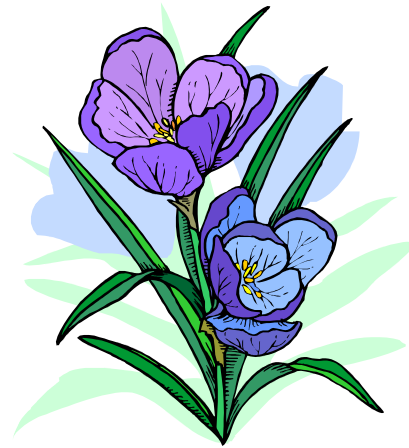


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Spirit Song—April

From the Pastor's desk...

"When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear...Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this he showed them his hands and his side. then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

John 20: 19-21

Dear Family of Faith,

Have you ever stayed home or stayed in bed because you were afraid to face what you would meet beyond your door? Has it ever been easier just to pull the covers up over your head and refuse to face the day? Such were the days after the death of Jesus for his disciples. These men and women had staked their lives on Jesus being the one who had come to save them and their nation. After the crucifixion they were baffled, afraid, lost...and in hiding. The doors were bolted shut and they were listening to the things "that go bump in the night."

The remarkable thing is that they didn't stay that way. Something happened. Something happened that made the shutters of their windows and their hearts fly open. The scriptures say it was the appearance of the risen Lord that moved them from fear to courageous testimony. Proving the resurrection to others wasn't their issue. Responding to it was. When a scientist observes matter scatter in a pattern, a causal force is theorized. Just so, history records a scattering forth pattern of the followers of Jesus Christ following the reported resurrection appearances of Jesus, The Church raises testimony concerning its confidence of cause:

"Christ is risen!" Some said the story of resurrection was concocted to help the disciples save face, but his disciples seemed not only unconcerned about their faces, they were convinced enough to die rather than recant their confidence in Christ's risen life among them.

Belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is still not about finding proof or even primarily assenting to it. Just as the first disciples embodied and patterned, belief is a response to encounter, a response that moves one out into the world. Just as Jesus sent his first disciples, and just as they enthusiastically were sent, so today the stakes of faith have to do with faith-filled movement and action.

The pattern of our lives evidences the force that moves and enlivens them. May we find in Easter and the weeks of Easter that follow the day, that our lives too show forth the influence and command of the risen Lord.

A Joyous Easter!
Pastor Suzan



The journey of Holy Week takes us through the last days of Christ's suffering and culminates in the celebration of the resurrection. Because Christ lives, we shall live also!

Thurs., April 1, Maundy Thursday
Service of Tenebrae (Shadows)
& Holy Communion—7:30PM

This service, graced by the chancel choir, begins at the table of our Lord. We remember the night our Lord washed the feet of his disciples and commanded humbled love from all his followers. From the table the service proceeds in gathering darkness through the readings of the passion and the way of suffering. Concluding in darkness save for the blazing of the Christ candle we will accept the haunting recognition of our complicity

by sin in Christ's death, and our sharing in victory anticipated.

Friday, April 2, Noon
Good Friday Observance

Coordinated through the community ministerium, Swarthmore Media Interfaith Ministerium, this service is a somber observance of the hours that Christ hung upon the cross. This year's remembrance will include reading, reflection and music that guides the worshipper through Christ's agony and our hope. Based on the Gospel of John we will keep the hours together and depart in silence while we mark the days of Christ's body in the tomb to Easter morning.

Sunday, April 4
Easter Morning
Celebrations



7:00AM

Among the tombstones of the Old Union Methodist Church on Brookhaven and Rose Valley Road we shall sing the triumph of "Alleluia! Christ is Risen!" Join us for this jubilant celebration of the resurrection that is led by lay leaders and loved by all.

9:30 and 11:00 AM

Graced by full choir, brass ensemble and proclamation our Sunday services will fairly dance with joy at the resurrection! "O death where is thy victory, oh death where is thy sting?!" An ancient word stretches its hope across the present. Join us as we claim again the newness of God's love for us in the renewal of our hope this Easter morning! Nursery available 9:15 to 12:15, and Sunday School gathers at 9:30.

