

Come Join us at
Rockfish Presbyterian Church

“Meet and Eat at Noon”
Wednesday, March 4, 2020

12:00 Noon

Speaker
John Johnson

Bring a sandwich
Drink & Dessert will be provided



Birthdays In March



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| 1- Pat Alexander | 19- Netti Batchelor |
| 4- Dana Myrick | 21- Emily Saunders |
| 5- Battle Holley | Susan Carone |
| Natalie Gladden | Amanda Shea |
| 6- Earleene Southerland | 24- Adlyn Jo Casteen |
| George Hatch | 25- Dotsie Caproni |
| 8- Cecelia Blair | Bron Thompson |
| 12- Hattie B. Farrior | 26- Whit Newkirk |
| John Ludlum | 27- Miller Ludlum |
| 16- Mary Kate White | 28- Susie Bullard |



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

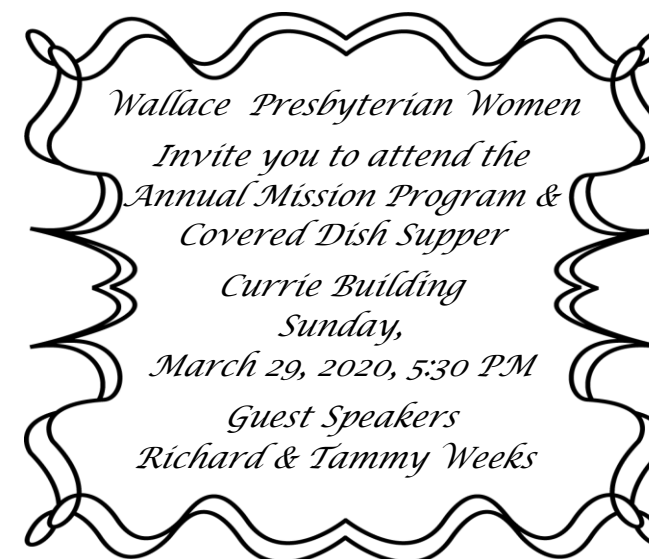
MARCH 2020

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Wallace Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team is pleased that Richard and Tammy Weeks have agreed to be our guest speakers for the annual mission program and covered dish meal on Sunday, March 29 at 5:30 PM. Everyone is encouraged to attend and bring a covered dish.

Richard and Tammy Weeks are directors at the Charity Rebuild Center and will be talking about how the center works and helps with Disaster Recovery. Please plan to bring a covered dish and join us for an informative program immediately following the meal. This event is sponsored annually by the Wallace Presbyterian Women.





Dear Friends,

In no particular order, here are some things I inherited from my mother: my eyes; a love of books and reading; a deep connection to New Orleans; my cautious nature; and, last but not least, my susceptibility to osteoarthritis. Several years ago, while my mother could still walk, but not long before she was confined to a wheelchair, she gave me some unsolicited advice outside a restaurant in Atlanta. She said, "Don't wait too long to have your joints replaced. Go ahead and do it so you don't end up like me." My knee replacement surgery in October 2015 was the result of an injury when I was a teenager and followed two previous knee surgeries.

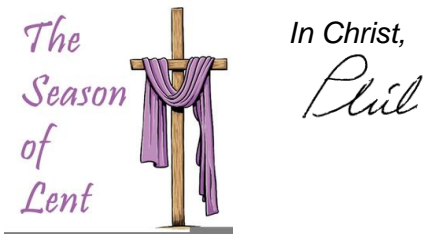
However, following in my mom's footsteps, I developed severe osteoarthritis in my right shoulder and thumbs. On Tuesday, March 10, I will have right shoulder replacement surgery at the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Orthopedic Hospital on Wrightsville Avenue in Wilmington. Dr. John O'Malley of EmergeOrtho, the surgeon who performed my knee replacement, will operate on me. Dr. O'Malley and his P.A. both tell me my recovery time will include six weeks in a sling, physical therapy, and three months until full recovery.

The session and I have worked out a preaching schedule for March 15 and March 22. After that, we will have to play it by ear. I hope to preach on March 29. I especially hope to be back in the pulpit on Palm Sunday, April 5, and Easter Sunday, April 12. Rev. Cynthia Williams will be our preacher on Sunday, March 15.

Elder Jay Bender, a Ruling Elder in the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church and the mayor of Pollocksville, will preach on Sunday, March 22.

On another, more important note, as I write this article on Ash Wednesday, February 26, the Season of Lent has begun. As you may know, the Season of Lent is the six-week period, forty day (not counting Sundays) period before our Easter celebration. In the words of our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Agency, "The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is the power of the resurrection on the horizon ahead that draws us into repentance toward the cross and tomb. Through the intervention of God's gracious resurrection, lifelong changes in our values and behavior become possible. By turning from the end of the 'old self' in us, Lenten repentance makes it possible for us to affirm joyfully, 'Death is no more!' and to aim toward the landscape of the new age. As his followers, we travel Christ's path of servanthood through the Lord's Supper and the suffering of the cross toward the glory of Easter, all of which underscores the inseparable link between the death and resurrection of Jesus."

