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Steve's Slant...

As has been my recent custom, I am writing this article shortly after the President's State of the Union speech to address this same question: What is the state of our union, here at the Warren Wilson Church?

I'm glad to say that what was true of us last year at this time remains even more true today: we show all the signs of a healthy and vibrant community.

Most notably, perhaps, our congregation continues to grow. Several new members have recently come before our Session and have been received formally into membership here. And I'm confident these numbers will increase over the next several weeks. Our hope and our plan is to publicly welcome our new members during worship on Easter Sunday, April 8th, so that you might have the chance to get to know them better, and to welcome them informally and socially.

(If you're reading this, would like to join our ranks formally and I have not yet been in touch with you, please do feel free to contact me at the church office. I would love to meet with you and talk about next steps.)

So we are grateful for new growth.

I'm also very pleased to report that our financial status is very healthy. As we reported in our recent congregational meeting, we finished the year approximately \$10,000 in the black, a huge turnaround from this time last year when we faced a budget shortfall of nearly that same amount—a turnaround made possible in part by: one, the bequest from Mildred McMican and Mary K Scarbrough; two, tight control of our expenses and, three, and not least, your generosity over the last year.

Our pledges for 2012 also came in approximately \$5000 above our projections. Per a plan adopted by Session, we intend to allocate these extra funds (including last year's budget surplus) as follows: a \$1000 increase in our Social Outreach Budget, a \$500 increase in our Christian Education budget, and (for the first time in three years) a \$3000 increase in staff salaries. (That's \$3000 total, not per staff member!)

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PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Karen VanEman; Nina Anmahian Lantis; Evelyn Jones; Rusty Runholt (Steve Runholt's brother) on his recovery from cancer surgery; Bob Martin; Susan Kask; Roger Morrison; Jean Hutton; Helen Millar; Hugh Verner and Alan Eagle.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND REGULARLY BUT STILL NEED THE COMFORT OF YOUR PRAYERS:

Arline Morrison; Luke and Betty Heald; Evelyn Devries; and Mary Moorrees.

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The Book Group will meet at noon February 9th to discuss the book STILL ALIVE by Ruth Kluger and Lore Segal. Sue Wilson will lead the discussion and Sandy Brauer will be hostess. Bring a sandwich and join us for the meeting.

BarbaraHempleman_____

If you like to knit, crochet, sew or quilt, you are invited to an organizational meeting on Wednesday afternoon February 8 at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. At that time we will decide if and when we want to meet, or perhaps meet once a quarter to bring items made at home, for whom we will make blankets, baby sweaters and caps, etc. Bring any and all ideas and, if you wish, a sample or two of what you are interested in making.

Feel free to contact Kay Stockdale 298-0557 or stockdale0557@bellsouth.net.



Hope to Home Team

The joint WWPC and First Presbyterian of Swannanoa (FPS) Hope to Home (H2H) team is gearing up for its mission to assist a Homeward Bound homeless partner settle into permanent housing. Formal training for the twelve volunteers was conducted at the Chapel Fellowship Hall on January 26, 2012. Next important stages to reach full launch of the team include: matching with and meeting our partner; receiving commissioning from the pastors of both churches; and completing the funding of the \$1,800 stipend that Homeward Bound needs to run the H2H program and to provide all the incidentals our partner needs to make a wonderful new home. While a generous portion of that stipend will flow from the approved 2012 Operating Budget of WWPC, the balance will come from individual, designated donations. The commissioning of the team, and call for designated donations, are tentatively planned to occur at the first Sunday service in March 2012. The WWPC team members are grateful for the planned contributions of time and treasure from four members of FPS, led by Paulette and Bill Heck. All members of the team will be introduced at the commissioning ceremony. HOUSING IS THE ANSWER.

Submitted by Dolph Hoehling



February is Black History Month

(Pictured is Rosa Parks, who refused to sit in the back of the bus)
Racism is still with us. But it is up to us to prepare our children for what they have to meet, and, hopefully, we shall overcome.

[Rosa Parks](#)

Question: Black History Month: What's the Theme of This Year's African American History Month?

Every year there's a different theme for February's celebration of African American History Month, also called Black History Month for short. What's this year's theme? And who sets the theme agenda?

Answer: The 2012 theme for African American History Month, celebrated in February, is "Black Women in American: Culture and History."

Spend some time this month investigating these incredible women.

Steve's Slant Cont.

