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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we move beyond Easter through spring and toward the summer, we can almost feel (as the old hymn says) “the movement of the spheres.” Ted Loder has a poem in his volume, *Guerrillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle* entitled, “Let Me Live Grace-fully.” As we watch for the beginning of the playground renovation and the ministry it invites moving forward, I share this poem as an invitation to wonder about days ahead when the pace is different from that to which we have grown accustomed during “Covid-time.” Perhaps it can serve as our prayer in advance for what will only make sense in reverse.

Let Me Live Gracefully

Thank you, Lord,
for this season
 of sun and slow motion,
 of games and porch-sitting,
 of picnics and light green fireflies
 on heavy purple evenings;
 and praise for slight breezes.

It's good, God,
as the first long days of your creation.

Let this season be for me
a time of gathering together the pieces
 into which my busyness has broken me.

O God, enable me now
to grow wise through reflection,
 peaceful through the song of the cricket,
 recreated through the laughter of play.

Most of all, Lord,
let me live easily and grace-fully for a spell,
 so that I may see other souls deeply,
 share in a silence unhurried,
 listen to the sound of sunlight and shadows,
 explore barefoot the land of forgotten dreams and shy hopes,
 and find the right words to tell another who I am.

My prayers surround each of you for this season!

Grace and peace,
John



MAY COMMITTEES

Sunday, May 2nd

2:00 PM Christian Action

Monday, May 3rd

6:15 PM Diaconate

Sunday, May 9th

4:00 PM Outreach

Wednesday, May 12th

6:30 PM Personnel

Sunday, May 16th

1:30 PM Worship

4:00 PM Stewardship/Finance

Monday, May 17th

4:00 PM No Fellowship

7:00 PM Missions

Sunday, May 23rd

6:00 PM Session



To view Rev. Frye's sermon each Sunday, you may go to the church website, www.waldpres.org, and click on the YouTube link. Choose the date for the service you wish to view.



Christian sympathy is extended to Melinda Davis in the passing of her mother, Marilyn Davis of Kingsport, Tennessee, on April 3; and to Bernice Robinette in the passing of her brother-in-law, Beaver Roy Robinette, on March 17.



Waldensian Heritage Museum

*Now Open Regular Tour
Schedule*

Tuesday thru Friday

Morning Tour at 11:00am

Afternoon Tour at 2:00pm

Group Tours of 12 or less by

Appointment Only!

Masks are required, thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



May 2	Jennifer Heavner
May 4	Dustin Abernathy Jim Furr
May 5	Julie Cooper Janet Harrison Kaleb Stamey
May 8	Matt Carrell
May 9	Jan Garrou Harry Hudson
May 10	Glenn Harvey
May 11	Gus Morrow Vera Pascal Gwen Thompson
May 12	Kailey Humphries
May 13	Ann Mullis
May 14	Meredith Bleyнат
May 15	Ann Demiter Steve Demiter
May 17	Alexander French
May 18	Annette Garrou Jane Rock Pope
May 19	Tiffany Demiter Madison Treadway
May 20	Ben Huffman Laura Lafferty
May 22	Linda Brinkley Stephen Perrou Megan Treadway
May 26	Lee Roy Huffman
May 27	Vanessa Grill
May 28	Emily Cannon Nancy Daw Kathy Wellman
May 29	John Bounous Ben Heilman
May 30	Junine Bumgarner Julie Huffman Tim Kilpatrick Scott Stettler
May 31	Connor Hefner



We are constantly in the process of trying to keep the WPC online directory updated with new changes of addresses, phone numbers, and photos. If there are any changes that need to be made to your family's profile, please notify the church office. It is also very convenient to have the church directory on cell phones, but if anyone prefers to have a hard copy instead, feel free to contact the church office, and we will be glad to provide one for you.



