



Sunday, March 19, 2023
Immediately following morning worship

The session has called a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, March 19, 2023 immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to act on the minister's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship between him and the Wallace Presbyterian Church, effective May 31, 2023, as he retires, effective June 1, 2023.



Birthdays In March

🎵 **Happy Birthday to You!** 🎵



4- Dana Myrick
5- Battle Holley
Natalie Gladden
6- Earleene Southerland
12- Hattie B. Farrior
John Ludlum
16- Mary Kate White
21- Emily Saunders

21- Susan Carone
Amanda Shea
24- Adlyn Jo Casteen
25- Dotsie Caproni
26- Whit Newkirk
27- Miller Ludlum
28- Susie Bullard



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

MARCH 2023

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS ARE COMING TO VISIT!

Saturday, March 4

Our church will host the 127th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina on Saturday, March 4. Ruling Elders and Ministers from approximately 180 churches in Southeastern North Carolina will gather in person and via Zoom for worship, fellowship, and business. A dedicated team of church members has been hard at work preparing to host our fellow Presbyterians.



PRESBYTERY OF COASTAL CAROLINA



Dear Friends,

At the Tuesday, February 21 stated session meeting, Ruling Elder Jay Bender of the Pollocksville Presbyterian Church was our special guest. Jay is the chairperson of the East Community Commission on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. Part of the mission of the COM is to serve as pastor and counselor to ministers of the Word and Sacrament, sessions, and congregations, especially during times of transition in pastoral leadership.

Jay introduced the elders to the policies, procedures, and protocols that are in place to help sessions and congregations move forward when the minister leaves. Since I am retiring after twenty-five years as pastor at WPC, the hope and expectation is that the session will find a suitable interim pastor to guide the session and congregation in the coming months as you continue your mission, worship, and ministry, and through the search process for your next pastor.

The search for an interim pastor will be conducted by the session. Elders Curt Simpson, Sandy Cobb, and Joyce Ange were elected to serve as the Interim Pastor Search Committee. An interim pastor is hired by the session with a limited contract, not called by the congregation as is the case with an installed pastor. Also, the interim pastor cannot be considered for the position of installed pastor.

Alan Parent, a Ruling Elder at the Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church, has been appointed by the COM as the liaison with the WPC session and congregation. Alan recently served as the chairperson of his session's Interim Pastor Search Committee when their pastor retired at the end of January 2022. Alan is enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and ready to work with our session in the months to come.

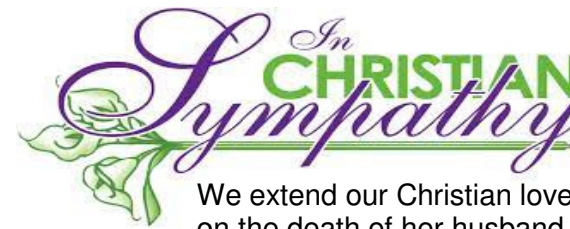
Per the presbytery's protocols, I will not have a role in the search for an Interim Pastor. This makes sense when you think about it. That decision is the session's as our elders determine the needs of the congregation in the interim period. Eventually the congregation will elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. The members of this committee will search for the minister God is calling to be pastor of WPC and, when the time comes, the congregation will have the joy of calling a new pastor who will join you in your ongoing faithful and exciting ministry.

Many people have asked me, "What are you going to do in retirement?" to which I respond, "Well, I have lots of things I'm interested

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, February 21, 2023 stated session meeting, the elders and minister

- *conducted the meeting a a worship service;
 - * read God's Word in Matthew 4:1-11 and reflected on the meaning of Lent;
 - * met with Ruling Elder Jay Bender, chairperson of the Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, who explained the process to follow during the transition before, during, and after the minister's retirement May 31, 2023;
 - * elected Sandy Cobb, Joyce Ange, and Curt Simpson to serve as the Interim Pastor Search Committee;
 - * approved a request from the minister for vacation time April 11-14;
 - * approved a request from Sandra Phillips and Ron Meadows to use the sanctuary for their marriage ceremony, on a date to be determined with the minister;
 - * welcomed/approved the offer from the Presbyterian Women to purchase and install directional signs in the Fellowship Hall;
 - * approved minutes of the January 17, 2023 stated session meeting and the February 2, 2023 called session meeting;
 - * approved the 2022 Church Statistical Report;
 - * approved a recommendation from the Personnel Ministry Team that the minister be allowed to take his iMac desktop computer with him when he retires;
 - * approved a recommendation from the Worship & Music Ministry Team to reintroduce the third hymn in the weekly worship service and to place the Choral Anthem between the two scripture readings;
 - * approved a recommendation from the Outreach Ministry Team to host a Rise Against Hunger project, spearheaded by Courtenay Thompson, date to be announced;
 - * elect Elder Joyce Ange as elder commissioner to the March 4, 2023 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina;
 - * called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 19, 2023 for the purpose of acting on the minister's request to dissolve the pastoral relationship effective May 31, 2023;
 - * prayed for church members and neighbors;
- were led in a closing prayer by Elder Hayes Ludlum.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Dotsie Caproni and her family on the death of her husband, C.J., on Friday, February 24 and to Betty Davenport and her family on the death of her husband, Rev. Charles Davenport, who was pastor at Wallace Presbyterian Church 1992-1996.



