

Vera Simpson

- Pianist, teacher, accompanist

Karla Casteen

- Pianist, singer, teacher, (Vera's former teacher) music director, accompanist, soloist

Marisol Snell

- Singer (Classical, Theatre, Opera, Spirituals)

Caitlin Canales

- Flutist, recent graduate UNCW-2022, WRH-2018

Adriana Meiji

- Pianist, clarinetist, graduate UNCW-2023, WRH-2018

Ruger Motsinger

- Banjo, 5th grade

Hudson Denny

- Guitar, 2nd grade

February 5th, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

ADMISSION IS FREE

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

205 WEST MAIN, WALLACE, NC

All Ages Encouraged!



NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister FEBRUARY 2023 Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



CONFIRMATION FOR A GROWING FAITH

CONFIRMATION 2023
"Big God. Big Questions."

Our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order directs that, "The church nurtures those baptized as children and calls them to make public their personal profession of faith and their acceptance of responsibility in the life of the church. After the session has received them as active members they shall be presented to the congregation during a service of public worship. In that service the church shall confirm them in their baptismal identity. They are commissioned for full participation in the mission and governance of the church, and are welcomed by the congregation."

Confirmation 2023 will begin with a lock-in at the church Friday/Saturday, February 10-11 and our youth will be confirmed during worship on Sunday, May 7. Participants in Confirmation 2023 include: Fisher Blanton; Robert Coombs; Windsor Farris; Hannah Floyd; Miller Ludlum; J.J. Rouse; Hayes Skidmore; Burroughs Strickland; Parker Thompson; and Trace Thompson.



Birthdays in February

Happy Birthday to you!!



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| 1. Gloria Wells | 15. Mary Carone |
| Ann T. Johnson | 16. Katie Robison McCourtie |
| 4. Phil Gladden | Debbie Thomas |
| Pat Wilson | 18. Nolan Hall |
| 6. Hayes Ludlum | Jean Parks |
| 7. Shirley Carlton | 21. Kyle Teachey |
| Hope Turnbull | Dona Lanier |
| 8. Greg Maready | 24. Chuck Farris |
| 10 Robert Steen | 26. Tom Whitfield |
| 14. Lois Edgerton | 27. Hampton Hall |



Dear Friends,

On Tuesday, May 31, 1983, Nancy and I graduated from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia (now Union Presbyterian Seminary). The commencement speaker was Dr. J. Randolph Taylor, who worked for fourteen years to promote the reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (the "Southern" church) and the United Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (the "Northern" church). Less than three weeks after we graduated, he was elected the first moderator of the General Assembly of the newly reunited Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

For some unknown reason, the only thing I remember Dr. Taylor saying in his commencement address was something like, "This won't mean much to you as you are just beginning your ministries, but in thirty-five or forty years, there will be lots of retirements in Presbyterian pulpits." Dr. Taylor was right. That didn't mean much to me that day as Nancy and I looked ahead to being examined by the Albemarle Presbytery two days later and beginning our post-seminary ministry as associate pastors at the First Presbyterian Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina on June 1, 1983.

But, then I blinked and forty years had flown by! Now I'm living out what Dr. Taylor (who died in 2002) told us about on that Tuesday afternoon in Schauffler Hall on campus. As many of you already know, I announced to the session on January 17 my intention to retire at the end of May. The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will designate June 1, 2023 as my effective date of retirement, but my last day as pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church will be Wednesday, May 31.

After twenty-five years as pastor here at WPC, this will be a major transition for all of us. However, God has always been faithful in my life and in the life of this congregation, so we can rest assured that God will guide all of us through the next four months and beyond. While I am sad to finish my ministry among and with you, I am also excited about what God has in mind for me next. I hope you will be excited and eager to find out where God will lead this congregation in the future.

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina has a Commission on Ministry,

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, January 17, 2023 stated session meeting, the elders and minister

- *conducted the meeting a a worship service;
- * read God's Word in Matthew 4:12-25 and talked about what it means to be called as disciples of Jesus Christ;
- * elected officers for 2023: Clerk of Session Hope Turnbull; Treasurer Wayne Casteen; Corporation President Curt Simpson;
- * approved minutes of the December 20, 2022 stated session meeting;
- * approved the communion and special offerings schedule for 2023;
- * discussed 2023 Ministry Team assignments and responsibilities;
- * received news from Rev. Philip Gladden about his plan to retire as pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church effective May 31, 2023;
- * prayed for members of our congregation and community;
- * joined together in praying the Lord's Prayer.



FEBRUARY 2023

February 5	Matthew 5:13-20
February 12	1 Corinthians 3:1-9
February 19	Deuteronomy 30:11-20
February 26	First Sunday in Lent: Matthew 4:1-11

The sermon texts are provided so you can read them and pray about them before worship. Please keep our congregation and minister in your prayers as we read and hear God's Word during the month of February.



Hospital & at home:
Judy Robinson (home)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**



We will receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, February 26. 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.

made up of ruling and teaching elders (ministers), which is responsible for the pastoral care and oversight of congregations and ministers, especially during times of transition such as the retirement of the minister. Our general presbyter, Rev. Jerrod Lowry, and the COM liaison, Elder Alan Parent of the Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church, will guide the session and congregation through the necessary steps for securing interim and installed pastoral leadership. The session will share more information with the congregation about the process in the coming weeks.

God has richly blessed our congregation and has called forth faithful and capable men and women to be our spiritual leaders as Ruling Elders. As God has been faithful to this congregation since 1884, so we can trust God will continue to be faithful and show us the way.

