THE MESSENGER

WMPC News Letter

Sharing the Good News!

Worship and Faith Formation

Opportunities

10:30 AM - Worship every Sunday morning in the sanctuary and on Facebook Live.

Every Saturday morning at 9 AM– Join us to work in the Lettuce Feed You Community Garden.

Every Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM we gather by Zoom to share prayer requests and fellowship.

Every 4th Tuesday at 5:30 PM Nourish Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Remembering God's Grace, the mission of

White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Willow Spring is:

Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;

Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;

Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;

Be loving and generous with time, talents, and treasures;

Go out into the world to welcome and invite.

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Finding light in the darkness

The power of thanksgiving is not just a seasonal sentiment, but a daily attitude that can transform our lives. When we express gratitude for what we have, we acknowledge the goodness of God and the generosity of others. We also cultivate a positive mindset that helps us cope with challenges and overcome obstacles. Thanksgiving is not only a way of saying thank you, but also a way of living joyfully and generously. By giving thanks, we open our hearts to receive more blessings and share them with others.

This time of year, as the days grow shorter and colder, it's easy to feel overwhelmed by all that's wrong in the world. Yet even in the bleakest of times, there are stories of hope, compassion, and kindness. Stories of people who have overcome immense hardships and still found reasons to be grateful. Stories of small acts of kindness that rippled out in ways the doer never imagined. May we embrace those feelings of togetherness and love and find comfort in the knowledge that we are all God's children.
Though traditions may vary, at its core, Thanksgiving celebrates these kind of connections - for there is more that unites us than separates us. Extend kindness to loved ones and strangers alike. In this season of plenty, spread compassion for those less fortunate.

When challenges arise, as they always do, meet them with courage and grace. Be guided not by pettiness but by principles of empathy, understanding, and goodwill. Though times change, the true meaning of Thanksgiving remains.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Heavenly Father, we come before You with grateful hearts, thankful for the gift of friends and family. As we gather, we ask for Your divine unity to reign in our hearts. May we learn to listen and understand one another, fostering a spirit of patience and love. Guide us through our challenges, helping us to lean on each other and grow stronger together. May Your wisdom illuminate our paths, and may we always find joy in the simple moments we share. Amen.

Taken from

BELIEVE IN MIND

WMPC Prayer Concerns

- Carole McCartney had a fall at church and is bruised and sore but is healing well.
- Nancy Warren recovering from hospitalization for blood clots.
- Marie Holding (Joyce's sister) had surgery again on vertebrae in her back. She has returned to BellaRose
- for rehabilitation.
- Mary Jane Dunn's cataract surgery went well. She will be going to followup appointments.
- Brenda Byrd (Joyce's daughter-in-law) had foot surgery to repair tendons.
- Mary Jane's friend, Nancy Appleby starting radiation and chemo.
- Continued prayers for safety of the Haiti orphanage and people in need in Haiti.

Continued prayers

Ann Stephenson, Linda Strickland, Sandy Parrish, Teresa Smith, Pat Patrick,Lil Ortley, Michelle Radford ,Michelle Martinez, Paulette Greer, Pam Denning ,Cathy Cotton, (Carole), Darden Ward (Don Smith), Linda Rhodes (Margaret), Lacy Wines (Susie Bell), Debbie & Abby Miller, Catherine Manning (Sharen), Sandy Stephenson, Darlene Martin (Nancy), Harriett & Gary Palmer (Nancy) Tyler Pinyatello (Nancy) Candace Talton, Jim & Trish Shannon, Jerry and June Smith.

Pray for these friends or family members who serve in our military services.

Cortney Jones Hooker, San Antonio TX (Michelle & Henry Jones)

Tommy Jobe, Jr, Gulfport, MS (Julie Shea)

Nursing Home or Assisted Living

Pat Patrick, Calyx Living, 121 East Academy Street, **B-4**, Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526

Marie Holding, BellaRose Nursing Home, 200 Bellarose Lake Way, Room 117, Garner NC 27529

Ruth Dupree, BellaRose Nursing Home, 200 Bellarose Lake Way, Garner, NC 27529

Linda Reid, Viva Memory Care Unit, 130 Great Bridge Blvd., Chesapeake, VA 23320

Joys

Jenn Baudoux is expecting a grandson!!