MONTHLY OPPORTUNITIES

Presbyterian Women of Wallingford

Working on Wholeness—WOW

All the women of the church are welcome and encouraged to participate in PWW activities. Circle Meetings are a great place to meet other women from the church for a time of fellowship. Here is the schedule of

Sarah Wednesday, April 14th at 7:30pm at the home of Barbara Demos.

Miriam & Martha Thursday, April 8th at 10:30am at the church.

meetings for April.

Missions Project for the Spring – We are asking individuals or groups to make monetary contributions to purchase items to assemble Baby, Health, and School kits for Church World Service. Kits are valued as follows: Baby Kits are \$39; Health Kits are \$11; and School Kits are \$13. Checks should be made out to PWW and marked “Church World Service Kits.” Contributions can be sent to the Office to the attention of PWW. The deadline for contributions is May 16th.

Caregivers Support Group First Tuesdays, 7:30 PM April 6th

During Pastor Hawkinson's sabbatical the Caregiver's Support Group, which is a group for folks who are caring for loved ones, will be facili-

tated by Sandra McCoy (Betty Coyle's daughter). Sandy has been a part of the group for the past three years and is seeking God's new purposes in her life as she now walks beyond her mother's dying. Special guests in the next three months will include Dr. Barry Jacobs, author of The Caregiver's Survival Guide and Debbie George, member of our congregation and a deeply caring geriatric social worker.

Divorce Care Support Group Second Tuesdays, 7:30 PM April 13th

In April we will be talking about reconciliation. A special opportunity for May comes with the leadership of Dr. Jeff Célèbre who will be speaking about beginning new relationships after divorce recovery. Dr. Celebre is an effective counselor and therapist as well as faithful Christian.

The Song of the Seed: Journaling Class Third Tuesdays, 7:30PM April 20th

Led by Ann Hatfield this month and next the group continues to share fertile discussion about the intersection of scripture with their lives. A wonderful way to make progress in the spiritual life, this time of sharing is fruitful for writers and listeners. Please feel free to join the journey!

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

LTS-Learning Through Scripture Tuesday Morning Bible Study Tuesday mornings in April, 9:30AM

This month's study will be led by the Reverend Barrie Shepherd! Come study the scriptures from the vantage of a believing poet's heart. Beginners welcome!



SPRING CLEANING

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL organizers remind you to save those “treasures” and books to donate and sell at the Strawberry Festival on June 6. More info coming.



KIDS KORNER

Easter Sunday - John 20:1-9 "Christ is risen."

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Find the following words from the Gospel passage:

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- DEAD
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- EARLY
- FASTER
- LOVED
- MAGDALA
- MARY
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Pastor Hawkinson's Sabbatical Pilgrimage



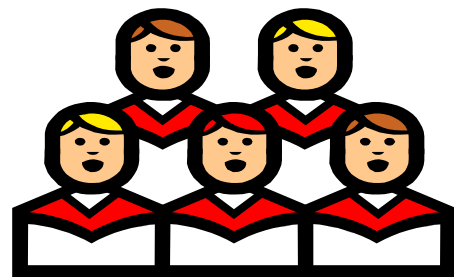
Pastor Hawkinson will be away from April 5th through July 11th on a sabbatical that has been authorized by Session, approved by the Presbytery of Philadelphia and funded by a grant awarded by the Louisville Institute. On her sabbatical she will be, of course, taking sabbath—the spiritual practice of rest. After 25 years of ordained ministry, nearly 8 of which she has served her at WPC, the time is ripe for renewal and reconnection. She will be spending her sabbatical traveling "homeward" to the various churches and landscapes that have been her spiritual home. As she journeys she will be hiking trails in Yellowstone, Bryce Canyon, Puget Sound, the plains of Kansas and the rocky beaches of Galveston, a person in motion and prayer.

