



# NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

OCTOBER 2022

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

## CONTRIBUTION TO FRIENDS OF KIRKWOOD Infrastructure Repair Capital Campaign

At the September 20, 2022 stated session meeting, at the recommendation of the Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team, the session voted to close out the Earl Whitaker Fund (balance of approximately \$10,100) and contribute the money to the Friends of Kirkwood Capital Campaign for infrastructure repairs, especially the septic system.

Many years ago, the family of Earl Whitaker, former Chief of the Wallace Police Department, established the Earl Whitaker Fund. The contributors stipulated that for the first ten years the session could use the interest generated to support youth in the community. After a period of ten years, the session could use the principal in an appropriate manner, particularly to serve youth.

Members of the Wallace Presbyterian Church were instrumental in the establishment of Camp Kirkwood in the 1950's. In partnership with the Wilmington Y, Friends of Kirkwood has re-energized the program at Camp Kirkwood and the camp has become a popular destination for children, youth, and congregations.

Pate Southerland, president of Friends of Kirkwood, will worship with us on Kirkwood Sunday, October 9, and receive the contribution for the Capital Campaign.



## KIRKWOOD SUNDAY IS COMING! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee, juice, doughnuts, fellowship in Dining Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in Vesper Area by Lake
- 12:00 noon Lunch in Dining Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Fellowship, Relaxation, Zip Line, and Hatchet Throw

(There will be no Sunday School classes or worship service at the church that day.)



Enjoy afternoon recreation activities or relax in a rocking chair on the porch and visit with friends.



Camp Kirkwood is located at 2015 Camp Kirkwood Rd, Watha, NC about 10 miles south of Wallace, off of Highway 117.



Turn right on Camp Kirkwood Road and the camp entrance will be on your right about a 1/2 mile down the road.

## Birthdays in October

Happy Birthday to You!



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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| 1- John Ward Farrow     | 18- Shelton Browder    |
| 2- Garrett Ludlum       | Madison Bullard        |
| 5- Cheryl Brinkley      | 22- Ellie Wells Newton |
| 6- Robert Coombs        | Jack Taylor Newton     |
| 7- Carol Steen          | 23- Madelyn Coombs     |
| 10- Catherine Blanchard | Clara Gray Casteen     |
| 13- Keith McGowen       | 24- David Sanderson    |
| 14- Pearson Johnson     | 25- Faison Sloan       |
| 15- Patsy Ludlum        | Royal Johnson          |
| 16- Jewel Wells         | 27- Nate Farrow        |
| Bruni Frey              | 28- Bettie Lettieri    |
| 17- Matthew Coltren     | Harold Kohne           |

Dear Friends,

*In April 1997, I completed and submitted a Personal Information Form to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This form was used to match me with congregations that were looking for pastors. Eventually the Pastor Nominating Committee from our congregation received my form, read it, contacted me, interviewed me, and extended a call to me to be pastor here at WPC. In a section describing my work, I wrote this, "I greatly enjoy working with people who say to me, 'This is what we want to do, this is where we want to go as a church — help us get there!'"*

*As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, many (if not all) churches are taking stock of where they have been and where they are headed. The cultural and societal landscape has changed, especially for the church. Still, God continues to call us to bear a faithful witness to the good news of Jesus Christ. In the face of uncertainty, the temptation is to yearn for the way things used to be or to throw one's hands up in despair. But God promises to be with us as God guides us into the future.*

*Many of you know that I have kept a quote journal for many years. From time to time I read through the journal and find inspiration and challenges, particularly for my work as a minister and for the life of the church. Here are some thoughts for you to consider as we seek God's guidance for the future of WPC.*

*\* "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving." Albert Einstein, in a 1930 letter to his son*

*\* "Don't go to church . . . (front) . . . Be the church! . . . (back)" Youth group T-shirt at a Cincinnati PCUSA congregation*

*\* "I am very good at doing mission my way, but the church calls us to do mission Christ's way." Hunter Farrell, director of the World Mission Initiative at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

*\* "Worship regularly. Serve eagerly. Live worthily. Give generously." Sign in the parking lot at First Presbyterian Church, Lumberton, NC*

*\* "Pray. Study. Confer. Practice." Essential marks of the Christian life*

*\* "We aren't called to be like other Christians. We are called to be like Christ." Facebook post by Rev. Jason Davenport, son of our former pastor Rev. Charles Davenport*