Thanks to all who visited us for our Homecoming Service.

WMPC Mission Updates

Senior Luncheon – Mt. Zion will be hosting the neighborhood Senior Luncheon on November 12th at 12:00 noon. All seniors are welcomed. Please let Margaret King know if you plan to attend at 919-818 -2134. We are asking those who attend to support the Food Pantry by donating a few cans or boxes and bring those with you to the lunch.

Nourish Worship – Join us for our next Nourish Worship on Tuesday, November 24th at 5:30 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors.

Restoration Food Pantry – You've heard the saying "A little bit goes a long way". That's what your contributions to our food donations mean to those who receive them. We will continue dropping off church donations on Monday mornings to Restoration Church. Please continue placing your donations in our Church Library or outside the Fellowship Hall kitchen in the bin labeled as Food Pantry. Our neighborhood food pantries work very hard to gather, package and distribute the donations given to them for the recipients. As always, thank you for your support for our ministry.

Backpack Buddies – As students have returned to school, the need for donations to Backpack Buddies will be resumed. As you know, Providence Presbyterian in our local collection point for supplies – and the need is great. Thank you for supporting Backpack Buddies. Providence reports they are putting together bags for 95 students now so the need is much greater than it has been. There are two bins in the Library – one for the elementary/middle schools and one bin for the high school students. We sponsor two elementary schools – McGees and Dixon, McGees Crossroads Middle School. We also help students at West Johnston High School.

Mini-Pantry – The Mini-Pantry is one of the missions that the Presbytery helps to support by providing some funding from the Hunger Grant. While this assistance is greatly appreciated and does help us in our effort to meet the needs of our neighbors, additional support is needed for success in this program. We have a collection of items in the library to help supply those needs, but your contributions are also much appreciated as we lend a helping hand to those with food insecurity issues among us.

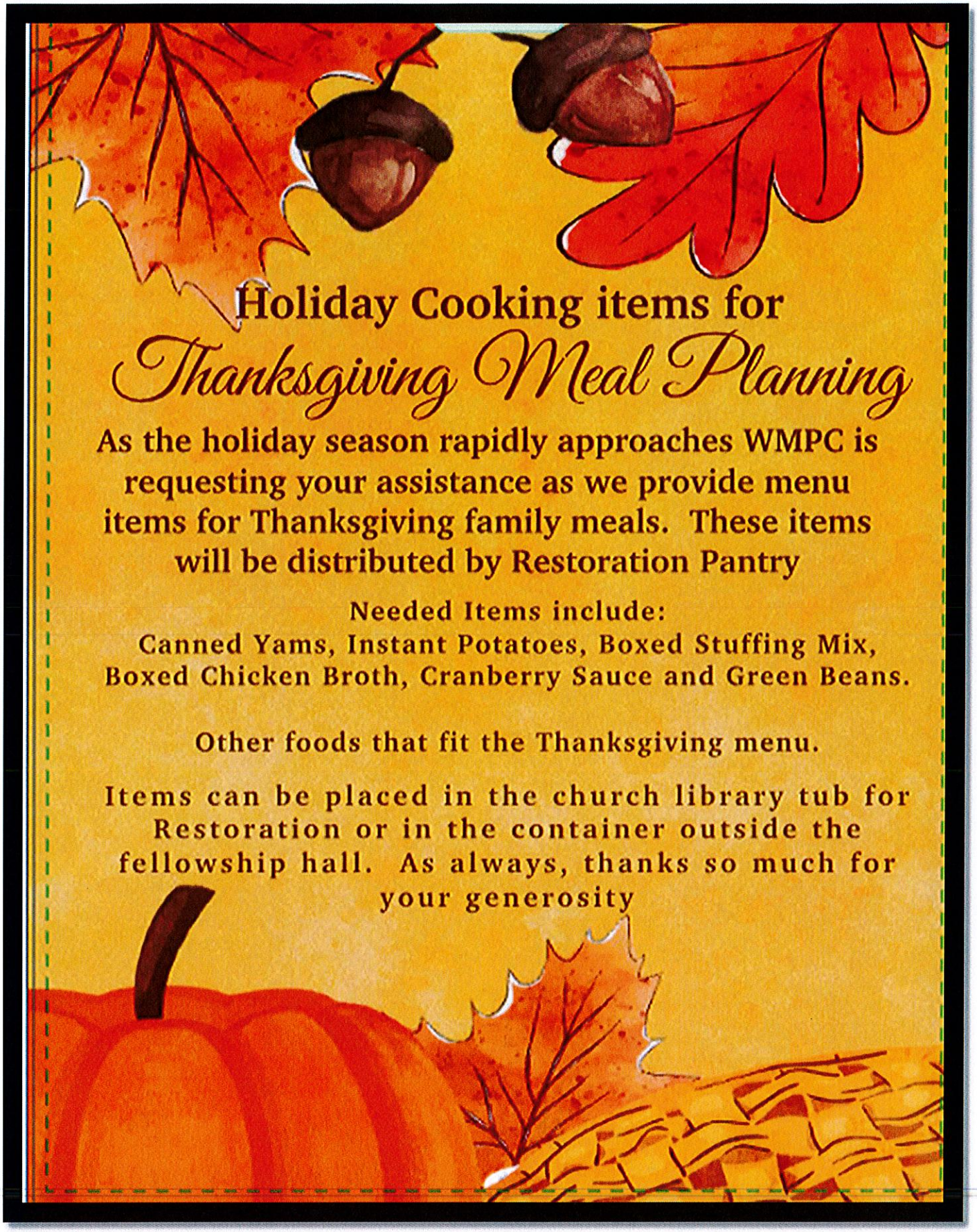
Please know that If you would like an individual list of items that are preferred for these ministries, you can ask Glenda Talton, Chairperson of Mission & Outreach, or email her at glendatalton@yahoo.com, for this information.

