



**CREATION CAMP
2021**
June 6 - 10
Camp Kirkwood
“Lord, teach us to
pray.”
THE LORD’S PRAYER



REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, MAY 2!
Contact Elder Lindsay Skidmore to register.

Friends of Kirkwood and local congregations of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will sponsor Creation Camp 2021 during the week of June 6 - 10 at Camp Kirkwood. This year's theme is “Lord, teach us to pray.” We will learn more about the Lord's Prayer.

Campers are ages completed kindergarten - completed sixth grade. Junior staff are ages completed sixth grade - complete high school. Adult volunteers are welcome! All COVID-19 protocols will be observed to ensure the safety of campers and staff. This is going to be a great week of fun and fellowship at Camp Kirkwood.



Birthdays In May

Happy Birthday to You!



4- Frankie Coleman
5- Sherri Ellington
7- Andrew Miller
8- Linda Wells
Anna Grace Carr
10- Louis DiDomenico
13- Alan Wells
Clayton Hall
Mott Blair
Susan Walters

16- Lindsay Skidmore
17- Blake Saunders
20- Jennie Lee Wells
22- Hollis Skidmore
23- Elliana Grace Johnson
24- Blake Wallace
26- Pam Teachey
29- Myles Teachey
30- Denny Lanier



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

MAY 2021

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

CONGRATULATIONS 2021 GRADUATES!



Congratulations to these College Graduates!

Payton Johnson: UNC at Wilmington May 2021

Tommy Newkirk: Maine Maritime Academy April 2021



Dear Friends,

Recently I had to sign the 2020 session minutes for review by the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. When I signed the minutes of the March 15, 2020 called meeting, I was flooded with memories. That was five days after I had my shoulder replacement surgery. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had already canceled worship for that day. The elders and I were joined by other leaders in the congregation to discuss worship plans and the use of the building in the following weeks.

Little did any of us know that Sunday afternoon that we would be making decisions throughout the rest of 2020 and into 2021. I distinctly remember thinking that, at the latest, things might be “back to normal” by the end of May 2020. As time went on, I began to imagine a Sunday in the early fall 2020 when everyone could return to worship safely and we could celebrate with a delicious and bountiful covered dish luncheon after worship.

Fourteen months later, your elders and I are still having to make decisions concerning in person worship and other programs and ministries within the bounds of the safety protocols. Please know that the men and women you have elected as Ruling Elders have served and are serving you faithfully, diligently, seriously, and prayerfully. Every decision made concerning worship and other programs has been made with the health and safety of our congregation as a top priority. At the same time, the session has worked hard to utilize many methods to maintain contact with the congregation and provide meaningful worship and Christian Education opportunities.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you can read about the latest decisions the session has made upon recommendations from the Worship & Music Ministry Team and the Christian Education Ministry Team. These decisions are based on the needs of our congregation, health and safety protocols from the CDC and the World Health Organization, and advice from the elders regarding how their businesses and occupations are handling the COVID-19 situation presently. As we move ahead, it is important that we be open to the movement, inspiration,

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, April 13, 2021 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Hayes Ludlum;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * studied God’s Word in Mark 6:30-44 and discussed an article “When We Get to ‘Not Enough’ — Places of inadequacy challenge us to look to God”
- * approved the minutes of the March 16, 2021 stated session meeting;
- * approved these recommendations from the Worship & Music Ministry Team:
 1. That the crib nursery (0 - 2 years) be made available during 11:00 a.m. worship beginning Sunday, May 2
 2. That the children in the sanctuary come forward for the children’s sermon and be seated on the floor in designated, socially distanced spots
 3. That activity bags be made available for children in the sanctuary to use during worship
 4. That Children’s Church (3 - 6 years) resume in the fall to coincide with the start-up of Sunday School classes.
- * asked the Worship & Music Ministry Team to make recommendations for changes in in person worship in light of more people being willing to attend;
- * approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team that the chancel choir be allowed to rehearse in the choir room on Wednesday nights and record in the sanctuary as they have music ready. Handbells can continue as an ensemble or move toward the complete handbell choir participating, rehearsing on Sunday mornings.
- * approved recommendations from the Christian Education Ministry Team:

Sunday School: We will continue with virtual Sunday School offerings through the summer. This will allow us the opportunity to survey our congregation to determine needs and areas of study that may be of interest, as well as an opportunity to line up teachers and really promote our Sunday School offerings. Please feel free to share any suggestions or ideas.