She will be keeping a blog (a story block posting on the website) from time to time which you can access through www.wallingfordpres.org after April 11th. During her time away she will be in prayer for the congregation, but all pastoral care and ministry issues will be coordinated through Pastor Rob Ross. Rob will be supported in leadership by the Reverends Barrie Shepherd, Kenneth Wells and Michelle Grunseich. Please contact Pastor Rob, or the church office with any needs or concerns.

MUSIC MINISTRY & MISSION

SUMMER MUSIC

Starting Memorial Day weekend, Sunday 5/30, we will go to one service each Sunday morning. The choir and bell choir will be on their summer hiatus, so there is opportunity for soloists and small groups to share their music talents during the summer months. Here are the opportunities to service musically:



SUMMER CHOIR - open to all youth and adults, this group will meet on a Sunday morning one hour before service time to learn a simple anthem to offer at that morning's service. Summer Choir will take place some Sundays during the month of June. Have you ever wanted to try singing in the choir? Here's your chance - a week at a time commitment!

SUMMER SOLOISTS - open to all children, youth, and adults, if you have a musical talent (either singing or playing an instrument), you are invited to share that talent with your church family by playing a solo one week.

SUMMER SMALL GROUPS - open to all who are interested in sharing their musical talents

if they can do so with others! If you like to sing or play an instrument, but don't want to do a solo, you can be part of a small group, from a duet to an octet or even more! Help is available to match you with others who want to be in a small group, and also with selecting music.

Would you be willing to participate in the summer music ministry? Whether you'd like to sing with the summer choir, sing or play a solo, or sing or play in a small musical group, you are invited to contact Liz Braden at music@wallingfordpres.org for more information or to sign-up. Sign-up sheets with more information will also be available on the door of Liz's office (located inside the mail/copier room) - stop by to pick up a sheet and leave the completed copy for Liz. All are welcome to participate in this ministry!

Thank You!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with, attended, or participated in any of the Special Events of the Music Ministry this year. We had a successful year presenting Ross Varney in concert and a Christmas Carol Festival in the fall. This winter and spring, we've offered two Taize Prayer Services and the Valentine's Day Coffee House. Thank you to all who sang, played, baked, set-up, cleaned-up, came to watch, listen, and pray. We look forward to more events over the summer and next year and hope you will continue to join us!

Easter Food Baskets

The Deacons will once again be providing complete Easter dinners for needy families in the area. We would like help with this endeavor on Saturday, April 3rd starting at 8am. The food has to be packed in boxes and delivered to area families. With many volunteers, the job goes quickly and it is rewarding to help others. Maps, phone numbers and addresses of the recipients will be provided. Please consider joining us the day before Easter.



The Deacons

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOURS!



The WPC Pantry Brigade is collecting toiletry and cleaning items (shampoos, soaps, etc.) during the month of April - just remember April Showers! You can start planning ahead for May when the Pantry Brigade will collect May Flour items (pasta, breads, rice, etc.) The toiletry items collected will be delivered to the City Team Ministry shelter in Chester. Please deposit your contributions in the bin by the Christian Education wing entrance.

Concerns/Celebrations of our Church Family

We are one body in Christ...related to each other by the love of God between us. One of the ways that we celebrate our unity is by continuing to hold each other, especially those of us struggling, in daily prayer.

This month we prayed for:

- ♥ Alawa Lagi Gali, Marya, Natneal
- ♥ Homebound people
- ♥ Grieving friends
- ♥ Those battling cancer
- ♥ Pat Masiano
- ♥ Pat Utzinger
- ♥ Mary Payne's mother,
- ♥ Elizabeth Payne
- ♥ Jeni Albany's brother-in-law
- ♥ John Leet
- ♥ Mina Varney
- ♥ Ralph Parks



Our sympathy as a church family to the following:

- Holly Farnese and family on the recent death of her father, Dick Smith.
- Family and friends of the Rev. Carl Bogard, who passed away in March at 100 years of age. Many Wallingford members will remember Carl's participation and assistance some years ago as a pastoral assistant—also avid tennis player (who reportedly wore tennis shorts under his Sunday robe so he could make a dash to the courts!)

