



Tuesday, December 1
7:00 p.m.
Rose Hill Restaurant
Christmas Dinner



Birthdays In December

Happy Birthday to you!!



1- Vera Coombs	14- Emily Sue Lee
2- Joe Tillman	Michael Teachey
Cameron Lee	15- Joe Cooper
Christy Johnson	17- Tommy Newkirk
3- Chason Johnson	19- Georgette Thompson
4- Colby Phaneuf	21- Jim Sills
Lauren Parks	22- Eliza Roberts
Rick Batchelor	23- Thomas Edgerton
6- Anna Kathryn Feeley	Tim Peppe
Corey McNamara	Sandee DiDomenico
11- Mark Henderson	25- Christy Kohne
12- Patrick Lettieri	26- Bob Lanier
13- Jane Caroline Minchew	28- Garrett Bullard
Jackson Gladden	30- Lori Newkirk
	Bud Newkirk



NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

DECEMBER 2015

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

Candlelight Communion Service



Thursday, December 24, 2015



Dear Friends,

Recently I subscribed to an online blog called "Plough – Daily Dig." Each day I receive an e-mail with a thought-provoking writing or short devotion. The Plough's website says, "Start off your day with a jolt waiting in your inbox every morning. Think of it as caffeine for your conscience."

The "Daily Dig" for November 21 talked about Christmas, despite being thirty-five days early. Here is the "dig" – "From the beginning, writers of the Christmas story have been bothered by the inn, with the stable and manger close at hand. That is where we find ourselves: not by the shepherds, whose poverty and simplicity we lack; and not by the wise men, whose watchfulness and decisiveness we lack. We are, at best, guests at the inn. We sleep, we follow our own plans and dreams. Can we be awakened by the angels' news? That is the question . . ." The story of the inn comes from Luke's gospel: "And she gave birth to her firstborn son and

wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn." (Luke 2:7) The angel's news is also found in Luke's story: "Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord." (Luke 2:10-11)

The "Daily Dig" poses a good question: Can we be awakened by the angel's news? Or have we checked into the inn, gotten cozy, and tuned out the angel's news?

We will hear the angel's news again at our Christmas Eve worship service. I invite you to read Luke's Christmas story in Luke 2:1-20 during this Advent season and listen for the angel's news - "Do not be afraid - good news of great joy - a Savior, the Messiah, the Lord."

What difference does the angel's news make in your life? In our church? In our world? Let's not sleep through Christmas!

Merry Christmas!
In Christ,

Paul



Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting Rescheduled

The congregational meeting originally scheduled for Sunday, December 6 has been rescheduled for Sunday, December 20, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2016 budget as information, to act on recommended changes in the minister's terms of call, and to hold the annual meeting of the corporation.

The session will present a narrative budget on December 20 that will interpret the important and ongoing ministries of our congregation. A narrative budget apportions the various line items among the different areas of ministry which we think are most important and gives a true picture of what is required of us to do what we think God is calling us to do. Please plan to attend on December 20.



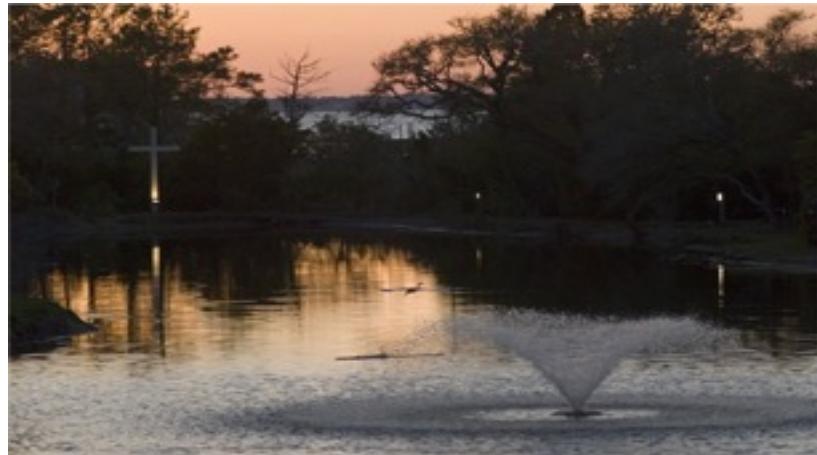
NURSERY WORKERS DECEMBER

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Charley Farrior, Leader
 Curt Simpson Jonathan Fussell
 Rick Batchelor Bill Carone

ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Casting your Net on the other side: Getting the Most out of Faith and Life”



SAVE THE DATE: February 5-7, 2016, 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!