*\* "It is easier to do church than to be church." Bishop Peter Storey, Professor Emeritus at Duke Divinity School*

*\* "Keep moving forward. Looking back is only for time travelers." Dove chocolate candy wrapper. Finally, here are two scripture verses that can bring*



At the Tuesday, September 20, 2022 session meeting, the elders and minister:

- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Rev. Philip Gladden;
- \* read God's Word in Ephesians 2:11-22 and talked about an article by Rev. Julie Coffman Hester, "Seeing Clearly";
- \* approved a request from Michael and Ellie Wells Newton to have their son, Daniel Wells Newton, baptized on Sunday, October 16;
- \* approved the transfer of membership of Robert E. Lanier, Jr. to the Rose Hill United Methodist Church, Rose Hill, NC;
- \* called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 16, 2022 immediately following worship for the purpose of electing the 2022 Nominating Committee for Ruling Elders in the Class of 2025;
- \* approved minutes from the August 16, 2022 stated session meeting;
- \* approved the roster of 2022-2023 Sunday School teachers;
- \* approved a recommendation from the Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team to close out the Earl Whitaker Fund (approximately \$10,100) and donate the money to the Capital Campaign of Friends of Kirkwood for long-delayed infrastructure repairs, especially the septic system;
- \* prayed for members of the congregation, community, and the world; prayed the Lord's Prayer in unison.



**We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on:**

**Sunday, October 2** with Mary Camron and Winston Matthews, children of Drew and Sara Matthews

**Sunday, October 16** with Wells Newton, son of Michael and Ellie Wells Newton.

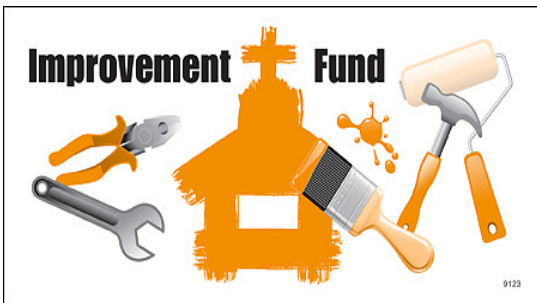


# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday, October 2. All are welcome at the table!

World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. The first celebration occurred at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA, in 1933 where Dr. Hugh Thompson Kerr served as pastor. Celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church (US) in 1936. Churches in other denominations were invited to celebrate with us from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted extending the celebration to a number of churches around the world that the practice became widespread.



## 5TH SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 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!

us hope and encouragement: Joshua 1:9 — "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Philippians 1:6 — "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."

In Christ's love,

*Phil*



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- 10/02: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse
- 10/09: Ellie Newton & Gloria Wells
- 10/16: Windsor & Harriet Farrior
- 10/23: Joyce Ange & Hope Turnbull
- 10/30: Geneva & Greg Maready

Greg Maready Royal Johnson  
Curt Simpson

### OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

October 1-15: Dave Wells

October 16-31: Greg Maready

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- \* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on World Communion Sunday, October 2 and at Camp Kirkwood on Sunday, October 9. All are welcome at the table.
- \* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday, October 2 with Mary Camron and Winston Matthews, children of Drew and Sara Matthews, and on Sunday, October 16 with Wells Newton, son of Michael and Ellie Wells Newton.
- \* **Philip Gladden** will be on vacation Monday, October 17 - Sunday, October 23. In an emergency, please contact Cheryl Brinkley in the church office (910-285-2808) or Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull (910-284-2813).
- \* **There will be no Monday night Bible Study on October 10, 17, and 31.**
- \* **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet on Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30 p.m., in the Blue Room.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00 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 the minister.
- \* **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, October 23 and our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, October 30.



**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW WORSHIP**

The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, October 16 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the 2022 Nominating Committee for Ruling Elders in the Class of 2025. A slate of names of people to serve on the Nominating Committee will be presented to the congregation for consideration and approval. The committee will be made up of two actively serving Ruling Elders, two representatives from the Presbyterian Women, two representatives from the Sunday School Department, and two Youth representatives. Rev. Philip Gladden will serve as an ex-officio advisory member.



