

Visions Newsletter

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church
www.wapc.net

Welcoming Everyone As We
Cherish Our Past

Living in the Present and
Celebrating Diversity

Moving Forward in Faith
With Jesus



DECEMBER 2019

From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey

*Twinkling lights and candles everywhere remind us that
Jesus is the light of the world that came to dispel the darkness.*



[Advent](#) is a time of expectation and hope. “Advent” means “arrival” or “coming,” and it prompts us to pause each day in December and remember why Jesus came at Christmas. The story of Christ’s birth, to fleeing parents in a humble stable, still has the ability to capture our imaginations and challenge our hearts. And so, despite all the stressing and spending this time of year, Christmas can still be a blessed reminder of the simplest and most profound things in life, and the loving God who came to save them. Through prayer, *we* can enter into *God's* world and ask Him to prepare our hearts the way He prepared all of history to receive the gift of His Son. Ask the Father to use this time during Advent to cut away the distractions and make your life a place of warmth and openness. *Amen!*

Sincerely,
Pastor Lindsey

NOTICE: WORSHIP STARTS AT 10AM

If you cannot join us in person . . . join us from your home.

If you have access to a computer and the internet, you can go to this website
<https://www.gotomeet.me/WatchungAvenueChurch>
to hear the worship live, Sunday.

**ALSO, IF YOU COMPLETELY MISSED A SUNDAY WORSHIP, then
you can visit the church website, www.wapc.net and
SEE, HEAR or READ past sermons for the Sunday you missed.**

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETING – NOVEMBER 11, 2019

- A stewardship letter is being prepared to send to members this month. (letter was mailed out Friday, 11-22-19)
- The Parish Hall roof is completed.
- Elder Jim Roselli will look into brighter lighting for the sanctuary.
- After discussion, Session voted not to participate in the Matthew 25 Initiative.
- After discussion, Session voted not to participate in the Fossil Fuel Overture.
- Session voted to approve looking into solar panel installation for WAPC's roof, and Elder Bob Goellner was asked to investigate.
- The media player for member Bob Monteith has been loaded with WAPC sermons, and will be delivered by Elder Jim Roselli.
- The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, December 9.

Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

DID YOU REMEMBER THE BLUE ENVELOPE?

It's for Per Capita Apportionment

What are Per Capita Payments?

Per Capita is an assessment to support the larger church, the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. Each church is required to pay Per Capita based on the number of members on our church roll. If members don't send in their Per Capita, it is then paid out of the church's general funds.

The Per Capita amount for the year 2020 was approved by Presbytery at \$45. per member. However, if next year's Per Capita is paid before December 31, 2019, it will be due at the 2019 rate of \$40.35.

Session approved a motion to pay WAPC's Per Capita for 2020 at the current rate of \$40.35 per member before December 31, 2019, thereby saving \$325.50.

So look for the blue envelope labeled Per Capita in with your offering envelopes. If you haven't paid the amount of \$40.35 due for 2019, you still can. And if you pay Per Capita for 2020 early (before the end of this year), you can pay at the 2019 rate, saving yourself \$4.65.

If you don't have a blue envelope, just write Per Capita and Year 2019 or Year 2020 on the memo line of your check.

Remember, it is never too late to send in your Per Capita payment.

Thanks to all of you for your generous support of WAPC and the larger church,

Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

Healthy Brain, Healthy Life!

Part II: Health & Wellness Seminar and Memory Screening



LEARN FREE: The guest speaker will be Dr. Michelle Papa, Ph.D. Director and Founder of the Cognitive and Research Center of New Jersey. Come learn what normal aging is, and get a free memory screening on-site. This event is open to the entire community. **You do not have to be a senior resident to participate.** Come join us. Bring your questions, Dr. Papa has the answers!

Brought to you by

Councilwoman Keiona Miller

in partnership with

The North Plainfield Seniors Group

&



CRCNJ

**The Cognitive and Research Center
of New Jersey, LLC**

Directed by Michelle Papka, Ph.D.

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at 11:00 AM

The North Plainfield Community Center- 614 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ 07060

**Contact the office of Councilwoman Keiona Miller at 609-848-8801,
or contract Mrs. Dora Vadney or Mr. Frank D'Amore Sr. at the
North Plainfield Senior Center**

ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women



It's time once again to satisfy your craving for delicious cookies and take care of your Christmas gift list! A can of cookies makes a thoughtful gift. Be sure to buy an extra can for your own munchies.

On Sunday, December 8th, immediately following worship, homemade cookies will be available in the Parish Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per can.