During this Lenten Season, may we honestly and prayerfully wrestle with what it means to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, as individual believers and as a community of faith. In light of the cross of Jesus Christ and the promise of the resurrection, may we seek to be faithful followers, bringing glory to God through Jesus Christ in everything we say and, especially, in everything we do.



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

- At the Tuesday, February 18, 2020 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:
- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Lindsay Skidmore;
 - * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
 - * studied God's Word in John 13:34-35 and Matthew 28:16-20 and discussed the introduction to our 2020 study book, Shift: Three Big Moves for the 21st Century Church;
 - * elected Elder Christy Johnson as Assistant Clerk of Session for 2020;
 - * approved the 2019 statistical report;
 - * removed Rich, Keri, Joseph, and Colby Phaneuf from the membership roll at their request;
 - * approved a request from the Alternative Sunday School Class to use Life Attitudes: A Five-Session Course on the Beatitudes for Lent, beginning on March 8;
 - * granted permission for Rev. Philip Gladden and Elder Dave Wells to administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the chapel on Bald Head Island during the wedding service of Jennie Lee Wells and Gus Aretakis;
 - * approved a recommendation that the moderator of the session appoint an ad hoc committee to review the church rolls and make recommendations to the session;
 - * made plans to visit the bridge Presbyterian Church in Leland, NC on Sunday, March 8, 2020 to worship and visit with the session;
 - * prayed for members of the congregation and the community;
 - * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Lindsay Skidmore.



WORSHIP LEADERS IN MARCH

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
March 1	Jason Rouse	Philip Gladden
March 8	Linda Burroughs	Philip Gladden
March 15	Geneva Maready	Cynthia Williams
March 22	Darleen Weller	Jay Bender
March 29	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden



Congratulations and thanks to Elder Christy Johnson who was elected Assistant Clerk of Session for 2020.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, MARCH 22



This ministry is an offshoot of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and supplies weekend food for students in Duplin County Public Schools. Thank you for your generous support. Report from 7/31/19 - 12/31/19: 5 schools served; 3,419 food packs distributed (210 bags of food per week); \$24,239 received from individuals and nineteen churches, businesses, and other groups.



The Season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and continues through Holy Saturday, April 11. This six week period before Easter provides us with the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' life and teachings as we make our way toward Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Here is a reading by William Arthur Ward for you to use during this Lenten Season. It is called "Keeping a Holy Lent."

Fast from judging others; feast on Christ's dwelling in them.
Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of life.
Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.
Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.
Fast from worry; feast on divine order.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.
Fast from unrelenting pressure; feast on unceasing prayer.
Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.
Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.
Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.
Fast from discouragement; feast on hope.
Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.
Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.
Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.
Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that strengthens.



March



03/01: Noel, Cameron & Reese Blue
03/08: Tracy & Piper Moore
03/15: Mary Stewart Blackwell & Pam Teachey
03/22: Lydia Woodard & Andrea Casteen
03/29: Mary Laine & Jason Rouse

04/05: Nell Sloan & Madelyn Coombs
04/12: Leah & Camryn Fussell
04/19: Casey & Clayton Hall
04/26: Danielle & Elizabeth Sills

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

03/01: Madelyn & Robert Coombs
03/08: Elizabeth & James Sills
03/15: JJ Rouse & Hayes Skidmore
03/22: Henry & Piper Moore
03/29: Mason & Nate Diers

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

* **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, March 1.
* **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church in Rose Hill. All men are invited for supper and Bible study.
* **Dr. Phil** will have shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday, March 10.
* **There will be no Wednesday morning Bible study on March 11 and March 18.**
* **We will receive** our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, March 22. See the article elsewhere in this newsletter for a financial report from the second half of 2019.
* **Guest preachers** in March while Dr. Phil is recovering from shoulder surgery: March 15 — Rev. Cynthia Williams; March 22 — Elder Jay Bender.

Charley Farrior, Leader
Curt Simpson Bill Carone
Rick Batchelor Jonathan Fussell



GREETERS

03/01: Bill & Susan Carone
03/08: Art & Cheryl Raymond
03/15: Ann Carter & Bobby Ives
03/22: Joe Tillman & Georgia Longest
03/29: Emily Saunders & Effie Mobley

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

March 1-15: Jason Rouse
March 16-31: Dave Wells



Guest Preachers in March
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March 22: Elder Jay Bender

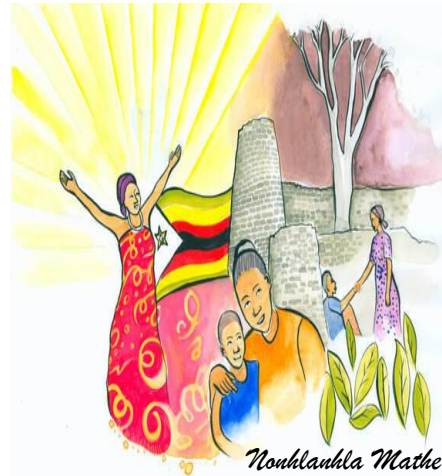
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020



Friday, March 6, 2020

Wallace Presbyterian Church

Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk



World Day of Prayer will be held at Wallace Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 6, at 10:00 am. Wallace United Methodist Women will lead the program. This year the women of the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe call us to worship with the words: "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk."

