

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



JULY 2019

From the Desk of Pastor Lindsey

Greetings and may the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Hooray!!! Summer is at last here. The days are longer, and the weather is warmer. Visions of frolicking in the sun at the beach or at an exotic, tropical island dance in my mind. Oh, I can feel the sand under my feet and the saltwater bathing my body with its rich minerals. Can you just feel it? But wait a minute, shouldn't I be thinking about the liturgical season of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit? God's empowering and illuminating presence. The Holy Spirit is God who teaches, convinces, and guides the community of believers into all truth (John 16:13). As Christians, we are called by God to be as a people of salt and light living for the sake of the world God loves. God's vision, God's truth, and God's will cannot be legislated by the political maneuvering of special interest groups, but only through prayer and conversation that expects to hear and listens for the Spirit in the midst of the community's deliberations. It is within the context of Christian communities that we learn-the body of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. So, as we have visions of tropical islands, let us remember that the Holy Spirit will dwell in us wherever and whatever we do. *"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will see visions. Your elders will dream dreams."* Acts 2:17.

Wait upon the Spirit. Have a great summer with love of the Holy Spirit! Amen.

Sincerely,
Pastor Lindsey

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- JUNE 10, 2019

- Elder Julia Lake was welcomed to Session, and wants to concentrate on Mission and Outreach.
- Elder Roselli has researched a hearing assisted device for the Sanctuary. A motion was carried to purchase the device, including 4 personal receivers, from Williams Sound, for \$1,600. A motion was also carried to pay for the new equipment from the Living Memorial Fund.
- Special Sundays are being planned for the fall, such as Boy Scout Sunday, Sorority Sunday, First Responder's Sunday, etc.
- Elder Lynn Lampariello will chair the Publicity Committee for Session.
- Elders Roselli and Gronlund were approved as elder commissioners for the Presbytery meeting on June 11 (to vote on behalf of WAPC). They will vote to join the conversation for the new Missional Structure, as was approved by the congregation on June 2nd.
- The next General Assembly of Presbyterian Church, USA, will be in Baltimore in 2020. Six representatives will go from Elizabeth Presbytery.
- The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, July 8. We have not scheduled a regular meeting for August.
- The Boy Scout troop will paint the rolling bulletin boards on Saturday, June 15th. (Job nicely done!)
- The Trash to Treasures sale, by Joshua's Closet, will be held on Saturday, June 22nd. (Sale was well attended.)

Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session

FAITH GARDEN RESPONDS TO RAIN, WARMTH AND TLC



Green bean plants are flowering, a few green tomatoes have been spotted, zucchini plants get bigger day by day. Cucumber, yellow squash and beet seeds are sprouting. Sweet and hot peppers and even watermelons may be seen in a few weeks. Leaf lettuce, romaine lettuce and cilantro have already been harvested.

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 needed to weed, water and harvest through the summer and fall. Can you help for a week or two? Please contact Gwyn at 908-754-1251 and choose convenient dates.





BACKPACK PROGRAM FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL
SCHOOL IS OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

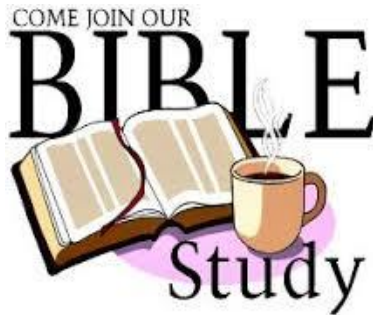
SO THE "BACKPACK PROGRAM" IS
FINISHED FOR NOW

BUT WILL RETURN IN LATE AUGUST
TO BEGIN AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE START DATE.

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 April 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 on the sheets by the
kitchen door.

NO HOST, NO COFFEE!



Lunch and Learn Program: Friends and Family CPR Training Class

*Presented by Somerset County
Emergency Training Academy Staff
certified in CPR.*

- This is a non-certificate course
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing
- It is an awareness/hands on learning course

The Family & Friends CPR Course teaches the lifesaving skills of adult Hands-Only CPR. Skills are taught in a dynamic, group environment using the American Heart Association's program format.

Family & Friends CPR is for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a CPR course completion card to meet a job requirement.

This course is ideal for anyone interested in learning how to save a life.

Monday, July 29, 2019

Lunch **11:45am**

Program **1:00pm–3:00pm**

Warrenbrook Senior Center

(located on the
Warrenbrook Golf Course)
500 Warrentville Road, Warren, NJ

Suggested Lunch Donation
for attendees 60 and above: **\$2.50**
Cost for Program only: **FREE**



**Advanced Registration Required by
Wednesday, July 24th.**

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

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*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WAPC JULY REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1*** ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	2 CHOIR REH. 7pm <hr/> ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	3 BELL CHOIR REH.- 7:15pm ↓	4 Independence Day <hr/> ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	5***	6
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Presbyterian Women



HEARTS, HANDS, & STITCHES

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Will not be meeting
for the month
of July.

Watch for future
meetings, events,
and activities.

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.

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, July 9, at the home of Peg Bunnell

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



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:

- *Tim Cortright* , who was admitted into Overlook Hospital on Monday, the 24th, but will soon be released to rehab. and continued prayers for his wife, *Marilyn Cortright*.
- *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 Madelynne Lindsey*



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