



**CREATION CAMP  
2021**  
June 6 - 10  
Camp Kirkwood  
“Lord, teach us to pray.”  
**THE LORD’S PRAYER**



Friends of Kirkwood and local congregations of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will sponsor Creation Camp 2021 during the week of June 6 - 10 at Camp Kirkwood. This year’s theme is “Lord, teach us to pray.” We will learn more about the Lord’s Prayer.

Campers are ages completed kindergarten - completed sixth grade. Junior staff are ages completed sixth grade - completed high school. Adult volunteers are welcome! All COVID-19 protocols will be observed to ensure the safety of campers and staff.

Lindsay Skidmore is our church’s registrar. Registration begins on Sunday, March 21, so be on the lookout for information from Lindsay. This is going to be a great week of fun and fellowship at Camp Kirkwood.



## Birthdays In March



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



# NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

MARCH 2021

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



## A LUKAN LENT

The sermons during Lent will be based on passages from the Gospel of Luke. The passages listed below are provided so you can read and pray about them as part of your preparation for worship during the Lenten season. Please keep our congregation and minister in your prayers as we read, hear, proclaim, and live out the good news of Jesus Christ.

### DATE

March 7  
March 14

### GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:11-32  
Luke 18:31-34

### THEME

The Parable of the Loving Father  
Jesus foretells his death and resurrection  
Jesus and Zacchaeus  
Triumphal entry into Jerusalem  
The Resurrection of Jesus

March 21  
March 28  
April 4

Luke 19:1-10  
Luke 19:28-40  
Luke 24:1-12





Dear Friends,

*The March 2020 newsletter contained an announcement about our guest preachers for March 15 and March 22. Rev. Cynthia Williams was scheduled to be in the pulpit on the fifteenth and Ruling Elder Jay Bender from Pollocksville was scheduled to preach on March 22. They were going to fill in for me following my shoulder replacement surgery on Tuesday, March 10. However, on Friday and Saturday, March 13 & 14, the elders and I had to confer and make a decision about suspending in person worship for March 15 as the coronavirus pandemic was starting to make its presence known.*

*That Sunday afternoon we had a called session meeting in the Fellowship Hall at which we talked about worship and other activities at the church in light of the pandemic. We decided not to have in person worship throughout March 2020. Later that month we had another session meeting and decided to extend that moratorium through April, which included Easter. At the time, I thought we might have to follow that plan through the end of May, perhaps into June a bit. My hunch is that's what the elders thought, also.*

*Here we are, one year later. While we resumed in person worship on September 6, 2020, obviously things are not "back to normal" (whatever that means). The roll-out of the vaccines holds promise that later this year life might be more recognizable, but who knows?*

*In the meantime, we struggle through this pandemic that affects every single one of us. I and my minister colleagues share the same questions and concerns that many of you have about what church will be like "after the pandemic" (whatever that means). Again, who knows? However, what we do know is this — God calls us to be the church in all times and in all seasons. The season of Lent is a good reminder of how dependent we are on God's grace and mercy and power, all of which enable us to keep on keeping on being the church of Jesus Christ.*

## ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, February 16, 2021 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- \* were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Fred Burroughs;
- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* received into membership: Devan and Bailey Riley (transfer from Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown, NC); Charlie and Barbara Swetits (transfer from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flemington, NJ); Wayne Weller (by reaffirmation of faith); and Steve and Gayle Godwin (by reaffirmation of faith);
- \* studied God's Word in Luke 24:36-49 and discussed an article "Communion in a Time of Lament";
- \* approved the minutes of the January 19, 2021 stated session meeting;
- \* at his request, transferred the membership of Ayden Fussell to the Rose Hill United Methodist Church, Rose Hill, NC;
- \* approved a request from the Alternative Sunday School Class to use the curriculum "Testimony: Vocabulary of Faith" for Spring 2021;
- \* approved the 2020 annual statistical report;
- \* approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team to pre-record the Good Friday worship service for April 2 and to conduct a congregational survey to determine estimated attendance at Easter Sunday worship (to help with planning);
- \* prayed for members of the congregation and the community;
- \* were led in a closing prayer by Elder Fred Burroughs.

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information



- \* **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, March 7. This money supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina which provides feeding programs for children in Malawi and Haiti and grants to congregational hunger ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.
- \* We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with Addison Glyn Riley during worship on Sunday, March 7.
- \* **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- \* **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, March 28.



