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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

All Pet Owners Unite. On Sunday afternoon, October 13, on the front lawn of the church at 4pm, we are planning to have a Blessing of the Pets Service. Dogs, cats, hamsters, bunnies, iguanas, turtles and birds, whatever the animal, if it is a pet of yours and transportable, you and your pet are invited to this special service. Our children will be singing for the service. The whole event will last about 45 minutes, and you are encouraged to do several things.

- Bring a lawn chair for yourself.
- Have your pet on a leash so they will not roam. Even if they are well behaved, with multiple pets of all kinds, the pet owner needs to control the mobility of your own pet.
- Wear comfortable clothing.
- If your pet is aggressive, let me know. I don't need to be bitten or scratched when I offer a blessing to your animal.
- Remember to invite your friends and neighbors. We want this to be an open service to anyone who loves their pets.

October 19th will be our annual Local Mission Day, and children, youth and adults of all ages are invited to a day of a variety of activities designed to serve the needs of others. We are doing great things at WPC to make a difference in the world, and I invite each of you to be present for this great day of service together in Christ's name.

Faithfully yours,
Pastor Kevin Frederick

All Hands on Deck for Mission Day! Saturday, October 19



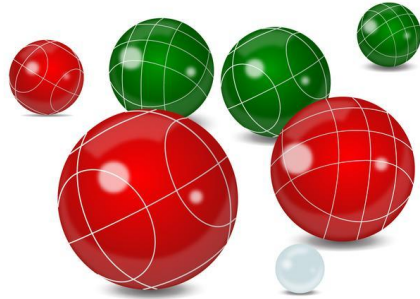
Everyone is invited to meet in Pioneer Hall at 8:00am for a light breakfast and participate in one or more of the following activities:

- Card writing - A team of people will write cards to homebound members and will go and visit.
- Cemetery upkeep - A small group will work at the cemetery getting the property ready for the winter.
- Prayer Garden refurbish at the Tron House - A group will work clearing the weeds and volunteer trees on the property around the Tron House.
- Treat bag filling for Treats in the Streets - Our children and youth will assemble candy bags for the annual Treats in the Street on Halloween when we give out candy to Trick or Treaters on the front lawn.
- Bag filling for the Hallyburton Weekend Food Ministry
- Filling Blessing Bags for distribution by church members - A group will be assembling Blessing Bags of basic food and cleaning supplies for the homeless people. These bags will be carried by any church member interested in putting one or two of these bags in their cars at a time to distribute to a homeless person they encounter.
- Filling Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes - We will assemble shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child.
- Painting at the home of a church member - A small group of adults will paint the exterior trim of one of our oldest member's home.

Then join us back in Pioneer Hall at noon for a light lunch and maybe a story or two.

Bocce Luncheon and Tournament

Sunday, October 20, Noon at the LPDA



Time is fast approaching for the annual fall Waldensian Presbyterian Bocce Luncheon and Tournament from which proceeds will go to support the church's Guatemalan mission team. Bocce teams will consist of two members, and the entry fee will be \$200.00 per team. Please email Jeanene Burris by Sunday, October 6, at neenee2162@gmail.com to register your team and send checks payable to Waldensian Presbyterian Church Mission Committee with a memo of Fall Bocce. A baked spaghetti lunch will be served beginning at 12:30 at the L.P.D.A. in Valdese with the tournament following the meal. Donations will be taken at the door to offset the cost of the meal. Thank you for your support of our ongoing Guatemalan ministry!



Treats in the Street Candy Donations Needed!

Last year we prepared over 1,200 treat bags, and this year we plan to top that number. Please be generous with your donations! Place them in the container just outside the church office no later than October 18!



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (Donations needed by October 18)

Suggested items are: small toys, hairbrushes, toothbrushes, washcloths, bandages, school supplies, lip gloss, travel-size tissues, socks, flip flops, post-it notes, silly putty, small toys. Please place your items in the container outside the church office.



OCTOBER CIRCLES

Circle 2	October 14	9:30am
	Doris Burris	
Circle 4	October 14	1:30pm
	Elizabeth Furr	
Circle 5	October 14	7:00pm
	Carolyn Williams	
Circle 7	October 14	2:00pm
	To be announced	

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team will meet on Monday, October 7, at 5pm in Room 200.