QUARTERLY P.A.T.H. OFFERING Presbyterian Answer to Hunger Sunday, March 5



We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, March 5. 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.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, MARCH 26



We will receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, March 26. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. You may contribute to the offering in worship, by mailing a check to the church at P.O. Box 717, Wallace, NC 28466, by dropping your contribution through the mail slot of the front door of the church office building, or by giving online at www.wallacepresbyterian.com.



SOUPE BOWL OF CARING OFFERING = \$787
All money will support our Helping Hands Food Pantry.
Thank you!

in doing, but I haven't made a definite plan yet. And, who knows, God may have some things in mind for me that I haven't thought about!" I think that might be a good description of the interim time for our congregation as our elders and the congregation faithfully discern where God is calling WPC to go on your journey of faith.

I hope this information is helpful. I know the session will keep the congregation well-informed all along the way.

In Christ,

Phil

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give



March 12, 2023 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

When local standard time is about to reach 2:00 am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to 3:00 am local daylight time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on March 12, 2023 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.



Lenten Sermon Series “A Gospel Itinerary for Lent”

March 5: Lent 2	Luke 9:28-36	The Mountain
March 12: Lent 3	John 4:1-42	The Well
March 19: Lent 4	John 9:1-41	The Pool
March 26: Lent 5	John 11:1-45	The Tomb

The sermon texts are provided so you can read them and pray about them as you prepare for worship during the Lenten season. Please keep our congregation and minister in your prayers as we read and hear God’s Word during the month of March.



Weekly Bible Study

Monday night, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday morning, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Room 304
and via Zoom

You are invited to join our weekly Bible Study as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday. Check your email on Monday to find the Zoom links for the week.

03/05: Ken & Kelly Floyd
03/12: Reese & Noel Blue
03/19: Courtenay Thompson & Joyce Ange
03/26: Emily & Hayes Ludlum

Sam Rose Jason Rouse
Dave Wells

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

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

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

03/05: Tonya Patram
03/12: Debbie Price
03/19: Katy Price
03/26: Kelly Floyd

CHURCH NEWS . . .For Your Information

- * **World Day of Prayer**, Friday, March 3, 10:00 a.m. at the Wallace United Methodist Church. Program will be provided by the Presbyterian Women.
- * **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will meet at our church on Saturday, March 4.
- * **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, March 5.
- * **Confirmation 2023** will meet on Sunday, March 12 and Sunday, March 26 from 12 noon - 3:00 p.m.
- * **The Wallace United Methodist Church** will host Community Lenten Services and Luncheons beginning Thursday, March 16 at 12 noon.
- * **The session** has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, March 19 immediately following worship.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 304. 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 26.

HOMEBOUND
MEMBERS

Hospital & at home:

Judy Robinson (home)
Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)



Community Lenten Services and Luncheons
Wallace United Methodist Church
303 S. College Street, Wallace

The Wallace United Methodist Church will once again host the Community Lenten Services and Luncheons beginning on Thursday, March 16 at 12 noon. Dr. Philip. Gladden will be the speaker on March 16.



MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
March 5	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden
March 12	Greg Maready	Philip Gladden
March 19	To Be Announced	Philip Gladden
March 26	Blake Wallace	Philip Gladden



Confirmation 2023 continues on Sunday, March 12 and Sunday, March 26. Ten 6th-8th graders are exploring their faith and preparing for Confirmation Day on Sunday, May 7. Please keep these young people and their Elder Mentors/Covenant Partners in your prayers.

Confirmands	Elders
Fisher Blanton	Wayne Casteen
Robert Coombs	Kelli Norris
Windsor Farrior	Danielle Sills
Hannah Floyd	Karla Casteen
Miller Ludlum	Patsy Ludlum
JJ Rouse	Georgia Longest
Hayes Skidmore	Hayes Ludlum
Burroughs Strickland	Fred Burroughs
Parker Thompson	Joyce Ange
Trace Thompson	Harriet Farrior



March 2023

🏠 Holidays in United States
📅 WPC Calendar
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person & live-stream) Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Ministry Offering 12:00 PM Confirmation Class	27 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	28	1 First Day of Women's History Month 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	2 12:30 PM Meeting of the Commission On Ministry, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, Room 304	3 10:00 AM World Day of Prayer, Wallace United Methodist Church	4 8:00 AM Hosting meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina
5 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) P.A.T.H. Offering	6 10:30 AM Circle #1: Room 304 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	7 10:30 AM Circle #3: Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Circle #4: Room 304	8 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 Daylight Saving Time starts 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) 12:00 PM Confirmation Class 2023	13 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	14	15 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	16 12:00 PM Lenten Worship & Luncheon, WUMC	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19 9:30 AM Alternative Sunday School Class, Room 304 & Zoom 10:00 AM Sunday School Classes 11:00 AM Worship (in-person and live-stream) Congregational Meeting	20 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	21 7:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	22 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom and In-Person (Room 304) 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Choir Practice	23 12:00 PM Lenten Worship & Luncheon, WUMC	24	25
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