

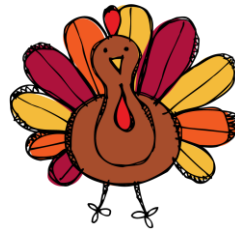


Sunday, November 1, 2020

Daylight Saving Time ends in 2020 at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1, marking the *time* when clocks “fall back” and we gain an extra hour of sleep.



Birthdays in November



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| 1- Parks Blair | 12- Ginny Blackney |
| 2- Dottie Obenour | 13- Jonah Grey Merritt |
| 3- Wayne Casteen | 15- Georgia Longest |
| 5- Art Raymond | 16- William Monroe Blackwell |
| Cameron Blue | 21- Gary Zibelin |
| 8- Scott Robinson | 24- Pat Simpson |
| 9- Haylee Parks | 25- Ryan Sloan |
| Hayden Parks | 26- Lou Brinkley |
| 10- Matt Maready | 28- Eva McLaughlin |
| 11- Reese Blue | 29- Fran Kohne |
| Amelia White | Bill Butler |
| Leah White | David Long |



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

NOVEMBER 2020

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Congregational Meeting In person and via Zoom Sunday, November 1 11:55 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect members of the 2020 Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees for election as Ruling Elders at a congregational meeting on Sunday, December 6.

According to a formula adopted by the congregation, the following people are being nominated to serve on the 2020 Nominating Committee:

REPRESENTING	NAMES
Session	Christy Johnson, Clay Blue
Presbyterian Women	Joyce Ange, Georgia Longest
Sunday School Department	Jim Sills, Mary Laine Rouse
Youth	Garrett Bullard, James Sills
Advisory Member	Philip Gladden

The meeting will be held in person (for those who are worshipping in the sanctuary) and via Zoom teleconference (for those worshipping at home).

Check your email and U.S. mail for more information and instructions about how to participate in the November 1 congregational meeting.



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

Dear Friends,

In 1971, Jesuit priest Mark Link published a book called He is the Still Point of the Turning World. According to the Amazon blurb, the book is “a compilation of articles, poems, excerpts from books, scripture quotations, and vivid photographs explaining why God through Jesus Christ is the ultimate reality of human existence.”

I have kept my copy of He is the Still Point for almost fifty years. When you flip through it, you can definitely tell it is a product of the 1970’s (and it only cost \$3.90)! As a teenager I read through the book again and again and found both inspiration and challenges as someone who wanted to follow Jesus Christ.

As I looked through the book recently, I noticed I had circled a poem called “Night Traveller.” Fifty years later it seems eerily appropriate for the times in which we live:

Man: I travel an unknown land to an unknown city. The road is dark and misty. Soaring mountains and roaring winds and waters block my path. I fear!

Jesus: Fear not. I’ll light your way, move mountains from your path, walk with you on waters and teach you how to laugh.

The past nine months have certainly felt like we have been traveling an unknown land to an unknown city, on a dark and misty road, with soaring mountains and roaring winds in our way. Need I say that life is not the same? And who knows what life is going to be like in the coming months and years?

As much as I like the contents of the book I have kept for fifty years, I have always been captivated by the title. It reminds me of the assuring words in Hebrews 13:8: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” That is the hope we can cling to in the middle of this turning world that feels like it is spiraling out of control.

Know that I share your sense of loss and your questions in these trying times. I, too, wonder what the future holds, for our church, for our community, for our country, for life as we used to know it.

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At the Tuesday, October 20, 2020 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * met via Zoom teleconference;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * read the Word of God in 2 Corinthians 8:1-15 and discussed an article “Stewardship in a Pandemic”;
- * received a report from Elder Lindsay Skidmore about the virtual stated meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on October 3, 2020;
- * at her request, received Regina Parker’s renunciation of the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and removed her name from the membership roll and as a Ruling Elder;
- * approved the minutes of the September 15, 2020 stated session meeting;
- * called congregational meetings for Sunday, November 1, 2020 for the purpose of electing the 2020 Nominating Committee and Sunday, December 6, 2020 for the purpose of hearing a report from the 2020 Nominating Committee, electing three Ruling Elders to the Class of 2023, presenting the 2021 budget as information, and holding the annual meeting of the corporation. The congregational meetings will be held in person and by Zoom teleconference;
- * approved a request from the minister to use Continuing Education leave time and funds to attend Cedar Cross Retreat Center in Louisburg, NC Sunday afternoon, November 8 - Wednesday, November 11 and to purchase journal subscriptions and books as funds allow;
- * approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team not to have in person Advent worship services and luncheons in December, but to provide virtual worship services (either real time or pre-recorded) for the community to view;
- * approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team not to have an in person Christmas Eve worship service, but to provide a virtual worship service (either real time or pre-recorded) for the congregation to view;
- * received information from the Outreach Ministry Team about the Monday, November 9, 2020 Helping Hands Food Pantry food drive and the 2020 St. Nicholas Christmas Project;
- * received information from the Christian Education Ministry Team about rescheduling Confirmation Class from Spring 2021 to Spring 2022 or Spring 2023, in order to have a larger group of middle school students and due to Covid-19 restrictions;
- * approved the 2021 budget.
- * shared prayer concerns from the congregation and community;
- * prayed the Lord’s Prayer together.



