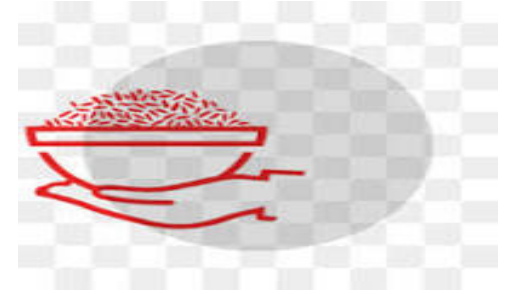




**We will celebrate  
The Sacrament of  
the Lord's Supper  
on Sunday, April 7  
during the 11:00 a.m.  
worship service.  
All are welcome  
at the table.**



### JOIN THE MOVEMENT TO END HUNGER

Please join us for a meal packaging experience in the movement to end hunger. Wallace Presbyterian Church is excited to again sponsor a very unique service opportunity, joining the fight to end hunger with Rise Against Hunger. Through this event, we will package meals to be distributed through global partners that administer school feeding programs, orphanages, health clinics, vocational training or respond to crises. Please go on the church website to register for this fun, high-energy, high-impact event. You can also watch the videos that tell you all about Rise Against Hunger.



### Birthdays In April

Happy Birthday to You!



- 6- Cooper Hall
- 8- Kristin Robison Cottle
- 9- Kelli Norris  
Mary Laine Rouse
- 10- John Bullard
- 17- Callie Jane Cottle  
Emily Ludlum

- 19- Joey Fussell
- 24- Harper Ludlum
- 25- Elizabeth Wells Merritt
- 26- Ginger Black
- 30- Eduardo Moreno  
Sam Rose



WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 2024

1:00-3:00 pm

WHERE: Wallace Presbyterian Church  
205 W Main Street  
Wallace, NC 28466



## That Sunday After Easter

Beloved,

Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

What a joyous way to greet one another as we gathered on Easter Sunday. Easter is the pinnacle of the Christian year and like Christmas, Easter is not tied to just a single day but is a whole season. The seven weeks of the Easter season symbolizes in time the fullness of God's grace.

This Easter season the East Community Steering Team of our Presbytery has given us the opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of those in exceptional need in our area by eliminating their medical debt. RIP Medical Debt Relief has already purchased the debt, at greatly reduced rates, from the hospitals in our East Community counties: Brunswick, Cartaret, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender. Through this effort we will be able to eliminate medical debt at a 100 to 1 rate.

**The goal of \$20,000 will eliminate \$2,000,000 of medical debt!**

This goal is very doable through the generous participation of the 48 churches in the East Community of our Presbytery. WPC's Session has committed to match each dollar given by our congregation up to \$1,000.00 which will make your gift go even further. Please prayerfully consider this unique opportunity. Checks can be made out to the church with the notation - RIP Medical Debt Relief. The campaign ends on Sunday, April 28, 2024.

For more information, go to <http://ripmedicaldebt.org>.

Faithfully,

Pastor Robb

RIP  
MEDICAL  
DEBT

Few of us remember those Sundays that come the week after Easter. By then the pastel finery is packed away in our closets. The lunch is not as great. The anticipation for corporate worship has dropped down from the seasonal high we felt just a week before. There is less excitement, less panache, less décor — *and more resemblance to that original Easter so many Sundays ago.*

It's easy to forget that the Easter morning of A.D. 33 didn't come with big hats and bowties. Those disciples huddled together in fear, not faith. They tended their wounds, not flaunted their tidiness. And then — *then* — they worshiped Jesus.

They worshiped Jesus not because of what they had to offer, but because *he* bombarded their worlds with hope. He exploded the walls of their wretchedness with the irrefutable fact that the grave had not won, that death had been defeated, that the guilt and power of sin had been slain. They were astonished, at best; despairing, at worst; helpless, in the least — and Jesus walked in with his life-changing peace.

