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Welcome New Staff Members

We are thrilled to welcome two new staff members to WBPC:

Mary Russ has been hired as Administrative Assistant and will begin work on August 3rd. Mary has taught preschool for the last 16 years at St. Michael's Parish Day School and is excited about this career change. She lives in the church neighborhood, has a son who attends Combs Elementary, and has two adult children. Mary's office hours will be 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Chris Taylor has been hired as Youth Fellowship Coordinator and will begin work on September 1st. Chris graduated from UNC this past May and is currently working with "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks" in Acadia National Park in Maine. He served on the leadership team for Presbyterian Campus Ministry at UNC for 3 years, and also served as a camp counselor for Holston Presbytery Camp in Banner Elk. Chris is from Whispering Pines, NC (near Southern Pines), but plans to live in Raleigh. He will average 15-hours a week at WBPC.

As noted in the July *Contact*, Dave Grace will shift his time out of youth and into a Field Education Placement position at WBPC, thereby meeting a requirement for Duke Divinity School. Dave will serve as a "ministry assistant" for 8 months (September 1 thru April 1), 12 -15 hours a week. He will assist Betty and Bruce with various worship, pastoral, and administrative tasks.

We thank God for leading Mary and Chris to us and for continuing to bless us with gifted, dedicated staff members. Please pray for all the staff as we prepare to begin a new programmatic year at WBPC. We are honored and blessed to serve such a wonderful congregation.

*Grace and peace,
Betty*

Intergenerational Sunday School

“Faith and the Arts”

Fellowship Hall : 9:30–10:15 a.m.

August 2

“*Dreamers in the Bible*” (Santi Matthews)

August 9

“*Welcome Home*” (Betty Connette, Barbara Tierney)

August 16

“*Woven Together in Love*” (Heather Frazier)

August 23

“*Rock Painting*” (Clifford/Winslow)

August 30

“*Music to Enjoy*” (Janet Cherry)

Come, strengthen your faith!

Our “Faith and the Arts” series for Intergenerational Sunday School begins soon! Come as often as you can and strengthen your faith! Church members and friends will lead us as we strengthen our “Faith Through the Arts”! Lessons begin on August 2 and continue each Sunday during the month. Be sure to “save the dates”!

Intergenerational Fellowship

Join us on **Sunday, September 6** in the fellowship hall from 9:30-10:15 a.m. for Intergenerational Fellowship. Coffee, juice, and a breakfast snack will be provided.

Rally Day - September 13

A new year of Christian Education at WBPC kicks off on **Rally Day, September 13**. Join us for a scrumptious hot breakfast cooked by our Men of the Church (time to be announced.) Following breakfast, much information will be shared regarding Sunday School classes, Wednesday Night Live, and much more. Mark your calendars and make plans to recharge your faith walk this Rally Day.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women is open to ALL women in the church. Our Magdalene Circle will begin meeting each month, starting September through April, on the 2nd Tuesdays, at 10:00 a.m. in the parlor. We meet for business discussions, prayer concerns, Bible study, and then travel to a nearby restaurant for lunch together.

Our 2015-16 PW Horizon Bible Study is “Come to the Waters” by Judy Record Fletcher. This theme reflects Biblical images of water which help us to understand and articulate our faith. For more information, see: www.pcusa.org/horizons. If you are interested in leading one of the Bible Study discussions, please contact Marcia Bennett.

Come and join us as we explore our Bible and explore ways to help others in need.



Summer @The Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

WBPC Fellowship Hall

Please join us every Sunday for @TheTable worship at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall for this coffeehouse style worship.

Upcoming Special Music

At WBPC, we are blessed with musically talented members in our congregation and friends in our community. Here’s what we can look forward to in August.

August 2 – Gaylene Henry joins Janet Cherry for sacred piano duets

August 9 – Dorcas Miller and Keith Cassel, alto/tenor duet

August 16 – Katie Ware-Partin and Beth Ware, soprano/alto duet

August 23 – Emily Dean, soprano (granddaughter of Betty Dean)

Thanks from Janet

As a part of the annual church budget, WBPC provides time and funds that I can use for continuing education and training. This summer, I was away for 2 weeks at music conferences. I attended the Montreat Conference on Worship and Music June 21-26. For a week, I got to be in your shoes – sitting in the pews for worship, singing in the choir, and learning through Bible study and classroom lectures. As one who helps lead worship and rehearses the choirs, I find that very helpful. Each day of that week, I had a delightfully full schedule of daily classes and evening concerts. And when I had a break, I went for walks, soaking up the beautiful Appalachian scenery.

My second week was spent at the Regional Convention of the American Guild of Organists held in Charlotte, NC. It was 4 days chock-full of organ and choral music. Great performers, beautiful churches, magnificent sounding organs, wonderful music. (I’m running out of adjectives.) Very inspiring!

Thank you to the congregation of WBPC for providing time and funds to continue building on my education and re-charging my spirit.

—Janet Cherry, Director of Music

Piano for Loan

Parents, if you have a child beginning piano lessons this fall, and are in need of a piano, there is one available on loan from the church. WBPC received a gift of a spinet piano a few years back that currently, we are not using. It would be a great practice piano for a beginning piano student. If you are interested, contact Janet Cherry for more information.

Exciting Plans for Fall WNL

Mark your calendars and join your church family for Wednesday Night Live starting September 16. Meals begin at 5:45 p.m. and the program runs 6:30-7:30 p.m. in time for choir members to go to choir and families to have time for other activities. Several interesting programs are planned for the fall.

