



Come Join us at
 Rockfish Presbyterian Church
 “Meet and Eat at Noon”
 Wednesday, December 4, 2019
 12:00 Noon

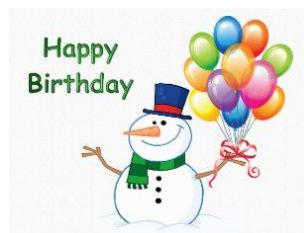
Guest Speaker will be
 Georgia Farrior

Topic will be
 Wallace Parks

Bring a sandwich
 Drink & Dessert will be provided



Birthdays in December



- 1- Vera Simpson
- 2- Joe Tillman
- Cameron Lee
- Christy Johnson
- 3- Chason Johnson
- 4- Colby Phaneuf
- Lauren Parks
- Rick Batchelor
- 6- Anna Kathryn Feeley
- Corey McNamara
- 11- Mark Henderson
- 13- Jackson Gladden

- 14- Emily Sue Lee
- Michael Teachey
- 17- Tommy Newkirk
- 19- Georgette Thompson
- 20- Windsor Farrior
- 21- Jim Sills
- 22- Eliza Roberts
- 23- Sandra DiDomenico
- 28- Garrett Bullard
- 30- Lori Newkirk
- Bud Newkirk
- 31- Lane Philip Rouse



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

DECEMBER 2019

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019
 7:00 P.M.



Dear Friends,

As thirty year old Arabella Katherine Hankey recovered from a lengthy illness in 1866, she wrote a very long poem about Jesus Christ. The first section, published in January 1866, was called "The Story Wanted." The second part, called "The Story Told," was published in November 1866. The entire poem had forty-nine four line stanzas. The second part told the story of Christ's coming, beginning with Adam and Eve's fall, through the promise of the Messiah, to the angels' appearance to the shepherds when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. The poem was set to music in 1875 and became the hymn we know as "I Love to Tell the Story."

In our Glory to God hymnal (#462), the second and third verses say, "I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. I love to tell the story; for those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long."

I love to tell the story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem that we hear in Luke 2:1-20. A number of years ago, Rebecca Eaddy asked me in Bible study, "What are you going to preach on Christmas Eve?" When I said, "I think Luke 2:1-20," Rebecca said, "Well, you'd better!"

So, every Christmas Eve since 1998 I have told the old, old Christmas story about the angels' visit to the shepherds and the shepherds' visit to see the baby Jesus. Luke 2:20 tells us, "The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them." I guess we can say, the shepherds were singing the new, new song!

I never get tired of preaching the old, old story from Luke 2:1-20 on Christmas Eve. "It seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!" and "those who know it best seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest." Each year, I approach Christmas Eve wondering what message Luke will have for us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Each year, the old, old story brings us a new, new hope — "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."

If you're in town on Tuesday, December 24, please join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion service at 7:00 p.m. If you are traveling, may God bless you as you celebrate our Savior's birth with friends and family. No matter where you are this Christmas, I hope you can hear the old, old story of Jesus and his love and listen for the new, new thing God is always doing for us in Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!



Phil

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the November 19, 2019 meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Linda Burroughs;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * read from God's Word in Luke 23:32-43 and discussed the article "Churches Need Jesus' Leadership";
- * approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 stated session meeting and the November 3, 2019 congregational meeting and meeting of the corporation;
- * heard a report from Elder Linda Burroughs about the October 12, 2019 meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina;
- * heard an update from Elder Dean Hanson concerning the schedule of physical plant repairs;
- * elders agreed to light the Advent candles and Christ candle during worship in December;
- * shared pastoral care concerns;
- * approved a motion to adjourn;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Linda Burroughs.



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR DECEMBER

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
December 1	Dan Robinson	Shawn Stovall, Gideon Speaker
December 8	Jason Rouse	Children's Christmas Program
December 15	Curt Simpson	Choir Christmas Cantata
December 22	Christy Johnson	Philip Gladden
December 24	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
December 29	Linda Burroughs	Cynthia Williams

Church Officer Training

Thursday, December 12
2:00 p.m.
Room 304



Elders-elect Patsy Ludlum, Darleen Weller, and Fred Burroughs will continue their officer training on Thursday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 304 with Rev. Philip Gladden. These elders-elect will be examined by the session for ordination and installation on December 17. The session has set Sunday, January 5, 2020 as the date for their ordination and installation service.



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS!

Congratulations and thank you to Fred Burroughs, Patsy Ludlum, and Darleen Weller who were elected as Ruling Elders in the session's Class of 2022. These elders-elect have been participating in elder training in preparation for examination by the session and ordination and installation on Sunday, January 5.

