

STAY CONNECTED!

# VIRTUAL FELLOWSHIP

Do you miss seeing your friends and fellow church members?

Join us for Virtual Fellowship  
via Zoom Teleconference Call.

Sunday, May 3, 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 17, 2:00 p.m.

If you have a computer, tablet, or smartphone,  
you can enjoy seeing your neighbors and catching up with folks.

A Zoom invitation and log-on information will be emailed  
to the congregation during the week before  
our Virtual Fellowship event.

Hope to see you online!



## Birthdays in May

Happy Birthday to You!



- 4- Frankie Coleman
- 5- Sherri Ellington
- 7- Andrew Miller
- 8- Linda Wells
- Anna Grace Carr
- 10- Louis DiDomenico
- 13- Alan Wells
- Clayton Hall
- Mott Blair
- Susan Walters
- 16- Lindsay Skidmore

- 17- Blake Saunders
- 20- Jennie Lee Wells
- 22- Hollis Skidmore
- 23- Elliana Grace Johnson
- 24- Blake Wallace
- 25- James Cavenaugh
- 26- Pam Teachey
- 29- Myles Teachey
- Denny Lanier



# NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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MAY 2020

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



## May 2020 Church Schedule

In light of the extended Stay at Home Order and the continued need for social distancing and restrictions on public gatherings due to the coronavirus pandemic, the session has made the following decisions regarding worship, church programs, and use of the church facility during May.

**WORSHIP:** We will continue to livestream our worship services on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. You may watch the service in real time on our church website [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com) or at a later time by clicking on "Past Services – You Tube."

**CHURCH PROGRAMS:** All in-person church programs and meetings are canceled except for the operation of the Helping Hands Food Pantry.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** Church Secretary Cheryl Brinkley will be in the church office Monday – Thursday, 8:00 – 12 noon and 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12 noon. If you need Cheryl's help, please call (285-2808) or email her ([cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com)) before going to the church office.

**OTHER ONLINE ACTIVITIES:** Please see inside this newsletter for more information about how to participate in Sunday School classes, Bible studies, and fellowship gatherings via Zoom teleconference calls.



Dear Friends,

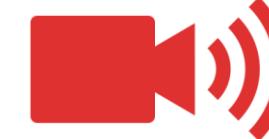
In Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, on a retreat, or at a youth fellowship meeting, have you ever sung, or taught someone to sing, the Avery & Marsh song "We Are the Church"? The refrain goes like this: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together! All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!" Although the song was published in 1972, the first verse could well be describing the church today in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic: "The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people." Since the beginning of March, my e-mail inbox and Facebook page have been flooded with messages, articles, links, and musings about what it means to be the church together when we are forced to be apart by a virus over which we have no control (other than separating ourselves). I've also received many church cartoons dealing with the effects of the coronavirus on church life. One of my favorites is by Dave Walker, a freelance cartoonist who lives near London. He draws church and cycling

cartoons. In this particular cartoon, a church that looks remarkably like the Wallace Presbyterian Church appears empty. The doors are closed and no one is on the church grounds. The church sign, however, sends a different message: "The building is closed. The church is open."

And so it is, wherever you are, and wherever Christians are scattered throughout the world. It has been an interesting experience leading worship since March 29 in the absence of our regular congregation. For the first couple of Sundays, I found myself feeling rather melancholy as I looked at the empty pews as Karla and Vera played their beautiful music. More recently, however, while I miss every one of you on Sunday morning and eagerly anticipate the day when we can all gather for worship as "the church together," I am grateful and heartened knowing that, despite our physical separation, we are united in our worship.

All of us wonder when or if things will ever get back to normal? The elders and I are working on a plan for "re-entry," whenever that takes place. Aside from the concerns about health and safety, continued social distancing, and other pragmatic issues, this seems like a perfect time for us to take a good look at how "we are the church together." As in any emergency or disaster, weaknesses and needs get revealed. We can evaluate what we've learned from our forced separation as a congregation and work to strengthen our common

## LIVESTREAM WORSHIP



Join us for livestream worship every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).

Visit the church website. 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.



### SUNDAY

- May 3
- May 10
- May 17
- May 24
- May 31

### SERMON TEXT

- John 10:1-18
- Acts 6:1-15; 7:54-8:1
- Acts 17:16-34
- Acts 1:1-26
- Acts 2:1-47

### THEME/TOPIC

- Jesus the Good Shepherd
- The story of Stephen
- Paul in Athens
- Waiting for Pentecost
- The Day of Pentecost



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Bill Buckley who died on Thursday, April 23, 2020.



