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“Saints Alive! Living Generously”

“Now concerning the collection for the saints, you get the same instructions I gave to the churches in Galatia. Every Sunday each of you make an offering and put it in safe keeping. Be as generous as you can.” (1 Corinthians 16:1-2)

Dear Church Family,

As faithful stewards of the ministry and mission we share, we continue to seek ways to live generously in Christ. I invite you to join with all the saints at WBPC on a stewardship journey this fall, as together we explore what it means to live generously.

“Giving” stories will be an important part of our journey. We’ll hear stories of some of the vital ministries God has entrusted to us and show how that ministry demonstrates God’s love and leads to changed lives. We’ll also hear stories of people who have taught us to be generous as we consider the legacy of giving we would like to leave. During the weeks of our giving journey, we will “grow” a tree together, filling its branches with leaves that identify saints alive, living generously.

There are several dates to be sure to mark on your calendars:

Sunday, October 16: Stewardship kick-off Sunday
We begin our special observance of giving.

Wednesday, November 2: Loyalty Night
Our annual church-wide dinner and celebration of the abundant life we share together at WBPC.

Sunday, November 6: Dedication Sunday
We present our personal giving commitments for a new year of serving God as followers of Jesus Christ.

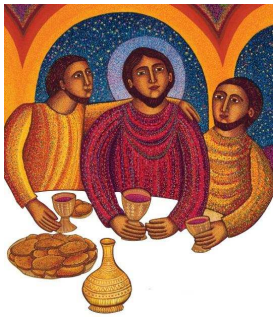
Watch for more information as we begin this exciting time of growth and giving together!

*Grace and peace,
Betty*



World Communion Sunday: October 2

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God." -Matthew 5:9



On World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October (October 2), we will receive the Peacemaking Offering to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church will keep 25% of the offering to support AventWest Children's Mentoring, which provides individualized homework support for neighborhood students living in homes where homework support is not feasible as well as a nutritious snack or meal for children whose families struggle to provide a nutritious diet. Another 25% will be used by the Presbytery of New Hope for its Peacemaking Program and the remaining 50% will go to the General Assembly to support the International Peacemakers Program, which brings Christian peacemakers from around the world here to tell Presbyterians in the USA about peacemaking ministries in their countries, and the Peacemaking Program's travel/study seminars, which take Presbyterians to other countries to learn about peace and justice issues from mission co-workers and church partner leaders.

Update on Three Year Capital Campaign (2009 - 2011)

We are nearing the end of our Capital Campaign which was instigated in late 2008 for a three year period ending in 2011 and what a success we have had meeting our obligations. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. Your pledge period is nearing an end and we would ask you to fulfill your obligations if you have not already done so. The pledged amount was \$328,000 and we have received to date at August 31, 2011 \$282,000. We had borrowed \$216,000 and have paid back as of August 31, 2011 some \$176,000. Our goal was to pay back the total amount borrowed over a three (3) year period and we are almost there thanks to your continued effort to meet obligations. At this time, we are short \$46,000 in pledges and owe \$40,000 on our loan obligation. Let's make this a completed campaign by paying off our loan in 3 years and fulfilling our obligations. Thank you again for your commitment to this campaign.

—Gene Curtis, FAP Committee Chair

"Who Eats and Who Starves?"

What is going on in Congress and what are people of faith to do?

Join your Mission Outreach Committee on **Sunday, October 2** in the fellowship hall after morning worship for education, reflection, advocacy and a light lunch as we raise our voices on behalf of the poor and vulnerable people in our nation and around our world.

Congress has a Super Committee making recommendations about our budget. Why does this matter to people of faith—and to members at Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church? This matters because budgets are moral documents—our budget determines, in the words of The Rev Dr. James Forbes, "Who Eats and Who Starves". As Christians who care about our neighbors, as Christians who worship a God who brings good news to the poor, we cannot allow our representatives to balance a budget on the backs of poor and vulnerable folks because, **WE CARE ABOUT STARVING PEOPLE—OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST.**

On September 14, 2011, the News and Observer reports "Poverty hits record high." Tony Hall from the Alliance to End Hunger visited East Africa and on August 10, 2011 sends the question—"Why is America Cutting Emergency Food Aid in the Middle of a Famine?" Can Christians sit silently by in complicit acceptance of this situation? Or should we, as Jesus commands "love our neighbor as ourselves" and raise our voices? What if you were the starving person or what if your child or grandchild was starving?