Thank you to Ruling Elders Linda Burroughs (Outreach), Dean Hanson (Building & Grounds), Geneva Maready (Worship & Music), Jason Rouse (Building & Grounds), and Curt Simpson (Christian Education) who complete three years of active and faithful service in the session's Class of 2019.



DECEMBER



12/01: Mary Stewart Blackwell & Pam Teachey
12/08: Lydia Woodard & Andrea Casteen
12/15: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse
12/22: Nell Sloan & Madelyn Coombs
12/29: Leah & Camryn Fussell

01/05: Casey & Clayton Hall
01/12: Danielle & Elizabeth Sills
01/19: Georgia & Windsor Farrior
01/26: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

12/01: Reese Blue & Garrett Bullard
12/08: Henry & Piper Moore
12/15: Ayden & Camryn Fussell
12/22: Madelyn & Robert Coombs
12/29: Mason & Nate Diers

Dan Robinson, Leader

Harvey Knowles
Cameron Lee

Chuck Farrior
Joyce Ange



GREETERS

12/01: Dotsie Caproni & Dana Myrick
12/08: Bill & Susan Walters
12/15: Joey Fussell & Georgia Longest
12/22: Rick & Nettie Batchelor
12/29: Dave & Gloria Wells

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **Presbyterian Men** will have their Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rose Hill Restaurant in Rose Hill.
- * **The congregation is encouraged** to invite friends and neighbors to join us for Advent worship and lunch on Thursdays, December 5, 12, and 19 at 12:05 p.m. in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, December 17 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 during our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Wednesday and Thursday, December 25 & 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday.
- * **Cheryl Brinkley, church secretary**, will be on vacation Tuesday, December 24, Friday, December 27, and Monday-Tuesday, December 30 & 31.
- * **Philip Gladden** will be on vacation Thursday, December 26 - Wednesday, January 1. Please contact Elder Susan Walters, Clerk of Session, or the church office in an emergency.



Hospital & at home:
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)
Judy Robinson (home)

Verlie Wells (Rosemary)
Bruce Lyon (Rosemary)



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING "God With Us"

The Perfect Gift
Sunday, December 8

By giving to the Christmas Joy Offering, you honor God's gift of Jesus Christ by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.



Wednesday Morning Bible Study **Christmas Break**

The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will not meet during the month of December. The study will resume on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.



We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Tuesday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome at the table.



Advent Wreaths

Due to the upcoming repairs and construction, the Worship Music Ministry team will be decorating our sanctuary this Advent season with a live Frazier fir tree, two large wreaths, greenery, and six outside wreaths. If you would like to make a donation for a wreath or to the Building Fund in honor of, or in memory of a friend or loved one, please fill out the envelope provided in the back of a pew and put it in the offering plate on either December 1 or December 8. A list with the names of those honored will be in the December 15 and 22 bulletins. Thank you!



P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
Sunday, December 1, 2019

We will receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, December 1. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. The Hunger Program supplies funding for feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and grants for congregational food ministries within our presbytery, including our own Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous contributions!



How do you get to Carnegie Hall?
Practice, practice, practice!

Our choir will sing with choirs from across the United States.

The Holiday Music of Mark Hayes and Pepper Choplin

Monday, December 2, 2019 7 PM
Stern Auditorium / Perelman Stage/Carnegie Hall

To celebrate the 2019 concert season finale, Distinguished Concerts International New York presents a joyous evening of original holiday music from American composer-conductors Pepper Choplin and Mark Hayes featuring Distinguished Concerts Orchestra and Distinguished Concerts Singers International.

Pepper Choplin is a full-time composer, conductor and humorist. He has gained a reputation as one of the most creative writers in church music today. With a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, he went on to earn a Master of Music degree in composition from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Our church commissioned Pepper Choplin to write the anthem, "The Love of the Lord," for our 125th anniversary in November 2009. He lives in Raleigh.



Merry Christmas

**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 Simpson*

Presbyterian Men



Tuesday, December 3

6:30 p.m.

Rose Hill Restaurant



COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICES

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Worship Service: 12:05 P.M.

