



Come Join us at
Rockfish Presbyterian Church
"Meet and Eat at Noon"

Wednesday, September 5, 2018

12:00 Noon

Guest Speaker

will discuss

"Celebrate Recovery"

Bring a sandwich

Drink & Dessert will be provided



Birthdays in September



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

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



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

SEPTEMBER 2018

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Christian Education & Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday, September 9

Sunday School
10:00-10:30 am

Rally Day Refreshments
10:30 am

Recognition and Installation of
Christian Education Leaders for 2018-2019
During Worship

**ANNUAL
RALLY DAY**
children youth adult
SUNDAY SCHOOL





A Word from Cynthia

Dear Friends,
The first congregation I served after graduating from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education was First Presbyterian Dallas, TX. One of the saints of that church whom I consider to be one of my early mentors was Emily Quade. She gave me a book when I left that position as a parting gift, *That Man is You* by Louis Evelyn. It opens with the following:

"Would we have recognized Christ? How? So many of those He met during His earthly life didn't. And we – why would we have recognized Him? Why would we have failed to do so? 'Oh,' we exclaim, 'if we'd lived in His day, if we could've heard and seen and touched Him, how dearly we'd have loved Him, how gladly we'd have left everything to follow Him!' Really? Haven't we ever seen or touched Him? We can commune with Him every day ... We never hear Him? He's there every day, waiting to speak to us in the Gospels ... We've never met Him? I was hungry, and you fed Me. I was thirsty ... I was a stranger ...

Not a moment passes but we fail to see Him in one of our neighbors... Nothing's further from the truth than the nostalgia that makes people imagine they'd have been good Christians if only they'd lived two thousand years ago."

To see the face of God in our neighbor has always been a challenge, but; perhaps an especially difficult one in these days of hyper-partisanship, tribalism, and dehumanizing language used to insult, demean and even demonize those with whom we disagree. Allowing such a culture to control and dominate our lives will destroy us. And I think the major obstacle that impairs our vision of each other is fear. So here is what 1 John 4 has to say about love and fear and recognizing Jesus:

"Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one

has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us... There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us."

Faith is better translated as trust, trust in the truth in this fundamental reality around which all creation turns, that we are God's beloved creation. It is fear that causes us to hedge our bets and manufacture our own significance and consequence in the world through our achievements and acquisitions. It is fear that leads us down the deadly path of the great lie that we must defend ideologies, privilege, party, identity to the death. It is fear that causes us to demonize those with whom we disagree. Fear is the emotion that lies beneath anger and hatred and all violence.

So, when I quote Philip Yancey and say, "There's nothing you can do to make God love you more. And, there's nothing you can do to make God love you less.", I am not advocating a do nothing life. I am saying there is nothing to fear. God loves you. Trust that love. Let that truth be the reality around which you build your life. Live not to earn God's love but to give it away.

I've talked a lot about the bread of real life in Jesus from John 6 these last few weeks. And I've said we are what we eat. So, have a steady diet of Jesus in these coming days. Live in such a way that when people see who you are and what you are becoming they will say, "I'll have what they're having." Then pull out a chair. For at the table of love and grace there is always room for one more. And, you just might see Jesus.

In Christ,
Cynthia



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, August 21, 2018 meeting of the session:

A quorum was declared and Nick Baker opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer. Minutes were approved for 3 previous meetings.

Major actions of the Session were:

- Transfer of membership for George Francis
- Removal of membership for Mark Turnbull
- Set the date for Rally day: September 9
- Approved the creation of a Men's Sunday School Class
- Called a Congregational meeting for September 16 for the purpose of electing the Congregational Nominating Committee
- Heard a Financial report and were informed to have budget requests ready by September 16

There was good conversation of the state of the church.
Dean Hanson closed the meeting with prayer.



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

DATE

September 2
September 9
September 16
September 23
September 30

ELDER

Dean Hanson
Geneva Maready
Curt Simpson
Susan Walters
Christy Johnson

PREACHER

Cynthia Williams
Cynthia Williams
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Cynthia Williams

PASTORAL CARE SCHEDULE

Elders on Call

September 2-8
September 9-15
September 16-22
September 23-29

Michael Teachey
Susan Walters
Geneva Maready
Louis DiDomenico



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



KIRKWOOD SUNDAY IS COMING! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 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, Swing by Choice, and other activities

\$7.50 per person, Children under 13 FREE!



