

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

MARCH 2020



From the Pastor's Desk

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

The season of Lent (which begins this year on February 26) is often a time when people of faith commit to increased spiritual reading and prayer. The early church officially began marking Lent liturgically at the Council of Nicea in AD 325 (incidentally, this is the same council from which we get the Nicene Creed).

We don't *earn* anything in observing Lent. We rest *only* in the grace of God. Christ's death and resurrection is *the* landmark event in terms of this grace from God! We would do well to emulate the early church: set aside some time for prayer, reflection, repentance; look to Jesus and his sacrifice more intentionally than we might normally do in the hustle and bustle of life.

Quite frankly, Lent is not a fun season. It's heavy. But it's beautiful too, precisely in its permission to recognize that the Christian life is not all smiles and sunshine. In this world, we will have trouble, Jesus promises, and the season of Lent permits us to be honest about those troubles, even as we press on toward Easter Sunday with the hope that Jesus has overcome the world.

The traditional disciplines associated with Lent are prayer, fasting, and giving. *Uncovering the Love of Jesus: A Lent Devotional* by Asheritah Ciuciu. Moody, 2020. (224 pages) is a collection of readings that include topics like “Jesus Honors the Dishonored,” “Jesus is Not Self-Seeking,” “Jesus Loves the Unlovable,” and “Jesus Offers Hope.”

My hope is that, in reading this book, you will uncover the deep love of Jesus poured out toward you personally in a whole new way, and that you will be a conduit of His love poured out toward those around you. This would be a good time to include this Lent Devotional book in with your book clubs' readings or in with your personal daily spiritual readings. Amen.

Sincerely,
Pastor Lindsey

OUR SUNDAY 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 – FEBRUARY 10, 2020

- Session reorganized duties of elders, with most continuing with the same responsibilities. Dave Lyttle: Administration, Personnel and Nominating; Jim Roselli: Media Ministry and Worship Committee; Lynn Lampairello: Hospitality and Publicity; Joel Stambaugh: Budgeting and Stewardship; Gwyn Gronlund: Clerk, Mission Committee and Pastoral Care; Jim Thomas: returning to Session and handling Building and Grounds. Bob Goellner is not a sitting elder at this time, but will be involved with the “Missional Church.” Jim Roselli is also serving as a delegate to the Missional Structures Committee of Presbytery.

- Dave Lyttle has received quotes for a stage curtain and backdrop and blackout shades for the Parish Hall windows. He is also looking into screens to protect the windows from breakage.
- The Fellowship Breakfast at Perkins was a success, with 10 people attending. We plan to meet at Perkins every second Saturday at 10 A.M. All are welcome! (We split the check).
- Jim Roselli visited Bob Monteith in his long term care facility, and delivered a media player to Bob, loaded with sermons and music.
- We need to upgrade Pro-presenter software. Session approved the purchase of the upgrade at \$300, and a subscription fee of \$160 per year, after the first year.
- Upgrading the Parish Hall audio system was discussed. We plan to apply for a Greystone Grant to defray some of the cost, which should total about \$5,000. Elder Roselli plans to donate a digital grand piano, like the one in the Sanctuary. Session approved purchase of a pedal kit, 2 instrument boxes and an instrument microphone, totaling \$325, to be purchased before the fundraiser dinner/concert on April 25.
- Some ideas for being a “Missional Church” were discussed. El Centro in Plainfield needs help with some of their activities to support immigrants.
- The 2020 church budget presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting was approved unanimously.
- Pastor Lindsey and Lynn Lampariello attended a meeting about church safety. Pastor Lindsey requested a police officer to patrol the area around the church from 10 a.m. until noon on Sundays, and the police department agreed.
- Session approved a request from a non-member couple to be married in WAPC Sanctuary. Three counseling sessions with Pastor Lindsey will be required, and at least one of the couple must be a Christian.
- The next regular Session meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2020.

Summary by Gwyn Gronlund, Clerk of Session .

[FAITH GARDEN REPORT FOR 2019 SEASON](#)

Now that it is almost time to begin working the *Faith Garden* again,
Here's a full report from the 2019 season.