The balance of the surplus will be invested in operating reserve funds to cover the cost of unexpected contingencies, giving us a welcome cushion that we have not had available to us for the last several years.

So thank you. We are grateful for robust financial health.

We have also recently installed a strong class of new elders. Together, Sally Broughton, Don Collins and Kristin Williams bring a wonderful mix of talents and interests to the table, and they add their gifts to an already very capable group of existing elders: Susan Laney, Pat Laursen, Mike Levi, Fran Roberts, Marian Sigmon and Dennis Stockdale.

So we are grateful for strong, capable leadership.

I also wish to express my personal appreciation for our wonderful staff. Steve William's music and his leadership of the choir (and the choir's music in turn) continue to inspire us week to week, and to draw new members to our congregation. Our ship of state would quickly veer off course without Donna's gracious and steady presence at the helm in the church office. And of course Beth continues to make a tremendous difference in our life together. I appreciate not only the contribution she continues to make as a staff member, but also your strong support for her ministry among us.

So I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such a talented, capable staff.

Given all these factors – our growing and active membership, our robust financial health, a strong session and a capable staff – it's no surprise that our ministries are thriving. Even as our Sunday morning worship continues to grow, my greatest joy is seeing more and more children coming forward during worship. On the adult side, we're now offering three different adult education classes, two on Sunday mornings and a mid-week Bible study. On the social outreach side, we are about to launch an entirely new ministry (see the article inside by Dolph Hoehling describing the Hope to Home Program), in addition to our ongoing support for and involvement with more than a dozen other local agencies and ministries.

Of course not all the news is joyful. We've lost some beloved members of our wider church family and the college community—Llois Affolter, Charles Hutton, Martha McLean, Julio Guissasola, Callum Roberston and, just this week, Peter Schlecht. But even in the midst of these difficult losses, especially in the midst of these losses, this congregation continues to display an enormous capacity for caring for one another.

So for all of these things—a growing community, robust financial health, capable leadership, a talented staff and vibrant ministries and a caring, loving congregation I am truly grateful.

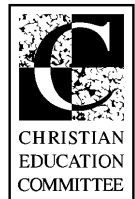
I'm sure 2012 will bring us its share of challenges. But in the nearly seven years I've been here, we are now clearly in the strongest position we've ever been in as a congregation. And so, trusting in God's own transcendent faithfulness and generosity, I'm sure we'll meet these challenges with faith, resourcefulness and joy.

Thanks be to God!

Adult Education for February

February 5	Prayer in Public Schools	Paul McDonald
12	To Walk with Jesus, introduction	Roberta Martin
19	Lenten Music	Bob Keener
26	To Walk with Jesus	

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINUTES JANUARY 16TH, 2012



Present: Susan Laney, Emily Pulisfer, Kay Stockdale, Sandy Brauer, Beth Newman

Beth's Report: Acolytes have a long list of interested young people, Confirmation Class will be considered with input from students and parents, Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 12:30. A one-day Lenten Retreat was discussed.

Nursery Reading Program: Parents and church members have signed-up to read a Bible Story to the Nursery children. The schedule is complete thru March 18th. The participants are greatly appreciated for their support of the program.

Elementary: Dianne Smith continues her work with the class.. Additional leaflets have been ordered for the fall semester.

Middle School: Emily Pulisfer reported details of class discussions and programs that were of particular interest to the Middle School students. Diana Sanderson has been leading the class during December and January.

Adults: Kay Stockdale presented the complete schedule for the adult class. A closing church-wide picnic at Montreat is planned for May 20th. It would include a visit to the Historical Center that would focus on the wood carvings of Johnny Mack Walker.

New Business: Annual Pancake Supper will be held February 21st at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Next Meeting: Mon. February 20th, 7pm in the Fellowship Hall

Coming up at the College:

February 6, 6:00 p.m., D.J. Gerken, Southern Environmental Law Center, "Using the power of the law to protect the environment." Canon Lounge, Gladfelter Building

March 1, 7:00 p.m., Lou Guillette, Jr., Ph.D., Medical University of South Carolina: "Scrambled Eggs: Can wildlife provide clues about birth defects in humans?" WWC Chapel

submitted by Sandy Brauer

Social Outreach Committee

Minutes January 4, 2012

Members present Mike Levi, Betty Siviter, Mary Wheeler, Susan Laney, Dolph Hoehling, Salyna Morgan, Neil Satterfield, Pat Crumpler

Absent Pastor Steve Runholt, Karen VanEman, Sandy Brauer, Gene Witherspoon

Meeting opened with prayer led by Mike Levi

Mike reported that Billie Martin has resigned her position on the committee due to personal needs in the family. He is serving as chair of the committee for this meeting with a new chair to be appointed by the Session. The committee will send a note of appreciation and gratitude to Billie for her outstanding service. Mike introduced a new member of the committee, Neil Satterfield, and welcomed him with appreciation. Each member of the committee welcomed Neil and gave a brief description of the many projects and services. His many opportunities of service to Central Church in Atlanta will be valuable to the work of the SO Committee.

