

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

I have a dream, not of
Tolerance, but of
**LOVE. Unconditional
LOVE** for everyone and
everything.

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Greg Clark

FEBRUARY 2019

Letter from the Desk of Pastor Lindsey

"Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord Savior, Jesus Christ." Amen.

This prayer really resonates because February is designated as Black History month. And I often refer to Galatians 3:28 New International Version (NIV):

²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Yes, God has truly called us to be members of one body. He sent his beloved son, Jesus Christ to let us know that his love is shared with everyone. But, in today's climate of recent attacks on immigrants and other minorities, I wonder how God and Jesus must be feeling about what they see and hear.

It reminds me of the famous "I Have a Dream" public speech that was delivered by American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963, in which he called for civil and economic rights and an end to racism in the United States.

Has his speech been lost, especially in the recent 38 day shut-down of the Federal Employees? What can we do to relive Martin Luther King's words? I say, it is to love one another. It is just that simple. Amen!!

REMINDER: WORSHIP STARTS AT 10AM

If you cannot make it to worship in person . . . join us from the comfort of your home. If you have access to a computer and the internet, all you need do is go to

<https://www.gotomeet.me/WatchungAvenueChurch>

and you can see our worship service live.

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

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2019

- Al Smith informed Session that he and Tom Ledder will be retiring from coordination of the CROP Walk after over 30 years. He is looking for interest in our church membership to continue coordination of the Plainfield-North Plainfield Walk.
- The agreement with Intuit to handle the church's payroll and tax reporting was finalized. The cost will be \$57/month for the first 3 months, and \$125/month thereafter.
- Elder Bob Goellner has been working with the Borough inspector and Borough engineer, examining the drainage situation of the building, to come up with a solution.
- Pledges for 2018 were about \$67,000. This year pledges are expected to be about \$54,000.
- Pastor Lindsey reported that the Synod of the Northeast has plans to redistribute the New Jersey Presbyteries, with the possibility of mergers. The Synod will pay for training of professional leaders. Changes will take place in 2020.
- Session voted to authorize celebrating Holy Communion every First Sunday as well as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- The Hospitality team will plan a brunch for the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday, February 3rd.
- Elder Roselli asks that we all sit in the front pews, so the church doesn't look empty when the worship service is streamed.
- A motion was passed to purchase a small media player for Bob Monteith to be able to hear the audio sermons. Cost is about \$100, which will come from funds previously donated for Bob.
- The Live Nativity on December 23rd was very successful. Thanks to Jim Durick for building the stable, to Susan Durick for renting the animals, and to Pastor Madelynn, Bob Goellner, Ellen Lake and Carmen Camey from Iglesia de Dios Vida Nueva for reading the Christmas Story. Liz Kendall did a great job organizing and costuming the children.
- The Nominating Committee will be looking for 2 or 3 new elders to serve on Session.

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**

will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2019

at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

**The purpose of the meeting is to review the
budget for 2019, elect officers, and transact any other business
that may properly come before the meeting.**

Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

Update on Missions

Please see below the thank you message from St. Vincent de Paul Society of our neighbor church, St. Joseph's:

"Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Once again, our Christmas Toy Giveaway December 15th was a huge success, bringing smiles to over 352 children. Thank you to all the many people who donated toys and volunteered their time. Thanks especially to everyone who gave up their Saturday morning to help us provide much needed Christmas cheer. Thanks to all of the ROTC cadets from North Plainfield High School; they wore their uniforms with pride, conducting and presenting themselves with composure and discipline. They were invaluable. We give thanks to our Lord for answering our prayers to hold off the rain. Thanks to Rosalie and her many helpers for doing a terrific job this year overseeing the toy giveaway.

Please Note: We do collect gently used toys all year long. We also accept gifts for our Adult Christmas Gift giveaway. All items can be dropped off at 85 Fairview Ave.

Blessings of Joy and Peace,
Gayla & Jeff"

Backpack Program for Middle School and High School

Distribution of weekend food for in-need students at NPHS and NPMS begins tomorrow. Please see someone on the Mission Committee if you can help. We need donations of individually packaged non-perishable foods, as well as weekly help to pack and deliver. We will keep you posted!
Mission Committee

FOOD FOR BACKPACK PROGRAM

The Mission Committee would like our church to take on the task of providing bags of weekend food for needy students in North Plainfield Middle School/High School. Currently those children in the program in grades K through 4 receive food items for their backpacks on Fridays. This helps them through the weekend, when they are not receiving meals at school. The older children are not currently served by the program. Approximately 25 children have been identified by the school system. We have already received a large donation of individual cereal packs from the Obama School. We are asking folks who belong to Costco or BJ's to purchase and donate individually packed items from the following list. We will also accept monetary donations and donations of one-gallon Ziploc bags and empty plastic bins for storage. You may contact Gwyn Gronlund if you have questions. A list of recommended food items follows:

Food Bank Network of Somerset County

BACK PACK FOOD LIST

Beef stew (small can) or
Vienna sausages (4.6 oz can)
Chef Boyardee canned pastas (7.5 oz microwave can)
Tuna (Ready to eat bags)
Milk (8 oz. shelf stable boxes)
Juice boxes (8 oz. boxes)
"Kraft Easy Mac & Cheese"
(microwave packets only - No cups)
Cold Cereal (small boxes 1.2 oz)
Pudding Cups or Fruit Cups
Snacks (Small packs pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks, etc)
For a total of eight (8) items per (1 gallon) zip lock bag

JOIN THE ZETA PHI BETA SORORITY, INC. (WHO SPONSORED THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER HERE AT WAPC FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS) WITH THEIR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER. THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR AND ALL THOSE THAT ATTENDED LAST YEAR HAD A FUN AND ENJOYABLE EVENING.