KIRKWOOD SUNDAY, RESERVATION FORM OCTOBER 7, 2018

*Return to the church office or email Cheryl Brinkley at
cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com by Sunday, September 30.*

NAME(S): _____

Number of Paid Reservations: _____ Number of Children under 13: _____

Total Number of Reservations: _____



SEPTEMBER



09/02: Gerri Hanson & Nettie Batchelor
09/09: Christy Johnson & Piper Moore
09/16: Fred Burroughs & Ann Carter
09/23: Gloria & Dave Wells
09/30: Rhonda & Freddy Hall

Dan Robinson, Leader
Tim Peppe Chuck Farrior
RJ Peppe Kevin Johnson
Joyce Ange



GREETERS

10/07: KIRKWOOD SUNDAY
10/14: Geneva Maready & Curt Simpson
10/21: Lydia Woodard & Andrea Casteen
10/28: Danielle & Elizabeth Sills

09/02: Ann Carter & Bobby Ives
09/09: Joe Tillman & Judy Holley
09/16: Emily Saunders & Georgia Longest
09/23: Leon & Jewel Wells
09/30: Charley & Harriet Farrior

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

09/02: Elizabeth & James Sills
09/09: JJ Rouse & Hayes Skidmore
09/16: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Ellie Carone
09/23: Cameron & Reese Blue
09/30: Henry & Piper Moore

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 2.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Monday, September 3 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.
- * **The Committee on Preparation for Ministry** of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will meet at WPC on Saturday, September 8.
- * **Cheryl Brinkley**, church secretary, will be on vacation September 10-14.
- * **Presbyterians Dining Together (PDT)** will meet at the Mad Boar on Monday, September 17, at 6:15 pm.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, September 18 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.
- * **We will receive** our monthly (during the school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 23.
- * **We will receive** our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, September 30.



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

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



At the time of this writing, the US economy has enjoyed the longest Bull market in history. Many have profited from this unprecedented economic growth spurt.

This makes me wonder... how can our church share in this prosperity?

Financially, WPC is in a serious deficit position. While we normally fall behind toward the end of the year, and always seem to make it up at the last minute, our situation this year is far more severe. We are currently about twenty thousand dollars behind our projected (budgeted) income for the year, or about double the deficit of last year at this time.

What does that say about our priorities?

What does that say about our gratitude to God, the source of all we have?

It's time to prayerfully re-evaluate our responsibilities as stewards of God's gifts to us, and **STEP UP** in our commitment to WPC.

My goal is that we reach budget parity by October 1st, when Phil returns from his Sabbatical

Please help. We cannot let our robust and diverse Ministry and Mission program falter for lack of support. We need to continue to **STEP OUT** in faith and love.

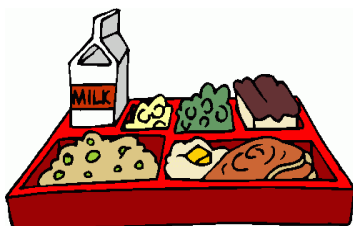
And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work.

II Corinthians 9:8

Praise be to God, the source of all we have and will ever need.

Thank you.

Nick Baker, and the Finance & Stewardship committee



**FEED OUR HUNGRY
CHILDREN/BACKPACK
MINISTRY OFFERING**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23



P.A.T.H. Offering (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Sunday, September 2, 2018

We will receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering during worship on Sunday, September 2. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

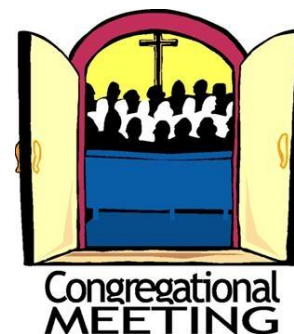
The Hunger Program supports feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and provides grants to congregational feeding programs within the bounds of our presbytery. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of this ministry!