Minutes of the Nov 2, 2011 meeting approved.

Old Business Dolph Hoehling reported that the Hope to Home project has met the goal of forming a team commitment by signing 8 members of WWPC and 4 members of First Presbyterian Church, Swannanoa to work together in this program. The next step in the process is to meet budget allocations to be submitted to Session for review. Funds will be secured by church budgets and individual donations. A 3 hour training session led by Emily Ball, staff of Homeward Bound, will coordinate the project. Partners will be paired with team members with specific needs spread among members of the team. A team meeting 1-2 hours will be held each month with a minimum hourly commitment by each individual. Cooperation and support appreciated.

New Business Outreach Budget recommendation 2012. Mike Levi submitted the revised and amended draft for approval of the committee. He reported that the committee has received \$1000 in additional funding made possible by congregational pledges for 2012. These funds will provide means for meeting contingency needs during the year. Recommendations for amendments to the draft budget were made and approved by members to allocate funds listed as contingency. These funds will reinstate monies to several projects reduced by the Draft Budget. The committee receives this additional allotment with gratitude and voted to approve the proposed budget.

Mike reported 1) Pentacost offering of \$162 is available from church funds 2011 which Committee approved for Christian Education program
2) Peacemaking Offering of \$210 which committee approved for Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice. This recommendation will be submitted to Bill Corbin, Treasurer.

Susan Laney Reported on plans for Room in the Inn scheduled for February 12-18. Sally Broughton will coordinate program with Susan and others assisting, Marian Sigmon and Angie McDonald. Evie Moore will meet to assist in the planning and organizing of the event. Congregation is requested to participate and assist as needed.

Mary Wheeler Reported that the Birthday Party at Women's Correctional center is scheduled for March 23, 2012 at 6:30p.m.

Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting scheduled for February 1, 2012 at 3:30p.m.

Minutes of Stated Meeting of Session

January 17, 2012 7.00pm Adult Sunday School Room

Elders Present: Sally Broughton, Don Collins, Susan Laney, Pat Laursen, Mike Levi (Clerk of Session), Fran Roberts, Marian Sigmon, Dennis Stockdale, Kristen Williams.

Also Present: Pastor Steve Runholt (Moderator), Elizabeth Newman (Part-time Parish Associate/CE Coordinator).

Minutes: Fran moved (seconded by Pat) **approval of the minutes of December 20, 2011 session meeting as written**, passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report:

Fran moved (seconded by Pat) **communion be provided on the first Sunday of each month, on Maundy Thursday (April 5), and by Beth and an elder to the homebound as needed**, passed unanimously.

Fran moved (seconded by Pat) **a congregational meeting be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012 after worship to approve Steve's Terms of Call and answer questions on the 2012 Operating Fund budget to be immediately followed by the annual meeting of WWPC(USA)&CC Inc. Corporation members**, passed unanimously.

(Steve and Beth left the room)

Budget and Finance Committee moved **approval of the Terms of Call for Steve to be approved by the congregation**, passed unanimously.

Budget and Finance Committee moved **approval of the contracts for Beth Newman and Donna Eagle Joslin**, passed unanimously.

(Steve and Beth returned)

Pat moved (seconded by Fran) **approval of the Presbytery special offerings for One Great Hour of Sharing, Peacemaking, Joy Gift and Pentecost**, passed unanimously.

Dennis moved (seconded by Don) **appointment of an Audit Committee chaired by John Laney to review 2011 financials**, passed unanimously.

Presbytery will meet January 28 at Belmont, April 24 at Montreat, July 31 at Black Mountain and October 26, 27 at Lake Junaluska. **MIKE volunteered to serve with STEVE as a Commissioner on January 28.**

Moderator's Report: Steve provided updates on several members who are suffering health problems.