NOTES FROM SESSION

At the March session meeting the elders:

- Accepted a recommendation from the Christian Education Council to disband the Middle School Sunday School class effective March 15. Students will be encouraged to attend one of the worship services with their parents. The Sunday School curriculum will be used as the primary curriculum for the teaching time in the MS youth group. Current Sunday School teachers will be invited, if they desire, to work with Rob to see how they can be effectively involved with the MS youth group.

- Accepted a proposal from Tom and Donna Halley to coordinate six weeks of dance instruction beginning April 14, 2010. The lessons, taught by a friend of theirs, will be in fellowship hall and open to all members and friends of WPC. Cost will be about \$5.00 per person per lesson.

The next meeting of session will be on April 26 to meet with the student commissioning class.

Barbara Meahl, Clerk

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAYS, SATURDAY, 9:00AM APRIL 10 & 24

The Trustees are sponsoring the annual Spring Lawn Clean-up Days to ready our church property for spring and summer activities. Please plan to come and help for any length of time you can share. Bring your own gloves and garden equipment to use to rake, spread mulch, weed gardens, and trim bushes. Refreshments available. All ages welcomed and the more the merrier and shorter the time to accomplish chasing winter debris away and welcoming Spring flowers and greenery. Call or email Sally Clyde with any questions: 610-565-4018 or sallyclyde@comcast.net.

Update on our Eritrean Refugee Family

Thank you for all the support you have contributed to the Eritrean refugee family that is sponsored by our church. Since their arrival to the United States last summer, Alawa Lagi Gali, and her two children, Marya and Natneal, have benefitted from your prayers, contributions, and personal assistance. Alawa continues to work part time at TJ Maxx in the St. David's shopping center. She has become more familiar with the transportation necessary for her commute, and she is becoming even more proficient with the English language.

Alawa's five-year-old daughter, Marya, is having a wonderful year of learning and growing in her kindergarten class. Natneal, who recently turned four years old, is thriving and having fun in a good child care situation. There continues to be a need for congregational involvement with this family as they manage 21st-century life in suburban Philadelphia. Issues with paying bills, transportation, visiting dentists and doctors, and child-care are some of the areas of life in which they can use our support. Additionally, Alawa would like to find work to supplement her part time employment at TJ Maxx. If you would like to donate some time to assist this family, or if you have ideas or suggestions for possible sewing or cleaning work, please contact one of the individuals listed below.

We still remain unsure of the exact date when Alawa's sister, brother-in-law, and their three children will be arriving in the US, however we expect them in the next few months. Furnishing an apartment for them will be one of our first tasks. Please continue to set aside furniture and household items that you are replacing or are willing to donate. We hope to be joined by other Presbyterian churches as we assist this next family with the process of resettling from Eritrea.

Again, thank you for your involvement in our sponsorship of these people, who have been refugees from their home country. Our congregation has generously assisted Alawa with her ongoing desire to become self-sufficient and independent as she begins life in the US. If you would like to become involved with our refugee project, please contact John or Darleen Stauffer (610-565-5094), Walt Kaminski (610-565-5644), Chris Darr (610-874-2415), or Ann Hatfield (610-647-2422).

Parents and Youth: News About Kirkwood Camp! It's Time to Register



Kirkwood Camp and Conference Center is Philadelphia Presbytery's neat "paradise in the woods," located at Stroudsburg in the Poconos.

Summer Camp: Kids entering grade 1-12 spend time as summer campers with other campers their age and with one or more counselors. Their experience will include Bible study, worship, and outdoor activities. Kirkwood uses its own curriculum, written expressly for the needs of our campers.