The Lettuce Feed You Garden – Wow...the summer heat has worked hard on our crop this year, but what a great welcome the rain has been. We have quite a bit of growth in the garden for donating to the Pantry and sometimes we use our produce at Nourish Worship. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer to assist with gardening needs. By the way, children are also welcome.

Harbor House: Crisis Line at 919-631-5478. We just received a wonderful thank you letter from the donations collected by Presbyterian Women for the Harbor House.

Suicide Hotline is 988.

If you or anyone you know is having problems with depression or situations in life, please call **988** to speak with a counselor. We never know when someone is struggling with problems. Help is available for every problem that is experienced.


Holiday Cooking items for
Thanksgiving Meal Planning
As the holiday season rapidly approaches WMPC is requesting your assistance as we provide menu items for Thanksgiving family meals. These items will be distributed by Restoration Pantry
Needed Items include:
Canned Yams, Instant Potatoes, Boxed Stuffing Mix, Boxed Chicken Broth, Cranberry Sauce and Green Beans.
Other foods that fit the Thanksgiving menu.
Items can be placed in the church library tub for Restoration or in the container outside the fellowship hall. As always, thanks so much for your generosity

FEEDING THE COMMUNITY

Serving the McGee's Crossroads Community

Everyone Welcome

White Memorial Compassion Kitchen • Kelly's Sunshine Café
Kelly Newborn • The Restored Table

Food & monetary donations welcome

DONATIONS OPEN OCTOBER 13, 2026

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

- Canned green beans
- Cream of mushroom soup
- Crispy onions
- Stuffing mix
- Canned corn
- Cornbread muffin mixes
- Instant potatoes
- Onions
- Sweet potatoes
- Hams
- Turkeys (10–12 lbs.)
- Rolls
- Pumpkin pie mix
- Pie crusts
- Evaporated milk

DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

The Restored Table
12560 NC-210
Benson, NC 27504

50-210 Fire Department Station 1
50 Greenleaf Rd.
Angier, NC 27501

1st Annual Feed the Community Thanksgiving & 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Box Pickup