Parish Associate's Report: Beth reported that the children's Christmas program went well and responses to the alternative adult Sunday School class and Wednesday bible study have been encouraging. Growth in the number of children at worship is particularly noticeable.

Committee Reports:

Budget and Finance: Committee moved **acceptance of Treasurer's December Report**, approved unanimously.

Committee moved **that the \$10,712.18 2011 surplus revenues over expenses be placed in a new designated "Operating Reserve Fund" to be used in emergency situations and when operating fund expenses temporarily exceed revenues**, approved unanimously. **Session must approve permanent expenditures from this reserve fund.**

Committee moved **that the revised Operating Fund budget for 2012 be adopted**, approved unanimously. It was noted the approved operating fund includes increases from the initial proposed 2012 budget of \$3,000 for staff salaries, \$1,000 for Social Outreach, \$500 for Christian Education and \$1,500 for building maintenance. In addition there is over \$5,000 in a separate designated building reserve fund.

Building & Maintenance: It was agreed that **DENNIS** will **buy** and the church pay for **new light-weight rectangular tables** to replace the existing ones and that the college will be asked to pay for their maintenance. Also the **church** will **purchase new signage for handicapped accessible bathrooms and the vestibule information table**. **STEVE and DENNIS** will ask the **Conference Committee to improve lighting at the parking lot end of the path to the Fellowship Hall**. A new upgraded Xerox machine will be received on January 19.

Christian Education: Minutes provided by Sandy Brauer.

Church/College Relations: Minutes provided by Pat.

Communications: The value of Friendship pads in contacting visitors was discussed. It was agreed to **encourage both visitors and members to fill out and circulate the pads through announcements by STEVE and articles in the bulletin and newsletter**. Other ways of keeping in touch with members and visitors were also discussed and will be **considered by the Congregational Life Committee**.

Personnel: No meeting, recommendations on staff salaries were passed to Budget and Finance.

Social Outreach: Committee moved **approval of recommended 2012 Operating Fund Outreach Budget**, approved unanimously.

Committee moved **approval of church special offerings for Souper Bowl (SVCMM), Hope to Home (Homeward Bound), Bowls for the Soul (SVCMM), Presbyterian Habitat House (Asheville Area Habitat for Humanity) and Hunger Walk (SVCMM/Church World Service)**, approved unanimously.

Submitted by Mike Levi, Clerk of Session _____

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MLK SCHOLARSHIP FUND ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Tickets for the MLK Scholarship Fund Annual Breakfast are on sale now. We're also taking donations. It's a wonderful cause that supports scholarships for disadvantaged children to go to college. We offer \$1000-\$1500 to 10 to 15 high school seniors to help them with tuition. The more money we raise the more scholarships we can award. Since there is no paid staff, all the effort is by volunteers and the money goes directly to local students. I'm proud to be part of this effort and hope you'll donate as much as you can.

Options are as follows:

- 1) Tickets for the breakfast are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12
- 2) Donations - Patron level - \$30 and includes one \$10 ticket to the breakfast
Sponsor level - \$100 and includes two \$10 tickets to the breakfast

All contributions (with the exception of the cost of breakfast tickets) are tax-deductible. You can also purchase tickets for Christmas presents and bring your friends. Alternative giving in the "in" thing to do.

3) Ads - we also sell ads in the 5x7 program as follows:

1/4 page - \$25

1/2 page - \$45

Full page - \$65

This is very inexpensive advertising and you can count on 250-300 people seeing your support for this cause.

Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. at Camp Dorothy Walls on Saturday, February 4th. The program follows at 9:00 and our speaker is The Reverend Aubra Love who is Executive Director of Building Bridges in Asheville. Building Bridges is a volunteer organization founded to overcome racism through compelling dialogue, community building and a call to action. It promises, as always, to be an interesting program and a fun time.

For tickets, see Fran Roberts or Fitz Legerton

Room In The Inn (RITI)

Social Outreach

Room in the Inn was launched in Asheville in January 2001 and Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church has been involved from the get-go, hosting our first group in April of 2001.

The mission of RITI is to bring together local faith communities to provide emergency shelter to women.

It is a ministry of hospitality, in which congregations can share of themselves and their resources, and minister to those who are in need while building relationships with individuals in our community whose paths we might not otherwise cross.



