

Come Join us at **Rockfish Presbyterian Church**

"Meet and Eat at Noon"

Wednesday, September 6, 2017 12:00 Noon

> **Guest Speaker** Renada Stroud will discuss **Prison Ministry**

Bring a sandwich

Drink & Dessert will be provided



Birthdays in September

Happy Birthday to You!



- 1. Roy Lettieri **Dewitt McGowen**
- 2. Charlie McGowen **Bob Obenour**
- 3. Mark Burroughs
- J.J. Rouse
- **Dustin Ellington**
- **Tom Stamm**
- **Effie Mobley**
- 11. Harriet Farrior

- 18. Clay Blue
- 19. Glenda Mobley R. J. Peppe
- 21. Sherry Roberts
- 23. Roseanna Hirshkind
- 25. Rhonda Hall **Worth Wilson**
- 26. Dan Robinson
- 29. Dave Wells







Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

SEPTEMBER 2017

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Rally Day



Christian Education & Sunday School Rally Day



Sunday, September 17

Sunday School 10:00-10:30 am

Rally Day Refreshments 10:30 am



Recognition and Installation of Christian Education Leaders for 2017-2018 During Worship









Dear Friends,

On August 12, I officiated at the wedding of Lea Taylor, Rebecca Eaddy's granddaughter. The scripture lesson that day was Colossians 3:12-17, in which Paul says, "Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect unity." I reminded Lea and her groom that although these verses were a good job description for a marriage, Paul was really writing about life in the covenant community of faith.

On August 20, I attended the installation service of Rev. Dan Lewis. the new pastor the First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington. The call to worship was taken from Psalm 133, "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes." As Dan begins his work as pastor at FPC, the congregation and their new minister were reminded of the importance of working together in and for the mission of Jesus Christ.

When I interviewed with the Pastor Nominating Committee in the fall of 1997, I researched the Wallace Presbyterian Church. I figured they were checking me out, I might as well check you out! What I consistently got told was that the Wallace Presbyterian Church had a long history of working together as a congregation, with no major divisions. In my years as your pastor, I have seen that play out. I don't think it's because we ignore difficult issues or pretend that everything is fine when it isn't. However, I do think we try to live in the unity of the Spirit.

As we are all well aware, we are living in a frightfully divided country and time, in which unity seems elusive, if not impossible. It's not enough to enjoy unity in our church and not worry about the community. It's not okay to follow Colossians 3 or Psalm 133 when we're in worship, but live differently when we're away from the church. We can't rationalize by saying something like, "Well, that's spiritual. This is the real world!"

God spoke and acted in the real world when he sent Jesus Christ to live among us in the flesh. God gives the gift of unity in Jesus Christ. We don't have to create unity; we are called to live into and out of the unity we have in Jesus Christ. But we can't contain this unity in the church.

We all have deep held beliefs, passionate political positions, and dreams for the future. Perhaps one of the best Christian witnesses we can bear today is to offer the gift of unity in how we live, both in and out of church.

In Christ.



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, August 15, 2017 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Joe Tillman;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * studied God's Word in 1 Timothy 4:6-16 and discussed a reading "Ruling Elders: calling young people to serve";
- * approved a request from the minister to be absent from the pulpit on Sunday, October 1, 2017 to attend a family reunion in Georgia and to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, October 8, 2017;
- * approved the transfer of membership of John and Laura Green to the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Southern Pines, NC;
- reviewed the proposed Stewardship timeline for Fall 2017;
- * heard a report from the Congregational Care Ministry Team;
- * Kirkwood Sunday will be Sunday, October 8, 2017;
- * approved this recommendation from the Sabbatical Planning Team: "That the Sabbatical Planning Team search for, interview, and recommend to the session a part-time interim pastor (perhaps 20 hours/week) to provide preaching, pastoral care, and session responsibilities during the months of June September 2018";
- * approved a schedule for nominating, electing, training, examining, and ordaining/installing five elders to the Class of 2020;
- * prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Jim Sills.



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
September 3	Ann Carter	Philip Gladden
September 10	Brenda Long	Philip Gladden
September 17	Susan Walters	Philip Gladden
September 24	To Be Announced	Philip Gladden



Handbell Choir Practice Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. Music Room

Choir Practice
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Music Room



Would you like to make a joyful noise to the Lord and lead our congregation in doing the same? Think about joining the Attie Carlton Handbell Choir and/or the Chancel Choir. Contact Karla Casteen, Music Director, at 910-284-0482 or karla.casteen@gmail.com.





FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 A NEW SCHOOL YEAR

An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries



09/03: Joell & Jay Parker

September



Charlie Farrior, Leader

Curt Simpson Jonathan Fussell Rick Batchelor Bill Carone

GREETERS

09/03: Catherine Blanchard & Hope Turnbull

09/10: Jim & Sharon Robison 09/17: Freddy & Rhonda Hall 09/24: Greg & Geneva Maready

10/29: Dave & Gloria Wells

10/01: Rhonda & Freddy Hall

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

09/03: Cameron & Reese Blue 09/10: Garrett Bullard & Hill Lanier 09/17: Ellie Carone & Madelyn Coombs

09/10: Andrea Casteen & Nettie Batchelor

09/17: Madelyn Coombs & Hope Turnbull

10/15: Geneva Maready & Curt Simpson

10/22: Fred Burroughs & Lydia Woodard

09/24: Ann Carter & Gerri Hanson

10/08: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore

09/24: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 1-15: Chuck Farrior September 16-30: Dave Wells

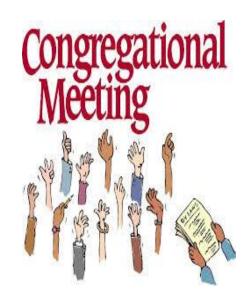
CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering during worship on Sunday, September 3.
- * The church office will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day.
- * **Presbyterian Men** will meet for supper and Bible Study on Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill. All men are welcome to attend.
- * Cheryl Brinkley, church secretary, will be on vacation September 11-15.
- * The Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will meet at WPC on Saturday, September 16.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, September 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 the minister.
- * **We will receive** our monthly (during the school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 24.