OCTOBER COMMITTEES

Tuesday, October 1st

6:00 PM Diaconate

Thursday, October 3rd

10:30 AM Jett Set

Sunday, October 6th

2:00 PM Christian Action

Monday, October 7th

7:00 PM Property

Wednesday, October 9th

3:00 PM Communications

6:30 PM Personnel

Sunday, October 13th

1:30 PM No Worship

2:00 PM Outreach

Sunday, October 20th

12:00 PM No Missions

4:00 PM Stewardship/Finance

6:00 PM Session

Monday, October 21st

10:00 AM Fellowship

OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 6
8:30am Connections
10:55am Traditional Worship

October 13
8:30am Connections
10:55am Traditional Worship

October 20
10:55am Unified Worship

October 27
8:30am Connections
10:55am Traditional Worship

MEN'S MINISTRY

All men are invited once again to the Waldensian Winery for conversation and fellowship on Thursday evening, October 24, from 4pm-6pm (the fourth Thursday of each month). This is a drop-in event. Remember to bring a snack to share!

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

October 13
Connections &
Traditional Services

*Please take a moment
to express your
appreciation and thanks
to Kevin!*



*Always
in our hearts
Forever
in our memory*

Christian sympathy is extended to family and friends of Enes Durand of Asheville who passed away on August 16.



JETT SET LUNCHEON



**Thursday, October 3rd
in Pioneer Hall**

Please call the church office
(874-2531) to sign up.



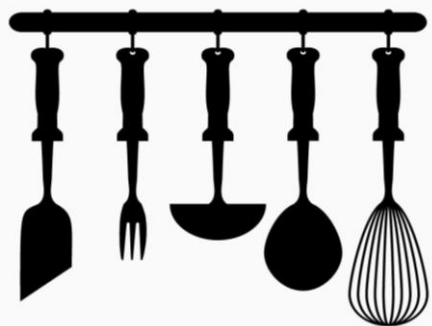
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The October mission project for the Presbyterian Women is the WPC Blessing Box for the homeless, located in the lower circle drive. Suggested items are: Wet wipes, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, socks, large band aids, ChapStick, wash cloths, and shampoo.

In addition, we can accept single serve items that do not need preparation and have a long shelf life, such as fruit and pudding cups, containers or pouches of crackers and tuna, chicken salad, cereal and breakfast bars, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, Vienna sausages, fruit rollups, Slim Jims, water, instant coffee, spiced cider, or hot chocolate. Gloves and toboggans are also welcome.

Donations may be placed in the containers just outside the church office.

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN



Have you ever wondered what they mean by "sell by date, use by date, expiration date"????? I will try to give you a few pointers or further muddy the waters.

Sell By Date: The date the store has to sell by or reduce for quick sell. If the item is a perishable one, use immediately or freeze, i.e. meat or dairy products, even milk.

Use By Date: This date is for optimal freshness and flavor. Can you use past that date? Absolutely. Remember, your food doesn't know what date it is.

Expiration Date: Same as use by date. However; when you have a fridge full of leftovers, generally use within 7 days.

Always remember to use the FIFO method, first in first out. Rotate your pantry and freezer regularly.

Some of you asked for my Dill Pickle Dip Recipe. Here you have it:

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
1 cup dill pickle relish, drained
1Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp. onion powder
1½ cups grated cheese
Dill weed

- * Mix all ingredients EXCEPT grated cheese.
- * Stir in grated cheese.
- * Form into a ball.
- * Sprinkle with dill weed.
- * Refrigerate for an hour or so.

Bon Appetite!

- Coron Jordan

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Oct. 1	Zach Daw
	Emilie Jacumin-Simmons
Oct. 3	Erin Rock Jackson
Oct. 4	Emma Victoria Bonner
Oct. 5	Gretchen Costner
	Renee Gravel
	Jared Huffman
Oct. 6	Katherine Fletcher
Oct. 8	Valerie Adams
	Kennedy Brendle
	Karen Clark Caruso
Oct. 9	Emersyn Elise Freeman
Oct. 10	Michael Bonner
	Kristie Johnson
	Miriam Jolly
	Caroline Toler
Oct. 11	Sofie Adams
	Willie Pascal
Oct. 12	Richard Neale, Jr.
Oct. 13	Tracey Treadway
Oct. 14	Connie Wageli
Oct. 15	Melinda Davis
	Marsha Harbison
	Marie Mitchell
	Tom Rice
Oct. 17	Brittany Hathaway
Oct. 18	Winnifred Burris Turner
Oct. 19	Robert Heilman
	Lilah Johnson
	Azzam Kamal
Oct. 20	Josh Evans
	Jonas-Henry Johnson
Oct. 21	David Andersen
	Anna Bordeleau
Oct. 22	Alina Austin
Oct. 23	Gray Freeman
	Jenny Burris Mahorney
Oct. 24	Karen Evans Bryant
Oct. 25	J.D. Brinkley
	Mitchell Epley
	Yvette Foshee
Oct. 27	Bill Gaillard
Oct. 28	Kendall Jillings
Oct. 29	Amanda Bonner
	Eric Parsons
Oct. 30	Brenda Zimmerman



Handbell Choir needs two more ringers!