Luncheon: 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, December 5, 2019

Speaker.....Greg Maready
Special Music.....Karla Casteen & Vera Simpson, Duet
Organist.....Vera Simpson

THURSDAY, December 12, 2019

Speaker.....David Johnson..
Special Music.....Attie C. Carlton Handbell Ensemble
Emily Saunders, Geneva Maready, Sharon Robison, Karla Casteen, Vera Simpson
Organist.....Vera Simpson

THURSDAY, December 19, 2019

Speaker.....Dr. James Graham
Special Music.....Randy Bittner
Organist.....Vera Simpson



Christmas Music 2019

December 8, 2019, 4:00 pm- Wallace United Methodist Church Handbell Choir, Chancel Choir and the Duplin Dulcimers along with a special flute soloist will present "The Christmas Story" through scriptures and music.

December 8, 2019, 5:00 pm- Wallace First Baptist Church will present the cantata "The Christmas Dilemma."

December 15, 2019, 11:00 am- Wallace Presbyterian Church will present the cantata "Heaven's Child" by Pepper Choplin.

December 22, 2019, 6:00 pm- Wallace First Baptist will present a "Christmas Candlelight Celebration" in the fellowship hall.

December 24, 2019- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services

5:00 pm - Wallace First Baptist Church

7:00 pm - Wallace Presbyterian Church

ST. NICHOLAS PROJECT



For many years the St. Nicholas Project has been an important mission of Wallace Presbyterian Church. The Outreach Ministry Team has received families for this year. St. Nicholas Project family and gift information is located on the bulletin board in the church fellowship hall.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry of our church and sharing the love of Christ with others.

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 Sunday, December 22.

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 22.

Please join us to deliver the gifts a few days before Christmas. The date and time will be announced.

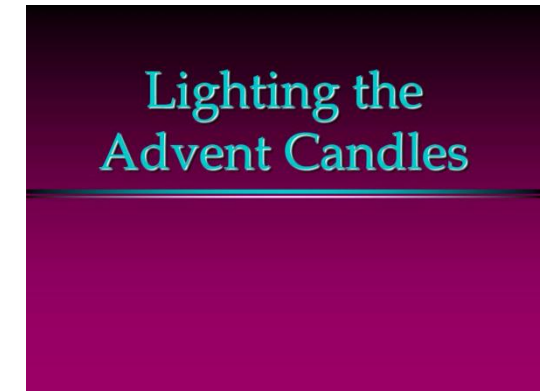
Merry Christmas



5th Sunday Building Offering Sunday, December 29, 2019

To underwrite the costs of maintaining our physical plant so we can continue to offer meaningful ministries, worship, mission, outreach, and fellowship. Thank You!

*Merry
Christmas*



Lighting the Advent Candles

On the four Sundays of Advent, our ruling elders will lead us in lighting the four purple candles which represent Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. On Christmas Eve, ruling elders will light the white Christ candle. The increasing light during the four weeks of Advent reminds us of the promise of the coming of the Messiah: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness — on them light has shined." (Isaiah 9:2)

SUNDAY	ELDERS	CANDLE
December 1	Dean Hanson, Sam Rose	Hope
December 8	Jason Rouse, Clay Blue	Peace
December 15	Dan Robinson, Geneva Maready	Joy
December 22	Linda Burroughs, Christy Johnson	Love
December 24	Curt Simpson, Lindsay Skidmore	Christ Candle



December 2019

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Minister on Vacation 1st Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering	2 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304 ■ 6:00 PM Disaster Recovery Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall ■ 7:00 PM WPC Choir sings in Carnegie Hall, NYC	3 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall ■ 6:30 PM Presbyterian Men Christmas Dinner, Rose Hill Restaurant ■ 7:00 PM Circle #4: Emily Lee	4 ■ 10:00 AM No Bible Study ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	5 ■ 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Luncheon	6	7
8 2nd Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Children's Christmas Program	9	10	11 ■ 10:00 AM No Bible Study ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	12 ■ 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Luncheon ■ 2:00 PM Elder Training ■ 6:30 PM Lessons & Carols for River Landing, RL Clubhouse, Community Invited	13	14 ■ 10:00 AM Wallace Christmas Parade
15 3rd Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Choir Christmas Cantata	16 ■ 1:00 PM Disaster Recovery Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall ■ 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together	17 ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	18 ■ 10:00 AM No Bible Study ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	19 ■ 12:05 PM Advent Worship & Luncheon	20	21
22 4th Sunday of Advent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	23	24 Church Secretary on Vacation Christmas Eve ■ 7:00 PM Candlelight Communion Worship Service	25 Merry Christmas! Church Office Closed Christmas Day ■ 10:00 AM No Bible Study	26 Church Office Closed	27 Minister on Vacation Church Secretary on Vacation	28
29 Minister on Vacation Church Secretary on Vacation ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day ■ 10:00 AM No Bible Study	2	3	4