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Steve's Slant...

May Day is a big deal.

In countries all around the world May 1st is celebrated as a national holiday, though often for very different reasons. I say this because this year May Day is kind of a big deal here at Warren Wilson Presbyterian. On Sunday morning, May 1st, we will enjoy a worship service led largely by our children and youth (with guidance – and a sermon – from Beth.)

We will also honor one of the true daughters of this congregation. Rebecca Hettrick will be graduating from Owen High in just a few weeks, and then preparing to head off in the fall to attend Berry College in Mount Berry, Georgia. This is our chance to honor Rebecca for her achievements – academic, musical and otherwise. As a congregation we can convey our love for her and to show her how much she has meant to us as we've watched a sweet, young girl blossom into a lovely and talented young woman.

So, for those reasons alone, this Sunday already promises to be a special day. But that's not all.

Following worship, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for the first of two informational sessions focused on our forward planning process. The leadership team has developed four new statements (identity, values, vision and mission) and five proposed goals for our congregation.

Session approved these statements and goals at its stated meeting in April. And now, as you will read in a letter from the leadership team on page 3 of this issue, we want to share this rich information with you. And we need your input once more to help us brainstorm specific ideas for how to meet these proposed goals. These specific ideas will be vitally important as we begin work on the final plan that will shape our ministries in the years to come.

As hearty as these two pieces are (worship and forward planning), that's still not all.

Later on Sunday evening – at 6:00 p.m. to be exact – we will host our final gathering of the Back Porch Sessions for this academic year. We hope you'll join us for what promises to be a terrifically fun evening of barbeque and live music, hosted by Doug and Darcy Orr, along with Doug's sometime fellow Blues Brother, Rodney Lytle.

So May 1st promises to be a big day, and wonderful day. But it's just the start of what promises to be a big, wonderful month here at WWPC.

Check it out:

- Sunday, May 8, the Warren Wilson College Choir, under the direction of Steve Williams will offer a Mother's Day concert at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, May 11, we'll host our last Just For Fun event of the year. Two words: Game night! (Starts with dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.)
- Sunday, May 15, following worship we will hold the second of the two informational sessions centered on our forward planning process. As providence would have it, this is Pentecost Sunday. May the wind of God's Spirit blow!
- Sunday, May 22, following worship the Christian Education committee will host a picnic for the whole congregation at Montreat, followed by tour of the Presbyterian Heritage Center.

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The Warren Wilson Book Club will have the final meeting of the season on Thursday, May 12th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. The book for discussion is “The Faith Club” by Ranya Idliby, Susanne Oliver and Pricilla Warner. Three young mothers, a Muslim, a Jew and a Christian join together in an effort to find the connection between the 3 religions. Bring a sandwich - drinks and snacks will be provided. The group resumes meeting in September with a salad potluck.

JUST FOR FUN Join us for pizza, ice cream sundaes and board games as we celebrate our last Just For Fun until September on May 11th from 5:00-7:00. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex; we want to have enough goodies for everyone. See you there!

News from the Music Transition and Search Committee

On page 4, please see a feature article on the Steve Williams Celebration, planned for June 6.

Beginning this month, look for a needs assessment – a survey to help us with our search process. Then, beginning June 11, we will have substitute organists. Most of the summer will be covered by David Foster, formerly with First Baptist, Asheville; and by Michael Knoll, formerly with Swannanoa Presbyterian. Vivian Hare-Grogg, from New Hope Presbyterian, will play July 10.

The Session has approved a Search Committee: Diana Sanderson, Doug Orr, Beth Meriweather, and Corise Gambrell. Joyce Ackerman and Steve Williams have worked together on a job description. The Search Committee will use the job description, data from Forward Planning, and a congregational survey as we begin to consider the future of the music program at Warren Wilson.

May Birthdays!

Witherspoon	Gene	May 1
Wilson	Ron	May 2
Guardenier	Babs	May 8
Newman	Lizzy	May 10
Williams	Steven	May 10
Marvin	Frank	May 11
Wilson	Pat	May 11
Newman	Tess	May 13
Williams	John	May 15
Fore	Bill	May 27



Guardenier	Ned	May 27
Pulsifer	Zach	May 28
Garrison	Rick	May 30



Dear friends,

Perhaps you've been keeping tabs on the Forward Planning Process via the Extended Family newsletter articles. Or you may have heard Pastor Steve make announcements about gatherings to be held after worship in May to share updates about the process with the congregation.