The *Faith Garden*, located at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, was a major local project in 2019. The garden is in a fenced area, where we grow organic vegetables to distribute to those in need in our community. WAPC provides the organically grown seeds. Volunteers from St. Joseph's and our WAPC helpers, Jeff Bunnell, Al Smith, and Gwyn Gronlund planted, weeded, watered and harvested. This year we had visits from "Garden Angels." A young father from Warren, named Mark Camilo, was interested in gardening and a family service project. He brought his crew of energetic boys who demolished 4 wooden beds that had deteriorated over the years. They were replaced with 4 new and larger planting beds. He also arranged for a load of fresh soil to be delivered, distributed it to the beds, and planted a bed of assorted peppers. That unexpected help really got the Faith Garden off to a fresh start!

The best crops this year were green beans, cherry tomatoes and zucchini. The yield of the garden was distributed in several ways. Volunteers took produce to The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, which distributes food and clothing on Saturday mornings to those in need at the St. Joseph's Parish Center at 99 Westervelt Avenue. Produce was given to the WIC (Women, Infants, & Children) participants who come to WAPC on Tuesdays. Several homeless men were frequently seen in the garden, and were given some tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers when they were available.

Total vegetables harvested in 2019: 144 zucchini, over 2000 plus 12 pounds of cherry tomatoes, 25 bags plus 20 pounds of green beans, 335 assorted peppers, 94 Japanese eggplant (the skinny ones), 37 cucumbers, 42 regular tomatoes, 31 yellow squash, 8 beets, and 2 watermelons, plus bags of spinach, romaine, leaf lettuce, collard greens, beet greens, basil and cilantro.

Please come out and help this year, so we can have an even better *Faith Garden* harvest
to help fight hunger in our community!



Let's Get to Know One Another Agenda-Free!

Mingling Dinner Party with Newark,
Elizabeth, and Palisades Presbyteries

Saturday, March 14 from 4 - 9 pm
Montclair Art Museum

Join the Presbyteries of Newark, Elizabeth, and Palisades for a fun night out to get to know one another as we embark on a new journey of faith.

The event will be held at the Montclair Art Museum,
3 South Mountain Avenue, Montclair, NJ, 07042.

Dinner will be served. There is on-site parking.
Please register by Friday, March 6, 2020 at
<https://newarkpresbytery.org/events/lets-get-to-know-one-another/>

There is no charge for this event; however, should you wish to make a free-will offering, a basket will be available.





MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH.
SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD AN HOUR,
SATURDAY BEFORE BED,
SO YOU WON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH!



The FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will be held on
Saturday, March 14th, at 10 am
at the Perkins on Route 22 in Greenbrook...
ALL ARE WELCOME!
Any questions,
contact Peggy Bunnell.



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.



OPERATION BACK PACK



Spring Benefit Dinner Concert



*Featuring our talented
Musical Director,
Queintard DeGeneste II*



and Roland Washington



*with
Jordan Chavous*



*plus additional
guest musicians*

**CALL 908-755-2781
FOR TICKETS**

*Saturday
April 25, 2020
Watchung Avenue
Presbyterian Church
170 Watchung Avenue
North Plainfield, NJ 07060
Dinner 6:00 pm ~ Concert 7:00 pm
Tickets: \$25. in advance ~ \$28. at the door
Limited Seating - Silent Auction - tickets sell fast*

*Operation Back Pack was created to provide bags of non-perishable food every
Friday to needy students identified by the
North Plainfield Middle and High school systems.
It is our goal to provide nutritious foods that students will eat.*

*** CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

WAPC MARCH REMINDER CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, COMMUNION WORSHIP/	2 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM PH	3 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	4 BELL/CHOIR REHEARSALS 7PM-Choir Rm. ↓	5 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	6***	7
8 Day Light Savings Day 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE	9 *** Session Meeting 7pm <hr/> ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM PH	10 HHS MEETING 7:30pm <hr/> ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH	11 ↓	12 ↓	13***	14 FELLOWSHIP BREAK-FAST 10AM @ PERKINS
15 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, HEALING WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE	16 *** ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	17 St. Patrick's Day <hr/> ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	18 ↓	19 ↓	20 *** 1ST DAY OF SPRING !	21
22 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE	23 *** ↓	24 ZUMBA 6:30-7:30PM - PH ↓	25 ↓	26 ↓ <hr/> VISIONS DEADLINE	27 ***	28
29 8:45am Bible Study <hr/> 10:00 AM, WORSHIP/ 11am COFFEE	30 *** ↓	31 ↓				

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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, purple baby hats for awareness of shaken baby syndrome, and scarves and hats for soldiers.