Blessings,

Phil



**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING HUNGER OFFERING
Sunday, February 12, 2023
Following Worship**

Our annual Souper Bowl of Caring Offering will be received on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12. All money collected will be given to our Helping Hands Food Pantry at the church. You may put your contribution in the bucket or offering plate in worship, mail it to P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, drop a check in the mail slot in the front door of the church office building at 205 W. Main Street, or contribute online at www.wallacepresbyterian.com.



FEBRUARY WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
February 5	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
February 12	Danielle Sills	Philip Gladden
February 19	Sandy Cobb	Philip Gladden
February 26	Debbie Price	Philip Gladden



**ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS
OF RULING ELDERS
Sunday, February 5**

During worship on Sunday, February 5, the session will ordain and install Ruling Elders in the Class of 2025. These elders have completed a time of officer training and been examined by the session. They are responding to God's call through the voice of our congregation to serve as our spiritual leaders in worship, ministry, outreach, nurture, and stewardship.

To be ordained and installed: Debbie Price and Blake Wallace
To be installed: Sandy Cobb



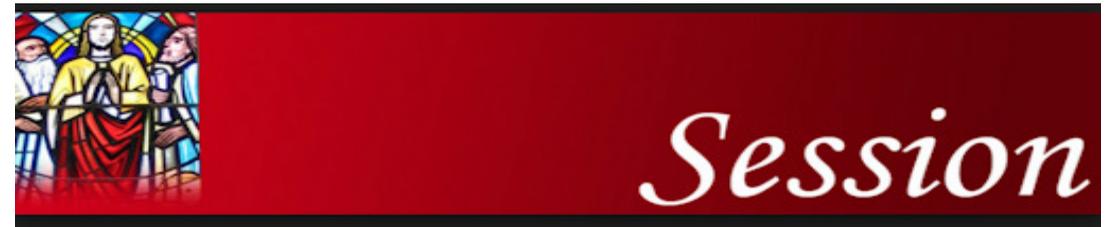
Philip Gladden to Retire June 1

Philip Gladden has announced his retirement as pastor of the Wallace Presbyterian Church effective June 1, 2023. His last day at the church will be May 31. The Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will work closely with the elders on our session to lead our congregation through this time of transition. Please be in prayer for Phil and our elders and congregation during this time of change.



2023 CHURCH OFFICERS

Clerk of Session: Hope Turnbull
Church Treasurer: Wayne Casteen
Corporation President: Curt Simpson



2023 SESSION

Philip K. Gladden, Moderator

Hope H. Turnbull, Clerk

CLASS OF 2023

Hayes Ludlum
Greg Maready
Kelli Norris

CLASS OF 2024

Joyce Ange
Danielle Sills
Curt Simpson

CLASS OF 2025

Sandy Cobb
Debbie Price
Blake Wallace

2023 Ministry Team Assignments

Christian Education: Danielle Sills, Debbie Price
Worship & Music: Joyce Ange, Sandy Cobb
Outreach: Kelli Norris, Hayes Ludlum
Building & Grounds: Greg Maready, Blake Wallace
Stewardship & Finance: Curt Simpson
Personnel: Hayes Ludlum, Blake Wallace



- * **Members of the session's Class of 2025** will be ordained and installed as Ruling Elders during worship on Sunday, February 5.
- * **Confirmation 2023** will begin with a lock-in at the church on Friday/Saturday, February 10-11.
- * **We will collect** our annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" offering after worship on Super Bowl Sunday, February 12.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 7:00 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.
- * **The season of Lent** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22.
- * **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, February 26.



Lenten Sermon Series
February 26 - April 9
"A Gospel Itinerary for Lent"

February 26	The Desert	Matthew 4:1-11
March 5	The Mountain	Luke 9:38-36
March 12	The Well	John 4:1-42
March 19	The Pool	John 9:1-41
March 26	The Tomb	John 11:1-45
April 2	The Road	Mark 11:1-11 Palm Sunday
April 9	The Tomb Again	Luke 24:1-12. Easter Sunday



FEBRUARY



02/05: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore	Kevin Johnson	Clay Blue
02/12: Ellie Newton & Gloria Wells		Devan Riley
02/19: Harriet & Windsor Farrior		
02/26: Geneva & Greg Maready		

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

February 1-15: **Nate Farrior**
 February 16-28: **Clay Blue**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

02/05: **Jennifer Johnson**
 02/12: **Mary Laine Rouse**
 02/19: **Casey Hall**
 02/26: **Bailey Riley**



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Bryant Henderson who died on January 9, 2023 and to Sandee and Louis DiDomenico on the death of Sandee's brother, George Smith, on January 20.



Weekly Bible Study

Monday night, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom
 Wednesday morning, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304 and via Zoom

You are invited to join our weekly Bible Study as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday. Check your email on Monday to find the Zoom links for the week.

February 2023



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February 2023

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March 2023

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- Holidays in United States
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) 	30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	31	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Black History Month 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Called Session Meeting, Room 304 	3	4
5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Ordination & Installation of Ruling Elders 3:00 PM Music on Sunday with Friends, in our sanctuary 	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	7 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Circle #4: Fellowship Hall 	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	9	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:00 PM Confirmation Lock-In 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Confirmation Lock-In ... Confirmation Lock-In
12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Souper Bowl of Caring Offering 12:00 PM Confirmation Class 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valentine's Day Happy Valentine's Day 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	16	17	18
19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presidents' Day 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:00 PM PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	23	24	25
26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ash Wednesday 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person & live stream) Feed Our Hungry Children/ Backpack Ministry Offering 12:00 PM Confirmation Class 	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study 	28	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Women's History Month 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice 	2	3	4