NOVEMBER 23, 2026

Hot Meal: 11:00 AM–1:00 PM
Meal Boxes: 4:30–6:30 PM

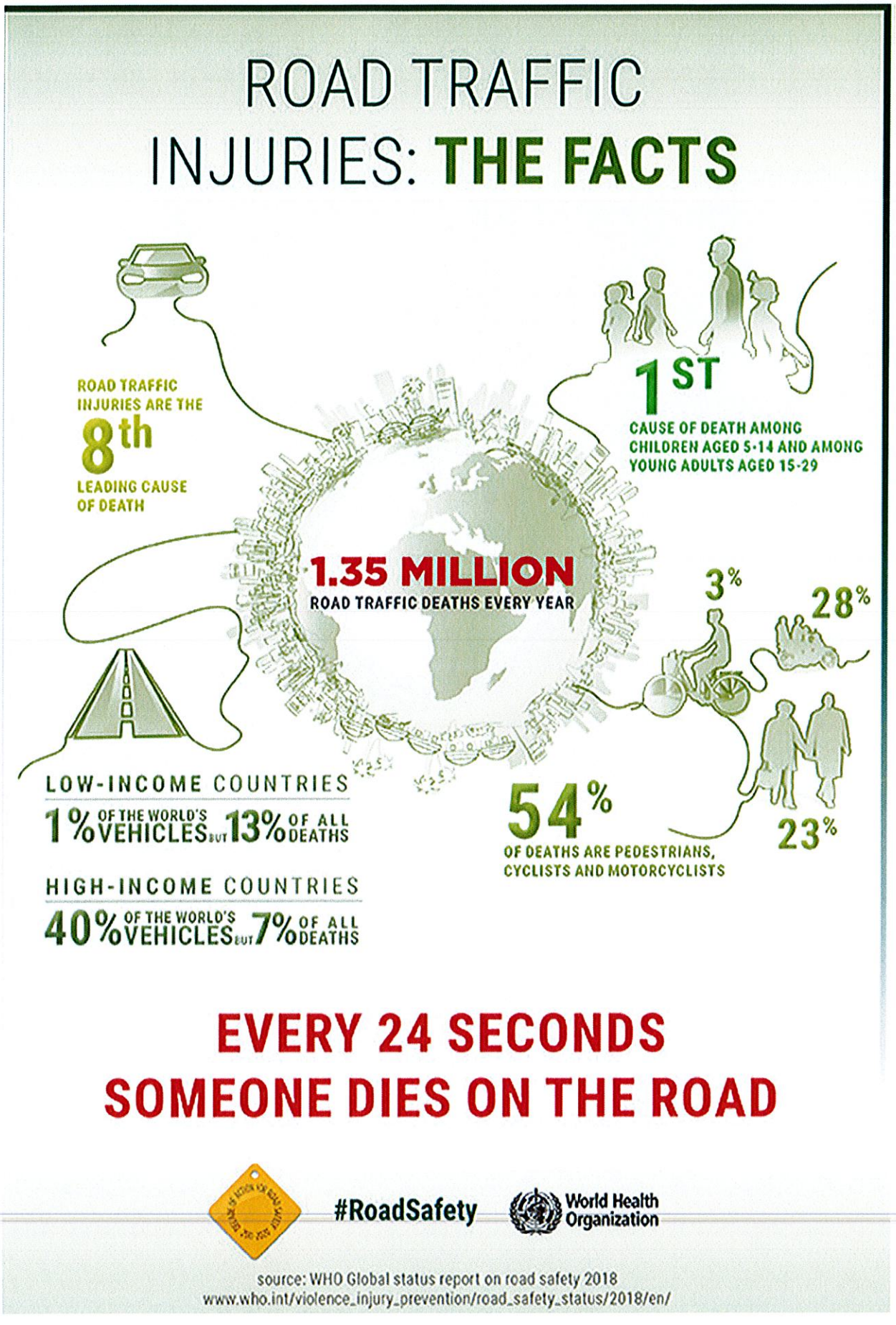
First come, first served • No advance signup needed

EVENT LOCATION

White Memorial Presbyterian Church
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***World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** is on Sunday, November 15, please pray for the families and friends of the 1,524 people killed in traffic crashes in North Carolina last year. And please pray that we will all show one another love and care by always being safe and responsible on*



Lettuce Feed You Holiday Treats Fund Raiser 2026

It's that time of year! Time to place your order for delicious, homemade, holiday treats and help the Lettuce Feed You ministry fund the community garden, Compassionate Community Kitchen and NourishWorship. All proceeds will be used for these efforts which feed body and soul.