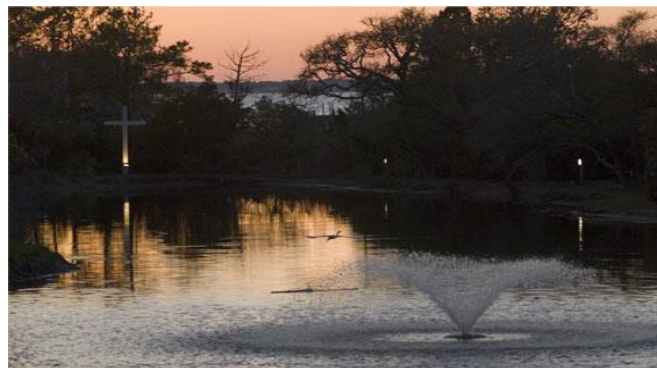
Church Key Management System

It has recently come to our attention that our insurance agency requires increased control of all keys to the church due to liability issues. We are instituting a key management system to address this situation.

We request that everyone with a key contact Dean Hanson, so he can make a note of their key in a log book and provide a numbered tag. Non-compliance is not an option. We need to address this issue quickly in order to keep our current insurance coverage. The support of the congregation with this project would be greatly appreciated.



The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 16, 2018 following morning worship for the following purpose: to elect the 2018 Nominating Committee that will present a slate of nominees for the session's Class of 2021. 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.



SAVE THE DATE
January 18-20
2019
SOUND RETREAT!!

“Weavings - We’ll look at how God is moving in each person’s life, how living together in God’s family strengthens all of us, and how we are called to create space for everyone in God’s tapestry.

January 18-20, 2019, at the beautiful Trinity Center, on Bogue Sound, Outer Banks, N.C. Great Leaders, Delicious food, Rest & Relaxation, Spiritual renewal, Fellowship & Fun, Worship, All ages welcome!

All Youth attending the Retreat will be **FREE!**



2019 Retreat Leaders

**Spiritual Leader,
Rachel Whaley Doll**

**Youth Ministry Leader
Zach Casteen**



Zach Casteen

Additional our spiritual leader for the adult program will be led by Rachel Whaley Doll, Director of Christian Education, Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC. We will also have an exciting youth program for our school age kids, led by Zachery Casteen, Youth Ministry Leader, Wallace Presbyterian Church. It will be a stimulating and exciting time! Watch the church’s bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat!

God Bless!
Louis DiDomenico
Sound Retreat Chairperson



Greetings from the Youth!

August was a fun month for our youth! We started out the month at Montreat, had a video game night, and pigged out on pizza and tacos! We wrapped up the summer with Gaga ball and Kuub! On September 15-16, the PYC will host an all-guys camping retreat in Raeford, NC. The schedule for that weekend is filled with land navigation training, capture the flag, a bonfire, and bible study centered around God’s steadfast love for us all. Details for the “Steadfast” event will be emailed out to our parents soon.

On September 23 we will be officially kicking off the year with first meeting of the school year. We will be having a cookout and bonfire to start things off. Details for that will be available soon! I would also like to say GOOD LUCK to our youth as school has started and is in full swing!

Here is the calendar for September –

September 2 – Labor Day weekend, No meeting

September 9 – No meeting

September 15-16 – All-guys retreat, Raeford, NC

September 23 – KICK OFF! Cookout

September 30 – Battle House laser tag, Wilmington, NC

Yours in Christ,
Zachary Casteen

September 2018

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August 2018							September 2018							October 2018						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering	3 Church Office Closed Labor Day	4 ■ 10:00 AM Circle #3: Meet at Church ■ 6:30 PM Presbyterian Men/ Mt. Zion ■ 7:00 PM Circle #4: Susan Walters	5 ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	6	7	8 Presbytery of... - Room 304
9 Rally Day ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 10:30 AM Refreshment & Fellowship ■ 11:00 AM Worship	10 ■ 10:00 AM Circle #1: Church Office Building	11	12 ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	13	14	15 PYC All-guys..., Raeford, NC
16 PYC All-guys..., Raeford, NC ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	17 ■ 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together-Mad Boar	18 ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	19 ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Back-pack Buddies Offering ■ 5:00 PM Youth KICK-OFF! Cookout	24	25	26 ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	27	28	29
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