Hospital & at home:

Cathy Wells (Pender Memorial Rehab)  
Judy Robinson (home)  
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Verlie Wells (The Gardens)  
Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
SUNDAY, MARCH 28**



As public school students return to class mid-March, this monthly offering becomes even more important to provide much needed food for students whose families are experiencing economic hardship. Thank you for your generous support.



**P.A.T.H. OFFERING  
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger  
Sunday, March 7**

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



As we look ahead to our Easter celebration and beyond, know that the members of the Worship & Music Ministry Team and the elders on the session are carefully, prayerfully, and faithfully considering the best way for our congregation to worship and serve God. Please keep our spiritual leaders in your prayers as they seek God's wisdom and direction in these challenging times.

A dear friend of mine emailed me a prayer recently called "A Blessing When You Need a Gentler Day." I'd like to share part of the prayer with you as we continue on our Lenten journey through this time of pandemic.

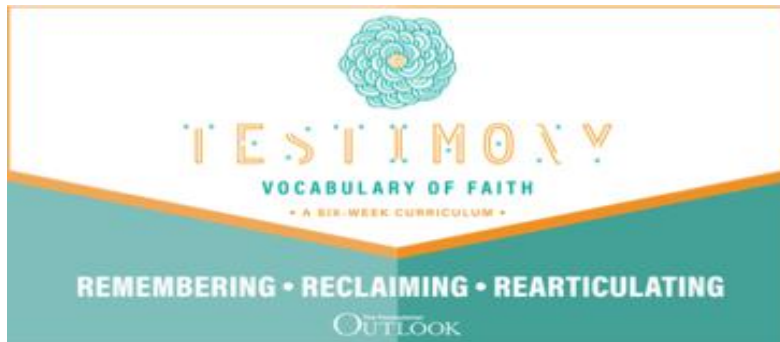
"Blessed are we, looking to You, for help to fix our minds on gentler things, on things that are both true and honorable, right and pure, lovely and admirable, excellent and worthy — yet God, we are weary from living in the fog that is this crisis on slow-release. We're not good at staying on track, even for the good we desire. So God, give us grace for one whole day of gentle turning, of turning away from worry toward restful action, of turning from the troubles of yesterday or tomorrow, toward only what is here, today."

Blessings, and be safe,

*Phil*

God's  
= GRACE =





**YOU ARE INVITED!**

## Spring Study Begins on Sunday, March 7

The members of the Alternative Sunday School Class invite you to join them in their Spring Study, "Testimony: Vocabulary of Faith" which begins on Sunday, March 7. The class meets via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. The Zoom link/invitation is emailed during the week before class.

This study is offered by The Presbyterian Outlook and is designed to help us remember, reclaim, and rearticulate what we believe about who God is and who we are so that our lives more fully reflect the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Using readings, Bible study, videos, and discussion we will cover the following topics: Who is God? Who are we? God in relationship; God who saves; God of action; God of belonging.

WON'T YOU JOIN US ON MARCH 7?



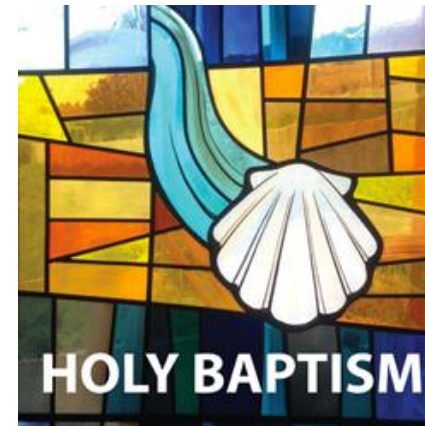
## Boy Scout Eagle Project

### JAMES SILLS' EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO BENEFIT OUR CONGREGATION



As his Eagle Scout project, James Sills will install an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) in the church building and train selected members of the congregation and church staff on how to use the device and in CPR. The training will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 7.

Thank you, James, for this life-saving contribution to our church!



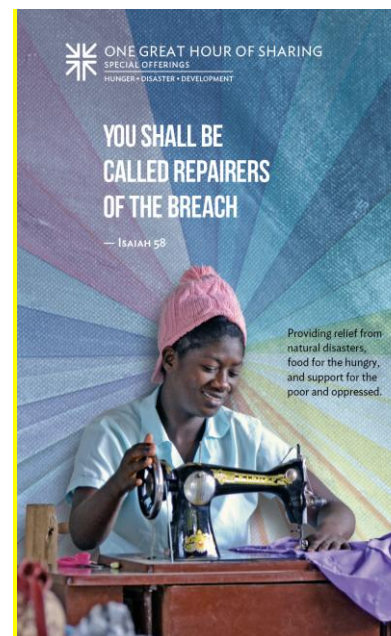
## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Sunday, March 7

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism with Addison Glyn Riley, daughter of Devan and Bailey Riley, on Sunday, March 7. Addison is the great-granddaughter of Tommy Johnson and the late Mary Glyn Johnson.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING Easter Sunday, April 4

We will receive our annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during worship on Easter Sunday, April 4.