"Food is God's love made nutritious and delicious, given for the good of each other" Norman Wirzba

SWEET TREATS

Oatmeal Cranberry Cookies - made with dried cranberries, oatmeal, white chocolate chips, pecans

Soft Molasses Ginger Cookies – a soft cookie with plenty of molasses and ginger punch

Chocolate Brownie Cookies - the best of both worlds – brownie and cookie – rich and chewy

Perfect Chocolate Chip Cookies – browned butter makes this special – with or without nuts

Jeri's Cherry/Pistachio Biscotti- a favorite of biscotti lovers filled with dried cherries and pistachios

SAVORY TREAT

Al's Classic Chex Mix – perfectly seasoned with rice, corn and wheat chex; peanuts and pretzels

Unsalted butter, all-purpose flour, granulated and brown sugars are used as called for in recipes.

A donation of $10 per half-dozen/$18 per dozen is recommended for the treats or a half-gallon/full gallon size bag of Chex mix.

Please place your order by 12/10/26. Treats will be available after 12/21.Submit this form, text Nancy Warren at 984-225-0717 or by email at Flagman22@embarqmail.com

Thanks for your support!

----------Please detach and submit to Nancy Warren----------

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Our October NourishWorship and a recipe to try



October's NourishWorship was truly nourishing! The food – delicious. The worship – thoughtful. The friends around the table – delightful. There's always something nutritious and delicious happening at NourishWorship! NourishWorship is always the 4th Tuesday of the month at 5:30PM. Come hungry and be fed…that's our motto. Our next NourishWorship is Tuesday, November 24th.

NourishWorship meal wouldn't be complete without a sweet treat. Here's a simple and delicious, quick apple crisp recipe Sharen Jackson made for the October meal and is graciously sharing her recipe.

Easy Apple Crisp

2 cans apple pie filling
1 box/bag snickerdoodle cookie mix
1 stick butter melted

Spread apples in a 9 x 13 pan. Remove the cinnamon packet from the cookie mix and mix the melted butter with the cookie mix. Crumble the mixture over the apples. Sprinkle the cinnamon packet over the top of the crumble topping. Bake at 375 for 35 minutes. Serve warm with a big scoop of vanilla ice cream. Yummmy!

The Lettuce Feed You Community Garden

Have you been to the garden lately? It's a lovely place to find peace. Did you know that research shows that being in the natural environment has many physical and mental benefits? Come…sit for a spell and improve your health. Many thanks to Michelle Brady and her dad for installing automatic watering to our newest raised bed and repairing some of the sprinkler heads in existing beds.

What's growing now? Lettuce, radishes, turnips and turnip greens, kale and collards. The hard working pepper plants are still producing peppers! And we've planted an entire bed of garlic that will overwinter and be harvested late spring.

Think about this…the Lettuce Feed You Community Garden is in constant production and the gardeners are constantly gardening. This allows us to provide our partner, **Restoration Food Pantry,** with fresh produce nearly every week of the year to share with pantry customers. We are directly filling the bellies of our neighbors. You may not be able to help with the actual gardening but you play an important part in the success of this vital mission. The Garden relies on grants, donations and fund raising. Please support your church's mission to love our neighbors with your donations.

The Compassionate Cooks and the Compassionate Kitchen

The Compassionate Cooks cooked up two very big pots of potato leek soup and helped the Restoration Church Food Pantry feed over 100 families on Tuesday, October 20th. If you'd like to participate in any way, let Nancy Warren know. Cooking may not be your joy, but there are many ways to contribute to the mission of the Compassionate Cooks. As you can imagine, it costs money to feed people!