The World Day of Prayer 2020 program is based on Jesus' encounter with a person who, although positioned for healing, had not acted upon the opportunities given. Jesus asked –"Do you want to be made well?" You are faced with this life-changing question. What are you going to do? "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk," said Jesus. Our sisters from Zimbabwe are taking Jesus' encounter to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. "The action verbs suggest that we should not be afraid to act on the word of God. God is offering us the steps for personal and social transformation."

We are empowered to take up our mats. No more waiting powerlessly on the mat. As expressed in the World Day of Prayer 2020 painting by Nonhlanhla Mathe, let us give a healing hand to the needy, let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead, and let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come. This is the time for change! Everyone is invited to attend this annual prayer service.



Fifth Sunday Building Offering
March 29, 2020

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, March 29. This offering is used to maintain our church physical plant so we can provide mission and ministry programs for our congregation and community.



SOUND RETREAT Trinity Center

Our 10th Annual Sound Retreat was held at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, NC on January 31 - February 2, 2020 and was another great success.

There was a total of 24 in attendance, including 5 youths. Many thanks to George Anderson our Worship Leader and Rachel Doll our Leader for the Youth. Everyone had a wonderful experience during our spiritual studies as **"All in the Family", Problem Children and Sibling Rivalries in the book of Genesis**" as during our fellowship activities. We all got to know each other better as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Louis DiDomenico
Retreat Chairmen



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

Bruce Lyon (Rosemary)
Verlie Wells (Rosemary)



**PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA
MEETING
SATURDAY, MARCH 7
at the
JONES COUNTY CIVIC CENTER
IN TRENTON, NC**



The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will hold its 118th stated meeting on Saturday, March 7 at the Jones County Civic Center in Trenton, NC. The meeting will be hosted by the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church, with support from these neighboring Presbyterian congregations: Cape Carteret, First Jacksonville, Wildwood, Croatan, Grace, and Trinity (Havelock).

The meeting will include the proclamation of the Gospel by Rev. Lyman Smith, USN retired chaplain, celebration of the Lord's Supper, and installation of the 2020 General Assembly Commissioners. Ruling Elder Fred Burroughs and Rev. Philip Gladden will attend from our congregation.



**P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
Sunday, March 1**



We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, March 1. 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.



**Spring Schedule:
March, April & May**

During January and February, WPC kids learned the ingredients of a godly life while enjoying some delicious snacks and crafts to remind them of these important godly characteristics. Our spring Bible lessons will be based on kids' favorite fruits. God created a world full of yummy fruits that are sweet to eat and also give us vitamins and minerals our bodies need to stay healthy. These fruits will also show us some of the other great blessings God has given us in this world, as well as ways He wants us to live.

Memory Verse: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing."

March 1: Bananas- The Most Useful Fruit

March 8: Apples- Bye, Bye Doctor

March 15: Cranberries- Through the Flood

March 22: Coconuts- What's Inside

March 29: Grapes- Sticking Together

April 5: Pineapple- Reaching Up

April 12: Lemons- From Sour to Sweet

April 19: Kiwi- An Unusual Source of Nutrition

April 26: Cherries- Blessings on Top

May 3: Strawberries- Seeds on the Outside

May 10: Oranges- Just What We Need

May 17: Watermelon- A Cool Treat



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to:

Lou Brinkley and her family on the death of her niece, Beth Brinkley Edwards, on February 4.

Steve and Gayle Godwin and family on the death of Steve's brother, Rev. Claude Godwin, on February 4.

March 2020

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THE SEASON OF
LENT

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday in Lent 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering 3:00 PM New Members Class, Room 304	2 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304 6:00 PM Disaster Recovery Group Of Duplin County Meeting, Fellowship Hall	3 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM Presbyterian Men: Oak Plain PC 7:00 PM Circle #4: Church Office Building-Georgia Longest, Hostess	4 10:00 AM Bible Study: Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	5	6 10:00 AM World Day of Prayer: WPC	7 9:30 AM Meeting of Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Jones County Civic Center, Trenton, NC
8 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	9	10	11 10:00 AM No Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	12	13	14
15 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Rev. Cynthia Williams, Preacher	16 1:00 PM Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County Meeting, Fellowship Hall 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together	17	18 10:00 AM No Bible Study 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	19	20	21
22 4th Sunday in Lent 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Elder Jay Bender (Pollocksville PC) Preacher/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering	23	24	25 10:00 AM Bible Study: Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 5th Sunday in Lent 9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/5th Sunday Building Offering 5:30 PM Covered Dish Supper & Mission Program	30	31	1 10:00 AM Bible Study: Room 304 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2	3	4