



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



Birthdays In December

Happy Birthday to you!!



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| 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,



Phil



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.

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



Jenna 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!



NURSERY WORKERS

DECEMBER



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

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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



GREETERS

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

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.
 - * **We 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

Special Program of Christmas Music Vera Coombs and Karla Casteen

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).



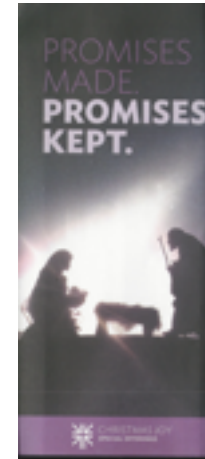
We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
on Wednesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.



Presbyterian Women Schedule for Advents 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.



FOR JANUARY

DATE

December 6
December 13
December 20
December 24
December 27

ELDER

Harriet Farrior
Rick Batchelor
John Green
Curt Simpson
Zach Casteen

PREACHER

Philip Gladden
Christmas Pageant
Chancel Choir
Philip Gladden
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 Gasteen
Wayne Gasteen
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

cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com

November 2015

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December 2015

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January 2016

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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	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	5 ■ 9:30 AM Called Presbytery Meeting
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	12 ■ 10:00 AM Wallace Christmas Parade
13 Third Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Youth Christmas Pageant/Christmas Joy Offering	14	15 ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting-Room 304	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 ■ 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together	22	23 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	24 CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Eve ■ 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service	25 Church office closed CHRISTMAS DAY Merry Christmas!	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

