

# NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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JULY 2026

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**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

**CELEBRATION OF**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**11:00 a.m.**

We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, July 5.

*"O taste and see that the Lord is good."*

*Psalm 34:8*

*"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."*

*1 Corinthians 11:26*



## Birthdays in July



Happy Birthday to You!



- 2- Karla Casteen
- 4- Freddy Hall
- 5- Danielle Sills
- Candace Knowles
- Wallace Strickland
- 8- Bobby Ives
- 9- Bill Carone
- Joyce Rau
- 12- David Johnson

- 17- Charley Farrior
- 18- Linda Burroughs
- Ellie Carone
- 19- Ann Carter
- 21- Nell Sloan
- 23- Bill Walters
- 25- Joe Wallace
- 29- Kevin Johnson

*We recently spent a week in the North Carolina mountains with our daughter and her family. Over the course of five days we hiked, we played in mountain streams and creeks, we chased balls down the sides of what seemed like steep mountain slopes, and we ate at restaurants that we frequented when we lived in the area. It was, at least in my opinion, quite a busy and exhausting week. And while I tried to capture memories and mountain vistas with my camera, I really cherish the times in the early mornings and after dinner that I would steal away by myself to try to capture some macro photos...extreme close-up shots...of insects and bugs.*

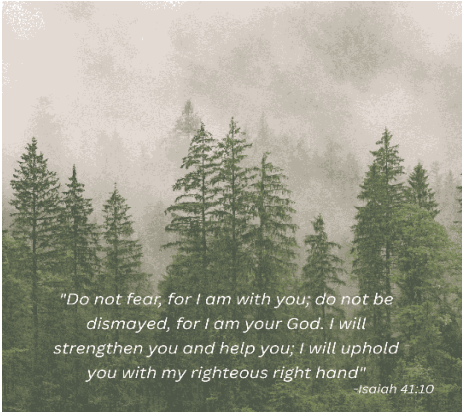
*As I continue to learn more and more about macro photography, one thing I am learning is that to capture these close-up shots of insects it is best to find a place near a plant or bush and stand quietly...and be patient. What I find is that when I first look at the plant or bush, no insects are to be found. Oh, they are there, but at first glance they are easy to miss. But as you stand quietly and patiently you begin to notice small movements, small bodies, and the tiniest of changes.*

*And as your mind begins to quiet down from the business of life and your breathing slows down, a whole new world...a tiny world of insects...becomes visible. Hopefully one day I will learn how to capture this tiny world in photos.*

*But what I really long for is to learn to quiet myself in the same way during the busyness of life. All of us experience the busyness and hecticness of life. We run from one appointment to another, from one store to another, and we try to squeeze in another activity whenever possible. These can be good things, but if we aren't careful the busyness of life can block our ability to see God's presence. Like those tiny insects on the leaves of plants and bushes that are there if we take the time to look, God is with us. Throughout scripture we receive His promise to be with us through both the good times and difficult times of life.*

*So let me challenge you to be intentional about slowing down...breathing deeply...and allowing God's presence to be visible. And then spend time with Him in prayer and reading His word.*

Pastor Joe



**ACTIONS OF THE SESSION**

At the May 19, 2026 stated session meeting, the elders and pastor:

- Kristin Cottle offered the devotion and opening prayer.
- Approved the minutes of the April 21, 2026 stated session meeting and May 3, 2026 called session meeting.
- The Treasurer's reports were received.
- Heard an update on Miller Ludlum's Eagle Scout Project.
- Session will not meet in July.
- Approved vacation and continuing education time for the pastor.
- Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, July 5.
- Youth Summer Sunday School Sign-Up is being offered to give the Sunday School teachers a break during summer.
- Devan Riley and Karla Casteen were elected as commissioners to East Community meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Two members will go now because of Church membership.
- The church office will be closed on Monday, July 6 for the Independence Day holiday.
- Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.