This offering supports the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. Members of our congregation and our community as a whole have benefited directly from the PDA help following Hurricanes Floyd and Florence. A PDA grant enabled the Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County to hire a director. Thank you for your generous support of this important special offering of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).





### The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina 120th Stated Meeting Saturday, March 6, 2021

The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will hold its 120th stated meeting via Zoom on Saturday, March 6. Ruling Elder Darleen Weller and Teaching Elder Philip Gladden will attend from our congregation. Ruling and Teaching Elders from approximately 180 congregations across southeastern North Carolina will participate in the meeting. Please keep elders, ministers, and presbytery staff in your prayers.



The session has received the following new members into our church family:

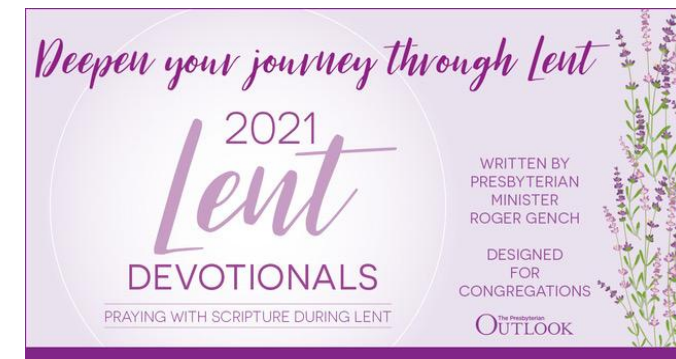
- \* **Devan and Bailey Riley** (transfer from Elizabethtown Presbyterian Church, Elizabethtown, NC);
- \* **Charles and Barbara Swetits** (transfer from St. Paul Lutheran Church, Flemington, NJ);
- \* **Wayne Weller** (reaffirmation of faith);
- \* **Steve and Gayle Godwin** (reaffirmation of faith).

These folks will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, March 7.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



| DATE                    | EVENT                                    | VENUE   |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Sunday, March 28</b> | Palm Sunday Worship<br>11:00 a.m.        | In Person & Live Stream                                       |
| <b>Friday, April 2</b>  | Good Friday                              | Communion Service - Recorded and available on YouTube         |
| <b>Sunday, April 4</b>  | Easter Sunday Early Service<br>7:00 a.m. | First Baptist Church, Wallace                                 |
|                         | Easter Sunday Worship<br>11:00 a.m.      | In Person & Live Stream<br>The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper |



### LENTEN DEVOTIONALS

Lenten devotionals will be emailed to you each week during March. The email will include an attachment with seven devotionals for the upcoming week. Throughout the season of Lent, you will be invited to pray with one passage from Scripture each day and prompted to reflect on what it discloses to you about movement toward God and movement away from God in your life. These devotions written by Roger Gench, Presbyterian pastor and author, will guide you in this daily practice of praying with Scripture.



# March 2021

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| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                       | Thursday | Friday | Saturday  |
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| 28<br>2nd Sunday in Lent<br>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes<br>11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)   | 1<br>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study                                 | 2  | 3<br>10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study  | 4        | 5      | 6<br>9:30 AM Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Virtual Meeting |
| 7<br>3rd Sunday in Lent<br>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes<br>11:00 AM The Sacrament of Baptism, Recognition of New Members-P.A.T.H. Offering<br>11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) | 8<br>10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304<br>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study | 9<br>10:30 AM Circle #3: Room 304<br>7:00 PM Circle #4: Via Zoom | 10<br>10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study | 11       | 12     | 13  |
| 14<br>4th Sunday in Lent<br>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes<br>11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)   | 15<br>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study                                | 16<br>7:00 PM Session Meeting, Zoom                              | 17<br>10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study | 18       | 19     | 20  |
| 21<br>5th Sunday in Lent<br>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes<br>11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream)   | 22<br>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study                                | 23   | 24<br>10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study | 25       | 26     | 27  |
| 28<br>Palm Sunday<br>10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School Classes<br>11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children / Backpack Ministry   | 29<br>7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study                                | 30   | 31<br>10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study | 1        | 2      | 3   |