



Come Join us at
Rockfish Presbyterian Church

“Meet and Eat at Noon”

Wednesday, April 1, 2015
12:00 Noon

Bobbi Kennedy
Duplin County Animal Control

will be our guest speaker

Bring a sandwich
Drink & Dessert will be provided



NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

APRIL 2015

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



**GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION
SERVICE & CANTATA
FRIDAY, APRIL 3
7:30 P.M.**

**“The Passion and The Promise”
By Lloyd Larson and Mark Hayes**



Birthdays In April



- 1- Terry Tate
- Gregory Miller
- 8- Kristin Robison
- 9- Brian Burroughs
- Kelli Norris
- 10- Rachel Cadovius
- John Bullard
- 11- Mary Kellan Creech
- 15- Dr. Jack Robinson

- 19- Joey Fussell
- 21- Mickey Wells
- 25- Elizabeth Wells Merritt
- 27- Myree Bland
- 28- Sara Cooper
- 29- Vann Blake
- 30- Eduardo Moreno
- Sam Rose



**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES
SUNDAY, APRIL 5
7:00 a.m.**

First Baptist Church, Wallace

11:00 a.m.

**Wallace Presbyterian Church
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**





Dear Friends,

When Paul preached about the resurrection of the dead in front of the Areopagus in Athens, “some scoffed.” (Acts 17:32) In his great resurrection chapter (1 Corinthians 15), Paul asks, “Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead?” He goes on to say, “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.” (15:17-19)

In 1 Corinthians 4:10, the apostle Paul writes, “We are fools for the sake of Christ.” From a certain perspective, we are fools for believing in the resurrection of the dead. In the midst of a world of death and destruction, it does seem foolish to say that life has the upper hand. As we struggle with illness and advanced age and diminished abilities and premature deaths and tragic losses and terrors on a personal, national, and world scale, how can we affirm life? Life is what Easter is all about. Certainly Easter means new life for Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy

means the promise of new life and life everlasting for those who die believing and trusting in Jesus Christ. But Easter certainly means new life **here and now** for those who believe and trust in Jesus Christ. That’s why Paul can end his resurrection chapter with this call to hope and action, “Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

HAPPY EASTER!

On Wednesday, April 1, I will begin my 18th year as the pastor of this congregation. I’ve often wondered if there is any significance attached to my anniversary date being April Fools’ Day! Then again, as Paul says, “We are fools for the sake of Christ.” Thanks for the opportunity to be a “fool for Christ” in your midst.

In Christ,

Phil



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, March 17, 2015 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * were led in a hymn sing from *Glory to God* by Elder Vera Coombs;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * approved minutes from the March 1, 2015 called session meeting;
- * received financial reports as information;
- * agreed to join with other Presbyterian churches in Duplin County to host the Saturday, October 10, 2015 meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina at Wallace-Rose Hill High School;
- * prayed for members of our congregation and community;
- * approved revised Funeral policies;
- * approved a Position Description for a Youth Ministry Leader (recommended by the Christian Education Ministry Team);
- * approved plans to convert three Sunday School rooms on the second floor of the Currie Building into a Youth Space;
- * heard a report about the March 7, 2015 meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina from Elder Vera Coombs and Rev. Philip Gladden;
- * set Sunday, April 12, 2015 as the day for the ordination and installation of Brenda Long as a ruling elder member of the session’s Class of 2017;
- * elected Elder George Francis as elder commissioner to the Thursday, June 11, 2015 meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina at the Culdee Presbyterian Church, West End, NC;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder George Francis.



Maundy Thursday, April 2, 6:00 pm: Communion at the Wallace United Methodist Church
Good Friday, April 3, 12 noon: Good Friday Procession—beginning at the Wallace United Methodist Church with 14 stops at local churches: scripture, meditation, prayer at each stop.

Good Friday, April 3, 7:30 pm: “*The Passion and the Promise*” Cantata with communion, Wallace Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday, April 5, 7:00 am: Early Easter Service, First Baptist Church. Philip Gladden, preacher

Easter Sunday, April 5, 11:00 am: Easter Worship Celebration with Communion Wallace Presbyterian Church



Friday, April 3, 2015
7:30 p.m.

