

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



OCTOBER 2019

From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey

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

The entire month of September has been devoted to the teachings of Jesus Christ through the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of Luke presents many important facts and significant lessons about Jesus Christ. I wonder what insights you heard from the stories of our beloved Savior. Perhaps you pondered on the many teachings and miracles of Jesus. Or maybe you heard a parable that connected to you. My favorite is the lost sheep, Luke 15:3-7. You know the part in the scripture where Jesus finds the lost sheep, carries it on his shoulders and takes it home. I can picture myself on the shoulders of Jesus, surrounding me with comfort and safety.

This parable displays a beautiful meaning of God seeking out the lost sinner and rejoicing when they are found. We serve a Good Shepherd whose heart is for us to be found, rescued, and renewed. God deeply loves and cares personally for us as individuals. We are valuable to him and he will seek far and wide to bring us back home to him. When the one who was lost returns, the Good Shepherd receives him back with joy, and he does not rejoice alone. When I see a familiar face come down the aisle in our sanctuary, I rejoice because it is like a lost sheep coming home. Alleluah! May the peace of the Lord be always with you. 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 – SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

- We had perfect attendance of all elders serving on Session! We had a very busy and productive meeting.
- Pastor Lindsey's Covenant has been approved by Session for another year as our part-time pastor, beginning October 1st. We welcome and appreciate our Madelynne!
- Session was notified about a surprise bequest received from the Harold Cornwell Charitable Trust, in honor of his grandmother Mary Ellen Demarest, in the amount of \$77,649.72. Hallelujah!!
- Boy Scout Sunday will be Sunday, October 13.
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Sunday will be November 10.
- Pastor Lindsey will exchange pulpits with Pastor Susan Friedl of the Calvin Presbyterian Church in Linden on October 27.
- Elder Jim Roselli was approved as Elder Commissioner for the next Presbytery meeting on Tuesday, October 8. This means he will be WAPC's voting representative.
- We will begin our worship with a hymn sing on each 4th Sunday. For this month it will be on the 5th Sunday, September 29.
- Pastor Lindsey will be instituting an evening worship on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, at 6:30 p.m. The first evening worship will be on October 1st. Please join us!
- Plans are being made for this year's Live Nativity.
- A media player will be purchased for member Bob Monteith, from funds previously donated for him. This will enable him to listen to WAPC's worship services.

Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

PASTOR MADELYNNE LINDSEY WILL CONTINUE AS OUR PASTOR FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

Dave Lyttle, our Administrative Elder, presented the motion at the Session meeting on September 9, to approve calling Madelynne Lindsey, CRE, as part-time pastor for one year, beginning October 1, 2019. The Covenant with Pastor Lindsey was approved unanimously, and Pastor Lindsey accepted the call. Much has been accomplished in this past year with Pastor Lindsey, and she has big plans for the coming months. We on Session are grateful for her passionate and enthusiastic leadership and welcome her for another great year! May God richly bless WAPC and Pastor Lindsey as we go forward together.

CROP HUNGER WALK/RUN

This year marks the 47th year for the local Plainfield/North Plainfield CROP Walk. Tom and Al have retired, but the WALK will go on!

[You may see the 50 year anniversary logo. The CROP Walk actually started in North Dakota in 1969, but our local walk started 3 years later – still quite a long history of walking to help others.]

Please get involved! Walk if you are able. If you are already a Walker, recruit one or two others from family or friends and form a TEAM. Register online and solicit donations from your Facebook friends. Help with registration on Walk day or staff a checkpoint (both sitting-down jobs). Provide refreshments for the tired, thirsty walkers when they return. (See Lynn Lampariello, Hospitality chair). Finally, and very important: **PRAY for the success of the Walk**, which is all about feeding the hungry, locally and around the world.

Your CROP coordinating team:

Gwyn Gronlund, Susan Durick, Lynn Lampariello

**ENDING
HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME
CROP HUNGER WALK**



Yabes and her daughter, Sifralili proudly display the vegetable garden near their kitchen in West Timor, Indonesia. Photo: Ryan Shanley

VEGGIES, EGGS AND A SIDE OF HOPE.

CROP Hunger Walk WAPC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20TH, START TIME 1PM

CHECK IN AT 170 WATCHUNG AVENUE NORTH PLAINFIELD

BRING A FRIEND!

crophungerwalk.org/



JOIN WAPC AND BOY SCOUT TROOP #17

*Sunday, October 13th at 10am
for a special worship service
ALL ARE WELCOME!*

*Also join Troop #17 for their
Recruitment Night, Monday, Oct. 7th
at 7:45pm at WAPC in the Parish Hall.*

OPERATION BACK PACK

Food donations are now being accepted.
If interested in participating
contact church office for more information.

Items must be individually packaged and non-perishable.

All items must be peanut and nut free.

Beef stew (small can)
Vienna sausages (4.6 oz can)
Chef Boyardee pastas (7.5 oz microwave container)
Tuna (Ready to eat bags)
Milk (8 oz. shelf stable boxes)
Juice boxes (8 oz. boxes)
Microwavable Mac & Cheese (**packets or cups**)
Cold Cereal (small boxes 1.2 oz)
Pudding Cups **or** Fruit Cups
Snacks (Small packs pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks, etc)





HERE YE! HEAR YE!

SPREAD THE WORD!!!

*Starting in October, WAPC will be holding an
Evening Worship at 6:30pm
Tuesday, October 1st and Tuesday, October 22nd.
ALL ARE WELCOME!*



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.



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 **OCTOBER** REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 ZUMBA 6:30- 7:30PM - PH EVENING WORSHIP 6:30PM	2 CHOIR REH. 7:30PM- CHOIR RM. ↓	3 ZUMBA 6:30- 7:30PM - PH ↓	4***	5
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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.

This month we plan to make scarves and hats for Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends care packages to soldiers.

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

**Tues., Oct. 8, at the home of Betty Miksa, 7:30 pm
Tues., Nov. 12, at the home of Fran Young, 7:30 pm**

We do not have an evening meeting in December.

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 hold its next
meeting on
Tuesday, October
15, at 7:30 p.m. in
the home of Susan
Durick. For more
info. contact church
office.

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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!



The "Fund For Forty" Recycling Project will end December 31st.

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

(December will be here before you know it!)

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.
- *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 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:

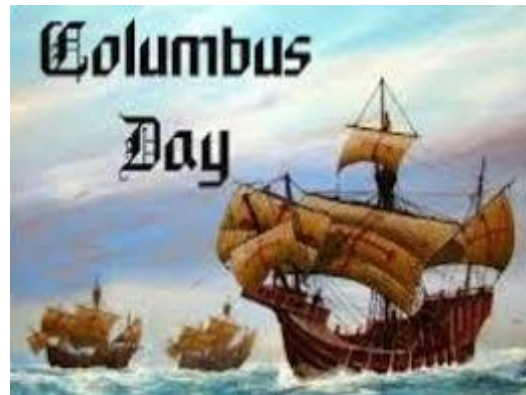
- *Sergeant Jasmine Harris*, returned safely from a tour of duty in Kuwait and is stationed again in Fort Hood, Texas. Jasmine was promoted from Specialist to Sergeant after her tour of duty.

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*



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