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What does the Lord Require of You?

Readers, you've probably all felt it in some way or another – there have been lots of opportunities - a later worship hour, revived Sunday morning fellowship classes, some cooler days and evenings, hurricanes in the vicinity, and earth with light carpets of fallen leaves – autumn is upon us. We've welcomed students back, Homecoming is just around the corner, and that means that Stewardship season will be as well.

Your 2017 stewardship committee, representing long term and newer members are a bare-bones, practical, realistic bunch of folks. They are people who have grown up in church families, watched and noticed year after year as their parents listened to sermons and messages, responded with completed pledge cards, and filled church envelopes week after week. They've carried that tradition, that understanding that sharing is at least part of what life's all about, into their own faith practice. It's in their nature to discern: when I see so much chaos, and hear about such need, when my hopes for the world are nurtured in a refuge I call church, where my life is given meaning by the words I hear, the friends I hold dear, the family that adopts me, it is then that I realize I have a calling to support what's relevant and important in my life.

This year's stewardship committee is imagining that your life might be similar – hopefully you've had strong guides in your past that got you started on an even keel, you see the world's struggles and long to be a part of God's response, and you've found this place that we call church home that helps you make sense of God's calling for your own life.

We'll soon be asking you to listen for the still small voice within: "What Does the Lord Require of You?" We cannot answer that question, but we are compelled to ask, because we are a church with a vision, with a mission, with great hopes and longings, hopefully doing our best to meet the needs we're being called to address.

Stay tuned, stewardship is calling us all.



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October Birthdays!

Rebecca Hettrick	October 4	Donna Eagle Joslin	October 6
Marion Satterfield	October 10	William McDowell	October 12
Betty Smith	October 15	Mark Meriwether	October 17
Bill Heck	October 18	Evan Williams	October 21
Salyna Morgan	October 22	Susan Laney	October 25
Toby Ives	October 25	Käthe Mosher	October 25
Barbara Griswold	October 27		



The Warren Wilson Book Group began their fall meetings with a Welcome Back Salad Pot Luck. A cake decorated as an open book was the dessert for the day. (See photo to left)

The October meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Oct. 12th at noon. Bring a sandwich --- drinks will be provided.

Sandy Brauer will led a discussion of "Love, Anthony" by Lisa Genova. Judi Repman will provide an snacks. Come with a sandwich and join the group.

Did you know that the WWC Homecoming, as we know it, was started in 1956 by Ernst Laursen and other alums? Back then the church was pretty much just for college staff and students, so throwing a big potluck was part of the deal. We are continuing our part in that great tradition with our after worship lunch on October 8. The Church/College Relations Ministry Team will provide a meat and a vegetarian dishes to extend the table, as it were. So fire up your stoves/ovens and bring out your finest potluck dishes. The Alumni & Student Life offices have included the Sunday lunch in all their schedules for the weekend, so we hope to have oodles of alums and families join us. Please let us know on the sign-ups in the narthex what you think you'll bring (you're not beholden to it) and if you have time to help set up before and/or clean up afterwards.



Thank you to all who helped to set up for and clean up after the Welcome Students! potluck on August 27. I truly appreciate it! ~Diana



Nikita Norris and Regina Hunter, and their daughter, Kyree, future owners of Habitat for Humanity Presbyterian/Methodist House #26 now being built in Arden, attended our worship service and Habitat Moment for Mission Sept. 24. Regina spoke at the service, was thankful for our help with the house, and then wrote to Habitat coordinator Larry Griswold stating "Thank all of you for having us! Everything was beautiful and we had a wonderful time."

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society will hold its 2017 Fall Meeting on Saturday, October 14, at the First Presbyterian Church in Concord, NC. The church has a very interesting history, and the meeting will include a tour of their 3-acre Memorial Gardens. The gardens were begun in the 1930s around and through the 200-year-old cemetery, and it is now recognized as one of the most beautiful gardens in the state. Registration is \$15, and registration and coffee will be from 9:30 to 10:30. The schedule, registration form, and address are on the website at www.ncphsociety.org, or contact Program Chair Steve McRae at smcrae@stevemcraelaw.com or [\(336\) 693-1929](tel:3366931929).