Spring is in the air, and so is WPC music! Our Connections and Circle of Strings bands are alternating Sunday afternoons at 2:00 for outdoor rehearsals, wind and pollen currently presenting some challenges, but we press on. Middle school youth are beginning rehearsals (dialogue and songs) for 'Oh, Jonah!' on Sunday afternoons at 4:30 just before their youth meeting. And I'm hoping/planning to get our pre-K through middle elementary children to come on Wednesdays just for 15 minutes from 5:15 to 5:30pm (outdoors) so that they can practice singing a couple of 'Oh, Jonah!' songs when families come to pick up their meals. For that short a time, we'll ask their adults just to wait for them.

We are recording much of the Sunday worship service on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00. Chancel Choir has begun rehearsing outdoors from 6:00 to 6:45pm on Wednesdays, too. Our two 6-person handbell ensembles meet on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 and Thursday evenings at 6:15. We have persevered and continued to provide music for our worship throughout this long Pandemic, and now with spring weather and the growing benefit of vaccines, we are able to expand what we offer, ever reaching toward eventual normalcy.

In the spirit of all the above, I close with a hymn text, "Sing to God as Sings the Ocean" by my favorite hymn writer (and an eloquent theologian), Thomas Troeger. John Frye's recent sermon on "doubting" Thomas called it to my mind.

"Sing to God as sings the ocean,
Sing as birds that greet the dawn,
Sing as windswept trees in motion,
Sing and let your song be drawn
from God's vast and whole
creation,
From your faith and doubt and
fears,
From rebirth and recreation,
From life's wealth of joy and tears.

"Sing the heart's deep sighing
sorrow to the Lord who hears
lament,
Who at midnight sees tomorrow
when the dark at last is spent.
Sing to God who in our sadness
brings the news of coming light,
Ample hope to waken gladness
and sustain us through the night.

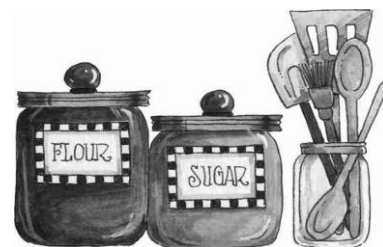
"Sing the great, glad joy of Jesus!
Sing the gospel that Christ brings.
Sing the way Christ heals and feeds
us,
Sing the song that Easter sings:
Christ is risen, Christ is living,
Christ among us, Christ within,
Christ the spring of endless giving
where new songs of faith begin."

Here's to "new songs of faith."
Laurie

A GIFT FOR MOM

The three young children told their mother that she wasn't to lift a finger on Mother's Day. They were going to do all the cooking. So, they got out three pots, two frying pans, six measuring spoons, three mixing bowls, a double boiler, a chopping board and eight serving dishes. Mom said it was the best Jell-O she had ever tasted!

In the Kitchen With Coron



"Hello my fellow hunkerdowners!" That is the opening line of Leslie Jordan, an actor you may have seen in several TV shows like "Will and Grace", "The Cool Kids", "Cat," or maybe a movie, "The Help". He has become more popular these quarantine days with his periodical posts on Facebook and YouTube. He is very entertaining and gives us all of his Southern charm. His anecdotes are funny and lightens the mood. I recommend you find him on one of those media platforms and laugh out loud(LOL).

Keeping Leslie in mind, I am sharing a recipe true to our Southern roots:

‘MATER SAMMICH

1 Juicy homegrown tomato, maybe
2 if they are small
Dukes Mayonnaise (as much as you
can stand)
2 slices "white" bread. (Those of
you who want to stay healthy, go
for whole wheat, but what about
that mayonnaise 🤔?)
Salt and pepper, to taste.

Slice tomato to desired thickness,
slather mayonnaise on your bread,
place your tomatoes as you like.
Sprinkle salt and pepper as desired.
Enjoy this piece of heaven in the
South.

Bon Appetit!
Coron Jordan

CHRISTIAN ACTION

| Mother's Day |

May 2, 2011

U.S. Special Operations Forces raid Osama bin Laden's secret compound in Pakistan, ending the search for the mastermind who coordinated the attacks of September 11th. Nearly 3000 people died.