Youth Sunday: We are working with the seniors this year to determine a plan for Youth Sunday which will be May 16, 2021. We are excited about celebrating these young adults.
- * prayed for members of the congregation and the community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Hayes Ludlum.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, May 23



As public school students return to class mid-March, this monthly offering becomes even more important to provide much needed food for students whose families are experiencing economic hardship. Thank you for your generous support.

Reporting Period: July 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021

Schools being served: Rose Hill - Magnolia Elementary-Middle; Wallace Elementary-Middle; Chinquapin Elementary-Middle; Beulaville Elementary-Middle

77 bags of food provided per week, on average

Bank balance as of 3/31/21 = \$17,856

Gifts totaling \$14,760 have been received in the reporting period.

18 churches and organizations plus individuals have donated.

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * There will be no Monday night or Wednesday morning Zoom Bible Study on May 10 and May 12, and May 31.
- * Youth Sunday is scheduled for May 16. High school graduates will be honored and presented Bibles. WPC youth will lead worship and William Powell will preach.
- * The session will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- * We will receive our final Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2020-2021 school year on Sunday, May 23. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for information about the ministry.
- * We will receive the 5th Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, May 30.
- * The church office will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.



Hospital & at home:

Cathy Wells (Pender Memorial Rehab)

Judy Robinson (home)

Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Verlie Wells (The Gardens)

Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)

and guidance of God's Holy Spirit as we understand what it means and how to be the church in the future.

When we ordain and install Ruling Elders in our congregation, they answer a number of questions. Then the congregation is asked two questions, the second of which asks: Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ who alone is Head of the Church? I encourage you to remember that vow and to pray for and encourage our elders as they guide us as the people of Jesus Christ. In light of changes being made in in-person worship and plans for our Christian Education program, consider how you can best engage with the worship, outreach, and education ministries of our church. Be mindful of the careful and caring leadership our elders have provided over the last fourteen months and continue to provide as they lead us through these challenging times.

You've probably heard the saying, "We don't know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future." Never has that been more true than today. As challenging as these last fourteen months have been for our congregation, the coming days will provide many opportunities to consider and reconsider what it means to be the people of God at the corner of West Main and South Raleigh Streets in Wallace.

May God bless all of you, and may God bless our life together as the Wallace Presbyterian Church.

Blessings, and be safe,

Phil





**The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
121st Stated Meeting
Monday, May 17, 2021**

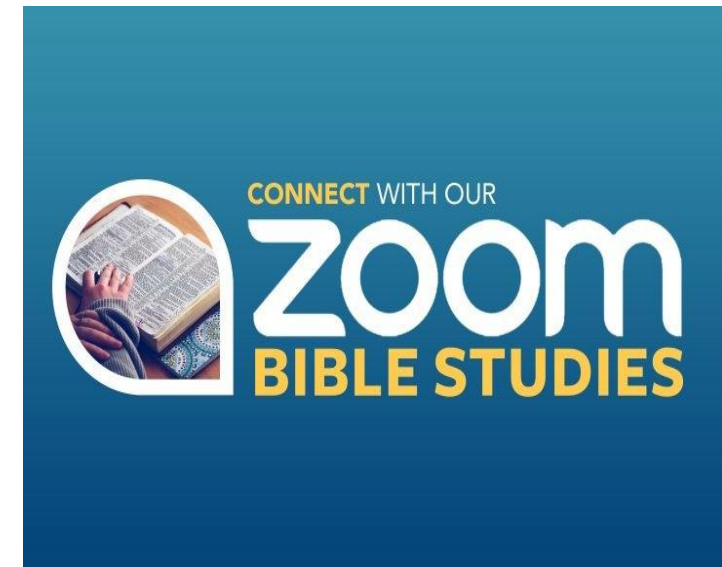


The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will hold its 121st stated meeting via Zoom on Monday, May 17. A Ruling Elder and Teaching Elder Philip Gladden will attend from our congregation. Ruling and Teaching Elders from approximately 180 congregations across southeastern North Carolina will participate in the meeting. Please keep elders, ministers, and presbytery staff in your prayers.