Choir Cantata
"The Passion and the Promise"
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



Sunday, April 5, 2015
11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Worship
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper



NURSERY WORKERS

APRIL



04/05: Nettie Batchelor & Leah Fussell
04/12: Andrea Casteen & Lydia Woodard
04/19: Watts & Tracey Carr
04/26: Clay & Noel Blue

Freddy Hall, Leader

Harvey Knowles Wayne Casteen
Rich Phaneuf



GREETERS

05/03: Freddy & Rhonda Hall
05/10: Pam Teachey & Leah Fussell
05/17: Georgette Thompson & girls
05/24: Kevin & Christy Johnson
05/31: Chuck & Gina Farris

04/05: Dan & Tanya Robinson
04/12: Ann Carter & Bobby Ives
04/19: Joe Tillman & Judy Holley
04/26: Thomas & Lois Edgerton

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

04/05: Rance Creech & Cole Farris
04/12: Sarah Pearl Farris & Hill Lanier
04/19: Andrew Miller & Tommy Newkirk
04/26: Joseph & Colby Phaneuf

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

April 1-15: Bill Carone
April 16-30: Jack Blackney

CHURCH NEWS For Your Information

- * **The church office** will be closed on Monday, April 6. Happy Easter!
- * **We will celebrate** the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Friday, April 3 (7:30 p.m.) and Sunday, April 5 (11:00 a.m.). All who have been baptized and put their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the table.
- * **Brenda Long** will be ordained and installed as an elder in the Class of 2017 during worship on Sunday, April 12.
- * **Presbyterian Men** will meet at the Wallace Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. for dinner and Bible study. All men are welcome.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to an elder or the minister.
- * **We will receive** a special offering for P.E.P. (Presbyterian Enrichment Program) on P.E.P. Sunday, April 26.



Hospital & at home:

Avalee Bowman (The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, NC)	Frank Toothman (Brian Center)
Sonny Blalock, (Autumn Care, Wilmington, NC)	Judy Robinson (home)
Kelsea Webster (home)	Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Myree Bland (home)	



SOUND RETREAT A GREAT SUCCESS

This year's Sound Retreat held at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, NC on January 30-February 1, was a great success. There was a total of 72 in attendance, including 13 youth. Many thanks to George Anderson Senior Minister of the Second Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Virginia our Worship Leader' and Jenna Carriker Director of Christian Education of Topsail Presbyterian Church our Leader for the Youth. Everyone had a wonderful experience during our spiritual studies of Jesus' conversations from the book of John, as well as during our fellowship activities. We all got to know each other better as brothers and sisters in Christ and look forward to next year's Sound Retreat to be held on February 5-7, 2016. **SAVE THE DATE!**

The Presbyterian Counseling Center

is hosting a

Plant Sale

Saturday, April 11

8:00-11:00 am

4810 Wrightsville Avenue

Wilmington, NC



Johnson Nursery will be offering

a selection of fine spring plants at wholesale prices.

Come find the perfect plant for your lawn or porch!

Cash or check only

Your purchase will help provide counseling service for patients who cannot afford the fee.



**We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper twice in April
Good Friday, April 3
Easter Sunday, April 5**



Congratulations to Nate and Georgia Farior on the birth of their daughter, Harriet Blake (Hattie B) on Thursday, March 12 (8.5 lbs., 19.5"). Big sister, Windsor, and big brother, John-Ward, and grandparents, Charley and Harriet Farior, welcome Hattie B.



Ordination and Installation of

**Brenda Long
as a Ruling Elder**

Sunday, April 12



of Coastal Carolina
SPRING GATHERING

Saturday, April 18

Carolina Beach Presbyterian Church

Carolina Beach, NC

Registration, Exhibits, Food and Fellowship 9:00 – 10:00

Plenary and Business 10:00

Speaker: Rev. June Highfill, Honorably Retired (PCUSA)

Nursery available upon request – contact Jeanne

Anderson – 336-909-2841 –

jeanneanderson@windstream.net

Church is easy to find. Take US 421 to Carolina Beach. Road divides and becomes N. Lake Blvd. Church is – 1209 - close to the highway.