Summer Camp Programs this year include:

- **Beginners Camp** – This one-half week session is for those entering 2nd and 3rd grades.
- **Parent & Child Camp** for children entering 1st through 3rd grades – this 4-day, 3-night camp is ideal for the child that prefers to

first experience camp with a parent or grandparent along. **Grandparents are encouraged to participate.**

- **Traditional Camp** – campers experience swimming, crafts, archery, low initiative challenge course, high ropes course, riding the rapids, Bible study, games, worship and campfires. This year we will have one **Night Owl Camp** for **Middle School** campers only.
- **Joy of Creation Camp** – This popular one-week session in August for grades 4-12 focuses on the creative arts.
- **Family Camp** – 4-day camps for the whole family in June and August
- **Counselor-In-Training Program** – 2-week course for youth finishing 11th Grade and 17 years old
- **Optional Stay-Over** weekend for July 3rd-4th
- **Day Camp** – for week days during the summer camping season

Kirkwood Camp is also open during all non-summer-camp seasons for retreats, conferences, get-aways, nature study, ski trips, etc.

The Camp brochures are available at the Kirkwood web site, www.kirkwoodcamp.org, where an on-line registration tool is available. Specific questions can be directed to the Kirkwood office at the Camp – 570 421-8625.

Golden Opportunities

Calling ALL Grandparents!



When: April 11th, 6-8 pm
Where: The Youth Room (downstairs) at WPC

What: Youth Group session where we will talk about the question: **What is love?**

Why: Last fall, the High School Youth Group met with 8 members of WPC who were over 60. The youth had a blast! (Seriously, as soon as the adults left, the kids asked when they could have them back again!) Not only did the youth enjoy meeting the adult members, but they found that they had a great deal to learn from them. So, we are getting together again, and whether or not you attended last fall, you are welcome to attend this time. We will be talking about love. This topic gets a lot of play in the mass media (music, TV and the movies). It is also a topic that older adults have a unique (and needed) perspective on. We'll spend the evening getting to know each other

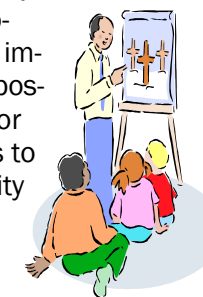
What to do: If you are interested in being a part of this event, or if you have questions, please call Rob at the church at 610-566-1644 ext 13. He'd love to talk with you about the event and sign you up!

Curious about Teaching Sunday School?

Each year, a dedicated team of adults teaches the stories, values, and practices of the Christian faith to the next generation of Christians. Our teachers are the Sunday School program's greatest asset, and they have seen great success in the last year. (Year over year attendance is up over 50%!) Many of our teachers return to teach

the next year. However, every year, we have a few teachers who decide that God is calling them in a different direction. Therefore, every year, we look to you, our congregation, to answer the call to teach.

To be a successful teacher here at WPC, you don't have to be a biblical scholar. We will provide you with training and a curriculum that will help you as you teach. In addition, you will be paired with another teacher (usually a returning teacher) each week, so that you two can work as a team together. The most important things to possess are a heart for kids, a willingness to learn, and an ability to be a part of a team. All the rest can (and will) be taught.



There are several different classes that are in need of teachers for the fall. At this time, we are looking for teachers in the Pre-school class (with children aged 2 through 5) Kindergarten-2nd Grade class (with children aged 5-7) 3rd-5th Grade class (with children aged 8-10)

Teaching Sunday school is a powerful way to shape the faith and life of the next generation of Christians. Our kids need to learn what we are teaching in Sunday School – and you could be part of the team that teaches it to them. If you are considering teaching, or would simply like more information, please con-

tact Pastor Rob at 610-566-1644 ext 13 or rob@wallingfordpres.org. Thank you for your consideration!

