

Come Join us at  
Rockfish Presbyterian Church  
“Meet and Eat at Noon”  
Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
12:00 Noon  
Guest Speaker  
Linda F. Stroud  
In service Training Coordinator  
JSCC  
Bring a sandwich  
Drink & Dessert will be provided



### Birthdays In March

Happy Birthday to you!!



- 1- Pat Alexander
- 3- Michael Cooper
- 4- Dana Myrick
- 5- Marie McGowen  
Battle Holley  
Sylvia Bowman  
Natalie Gladden  
Adriana Moreno
- 6- Earlene Southerland  
George Hatch
- 8- Cecelia Blair  
Tracey Graybar

- 12- Ryan Graybar
- 16- Mary Kate Maready
- 19- Netti Batchelor
- 21- Emily Saunders  
Susan Carone  
Amanda Shea
- 25- Dotsie Caproni  
Bron Thompson
- 26- Whit Newkirk
- 28- Susie Bullard

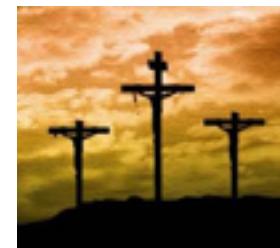
# MARCH NEWSLETTER Spring

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

MARCH 2016

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



GOOD FRIDAY COMMUNION  
SERVICE & CANTATA  
FRIDAY, MARCH 25  
7:30 P.M.

COMMUNITY EARLY EASTER SERVICE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Christ  
is  
Risen!

7:00 a.m.  
First Baptist Church, Wallace  
Breakfast following service

Easter Celebration  
11:00 a.m.  
Wallace Presbyterian Church



Dear Friends,

Almost 1,700 years ago, Christian leaders at the Council of Nicaea determined that Easter Sunday would be the first Sunday following the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox. Recently, the Archbishop of Canterbury has engaged in discussions with representatives of Pope Francis, the Coptic Church, and the ecumenical patriarch of the Orthodox Church about setting a fixed date for Easter. The second or third Sunday of April has been suggested, allowing Christians around the world to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord at the same time.

Having a fixed date for our Easter celebration would certainly be a change for all of us. However, in a very real sense, we already have the opportunity to observe Easter on fixed dates. It has been said that every Sunday is a "little Easter." That is, every Sunday/Lord's Day is resurrection day, no matter what else is happening in the life of the church or in the worship service that day. If we restrict our celebration of Christ's resurrection from the dead to one day in the spring (whether fixed or not), we miss the opportunity to rejoice all year long

*in the greatest news ever proclaimed — Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! On the other hand, it has also been said that if every Sunday is a little Easter, then Easter is a really BIG Sunday! If you've ever been to Easter Sunday worship at the Wallace Presbyterian Church, you know that's true for our congregation. We celebrate Christ's resurrection with brass and percussion and bells and organ and piano and voices. Why wouldn't we — why shouldn't we? — celebrate Easter in a BIG way?*

*Celebrating Easter on a fixed date each year might make worship planning easier. There is something to be said for Christians around the world, of all denominations and traditions, celebrating Christ's victory over death at the same time. However, week in and week out, as we gather to worship on Sunday morning, we can remember that the promise of Christ's resurrection is true all of the time and worthy of being celebrated all of the time, not just once a year.*

*I look forward to worshipping with you, your families, and your friends on the really BIG Easter Sunday, March 27, when we come together to celebrate this good news, "But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead . . . Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:20, 57)*

*In Christ,*



## ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, February 16, 2016 stated session meeting of the session, the elders and minister:

- \* were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Rick Batchelor;
- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* studied God's Word in Mark 1:16-20; 2:13-14; 8:34-38 and discussed a reading, "Followers, Not Admirers" by Søren Kierkegaard;
- \* approved the minutes from the January 19, 2016 stated session meeting;
- \* received January 2016 financial reports as information;
- \* approved requests from minister for vacation March 29 - April 3, 2016 and May 7-8, 2016 and Continuing Education May 9-11;
- \* received a report from the Outreach Ministry Team: partnership with El Divino Verbo Presbyterian Church in Libertad, Tabasco, Mexico has been discontinued by the decision of the session in Mexico; approved a recommendation to provide funding for bicycles for fourteen graduates in May 2016 at Justo Mwale University in Lusaka, Zambia;
- \* received a report from the Congregational Care Ministry Team concerning fellowship events in 2016;
- \* elected Elder George Francis as ruling elder commissioner to the Saturday, March 5 meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church;
- \* made a preliminary review of the church membership rolls and reported an active membership of 300 for the annual statistical report;
- \* prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- \* were led in a closing prayer by Elder Wayne Casteen.





