



We will celebrate
The Sacrament of
the Lord's Supper
on Sunday, April 6
during the 11:00 a.m.
worship service.
All are welcome
at the table.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING
Easter Sunday, April 20

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. On Easter Sunday, please give generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.



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



NEWSLETTER
WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Interim Pastor

APRIL 2025

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Holy Week & Easter Services
At Wallace Presbyterian Church



Sunday, April 13
11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday
Procession of Palms



Friday, April 18
7:00 p.m.

Joint Good Friday Service with
Beulaville Presbyterian Church
Seven Last Words of Christ



Sunday, April 20
11:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday
Special Music, Floral Cross, and
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering





ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 stated session meeting

Dear WPC family,

On Ash Wednesday we began our Lenten journey with Jesus to the cross with the sign of ashes. Holy Week marks the final phase of that journey as we remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and the betrayal on Maundy Thursday, the crucifixion on Good Friday, the quiet hope of Holy Saturday, and the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. We invite and encourage you to participate in the special opportunities for worship and giving during this sacred season.

Thursday, 12:00 noon, Community Lenten Services at Wallace Methodist Church:

3/27: Speaker: Rev. Matthew Pope Music: Jimmy Dunn Pianist: Dean Butts

4/03: Speaker: Greg Maready Music: Devin Riley Pianist: Vera Simpson

4/10: Speaker: Paula Matthis Music: Jody Patram Pianist: Dean Butts

Sunday, April 6, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion. *If you are not able to be in worship and would like to receive communion at your residence, please contact the church office and we will make those arrangements.*

The sermon, *Come As You Are*, will draw from the story of Jesus visiting in the home of his good friends, Mary and Martha, where he is received and entertained by them and teaches them about his future (John 12:1-8).

Palm Sunday, April 13, Beta Club lunch fundraiser after worship in fellowship hall.

The funds will support those youth who have been invited to the national competition in Orlando. The sermon, *Some Saw Glory*, will draw from the triumphal entry of Jesus and his disciples into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40).

Good Friday, April 18, 7:00 p.m., there will be a joint evening service with the Beulaville Presbyterian Church in our sanctuary. We will remember the death of Jesus by recalling his seven last words on the cross.

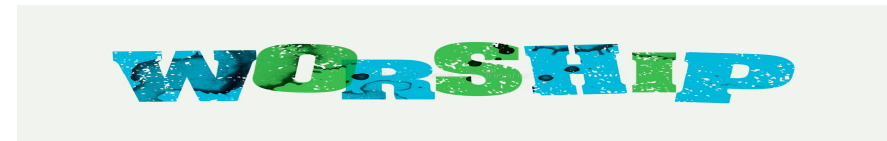
Easter Sunday, April 20, we will celebrate the joy of the resurrection with flowers on the outdoor floral cross, special music from our musicians, and receive our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The sermon, *Coming To and From Easter*, will draw from the account of the disciples coming out to the tomb in the early morning to pay their last respects to the body of Jesus and going from the tomb amazed (John 20:1-18).

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of the millions of people who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. OGHS supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, these agencies provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This is how we share God's love with our neighbors in need.

Peace and hope,
Pastor Robb
Transitional Pastor

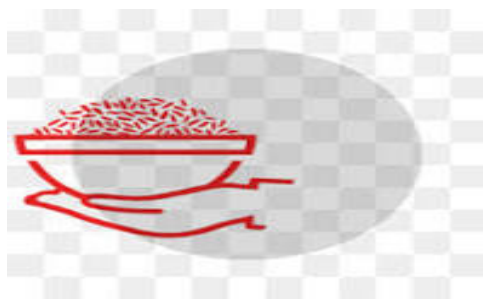
LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

