



WALLINGFORD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
JUNE 8TH, 2025
DAY OF PENTECOST

Welcome to Wallingford Presbyterian Church

Members and friends gather here each Sunday morning (and lots of times during the week!) to celebrate and serve. We rejoice that you are here, and hope that you'll feel right at home.



Please take a moment to silence your cell phone.



Friendship Pew Pads can be found in each row.

Please fill them out and pass along to your neighbors.

Visitors are encouraged to reach out about activities they may be interested in.



WPC Directory Our church uses the online directory feature of Planning Center.

Find it online or on the Church Center app. Contact the church office with questions.

WPC Happenings Stay informed! Physical copies available out in the Narthex.



If You Need a Little Help Hearing, portable listening devices are available.

An All Gender, ADA Restroom is located in the Narthex.



An Infant Changing Station and Quiet Room for parents is located in the Narthex.



Activity Packets are available for children to use during worship.

Fidget Toys for children (and adults) are available at the Narthex entrance.



Gluten Free Cookies are labeled and available during coffee hour.

Communion is served the first Sunday of the month.

WPC uses bread that is gluten free and made without tree nuts or peanuts.

Please ask an usher if you need help; we are here to assist you!

STAFF & HOURS

PASTOR: Rev. François Lacroix

- Tuesday, 11:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday, 10:00am-2:00pm

ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Rev. Taylor Cornelius

- Monday, 11:00am-4:30pm
- Thursday, 10:00am-1:00pm

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Lee Hagon-Kerr

CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Nathan Gibson

- Monday-Friday, 9:00am-3:00pm

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR: Leslie Krowchenko

CLERK OF SESSION: Christine Darr

TREASURER: Todd Darr

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Michelle Hall

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

This Week

CHURCH OPENER: Bruce Clark

USHERS: Jenny Miller

Rick Miller

LITURGIST: Ver Picher

COFFEE HOUR: Stewardship

Next Week

LITURGIST: Lindsay Gursky

COFFEE HOUR: Connections

*Those who are able, please stand.

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A community where all who seek God are Welcome...



A STEPHEN SERIES CONGREGATION

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WORDS FOR MEDITATION

I owe everything to the gift of Pentecost. For fifty days the facts of the Gospel were complete, but no conversions were recorded. Pentecost registered three thousand souls. It is by fire that a holy passion is kindled in the soul whereby we live the life of God. The soul's safety is in its heat. Truth without enthusiasm, morality without emotion, ritual without soul, make for a Church without power. – Samuel Chadwick

Pentecost is the moment when a heart of stone is shattered, and a heart of flesh takes its place. – Fr. Cantalamessa

Bethlehem was God WITH us, Calvary was God FOR us, and Pentecost was God IN us!
– Robert Baer

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Listen, can you hear the wind?

Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Look, can you see the dancing flames?

Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Can you hear the message in a language you can understand?

Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Do you see the visions? Can you dream the dreams?

Come, Holy Spirit; come!

Yet there is one thing we remember... We need not invite the Spirit into the Church...

For He has never left. Hallelujah! Let us worship!

*OPENING HYMN #692

Spirit, Open My Heart

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

On this Pentecost Sunday, we confess to You, O Lord – our division, for we are not gathered together as Your people in one place; our fear of the rush of your Spirit in our lives and what it might call us to do or to be; our actions that can be like the crowds that doubted your work in the world. On this Pentecost Sunday, O Lord – help us to let down our barriers to your Spirit; guide us to live with joy and faithfulness; and create in us new hearts. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service.

In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News: We are forgiven Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

People of God, body of Christ, what shall we do in response to God's forgiveness?

As God's own people we will be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind. Always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else we will be loving and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us. Amen.

*RESPONSE #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (VASILE)

***Glory to God whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.***

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen (x3)

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward at this time. Parents are encouraged to accompany younger children and sit with them on the chancel steps or in the front seats. After the lesson, children grades K-5 are invited to Sunday School in the Reception Room, or to stay with us in worship. The Nursery is open downstairs to children between 12 months and pre-K for the duration of worship. If this is your child's first time going to Sunday School or the Nursery, please accompany them so that we may register your child.

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:1-21

NRSV NT 119

ANTHEM

Living Water

H. Kennedy and T. Trenney

Spirit of God, come dwell within me. Open my heart, oh, come set me free. Fill me with love for Jesus, my Lord, come, fill me with living water. Lord, how I thirst, my Lord, I am weak. Lord, come to me, you alone I seek. Jesus is living, Jesus is here. Jesus, my Lord, come closer to me. Lord you are life and hope and love, come fill me with living water. Jesus is living, Jesus is here, Jesus my Lord, come closer to me. Stretch out your hand, bring comfort to me. Come, fill me with living water.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-20, 25-27

NRSV NT 109

SERMON

MUSICAL MEDITATION

I Feel the Spirit Moving

arr. M. Hayes

Sue Gerace, Meghan Cakalli, Corinna Brueckner and Sharon Babcock

MISSION AND MINISTRY

CALL TO OFFERTORY

OFFERING

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

arr. A. Giamanco



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*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of wind and flame: set us on fire as we celebrate the explosion of your Holy Spirit coming into the world on the Day of Pentecost! May these gifts we give bring the warmth of your love to those who need it. Amen.