**FLOWERS.....  
IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE**

Dear WPC Family,

Each week sanctuary flowers are provided for our Sunday morning worship. Members and friends of the church take this opportunity to remember a birthday, anniversary or recognize/honor someone special. Acknowledgement of the flowers is in the church bulletin. There are open Sundays available, and we ask that you consider taking a date to provide the flowers. Please contact Cindy Barrow or Lois Edgerton.

The church guidelines are:

- Flowers need to be in the sanctuary before assembly.
- Flowers need to be removed after the service.
- No bows or ribbons
- Family is to pay the florist directly.
- Flowers do not have to be from a florist. You can create your own arrangement.
- The use of silk or artificial flowers and plants is discouraged.

Two local florists have keys to the church and will deliver the flowers on Saturday. Stallings Florist – [910/285-3896](tel:9102853896), Olive Branch Gardens – [910/285-4957](tel:9102854957) Let us hear from you, please.

Cindy Barrow – [910/285-2561](tel:9102852561), [cbarrow28466@yahoo.com](mailto:cbarrow28466@yahoo.com)  
Lois Edgerton – [910/285-2160](tel:9102852160), [thomasedgerton@hotmail.com](mailto:thomasedgerton@hotmail.com)

Wallace Presbyterian Women  
Co-Chairs for Sanctuary Flowers



**NURSERY WORKERS   FEBRUARY**

03/06: Georgette, Lydia & Kennedy Thompson  
03/13: Christy & Kevin Johnson  
03/20: Roger & Madelyn Coombs  
03/27: Gina & Chuck Farrior

04/03: Susan & Ellie Carone  
04/10: Danielle & Jim Sills  
04/17: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse  
04/24: Pat & Jim Simpson



Dan Robinson, Leader  
Tim Peppe      Chuck Farrior  
R.J. Peppe      Kevin Johnson  
Joyce Ange

**GREETERS**

03/06: Graham & Sandra Phillips  
03/13: George & Elizabeth Hatch  
03/20: Leon & Jewel Wells  
03/27: Art & Cheryl Raymond

**YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS**

03/06: Cameron & Reese Blue  
03/13: Garrett Bullard & Rance Creech  
03/20: Ellie Carone & Anna Grace Carr  
03/27: Madelyn Coombs & Mary Kellan Creech

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

March 1-15: Chuck Farrior  
March 16-31: Dave Wells

*CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information*

- \* **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church at 6:30 p.m. for supper and Bible study. All men are welcome to attend.
- \* **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will meet on Saturday, March 5 at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church. Elder George Francis and Rev. Philip Gladden will represent our congregation.
- \* **We will** collect our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering during worship on Sunday, March 6.
- \* **We will** celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on Good Friday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m.
- \* We will receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during worship on Easter Sunday, March 27.
- \* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, March 28 in observance of the Easter holiday.
- \* **Rev. Philip Gladden** will be on vacation March 29 - April 3. Please contact Elder George Francis, clerk of session, or the church office (285-2808) in an emergency.



Hospital & at home: Avalee Bowman (The Oaks at Mayview, Raleigh, NC)  
Myree Bland (home)      Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)  
Judy Robinson (home)      Kelsea Webster (home)



## SOUND RETREAT

This year's Sound Retreat, held at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, NC on February 5-7, 2016 was a great success. There was a total of 34 in attendance, including 5 youths. Many thanks to Owen Carriker our Worship Leader and Jenna Carriker our Leader for the Youths. Everyone had a wonderful experience during our spiritual studies "**Casting Your Net on the other side: Getting the Most Out of Faith and Life**", as well as during our fellowship activities. We all got to know each other better as brothers and sisters in Christ and look forward to [next year's Sound Retreat to be held on February 10-12, 2017. SAVE THE DATE!](#)



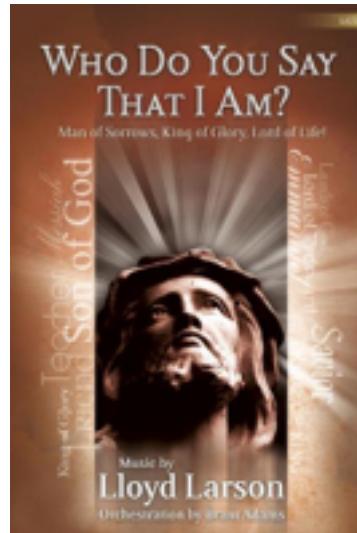
The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will hold its 106th stated meeting on Saturday, March 5 at the Shallotte Presbyterian Church in Brunswick County. Elder George Francis and Rev. Philip Gladden will represent our congregation.