The Compassionate Kitchen stays busy…Sugar Hill Jams and More will be teaching through the holidays. If you're interested, sign up with Deb Bledsoe through Sugar Hill Jams and More Facebook page. You'll have a great time, meet and make new friends, learn something and take home something delicious. And laugh…you'll laugh and that's very good!

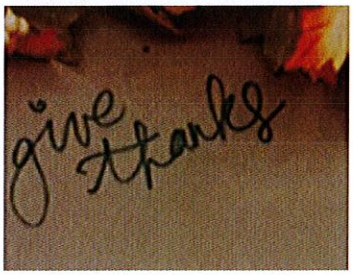
Deirdre Jersey taught a class about honing your kitchen knife skills on Saturday, October 31 in the fellowship hall. Deirdre carried on without Nancy and produced delicious food. Good things happen when we gather in the kitchen and around the table.

We continue to look forward to expanding the vision of the Compassionate Kitchen…after the first of the year Kelly Mulder of Kellys Sunshine Café will be hosting classes for bakers and we'll be seeking others who have gifts to share with the world to use the Compassionate Kitchen. Stay tuned…you know it'll be delicious!

Upcoming Events at WMPC - So many opportunities to participate!

- **Sunday, November 1, 8 and 15** – help fill the cornucopia for Restoration Food Pantry Thanksgiving boxes.
- **Saturday, November 7** - 2026 Small Church Gathering for the Presbytery of New Hope.
- **Monday, November 9** – Presbyterian Women meet at noon in fellowship hall for lunch, fellowship and study. Please bring a covered dish to share.
- **Thursday, November 12** – Senior Lunch at Mt Zion Global Methodist Church at noon.
- **Friday, November 13** – Sugar Hill Jams and More class in the Compassionate Kitchen at 6:30 PM.
- **Week of November 16** – get decorations out of shed and closets and begin fluffing in basement in preparation for Hanging of the Greens.
- **Tuesday, November 17** – Session meets at 7:00 PM via Zoom
- **Monday, November 23** – ***All hands on deck please!*** A Thanksgiving meal at WMPC 11:00 AM- 1:00 PM will be sponsored by Kelly's Sunshine Café, 50-210 Fire Department and Restored Table **also happening the same day please note that:**

  Thanksgiving meal boxes will be distributed from 4:00 - 6:00 PM that same day in the WMPC fellowship hall!
- **Tuesday, November 24** – NourishWorship at 5:30PM
- **Sunday, November 29** – First Sunday of Advent and Hanging of the Greens



During this season of Thanksgiving, let us never forget how truly blessed we all are.

CAN YOU GUESS WHAT THIS IS?

HINT: IT'S A REINFORCEMENT TO STRENGTHEN SOMETHING YOU SIT ON.



Ronnie Stephenson may be able to help you.

TREASURER's REPORT through 10/31/26 for November 2026 Newsletter

SUMMARY OF 2026 REGULAR OPERATING FUNDS

Approved 2026 Budget =	$86,805.00	The weekly & monthly budget breakdown averages are: $1669.33 per week or $7233.75 per month
2026 budget year-to-date pro-rated thru October 2026:	$72,337.50	10 months X $7233.75 / month
Income 2026 budget year-to-date thru October 2026:	$59,533.00	**Month of October 2026 figures**: Income: $8,469.00 (Included $5065.00 Homecoming offering) Expenses: $6,537.00 NET: $1,932.00
Expenses 2026 budget year-to-date thru October 2026:	$69,316.00	
NET balance, 2026 budget year-to-date thru October 2026:	$ (-) 9,783.00	

NOTE: The above summary figures are for the regular operating budget. There are other income and expenses not within the regular operating budget (examples are Grants, Memorial Funds, PW Funds, and certain unbudgeted major repair expenses or improvements paid directly from savings). The "other" categories are available upon request.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: Please note the Homecoming offering shown above. Thanks to all members, family, and friends of WMPC for dedicated and continuous stewardship and generosity in support of the church's ministries and commitments. We are thankful for available reserve funds allowing the church to continue carrying on Godly efforts in the local community and beyond.