Hospital & at home:
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Judy Robinson (home)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Verlie Wells (The Gardens)
Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)



DATE	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	SUBJECT
November 1	Matthew 23:1-12	Jesus Denounces the Scribes and Pharisees
November 8	Matthew 25:1-13	The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
November 15	Matthew 25:14-30	The Parable of the Talents
November 22	Christ the King Sunday Matthew 25:31-46	The Judgment of the Gentiles
November 29	The First Sunday of Advent Mark 13:24-37	The Coming of the Son of Man

These scripture texts are provided in advance so you can read God's Word as part of your preparation for worship. Please pray for Dr. Phil and our congregation as we hear God's Word read and proclaimed in November.



Offering on Sunday, November 22

On Sunday, November 22, we will collect our annual offering for the Children's Hope Alliance. CHA is the combination of Barium Springs Home for Children and Grandfather Home for Children and provides services to children and families throughout North Carolina. According to the CHA website, "Our comprehensive services and programs are designed to give hope to North Carolina's children by providing a safe home, healing their hurt, and encouraging a healthy start."

You can contribute by making a check payable to Wallace Presbyterian Church, marking it for "Children's Hope Alliance," and putting it in the offering plate in worship, mailing it to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, or dropping it in the mail slot in the front door of the church office building. You can also contribute online at our church website www.wallacepresbyterian.com.

In this season of Thanksgiving, maybe more than ever we can thank God that, in times such as these, we have a Lord and Savior who is the "Still Point of the Turning World." As we enter the season of Advent at the end of the month, we remember how the world changed when God sent his Son and we look forward with hope and expectation to the day his Son will come again. In the meantime, in a world that is making our heads spin, we thank God that his Son can help us be centered and have hope.

The final scripture citation in the book comes from Isaiah 35:4: "Say to those who are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is our God, he comes to save us." That is a word we need to hear today.

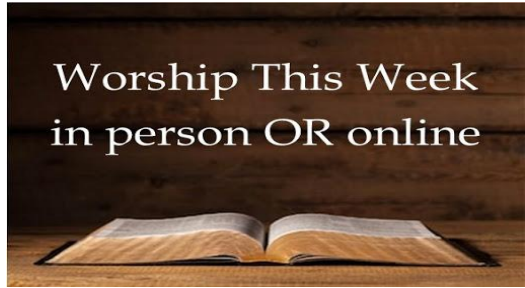
Blessings, and be safe,

Phil



CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **The session** has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, November 1 at 11:55 a.m. for the purpose of electing members of the 2020 Nominating Committee. The meeting will be held in person and via Zoom teleconference.
- * **Philip Gladden** will be on Continuing Education leave Sunday afternoon, November 8 - Wednesday, November 11. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) or the church office in an emergency.
- * **There will be** no Monday night Zoom Bible Study on November 9 and no Wednesday morning Zoom Bible Study on November 11 and November 25.
- * **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- * **Philip Gladden** will be on vacation Tuesday - Wednesday, November 24-25. Please contact Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813) or the church office in an emergency.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Worship This Week
in person OR online

Worship Online at
www.wallacepresbyterian.com
and on YouTube or Facebook.

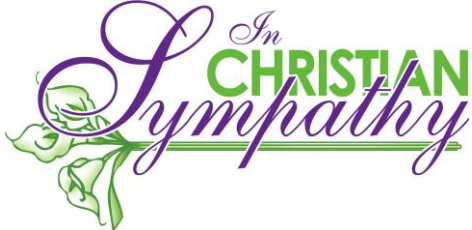
Worship in person by registering online or calling the church office.
The registration link is emailed on Monday and Wednesday.
Registration is for planning purposes so we can
safely observe recommended social distancing.



Community
Thanksgiving
Service

**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
CANCELED**

Rev. Alan Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Wallace, has announced that there will not be a Community Thanksgiving Service this month, due to concerns about the increasing spread of the Covid-19 virus and the danger of the community gathering resulting in a “super-spreader” event.



To Roy and Bettie Lettieri on the death of their son, Frank, on September 30.
To Kelli Barnes Norris and her family on the death of her father, Norman Hulen, on September 29.