Reverend Owen Carriker

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Reverend Owen Carriker, Pastor of Hope Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven, Florida. It will be a stimulating and exciting time. We will also have an exciting program for our school age kids, led by Jenna Carriker, Youth Director, of our youth ministry program of the Wallace Presbyterian Church, and including Trinity led exploration of birds of prey and life in and around the Sound. Watch the church's bulletin board and website <http://wallacepresbyterian.com> for more information on our Sound Retreat!



Jenna Carriker

12/06: Madelyn Coombs & Hope Turnbull
 12/13: Ann Carter & Gerri Hanson
 12/20: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore
 12/27: Joell & Jay Parker

01/03: Rhonda and Freddy Hall
 01/10: Georgette, Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
 01/17: Christy and Kevin Johnson
 01/24: Roger and Madelyn Coombs
 01/31: Gina and Chuck Farrior



GREETERS

12/06: Dotsie Caproni & Dana Myers
 12/13: Greg & Sandy Miller
 12/20: Rich & Keri Phaneuf
 12/27: Charley & Harriet Farrior

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/06: Joseph & Colby Phaneuf
 12/13: Elizabeth & James Sills
 12/20: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson
 12/27: Joe Wallace & Raechel Woodard

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

December 1-15: Jim Simpson
 December 16-31: Art Raymond

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **Presbyterian Men** will have their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Hill Restaurant.

* **There will be no** Tuesday morning SonRise Worship or Wednesday morning Bible study in December.

* **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, December 6.

* **bWe will receive** our annual Christmas Joy Offering during worship on Sunday, December 13.

* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 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 minister.

* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Thursday, December 24 during our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service.

* **The church office** will be closed on Christmas Day.

The minister will be on vacation December 29 – 31. The church secretary will be on vacation December 29 – 31.



Hospital & at home:

Avalee Bowman (The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, NC)
 Myree Bland (home) Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
 Judy Robinson (home) Kelsea Webster (home)



PRESBYTERIAN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

How did November get here so quickly??? It seems like we just started school and here we are getting ready for Thanksgiving already! And with Christmas coming right behind it, we are gearing up to be really busy. Our preschoolers will be presenting a short program of Christmas music on Thursday night December 17 at 7:00 pm, in the sanctuary. I hope that you will put that date on your calendars and join us, if you are able.

We will also be encouraging the children to get into the spirit of giving by earning money to donate to Samaritan's Purse to provide household water filters, providing clean water to families who currently don't have access to clean water. They will be earning some of the money themselves, but we will be glad to take any donations others might like to contribute. How about you? Would you like to help families gain access to clean water? \$100 will provide a filter for a family. We are hoping to provide 2 or more filters. If you and your family would like to help us, please make your checks payable to Samaritan's Purse with "water filters - 013923" in the memo line. Leave the checks in PEP's box in Cheryl's office. I will include them with any donations we get at the school.

Thank you for all your prayers and support for this great school. And have a happy Thanksgiving!

Dee Thompson, Director

Dee



A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" to the congregation for your Operation Christmas Child donations. We packed 36 shoeboxes for OCC! Thank you for giving so generously to this program sponsored by Samaritans Purse. This will enable 36 children to have a Christmas. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

Save the Date! December 8, 2015



Dinner and Christmas Lights Hayride

5:30 pm

\$26.00 per person

Get tickets from Dottie Obenour, Bill Walters, Rick Batchelor, Brenda Long, Gerri Hanson, Sandy Cobb, Lois Edgerton, or Bobby Ives

Meet at church to car pool

Please get tickets by November 29

Reservations already made

Come and have great food, entertainment, and fellowship





COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, December 3, 2015

Speaker..... Kevin Kunst
Special Music..... Zach Casteen
Organist..... Vera Coombs

THURSDAY, December 10, 2015

THURSDAY, December 17, 2015

Speaker.....Dona Lanier
Special Music.....Men Plus One
Organist.....Vera Coombs



Christmas Music 2015

December 13, 2015 at 5:00 pm— Wallace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir presents *“Believe in the True Meaning of Christmas,”* by Chris Anderson and Dan Forrest.