Hospital & at home: Cathy Wells (Fayetteville) Judy Robinson (home) Verlie Wells (Rosemary) June Blalock (Rosemary) Kelsea Webster (home)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP





The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 10, 2017 following morning worship for the following purposes:

- 1) to amend the membership of the Nominating Committee to include two (2) youth representatives (the current formula includes only one youth representative) and
- 2) to elect the 2017 Nominating Committee that will present a slate of nominees for the session's Class of 2020.

All active members of the congregation are encouraged to attend this congregational meeting and to participate in our calling and election process of our spiritual leaders.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Ann Carter and her family on the death of her brother, Robert Troy, on August 18.





PRESBYTERY'S COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY TO MEET AT WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will meet in Room 304 at our church on Saturday, September 16. The CPM is charged with the oversight and care of men and women who are seeking ordination as Teaching Elders (ministers) in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Dr. Philip Gladden (chairperson) and Elder Jim Sills from our congregation serve on the CPM.

Congratulations

Congratulations to James and Joanna Whitfield on the birth of their son, Noah Gavin Whitfield, on August 24. Grandparents are Tom and Mary Whitfield.

Congratulations to Jim Alexander on the birth of his great-grandson, Thomas Owen Stevens, born August 26, 2017 (7 lbs., 10 oz., 20 inches). Parents are Rebekah Alexander and Matt Stevens. Grandparents are Jimbo and Sherri Alexander.



Greetings from your Youth Ministry!!

August was filled with a lot of fun and excitement! Garrett Bullard, Madelyn Coombs, Elizabeth Sills, and Dr. Phil spent a week in Montreat, and had a blast!! We wrapped up our summer game nights with a cookout, and a couple of our youth gentlemen spent a weekend on a camping retreat. A big thank you goes out to everyone that helped out during our summer events!

I'm so excited to start a new school year with our Youth! We have a lot of planning going on, and there will be an event schedule out soon. We will kick off our annual rally day on September 17, and the youth will be leading the congregation in few games and energizers during Sunday School. Be prepared to have fun!! That same afternoon, we will have our first Fall, 2017 youth group meeting. The vision I have for our church's youth ministry is growing day by day, and I can certainly see God's influence on the program!

If you would like to volunteer or help out with our youth program in any way at all, please contact me, Zach thru my email, or cell phone. zach@wallacepresebyterian.com and (910) 284-6869.

As a side note. I wanted to thank the congregation personally, (again) for all of the support Andrea and our family have received during her battle with Cancer! It's incredible what the power of prayer has done for us in these difficult times.

In Love and Faith,

Zach Casteen





KIRKWOOD SUNDAY IS COMING! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

10:00 a.m. Coffee, juice, doughnuts, fellowship in Dining Hall11:00 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, Swing by Choice, and

other activities

\$7.50 per person, Children under 13 FREE!





KIRKWOOD SUNDAY, RESERVATION FORM OCTOBER 8, 2017

Return to the church office or email Cheryl Brinkley at cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com by Sunday, October 1.

NAME(S):					
Number of Paid Reservations:	Number of Children under 13:				
Total Number of Reservations:					



New Bible Study Beginning in September

All women are encouraged to join in the Presbyterian Women circle of fellowship as we begin the study of



Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews

Circles meet once a month,
September through May,
and seek to build an inclusive caring community.

Meeting times:

Circle 1: Carol Steen, Chair, meets first Monday of each month after the first Sunday at 10:30 am in the church office conference room.

Circle 3: Sandy Cobb, Chair, meets first Tuesday of each month after the first Sunday at 10:30 am.

Circle 4: Susan Walters, Chair, meets first Tuesday of each month after the first Sunday at 7:00 pm

PLEASE JOIN US!

Bring your Guitar, Drums, Horns, Fiddle, Tambourine or Pots& Pans Band Downtown to NW Railroad St. Play & sing with us from 5-8 pm Sponsored by the Wallace Presbyterian Church Youth Ministry For more information contact Zach Casteen

910-285-2808

zach@wallacepresbyterian.com

Wednesday, September 13

Come hear
Dr. Greg Viehman,
noted author and
doctor of dermatology surgery...





"This world told me I had everything but I had nothing. It was a difficult realization that God was right beside me, all around me, and only a breath away my entire life when I was taught I couldn't know him...." Dr. Greg Viehman

Author of two books:

- "The God Diagnosis" Dr. Viehman's personal testimony of his journey to know God
- <u>"The Abundant Life"</u> A Bible Study to help Christians enjoy an abundant and fruitful relationship with God
- Dermatology Surgeon in solo practice in Wilmington, NC

Wallace UMC Faith Family Fellowship Wednesday, September 13 6:00 pm Supper (RSVP @ 910-285-2857 for meal by Noon Mon 9/11) 6:30 pm Program—Open to All



P.A.T.H. Offering (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Sunday, September 3, 2017

We will receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering during worship on Sunday, September 3. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

The Hunger Program supports feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and provides grants to congregational feeding programs within the bounds of our presbytery. Our Helping Hands Food Pantry recently received a \$2,000 grant from the presbytery. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of this ministry!



September 2017

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WWW Calendar

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