A decorated coffee can is provided,
and you choose your own cookies from those displayed.
Cookies are separated according to whether they contain any
nuts or nut butter.

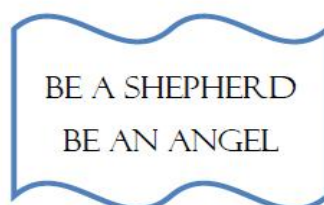
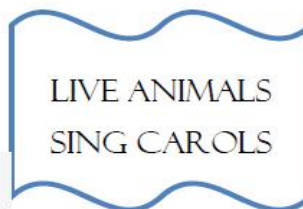
We request that they be 2" or less in diameter, and labeled "nuts" or "no nuts." Please sign up with Gwyn Gronlund, if you are able to bake cookies.
~Thank you from PW

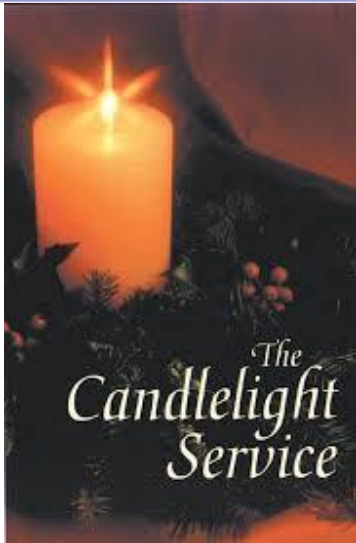


JOIN US AT
WATCHUNG AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019 FROM
3:30PM UNTIL 5:30PM**

**CORNER OF WATCHUNG & FAIRVIEW AVENUES
NORTH PLAINFIELD**





TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH,
CHRISTMAS EVE
AT 7PM IN THE WAPC
SANCTUARY.

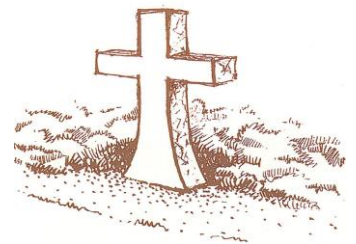
ALL ARE WELCOME!

"WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?"



JOIN US ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
DURING OUR WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00AM
FOR THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS, ACTED OUT BY
MEMBERS OF WAPC PORTRAYING THE ROLES OF,
MARY AND JOSEPH, TWO ANGELS, AN INN KEEPER,
AND OF COURSE THE THREE WISE MEN.

In great need of attention, the **Memorial Garden**
was given a good workout a few weeks ago.
Following additional detailed work since then, and assuming David
has taken care of the final step - spreading mulch- the garden has
now been put to rest for the winter.



I want to thank those who gave of their time and energy on that VERY HOT October 2nd.

Thanks to: Dot Hooker, who behind the scenes, helped us off to a good start.

Gail and Brooks Smith, who so willingly joined us, lending leadership/
guidance, knowledge and skills.

And to Peg Bunnell, Nancy Squier, Gwyn Gronlund and Al Smith.

Thank you, one and all, Alice Lester



**THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING
COMMUNITY DINNER WAS HELD ON
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD IN
PARISH HALL.**

**IT WAS WELL ATTENDED AND
PEOPLE WERE WELL FED.**

**MANY THANKS TO THE LADIES OF ZETA
PHI BETA SORORITY AND ALL THOSE WHO
PITCHED IN TO PREPARE, SERVE AND
SHARE A SMILE!**

Please Help our Kids!

We have many children in North Plainfield going hungry every day.

Please donate **nut free, non-perishable items.**

Here is a list of the types of foods we need:



Beef stew (small can) or Vienna sausages (4.6 oz can)

Chef Boyardee Pastas (cans or microwave packs)

Tuna (Ready to eat pouches)

Milk (8 oz. shelf stable boxes)

Juice boxes (8 oz. boxes)

Microwavable Macaroni and Cheese (either cups or packets)

Cold Cereal (small boxes 1.2 oz)

Pudding Cups or Fruit Cups

Small packs pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks, etc.



Donations can be brought to:

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church: 170 Watchung Ave.

Tuesdays - 2:30pm to 5:00pm

Wednesdays - 9:30am to 3:00pm

Thursdays - 12:30pm to 5:00pm

And to the Mayor's office: 263 Somerset St.

8am to 4:30pm

Thank you!



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WAPC family, as a reminder,
a Coffee Hour host is needed each Sunday
to bring milk and/or cream, prepare the coffee,
setup, and serve refreshments after worship
service. This is a vital part of our fellowship time
together. Please sign up!
NO HOST, NO COFFEE!