Wednesdays from
5:45-6:30pm in sanctuary

Please join us!
We ring in worship on
October 27 and December 15.



BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday, October 13 at 4:00pm
(outdoors, weather permitting;
rain date is October 20)
Music by Children's Choir



*Christmas Organ Recital
by local students
Joseph Franklin & Josiah Riddle*

*Sunday, December 8 at 3:00pm
in our sanctuary
Reception to follow*



Cast members still needed!

**This is so much fun—you don't want
to miss the opportunity to be a part
of this musical!**

**Practices for dialogue/scenes are
Thursday afternoons from 4:00-
5:00pm in Pioneer Hall.**

Children's Choir Sings and Plays at Tron House

Sunday, October 20
from 10:00-10:15am
(short field trip during
Children's Church!)

Save the date!

Sunday, December 15

- **10:45am Handbell Choir rings
prelude music (10 minutes)**
- **10:55am Chancel Choir Cantata—
music of Dan Forrest**
- **4:00pm Arrest These Merry
Gentlemen! presented by children
and youth in Pioneer Hall (light
refreshments served)**

CHRISTIAN ACTION

Treats in the Streets! | Sunday School | Wreath Fundraiser

Sunday School

Sunday School is off to a great start! We have three adult Sunday School classes! Each of our classes offers diverse topics and different settings so our adults can choose a class they like best.

Sunday School is a great place to learn about how the ancient message of the Bible has applied to millions of people throughout history!

When you study the Bible with God's people, you develop a perspective that is impossible to achieve through individual experience.

Children's Church

Our Sunday Morning program for children blends Sunday School and the traditional worship hour into one seamless event for your child.

We begin gathering at 9:45am and we wrap up at 12 noon.



Treats in the Streets

October 31st, 4-6pm

Crunching leaves! Crisp air! Ghosts and witches!

It's almost time for the annual "Treats in the Streets" Halloween event. Every year WPC hands out treat bags filled with great selections of candy. We will fill the treat bags during Mission Day, October 19th at 8am. This year we have set a huge goal of **1200 treat bags!!** Last year we distributed 1100 treat bags and had to turn children away when we ran out. WPC Youth needs 2 things from you:

- 1 - Candy! We need tons (literally) of candy! Your donations are what we pack and hand out to the local children.
- 2 - Hands! This year we could use your help packing all of those treat bags!



WPC YOUTH CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Hot chocolate. Gingerbread. Friends and family. Crisp mornings. Can you smell that? Its the aroma of fresh cut evergreens hanging on the hearth. Is there a better way to start the season of Christmas than with a fresh cut Christmas wreath? Our youth will be making wreaths by the dozen this year. Place your order with us and support our youth!

We start taking orders November 1st and will be clamping wreaths until December 15th

24" Wreaths - \$20 Other sizes available upon request

Words of Thanks

We wish to thank Kevin and the entire congregation for your prayers for our son, Jeffrey, beginning with his diagnosis of lung cancer in November 2011. Your prayerful support without a doubt helped the M.D. Anderson team to extend his years and quality of life beyond the initial projections. His loss of the brave battle on July 26 was a devastating blow and although we didn't have an opportunity to tell him goodbye and that we loved him, one more time, we are grateful that God spared him a long period of debilitating suffering. We are especially appreciative of the outpouring of sympathy from our church family over the past few weeks as expressed in so many ways, whether as a memorial contribution to the American Cancer Society, an expression through food or a plant, a thoughtful message in a card, or a silent prayer. The final version of his obituary and a beautiful video tribute can be viewed at:

