 1932 - December 10, 2024 Margaret Judith "Judy" Laney July 23, 1945 - December 15, 2024 Thurman Harry Slone June 3, 1936 - December 22, 2024 **Robin Arthur Allison** March 1, 1954 - January 1, 2025 Patrice Janeé Lytle October 23, 1982 - January 17, 2025 William House Dale, Jr March 18, 1948 - January 29, 2025 **David Sidney James Hamilton** July 21, 1986 - April 21, 2025 Joanne "JoJo" Elizabeth Lincoln December 30, 1945 - May 7, 2025 Roberta Evelvn "Robin" Ives August 19, 1940 - May 9, 2025 Olivia Bishop LaMotte October 28, 1933 - May 23, 2025 William "Bill" Grant Heck, III October 8, 1942 - May 27, 2025 Naomi Ledford Travis Daugherty July 18, 1935 - July 5, 2025 **Brooks Rogers Joslin** December 25, 1930 - August 8, 2025



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

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.

Fellowship Time 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!

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