May 16
Worship led by our WPC Youth
William Powell, preacher
High School Seniors will be honored:

Garrett Bullard
Matthew Coltren
Madelyn Coombs
Hill Lanier
Jane Caroline Minchew
Henry Moore
William Powell



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.





Christian Education Opportunities via Zoom

For Children: Lindsay Skidmore and Emily Ludlum lead lessons for our children via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to receive the Zoom invitation and lesson activities, please contact Lindsay or Emily.

For Adults; Dr. Phil leads the Alternative Sunday School Class via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. The Zoom invitation is sent via congregational email on Wednesday or Thursday before the Sunday class.



5TH SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING SUNDAY, MAY 30

This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!



IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES UPDATED EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, MAY 2

At a called meeting on April 27, on recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team, the session approved the following changes/plans for in person worship, effective Sunday, May 2:

1. That pre-registration for in person worship be discontinued.
2. That temperature checks at the doors be discontinued.
3. That mask wearing in the sanctuary continue to be required.
4. That the current offering collection process (plates at each entrance; mailing to church; online giving; drop in mail slot of church office building) be continued.
5. That the current method of celebrating the Lord's Supper (individual, pre-packaged communion sets) be continued.
6. That Friendship pads not be passed in the pews.
7. That hymnbooks, Bibles, and pew cushions be returned to the pews. (Pews are sanitized after each worship service and we have one week between worship services. People who do not wish to handle hymnbooks and Bibles can use the liturgy on the screen in the sanctuary.)
8. That worshipers continue to enter the sanctuary through the east vestibule door or the portico door.
9. That two ushers be on duty and also act as greeters. Ushers will help people find seats.
10. That worshipers be encouraged to maintain social distancing while in the sanctuary.
11. That arrangements be made to document attendance for contact tracing purposes.

The following recommendations had already been approved:

1. That the crib nursery (0-2 years) be made available during 11:00 a.m. worship beginning May 2, 2021.
2. That the children in the sanctuary come forward for the children's sermon and be seated on the floor in designated, socially distanced spots.
3. That activity bags be made available for children in the sanctuary to use during worship.
4. That Children's Church (3-6 years old) resume in the fall to coincide with the start-up of Sunday School classes.
5. That choir rehearsals resume in person on Wednesday nights in the Music Room. The choir will observe COVID-19 protocols. The Handbell Ensemble will practice at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Thank you to the members of the Worship & Music Ministry Team (Karla Casteen, Dan Robinson, Geneva Maready, Georgia Longest, Harriet Farrior, Louis DiDomenico, Joey Fussell, and David Sanderson) for their diligent and faithful work.

Thank you to our elders for their thoughtful and faithful guidance throughout this pandemic: Wayne Casteen, Sam Rose, Lindsay Skidmore, Fred Burroughs, Patsy Ludlum, Darleen Weller, Hayes Ludlum, Greg Maready, and Kelli Norris.

May 2021

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25 Minister on Vacation 9:30 AM Adult Zoom Sunday School Classes 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Rev.	26 7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study	27	28 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	29	30	1
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9 Happy Mother's Day! 9:00 AM Handbell Ensemble Practice 9:30 AM Adult Zoom Sunday School Classes 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Rev.	10 7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study	11	12 10:00 AM No Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 Youth Sunday 9:00 AM Handbell Ensemble Practice 9:30 AM Adult Zoom Sunday School Classes 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Rev.	17 10:00 AM Virtual meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	18 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Zoom	19 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 Day of Pentecost 9:00 AM Handbell Ensemble Practice 9:30 AM Adult Zoom Sunday School Classes 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed	24 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	25	26 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 Trinity Sunday 9:00 AM Handbell Ensemble Practice 9:30 AM Adult Zoom Sunday School Classes 10:00 AM Living Stones Children's Zoom Sunday 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Rev.	31 Memorial Day Church Office Closed 7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study	1	2 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3	4	5