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Beta Alpha Rho Zeta
Graduate Chapter of Somerset County, NJ
Kiana Lawhorn, Chapter President Adrianne Jackson, Chair

Presents

**FEB
16
19
2-6PM**



**OF SOUND
MIND &
DEAD BODY:
A MURDER MYSTERY &
SCHOLARSHIP
FUNDRAISER DINNER**

Delicious Dinner * Join Us for an Afternoon of Magic, Mystery and Fun. * Door Prizes

\$65
ADULTS

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church
170 Watchung Ave. North Plainfield, NJ

Get Tickets: <https://bapzmurdermystery.eventbrite.com> or See a BAPZ member

\$35
CHILDREN

Valerie Hollingsworth-Baker, International President
Gina M. Merritt-Epps, Esq., Atlantic Regional Director Titessa D. Smith, NJ State Director
Kiana Lawhorn, Chapter President

Beta Alpha Rho Zeta
Graduate Chapter of Somerset County, NJ



BAPZ'S 2019



- Nonrenewable.
- Open to Somerset County residents only.
- Due March 31, 2019.

ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Check with your school's guidance counselor or email
Adrienne Jackson at bapz2ndvicepresident@gmail.com for an application.

Join Us For the 3rd Annual North Plainfield Community Black History Month Celebration

*"Overcoming Adversity,
Celebrating Diversity"*

*Free Admission
Please **RSVP**
All Are Welcome!*

*Live Performances
Door Prizes &
Free Reception*

**Sunday, February 17, 2019
@ 4:00 PM**

**The North Plainfield High School
34 Wilson Avenue, North Plainfield, NJ 07060**

***Presented by
Councilwoman Keiona R. Miller***

Get Your Tickets Today!

www.NPCommunityCelebration.Eventbrite.com



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 every Thursday evening
in February at 7:30pm at a member's home.

Contact the church office for more information.



Let's see, what is missing?
We have coffee, tea, cups, sugar, cookies, napkins -
but there is something else. Hmm!
I know - it is you!
We need a host each Sunday to bring
the milk and/or cream

and to set up the table real pretty for coffee hour after worship service.
If you can host one Sunday out of the month,
please be a dear and sign up on the Coffee Hour chart in the Parish Hall.

Thanks, Dianne Ledder, PW Coffee Hour Chair

*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WAPC **FEBRUARY** REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1***	2 Groundhog Day
3 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11amCOFFEE <hr/> Annual Congregational Meeting	4 *** ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	5 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	6 CHOIR REH. 7pm ↓	7 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	8***	9
10 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11amCOFFEE ↓	11*** SESSION MEETING 7PM <hr/> ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	12 H.H.S. meeting <hr/> ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	13 ↓	14 Valentine's Day	15*** ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	16
17 ↓	18*** Presidents Day <hr/> ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	19 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	20 ↓	21 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	22 ***	23
24 ↓	25*** ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	26 ↓ <hr/> VISIONS DEADLINE	27 ↓	28 ↓		

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Presbyterian Women



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

**There will not be
a meeting
scheduled for
February 2019.
Please watch for
notice of future
meetings.**

HEARTS, HANDS, & STITCHES

Hearts, Hands & 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 have made dozens of prayer squares to share with visitors, members and friends.

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

Our remaining winter meetings will be:

Tuesday, February 12, at the home of Gwyn Gronlund
Tuesday, March 12, location to be announced

If you would like to learn to knit or crochet or improve your skills, speak to one of our members. We are planning a Saturday workshop for sometime in the spring.

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

VALENTINES DAY is coming so

amazon smile

Shop for your Valentine
at **smile.amazon.com** and
Amazon donates.



when shopping Amazon online, simply type in the
word "smile" before Amazon, like so,
<https://smile.amazon.com> It is the same thing as
Amazon, but it enables shoppers to select a non-
profit organization to receive a small percentage of
the price of the merchandise. 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!

"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:

- *Sarellen Hogan*, who has been admitted to RWJ Somerset hospital.
- *Family and friends of Shirley Ferri*, a long time WAPC member who passed away on Saturday, January 19th.
- *Amy Aaroe*, former WAPC member has recently been diagnosed with non Hodggen's Lymphoma
- *Helen Miller*, recovering at Norwood/ Aristacare Rehab. Facility in North Plainfield.
- *Estelle Kennedy* is recovering at home from anemia and *Betsi Kennedy* is recovering from a nervous breakdown.
- *Tim and Marilyn Cortright*, during difficult times as their *daughter, Amy*, fights a neuro virus in Overlook Hospital.
- *Jackie Slattery & Sean Slattery*, daughter & grandson of *Estelle Kennedy* during a difficult time.
- *Gail Schmeisser*, who is still 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:

- *Fran Young*, in remission from cancer.
- *Pastor Madelynne Lindsey*



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