Join Us @ The Table

Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of Java and feast with us in this coffeehouse style worship.

Funding of Phase 1 of Long Range Plan

As most of you heard after attending one of the two presentations on Sunday, September 18th, 2011, concerning WBPC's Long Range Planning, we are on a go-ahead mission to fund the \$100,000 Phase I renovation/update of the Fellowship Hall. The plan is to have current contributors to the Three Year Capital Campaign extend their pledge amount by 1/3 of the original pledge over another year or two. Those members who did not contribute to the original campaign are asked to make a pledge to the Phase I project. The Stewardship Package for 2012 will have a separate pledge card concerning the Phase I project. The Phase I projects will be done as the monies are generated through pledges and any excess will apply to Phases II and III.

—Gene Curtis, FAP Committee Chair

How Christians Make Ethical Decisions

October Wednesday Night Live Series:

One cannot talk about the Christian ethic because there is no unanimity among Christians on moral judgments. Christians differ on such individual questions as whether honesty is an absolute requirement and on such broad social issues as what to do about illegal immigration. There is no one Christian position on war, human sexuality, health care, or any other moral issue. One reason for this lack of unanimity is the differences among Christians on the starting point. What makes something good or bad, right or wrong? On what basis do we choose our values? What procedure do we follow in deciding what to do?

Some Christians focus on an external authority by which right and wrong, good and bad are defined. Some emphasize the necessity of individual decision-making and the process by which that is done. And some stress cooperative action on the broad social problems. These concerns are not mutually exclusive, and indeed most Christians pay some attention to all three. Yet for each person one emphasis usually emerges as basic to the other two. We shall try to understand the alternative approaches in order both to make good decisions for ourselves and to engage in fruitful conversation with people whose judgment is different from ours.

—Dr. Roger Crook

(Dr. Crook led a series in the spring: "How the Bible was Canonized". Everyone enjoyed this course, and you will learn a lot by being present for this very special series: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26.)

Frogmore Stew and Fall games

Saturday October 22, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Make plans to attend our version of a fall festival: Frogmore Stew and Games. Bring a friend and come check out Ron Pittman's version of "stewin of the frogs." Actually there will be no frogs in the stew, just yummy shrimp, corn, potatoes and sausages. Bring a side dish or a dessert and plan to be present. Vegetarians should bring vegetarian dishes. Weather permitting there will be outdoor games for all ages—Bocci, cornhole, string golf, face painting, dodge ball, board games, BINGO, etc. If the weather fails to cooperate, games will be in the Fellowship Hall with fun for all ages. Following dinner the evening will close with music. There is no charge for this event; just bring a side dish and make reservations by Wednesday, October 19. Invite neighbors and friends to join us for this fun event.



Calling All Veterans

Plan to be present at Wednesday Night Live on November 9 to be honored by your church family. We need for all members who have served our nation to fill out a form so that we will have a complete list. Forms can be found in the Narthex or the Fellowship Hall. We hope to recognize all those who have served our country in military service. Please give us your information so that our list will include everyone. We would also like to honor the names of family members that you would like listed under the category of *IN MEMORY OF*. We will list all names that are submitted and the family member they are associated with.

We have information from those listed below but we know there are many others. We hope our veterans will share a few experiences with us as we honor those who have served our country in both war-time and peace-time. Please get your information into the office as soon as possible. All church members—make plans to be present for this special night.

In Honor Of

Avery	Doris	World War II
Isbell	Ed	World War II
Lentz	Richard	World War II
Parnell	Leslie	World War II
Emerson	John	Korea
Overcash	Jim	Korea
Perdue	Tom	Korea
Reese	Eugene	Korea
Griffith	Gregory	Vietnam
Matthews	Joseph	Vietnam
Yorke	Tom	Vietnam
Bennett	Frank	1965-98
Johnson	Ed	1959-62
Smith	Bill	1954-1963
Stott	Ken	1984-1990
Curtis	Gene	Vietnam

In Memory Of:

Brinkley	Roscoe	World War II
Yorke	Tom Sr.	World War II

Mark Your
Calendars for
Loyalty Night
November 2
Featuring:
Unashamed



WIHN Week Oct. 9-16 Help Needed!

