

# Visions Newsletter

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church  
[www.wapc.net](http://www.wapc.net)

Welcoming Everyone As We  
Cherish Our Past

Living in the Present and  
Celebrating Diversity

Moving Forward in Faith  
With Jesus



**AUGUST 2019**

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*From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey*

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

What does Pentecost mean? It is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth"). It is also called Whitsun. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. Pentecost comes from a Jewish harvest festival called [Shavuot](#). The apostles were celebrating this festival when the Holy Spirit descended on them. It sounded like a very strong wind, and it looked like tongues of fire. The apostles then found themselves speaking in foreign languages, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

So, how does Pentecost affect you and me. The difference it makes in my life is that I believe that it is that force, the Holy Spirit, that has powered the Church all these two thousand years, kept it going, fed us, strengthened us, supernaturally. It was a unifying Spirit that crossed the artificial boundaries of language, race and culture. People could speak and be understood; strangers heard one another; communion happened. The Spirit breathes peace.

When you allow this divine Spirit to energize you, you receive love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control. We call that the "fruit of the Spirit." It's a description of the qualities of Jesus. That's who we are and whom we are to become. That's how I feel about Pentecost. How about you? For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:14-15) Amen.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Lindsey

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**NOTICE: WORSHIP CONTINUES TO START AT 10AM but  
we are meeting in the comfortably  
AIR CONDITIONED CHURCH LOUNGE  
for the rest of the warm summer months into the 1st two weeks of September.**

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 – 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 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, September 9. We have not scheduled a regular meeting for August.

Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

## ZUCCHINI, EGGPLANT AND PEPPERS – OH MY!

The hot weather is really stressing the garden but thanks to the “watering crew” the plants are surviving and producing. We are harvesting lots of zucchini, green beans, Japanese eggplant and various kinds of peppers. Cherry tomatoes have begun to ripen, and I picked the first cucumber today!

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 summer and 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.





## BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL

*SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER AND  
THE "BACKPACK PROGRAM"  
WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER.  
KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE START DATE  
AND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THE ITEMS TO DONATE.*



**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**  
is on break until after Labor Day.  
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 **AUGUST** REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	2***	3
4 8:45am Bible Study 10:00 AM, COMMUNION WORSHIP/ 11amCOFFEE	5 *** ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	6 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	7	8 ↓	9***	10
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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.

Our current members are Cathy Boleyn, Judith Botzan, Peg Bunnell, Gwyn Gronlund, Ellen Lake, Betty Miksa, and Fran Young.

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

Tuesday, August 13, at the home of Cathy Boleyn

Saturday, September 14, at the home of Judith Botzan

Tuesday, October 8, at the home of Betty Miksa

Tuesday, November 12, at the home of Fran Young

We also hope to plan a few "field trips" for this summer, possibly to Bethlehem and Frenchtown for yummy yarn shops!

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

Will not be meeting  
for the month  
of August.

Watch for future  
meetings, events,  
and activities.

ALL ARE  
WELCOME!

# VIRTUAL RAINFOREST SPECIAL EVENT PROGRAM

Learn about the tropics of the  
Costa Rican rainforest.

Find out what makes a two-toed sloth  
different from a three-toed sloth,  
what a three-wattled bell bird mustache looks like,  
and many other fascinating facts about rainforests.

**Presenter: Moncia Juhasz**  
Naturalist, Somerset County Environmental Center



**Monday, August 26, 2019**  
**10:30 am - 11:30 am**

**Warrenbrook Senior Center**  
(located on the Warrenbrook Golf Course)  
**500 Warrenville Road, Warren, NJ**

For registration and  
additional information,  
please call the  
Warrenbrook  
Senior Center at:  
**908-753-9440**

**Lunch Available**  
for a Suggested Donation of **\$2.50**

**Choice Of Four Entrees:**  
Hot And Cold, Meat And Meatless  
**Advanced reservations required**  
**for lunch only, by Thursday, August 22**

Lunch served at 11:45 am



**SOMERSET COUNTY  
OFFICE ON AGING &  
DISABILITY SERVICES**

Warrenbrook Senior Center is a part of  
County Government, supported with funds from  
the County of Somerset, State of New Jersey and  
the Federal Older Americans Act.



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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](http://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 RECYCLING .....Proceeds will go to the "Fund for Forty"  
HELP GROW THE FUND--EVERY LITTLE BIT HELP



## **PRAYER LIST**

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

- *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.*
- *Betsi Kennedy, who is recovering from knee surgery.*
- *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*
- *Fran Young, whose last scan showed she is CANCER FREE!*
- *Pastor Madelynnne Lindsey*



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