



Happy New Year!

Brush away old heartaches.
Learn from our mistakes.
Another year is finally over.
A new dawn awakes.
Let the old year out.
Welcome the new one in.
Bury the bad things of the past
As a new year now begins.
Make your New Year wishes
As simple as you can.
Pray for peace and love,
Not for wealth or fame.
Pray for health and happiness.
Pray for your fellow man.
Pray for all the ones you love.
Pray for those who've lost their way.
As the midnight hour chimes,
We leave the old and embrace the new.
I wish the things you wish for yourself,
And may God's love stay with you.



Birthdays In January



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| 1. Joann Phillips | 16. Cathy Wells |
| 2. Will Fussell | 17. Nick Baker |
| 5. Fred Burroughs | 18. Obbie Clemmons |
| Caroline Goffena | Joey Brinkley |
| 8- Jacob Hargrove | 19. Jamie Alexander |
| 9- Megan Strickland | 22. Tracey Carr |
| 10. Mike Teachey | 29. Mary Browder |
| 11. Curt Simpson | 31- Dianne McNamara |
| 15. Annie Johnson | |
| Diane Knowles | |



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

JANUARY 2021

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Sunday, January 24, 2021
During Morning Worship

Hayes Ludlum, Greg Maready, and Kelli Norris, members of the Session's Class of 2023, will be ordained and installed to active service as Ruling Elders on Sunday, January 24 during morning worship. To be installed: Hayes Ludlum and Greg Maready. To be ordained and installed: Kelli Norris.



2021 SESSION

Philip K. Gladden, Moderator

Hope H. Turnbull, Clerk

CLASS OF 2021

Wayne Casteen
Sam Rose
Lindsay Skidmore

CLASS OF 2022

Fred Burroughs
Patsy Ludlum
Darleen Weller

CLASS OF 2023

Hayes Ludlum
Greg Maready
Kelli Norris



Dear Friends,

On New Year's Eve, a friend emailed me "12 things to consider as we get closer to closing the door on one of the most horrible years of our lifetime." Item #1 was "The dumbest thing I ever bought was a 2020 planner." We can all relate to that, can't we? One year ago, who could imagine what was ahead of us? As 2019 drew to a close, many people shared the clever idea that soon we would all be able to see 20/20. We had no idea what we would see in the coming year. As 2020 came to a close, we learned that hindsight really is 20/20. As we look back over the events of an "unprecedented" (there's that word!) year, we shake our heads in disbelief and we weep for all of those who have suffered so terribly due to the pandemic and its far-reaching effects.

As we begin 2021, we wonder what lies before us. The promise of the Covid-19 vaccine brings hope, but we know it will be quite a while before life returns to "normal," if it ever does. In the face of such uncertainty, how shall we live as followers of Jesus Christ and people of hope?

Here are two encouraging words for the new year. The first is from Julian (or Juliana) of Norwich. She was a Christian mystic who lived in the English city of Norwich in the Middle Ages. Between 1348-1350, she and the rest of Norwich suffered the effects of the Black Death, a bubonic plague pandemic. A friend posted these words from Juliana on Facebook: "If there is anywhere on earth a lover of God who is always kept safe, I know nothing of it, for it was not shown to me. But this was shown: that in falling and rising again we are always kept in that same precious love."

The second encouragement is a prayer written by Jill Duffield for New Year's Eve, December 31, 2018. At the time, she was the editor of The Presbyterian Outlook. She is now the Senior Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Greensboro, NC. While her prayer is two years old, her words are most appropriate for us as we look back on 2020 and ahead to 2021: "God of our past, present, and future,

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, December 15, 2020 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * met via Zoom teleconference;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Dan Robinson;
- * read the Word of God in Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-23 and talked about the Christmas stories;
- * visited with Ruling Elder Matlynn Yeoman from the Chestnut Street Presbyterian Church in Wilmington who is our liaison from the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina;
- * approved a request from the minister to add Thursday, December 24, 2020 to vacation time already approved;
- * evaluated in-person worship and agreed to continue with in-person and live stream worship while observing Covid-19 protocols;
- * shared prayer concerns from the congregation and community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Dan Robinson.



Congratulations to Jonathan and Bettie Jo Tillman Rakestraw on the birth of their daughter, Sarah Pearl (7.5 pounds, 17 inches) on Saturday, December 19. Joe Tillman is the proud grandfather of his first granddaughter!



To the family of Andrea Casteen who died on Friday, December 18, 2020.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries
Contributions from individuals, twenty plus churches, foundations, and
other organizations provide lunches and weekend food to schoolchildren.
Thanks for your contributions!



THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, January 3
During Worship
In-person and Live Stream

All are welcome at the table.

as the calendar turns and we greet another year, we ask not so much for answers to those questions that perplex us, but for confidence in your never-failing care for us. As we reflect on the year we leave behind, we begin with gratitude for the moments and the milestones in which we experienced your presence. As we look to the year ahead, we start with hope for a kinder, more just, lavishly loving world. Through all the years, we depend on the abundance of your grace, the generosity of your mercy and the unwavering promise of your compassion. Aid us, Almighty God, when we fail to be the people you create us to be. Comfort us, Abba, when we face times of sadness, loss and grief. Admonish us, Lord of all, when we neglect the teachings of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Guide us, Triune God, all the days of this new year, and indeed, every day of our lives until that time when we see you face to face. Amen."