Our next WIHN week is fast approaching and will be the week of October 9-16, 2011, and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please consider helping as an evening host, overnight host, driver, meal preparer or set-up person during this week. We really need a male and female to be overnight hosts each night since we usually have a large number of guests. Please consider giving a little of your time, YOU will get more out of it then you give. You may sign up online at <http://wbpresbyterian.com> and on the sign up board which is located in the Narthex. —Mission Outreach Committee

Yahve-Jire Benefit Concert

Sunday, October 16

5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate! @TheTable Worship Service is hosting this benefit concert; all proceeds will go to our friends at the Yahve-Jire orphanage/school in Haiti.

Recently your Session.

- Approved the slate of teachers and curricula as presented in the proposed 2011-2012 Christian Education brochure.
- Approved preschool to hold yard sale on Saturday Sept 24.
- Approved special offering for Somalian Relief.
- Had some training on how to do home-bound communion.
- Approved congregational meeting for October 16th for purpose of electing Nominating Committee
- Approved motion from FAP to hire Jack Reynolds and Caroline Newcombe as youth interns for 2011-2012.

OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>AUGUST 2011</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 25,615.75	216,441.25
Open	967.00	12,019.73
Church School	23.00	762.57
Total Offering	26,605.75	239,877.85
Prior Receipts		10,654.30
Expenses	<u>26,635.77</u>	<u>224,838.17</u>
Net Total	\$ (30.02)	15,039.68

Awesome WBPC Youth Ministry Team

They say it takes a village to raise a child (and teen), and WOW do we have a wonderful "village" of leaders for our 2011-2012 youth ministry team! We're thanking God for prayers answered. When you see one of these folks, please let them know how much they are appreciated.

Ed Johnson, Youth Fellowship Coordinator

Jack Reynolds, Youth Fellowship Intern

Caroline Newcombe, Youth Fellowship Intern

(Caroline was referred to us by Mollie Tucker. She's from Henderson and is a student at Meredith College.)

Larry Shelton, Youth in Mission Coordinator

Sarah Wetherby, Youth Meals Coordinator

Blythe Clifford, Youth Sunday School Coordinator & CE Committee Liaison

Mac Winslow, Youth Sunday School Teacher

Kevin Fischer, Youth Sunday School Teacher



Youth News

WBPC Youth Group is underway and in full swing! The Middle School and High School Youth meet weekly on Sunday evenings.

We share a meal starting at 6:30 and we break into planned programs that include bible study, special programs, community service, worship, and recreation.

This year we are taking a team approach to our youth ministry with Ed Johnson as the Youth Fellowship Coordinator, Jack Reynolds and Caroline Newcomb, as the Youth Interns along with the Elder and Staff assistance of Kate Trimble, Blythe Winslow, Larry Shelton, Kevin Fischer, Betty and Bruce. What a fantastic team! We are planning a mission focus this year towards Food and Shelter. There are plans for trips to the Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, Raleigh Urban Ministries and Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network to name a few. We also look forward in participating in the Appalachian Service Project as our mission trip this summer. For more information on activities, please contact Ed Johnson at landarch@nc.rr.com

Food Bag Challenge Items

Bring one item each week!

October 2—canned meat

October 9—macaroni and cheese

October 16—grits

October 23—powdered milk packets

October 30—peanut butter



Coping with Grief and Loss:

A Small Group Study on Hope and Healing

This will be a small group study on Hope and Healing as it relates to coping with Grief and Loss. We will meet weekly for 7 weeks starting Monday, October 3 at 6:30 pm in the Children's Chapel, Room # 211. We will form a close knit group as we learn to share in our losses and support each other through our grieving process. This is a study group lead by Ed Johnson as partial fulfillment of his coursework for Seminary. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at landarch@nc.rr.com or call at 919-325-9152 or you may contact Betty or Bruce through the Church office.



Thank you!

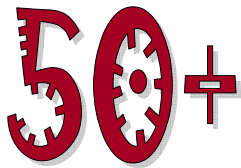


We wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the cards, books, visits, prayers, flowers, prayer shawl, and treats that Carlyle received during his lengthy stay at Uni-Health of Raleigh. The love and encouragement of the congregation have been instrumental in his recovery.