Ann Hatfield, Mission Advocate

Two years ago, as a student at Palmer Seminary and as a person under the care of Donegal Presbytery, Ann Hatfield served WPC as a Minister in Training. Last Spring Ann graduated with a Master of Divinity and has been certified "ready to receive a call" as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. Ann is currently searching for that call, but while she searches, our Mission and Service Team, together with the Session realized that her availability could be a blessing to WPC's mission outreach. Therefore, when funds for a Minister in Training from 2009 were not expended, we've created a short-term position for "mission advocacy" just for Ann. The purpose of this position will be to assist the Mission and Service Team in the development of various mission outreach projects emphasizing interpretation, coordination and lay involvement in each project. It is our hope that this work will help us to do an even better job at our work with refugees, with Chester Eastside, City Team, Habitat for Humanity, Broad Ministries and more. It is also our hope that this experience will add to Ann's training to be a minister and add to her resume! Ann's position was approved by Session in February and she was commissioned for service in worship on March 28th. Please welcome her to our ongoing ministry!

Youth Happenings

MS YOUTH GROUP

4/4	No Youth Group (Easter)	
4/11	4-5:30pm	Does God answer prayers?
4/18	2-5pm	Lazer Tag! (At Grand Slam USA!)
4/25	4-5:30pm	WWJP What would Jesus pray?

HS YOUTH GROUP

4/4	No Youth Group (Easter)	
4/11	6-8:00pm	What is Love? An intergenerational conversation
4/18	6-8:00pm	Youth Sunday Preparation
4/25	6-8:00pm	Lazer Tag! (At Grand Slam USA!)



Children's News

April Sprouts: 1st-5th grade Family Movie Night

April 9th, 6-8:30 PM

Sprouts, the monthly fellowship and enrichment group for 1st to 5th grade students, will be having a Family Movie Night on Friday, April 9th, from 6-8:30 pm. We'll be meeting for longer than usual so we can watch the entire movie! We'll eat a dinner of pizza, then watch Pixar's *Up*, a kid-friendly, thought-provoking movie (complete with popcorn), at the end of the evening, everyone will have a chance to talk about different parts of the movie with each other.

This month's Sprouts event is open to the entire family – not just the kids – Parents, slightly older siblings, slightly younger siblings, all are welcome for the evening. This event is also a great time to invite friends to Sprouts. Everyone loves a movie night – and we'd love to meet new friends this month. We'll project the movie onto the wall of Fellowship Hall, giving us an amazing 15 foot screen. Families can bring sleeping bags, blankets, and pillows and camp out as the movie starts.

As always, participation in Sprouts, including dinner, is free of charge. If you have any questions about Sprouts, please call or e-mail Rob (610-566-1644 ext 13 or rob@wallingfordpres.org).

Vacation Bible Camp 2010

This summer, our Vacation Bible School will be Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God! All children 4 years old to 5th grade are invited to participate with us. Also, we'll need high school students and adults to help with crafts, games, music, bible story telling and much more. VBC will take place July 25th-30th, in the evening. Look for more information in next month's newsletter, but for now, save the dates July 25th-30th!

Co-op News

Downstairs at WPC, in the rooms used by The Wallingford Cooperative Nursery School, we are hoping that Spring is finally arriving! All those snow days, and then a snow filled play ground, has definitely made life



downstairs very noisy.

Despite being stuck indoors, the children have been learning a lot, and March always brings about the preparations for the Ice Cream Social. The two pre-K classes are preparing to put on their presentation of The Circus, and the two three-year-old classes are preparing their presentation of A Wonderful World. In each of these presentations, the children get to show their families all the wonderful things they have been learning this year at school. The presentations are followed by yummy bowls of ice cream, so the Ice Cream social is always an exciting event for the children at the Co-op.

It is hard to believe, but after Spring Break, there are only eight week left of school before the Co-op will close for the summer. However, the Co-op will once again be running its summer camp program. This camp is open to any children who will be three by September 1, (and toilet trained), through those exiting Kindergarten. Brochures are available downstairs, so feel free to pick one up if you, or anyone you know, is interested.

