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Dear Friends in Christ,

As the Transition Team conducts its survey about the future, I believe one deep hope is for every member to have a ministry. Surveys are ultimately about our embracing ministries about which we become excited. Let me remind you of three important arenas as you prepare for Vision Sunday on October 10th – Worship, Service, & Giving. These three elements are rightly part of our Christian duty. Sometimes we need to recall that these elements of the Church's life have been ordained by God for our benefit, not for God's.

First, we need to present ourselves at worship and give glory to God, because that is how we have been fashioned by our Creator. The 1st question of the *Westminster Catechism* asks,

“What is the chief end of man?”

To which it answers:

“To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

We exist for purposes of our glorifying God. Worshipping and glorifying God is something that Jesus says becomes possible whenever, *“two or more are gathered.”* In worship, God is the only spectator, we are the participants together and we penalize ourselves when we neglect our proper homage to the Almighty. Worship unlocks our hearts before God. Without worship our faith withers.

Secondly, we say in the *Book of Order* that we are *“elected for service as well as salvation.* God has redeemed us for a purpose. Search the opportunities and imagine the possibilities. When Jesus washed his disciples' feet he reminded them, *“You are blessed if you do this.”* Over and over I hear people who serve Christ as officers, Youth Leaders, food pantry volunteers, Sunday school teachers, and in other ways, share – *“I've gotten more out of it than they (care-receivers, students, less fortunate, etc.) have.”* They are correct for God both redeems and calls us to serve in light of our spiritual gifts - gifts and calling that we unlock through the study of God's word in the company of fellow Christians. Paul exhorts the Philippians to *“let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus...who took the form of a servant.”* Serving unlocks blessing before God. Without serving our faith withers.

Thirdly, we say again in the *Book of Order* that we are called to exercise *“a faithful stewardship that shuns ostentation.”* Christ calls us to lives of simplicity and generosity. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus points to the *“lilies of the field”* and reflects on how *“they neither spin nor weave yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed as one of these.”* God's providential care for the flowers points to our need to respect God's providential care for us. Jesus uses the illustration to point to the allure of things when he says, *“you cannot serve God and Mammon (wealth).”* Giving unlocks our trust in God. Without giving our faith withers.

I want to challenge you this year in earnest to trust God at His Word to worship more regularly, serve more intentionally, and give more generously. I challenge you to do this not because we need to claim more numbers or engage more people in education and mission or have more money. I want to challenge you to do so, because it will grow your faith and feed your soul. Jesus challenged Peter, *“Feed my sheep.”* I believe you will discover that even in the midst of Covid doing so will be a blessing. The cornerstone of my personal sense of call is that Christ has challenged me to do the same. I believe in the depth of my being that the best *“feeding”* for you in the faith will be found in your worshipping, serving, and giving. **This is the essence of stewardship.** It will unlock faith, blessing, and trust.

I am yours in Christ's service,
John



OCTOBER CIRCLES

Circle 2	October 13	10:00am
	No Meeting	
Circle 4	October 11	1:00pm
	No Meeting	
Circle 5	October 11	7:00pm
	No Meeting	
Circle 7	October 11	1:00pm
	Pioneer Hall	

The Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team will not meet in October.

OCTOBER COMMITTEES

Sunday, October 3rd

2:00 PM Christian Action

Tuesday, October 4th

6:15 PM Diaconate

Tuesday, October 5th

7:00 PM Property

Sunday, October 10th

11:15 PM Worship

4:00 PM Outreach

Tuesday, October 13th

6:30 PM Personnel

Sunday, October 17th

4:00 PM Stewardship/Finance

Monday, October 18th

10:00 AM No Fellowship

Sunday, October 24th

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 service date you wish to view.



Rev. Frye continues to offer an Adult Bible Study each Wednesday at 5pm, in Room 200 entitled "Invitation to the Minor Prophets." If you would prefer to participate via Zoom, please call Rita in the church office to receive Zoom invites.



On Sunday, October 3, we will observe World Communion Sunday. We will also be receiving our Peace and Global Witness Offering. This offering promotes the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice through advocacy and ministry around the world.

Please note that we will be suspending homebound communion until a safer time.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Our Wednesday night drive-by meals will resume on October 6 with pick-up time from 4:30-5:30pm in the breezeway. Reservations are required, so watch for emails the week before listing the menu. Please call or email the church office to make reservations no later than Monday morning at 8:30am [874-2531 or office@waldpres.org]. The cost of the meal is \$6 per person.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

to elect new officers to the Class of 2024 during worship on Sunday, October 17

DONATE ONLINE

Online giving is available on the church's website (www.waldpres.org) Just click the Donate tab, create a profile, sign on, and start giving.