- The meeting was opened with a devotion and prayer by Kevin Johnson.
- The minutes of the February stated meeting and the called meeting on March 9 were approved.
- We received correspondence from DCOM that their executive director is retiring at the end of June. Applications are being received through March 31, 2025. For more information, contact Lois McCartney at dcom2005@yahoo.com.
- Approved a request from Miller Ludlum for his Eagle Scout project to provide a Crisis Relief Trailer for the church's mission efforts.
- Heard a report on the March 1 Coastal Carolina Presbytery meeting which included a vote on the proposed amendments to the Book of Order.
- Began organizational plans to host the May 31 East Community Gathering of the Presbytery: parking, greeters, registration, snack and lunch arrangements, worship and audio visual needs, and clean up.
- Approved vacation for the interim pastor (4/21-27) and the Rev. Dr. Robert "Bob" Thompson to preach on Sunday, April 27.
- Approved the Beta Club fundraiser lunch at the church and the use of a Sunday School class room on Thursday afternoons through the end of the school year for a student robotics team.
- Asked for elders to serve communion on April 6 and participants for the Joint Good Friday Service.
- Began discussion for a Youth Sunday Service and recognition of a high school senior.
- Approved plans to serve families in need through the school system during holy week.
- Received correspondence that the Red Cross will not be able to use our facility for a Designated Emergency Shelter because of our use on Sundays but would be glad to offer their educational programs at our church.
- Shared concerns for those in our church and community and adjourned with prayer.



APRIL WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
April 6 (Communion)	Karla Casteen	Robb Lapp
April 13 (Palm Sunday)	Sandy Cobb	Robb Lapp
April 20 (Easter)	Devan Riley	Robb Lapp
April 27 Guest Pastor	Royal Johnson	Bob Thompson



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.



WHEN: Saturday, May 17, 2025

1:00-3:00 pm

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

Guest Minister on Sunday, April 27

Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) M. Thompson



Please welcome to our pulpit the Rev. Dr. Robert (Bob) M. Thompson, a retired United Church of Christ minister. Bob has been approved by the East Commission on Ministry to preach in the churches of our presbytery. Following retirement in 2023, Bob and his wife, Linda, moved to the Leland area to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Bob has degrees from Columbia International University (Columbia, SC), Bachelor of Arts, 1978, Columbia International University, (Columbia, SC) Master of Divinity, 1987, and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Charlotte, NC) Doctor of Ministry, 2003. He has pastored churches in Reidsville, Thomasville, and Hickory, NC. Please give Bob and Linda a warm WPC welcome!



APRIL 2025

Date	Scripture	Sermon
April 6	Communion, John 12:1-8	Come As You Are
April 13	Palm Sunday, Luke 19:28	Some Saw Glory
April 18	Good Friday, 7:00 pm	Jesus' Seven Last Words
April 20	Easter Sunday, John 20:1-18	Coming To And From Easter
April 27	Second Sunday of Easter	Rev. Bob Thompson

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.

Please join our WPC Youth Betas For a Fundraiser Lunch after worship on Palm Sunday 04/13/25

Fun, Food and Fellowship will be provided by our very own BETAs from Wallace Elementary, Rose Hill Magnolia and Harrells Christian Academy.



A donation jar will be available
if you feel led to help our kids
as they raise money to go to
nationals in Orlando, FL





**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY
OFFERING
SUNDAY, April 27**



We will receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, April 27. 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.

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **The Wallace Methodist Church** will host Community Lenten Services and Luncheons on Thursday, April 3 at 12 noon. Greg Maready will be the speaker. Paula Matthis will be the speaker at the last Lenten Service, April 10.
- * **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome at the table.
- * **The WPC Betas** will have a fundraiser lunch on Sunday, April 13 immediately following worship. A donation jar will also be available.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, April 15 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 pastor.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Monday, April 21 in observance of Easter.
- * **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, April 27.