May 5, 1865

Decoration Day is first observed. The graves of Civil War soldiers are decorated with flowers. Later moved to May 30, it became better known as Memorial Day. In 1971, Congress moved the observance to the last Monday in May.

May 25, 1787

The Constitutional Convention began in Philadelphia. Seven states provided delegates, forming a quorum.

May 17, 1954

Brown v. Board of Education, unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision, beginning the desegregation of schools.



May 9th will soon arrive!

Most of us will have fond memories of how our mothers took care of us as children.

Do you remember the child you were?

It's fascinating to think of how our mothers know us.

They can know without seeing.

The consequences of our mother's decisions bear tremendous influence on

our lives. We are like saplings that they shape. Eventually, we are grown. Eventually, we are unable to "undo" the effects of their influence.

Think of how your mother watched you grow as a child.

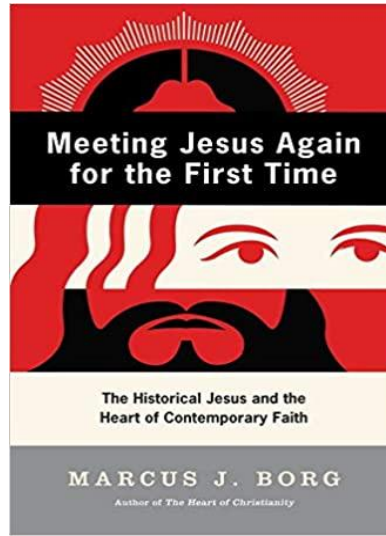
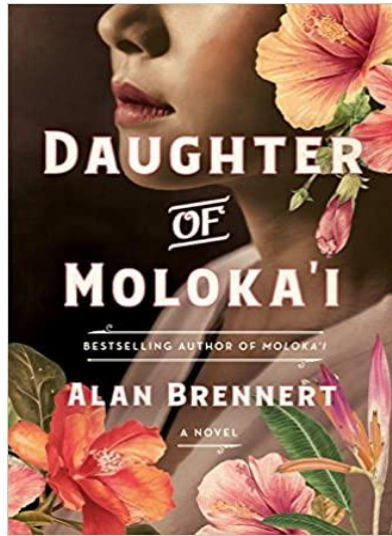
She knew your distinct cry.

She was surprised by your interests.

She carefully considered the character of the friends you chose.

It is fitting that we celebrate our mothers during the month of May. Historically, May is a month when we remember events that were surely hard for mothers to endure.

Pray for a mother that you know needs God's assistance today.



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Join us as we explore books in our small group setting. These groups are designed to allow readers several weeks to acquire and read the selected books. The format of the book discussions includes provided questions and group discussions in an informal setting. Books are selected from recommendations from group members.

All are welcome to participate. Feel free to come when you can and/or come when you are interested in what is being read and discussed. Feel free to come each time, to either or both groups.

Please be considerate when borrowing books from the public library and check out only one of our selections at a time.

Afternoon Book Discussion Group- 5:00pm

(meets outside the first Thursday of month)

Thursday, May 6 – *Daughter of Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert

Thursday, June 3 – *Washington Black* by Esi Eduygan

Thursday, July 1 – *To Dance with the White Dog* by Terry Kay

Thursday, August 5 – *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman

Thursday, September 2 – *Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd

Thursday, October 7 – *Serena* by Ron Rash, NC Author

Thursday, November 4 – *Down River* by John Hart, NC Author

Thursday, December 2 – *Prayers the Devil Answers* by Sharon McCrumb, NC Author

Faith Matters Group – 4pm

(meets outside the fourth Sunday of the month)

Sunday, May 23 – *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*, by Marcus J. Borg

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Stated Session Meeting Minutes February 28, 2021

A full copy of the Session Minutes is available on the bulletin board across from the Office Manager's office. Detailed committee reports are also available. Some committee highlights will be contained in various parts of this report. However, since Session reports are posted in their entirety, information in this newsletter is presented in an abbreviated format, containing only important motions and other pertinent information.

