

Who Ya Gonna Call?



In case of an emergency or for pastoral care needs, call Clerk of Session Elder Susan Walters at (home) 910-665-1248 or (cell) 910-308-1587 or Church Secretary Cheryl Brinkley at 910-285-2808. Susan and Cheryl will then contact Rev. Cynthia Williams.



Birthdays in June



- 1- Kathy Walker
Elizabeth Hatch
- 2- Sandy Miller
- 3- June Blalock
Gina Farrior
Cole Farrior
- 5- Don Thomas
- 7- Geneva Maready
- 8- John Lettieri
James Sills
- 9- Deanna Parks
- 10- Cheryl Raymond
- 11- Lydia Thompson
- 13- Brenda Long
- 15- Burke Saunders

- 16- Margaret Toothman
- 17- Wells Wallace
- 18- Gerri Hanson
- 19- Zach Casteen
Connie Stamm
Joyce Ange
- 20- Emily Wells
- 21- Tanya Robinson
Lydia Woodard
Lawrence Parks
- 24- Jim Robison
- 25- Leon Wells
- 26- Sharon Robison
- 29- Jack Blackney
Jim Simpson



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

JUNE 2018

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



A Word from Cynthia

I am a child of tea colored rivers. That's a line from an early bio for Presbytery. Phil asked me to write something for the June Newsletter. I've had to ponder the content in the midst of my mother dealing with the death of her second husband. So a few brief words about myself as begin this summer service with you while Phil takes much needed

Sabbath. Some of you have heard this in Session meetings or the Congregational meeting but repetition is not a bad thing and some were not able to be present for either of those occasions. I am a lifelong Presbyterian and native of Duplin County having come of age in Hallsville Presbyterian Church. I am Presbyterian through and through including all of my higher education from St. Andrews to the Presbyterian School of Education to San Francisco Theological Seminary. I've served through the course of 40 years as both educator and pastor including three Interims here in the county, Calypso, Warsaw, and Beulaville. I love God, God's word and God's people and enjoy conversations about "deep" things. I love language and music and am most content on a hike in high mountains with good people. I am more concerned with the Big Picture than with minutiae and am not one to ask to "organize" something. My title during this brief sojourn with you is Temporary Stated Supply and I see my role, as I've said elsewhere, as holding the tiller while the Captain takes a break. I will seek to help hold you on course, a course you have already determined. That said, please realize that no two churches are alike. I am not a sailor but I imagine no two boats handle the same in the wind either. Even within Duplin county each Presbyterian church has its own ethos, personality, habits of being. I am totally unfamiliar with yours at Wallace Presbyterian. I will need your input and conversations and guidance as we chart waters together with which you are intimately familiar but which are unknown to me. As a camp counselor I learned how to canoe and loved being in the stern and directing the vessel but I was dependent on the person in the bow to read the water and tell me where the rocks were. Together we navigated the rapids for safe passage. Introduce yourself to me frequently! And, be patient as an introvert absorbs and remembers your names and seeks to be present to you. So may this be a blessed time as we create new relationships and you discover anew some of your gifts as a congregation and Phil rests in God's presence and your prayers for him in his time away. May we all come away from this time renewed and stirred and filled with joy and love for God, each other and God's good creation. God is good – all the time. All the time – God is good. Blessings,

Cynthia



Dear Friends,

I am excited to begin my ministerial sabbatical leave and humbled by your gift of this opportunity for rest and refreshment. You will be blessed by the pastoral leadership and preaching of Rev. Cynthia Williams and the loving care of your ruling elders.

Several months ago, God placed in my heart a real desire to spend some extended and prayerful time with the Gospel of Mark. For several years now, the Gospel of Mark has been my favorite gospel. During my sabbatical leave, I am going to read, translate, pray, meditate, write, and ponder on and in the Gospel of Mark. I have no particular product in mind, but I feel sure my spiritual life will be enriched by sitting in the Gospel of Mark for four months.

Another blessing of this sabbatical leave will be my September trip to Lusaka, Zambia to visit Dustin and Sherri Ellington and teach again at Justo Mwale University. I will be teaching Greek 3 for two weeks September 10- 14 and September 17-21. Since my visit to Zambia in June 2013, I have maintained contact with several of the students who are now serving as pastors. The students I teach in

September will use the Greek grammar books and dictionaries we purchased for them around Christmas.

It will not be easy to be apart from you all for four months, but our separation will really only be physical. I know that while I am studying God's Word and teaching future pastors in Zambia, you will continue to worship and serve God faithfully through our Lord Jesus Christ. You will never be far from my thoughts and always in my prayers.