BLESSINGS OF PETS



WPC will have a Blessing of the Pets Service on Sunday, October 10, at 3:00pm on the front lawn. Please bring your pet and a lawn chair and join us for this special service. (In case of inclement weather, the service will be held on Sunday, October 17.)

Waldensian Heritage Museum

Now open Tuesday thru Friday
Morning Tour at 11:00am
Afternoon Tour at 2:00pm
Groups of 6 or less by appointment

Please call the museum at 828-874-1111 to schedule a tour. Face masks are required while inside the museum. We look forward to seeing you!

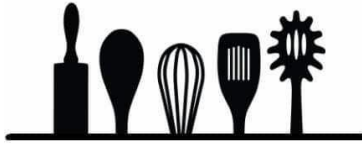


September was such a full month of music events for our church. I am so thankful to each person who played and sang in worship and for the beautiful memorial service for Louis Garrou on September 18, including our guest trumpeter, tenor and baritone soloists. We celebrated Carla's extraordinary gifts as our organist. She truly played two full recitals, just one short week apart, between the memorial service and her own long-anticipated recital on the 26th. That takes such remarkable discipline and skill.

October (really? It's October?!?) will bring some focused rehearsals toward our **Handbell Choir's concert on Sunday afternoon, December 12 at 3:00 pm**, and our **Chancel Choir's "cantata" on Sunday, December 19 in our morning worship**. Youth drama and drum circle continue to meet on Sunday afternoons at 4:00 and 4:45 respectively. Connections Band plans to practice each Sunday afternoon in this month. I keep reminding myself that this is our 2nd highly unusual year of this Pandemic. There is nothing "normal" about it, but we persevere.

And always, God is with us.
Laurie Nicholson

NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN



At the end of growing season, there seems to be an abundance of herbs, or I am not cooking enough. It always pains me to throw away good herbs, so I preserve them and use them over the winter. Fresh is best, and these methods are very close. Some herbs can be frozen on the stem and stored in the freezer in freezer bags. Simply place the herbs on a baking sheet and place in freezer. After they are frozen, transfer to a freezer bag. The heartier herbs like rosemary, dill, thyme bay or sage are best using this method. To use, remove from the freezer bag as needed.

For long term freezing, tender herbs like mint, parsley and cilantro can be removed from stems and frozen in ice cube trays. Pack the trays with the chopped herbs and cover with water. After they are frozen, transfer to an airtight container. Basil, one of my favorites, is best when frozen in oil, just like making pesto. The basil can be chopped, with a knife or processed in an electric processor. A good rule of thumb is to use 1 cup of herb plus ¼ cup oil. Fill ice cube trays with mixture. After frozen, store in an air-tight container. This is a great addition to soups and stews in the winter.

The pesto recipe below is freezer friendly and a great companion to any pasta.

BASIL PESTO

4 oz. Pine Nuts
4 C Fresh Basil
3 Garlic Cloves
1 C Coarsely Grated Parmesan Cheese
1 T Lemon Zest
1 C Olive Oil
Kosher Salt and Fresh Ground Pepper to taste

Add the pine nuts to a small skillet over medium heat and toast until golden brown, 2-3 minutes. Then set aside.

In the bowl of the food processor, add ½ of the pine nuts, 3 cups basil, 2 cloves of garlic, ½ cup cheese and lemon zest. Process the ingredients for approximately 30 seconds or until the ingredients are finely chopped.

While the food processor is still running on low, slowly drizzle in ¼ cup olive oil and continue processing until a smooth paste begins to form. Stop processor and scrape down sides.

Add remaining pine nuts, basil, garlic and cheese. Pulse until finely chopped.

Store in refrigerator in air-tight container up to five days or freeze in ice cube trays. When frozen, store in air-tight container.

Bon Appetit!
Coron Jordan

HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED!



The Christian Action Committee will again be collecting Halloween candy for Treats in the Streets. We will be receiving donations through October 17, and they may be dropped off in the container outside the church office.



CHRISTIAN ACTION

Youth | [Rally Day: POSTPONE until January 2021](#) | Whitewater Rafting

WPC Youth

Sunday - 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday - 6pm - 8pm

WPC Youth enjoys at least two weekly meetings. On Sundays the youth gather at the Tron House and plan a meal time together. This fellowship time is crucial for developing the connections needed for a group hoping to learn how to live as Jesus expects His people to live.