Jesus stepped into their space in the same way he steps into ours by his Spirit — as the resurrected Christ, the reigning King, the Lord of all. He comes as the one who is not served by human hands as though he needed anything, but who gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. He comes as the one whose glory is not contrived by our praise, but whose glory compels our praise — even today, even on this “normal” Sunday.

Or, perhaps, he compels our praise *especially* on this normal Sunday because we're reminded that worship is not about us bringing our best, but about finding him as better. We come to him who first came to us. And we come not to give, but to receive. We come as those who need to hear his voice, feel his nearness, know his love.

We come to get God, to say together, humbly and gladly in the Spirit's power, with the heart of Psalm 116:12–13,

*What shall we render the Lord Jesus for all his resurrection benefits?  
We will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon his name.*

Article by  
Jonathan Parnell  
Pastor, Minneapolis, Minnesota



## HOLY COW! - PLANNING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

The Session upon the recommendation of the Transitional Ministry Team has chosen to partner with Holy Cow! Consulting. We will be inviting you to complete their Church Assessment Tool (CAT), an on-line instrument that will help us gauge the strength, vitality, and trends in our church. The information gained from this assessment will be valuable in helping us make decisions about the future of our church, including the attributes of our next installed pastor.

During the second week of April, you will receive an email with a unique link to the CAT. In the email you will be asked to go online by clicking on the link provided and tell us about your experiences in the church and priorities for our church. Please do not discuss the survey with others as this may influence their answers.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions and experiences. It is important that each person who is an active member take the assessment. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

Please make sure that the church has your updated email. If we do not have an email address for you, you may request a paper copy by contacting the church office. There will also be folks in fellowship hall after worship to answer your questions and provide assistance.

If you have questions, please contact any member of our Transitional Ministry Team: Kristin Cottle, Geneva Maready, Devan Riley, Dan Robinson, Jason Rouse, and Lindsay Skidmore, or staff resource person, Robert Lapp.

*From working with Holy Cow! Consulting, we feel that we received helpful insights and good value for the investment of money and time. The greatest benefit we have received is understanding of the congregation's priorities and areas for improvement.*

(December 2023)  
Eagle River Presbyterian, Avon, CO



### APRIL 2024

Date	Scripture
April 7	Communion, John 20:19-31
April 14	Luke 24-36b-48
April 21	John 10:11-18 w/ Psalm 23
April 28	John 15:1-8

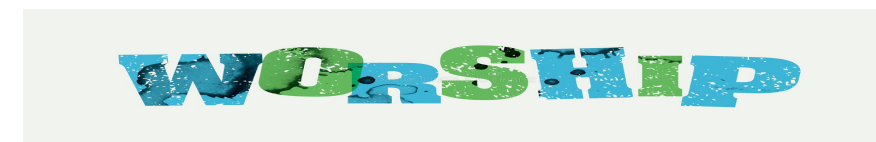
The sermon texts are provided so you can read them and pray about them before worship. Please keep our congregation and pastor in your prayers as we read and hear God's Word during the month of April.



### Weekly Bible Study

Wednesday morning, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304

You are invited to join our weekly Bible Study as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome.



### APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
April 7	Royal Johnson	Robb Lapp
April 14	Curt Simpson	Robb Lapp
April 21	Kevin Johnson	Robb Lapp
April 28	Danielle Sills	Robb Lapp



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
SUNDAY, April 28**



We will receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, April 28. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. You may contribute to the offering in worship, by mailing a check to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, by dropping your contribution through the mail slot of the front door of the church office building, or by giving online at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).

*CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information* **FYI**  
FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- \* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, April 1 in observance of Easter.
- \* **Cheryl Brinkley**, church secretary will be on vacation Tuesday, April 2.
- \* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, April 7 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome at the table.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, April 16 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 pastor.
- \* **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, April 28.