Many of you participated in one of 11 Listening Sessions back in the fall. Your input was foundational to this process. The Leadership Team synthesized and distilled this information into thirteen ideas (themes) that would strengthen WWPC in the future. In the winter we asked you to come back and prioritize these themes and complete a Commitment Form indicating three areas of interest you'd be willing to support with your talents, time and energy. We took all this information into our planning retreat with Session (facilitated by Marylyn Huff) in Montreat in February.

Since then, the Leadership Team has met numerous times, occasionally with Marylyn's support. Working diligently and prayerfully, we created a document that we took to Session on April 19 for their review and approval. It includes: Identity, Values, Vision and Mission and five proposed three-year goals for our congregation.

We now want to share all of this rich information with you. (We have attached these documents with this email to help you process this information.) And we also need your input once more.

This is the next step on the journey toward developing a full ministry plan, the point where the "rubber meets the road." We'll ask you to brainstorm specific ideas for how to meet our proposed goals. These ideas will shape what our ministries look like as we live into our future together.

Following worship on May 1st and May 15th, we will review the Session-approved documents with you. After a brief introduction, we'll break into small groups, each focusing on one of the four goals. We'll have a few questions to help frame your discussions about the goal, and we'll make sure to once again take lots of notes!

So please do sign up for one, or both, of these informational meetings on May 1st and May 15th. If you have an interest in more than one goal, you are encouraged to attend both meetings. If you haven't yet participated in the process you are most welcome to join in now. We welcome and value everyone's input!

This is the next to last step in our process. Over the summer the team will use your input to help us reach the team's ultimate goal of drafting a full ministry plan for our congregation.

Thanks so much for having been part of this process – and PLEASE – do continue to be a part!

Sincerely,

The Forward Planning Leadership Team
(Sally Broughton, Derron Daugherty, Georgena Millar, Mike Levi, Kathy Rouse)
Steve's Slant... (con't)

Admittedly, that's a lot. And it's all good stuff. But it's still not all.

There is one last, important piece to this overall picture. Throughout the month of May, our music ministry transition team will be soliciting your input on our music program.

To help them do this, the team has prepared a needs assessment designed, first, to determine what you love and value the most about our current music program. It will also ask for your thoughts, suggestions or ideas about how our music program might further enhance your worship experience here at WWPC.

So look for this survey in your email inbox, or (if you don't use email) in your regular mailbox, or in the bulletin on Sunday morning.

It bears repeating that we are immensely grateful to Steve Williams for his gracious support for this preliminary work, which will enable us to expedite the search for our next director of music. As you can see, May Day is a big deal. But it's just the start of what promises to be a rich, fun, wonderful – and important – month in the life of this active congregation.



Come celebrate the end of another year of **Christian Education**. The CE committee will be hosting a BBQ picnic after church at Robert Lake Park in Montreat after worship on May 22nd. Come to church in your casual clothes; kids come ready to play on the playground and splash in the creek. We'll ask for a small donation to help cover the cost of the food. We'll also have the chance to tour the Presbyterian Heritage center after lunch for those who are interested. Rides to the center will be provided for those who need them. Please sign up in the narthex.

In celebration of Steve Williams' thirty-five years at Warren Wilson and an opportunity to say thank you and goodbye we are planning a glorious day on June 5. Beginning at 10:15 there will be lots of beautiful music, prior to our regular worship service at 11:00, and followed by really good food and an opportunity to laugh and maybe shed a few tears with Steve as we say our goodbyes and best wishes.



In preparation we are compiling a scrapbook of photos, notes and cards for Steve (anything you have that will fit into a book that you don't need returned to you). Please give these items to Betty Siviter, Joyce Ackerman or Corise Gambrell, or mail them to the church **no later than May 25 so that we can compile them prior to the 5th**.

*The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God
and the refreshment of the soul. J. S. Bach*



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