(Clerk's note: This meeting was held as a Zoom online conference meeting to adhere to public health guidelines for "social distancing").

Treasurer's Report (Steve Martinat)

Steve reviewed the Summary of Revenues and Expenses for January 1, 2021 through January 31, 2021. He said that actual revenue was \$31,043. Expenses were \$49,383 which produces a shortfall of \$18,340. After applying the approved budget offset of \$4,283, the net shortfall would be \$14,057. Steve said that this is normal for this time of the year. Steve reviewed the Restricted Accounts and the Balance Sheet, which shows balanced assets and liabilities of \$7,262,123. Steve then answered several questions from elders.

Order of the Day: (Steve Martinat)

Cemetery Request - see attached email from Steve Martinat and letter from Carol Anne Guigou Moehring

Steve presented a request from Carol Anne Guigou Moehring in reference to the burial of ashes on the grave site of her father and mother, John and Betty Lou Guigou.

The deceased, Philip Leon of France, was a foreign exchange student who lived with the Guigou family in the

1970's. One of his wishes was to have his ashes buried with Carol Anne's parents. The family is also requesting a marker for Mr. Leon be placed at the grave site. Because he was not a member of the family or of Waldensian Presbyterian Church, this burial would not be permitted without approval from WPC Session.

After discussion by the elders, the following motion was made by David and seconded by Debbie:

Motion: To approve the request of the burial of some of Philip Leon's ashes in an approved urn and vault on the Guigou family cemetery plot, if cemetery plot will accommodate a small marker, and that all Guigou family members agree with this burial.

A vote was called by the moderator and the motion was approved with 7 "yes" votes and 4 "no" votes. One Session member was absent.

Approved Motions (other than routine):

Motion: Current regulations regarding WPC indoor worship services, special services, classes, and meetings will remain in place until further notice from the WPC Session.

The Session asks the Worship Committee and the Christian Action Committee work together with appropriate staff and supporting committees and explore the possibility of making a proposal at the April or May 2021 Session meetings on how the church might offer an outdoor unified Worship Service and Children's nursery beginning June 6, 2021. This target date is subject to change based on the vagaries of the COVID 19 virus.

The following parties should be included in this discussion and should communicate with each other:

- The entire Worship Committee, including the Ushering coordinator and the Video coordinator
- The entire Christian Action Committee, including the Children's Ministry subcommittee
- Staff members John Frye, Laurie Nicholson, Jason Adams, and Carla Sperry (Worship participants)
- Representatives from the Property Committee and staff member Fred Smith (set up and clean up)

The following issues should be addressed (and there certainly may be more):

- Starting time of outdoor worship (morning? evening?)
- Length of service
- Staff responsibilities prior to, during, and after service(s)
- Volunteer responsibilities prior to, during, and after service(s)
- Social Distancing
- Masks
- Needed supplies
- Alterations to outer campus

Other committees may also discuss and bring proposals to the March or April Session meetings for outdoor activities.

Motion: The Worship Committee is requesting the presence of two communion servers during the recording of the service for Thursday, April 1, 2021 (Maundy Thursday). Reverend Frye feels that this would be a symbolic connection for the congregation even though we are still meeting apart from each other. All present will wear a mask for that part of the service, and the 2 servers will sit on opposite sides of the chancel. There will be 4 people present: the pastor, the videographer, and the 2 servers.

Motion: To approve a drive-through Easter Egg Hunt and goodie basket pick-up for April 3, 2021.

Other News

The next Presbytery Meeting will be Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at the Montreat Conference Center in Montreat. Our commissioners to that meeting will be John Williams and David Fletcher. Reverend Frye will also attend.

Rev. Frye discussed the Officers' retreat and stated that we made good progress in moving toward the election of a Transition Team to complete a Mission Statement to be used in the call of a new pastor.

Judy Waldrop stated that her committee had given out 20 children's activity packets in January and 26 packets in February, and had received many positive comments about the packets.