The apostle Paul's greeting to the Christians at Philippi makes me think of our relationship. So, as I begin my sabbatical leave, I offer these words to you with great love and appreciation: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me . . ."

(Philippians 1:3-7)

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In Christ,

Phil

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the May 16, 2018 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Rev. Philip Gladden;
- conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- read and discussed the Word of God in Deuteronomy 6:4-25 and a reading, "Regarding ruling elders: sharing your faith";
- approved the minutes from the April 17, 2018 stated session meeting, the May 6, 2018 called session meeting, and the May 13, 2018 called session meeting;
- approved a request from The Working Class to begin a study of *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say* by Adam Hamilton (six week book and DVD series from the presbytery's Resource Center)
- approved a request from The Alternative Sunday School Class to use James "Mickey" Efird's DVD series, *From Genesis to Revelation: A Comprehensive Overview of the Bible* (Dr. Efird is a Presbyterian minister who teaches at Duke Divinity School. The twenty-two week DVD series is from the presbytery's Resource Center.)
- examined and approved the members of Confirmation 2018 for confirmation on Sunday, May 20, 2018;
- prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- were led in a closing prayer by Elder Susan Walters.



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR JUNE

DATE

June 3
June 10
June 17
June 24

ELDER

Curt Simpson
Dottie Obenour
Ann Carter
Nick Baker

PREACHER

Cynthia Williams
Jim Sills
Cynthia Williams
Cynthia Williams



Sanctuary Flowers

Dear WPC Family,

Each week sanctuary flowers are provided for our Sunday morning worship. Members and friends of the church take this opportunity to remember a birthday, anniversary or recognize/honor someone special. Acknowledgement of the flowers is in the church bulletin.

There are Sundays available, and we ask that you consider taking a date to provide the flowers. Please contact Joyce Ange or Gloria Wells.

The church guidelines are:

- Flowers need to be in the sanctuary before assembly.
- Flowers need to be removed after the service.
- No bows or ribbons
- Family is to pay the florist directly.
- Flowers do not have to be from a florist. You can create your own arrangement.
- The use of silk or artificial flowers and plants is discouraged.

Two local florists have keys to the church and will deliver the flowers on Saturday.

Stallings Florist – (910) 285-3896

Olive Branch Gardens – (910) 285-4957

Let us hear from you, please.

Joyce Ange – 910-599-5156, jwange53@gmail.com

Gloria Wells – 910-296-4093, gbwells5@gmail.com

Wallace Presbyterian Women

Co-Chairs for Sanctuary Flowers

PASTORAL CARE SCHEDULE

Elders on Call

June 3-9	Nell Sloan
June 10-16	Linda Burroughs
June 17-23	Michael Teachey
June 24-30	Dan Robinson



These elders are available to assist Rev. Cynthia Williams with hospital and home visitations.



JUNE



06/03: Geneva Maready & Curt Simpson
06/10: Lydia Woodard & Andrea Casteen
06/17: Danielle & Elizabeth Sills
06/24: Harriet & Charley Farrior

07/01: Mary Laine and Jason Rouse
07/08: Georgia & Nate Farrior
07/15: Hope Turnbull & Madelyn Coombs
07/22: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore
07/29: Susan and Ellie Carone

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

06/03: Madelyn & Robert Coombs
06/10: Miller Ludlum & Windsor Farrior
06/17: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
06/24: Elizabeth & James Sills

Joe Tillman, Leader
Dean Hanson Jim Sills
Harvey Knowles Sam Rose



GREETERS

06/03: Bill & Susan Walters
06/10: Joey Fussell & Mary Carone
06/17: Rick & Nettie Batchelor
06/24: Dave & Gloria Wells

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

June 1-15: Roger Coombs
June 16-30: Dave Long

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **We welcome Rev. Cynthia Williams** as our Stated Supply Pastor for the months of June-September.

* **We will collect our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering** on Sunday, June 3. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and provides grants for congregational food ministries, including our Helping Hands Pantry.

* **Elder Jim Sills** will be our preacher on Sunday, June 10.

* **Kirkwood Creation Camp Vacation Bible School** will be June 10-14.

* **We will receive our annual Father's Day Offering for The Presbyterian Homes of North Carolina** on Sunday, June 17.

* **The session will meet** on Tuesday, June 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or Rev. Cynthia Williams.