**SERMON TEXTS FOR JULY**

| <b>SUNDAY</b> | <b>SERMON TEXT</b>          | <b>SERMON</b>                                |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--|
| July 5        | Romans 7:15-25a (Communion) | "Declaring Our Dependence"                   |
| July 12       | Genesis 6 (selected verses) | "Something to Remember: Noah and the Flood"  |
| July 19       | 1 Samuel 17                 | "Something to Remember: David and Goliath"   |
| July 26       | Jonah 1:1-2:10              | "Something to Remember: Jonah and the Whale" |



**JULY**



07/05: Tonya & Emory Landen Patram  
 07/12: Parker & Courtenay Thompson  
 07/19: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook  
 07/26: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull

Fred Burroughs, Leader  
 James Whitfield Tom Whitfield  
 Jan Peterson

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

July 1-15: Charley Farrior  
 July 16-31: Curt Simpson


*CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information*

- \* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Sunday, July 5. All are welcome at the table.
- \* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, July 6, in observance of Independence Day.
- \* **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** will resume after Labor Day on Wednesday, September 9.
- \* **The new "These Days"** are at the back/front of the church and on the information table in Gladden Hall.
- \* **Youth Summer Sunday School Sign-Up:** To give our Sunday School teachers a well deserved break we are looking for some volunteers to sign up to teach a week during the summer. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kristin Cottle. Thank you for investing in the lives of our young people and supporting our church's youth ministry!
- \* **Food Pantry item for July: Canned Pasta (Chef Boyardee).**
- \* **UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- July 5- Communion
- July 19- Commissioning service for the Cross Mission trip
- July 19 -24 - CROSS MISSIONS (middle & high school youth)



**July Fellowship Time Refreshments**

Presbyterian Women provides refreshments during the Fellowship Time, between Sunday School and Worship, 8 months of the year and the congregation (individuals or groups) provides it for the other 4 months. The congregation's next opportunity is in June. Please sign up to provide refreshments for one of the Sundays in July (5, 12, 19, 26) on the sign-up sheet in fellowship hall. Thank you!

**2026 SUMMER ART CAMP**

**INSTRUCTOR ~ CHRISTIE BONEY WEAVER**  
 Retired Art Teacher from Pawleys Island, S.C.

**PLACE ~ Wallace Methodist Church**  
 303 South College Street, Wallace, NC

**DATES ~ July 27 - 31 ~ AM Grades K-2 and PM Grades 5-8**  
 August 3 - 7 ~ AM Grades K-2 and PM Grades 3-4

**\*\*\* Select Group Based on Your Child's Completed Grade**  
 High School Students are welcome in the 5-8 grade art camp

**TIMES ~ AM - 9:00am - 12:00pm**  
 PM - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

**CAMP TUITION ~ \$165.00 includes tuition & materials/daily snack**  
 Art camp participants will create 2-D and 3-D projects to include clay, sculpture, multimedia compositions, and a variety of painting mediums

**Contact Christie Weaver at [artweaver@msn.com](mailto:artweaver@msn.com) for registration forms or by phone at 843-222-9664 for more information**

Registration forms may also be picked up at the following locations: Duplin County Elementary/Middle Schools/ Libraries and Wallace Methodist Church.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume the Wednesday after Labor Day, September 9, at 10:00 am in room 304.

# July 2026






## JUNE 2026

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 29  | 30  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   |

## August 2026



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed                 | Thu   | Fri                 | Sat  |
|---|---|-----|---------------------|---|---------------------|--|
|   | 1   | 2   | 3                   | 4<br>12:30 pm East Community<br>COM Meeting | 5<br>Office Closed  | 6<br>Independence Day<br> |
| 7<br><br>9:00 am Choir Practice<br>9:45 am Adult S. School<br>10:00 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Fellowship<br>11:00 am Worship/Communion<br>5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35 | 8<br><br>July 4 <sup>th</sup> Observed<br>Church Office Closed | 9   | 10                  | 11  | 12<br>Office Closed | 13   |
| 14<br>9:00 am Choir Practice<br>9:45 am Adult S. School<br>10:00 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Fellowship<br>11:00 am Worship<br>5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35   | 15  | 16  | 17                  | 18  | 19<br>Office Closed | 20   |
| 21<br>9:45 am Adult S. School<br>10:00 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Fellowship<br>11:00 am Worship<br>5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35   | 22  | 23  | 24                  | 25  | 26<br>Office Closed | 27   |
|   | Church Secretary on Vacation  |     |                     |   |                     |  |
| 28<br>9:00 am Choir Practice<br>9:45 am Adult S. School<br>10:00 am Sunday School<br>10:30 am Fellowship<br>11:00 am Worship<br>5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35   | 29  | 30  | 31<br>Office Closed |   |                     |  |