Please keep all elder and minister commissioners and presbytery staff members in your prayers.



## Sunday Night Youth Fellowship

Youth Group has been meeting from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. most Sunday nights in the Fellowship Hall and Youth Room upstairs. All youth from 6th grade to 12th grade are welcome, and bring a friend! Youth leader Jenna Carriker has a great schedule of activities planned including Bible study and devotions, fun nights and mission work. Dinner is always served. For more information, contact Jenna Carriker at [jenna.carriker@gmail.com](mailto:jenna.carriker@gmail.com)



## Preaching in Lent 2016 "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

That's ***the*** Question!

### Worship Date

**March 6**  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

**March 13**  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

**March 20**  
Palm/Passion Sunday

**March 27**  
Easter

### Scripture

John 11:17-53  
Mary

John 18:28 - 19:16  
Pontius Pilate

Luke 23:50-56  
Joseph of Arimathea

John 20:1-18  
Mary Magdalene





## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

**Friday, March 6, 2015**  
**Rockfish Presbyterian Church**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Wallace Presbyterian**  
**will present the program**  
**All are welcome**

Program materials for 2016 were designed by the women of Cuba. The theme for this year is "Receive Children, Receive Me". Wallace Presbyterian will be presenting their program on The Children of Cuba.



### ANOTHER WONDERFUL YEAR OF LOGOS WRAPS UP ON MARCH 16!

Thanks to everyone who helped us have another wonderful year of our LOGOS children's ministry. Our final LOGOS evening will be Wednesday, March 16. Thanks to our recreation leaders, Bible study teachers, worship skills leaders, table parents, table decorators, and kitchen crews. You are the best! We extend many thanks to Carol Steen for her faithful service as LOGOS coordinator this year.



**WALLACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
301 South College Street  
Wallace, NC 28466

12:00 p.m. Worship & Lunch: Worsley Chapel

Thursday, March 3  
Speaker ..... Rev. Kathy Hubbard  
Music ..... Ronnie Castellano

Thursday, March 10  
Speaker ..... Rev. Philip Siebbeles  
Music ..... Skylar Register

Thursday, March 17  
Speaker ..... Judith Kunst  
Music ..... Jimmy Dunn

Please join us for lunch after the serve in our Fellowship Hall.



**We will celebrate the sacrament  
of the Lord's Supper on Good  
Friday, March 25, 2016**



## P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering Sunday, March 6

This quarterly offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which, in turn, supports feeding programs in Haiti, Mexico, and Malawi. In addition, the Hunger Program provides grants to congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

For more information about the presbytery's Hunger Program, visit [www.presbycc.org](http://www.presbycc.org) and click on "PCC Committees," then "Hunger Sub-Committee." There you can read more about how our P.A.T.H. Offering is used globally and locally. 70% of the money is used for international mission, 25% is used for local area grants within the presbytery, and 5% is used for administrative expenses.

Wallace Presbyterian Church averages \$600-\$700 per quarter for the P.A.T.H. Offering. Thank you for your generous support of this important feeding ministry.



## Praise God for Twelve Years of Partnership!

The session of El Divino Verbo Presbyterian Church in Libertad, Tabasco, Mexico has voted to discontinue the partnership with our congregation. The decision is based on the difficult economic situation in Mexico which makes it hard for our partner congregation to visit here or host us in Tabasco. El Divino Verbo has many mission projects which they need to support in their community. Members of both churches maintain relationships via social media to this day. We give thanks to God for twelve years of a meaningful partnership, relationships formed, and meaningful work accomplished together in Jesus Christ.



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERING Easter Sunday, March 27

The annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is administered through the Presbyterian Mission Agency of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed. The offering is distributed through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self Development of People Program.