PENTECOST PRAYERS AND PROMISES

You are invited at this time to come to the Lord's table and leave a prayer and take a promise. Red prayer strips can be found in the Black Friendship Pads to write your prayers on.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN #66

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

PENTECOST

*CHARGE, BENEDICTION AND PEACE

Thank you to everyone who assisted with worship this morning.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B \flat F B \flat C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B \flat C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B \flat Gm7 F B \flat F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B \flat F B \flat

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B \flat C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B \flat 2 B \flat *to Refrain*

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Fine
Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's

2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so

bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

to Refrain
fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.

track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.

Acts 2:1-21

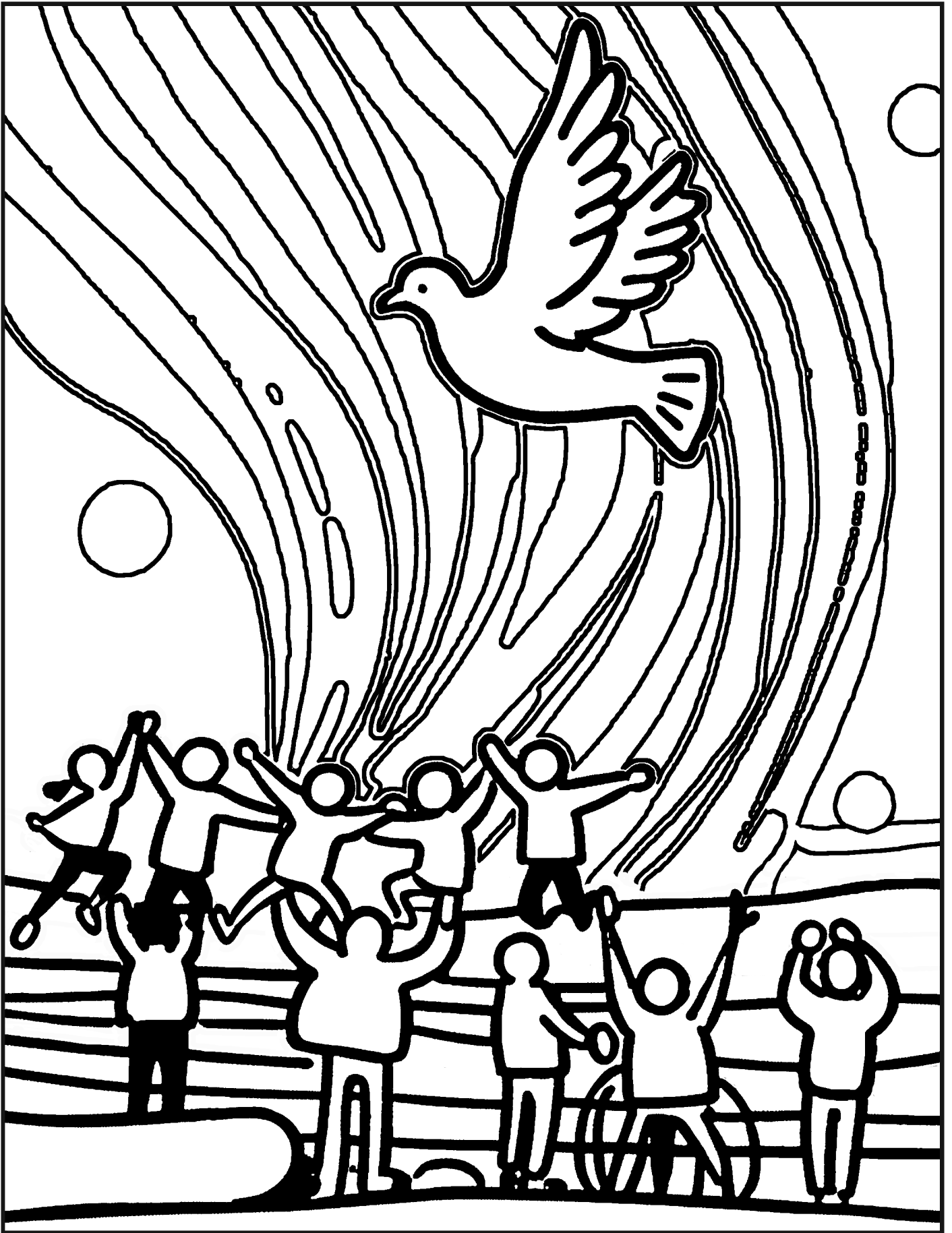
¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 14: 15-20, 25-27

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.



STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL THANK YOU The Strawberry Festival Coordinators would like to extend a huge thank you to our many members and friends who presented their best selves for the day and beyond! Special thanks to Choice Party Linens, Colonial Village Meat Market, Dietz & Watson, Herr's Chips, Jack and Jill Ice Cream, Jim's Ice, Pizza Hut, The Pretzel Factory, Produce Junction, Wawa and our Scouts, Cub Pack 228 and Troops 277 and 2019.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS We have so many new families at WPC - we need YOU to help make Summer Sunday School possible for them.



Teachers for the K-5 class play the DVD lesson and interact with the kids.

<- Use the QR code to register.

Nursery Room helpers (12 month – pre-K)

supervise and play with the children. Use the QR code to register. ->



Runs Sundays, June 1 – August 31.

ABILITIES INITIATIVE FOR KIDS After Time with Young Disciples, start the series, **10am, Sunday, June 8**, by exploring differences related to vision with “The Black Book of Colours” by Menena Cottin, discussions and other fun activities. Led by Michelle George.

RESISTANCE TO TYRANTS Who claims to have coined the phrase, "Resistance to Tyrants is Obedience to God"? - (A) Thomas Jefferson, (B) Benjamin Franklin, (C) John Knox, (D) John Calvin, (E) All of the above

Why do some refer to the American Revolution as The Presbyterian Revolt? Can The Scots Confession (in our Book of Confession) ratified in 1560 help answer these questions?

Join our nerdy reformation pastor, Pastor François, for answers, **11:30am, Sunday, June 8**.

ROSE TREE POPS ORCHESTRA Plan to attend the Rose Tree Park Summer Musical Festival featuring the Rose Tree Pops Orchestra (and our own Diane Gerlach on cello), **7:30pm, Saturday, June 14**.

WORLD REFUGEE OFFERING Millions of people from many nations have fled to other countries because of conditions that make their lives unbearable or acutely unsafe, such as civil war, famine, religious discrimination, natural disaster, acute oppression and domestic violence. The international refugees often are destitute and in dire need of food, shelter, protection and medical care.



The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is the primary source of support and protection in many countries. Funding for UNHCR is desperately needed as the refugee population is growing and contributions are lagging.

In conjunction with World Refugee Day (June 20), WPC will be taking a special offering, **Sunday, June 15**, to be provided to UNHCR. Donations may be placed in the offering plate or use the QR code.



VBC REGISTRATION Register your children for a great week at VBC: fun, faith-filled programming, storytelling, games, crafts, fellowship, end-of-week celebration, mission – Red Wagon. VBC, held **6-7:30pm, Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18**, is open to kids ages 4-11 (grouped by age for stories/crafts). Cost – \$20 per student/\$25 per family. Use the QR to register.

VBC SHEPHERDS Tweens and teens – volunteer with VBC, **6-7:30pm, Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18**. Escort the classes from station to station, help with crafts and games. . . Contact Pastor Taylor to volunteer.

ABILITIES INITIATIVE CHILDREN'S SERIES After Time with Young Disciples, (**Sundays, June 8, June 22, July 13 and July 27**), kids in grades K-5 are invited to the Reception Room to explore differences related to vision, hearing, speech and physical abilities through books, discussions and other fun activities. The purpose is to educate our children on sharing basic knowledge and compassion regarding individual diversity. We can't wait to see you there.



CONTAINER WATERING Pick a week from mid-May to mid-September – it just takes 10 minutes, twice a week (unless there is rain). Please also deadhead the plants (pinch off the wilted blossoms) – it will encourage more blooms. Use the QR code to register.

RED WAGON WPC supports 3 food pantries – Chester Eastside, LifeWerks & Media Food Bank. Chester Eastside is requesting:

- Cereal/oatmeal/Cream of Wheat
- Peanut butter/jelly
- Canned fruit (all varieties)
- Canned soup (all varieties)
- Canned chicken
- Canned fish (tuna, salmon, mackerel)
- Canned vegetables (peas, carrots, corn, green beans)
- White rice
- Lipton noodles/rice (all varieties)
- Ramen noodles (family packs of six)
- Stuffing/mac & cheese,
- Dry pasta/pasta sauce (all varieties)
- Salad dressing (all varieties)
- Packaged cookies/snacks

PNC UPDATE Brief update from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). We wanted to let you know that the PNC is making progress on the search for a new pastor following Pastor François' retirement. We have reviewed many applications and have a shorter list for further review. Please keep us and the search in your prayers as we try to discern God's will for WPC.

WPC Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 8 - Pentecost	Wednesday, June 11
09.40am- Chancel Choir	01.30pm- Stephen Ministry
10.00am- Worship	03.30pm- Brass Lessons
11.00am- Coffee Hour	Thursday, June 12
11.30am- Monthly Conversations	07.30pm- BSA 277/2019
Monday, June 9	Friday, June 13
10.00am- Staff Meeting	Saturday, June 14
03.00pm- Flute Lessons	Sunday, June 15
07.30pm- Session	10.00am- Worship
Tuesday, June 10	11.00am- Coffee Hour
07.00pm- Ballroom Dancing	

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