



Tuesday, December 6
6:30 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 | 17- Tommy Newkirk |
| Christy Johnson | 19- Georgette Thompson |
| 3- Chason Johnson | 20- Windsor Farrior |
| 4- Colby Phaneuf | 21- Jim Sills |
| Lauren Parks | 22- Eliza Roberts |
| Rick Batchelor | 23- Tim Peppe |
| 6- Anna Kathryn Feeley | Sandee DiDomenico |
| Corey McNamara | 25- Christy Kohne |
| 11- Mark Henderson | 26- Bob Lanier |
| 13- Jane Caroline Minchew | 28- Garrett Bullard |
| Jackson Gladden | 30- Lori Newkirk |
| | Bud Newkirk |
| | 31- Lane Philip Rouse |



NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

DECEMBER 2016

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

You are invited to our



**Saturday, December 24, 2016
7:00 pm**

**Sunday, December 25, 2016
10:00 am
Worship with Scripture & Carols
Come as you are!**



Dear Friends,

Nancy and I spent Thanksgiving week in New York City. As we stood on the corner in front of Penn Station and tried to catch a cab, I looked at Nancy and said, "We're not in Wallace anymore!" It was exciting to be in Rockefeller Plaza on the day after Thanksgiving, even if the Christmas tree wasn't yet lit. There were so many people going in so many directions.

On the day after Thanksgiving, we were riding the subway from Long Island City to the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The subway cars were packed full of people of many different colors and ethnic origins. I heard people talking on their cell phones in many different languages. As I looked at all of the people around me, I closed my eyes and said a prayer to God: "God, what does it mean that you sent your only Son for the whole world? Look at all of these people, Lord. You love them all. Show me how to love them with the love you have given us in your Son Jesus. Amen."

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only

Son that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." On Christmas Eve, we will hear Luke's Christmas story, in which the angel announces to the shepherds, "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."

As we make our way through Advent, we eagerly anticipate celebrating the birth of our Savior, the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Jesus was born in the midst of a world full of strife, oppression, warfare, and division, much like the world in which we wait to celebrate the Messiah's birth.

The candles of Advent have thrown off the darkness, bit by bit. On Christmas Eve, we will light the Christ candle and remember that Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Let us all strive to walk in the light of Christ and the glow of Christmas throughout our lives, to shine Christ's light in a dark world. Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Phil



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, November 15, 2016 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Nell Sloan;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * examined members of the session's Class of 2019 in preparation for their ordination and installation;
- * studied God's Word in Acts 2:1-13 and discussed a reading "Elders as sailors in the sailboat church";
- * approved minutes from the October 18, 2016 stated session meeting, the November 13, 2016 called session meeting, and the November 13, 2016 congregational meeting;
- * set Sunday, December 4, 2016 for the ordination and installation of the session's Class of 2019;
- * approved a request from Mary Blair Ange and Matthew Young to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during their wedding ceremony on Saturday, December 3, 2016. The entire congregation attending will be invited to participate. Elders Dave Wells and Gary Ange will distribute the elements;
- * approved a request from the minister to be absent from the pulpit on Sunday, January 8, 2017 in order to attend his mother's 95th birthday celebration in Georgia;
- * noted changes in church rolls;
- * approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team to have worship at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day (Sunday), with no Sunday School that day;
- * heard reports from the Congregational Care and Stewardship & Finance Ministry Teams;
- * prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Dottie Obenour.



ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS CLASS OF 2019 Sunday, December 4

During worship on Sunday, December 4 and December 11, the members of the session will ordain and install members of the Class of 2019. For ordination and installation: Dean Hanson, Linda Burroughs. For installation: Curt Simpson, Geneva Maready, Jason Rouse.

We thank the members of the Class of 2016 for three years of dedicated and faithful service on the session: Rick Batchelor (Building & Grounds), Zach Casteen (Worship & Music), Harriet Farrior (Outreach), Dottie Obenour (Congregational Care, Personnel), Joell Parker (Christian Education)



ANNUAL SOUND RETREAT!!

“Hearing and Speaking the Psalms”

SAVE THE DATE: February 10-12, 2017, 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! The upcoming Retreat has great news, all Youth attending the Retreat will be **FREE!**

Our spiritual leader for the adult program will be Reverend Bill Goodnight, Retired Pastor of the Lillington Presbyterian Church. Reverend Goodnight is serving as the stated supply Pastor at the Oak Plain & Potts Memorial Presbyterian Churches. We will also have an exciting youth program for our school age kids, led by Rachel Whaley Doll, Director of Christian Education, Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, NC.



Dr. Bill Goodnight



Rachel Whaley Doll

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!

Have a blessed day!
Louis DiDomenico
Sound Retreat Chairperson

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

DECEMBER

USHERS

12/04: Cameron & Reese Blue
12/11: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech
12/18: Ellie Carone & Madelyn Coombs
12/25: Sarah Pearl Farrior & Hill Lanier

Fred Burroughs, Leader
Blake Wallace Bill Walters
Susan Walters Greg Maready

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

December 1-15: Roger Coombs
December 16-31: Dave Long



GREETERS

12/04: George & Elizabeth Hatch
12/11: Dan & Tanya Robinson
12/18: Bill & Susan Carone
12/25: Leon & Jewel Wells



Hospital & at home:	George Walker (Rosemary)
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)	Kelsea Webster (home)
Judy Robinson (home)	

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **Presbyterian Men** will have their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose Hill Restaurant.
- * **Members of the session’s Class of 2019** will be ordained and installed for service during worship on Sunday, December 4 and December 11.
- * **We will receive** special offerings during December: P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) on December 4; Christmas Joy Offering on December 11; Feed Our Hungry Childfren/Backpack Ministry on December 25.
- * **The Session** will meet on Tuesday, December 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any concerns or business 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 Saturday, December 24 during our Christmas Eve Candlelight worship service and during worship on Sunday, January 1, 2017.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Monday-Tuesday, December 26-27 in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- * **The minister** will be on vacation Monday - Saturday, December 26-31.
- * **The church secretary** will be on vacation Friday, December 23, Wednesday- Friday, December 28-30.





COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, December 1, 2016

Speaker.....Rev. Buck Garrison
Bethel Wesleyan Church
Special Music.....Emily Saunders & Geneva Maready, Handbell Duet
Organist..... Vera Coombs

THURSDAY, December 8, 2016

Speaker.....Rev. Bobby Tyson
Wallace United Methodist Church
Special Music.....Plus Two
Organist.....Vera Coombs

THURSDAY, December 15, 2016

Speaker.....Judith Kunst
Special Music.....Glen McCune
Organist.....Vera Coombs



December 4, 2016 at 7:30 pm—"Handel's Messiah" performed by Friends of the Arts Voices and the Wilmington Symphony String Ensemble. This will be presented at First Baptist Church of Wallace.

December 11, 2016 at 5:00 pm— Wallace United Methodist Church Chancel Choir presents "*Noel Celebration*" by Cindy Berry.

December 18, 2016 at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm—First Baptist of Wallace Church Adult Choirs & Drama Team presents "*Light! Out of the Darkness*".

December 24, 2016—*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





SEASON OF ADVENT CONTINUES THROUGH DECEMBER 24

In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in the Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope (November 27), peace (December 4), joy (December 11), and love (December 18), remembering the promises of God with prayer. We will light the Christ candle during our Christmas Eve communion worship service.



A GREAT BIG "THANK YOU" to the congregation for your Operation Christmas Child donations. We packed 46 shoeboxes for OCC! Thank you for giving so generously to this program sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. This will enable 46 children to have a Christmas. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

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

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.

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 18

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 18.

Merry Christmas

P.A.T.H.
(Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering



Sunday, December 4

This quarterly offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and funds children's feeding programs in Haiti and Malawi and supports congregational food ministries in churches in our presbytery.



We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Saturday, 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 1: Circle 1 is in charge of Advent Lunch
December 8: Circle 3 is in charge of Advent Lunch
December 15: Circle 4 is in charge of Advent Lunch



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING
Sunday, December 11

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.



December Youth Schedule

Dec.4: play games so we can choose which ones we want to play on Dec 18, please bring any fun games that your family plays; Singing with Joell, please bring money for dinner at Andy's or wherever the youth want to eat

Dec 11: paint the trim to finish the youth room, the youth to be deciding what they want to put on the back of the youth doors, they can paint something, write their names; it is theirs to be creative with; Would any parents like to feed us this night?? If not we will probably eat pizza

Dec 18: a special dinner on the 18th

Dec 25: Merry Christmas!! Enjoy spending time with your family and friends.



FOR December

DATE

December 4
December 11
December 18
December 24
December 25

ELDER

Dottie Obenour
Susan Walters
George Francis
Wayne Casteen
Jim Sills

PREACHER

Philip Gladden
Philip Gladden
Philip Gladden
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

Congratulations

To Corey and Mary Stewart Teachey Blackwell on the birth of their son, William Monroe Blackwell, on November 16, 2016 (6 lbs., 5 oz., 20 inches). Proud grandparents are Michael and Pam Teachey.

To Mary Blair Ange and Matthew Young who will be married in our sanctuary on Saturday, December 3, 2016

To Bailey Rouse and Devan Riley who will be married in our sanctuary on Saturday, December 17, 2016.



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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25



An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

From July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016:

Contributions Received: \$25,470

Backpack Food Expense: \$36,826

Student Lunches Paid For: \$775

Bank Balance: \$6,425

Food packs given to students 7,530 (15,060 meals)

Schools served: Wallace-Rose Hill High; Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary; Charity Middle; Wallace Elementary; Chinquapin Elementary; Beulaville Elementary; B.F. Grady Elementary; Warsaw Elementary; Warsaw Middle.

Contributions received from individuals, churches, foundations, and other organizations.

December 2016

- Untitled
- Work
- Home
- WPC Calendar

November 2016							December 2016							January 2017						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Minister on Vacation First Sunday of Advent: HOPE 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering/Rev. Clay Macaulay, 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	28	29	30 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building 6:00 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 7:30 PM Choir Practice	1 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Luncheon	2 5:00 PM Ange/Young Rehearsal	3 4:30 PM Ange/Young Wedding
4 Second Sunday of Advent: Peace 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering/Elder Ordination & Installation 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship 7:30 PM "Messiah" at First Baptist Church	5 10:30 AM Circle #1: Meet at Church	6 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Presbyterian Men: Rose Hill Restaurant 7:00 PM Circle #4: Emily Lee	7 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building 6:00 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 7:30 PM Choir Practice	8 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Luncheon	9	10
11 Third Sunday of Advent: Joy 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Christmas Joy Offering 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	12	13	14 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building 6:00 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 7:30 PM Choir Practice	15 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Luncheon	16 5:00 PM Rouse/Riley Rehearsal	17 5:00 PM Rouse/Riley Wedding
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	19 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together	20 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	21 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building 6:00 PM Handbells 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 7:30 PM Choir Practice	22	23 Secretary on Vacation	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Candlelight Communion Service
25 Nativity of Jesus...st/Christmas Day 10:00 AM Christmas Worship with Scripture Readings & Carols	26 Minister on Vacation Christmas Holiday Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed Christmas Holiday	28	29	30	31