

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



SEPTEMBER 2019

From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey

John 14:27 (NIV) Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you!

Stated Clerk Rev. Jeremy Campbell thought it was time the Elizabeth Presbytery addressed the issue of the recent violence in America in prayer and I totally agree because it reflects my feelings about what Jesus has been pleading with us during this Pentecostal season reflected in the Gospel of Luke telling us to simply love one another as He loves us.

So, in response to the recent incident of white supremacist terror which was committed by a man with a clearly articulated anti-immigrant agenda in the form of a mass shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, and later in Dayton, Ohio, Jill Duffield, editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, offered a beautiful prayer to share with congregations.

Jill writes: "Enough, Lord God, enough. Rend our hearts and restore your goodness and mercy in our land. Through you, all things are possible, and yet we fail to claim your power to transform chaos into order, war into peace, and anger into action. We pray yet again, Lord God, yet again for your children cut down in a hail of gunfire, for families devastated, communities decimated, our country reeling from self-inflicted wounds of hate. We beg your forgiveness for our unwillingness to address the soul-sickness of our nation, the idolatry of guns and our infatuation with violence and anger and hatred. Comfort those who mourn. Heal the hurting. Strengthen the helpers. Grant courage to your people that we may not just say enough but do all we can, and everything required to stop the killing in our streets." Enough said, Amen.

Sincerely,
Pastor Lindsey

**NOTICE: WORSHIP STARTS AT 10AM AND
we have returned to the sanctuary.**

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.**

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – JULY 8, 2019

- A motion was approved to hold Sunday morning worship in the lounge/parlor during the hot weather-- July, August and the first two weeks of September. Elder Roselli will work out the details for streaming the service.
- A new Keurig coffee maker is now available for Sunday coffee hours.
- The hearing assistance device was purchased at a cost of \$1,425 instead of the \$1,600 originally quoted, because a discount was applied for houses of worship. Money from the Living Memorial Fund was used for the purchase.
- The Boy Scout troop WAPC sponsors painted the rolling bulletin boards on Saturday, June 15th.
- The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, September 9. We have not scheduled a regular meeting for August.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS – AUGUST 18, 2019

- We did not have a regular Session meeting scheduled for the month of August, but Session met informally after worship on August 18th.
- Because we did not have rental fees from the Barack Obama Charter High School in July and August, it was necessary to transfer additional funds from WAPC's investment accounts to the operating account to cover two payroll periods.
- Several ideas for the future were discussed, including the possibility of having a beginning Spanish class for English speakers. Would you be interested in participating in a half-hour lesson on Sundays after worship?
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Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

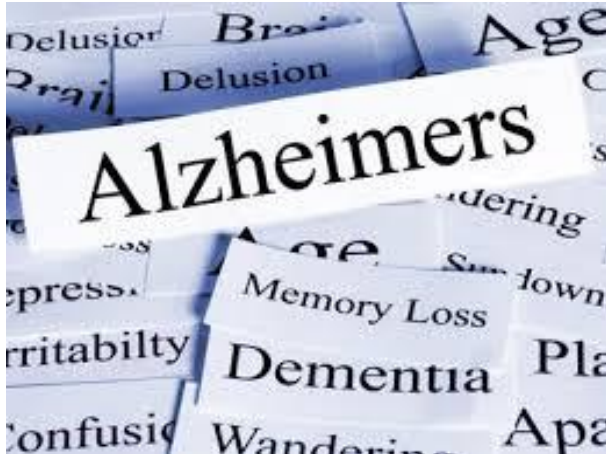
ZUCCHINI, EGGPLANT AND PEPPERS – OH MY!

Fresh, organic produce from the Faith Garden is provided to St. Vincent de Paul's Saturday morning distribution and to the WIC clients at WAPC on Tuesdays.

Volunteers are still needed to weed, water and harvest through the fall. Can you help for a week or two? If you don't know what to weed or harvest, no worries. Just volunteer to water, and we'll have someone else do the weeding and harvesting.

Please contact Gwyn at 908-754-1251 and choose convenient dates.

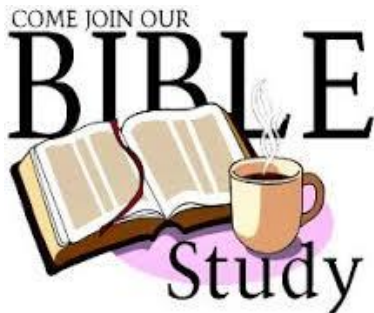




**Would you like to know more about
Alzheimer's Disease
and other forms of dementia?
Several WAPC members attended a
program presented by the ACT NOW
Foundation, sponsored by Councilwoman
Keiona Miller and**

North Plainfield Seniors.

**We will share information with you during
Coffee Hour on September 15th.**



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 on Thursday, September 12th at 7:30pm.
Contact the church office for more information.



**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!

*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WAPC **SEPTEMBER** REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, COMMUNION WORSHIP/ 11amCOFFEE	2***	3	4 CHOIR REH. 7:30PM-CHOIR RM. ↓	5 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	6***	7
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29 ↓	30*** ↓					

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Presbyterian Women



HEARTS, HANDS, & STITCHES



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Will be meeting
on Tuesday,
September 10th at
7:30pm at the home
of Shawn Reynoso.

For more info.
contact church
office.

**ALL ARE
WELCOME!**

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.

We are excited to welcome a new member to our ministry! lives in Plainfield and learned of our ministry through WAPC's website. She is a beginning knitter, and we are confident she will soon be creating her first prayer shawl.

Our meetings for the next few months are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, September 14, at the home of Judith Botzan
[we will carpool – about noon]

Tuesday, October 8, at the home of Betty Miksa, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the home of Fran Young, 7:30 pm

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



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"FUND FOR FORTY"

campaign is still moving forward. Continue asking your neighbors & frequently visited businesses to visit the church website in order to donate. Reach out to your Facebook friends & family and encourage them to visit the church website, www.wapc.net, to donate.

Let's keep WAPC moving forward into the future!

[Alice Lester says, "Keep those aluminum cans coming!"]

WHO - WHAT - WHEN -WHERE - WHY ???

WHO?- YOU
WHAT?- ALUMINUM CANS.Bring your aluminum cans to church, completely empty
WHEN? - NOW..... and until further notice
WHERE?- TO THE PARISH HALL
WHY?- FOR RECYCLINGProceeds will go to the "Fund for Forty"
HELP GROW THE FUND--EVERY LITTLE BIT HELP

PRAYER LIST

Healing and/or supportive prayers for;

- *Greta Martin-Worthy*, with hip, back and leg pain on her left side.
- *Pastor Lindsey*, with arthritic pain in her right thumb.
- *Jane Windbush*, *Pastor Lindsey's* sister and *Stephanie Weaver*, *Pastor Lindsey's* niece, who both suffer from Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- *Tim Cortright* ,who is now continuing his recovering at home and continued prayers for his wife, *Marilyn*.
- *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. Jasmine was promoted from Specialist to Sergeant after her tour of duty.

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*



Happy
Labor Day
Weekend



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