CONTRIBUTION METHODS: You may contribute any type of offering via the GIVELIFY online platform (*more folks are using it now; feel free to do so*). If there are any questions please see Don or others who are using it. Besides contributing in person, you may also deliver or mail in your offerings to the church address. **If contributing cash in a pew envelope, please include the amount given, your name, & the type offering so proper credit can be given**.

RECEIPT FOR DONATED ITEMS: At times folks donate various budget items by furnishing and paying for the items on their own. This practice certainly helps the church's financial status and is much appreciated. If a donor wishes to be given acknowledgment of such donated items, they will simply need to furnish a paid receipt for the purchase to the treasurer and the documentation will be provided. Please let Don know of any questions.

Anyone with questions about this report, please feel free to contact the treasurer or any member of the FAP committee. Again thanks to everyone for your generous support of White Memorial Presbyterian Church!

Don C. Smith, Treasurer

Luke 6:38 : "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you".

November Calendar 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 6:30 PM Mid-Week Prayer Call—via Zoom	**5**	6 **6**	7 8:00 AM Lettuce Feed You
8 10:30 AM Worship Service (Sanctuary and online)	**9** **Pres. Women Noon**	10	11 6:30 PM Mid-Week Prayer Call—via Zoom	12 Senior Lunch @ Mt. Zion	13 **6:30-8:300 Sugar Hill Jams and More class in fellow-ship hall Compas-sionate Kitchen**	14 8:00 AM Lettuce Feed You
15 Worship Service 10:30 AM (Sanctuary and online)	**16**	17	18 6:30 PM Mid-Week Prayer Call—via Zoom	**19**	**20**	21 8:00 AM Lettuce Feed You
22 10:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary and online)	23 Thanksgiv-ing work with Kelly's Sunshine Cafe	24 **Nourish-Worship @ 5:30 PM**	25 6:30 PM Mid-Week Prayer Call—via Zoom	26 **Thanksgiving Day**	27	28 8:00 AM Lettuce Feed You
29 10:30 AM Worship Service Sanctuary and online) Hanging of Greens-Advent	30					

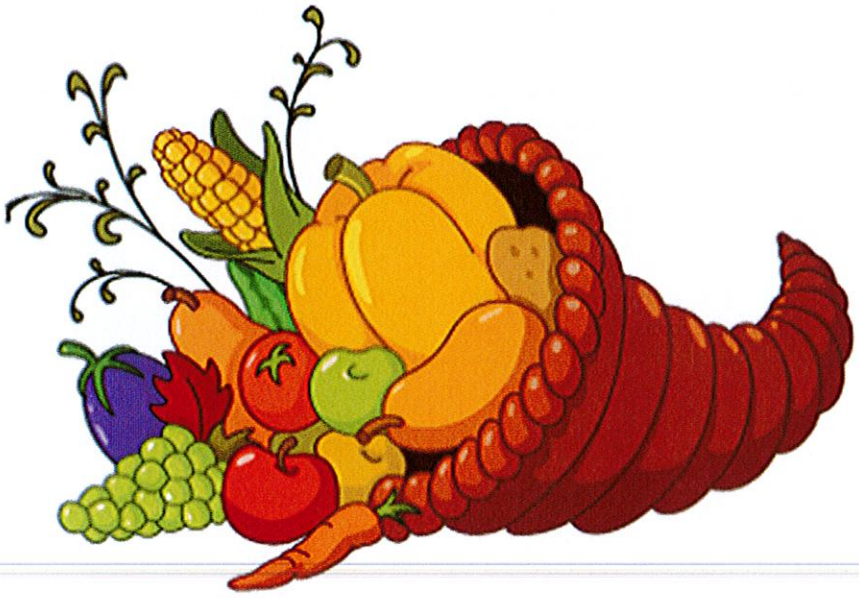
Thanksgiving Day

Word Search

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