On Wednesdays the youth typically dive into the Bible and discuss relevant issues they are facing.

During the month of September, we learned about the power of our friendships and how we are influenced by our peers in major ways. The students were encouraged to discover if they could be a friend like Jonathon was for David. Could they want only what is good for their friends? Do they have friends like Jonathon? Why or why not?

Read more in 1 Samuel 18



WPC Youth sends a big thank you to the folks who knew a whitewater trip was just what they needed!

On Saturday, September 11, we traveled to the Nantahala Outdoor Center in Bryson City. Being near the end of the season, most of the facilities were sparsely populated. Our group of 14 enjoyed a few hours of the great outdoors and learned to work as a team to maneuver their raft.

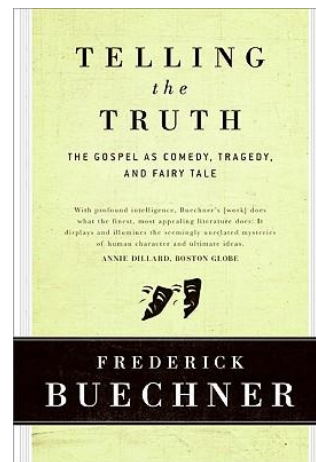
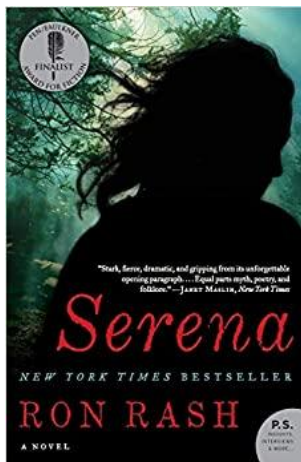
As we remembered the attacks of September 11, we discussed how life is often similar to being in a raft with others. We never have complete control of how events unfold, or what the river is doing. However, when we understand that each individual's contribution is necessary to get the raft where it needs to be, it helps us successfully navigate the river. The people of God make a big difference when circumstances get out of control because they value others and work together!



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



- Oct. 1 Zach Daw
Emilie Jacumin-Simmons
- Oct. 3 Erin Rock Jackson
- Oct. 4 Emma Victoria Bonner
- Oct. 5 Gretchen Costner
Jared Huffman
- Oct. 6 Katherine Fletcher
- Oct. 8 Valerie Adams
Kennedy Brendle
Karen Clark Caruso
- Oct. 9 Emersyn Elise Freeman
- Oct. 10 Michael Bonner
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 Kela Cannon
Melinda Davis
Marsha Harbison
Marie Mitchell
Tom Rice
- Oct. 17 Brittany Hathaway
James David Pope
- 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
Dawson Greene
Eric Parsons
- Oct. 30 Brenda Zimmerman



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, October 14 – *Serena* by Ron Rash, NC Author

Thursday, November 11 – *Down River* by John Hart, NC Author

Thursday, December 9 – *Prayers the Devil Answers* by Sharon McCrumb, NC Author

Faith Matters Group – 4pm

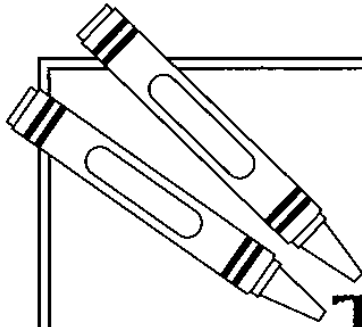
(meets in Room 200 the fourth Sunday of the month)

Sunday, October 24 – *Resident Aliens: Life in the Christian Colony* by Stanley Hauerwas & William Willimon

Sunday, November 28 – *Telling the Truth* by Frederick Buechner

Sunday, December 26 – *Days of Awe and Wonder: How to Be a Christian in the Twenty-first Century* by Marcus J. Borg

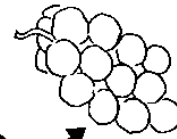
Sunday, January 23, 2022 – *The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering Our Hidden life in God (Part One)* by Dallas Willard



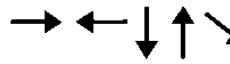
Just for **KIDS**

The Harvest

Harvest time was very important to the Israelites. They had three harvests each year: barley in spring; wheat in summer; fruits in autumn.



Find these foods that the Israelites harvested, and circle them.



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| GRAPES | HERBS | OLIVES | APPLES | GOURDS |
| BARLEY | NUTS | BEANS | ONIONS | LENTILS |
| ALMONDS | LEEKS | FIGS | CUCUMBERS | |
| WHEAT | MELONS | RYE | POMEGRANATES | |



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