Our Spring meetings will be as follows:

Tuesday, March 10, at the home of Peg Bunnell

Tuesday, April 14, location to be determined.

Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

This year's Wool Walk of local yarn shops will be

Thursday, April 2 through Sunday, April 5.

If you are interested in exploring some local yarn shops in the area, speak to Ellen Lake or Gwyn Gronlund.

**It's fun to visit new shops,
enjoy discounts and register for prizes.**

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

**The Circle is
inviting all to
attend**

THE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

**Every second
Saturday of the
month.**

**For more info.
contact
Peg Bunnell.**



Please Help our Kids!

We have many children in North Plainfield going hungry every day.

Please donate **nut free**, non-perishable items.

Here is a list of the types of foods we need:

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Beef stew (small can) or Vienna sausages (4.6 oz can)

Chef Boyardee Pastas (cans or microwave packs)

Tuna (Ready to eat pouches)

Milk (8 oz. shelf stable boxes)

Juice boxes (8 oz. boxes)

Microwavable Macaroni and Cheese (either cups or packets)

Cold Cereal (small boxes 1.2 oz)

Pudding Cups or Fruit Cups

Small packs pretzels, cookies, fruit snacks, etc.

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Donations can be brought to:

Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church: 170 Watchung Ave.

Tuesdays - 2:30pm to 5:00pm

Wednesdays - 9:30am to 3:00pm

Thursdays - 12:30pm to 5:00pm

And to the Mayor's office: 263 Somerset St.

8am to 4:30pm

Thank you!



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Warrenbrook Senior Center

March 2020

500 Warrenville Road
Warren, NJ 07059
(Located on the Warrenbrook Golf Course)
(908) 753-9440
Gwen Chalker, Manager

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<p>2</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Moving Mind and Body with Lara Kats 10:45</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:00</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:30</p> <p>Learn More About "Hygge": The Danish Style of Coziness and Comfort 10:30</p> <p>Chair Yoga 12:45</p> <p>Mahjong 1:00</p> <p>Bridge Group 1:00</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Healthy Bones 10:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Tone and Flexibility 10:45</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:45</p> <p>Ballroom Dancing With Art and Fe 1:00</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p>  <p>Bingo 10:30</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Healthy Bones 10:00</p> <p>Fun with Brain Games and Trivia with Adrienne 10:30</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:45</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Mario Lanza and Me with Dominic Mantuano 10:30</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:00</p>	<p>10</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:30</p> <p>The Birds of the World with Ben Barkley 10:30</p> <p>Chair Yoga 12:45</p> <p>Mahjong 1:00</p> <p>Bridge Group 1:00</p> <p>Book Club 1:30</p>	<p>11</p> <p>OOA&DS Satellite Office with Gabrielle 9:30 - 3:30</p> <p>Healthy Bones 10:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Chair Exercises 10:45</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:45</p> <p>Ballroom Dancing with Art and Fe 1:00</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p> <p>Bingo 10:30</p> <p>CENTER CLOSING at 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Healthy Bones 10:00</p> <p>Fun with Brain Games and Trivia with Adrienne 10:30</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:45</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Eating Greens Jennifer Korneski 10:30</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:30</p> <p>A "Blamey" Good Time 10:30</p> <p>Chair Yoga 12:45</p> <p>Mahjong 1:00</p> <p>Bridge Group 1:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Healthy Bones 10:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Tone and Flexibility 10:45</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:45</p> <p>Ballroom Dancing With Art and Fe 1:00</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p> <p>Bingo 10:30</p> <p>Line Dancing 1:00</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Healthy Bones 10:00</p> <p>Fun with Brain Games and Trivia with Adrienne 10:30</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:45</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Tips on Injury Prevention for the Achy Back 10:30</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:00</p>	<p>24</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:30</p> <p>Signs of Spring with Anna Nowik Valerio 10:30</p> <p>Chair Yoga 12:45</p> <p>Mahjong 1:00</p> <p>Bridge Group 1:00</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Healthy Bones 10:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Tone and Flexibility 10:45</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:45</p> <p>Ballroom Dancing With Art and Fe 1:00</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p> <p>Bingo 10:30</p>  <p>Line Dancing 1:00</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Healthy Bones 10:00</p> <p>Springtime J-I-N-G-O 10:30</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:45</p> <p>Quilting Bee 1:00</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Watercolor Group 9:00</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:00</p> <p>Armchair Travelers: Exotic New Zealand 10:30</p> <p>Zumba Gold 11:00</p>	<p>31</p> <p>1 on 1 Computer 10:30</p> <p>The Practice of Formal & Informal Mindfulness 10:30</p> <p>Chair Yoga 12:45</p> <p>Mahjong 1:00</p> <p>Bridge Group 1:00</p>	<p>Billiards Room Available Daily</p> 	<p><u>Join us for Lunch</u> Monday- Friday Served @ 11:45am Choice of Four Menus - Meat and Vegetarian Hot & Cold Available</p> <p>Advanced Reservations Required</p> <p>Suggested Donation \$2.50</p>	