**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD' SUPPER  
Kirkwood Sunday, October 9  
11:00 a.m., Vesper Area by the Lake  
All are welcome at the table.**



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
Sunday, October 23**

This offering provides school lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

We will welcome two new members by Reaffirmation of Faith on Sunday, October 2:

**Sara Davis Matthews** — Sara is a teacher at Wallace Elementary School. She and her husband, Drew, have two children, Mary Camron and Winston.

**Matthew Coltren** — Matthew is a student at North Carolina Wesleyan University in Rocky Mount, NC (on a golf scholarship). He is the son of Hope Turnbull.



Hospital & at Home:

Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)  
Judy Robinson (home)

Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)



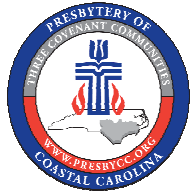
**The Presbytery of  
Coastal Carolina  
To Meet  
Saturday  
October 8, 2022**



The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will hold its stated meeting on Saturday, October 8. The meeting will be in a hybrid format, online via Zoom and in person at the First Presbyterian Church, Sanford, NC. Dr. Rodger Nishioka will preach during the worship service. The Presbytery Youth Council will be installed. Please keep ruling elders, ministers, youth council members, and presbytery staff in your prayers.

You are invited to join the minister for a weekly Bible Study on either Monday night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. The Monday night study is via Zoom. The Wednesday morning study is in person in Room 304 and via Zoom. The Zoom invitations/links are emailed on Monday of each week.

Join us for good fellowship and study of God's Word as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday.



### **PRESBYTERY COMMISSION TO MEET AT WPC**

The Commission on Ministry of the East Community of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will meet on Thursday, October 6 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 304. The Commission on Ministry is comprised of fifteen ruling elders and teaching elders. The commission's duties include the reception and oversight of ministers of the Word and Sacrament, approval of calls for pastoral services, oversight of congregations without pastoral leadership, dissolution of relationships, and dismissal of members. Rev. Philip Gladden is a member of the COM.

*All scripture is inspired by God,  
and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction,  
and for training in righteousness,  
so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,  
equipped for every good work.  
2 Timothy 3:16-17*

NOTE: Bible Study will not be held on Monday nights, October 10, 17, & 31 or Wednesday morning, October 19.



*We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of James Malcolm "Jim" Hall, Jr. who died on September 5, 2022.*



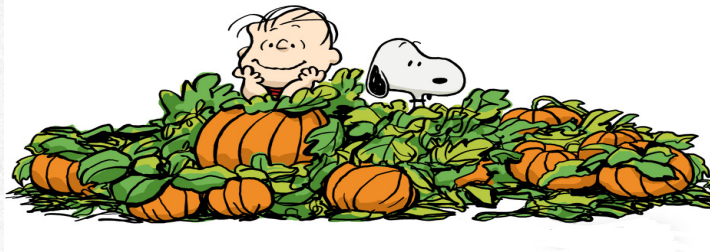
### **MINISTER ON VACATION**



*The family of Jim Hall would like to express their sincere thanks to the church family for the support provided during Jim's illness and death. All the prayers, cards, food, and visits were much appreciated. Thank you for your love, Tut*

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# October 2022



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 9:45 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering	26 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	27	28 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	29	30	1
2 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper/Baptisms/Reception of New Members 12:00 PM Youth Activity for 1st grade & Up	3 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	4 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Circle #4: Fellowship Hall	5 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	6 12:30 PM Meeting of the Presbytery's East Commission on Ministry, Room 304	7	8 9:30 AM Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, First Presbyterian Church, Sanford
9 Kirkwood Sunday All activities at Ca...irkwood, Watha, NC 10:00 AM 12 Noon. Lunch in Dining Hall 10:00 AM Gathering & Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship in the Lake Vesper Area 1:00 PM Afternoon Activities	10 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day 7:00 PM No Monday night Bible Study	11	12 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Baptism 12:00 PM Congregational Meeting	17 Minister on Vacation 7:00 PM No Monday Night Bible Study	18	19 10:00 AM No Wednesday Morning Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 Minister on Vacation 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering	24 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	25 5:30 PM PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	26 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 Reformation Sunday 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) 5th Sunday Building Offering	31 Halloween 7:00 PM No Monday Night Bible Study	1 First Day of Amer...ian Heritage Month	2 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	3	4	5