<https://www.andrewsmortuary.com/obituary/jeffrey-harvey>

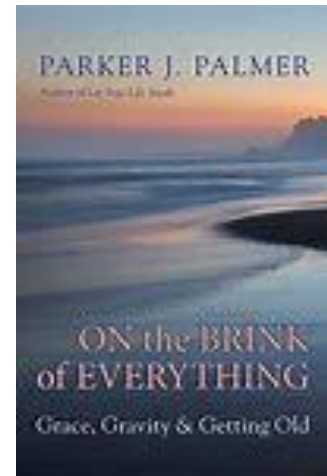
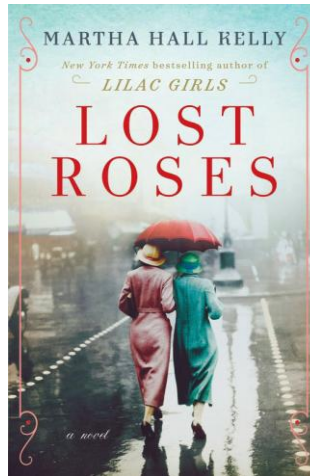
With God's and your love and continued support, we will persevere as we try to understand why we were chosen to outlive one of our children.

Linda and Glenn Harvey

Thank you to everyone for your acts of kindness to me over the last few weeks. I am doing OK now, and I have just started down the chemotherapy road. Your thoughts, prayers, and cards were so much appreciated. Please continue to remember me in prayer. I hope to be back around the church soon!

Gunter Harbison

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



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.

Evening Book Discussion Group - 5pm

(meets at the Tron House on the second Thursday of month)

Thursday, October 10 – *Lost Roses* by Martha Hall Kelly

Thursday, November 14 – *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress: A Novel* by Dai Sijie

Faith Matters Group – 4pm

(meets in Room 200 the fourth Sunday of the month)

Sunday, October 27 – *On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity, and Getting Old* by Parker J. Palmer

Sunday, November 24 – *A Call to Action: Women, Religion, Violence, and Power* by Jimmy Carter

Sunday, December 29 – *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Gregory Boyle

Join us any month! The morning and evening groups meet at the Tron House behind the Museum on St. Germain Avenue. The afternoon group meets in Room 200.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights Stated Session Meeting Minutes July 28, 2019

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.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Martinat)

Steve reported that total revenues, through June, were \$174,492. Total expenses were \$245,762 for a shortfall of \$71,270. After the approved budget offset of \$24,086 the shortfall to date is \$47,183. Steve said that pledges, for this time of year, are low. He said that the reason for low contributions may be caused by the delay in sending out the contribution statements to all church members. He said that our auditors, Lowdermilk and Church, reviewed our records in June. Steve said that he will be meeting with Sheila, Kela, Jim Rostan, and the auditors on August 7 to review their findings. He said that contribution statements were mailed in July. On a positive note, he said that our endowment funds are back to where they were before paying for the new organ and the slate floor in the sanctuary. Steve answered several questions from the Elders. Some committees did not get their financial reports for the end of June. Steve said he would have reports to all committees for the end of July. Steve said that with the closing of Wells Fargo Bank, our accounts will be transferred to First Citizens Bank.

Approved Motions (other than routine):

Motion: To authorize the Garden Committee to sell a 1953 Ford Ferguson Tractor with the proceeds being returned to the Garden Committee.

Motion: The Worship Committee moves to approve the attached changes to the Wedding Booklet.

Motion: The Worship Committee moves the approval of the Baptism of Boston Ace Bollinger, son of Benny Bollinger and Katie Gravel on August 4, 2019.

Motion: To send the revised Electronic Communication Guidelines to Session (pending subcommittee approval).

A motion was made by W.T. and seconded by John to postpone this motion to a future meeting because the written policy for the Electronic Communication Guidelines was not available for review before the Session meeting. This motion was approved unanimously.

Motion: That half of the festival proceeds go to benefit the Dry Bottoms Ministry, and the other half be used for possible upgrades to the WPC playground.

Other News

Soccer Camp - Soccer Camp was huge success, with 61 kids participating in the camp. Kevin said a great amount of gratitude should be given to all the volunteers, kitchen staff, and others who worked for the successful outcome of the camp.

Vehicle usage – Kevin stated that we should list any items for maintenance for any church vehicle and give this information to Fred.

Bus replacement – Kevin stated that there is a plan underway to replace the old large bus that is used by the church. The plan is to replace it with a 15 passenger van. Details of the purchase, financing, and insurance issues will be completed by the Property Committee, with a report to Session at a later date.

Kevin noted that a total of 1,069 pounds of potatoes were collected out of the Community Garden by a group of 12 volunteers. He also said that the Garden Committee will sell a 1953 tractor, with the proceeds going back to the Community Garden.