December 20, 2015 at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm—First Baptist Church in Wallace presents
“The Silence and the Sound” by Heather Sorenson.

December 20, 2015 at 11:00 am—Wallace Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir will present their Cantata *“A Noel Celebration”* by Lloyd Larson.

December 24, 2015—*Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services*

5:00 p.m.—Wallace First Baptist Church

6:00 p.m.—Wallace United Methodist Church

7:00 p.m.—Wallace Presbyterian Church

St. Nicholas Project



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been an important mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Committee has received families for this year. Below you will find the information concerning each family. Christmas is a time of sharing. May we continue to share Christ's love with others as we have been so richly blessed. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry of our church.

St. Nicholas Project family and gift information is located on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall.

If you would like to participate in this project by buying a gift

- Select and remove a labeled ornament tag or tags from the tree on the bulletin board.
- Wrap the gift and tape the labeled ornament tag on the wrapped gift.
- Place wrapped and labeled gifts in the box beneath the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.
- Bring gifts to the church by December 13

If you would like to make a donation to the St. Nicholas Fund:

- Please place a check, designated for “St. Nicholas Fund”, in the offering plate.

Please bring gifts to the church or make donations by Sunday, December 13.

Merry Christmas



P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering Sunday, December 6

This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The Hunger Program funds feeding programs in Haiti and Malawi and supports congregational food ministries in churches in our presbytery (including our Helping Hands Food Pantry).



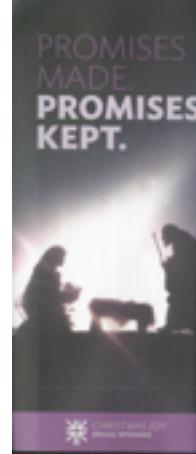
We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
on Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.



Presbyterian Women Schedule for Advent Services

During the Advent Season the Presbyterian Women are busy preparing and serving the Advent Lunches after the Advent service. Here is the PW schedule:

December 3: Circle 1 is in charge of Advent Lunch
December 10: Circle 3 is in charge of Advent Lunch
December 17: Circle 4 is in charge of Advent Lunch



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING Sunday, December 13

A gift to the Christmas Joy Offering helps provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and also enables deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools.

Worship Leaders FOR JANUARY

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
December 6	Harriet Farrior	Philip Gladden
December 13	Rick Batchelor	Christmas Pageant
December 20	John Green	Chancel Choir
December 24	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
December 27	Zach Casteen	Philip Gladden





*From Our House
To Your House...
The staff at
Wallace Presbyterian Church
Wish you a Very
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!*

*Phil Gladden
Cheryl Brinkley
Karla Casteen
Wayne Casteen
Vera Coombs*

Merry Christmas

Thank You Notes!



Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for the many cards, calls, meals, times of dog walking, and the countless other acts of love and kindness you have shown us following Phil's knee surgery. It is a joy and comfort to be part of such a loving and caring community of faith. God bless you!

*Love,
Phil & Nancy*



Thank you to all our church friends for the many cards, calls, meals and countless other acts of love following my knee surgery. What a wonderful blessing to belong to Wallace Presbyterian Church.

*With love,
Pat and Worth Wilson*

December 2015

WPC Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 First Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	30 Second Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering ■ 5:00 PM Youth Play Practice	1 ■ 7:00 PM Presbyterian Men Christmas Dinner	2 ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	3 ■ 12:05 PM First Advent Worship & Luncheon	4 ■ 9:30 AM Called Presbytery Meeting	5
6 Second Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering ■ 5:00 PM Youth Play Practice	7 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #2: Room 304	8 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #3: Lois Edgerton ■ 5:30 PM Mike's Farm Dinner & Lights Hayride ■ 7:00 PM Circle #4: Lee Baker	9 ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10 ■ 12:05 PM Second Advent Worship & Luncheon	11 ■ 10:00 AM Wallace Christmas Parade	12
13 Third Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Youth Christmas Christmas Joy Offering	14 ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting-Room 304	15 ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	16 ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	17 ■ 12:05 PM Third Advent Worship & Luncheon	18	19
20 Fourth Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Cantata ■ 5:00 PM Youth Christmas Party	21	22 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	23 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	24 Christmas Eve ■ 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	25 Church office closed	26
27 First Sunday after Christmas Day ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	28 Church office closed	29 Minister & Secretary on Vacation	30	31	1	2

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