We are exploring the possibility of forming a Spiritual Nurture group. This group would meet once a month to reflect on Scripture, engage in spiritual practices, and share prayer concerns. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 19, 7:00 - 8:30 PM, in the church parlor and will be led by Bill and Paulette Heck.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Grab your costumes, decorate your car and join the fun for our annual TRUNK or TREAT.



Join with the community and our congregation on Sunday afternoon October 29th, from 4pm to 6pm. It is a fun time and enjoyed by all.



A hearty thank you for all those, twenty some, who helped with the clean-up day Saturday, September 23. The Church, Fellowship Hall, windows, flowers, and especially the walkway at the side of the Fellowship Hall look much better. A professional company is scheduled to come before Homecoming to clean the higher windows. Thanks again,

Steve Runholt, Donna Eagle Joslin, Bob Gambrell, Kay Stockdale

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine

Betty Smith was awarded the North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine in a ceremony on Monday, October 2, 2017 at Mars Hill University. The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is one of the most prestigious in North Carolina and is awarded for exemplary service to the state.

Mars Hill University Vice President, Dr. Carol Boggess, presented The Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Betty, citing Betty's accomplishments as a singer, writer, musician, and folk historian. She pointed to Betty's book on ballad singer Jane Hicks Gentry and also to Betty's work as a singing environmentalist.

Mars Hill University President Dan Lunsford spoke about the regional impact both Betty's work and the University have in Western N. C.

Around seventy people were present for the ceremony, including Betty's family, a busload of friends from Highland Farms, and others in the community.

Steve Runholt spoke to the group about Betty's family. The Warren Wilson Book Group was represented by Gayle Flickinger, Judi Repman, and Corise Gambrell.

Betty is a native of Rowan County, N. C. She has spent most of her adult life in Western North Carolina. She is renowned for her scholarship, research, and book on the life of Jane Hicks Gentry, from whom Cecil Sharp collected mountain ballads in 1916. Betty has taught at Berea College, the Swannanoa Gathering, and the John C. Campbell Folk School. New York Times best-selling author, Sharyn McCrumb says, "Betty Smith is one of North Carolina's greatest treasures."



UPDATE ON THE SEARCH FOR OUR NEXT ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY

Hi Friends,

On Sunday, I met after church with the committee tasked with searching for our next Associate in Ministry. I am pleased to report that they are ready to report out their work to Session and to make a unanimous recommendation to fill this position. So Session will gather in a specially called meeting on Tuesday night to hear their report and vote on their recommendation.

So stay tuned! Will make this information known to you as soon as we can!

Steve



On Wednesday September 6th, the Category 5 Irma, packing winds of 185 mph, tore through the northern Lesser Antilles and Virgin Islands, as well as Puerto Rico. PDA has been in constant communication with communities in its path.

PDA has been in touch with the leadership of the Synod of Boriquen (Puerto Rico) and the Presbyteries of San Juan, Noroeste (Northwest) and Suroeste (Southwest) to share contact information and grant information.

PDA is also in touch with the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network ([FLAPDAN](#)), which is a mutually agreed upon partnership between six presbyteries in Florida. This is a unique platform in which PDA can relate to all six presbyteries at once for disaster situational awareness.

Hurricane Maria

PDA is remaining in constant contact with PCUSA leadership in Puerto Rico. It is still too early to send in National Response Team members as the resources in Puerto Rico are already stretched too thin. Emergency grants are being issued and when it is safe and secure, and volunteers will not be creating an additional burden on the limited resources, our national response team of bi-lingual volunteers will be deployed to assist. We anticipate there will an opportunity for long-term volunteers to help with the recovery.



At Warren Wilson
Presbyterian Church we
are mothers and fathers,
single and married, gay
and straight, young and
old, black and white,
prosperous and poor,
uncertain and sure,
broken and whole. We
are the many faces of
humanity-yet as a
community of faith, we
are committed in our
diversity to be one in
Christ!

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