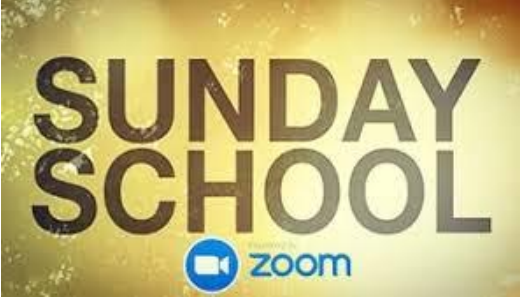
Virtual Bible Study

Join us via Zoom conference call
on your computer or phone

**Monday Night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Morning from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Zoom invitations are sent by email on Mondays.

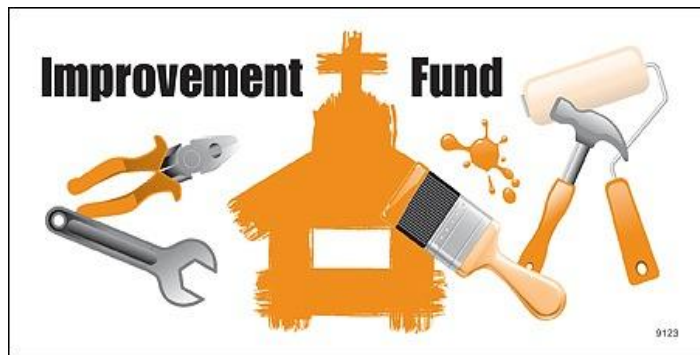
Join us for good fellowship and discussion of the
sermon text for the following Sunday morning worship.



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 10:00 a.m. The Zoom invitation is sent via congregational email on Wednesday or Thursday before the Sunday class.



5th Sunday Building Offering November 29, 2020

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, November 29. This offering is used to maintain our church physical plant so we can provide mission and ministry programs for our congregation and community.

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Tuesday, November 3

**If you haven't already voted early or by mail,
go to the polls and vote!**



ADVENT 2020 BEGINS NOVEMBER 29

The First Sunday of Advent is November 29, and thus begins the four week period leading up to our celebration of Christmas. “Advent” comes from the Latin word for “coming.” In Advent, we look back to the first coming of Jesus and ahead to our Lord’s second coming. Even though we are all busy in the weeks leading up to Christmas getting ready for our celebration, Advent is more a time of preparing our hearts and lives for the coming of our Messiah. The theme words for the four Sundays of Advent — Hope, Peace, Joy, Love — remind us of the life Jesus lived, the life we are called to live, and the life in God’s coming Kingdom.

Here is some information about Advent 2020 in our congregation:

Lighting the Advent Wreath in Worship

Different families will lead us in the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday. Families will be asked to record a video from home to be shared in our live stream worship service.

Thursday Advent Worship Services & Luncheons

Unfortunately, due to the increasing threat of Covid-19 and the necessary precautions to keep our community safe, the session has decided we will not have our annual Advent worship services and luncheons this year. As disappointing as this is, we will not be without Advent worship. Our worship team (Karla, Vera, Bill, and Phil) will work with the Worship & Music Ministry Team to provide weekly video services that can be viewed and shared with the community.

The hope and promise of Advent can be summed up in these words from “A Brief Statement of Faith” in our church’s Book of Confessions: “In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, ‘Come, Lord Jesus!’”



November 2020



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>1</div> <div>All Saints' Day</div> <div>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes</div> <div>11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)</div> <div>11:55 AM Congregational Meeting in person and via Zoom</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10:30 AM Circle #1: Fellowship Hall</div> <div>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Election Day</div> <div>10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall</div> <div>7:00 PM Circle #4: Zoom meeting</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>5</div>	<div>6</div>	
<div>8</div> <div>Minister on Continuing Education Leave</div> <div>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes</div> <div>11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)</div>	<div>9</div> <div>7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>10:00 AM No Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>
<div>15</div> <div>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes</div> <div>11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)</div>	<div>16</div> <div>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>17</div> <div>6:00 PM Session Meeting, Zoom</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>19</div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>
<div>22</div> <div>Christ the King Sunday</div> <div>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes</div> <div>11:00 AM Worship in-person and live-stream/Annual Children's Hope Alliance Offering</div>	<div>23</div> <div>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>24</div> <div>Minister on Vacation</div>	<div>25</div> <div>10:00 AM No Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Church Office Closed</div> <div>Thanksgiving Day</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Church Office Closed</div>	<div>28</div>
<div>29</div> <div>First Sunday Of Advent</div> <div>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes</div> <div>11:00 AM Worship in-person and live-stream/5th Sunday Building Offering</div>	<div>30</div> <div>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div>	<div>5</div>