Rising to the Occasion: WPC a Church on the Grow

In the past year a group of faithful leaders in our congregation, at the request of Session, have worked diligently to prepare a Strategic Plan for our congregation. This team, led by Elder Harold Floyd, and staffed by Elders Ron Bloch, Ralph Parks, Dan Glenn, Dwight DeWerth-Pallmeyer, Walt Kaminski, Mary Payne, and Angela Waltman, together with our pastors, has completed their work and lent it to our leaders for consideration and action. Copies of this Plan were presented for the congregation's review in March and are available in the church office for all who would be interested in reviewing them. Based on multiple surveys and careful studies of trends in our congregation and the Presbyterian Church nationally this plan recommends four strategic approaches to the church leadership for development over the next five years. These

recommendations include:

1. Foster a more accepting, welcoming and caring atmosphere.
2. Increase the engagement of members.
3. Develop more compelling, dynamic worship.
4. Reach out and draw in those unattached to a faith community.

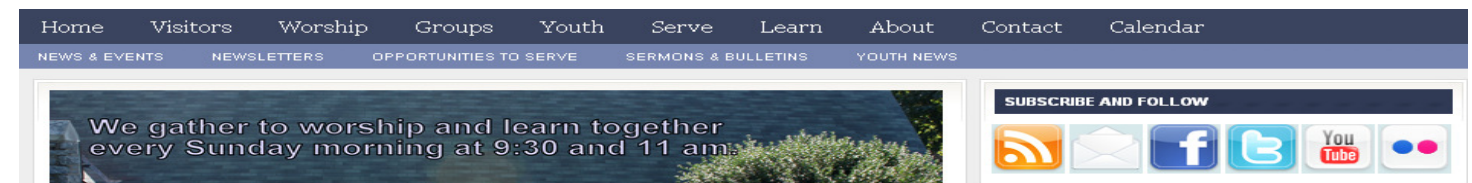
Over the next several months, the Session's Councils (Worship, Care, Resources and Education) as well as the Boards of Deacons and Trustees will be considering various tactical approaches to making strides in growth and faithfulness in the arenas of opportunity outlined by the Strategic Plan. Always, as we make our effort, our goal will be to honor our Lord and to seek deeper obedience to God's call to be a faithful

Church in Wallingford PA in the 21st Century. This effort will certainly ferment both change of ways of being that are less effective than they were in years past and renewed loyalty and energy towards those arenas which are our congregation's strengths. While change is sometimes uncomfortable, our congregation is made of stalwart stuff, and we approach the future with confidence rooted in God's great love and certain promises.

As we move forward, let us daily be found in prayer and responsive action that reflects our love for God and our investment in the expression of God's Church here at WPC. Questions and concerns about our work toward the future should be directed to the Session and to our pastors. Let us be constant in prayer for each other and open to God's leading together.

Subscribe to the church website and don't miss out on any updates

The church website (www.wallingfordpres.org) has been updated to allow readers to easily subscribe to it. Once you become a subscriber, all new announcements, e.g. snow closings, new classes, rescheduled Sprouts events, etc. will be sent to you automatically, so you won't have to go looking for the information. Log onto the church website and click on the icon in the upper right, under the heading Subscribe and Follow, that is for the way you want to receive the info. You have a choice of RSS feed (for the techies), email, facebook or twitter. Just click on the icon and follow the instructions. If you are using facebook or twitter, you can also have the notice converted to an SMS (text) feed for instant notification.



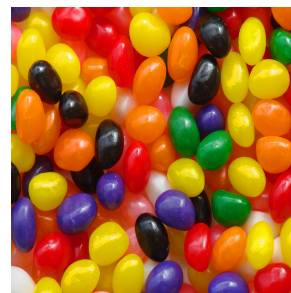
In the Subscribe and Follow area of the church website, as shown above, the first four icons will allow you to subscribe to the site for automatic updates via RSS Feed, email, facebook and twitter. The YouTube and Flickr (red & blue dots) icons take you to the church accounts on YouTube and Flickr where you can see videos and still pictures of the church and its members.