Wallace Presbyterian Church has a long history of generous and faithful support of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. In 1999, friends and neighbors in our community benefited directly from the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program in the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd. For more information about this special offering, visit [www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs](http://www.specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs).



sharing resources. changing lives.



It's that time of year again! Time for PEP sign up for next year! If you have a child who will be 3 or 4 by August 31, then you will want to pick up an application from the bulletin board next to the entrance under the canopy. We will allow new families from the community to begin signing up on March 7 so be sure to get your application in quickly.

We also have 2 fundraisers coming up! Beginning on Monday, March 7 we will be selling coffee and tea through the giving bean. Your purchase of this freshly roasted coffee or tea will help us purchase supplies and items needed for next year. You can order from one of our student's families or go to the website [givingbean.com](http://givingbean.com), click on the "find a fundraiser" button in the upper right hand corner, and look for PEP for preschoolers under faith groups. If you put your order on auto-ship, the preschool will get residual funds throughout the year. So please help us out by buying your morning cup of Joe from us!

We will also be selling plants from Johnson Nursery on Saturday morning, April 2 from 8 to 11 am. The weather will begin warming by then so you will definitely want to pick up a few plants to brighten your yard and help support the preschool through your purchase! Thank you for supporting us! We really appreciate it!

*Dee Thompson*  
P.E.P. Director



**Maundy Thursday, March 24, 6:30 pm:** Service with Communion at the Wallace United Methodist Church, Worsley Chapel

**Good Friday, March 25, 7:30 pm:** *"The Shadow of the Cross"* by Lloyd Larson, with communion, Wallace Presbyterian Church

**Easter Sunday, March 27, 7:00 am:** Early Easter Service, First Baptist Church. Breakfast following service

**Easter Sunday Worship, March 27, 11:00 am:**  
Easter Worship Celebration, Wallace Presbyterian Church  
Easter Worship, First Baptist Church  
Easter Worship, Wallace United Methodist Church



**Friday, March 25, 2016**  
**7:30 p.m.**

**Choir Cantata**  
**"The Shadow of the Cross"**  
**A Contemporary Tenebrae Service**  
*arranged and composed by*  
**Lloyd Larson**

**The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**



**New Sunday School Class**  
The Working Class is a new Sunday School class made up of working adults, ages 20's through 50's, that meets in the Prayer Room just off the Fellowship Hall. So far, most classes have had eight to ten participants, and we have been watching a great DVD series called "Convergence" hosted by Donald Miller, author of "Blue Like Jazz." Discussions have been great, and the class has a very relaxed atmosphere. Come give us a try! For more information, contact Curt Simpson at [\(910\) 290-2194](tel:(910)290-2194) or [curt.simpson@gmail.com](mailto:curt.simpson@gmail.com)

# March 2016

## WPC Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 12:15 PM Luncheon & Mission Program ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	29	1 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship ■ 7:00 PM Presbyterian Men, Oak Plain PC	2 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	3 ■ 12:00 PM Lenten Worship & Luncheon—WUMC	4 ■ 10:00 AM World Day Of Prayer, Rockfish PC	5 ■ 9:30 AM Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Shallotte PC
6 <b>4th Sunday of Lent</b> ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	7 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #1: Office Building	8 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship ■ 10:30 AM Circle #3: Gerri Hanson ■ 7:00 PM Circle #4: Dottie Obenour	9 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 5:15 PM LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10 ■ 12:00 PM Lenten Worship & Luncheon—WUMC	11	12
13 <b>5th Sunday of Lent</b> ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	14	15 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	16 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 5:15 PM Last Night of LOGOS! ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	17 ■ 12:00 PM Lenten Worship & Luncheon—WUMC	18	19
20 <b>Passion/Palm Sunday Week Begins</b> ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	21 ■ 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together	22 ■ 6:30 AM Coffee in Room 304 ■ 7:00 AM SonRise Worship	23 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Bldg. ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	24 <b>Good Friday</b> ■ 7:30 PM Good Friday Service with Communion	25	26
27 <b>Happy Easter</b> ■ 7:00 AM Early Easter Service with Breakfast ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/One Great Hour of Sharing Offering	28	29 ■ 7:00 AM No SonRise Worship	30 ■ 10:00 AM No Bible Study ■ 6:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	31	1	2

February 2016

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