



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

**JUNE 2020** 

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Live Stream Worship Continues Through June Worship at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday or view an archived service at www.wallacepresbyterian.com.



- 1- Kathy Walker Elizabeth Hatch
- 2- Sandy Miller
- 3- Gina Farrior Cole Farrior
- 5- Don Thomas
- 7- Geneva Maready
- 8- John Lettieri James Sills
- 9- Deanna Parks
- 10- Cheryl Raymond
- 13- Brenda Long
- 15- Burke Saunders
- 16- Margaret Toothman
- 17- Wells Wallace

- 18- Gerri Hanson
  19- Zach Casteen

  Connie Stamm
  Joyce Ange

  20- Emily Wells
  21- Tanya Robinson

  Lydia Woodard
  Lawrence Parks
  Burroughs Strickland

  24- Jim Robison

  25- Leon Wells
  26- Sharon Robison
- 29- Jack Blackney
- Jim Simpson
- 30- Hayes Skidmore

#### Dear Friends,

At our May 26 session meeting, the elders and I made the following decisions regarding worship at the Wallace Presbyterian Church. We will continue to have live-stream worship only through the month of June. As long as Covid-19 cases are increasing in Duplin County, we will not have in-person worship. As moderator of the session, I appointed an ad hoc advisory team that presented an in-person worship re-entry proposal to the session. The team consisted of Karla Casteen, Vera Simpson, Bill Butler, Dan Robinson, Nancy Gladden, Patsy Ludlum, and me. The session will review the proposal and have a re-entry plan ready to implement when the session thinks it is safe and advisable to begin in-person worship.

The session will monitor the Covid-19 situation in Duplin County during the month of June and will make a decision regarding worship in July and beyond near the end of June. All decisions will be made prayerfully, using the best information we have on hand, following the guidelines of public health officials, and in the best interest of our congregation members and our wider community.

We all eagerly anticipate the day when we can safely gather as God's people and worship together. Until that time, I encourage you to join us on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. via our live-stream broadcast on our church website, <u>www.wallacepresbyterian.com</u>.

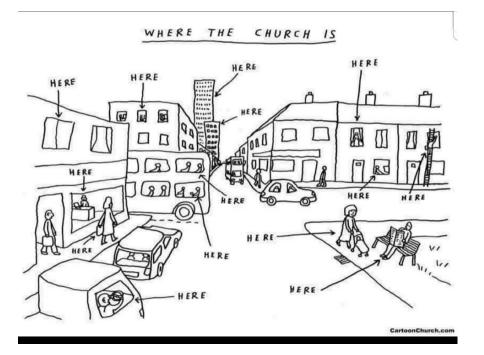
Be safe, and blessings,



#### Dear Friends.

There has been much discussion and reaction in the news recently about churches being "closed" during the coronavirus pandemic. I certainly can't comment on all churches in all places, but I do know that the Wallace Presbyterian Church has not been closed. While it might be true that we have had to make changes in how we are the church during Phase 1 and Phase 2, including worshiping exclusively by live streaming, the church is not closed.

A good friend from my Pastor as Spiritual Guide group posted this picture on Facebook recently.



Perhaps never in our lifetimes have we known more clearly that the church is the people of God. As the cartoon shows, the Wallace Presbyterian Church is in many different places during these trying times.

Through the blessing of digital technology, church members are studying God's Word and enjoying fellowship in Bible studies and Sunday School. Your elders and I are meeting via Zoom, which enables us to see each other face-toface, worship and pray and read God's Word together, and make decisions for the life of our congregation. Faithful volunteers continue to keep our Helping Hands Food Pantry open to serve the needs of our community. Folks are

At the Tuesday, May 26, 2020 stated session meeting, the elders and minister met via Zoom teleconference call and:

\* were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Patsy Ludlum;

\* conducted the meeting as a worship service;

\* studied God's Word in 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1; Galatians 5:1, 13-15 and discussed an article from The Duplin Times written by Dr. Philip Gladden;

\* approved the minutes from the March 1, 15, 31, and April 28 session meetings;

\* approved a request from Bill Butler re: live streaming: In an effort to move ahead toward getting wires out of the sanctuary, to authorize him to contact Landmark, who provided and installed our current audio and video and computer network system, to make sure his suggestion for an upgraded streaming setup is the most appropriate, and can be supported by Landmark.

\*approved a recommendation from the Congregational Care Ministry Team to use Online Church Directory to produce an online pictorial directory for our congregation;

made the following plans for June in light of the coronavirus pandemic:

continue to live stream worship services through the month of June

\* not hold in-person worship as long as the number of Covid-19 cases increases in Duplin County

\* received a proposed re-entry plan from an advisory committee outlining steps to be taken when it is safe and advisable to resume in-person worship

\* were led in a closing prayer by Elder Patsy Ludlum.