The Somerset County Office on Aging and Disability Services operates six centers where we offer challenging, inspiring, and educational programs, recreational and community service opportunities, and wellness programs for lifelong enrichment.



SOMERSET COUNTY
OFFICE ON AGING &
DISABILITY SERVICES

PRAYER LIST

Healing, comforting, and/or supportive prayers for:

- *Estelle Kennedy*, after her fall, is now recovering at home.
- *Jeff Bunnell*, during his last 2 weeks of radiation therapy.
- *Marilyn Cortright*, who, after a brief hospital stay, is recovering at home and continued prayers for her husband, *Tim Cortright*.
- *Amanda Lake* for health concerns.
- *Jim Roselli's sister, Joanne*, currently in a Kansas City hospital.
- *Cayla Ulner, Pastor Lindsey's niece*, diagnosed with depression.
- *Susan Sendelsky and her twin sister Kerry*, members of Pastor Lindsey's former Oak Tree Presbyterian Church family, both fighting cancer.
- *Jane Windbush, Pastor Lindsey's sister and Stephanie Weaver, Pastor Lindsey's niece*, who both suffer from Rheumatoid Arthritis.
- *Jackie Slattery & Sean Slattery*, daughter & grandson of Estelle Kennedy during a difficult time.
- *Gail Schmeisser*, continuing to be challenged with mobility issues.

Continued prayers for those people at home or in continued care:

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*
- *Pastor Madelynne Lindsey*

SOMERSET COUNTY 2020 CENSUS INFORMATION

Somerset County's 2020 Census Complete Count Committee recently reached out to me to request I pass along some important information about the 2020 Census which begins in March.

Every person is a valuable member of our community and being counted will ensure our schools, towns, hospitals, emergency responders and other community agencies receive their fair share of the federal resources they need to help us thrive. A full and accurate count also provides the foundation for a healthy democracy, which is why the Census is a U.S. constitutional requirement.

The information you provide by completing the 2020 Census questionnaire is confidential and protected by federal law. It does not ask for social security, driver's license, credit card, bank account numbers or other form of personal identification, and there is no cost involved. The Law requires everyone who lives here to be counted regardless of immigration status, and since there is no citizenship question, there is no need to worry about this issue.

Completing the Census Questionnaire is easy, and there are three different ways you can do it – online, by paper, or over the phone. Telephone assistance and the online questionnaire will be available in 12 languages. You should begin to receive letters from the U.S. Census Bureau beginning in March. The letters will include important log-in numbers you will need to fill out the form on-line. If you do not fill out the form on-line, a paper copy will be delivered to your home a few weeks later, which can be completed and mailed-back. The U.S. Census Bureau's Telephone Questionnaire Assistance phone number is 1-800-354-7271.

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**Spring
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**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME**

**St. Patrick's
Day**

**Spring
is coming**

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