

# Visions Newsletter

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian  
Church

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Welcoming Everyone As We  
Cherish Our Past

Living in the Present and  
Celebrating Diversity

Moving Forward in Faith  
With Jesus



**JANUARY 2020**

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Praise the Lord, we have come through year 2019 and I am pleased to announce that I will be your pastor for another year. We have done a lot of things this past year and I have great plans for the upcoming year. But I want to recognize and thank all the Ruling Elders who have willingly and enthusiastically embraced my ideas which resulted in some subtle changes.

I would be remiss in not showing gratitude to Quinn and both the Chancel and Hallelujah Choirs who faithfully rehearse and are prepared and ready to wow me and the congregation with their beautiful music. What a few can accomplish. Thanks to the Hospitality Committee for supplying all the goodies during coffee hour and the ushers who faithfully prepare the sanctuary every single Sunday. For Jim Roselli who spares nothing to make the worship experience so special. And to Greta who is so dedicated to the Church that she is diligently working from home as she recuperates from a hip replacement operation. What a joy to a pastor to have such love, joy, cooperation and dedication. A special thank you to Gwen who does home, hospital and other institution visits with me every Tuesday when possible. It is truly a joy. If I have left anyone out, please know that I am grateful for everyone who contributes to anything that makes all our lives so very comfortable and peaceful.

"So, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." Philippians 2:1-3 (ESV). I look forward to another spirit filled year with Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church. Amen!

Sincerely,  
Pastor Lindsey

**OUR SUNDAY 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](http://www.wapc.net) and**  
**SEE, HEAR or READ past sermons for the Sunday you missed.**

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## **HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETING – DECEMBER 9, 2019**

- NORWESCAP, the non-profit agency that runs the WIC program, wants to rent additional space for a Career and Life Transitions Center. Dave Lyttle is getting further details. A stairlift to the basement will not be required.
- Plans were being finalized for the Live Nativity on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Elder Jim Roselli has volunteered to be on the Missional Structures Committee of the Presbytery (working on the new structure for New Jersey presbyteries).
- Session voted to buy five 5-gallon bottles of water to install in the water cooler in the Parish Hall, to assess the usage amount and replenish as needed. In late January, we will re-evaluate our needs.
- Committee chairs need to get budget requests to Elder Stambaugh, so he can develop the 2020 church budget.
- The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, January 13, 2020.

Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the  
Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church  
has been called for Sunday, February 2, 2020,  
at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.**

**Business to be transacted at the meeting includes:**

**Nominations of the Officers and Audit and  
Nominating Committees of the Congregation and  
any other business that may properly come before the meeting.**

**Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session**





## LIVE NATIVITY

WAPC's Third Annual Live Nativity took place on December 15. There was no rain or snow, and it wasn't too cold.

The animals arrived: Bert the Donkey, Barbara the Sheep, Stewie the Goat, Dave the Alpaca, and Milkshake the Calf. They were docile and the children enjoyed petting them. Children from Vida Nueva and



the neighborhood dressed as shepherds, angels, Mary and Joseph and posed in the stable, created by Jim Durick. Bob Goellner read the Christmas story from the animal's point of view. The snack table, with cookies and hot chocolate, was a big hit.

Many thanks to Jim and Sue Durick for creating the stable, to Amy Marzano for helping to outfit the children, to Sue Durick for arranging the animals' visit, to Bob Goellner for reading the Christmas Story, to Lynn Lampariello for providing hospitality, and to Mark Gronlund for lighting and sound.



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!***

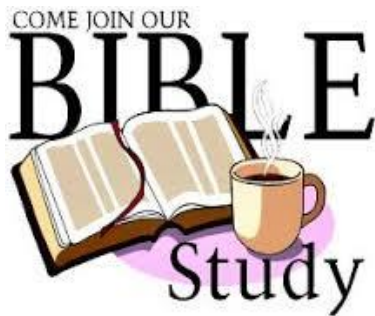
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Sunday, *January 5th* the *Friendship Circle* will be  
celebrating the Holiday Season  
*with lunch at Pepe's Restaurant*  
in North Plainfield at 1pm.

Contact Peggy Bunnell for more information.  
908-668-0051

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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.

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\*\*\* CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

# WAPC JANUARY REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3***	4
5 8:45am Bible Study 10:00 AM, COMMUNION WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE	6 *** ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	7 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	8	9 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	10 ***	11
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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, purple baby hats for awareness of shaken baby syndrome, and scarves and hats for soldiers.

Cathy Boleyn's new grandson Noah arrived on December 5. Mother Monica and baby are doing well!

Our winter meetings will be as follows:

Tuesday, January 14, at the home of Gwyn Gronlund

Tuesday, February 11, at the home of Fran Young

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

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.

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME!**

## 2019 ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

Sponsored by the Presbyterian Women

Thank you to everyone who helped make the  
Cookie Walk a success...

we raised more than \$200.00.



### *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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## PRAYER LIST

### **Healing ,comforting, and /or supportive prayers for;**

- *Carolyn Hahn and family on the death of her father, George Hahn.*  
Carolyn is a long time member of the Seekers Bible study group.
- *Amanda Lake* for health concerns.
- *Greta Martin-Worthy*; doing outpatient therapy at JFK Rehab Institute.
- *Jim Roselli's sister, Joanne*, currently in a Kansas City hospital.
- *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* , recovering at home and continued prayers for his wife, *Marilyn*.
- *Jane Windbush, Pastor Lindsey's sister and Stephanie Weaver, Pastor Lindsey's niece*, who both suffer from Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- *Jackie Slattery & Sean Slattery, 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:**

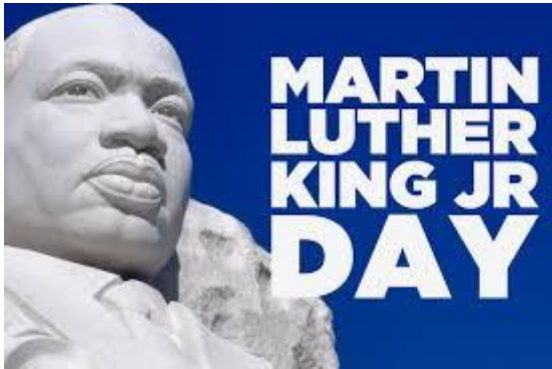
- *Sergeant Jasmine Harris*, returned safely from a tour of duty in Kuwait and is stationed again in Fort Hood, Texas.

### **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*



**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**  
**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

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