The long-term support committee is still working to secure at least two families to partner with. Dr. Frederick shared that it is important to establish these partnerships to help congregants who are willing to aid in the sustainability of the program understand its viability. Jeanene Burris suggested reaching out again to Valdese (Charles Williams) and Drexel (Jessie Gravel) Elementary principals to aid in the search. Ed McFadden relayed that he would use CAM as a conduit for potential recipients. Jeanene Burris will also be following up on a family in need of which she is aware.

Carolyn Williams stated that the Nominating Committee has met and has nominees for three Elders and four Deacons.

Financial Secretary's job description revision is underway and will probably be complete in September. (Frank Grill stated that the Financial Secretary's 16-hour work week will be extended to December).

The air conditioning in the narthex has been repaired. Cost was \$4,000.

The gas line for the sanctuary heat was installed. Cost was included in the \$6,000 cost for the furnace.

The main water heater will need to be replaced. Cost will be \$4,250.

The Fire Inspector has completed the follow-up inspection.

There was no report from S&F, but Kevin discussed Gunter's recent surgery and his proposed treatment. We all wish Gunter a speedy recovery.

There will be a service of Racial Harmony at our church on September 9, at 7:00pm.

There will be a blessing of the Pets on the front lawn at 4:00pm on October 13. Rain day for the event will be October 20.

Vacation Bible School – The committee thanked Connie Massagee for the beautiful animal paintings for Bible

School, and also a thanks to Jason and all the VBS volunteers.

The "Make It, Take It" program had 10 children in June, and 12 in July.

Rally day will be September 8. There will be a continental breakfast in the breezeway.

Confirmation classes will take place in the spring of 2020.

Jan Garrou commented on the excellent work that Coron Jordan is doing as Kitchen Coordinator.

John Cannon
Clerk of Session

Our September Nickel a Meal offering totaled \$131.
Thanks for your support!



Visit our YouTube channel to find videos of each week's 10:55am worship service:
youtube.com/waldensianpcusa

A preacher went to visit one of the little, old Saints of the church. In conversation he asks her if she ever thought of the hereafter. She said, "My yes!! Every day! Every time I go into another room I ask myself, now what am I here after?"

Music to a pastor's ears

1. We were just getting ready to leave for church when company came—so we brought them with us.
2. I know it looks impossible, but with God's help we can do it.
3. Of course I'll accept that responsibility. It will be a privilege.
4. I'm willing to help in any way I can.
5. God was really speaking to me through you during today's service.
6. I'll be glad to help you with visitations.

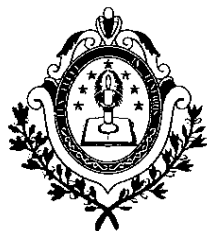
Bible Quiz

After Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were thrown, bound, into a blazing furnace for refusing to worship false gods, how many men did King Nebuchadnezzar see walking around in the fire?

- A. None — they were all dead
- B. Three — unbound and unharmed
- C. Four — and the fourth looked like a divine being
- D. Too many to count



Answer: C (See Daniel 3:25.)



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September 3, 2019

Mr. Tom Garrou
1013 Hillcrest Street
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Dear Tom,

At the August 25, 2019 meeting of the Session of Waldensian Presbyterian Church, the open house for the Tron House Café was discussed, with many positive comments for all the work that has been done to this facility in the past year. The idea for the Café model came from you and the Diaconate of our church, and your leadership in implementing this concept for a meeting area for our church members is greatly appreciated.

The Session would like to express our gratitude to you, and all the many volunteers, who have spent many hours in making this project a success. This will truly be an asset to our church and to all the groups that use it in the future. Thanks for all your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

John Cannon

John Cannon
Clerk of Session



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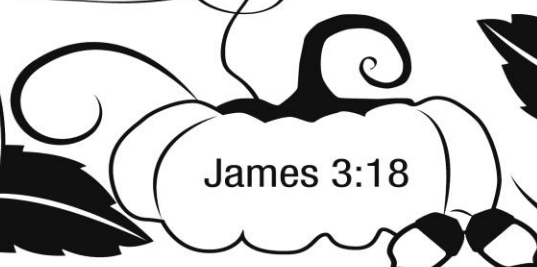
Harvest hunt

Directions: After unscrambling each leaf's word, follow the vine to complete the Bible verse.

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Peacemakers who sow in _ _ _ _ _ reap a harvest of righteousness. James 3:18, NIV

Let us not become _ _ _ _ _ in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9, NIV

I tell you, open your eyes and look at the _ _ _ _ _ !
They are ripe for harvest. John 4:35, NIV

Answer: peace, weary, fields