April



- 04/06: Tonya & Michael Patram
- 04/13: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull
- 04/20: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook
- 04/27: Debbie Price & Joyce Ange

- Curt Simpson, Head
- Royal Johnson James Whitfield
- Harvey Knowles

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 04/06: Debbie Price
- 04/13: Geneva Maready
- 04/20: Casey Hall
- 04/27: Mary Laine Rouse

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

- April 1-15: Stan Skidmore
- April 16-30: Blake Wallace



"Dance For Life"
Featuring
The River Bandits
May 9, 2025 - 6p
Celtic Court Mad Boar



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 April 1, 2025
Cash Bar Available

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

Tickets can be purchased from:
Mike Vandiver 910 271-4444 mtvandiver@gmail.com
Will Vertoli 910 285-1943 willvee913@gmail.com
Brian Russell 317 213-6044 brianprussell@gmail.com
Barbara Swetits 908 500-9079 bjswetits@charter.net
Celey Cumbo 910 990-2794 director@lifelinesampson.com

Helping Hands Food Pantry provided food for 1,133 families in 2024. In November, the RL Family donated 422 bags of food and monetary donations along with 30 blankets and monetary donations for Western NC.

Life Line Sampson provided 105 Ultrasounds for pregnant women and distributed 1063 diapers for needy moms in 2024.



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.



WALLACE METHODIST CHURCH
301 South College Street
Wallace, NC 28466
12:00 Noon in the Sanctuary

Thursday, March 27, 2025

SpeakerRev. Matthew Pope
Music.....Jimmy Dunn
Pianist..... Dean Butts

Thursday, April 3, 2025

Speaker..... Greg Maready
Music..... Devin Riley
Pianist.....Vera Simpson

Thursday, April 10, 2025

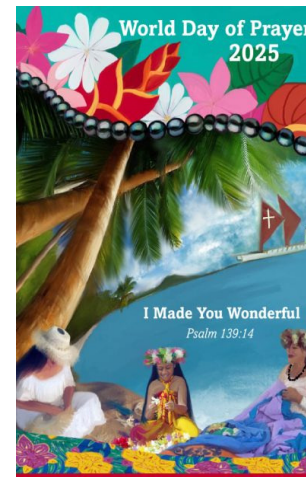
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Please join us for lunch after the Lenten Service in our fellowship hall.



Kirkwood Creation Camp June 1-5

The registration window will be open through April 27. 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.



Thank You!

A special "thank you" to the Wallace Presbyterian Women who helped with the World Day of Prayer program hosted by Wallace Methodist Church on March 7, 2025. They are as follows: Sandy Cobb, Harriet Farrior, Marsha Lux, Geneva Maready, Carol Steen, and Susan Walters. Thanks, also, to my neighbor for the beautiful floral arrangement, Jennifer Johnson & the children in Children's Church for their pretty coloring of the sea creatures used in the decorations, and for all of those who attended.



In Christian love,
LuAnn Rivenbark, Missions & Issues

April 2025

Home
 WPC Calendar
 cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com



March 2025							April 2025							May 2025							
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM PNC, Room 304 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Community Lenten Service & Lunch, Wallace Methodist 	Office Closed	
Fifth Sunday of Lent						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Youth Handbells 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship/Sacrament of the Lord's Supper 5:00 PM Cub Scout's--Pack 35 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM: Morning Circle: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM: Evening Circle: Fellowship Hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM PNC, Room 304 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12:00 PM Community Lenten Service & Lunch, Wallace Methodist 	Office Closed	
Palm Sunday						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 9:45 AM Youth Handbells 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM WPC Betas Fundraiser Luncheon 5:00 PM Cub Scout's--Pack 35 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study, Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM PNC, Room 304 	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
		Tax Day			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Good Friday Joint Service with Beulaville Presbyterian at WPC 	
					Office Closed	
Resurrection of the Lord/Easter						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:00 AM Choir Practice 9:45 AM Adult Sunday School 10:00 AM Musicians Rehearsal 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 10:30 AM Fellowship 11:00 AM Worship/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 5:00 PM Cub Scout's--Pack 35 	Interim Pastor on Vacation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM No Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM PNC, Room 304 		Office Closed	
		Church Office Closed/observance of Easter				
Second Sunday of Easter						
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