Each week, congregations of every faith open their facilities to welcome 12 homeless women as guests, offering a warm safe place for women with no other shelter options. The simple goal is to keep women without homes from sleeping on the street and risking their safety. The greater goal is to provide and create a loving relationship with these women, one week at a time. Through these small, independent shelters, real ministry occurs.

Room in the Inn, partners with Homeward Bound, and accepts, via its daily screening process at the AHOPE building in Asheville, any homeless woman who is emotionally stable, not currently affected by drugs or alcohol and willing to abide by the rules of the program.

Speaking of partnering, nearly 30 congregations participated in 2011 by hosting up to 12 women for a week at a time. Some of these churches work together to serve their week, much the same way that WWPC partners with WW College. Additionally, WWPC receives support from Swannanoa First Presbyterian which provides a delicious dinner each Tuesday night of our host week. Another partner in this amazing effort is Mission Hospital which provides bed linens and laundry service each week.

Evie and Tom Moore have dedicated millions of hours as outstanding, caring hosts for scores of women who have gratefully visited WWPC. (No, they didn't punch a clock, but it was a bunch of time, effort and energy.) And the members of WWPC supported their efforts with kindness shown, wonderful meals and OK, maybe a less than restful night. But it's all worth it, isn't it?

Susan Laney and Sally Broughton are hoping and trusting that your answer to that question is a heartfelt YES! Our next host week is Feb. 12-19. This is truly a program that will not happen without the help of many, many people. Please contact us to let us know how you'd like to be involved; there are numerous options.

Submitted by Sally Broughton

“Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.”

— [Mother Teresa](#)

Church-College Relations

December, 2011 (no meeting in January)

Opening Prayer

Present: Pauline Clark, Dean Kahl, Pat Laursen, Fitz Legerton, Julie Lehman, Laetitia Mead, Beth Newman, Steve Runholt, Katye Sabo, and Jeanne Sommer.

Minutes last meeting approved

Bone Marrow Dinner in December --Was informative, well attended

Bone Marrow Drive – Date to be set in the Spring.

Cookies and Carols – December 14 --Was a success – with plenty [cider, hot and cold, cake and cookies.

Meeting time in the coming year-- Was not settled.

Other people who could be on the committee – We need names of church members or students who could be added to the committee.

Co-coordinator for Emmaus Dinners --Diane Smith has agreed to make sure - there is food each week

Suggestions for Ushers – Barbara Higgins has joined our committee we need to make suggestions for Ushers to her and to volunteer

Your schedules for the coming semester – Need to get your schedules Pat so meeting time can be decided. Closing Prayer

We will once again celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb.21 in the Fellowship Hall. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to bring supplies or serve pancakes, please contact Susan Laney or Sandy Brauer.



2012 Lenten Community Services at noon (sandwiches provided):

February 22 - St. James, February 29 – Tabernacle,

March 7 – Swannanoa UMC, March 14 – Swannanoa FPC,

March 21 – Blk. Mtn. PC, March 28 – First Baptist Church BM,

Good Friday April 6 – Blk. Mtn. UMC



On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

On Wednesday, February 22 we will begin our Lenten Journey with a service in the Chapel at 5:30, followed by a simple meal of bread and soup in the Fellowship Hall.



Ash Wednesday

WWPC SOCIAL OUTREACH OPERATING BUDGET

ORGANIZATION 2012 BUDGET

LOCAL

Homeward Bound - Room in the Inn Donation 600
- laundry, food, transportation 500
- Hope to Home 750
Swannanoa Correct. Center for Women - Chaplaincy 1,000
- Mother Child Retreat/Birthday Fund 250
Habitat for Humanity 1,200
Swannanoa Valley Christian Ministry 800
Mountain Area Child and Family Center 1,000
Western Carolinians for Criminal Justice 400
Swannanoa Welcome Table 150
Pisgah Legal Services 500
Christians for a United Community 250
Mountain Housing Opportunities 450
Helpmate 250
Children and Friends Daycare Center 250
Family Mediation Center - Family Visitation Center 150
TOTAL 8,500

INTERNATIONAL

Mark Hare 1,000
Barbara Nagy 1,000
TOTAL 2,000

COMMITTEE CONTINGENCY 1,000

TOTAL OUTREACH BUDGET 11,500



At Warren Wilson Presbyterian Church we are mothers and fathers, single and married, gay and straight, young and old, black and white, prosperous and poor, uncertain and sure, broken and whole. We are the many faces of humanity-yet as a community of faith, we are committed in our diversity to be one in Christ!

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