Please note that if you sign up for email updates, they are sent out one time per day at approximately 3 PM Eastern Time. All other accounts are updated real time. So...if an announcement such as a snow closing is made after 3 PM, and you are an email subscriber, you will not get the email until 3 PM the following day. If you are using facebook or twitter, you can also have the notice converted to an SMS (text) feed for instant notification via your cell phone.

If you need more specific instructions, please send a request to wallingfordpres.org, or for those of you who are still feeling uneasy about subscribing, we will have a computer kiosk in Fellowship Hall every Sunday in April after Easter. Stop by, ask anything (about the website and its use), and sign up to have the website updates sent to you automatically.

EASTER EGG HUNT SATURDAY, APRIL 3 @ 10:00AM

Children, two years old through 5th grade, are welcome to participate in this fun event. We will have over 1,000 eggs to find, and different hunting areas for different ages. The hunt will begin at 10 am, and include brightly colored eggs, candy, small gifts, and even a few special prizes. All children are welcome to attend – they do not have to have any previous connection with WPC (or any church for that matter!). We just want to create an opportunity for all children to have a fun morning and experience the joy and excitement of Easter together.



CALLING ALL EASTER BUNNIES! For the hunt, we will be filling 1,000 eggs with candy, toys, and scripture passages, for the hunt, and we could use your help! Starting today, there will be boxes at the entrances to the Sanctuary and CE wing, which will be labeled Easter Egg Hunt Candy. Please place any candy donations you can share in those boxes. We need the candy to be

- nut-free,
- individually wrapped, and
- small enough to fit in an Easter egg.

If you would like to help out with the egg stuffing or hiding, we'd love to have your help there too! Please contact Pastor Rob for information on when we'll be working. Thanks!

Dancing With the Stars



has sparked new interest in partner dancing and why not ... it's fun, it's being active, it's a social activity and a great way to meet other members of the congregation. Come join us for 6 weeks of ballroom dancing where you'll learn to Foxtrot, Swing, Cha-Cha and Waltz. These dances are the core of ballroom dancing and will keep you on the dance floor for all types of music.

Learn to be comfortable getting out on the dance floor with your partner on your next cruise, or dancing with your son/daughter at his/her wedding, or going out to dinner and dancing with someone special.

Come join us on Wednesdays from April 21 to May 26, from 7:30pm-9:00pm at Wallingford Presbyterian Church. Classes will meet in the Social Hall. It couldn't be easier! Be sure to suggest it to your friends! Registration will be limited, though, to forty people on a first-come, first-served basis.

Who is welcome? Everyone, young and the young at heart, couples and singles, members and non-members.

Who will be teaching these classes? Joe Pagano and Margaret Fahringer have been dance partners and instructors for many years and have won numerous swing dance competitions locally and regionally.

What do I need to do in preparation for the class?

- Be of good spirits
- Be willing to interact socially
- Come in comfortable clothing – Shoes are the most important concern. Leather or suede bottom shoes are best as they glide easily across the floor. Sneakers are comfortable but they do NOT glide across the floor. Avoid sneakers, flip-flops, loose shoes! Ladies wearing heels actually makes it easier to dance (we'll explain this on dance night). Ladies don't wear restrictive dresses or skirts; if you wear a dress or skirt, make sure it moves.



Leave your cares at home for an hour and a half.

Do I need a partner to attend? No, singles are welcome. Come alone or bring a friend. We will try to balance leaders and followers as you sign up. In addition, we use a teaching technique that rotates partners so everyone gets to dance with multiple partners. Since ballroom is a social dance, a lead-follow dance, you will know that your partnering skills and lead/follow skills are good when you can dance with someone other than your regular partner; hence, we will rotate.

How do I sign up? Complete the form below and return to Donna Halley. I'll have envelopes available in my church mailbox – across the hall from the church office. Questions? Please contact Donna at 610-874-9159 or dhalley1@comcast.net.

Name(s): (1) _____ leader or follower

(2) _____ leader or follower

Address:

Telephone _____ Email _____

Make checks out to Joe Pagano; \$60 for couples or \$30 for singles (For six weeks of lessons)