**April**



- 04/07: Tanya & Michael Patram
- 04/14: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull
- 04/21: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook
- 04/28: Debbie & Katie Price

- Curt Simpson, Head
- Royal Johnson James Whitfield
- Stan Skidmore

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

- 04/07: Danielle Sills
- 04/14: Debbie Price
- 04/21: Miller & Emily Ludlum
- 04/28: Mary Laine Rouse

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

- March 16-31: Greg Maready
- April 1-15: Stan Skidmore



**SAVE THE DATE!!**

*"Dance For Life"*

*Featuring*

*The River Bandits*

*May 10, 2024 - 6p*

*Celtic Court Mad Boar*

*All proceeds will go to support  
Helping Hands Food Pantry  
& Life Line Sampson!*

Ticket includes Dinner, Dancing and Great Music!  
\$60 per person (Tables of 10); Maximum of 200 tickets  
Contact us now to reserve a table!  
Tickets on sale March 1<sup>st</sup>  
Cash Bar Available

Tickets can be purchased from:

Mike Vandiver 910 271-4444	<a href="mailto:mhvandiver@gmail.com">mhvandiver@gmail.com</a>
Wil Ventoli 910 285-1943	<a href="mailto:wilve213@gmail.com">wilve213@gmail.com</a>
Dan Kammer 301 326-8929	<a href="mailto:dan.kammer@comcast.net">dan.kammer@comcast.net</a>
Barbara Swain 908-500-0079	<a href="mailto:bjswain@charter.net">bjswain@charter.net</a>
Celey Guabo 910 990-2794	<a href="mailto:director@lifelinesampson.com">director@lifelinesampson.com</a>

- ❖ Helping Hands Food Pantry helped 695 families in 2023. In November, the RL Family donated 380 bags of food along with monetary donations.
- ❖ Life Line Sampson provided 105 Ultrasounds for pregnant women and distributed 300+ diapers for needy moms in 2023.

Menu: Salad, Beef Tips in Gravy, Salmon, Garlic Mash Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Green Bean Casserole, Apple Crisp



**Presbyterian Women  
Spring Gathering**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

**6:00 pm**

**at Rose Hill Restaurant**

**~More information to follow~**



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

## YMCA Camp Kirkwood Spring Family Day

2015 Camp Kirkwood Rd  
Watha, North Carolina 28478

April 14, 2024  
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**Contact:** Alexis Vonbrockdorff  
**Phone:** 910-726-9789  
**Email:** [alexis.vonbrockdorff@ymcasenc.org](mailto:alexis.vonbrockdorff@ymcasenc.org)

Join us at the beautiful YMCA Camp Kirkwood for a lively gathering designed to bring families together for a day filled with laughter joy and unforgettable experiences. The event features a wide range of activities suitable for all ages, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy. Activities like ziplining, boating, swimming, hiking and crafts are just a few of the joys you can look forward to! We offer two options to fit your needs:

1. Stay in a cabin with your family or share it with some friends. Cabins sleep 14 people. Cost is \$125 per person and includes 3 meals on Saturday 2, meals on Sunday and programming.
2. Take it to the next level with our rustic camping. Bring your own tent, sleeping bag and bug spray. We will take care of the rest! Cost is \$80 per person includes 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday and programming. See contact information to register.



### Kirkwood Creation Camp June 2-6

The registration window will be open through April 28. Forms will be available in the Fellowship Hall and on line. Debbie Price will be glad to answer any questions you may have. She can be reached at 757-408-0964 or [duprice525@gmail.com](mailto:duprice525@gmail.com).

# April 2024



-  Home
-  Holidays in United States
-  WPC Calendar
-  cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com
-  cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 Church Office Closed	2 Church Secretary on Vacation	3 10:00 AM Bible study, Room 304 6:00 PM No Handbells Practice 7:00 PM No Choir Practice	4	5	6
7 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship/The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper	8 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304	9 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Circle #4: Fellowship Hall	10 10:00 AM Bible study, Room 304 5:30 PM PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Transitional Ministry Team Meeting, Blue Room 7:00 PM Choir Practice	11	12	13
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