# **JUNE 2020**

SERMON TEXT Matthew 28:16-20 Romans 4:13 – 5:11 Romans 6:1-14 Matthew 10:40-42

THEME/TOPIC Trinity Sunday God's Promise/Our Faith Dying & Rising with Christ Christian Hospitality



Hospital & at home: **Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)** Judy Robinson (home) **Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)** 

Verlie Wells (The Gardens) Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)



### P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering Sunday , June 7

This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, funds feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi. The Hunger Program also provides funds for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

volunteering in the community. Church members are making phone calls, checking on neighbors, sending cards, and lifting up prayers. Cheryl is taking calls, helping people with their requests, and representing our church very well. Karla and Vera and our soloists and musicians are sharing their God-given talents to help us worship and praise God's name. We even figured out how to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper virtually!

If the church "being open" only means that the doors are unlocked at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday and people gather in our sanctuary for worship then, no, the Wallace Presbyterian Church is "not open." However, if we take seriously the truth that is shown in the cartoon – "Where the Church Is" – then, most definitely, the Wallace Presbyterian Church is open. Until the time comes when we can gather for in-person worship in the sanctuary, let us continue being the church wherever we find ourselves. And, after we are finally able to gather in person for worship, let us not forget to keep the church "open" beyond the walls of the sanctuary and outside the hour from 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon on Sunday.

Be safe, and may God bless you and your families,

In Christ.



## ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR THE PRESBYTERIAN HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA Sunday, June 21

The mission of The Presbyterian Homes is to honor God by enriching the lives and touching the hearts of those we serve. PHI provides independent living, assisted living, Memory Care and skilled nursing within a community of friendship with others of similar age and diverse interests. Facilities are located at Glenaire in Cary, River Landing in Colfax, and Scotia Village in Laurinburg. Read more abut The Presbyterian Homes of North Carolina at <u>www.presbyhomesinc.org</u>.





Thank you to everyone who donated food or money to the "Food Drive-By" on Saturday, May 9. The response was overwhelming and we received an abundance of canned goods and staple items that has replenished the shelved in the food pantry. We also had monetary donations for future purchases when needed. Thank you so much!

We continue to work during the Coronavirus Pandemic to offer needed food items to those people in need. The food pantry is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings until 12 noon. If anyone comes after 1 pm, Cheryl is there and will assist them. Thank you so much for your support.

Food Pantry Committee



Join us for livestream worship every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at <u>www.wallacepresbyterian.com</u>. The worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. If you cannot watch the service live, click on "Past Services – YouTube" and search for the date of the worship service.

Words to hymns, prayers, and Bible readings are provided on your screen for your convenience.



During these challenging times when we are separated from one another as a church family, the mission and ministry of the Wallace Presbyterian Church continue. The session thanks you for your faithful and continued giving to support the mission of our congregation.

Here are three ways you can continue to contribute until you are able to present your offering in person in worship:



You may give online at our church website <u>www.wallacepresbyterian.com</u> using the safe and secure service of Tithe.ly. Click on the "Click Here to Give" box in the upper righthand corner and follow the directions.

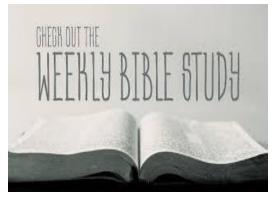


You can make your check payable to Wallace Presbyterian Church and mail it to P.O. Box 717, Wallace, North Carolina 28466.



You can put your offering envelope or check in the mail slot in the front door of the church office building at 205 W. Main Street.





WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY ON ZOOM Monday night, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Join Dr. Phil for a weekly Bible study on the scripture lesson/sermon text for the following Sunday. The Zoom invitation with log-on information is sent weekly via email.

ZOOM



### Zoom into Christian Education and Fellowship Opportunities

Elder Lindsay Skidmore leads the Living Stones Sunday School Class for children on Sunday mornings. If you would like for your child to participate, contact Lindsay at <u>lindsayskidmore@gmail.com</u>.

Dr. Phil uses Zoom to teach the Alternative Sunday School Class at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. The Zoom invitation is sent to the congregation via email toward the end of the week. The Alternative Sunday School Class is currently studying the Beatitudes of Jesus in Matthew 5:1-12. We have interesting discussions and enjoy good fellowship each Sunday morning.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Jennie Lee Wells and Gus Aretakis who will be married in our sanctuary on Friday, June 5 at 6:00 p.m.

June 2020 Home WPC Calendar cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com		HAPPY FOLLER DAY		S M T 3 4 5 10 11 12 17 18 19	June 2020       June 2020         W       T       F       S       M       T       W       T       F         1       2       3       4       5       1       2       3       4       5         6       7       8       9       10       11       12         13       14       15       16       17       18       19         20       21       22       23       24       25       26         27       28       29       30       28       29       30	6         1         2         3         4           13         5         6         7         8         9         10         11           20         12         13         14         15         16         17         18
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