—*Carlyle and Ruth*

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support following the death of my mom, Mary Reynolds. It has helped knowing that we have your support.

—*Bob Reynolds and Family*



**Friday, October 21
11:30AM
D&S South Hills**

Join us for a very special program
provided by Keith and Charlotte Cassel!

Hospital Bed

Tommy Goldston has an almost new hospital bed to give to anyone who may need it. Please call him at 851-4633. Thanks!



WBPC Christmas Trees: Complete Order Form by November 6

Place your order now for a heavy density Fraser fir Christmas tree and support the WBPC fundraiser to upgrade our safety by improving our lighting around our property. Please complete this order form and place it in the offering plate by **Sunday, November 6** to reserve your tree(s). **Payment will be due at time of pick-up.**

Name _____ Phone # _____

Tree Size and Price

5-6 ft. tree: \$25

6-7 ft. tree: \$30

Quantity to Order

5-6 ft. trees: _____

6-7 ft. trees: _____

Payment is not due until time of pick up.

This form is for the purpose of ordering and reserving your tree

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shirley Owens	2
Bobby Simpson	5
Jacob Milchuck	6
Alexa Grady	7
Romario Smith	8
Janice Aldridge	11
Robyn Townsend	11
John Roberts	12
Judy Shelton	13
Madison Shelton	13
Phil Westerman	13
Margaret Mills	16
Caroline Tucker	16
Jeanne Hill	17
Mavis Stott	21
Ed Johnson	22
Bettie Thompson	24
Beth Ware	24
Walt Clapp	27
Donna Herrin	28
Ken Stott	29
Ed Owens	30
Edna Earle Sturdivant	30
Robert Zachary Howell	31
Ruth Peele	31



Share your Talent!

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, read a poem, be a clown, share a magic act, demonstrate a sport, make animal sounds, jump rope, twirl a baton, share a slide presentation, sing in a duet, trio, quartet, etc then please **sign up now** to share your talent on **Wednesday, November 16**. Acts are limited to 5 minutes. All ages are encouraged to take part. This is the third annual talent show at Western Boulevard and it promises to be a fun time for all. The meal will be hamburgers and hotdogs with a veggie dog offering so all folks are encouraged to join the church family for a fun evening. Please sign up now!



Wednesday Night Live

Dates: September 14-November 16

Time: Dinner: 5:45~6:30; Classes 6:30~7:25

Cost for dinner: \$7 per person, 5 & under free

*Join in the fellowship, fun and good food...
Sign up on the Sunday attendance form or call or email the church office by noon on Monday, the week of the event.*

(The weekly menu will be printed each week in the Update, and can also be found at our website www.wbpresbyterian.org)

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How Christians Make Ethical Decisions

November 2: Loyalty Night

November 9: Honoring Those Who've Served

November 16: Talent Show

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Louise Beck, George Blum, Kaye Byrd, Alaina Craven, John McClellan, Jean Perdue, Gene Reese, Paul Simpson, Dot & Jimmie Smith

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Dorothy Allen (sister of Mary Jane Roberts), Paula Byers and Evelyn Byers (daughters of Pat Byers), Ed Cherry (father of Janet Cherry), Horace Davis (friend of Mavis & Kenny Stott), Karen Estes (niece of Lou Gene Hemphill), Dorothy Glasgow (mother of Lori Grippo), Thomas E. Grady (father of Bruce Grady), Richard and Kathy Griffith (brother and sister-in-law of Greg and Shirley Griffith), Janice Johnson (niece of Mary Jane Roberts), Marilyn Reese (daughter-in-law of Peggy and Gene Reese), Traci Reese Quinn (daughter of Peggy and Gene Reese), Ron Rice (brother-in-law of John Clapp), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Caitlyn Zabko (great granddaughter of Louise Beck)

UNIHEALTH / THE OAKS: Carlyle Craven, Betsy Roberts

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

MORNINGSIDE: Brady Jefcoat, Eleanor Sykes

ACTIVE MILITARY:

(Iraq): Tyler Rice (nephew of John Clapp)

(Afghanistan): Ryan Gnecco (cousin of Charlotte Cassel)

Sympathy extended to:

The family of Darlyne Larson upon her death on September 28.

Dave Parker and family upon the death of his grandmother on September 10.

Bob Reynolds and family upon the death his mother Mary Reynolds on September 5.