The fall session begins with a game night on September 16. On September 23 all ages can get exercise and participate in Square Dancing. Lou Gene Hemphill and Ronny Pittman will lead everyone in this activity. Lou Gene is from a noted Square Dancing family. On September 30, Marcia will share pictures and information about the History of WBPC, and children will have a craft activity. On October 7, The Little German band will entertain us with music and dancing; this is always a special treat. Then on October 14 Richard Nystrom will have a talk entitled "Mary, Mother of God". Richard is very talented and you won't want to miss this very special evening. Children will have a magic night with Janis Guzzo that evening.

Check the church web site www.wbpresbyterian.org for a listing of all programs for fall. Details about meals and other programs will be posted as plans are firmed up.

Welcome New Members!



Barbara Haddad Ryan is a lifelong Presbyterian (baptized Orthodox to please her Lebanese father). She was raised in Akron, Ohio. Her family was active at Westminster Presbyterian church. She graduated with a B.A. from Swarthmore, and earned a masters in journalism at Columbia. She worked in communications at Lincoln Center and at a medical center. Then was lured out west by the Denver Post, where she raised two daughters while writing editorials and covering politics, TV and the arts. Later she was a Journalism dept. chair at a university, a public affairs manager at a state agency and at a Fortune 500 corporation. After 30 years in Denver she became assoc. VP at Swarthmore. Her last job was the Phi Beta Kappa Society's PR director in D.C. She retired to N.C. in 2011 when her only grandchild's family returned here from seven years in New Zealand. Her younger daughter is in Albuquerque.

David Thomas Johnson grew up in Kannapolis, NC just outside of Charlotte, and has been a lifelong Presbyterian. He graduated with a BA from Appalachian State University and an MBA from East Carolina University. David works as a Bond Analyst for Sterling Capital Management, a subsidiary of BB&T. **Lori Jeanette Johnson** is originally from Janesville WI. She attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, and received a law degree from Northeastern University in Boston, MA. She has been an attorney at the Farmworker Unit of Legal Aid for many years. She loves her book club and enjoys travel. She and David have a superpooch named Moxie (a miniature Schnauzer). David and Lori have been married for five years.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sujin Matthews	1
Betsy Roberts	5
Matthew Fleming	9
Wesley Peede	9
Sarah Wetherby	10
Paul Herrin	10
Justin Orilio	11
John Pittman	14
Ron Pittman	14
Jenny Fleming	15
Frank Alcorn	16
Kismet Hall	16
Jimmy Wade	17
Rebecca Alcorn	17
Janet Cherry	19
Sally Curtis	22
John Bayne	23
Chloe Rush	23
Betty Dean	24
Dot Gebbie	24
Barbara McIntire	24
Owen Clapp	26
Peggy Teel	27
Allisen Fischer	28

New Addresses

Bonnie Carter is living with her grandson Benjamin:
213 Heidinger Drive
Cary, NC 27511

The Whitfield's have moved:
1905 Freewood Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27606

Thank you!

Dear Members of Western Boulevard, your cards and support have been wonderful through this period of my life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Love, Alice Powell

Meals-On-Wheels

WBPC's next Meal-on-Wheels delivery date is August 31. Please contact Marcia Bennett if you wish to help.

Egg Cartons

Thank you for your egg cartons! Since we started in March, the Magdalene Circle has delivered 6 large trash bags packed with clean egg cartons for repacking eggs for Inter-Faith Food Shuttle. Please continue to bring them and place in the box by the food bags table downstairs. You are helping to feed the hungry.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, Julie Butcher, Kaye Byrd, Bonnie Carter, Margaret Cox, Daisy Lowery, Gwen Orilio, Shirley and Jim Overcash, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Mavis Stott, Tirrell Toney

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Paula Byers (daughter of Pat Byers), Debra Falkner (cousin of Peggy Stevens), Ben Glasgow (brother of Lori Grippo), Terry Griffith (cousin of Greg Griffith), Bob Inskeep (fiancé of Robyn Reasor), Howard Nystrom (son of Peggy and Richard Nystrom), Alice Powell (former member), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill)

ABBOTSWOOD: Margaret Pittman

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore, Blanche Jarrett

SUNRISE REHAB: Dot Gebbie

Prayer Needs

WBPC has an ongoing Prayer Chain for any who need prayer: church members, family, friends, community, or global. Please contact

Marcia Bennett: sen1969@hotmail.com

or Betty Dean: betdean@nc.rr.com.

Luncheon Ladies Meet August 11

Luncheon Ladies will meet for fellowship and lunch at **Briggs Restaurant on Tryon Road, on Tuesday, August 11.** We'll meet before the heat and the crowds, at 11:00 a.m.! Please contact Marcia Bennett: sen1969@hotmail.com or 919-851-3992, to reserve a seat.



Our usual time and place...

**11:30 a.m. 3rd Fridays,
August 21, D&S, South Hills.**

Make plans now to join us.

Western Boulevard Presbyterian Preschool

August is here and preschool will be beginning soon! We are so excited that all classes are close to being full – we still have several 2 and 4 year old spots left. Our first day of school will be September 2. If you know of anyone who might be looking for a preschool, please let them know about us.

We will also welcome anyone who might have a little time to come and volunteer in the classrooms! If you love to play, read, do art projects, etc. we would love to have you come in!

We are always in the need of scholarship donations. If you would like to help one of our preschoolers who is coming on scholarship, we would certainly appreciate any help you could give.