Recommended accommodations: Golden Sands Hotel - 910-458-8334

Only a few minutes from church

Bring your spouses. Bring your children. Bring your church sisters.

Make this a fun weekend at the beach!



**Presbyterian Women 2015
Birthday Offering:
Monday, May 18 at 7:00 PM**

What is the Birthday Offering?

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns. PW

in the Congregations (PWCs) typically collect the Birthday Offering in the spring and dedicate their offerings at spring gatherings. No giving guidelines are suggested other than "give as you are blessed." PWCs who collect the Offering should send their donation (as a check made payable to Treasurer of Presbyterian Women) to the treasurer of PW in the Presbytery.

History of the Birthday Offering

In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That same year, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of women's work, visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. Realizing the school's needs, she challenged members of the Women's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their life as a birthday gift to the school. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world.

2015 RECIPIENT

After reviewing numerous proposals, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chose Community of St. Therese of Lisieux and Bethesda Christian Community Center to receive grants from the 2015 Birthday Offering. Gifts to the 2015 Birthday Offering will allow these ministries to support women in Memphis, Tennessee, and Barranquilla, Colombia, who are overcoming oppressive, violent situations. The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs will depend on gifts received in 2015. The goal for the offering is \$500,000.

Bethesda Christian Community Center

Oxford Presbyterian Church (Ohio) and Seventh Presbyterian Church (Colombia)

Barranquilla, Colombia

Wallace Presbyterian Women will have their Spring Gathering on Monday, May 18, at 7:00 pm. Please plan to attend our Birthday Party celebration as we wrap up for the year. Because of vacation and summer activities, the circle groups do not meet in June or July.



**The Building & Grounds Ministry Team
invites you to help spruce up
our church building and yard
on Saturday, April 11
8:30 am-12:00 Noon**



CONFIRMATION 2015



Our Confirmation 2015 group has been busy since February. We have had a lock-in at the church, helped pack food bags for the Helping Hands Food Pantry, had a great time at the presbytery's Middle School Retreat at Camp Kirkwood, made plans to decorate our new Youth Space in the Currie Building, talked about what we believe and why, studied the Apostles' Creed, cleaned up some church members' yards, and helped our congregation raise money to buy bikes for pastors in Zambia.

Join us on a Sunday night from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. and see what's happening with Confirmation 2015. We welcome you!

Cameron, Garrett, Ellie, Anna Grace, Madelyn, Rachel Ann, Mary Kellan, Sarah Pearl, Hill, Jane Caroline, Colby, Elizabeth, Lydia, Regina, and Phil.



**BIKES FOR ZAMBIA
&
CONFIRMATION 2015**

Great ride for a great cause...
What are you waiting for?

Confirmation 2015 is leading us in raising the funds to purchase 14 bicycles for the May 2015 graduates of the Justo Mwale Theological University College in Lusaka, Zambia.

Each bike (including a repair kit) costs \$160 and provides much needed transportation for pastors and community members.

Make your checks payable to Wallace Presbyterian Church and mark them "Bikes for Zambia."

THANKS!



**One Great Hour of Sharing
EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 5**

The Presbyterian Church (USA) has Special Offerings each year in which our congregation participates. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was begun in 1949 and is a long-standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising the funds necessary to provide relief and reconstruction for communities in the aftermath of disaster and to serve individuals and communities in need.



WPC YOUTH SPACE

At the urging and request of our Confirmation 2015 group, the session has begun the renovation of three rooms upstairs in the Currie Building for our WPC Youth Space. The rooms will include worship space & media room, a game space, and a kitchenette.

You're welcome to visit the "in-progress" Youth Space on the Boney Street side of the Currie Building (upstairs).



Presbyterian Enrichment Program (P.E.P.) Sunday, April 26 (P.E.P. Sunday)

It's hard to believe that the current P.E.P. preschool year is almost over. This year has flown by! It has been a great privilege and honor to work with these children and their families this year.