* **The East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will meet on Saturday, June 30 at the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. Elder Curt Simpson and Rev. Cynthia Williams will represent our congregation.



Hospital & at home:
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Judy Robinson (home)

Verlie Wells (Rosemary)
June Blalock (Rosemary)
Kelsea Webster (home)



P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering
Sunday, June 3
During Worship

Our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. That program provides meals for children in feeding programs in the African nation of Malawi and in the country of Haiti. Funds are also used to support congregational food ministries in our presbytery through grants. Our Helping Hands Food Pantry recently made application for grant funds to purchase food to supplement the contributions from the church and community. Thank you for your contributions!



FATHER'S DAY OFFERING
Sunday, June 17
For The Presbyterian Homes of North Carolina

The mission of The Presbyterian Homes is to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of those we serve. The vision is to create an innovative, vibrant and diverse culture which provides security and enhances quality of life.

As an accredited continuing care retirement community leader, PHI builds on more than 60 years of experience and has an outstanding record of sound financial viability and integrity. The Presbyterian Homes, Inc. now manages three independent continuing care retirement communities strategically located in the Raleigh/Cary/Research Triangle area (Glenaire), the Greensboro/HighPoint/Winston-Salem area (River Landing at Sandy Ridge) and the Laurinburg/southeastern North Carolina area (Scotia Village). All communities are Medicare and Medicaid certified.



The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements.

The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities, and through overtures from synods and presbyteries.

The 223rd General Assembly (2018) will be held in St. Louis, Missouri - June 16 - 23.

Ruling Elder Curt Simpson will be one of six commissioners (3 ruling elders, 3 teaching elders) from The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

Please keep all commissioners and General Assembly staff members in your prayers.

To follow General Assembly events, log onto to www.pcusa.org and follow the prompts for General Assembly news.



Community Counseling Center

CENTERPOINT

Chances are you've heard some mention of the word "Mindfulness" recently. Mindfulness is very popular these days, but what exactly is it?

Mindfulness is focusing one's awareness fully on the present moment while feeling calm and free of judgment. It means slowing down enough to be curious and connected to what you are experiencing.

I don't know about you, but I have mastered the art of mindless living. I can arrive home in my car with no awareness of the turns I've taken to get there. I can "listen" to my children while buying groceries on my phone. I can eat an entire meal without tasting it, because I'm focused on something else.

In this world of chronic multi-tasking and distracted living, it is no wonder that mindfulness has become a buzz word. We are hungry for the ability to live in the moment, to feel connected to the lives we are living and the people in them, and to take delight in what God has given us. Mindless living can lead to feelings of stress and boredom, and even anxiety and depression.

Therapists often incorporate mindfulness into their work with clients. In fact, counseling itself can be mindful. It offers a time and place for us to slow down and focus our awareness fully on what we've been experiencing in a calm, curious way that is free of judgment. Although some of what needs our attention can be difficult, over time we often feel less burdened and more able to enjoy the life God has given. Mindfulness... it's a skill we could all take joy in using!

Call the Center at 910-452-7370. Visit at www.wantcounseling.com "Like" the Community Counseling Center on Facebook.

Susan Lewis, Counselor



Greetings from the Youth!

May has been a wonderful month for our youth program. Arnie the Aardvark has raised enough money to completely pay for the youth going to Montreat later this summer! A big thank you to all of those who were visited by Arnie, and donated towards the youth!

June will be full of excitement as well, with Kirkwood Creation Camp VBS scheduled to run June 10-14. We have several youth participating in that along with 8 other churches in the area. If you would like to volunteer at Kirkwood during the camp, please contact Zach Casteen at the church office. The youth will also be installing a Gaga ball court, and basketball hoop at the church later this month. Please be aware of that equipment near the parking lot at the church. Our youth calendar will be posted quarterly out in the fellowship hall, along with a volunteer sign-up sheet for each youth meeting.

Yours in Christ,
Zachary Casteen



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Royal and Jennifer Johnson on the birth of their daughter, Elliana Grace, on Wednesday, May 23 (7 lbs., 9 oz., 20.5 inches). Her big brother is Pearson and her Wallace grandparents are Tom and Mary Glyn Johnson.

June 2018

- Home
- WPC Calendar
- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com
- lee@wallacepresbyterian.com



May 2018						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Trinity Sunday ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/dFeed Our Hungry Children & Backpack Offering	28 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	29	30 ■ 10:00 AM No Bible Study ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	31 ■ 3:00 PM Meeting of the Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry	1	2
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