Jeff Jacumin said that he, Steve Demiter, and Bart Bounous will be meeting on March 2, 2021 to begin discussions about the need of computer upgrades/replacements for several of the staff.

Willie Pascal, who delivers meals to shut-ins, had delivered 52 Valentine's treat bags to shut-ins.

Debbie Garrou said that James Fletcher, a member of our youth, had agreed to serve on the Missions Committee.

Mary-Louise Hatley submitted the following list of members of the New Officer Nominating Committee, for concurrence of Session, with approval of the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on March 21, 2021:

Committee:

Mary-Louise Hatley, Chairman –
Ruling Elder
Emily Church Chapman - Christian
Action Committee
Wes Garrou - Worship Committee
Sally Gaillard - Fellowship
Committee

Ed McFadden - Missions Committee
Chuck Mullis - Personnel Committee
Jan Garrou - Ruling Elder
Joseph Heilman - Youth/College
Students
Teresa Jacumin - Deacon

This will be an email vote by the congregation.

John Cannon
Clerk of Session

Minutes of the Called Meeting of the Congregation March 21, 2021 (Email Vote)

With governmental and public health restrictions because of the COVID-19 epidemic, this congregational meeting was held following the 11:00am YouTube worship service on March 21, 2021 to review an email vote by church members. The Rev. Dr. John Frye stated that the purpose of this meeting was to present a congregational vote on a motion to approve the New Officer Nominating Committee for new officers for the Class of 2024. The stated motion and narrative was emailed to the congregation on March 3, 2021. Rev. Frye announced the online vote at the online services of March 7, 2021 and March 14, 2021. It was requested that voting members of the congregation send their votes on the motion, "Yes" or "No", to Rita Spivey at office@waldpres.org no later than Wednesday, March 17, 2021. It is noted that a quorum for the congregational meeting would be 10% of the membership or 33 members. Please note that this was not a controversial vote, but normal step in nominating new officers to be approved by the congregation this October. The members were asked to vote "yes" or "no" on the following motion which comes from Mary-Louise Hatley, Chair of the Nominating Committee:

Motion: That the following slate of members be approved to serve on the new 2021 Officer Nominating Committee:

Committee:

Mary-Louise Hatley, Chairman –
Ruling Elder
Emily Church Chapman - Christian
Action Committee
Wes Garrou - Worship Committee
Sally Gaillard - Fellowship
Committee
Ed McFadden - Missions Committee
Chuck Mullis - Personnel Committee
Jan Garrou - Ruling Elder
Joseph Heilman - Youth/College
Students
Teresa Jacumin - Deacon

The motion was unanimously approved by the 49 members who submitted votes.

John Cannon
Clerk of Session

**If you would like to receive
our church email prayer
requests or Church
Highlights, please contact
the church office at
office@waldpres.org.**

7 Prayers for May



May you be surrounded by love, peace and friendship.

May your family and loved ones be safe.

May your finances be abundant.

May your pains lessen.

May your worries disappear.

May you be healed mentally, physically and emotionally.

May God bless you and make all your dreams come true.



Attention Graduates!

The Christian Action Committee would like to recognize you for all your accomplishments during worship on Sunday, June 6, 2021. This will include all graduates regardless of age: high school, college, or graduate school. If you wish to be recognized, we must have your information in to the church office as soon as possible. A short write-up on you will be in an upcoming Herald and in the Graduate Sunday bulletin. Parents are encouraged to work with their son/daughter in turning in their summary as soon as possible. Use additional pages, if needed.

Name of Graduate: _____
Parents/Spouse: _____
School Graduating From: _____
Degree/Major: _____
Accomplishments: _____

Clubs/Honors: _____
Sports: _____
Special Recognitions: _____
College/Future Plans: _____



Bible Quiz

Mothers in the Bible

Match the question with the answer on the right.

- | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ Who was Jacob's mother? | 1. Sarai (Sarah) |
| _____ Who was the mother of Isaac? | 2. Mary |
| _____ Who was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin? | 3. Elizabeth |
| _____ Which mother in the Bible had a set of twins? | 4. Deborah (Judges 5:7) |
| _____ Who was John the Baptist's mother? | 5. Eve |
| _____ What was the name of Yeshua's mother? | 6. Rebekah |
| _____ Who was the mother of King Solomon? | 7. Rebekah |
| _____ Which female judge said she was "a mother in Israel"? | 8. Moses |
| _____ What relationship was Naomi to Ruth? | 9. Rachel |
| _____ Who was the first mother mentioned in the Bible? | 10. Bathsheba |
| _____ Whose mother placed him in a basket made from bulrushes? | 11. Mother-in-law |

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The Church Officer Nominating Committee encourages the Congregation to actively participate in the selection process to nominate Elders and Deacons for the Class of 2024. The Book of Order states that Elders and Deacons should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the Church and in the world. Elders and Deacons may be any member on the active roll of the Church.

GENERAL CHURCHMANSHIP

- Attendance at corporate worship
- Participation in the life of the church
- Previous service in the church (not necessarily WPC)
- Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure

PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Exemplifies Christian values
- Openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit
- Cooperative nature
- Willingness to learn and grow
- Maturity of judgment
- Spiritual health

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Leadership experience
- Unique training and background
- Ability to follow through on assignments

Expectations/Commitment of Officers

The Session meets regularly once a month, usually the fourth Sunday evening. There are occasionally special called meetings. Many Session members also chair a church committee which also meets once a month. Membership on the Session represents a substantial commitment to the work of the Church.

The Board of Deacons meets regularly once a month, usually the first Tuesday evening.

Please participate in this process. List your suggestions on the next page and submit to the church office or place into the offering plate by May 10, 2021.

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Please consult your latest church directory for the active members who are eligible for office. The people below are ineligible at this time for one of two reasons—either they are presently serving on Session or the Diaconate, or they have served within the last two years. Our bylaws state that a person who has completed a term of office is ineligible for re-election for a period of two years.

Meredith Bleyнат	Hailey Garrou	Jonas Johnson
Allan Bonner	Jan Garrou	Nancy McFadden
Bart Bounous	Wes Garrou	Mary Murray
Jeanene Burris	Alan Griffin	Sarah Owens
Emily Cannon	Gunter Harbison	Mark Rostan
John Cannon	Janet Harrison	Renee Rostan
Emily Chapman	Marian Hartman	Angela Simmons
Steve Demiter	Mary-Louise Hatley	W.T. Sorrell
David Fletcher	Barbie Heilman	Grayson Turner
Katherine Fletcher	Melinda Davis	Judy Waldrop
Jim Furr	Niki Humphries	Carolyn Williams
Alex Garrison	Jeff Jacumin	John Williams
Tamika Garrison	Teresa Jacumin	Lynn Willis
Debra Garrou		

Mary-Louise Hatley, Chair
Emily Church Chapman
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Jan Garrou
Wes Garrou
Joseph Heilman
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Ed McFadden
Chuck Mullis

1 Timothy 3:1-13 Titus 1:5-9 1 Peter 5:1-5

Please prayerfully consider these passages as you consider recommending someone for nomination to serve as an officer of the Church.

I would like to recommend that the Nominating Committee consider the following persons for Ruling Elder in the Class of 2024 and for the Board of Deacons in the Class of 2024 (please include the reasons for recommending, attaching additional pages if needed):

[illegible]

Submitted By:

This year the Nominating Committee will present a slate of four names to the congregation who have agreed to serve on the Session and four names for the Board of Deacons for a term of three years each. Information about these nominees will be distributed prior to election. On election day, additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

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Director of Christian Education. Jason Adams
Director of Music. Laurie Nicholson
Organist. Carla Sperry
Office Manager. Rita Spivey
Financial Secretary. Kela Cannon
Kitchen Coordinator. Coron Jordan
Part-Time Maintenance. Fred Smith
Church Treasurer. Steve Martinat
Clerk of Session. John Cannon