P.E.P. gives us the opportunity to teach the children about the beautiful world God has created for us. Each week we focus on something God created- every thing from us, our friends and families, and our senses, to the 7 continents, deserts, rain forests, dinosaurs and oceans.

P.E.P. also gives us the opportunity to help the children to grow more like Jesus. We talk on a regular basis about ways we can be more like Him and how we can make God's heart happy. Each day we pray for God to help us be kind to others, to use kind words when talking with each other, to take turns and to share. I love seeing them become all that God has created them to be!

On April 26, we will celebrate another year of P.E.P. as some of our children will come to the 11:00 am service and sing a few songs for you. Singing is a big part of our day and we look forward to sharing some of our songs with you. I hope you and your family will be there to support our children and to get a glimpse of some of their work. My experience has been that when children get up in front of a group of people it is always unpredictable and interesting. You won't want to miss this great addition to the worship service. I look forward to seeing you and your family there!

In Christ,

Dee

Dee Thompson, P.E.P. Director

JUNE 15 - 19
KIRKWOOD CREATION CAMP!
T-shirts \$5
Registration will begin soon!

Time: Monday 10:00am-3:00pm - Drop-off/Registration 9:30am-10:00am
Tuesday to Thursday 9:00am to 3:00pm - Drop-off 8:30am-9:00am
Friday 9:00am to noon

Ages: 3yrs to 5th grade

****note: 3yr old & 4yr old campers 9:00am - noon ****

Youth Staff

Youth in grades 6th to 12th grade will be participating in Kirkwood Creation Camp as camp staff. Youth staff training will be held on Monday, June 15th from 8:30am to 9:30am. On Tuesday June 16th, youth staff will have a special pool party/cookout.

****More details to come****

Family Campout

On Thursday, June 18th, families are invited to join their camper in a campout at Kirkwood Creation Camp!

Kirkwood Creation Camp Needs You!

Kirkwood Creation Camp needs your help! This camp will serve as our Vacation Bible School this year, so we will need help with many of the traditional VBS roles. There are open slots for Leaders, Helpers and Youth Staff for the Worship Team, Bible Stories, Crafts, Recreation and Snacks. Leaders and helpers are also needed for groups of 3 & 4 year olds, Kindergarten-1st graders, 2nd-3rd graders and 4th-5th graders. In addition help is needed with Thursday night dinner and Friday morning breakfast. To volunteer, contact the church office at 285-2808 or email Phil Gladden at drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com.



April 26, 2015
P.E.P. Sunday
An Offering will be taken
for our P.E.P. Preschool

Wallace Presbyterian Planning Calendar

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1 10:00 am: Bible Study, Living Room in Office Bldg. 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	2 Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm: Communion Service at WUMC Fellowship Hall	3 Good Friday 12:00 noon: Good Friday Processional through Wallace 7:00 pm: Choir Cantata with Communion	4
5 Resurrection of the Lord/ Easter 7:00 am: Early Easter Worship, 1st Baptist Church 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Easter Worship/ Communion/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	6 Church Office Closed	7 6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304 10:30 am: Circle #3: Nettie Batchelor 7:00 pm: Circle #4: Emily Lee 7:00 pm: Presbyterian Men, Wallace PC	8 10:00 am: Bible study, Living Room in Office Bldg. 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	9	10	11 8:30-12:00 noon: Church Clean-Up Day
12 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship/Elder Ordination & Installation 4-6:30 pm: Confirmation 2015, Youth Room	13 10:30 am: Circle #1: Living Room in Office Bldg.	14 6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304	15 10:00 am: Bible study, Living Room in Office Bldg. 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	16	17	18
19 9:40 am: Open Assembly 10:00 am: S School 11:00 am: Worship 4-6:30 pm: Confirmation 2015, Youth Room	20	21 6:30 am: Coffee in Rm. 304 7:00 am: SonRise Worship Room 304 6:00 pm: Session Meeting, Room 304	22 10:00 am: Bible study, Living Room in Office Bldg. 6:00 pm: Handbell Practice 7:30 pm: Choir Practice	23	24	25
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"We decided we wanted these back."



HAPPY
EASTER