May God bless you and your families and our congregation as we continue to worship and serve our God and respond to the claim of our Lord Jesus Christ on our lives. I continue to be blessed and honored to serve as the pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church.

Happy New Year!

In Christ,

Phil





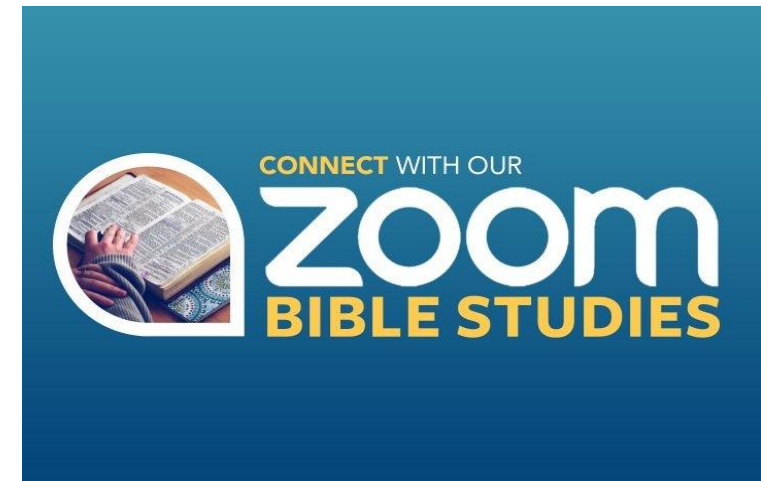
Thank you to members of the Session's Class of 2020 who have faithfully served our Lord and our congregation for three years: Clay Blue (Stewardship & Finance); Christy Johnson (Outreach); Dan Robinson (Worship & Music); Michael Teachey (Personnel).



Commission on Ministry Presbytery of Coastal Carolina



Philip Gladden has been elected by the presbytery to a three year term on the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, to begin on January 1, 2021. Fifteen members in each Missional Community (East, Central, West) serve the congregations in the presbytery. The COM serves as pastor and counselor to Teaching Elders (ministers), Ruling Elders commissioned to pastoral service, and certified Christian educators, facilitates the relations between the presbytery and its congregations, and to settle difficulties on behalf of the presbytery. Each member of the COM acts as a liaison with 4-6 congregations.



ZOOM BIBLE STUDIES CONTINUE

Monday night (7:00 – 8:00 p.m.) and Wednesday morning (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.)

Join us for good fellowship and discussion of the sermon text for the following Sunday.

Check your email each week for the Zoom invitation/links to the Bible studies.

Studies resume on Monday, January 11 and Wednesday, January 13.

Improvement Fund

5th Sunday Building Offering
January 31, 2021

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, January 31. This offering is used to maintain our church physical plant so we can provide mission and ministry programs for our congregation and community.



Preaching Schedule

PREACHING IN JANUARY

DATE	SCRIPTURE LESSON	THEME
January 3	Matthew 2:1-12	The Three Kings
January 10	Mark 1:4-11	The Baptism of the Lord
January 17	John 1:43-51	Come and see!
January 24	Mark 1:14-20	Follow me!
January 31	Mark 1:21-28	A new teaching with authority

The sermon texts for January are provided so you can read them, pray about them, and prepare your hearts for worship. Please pray for our congregation and our minister as we read, proclaim, and hear the living Word of God.



RULING ELDER TRAINING IN JANUARY

In preparation for their ordination and installation as Ruling Elders in the session's Class of 2023 on Sunday, January 24, Hayes Ludlum, Greg Maready, and Kelli Norris will participated in Ruling Elder Training on Sunday, January 3, Wednesday, January 6, and Wednesday, January 13. Elder Training includes instruction in our Presbyterian form of government, what Presbyterians believe, the nature of the office of Ruling Elder, and the responsibilities of the Ruling Elder.

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **We will** celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, January 3.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- * **The Session Class of 2023** will be installed during worship on Sunday, January 24. To be installed: Hayes Ludlum and Greg Maready. To be ordained and installed: Kelli Norris.
- * **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, January 24.
- * **We will receive** our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, January 31.



Hospital & at home:
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)

Verlie Wells (The Gardens)
Judy Robinson (home)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

January 2021



- Home
- WPC Calendar
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com
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December 2020						
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February 2021						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Cheryl Brinkley on Vacation Minister on Vacation 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Ruling Elder Jay Bender, preacher	7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study		10:00 AM No Zoom Bible Study		Happy New Year! Church Office Closed	
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Cheryl Brinkley on Vacation 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) with Sacrament of Lord's Supper 2:00 PM Elder Training via Zoom	10:30 AM Circle #1: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study	10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Circle #4: Via Zoom	Epiphany of the Lord 10:00 AM No Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Elder Training via Zoom			
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31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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