Sunday, January 5th the *Friendship Circle* will be
celebrating the Holiday Season
with lunch at Pepe's Restaurant
in North Plainfield.

Contact Peggy Bunnell for more information.

908-668-0051



The Recycling Project will end
December 31st.

So please continue to bring your, completely empty,
and CLEAN aluminum cans to church.

(December will be here before you know it!)

HELP GROW THE FUND--EVERY LITTLE BIT HELP

*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WAPC **DECEMBER** REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, COMMUNION WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE	2	3	4 BELLS REH. 7PM <hr/> CHOIR REH. 8PM- CHOIR RM.	5	6***	7
8 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE COOKIE WALK	9*** <hr/> SESSION MTG. 7PM	10	11 TO BE CONFIRMED BY DIRECTOR ↓	12`	13***	14
15 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, HEALING WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE <hr/> LIVE NATIVITY 3:30PM	16***		18 ↓	19	20***	21
22 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> XMAS STORY 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE	23***	24 XMAS EVE <hr/> CANDLE LIGHT WORSHIP 7PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY!	26	27 ***	28
29 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE	30***	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

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Presbyterian Women



HEARTS, HANDS, & STITCHES

Hearts, Hand & Stitches members create shawls and lap robes to share God's love with those who are grieving, hospitalized, or at home, or celebrating a milestone. We continue to meet monthly. We create comforting shawls and lap robes at our meetings and on our own time. We also do some charity knitting and crocheting, such as creating chemo caps for local cancer patients and purple baby hats for awareness of shaken baby syndrome. Recently we have also been creating baby blankets and hats to welcome Cathy Boleyn's grandbaby due in December.

On November 2, several of our members carpooled to Bethlehem, PA to visit a special yarn shop. We were able to visit and have lunch with former member Gail McKenna. She sends her love and greetings to all of you at WAPC!

We do not have an evening meeting in December. However, since we had to cancel our November 12 meeting due to bad weather, we propose to meet on Saturday, November 30 in the lounge for an hour of cozy knitting after decorating the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas.

Please join us if you can
at 11 a.m. to knit or 10 a.m. to decorate.

Please keep this ministry of sharing God's love through shawls in your prayers, and remember to let one of our members know if there is a need for a shawl.

Call Gwyn Gronlund for more information (908) 754-1251

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The Circle will be having their
Holiday Luncheon
on **Sunday, January 5th at 1pm at Pepes**. We are planning on having a White Elephant Re-Gift Exchange...if interested, bring a wrapped gift to exchange.

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SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

meets in the church lounge at **8:45am** with Pastor
Madelynne Lindsey. Come One, Come All!!

THURSDAY NIGHT SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY

will meet at 7:30pm at a member's home.
Contact the church office for more information.

TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP, SHOP, SHOP!!



Remember to shop Amazon online,

<https://smile.amazon.com>

Select Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church,
North Plainfield, with every purchase you make,
and Amazon will give back .5% to our church.

Shop more, support our church and therefore support our community!



PRAYER LIST

Healing and/or supportive prayers for;

- *Jim Roselli's sister, Joanne, currently in the hospital in Kansas City.*
- *Cayla Ulner, Pastor Lindsey's niece, diagnosed with depression.*
- *Susan Sendelsky and her twin sister Kerry, members of Pastor Lindsey's former Oak Tree Presbyterian Church family, both fighting cancer.*
- *Tim Cortright , who is now recovering at home and continued prayers for his wife, Marilyn.*
- *Greta Martin-Worthy, having hip replacement surgery on November 29th.*
- *Jane Windbush, Pastor Lindsey's sister and Stephanie Weaver, Pastor Lindsey's niece, who both suffer from Rheumatoid Arthritis.*
- *Jackie Slaterry & Sean Slaterry, daughter & grandson of Estelle Kennedy during a difficult time.*
- *Gail Schmeisser, continuing to be challenged with mobility issues.*

Prayers for those in the military and their families:

- *Sergeant Jasmine Harris, returned safely from a tour of duty in Kuwait and is stationed again in Fort Hood, Texas.*

Continued prayers for those people at home or in continued care:

Estelle Kennedy, Grace Landsperger, and Margaret Herman-Angely, at home, Bob Monteith, at Green Knoll Center in Bridgewater, Beverly Krausse, at Berkeley Heights Nursing & Rehab, Berkeley Heights, and Gail McKenna, at 2225 Kirkland Village Circle, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Prayers of support and thanksgiving for:

- *Jim Roselli, who is back at church and improving*
- *Pastor Madelynne Lindsey*



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