Hospital & at home:  
Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)  
Judy Robinson (home)  
Bruce Lyon (The Gardens)

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

# CONGRATULATIONS 2020 GRADUATES!



# Class of 2020



## CONGRATULATIONS 2020 COLLEGE GRADUATES!



life. For example, many of you have told me how much you're looking forward to being with each other again at church. Our being apart has highlighted the importance of our Christian fellowship. How can we enhance that aspect of our church life? Also, in this time of stay at home orders, we have been rightly concerned about people feeling isolated and cut off. What about folks in the church and our community who live that way most of the time, even when there is not a mandated stay at home order? How can we best serve them? The Covid-19 pandemic has also highlighted the needs in many communities, including ours, especially among the most vulnerable among us. Thanks to the faithful and unselfish work of volunteers, our Helping Hands Food Pantry has continued to operate during March and April. What other needs in our community have come to light that we can address as a church community?

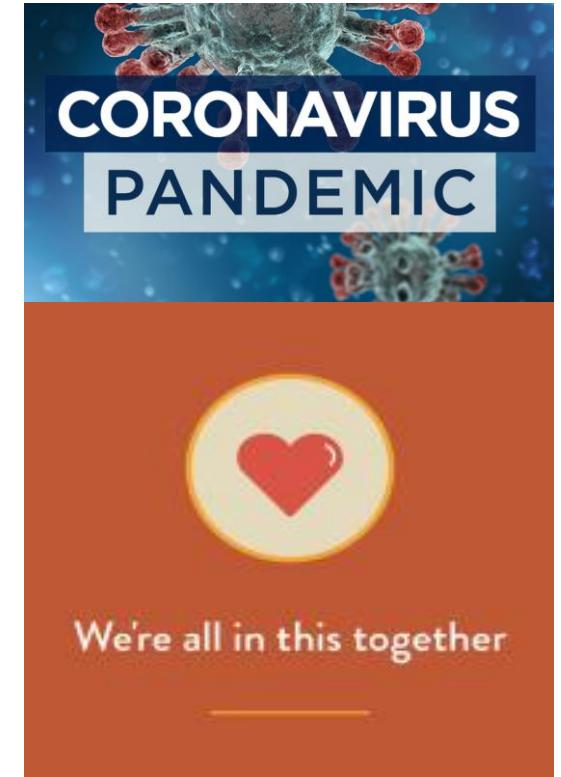
The medical experts on TV continue to advise us that re-entry from the stay at home orders will not be like flipping a light switch. That's a good illustration for the task before us as the Wallace Presbyterian Church. As we look ahead to the day when we can be together again physically, let us think prayerfully and carefully about how our church has been changed and can change as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. If we simply flip the light switch and go back to doing things as we've always done

them, we miss a wonderful opportunity to learn again for the first time what it means to "be the church together."

Be safe, and may God bless you and your families and loved ones.

In Christ,

Phil





## HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY CONTINUES TO OPERATE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

You've probably seen pictures and stories on the evening news of people waiting in long lines in their cars to receive food from food pantries. In these unprecedented times, such food aid is needed more than ever. Under the wonderful and committed leadership of Art and Cheryl Raymond, volunteers from our church continue to operate our Helping Hands Food Pantry in partnership with Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries.

If you would like to contribute financially to this ongoing mission project, you may send a check payable to WPC and marked "Food Pantry" to P.O. Box 717, Wallace NC 28466 or you may put a check in the mail slot in the front door of the church office building. You can also contribute online at our church website [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com).

If you would like to contribute food items, please contact Art and Cheryl Raymond to find out what items are needed and how best to contribute.

### FOOD DRIVE BY

The Food Pantry is sponsoring a 'Food Drive By' on Saturday, May 9. Please bring your donations to the back portico between 2 - 4 pm.

Needed foods are:

Tuna fish

Ravioli, 15 oz. size

Canned pinto, kidney and black beans, 15 oz. size

Diced tomatoes, 15 oz. size

Condensed chicken noodle and tomato soup

Please no out of date items.

If you would rather not shop, you might like to make a monetary donation. Checks should be payable to the Church with Food Pantry on the memo line.

Thank you so much for helping and please stay well.

Blessings,  
The Food Pantry Volunteers



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 [www.wallacepresbyterian.com](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com) using the safe and secure service of Tithe.ly. Click on the "Click Here to Give" box in the upper right-hand 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.

# zoom



## Zoom into Christian Education and Fellowship Opportunities

We are using Zoom teleconference technology to provide Christian Education and fellowship opportunities while we are unable to gather at WPC.

Dr. Phil uses Zoom for the 10:00 a.m. Wednesday morning Bible study.

Check your email on Monday or Tuesday of each week for the Zoom invitation and log-in information. He also uses Zoom to teach the Alternative Sunday School Class at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings. If you would like to receive a Zoom invitation for the Sunday School class, contact Dr. Phil at [drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com](mailto:drphil@wallacepresbyterian.com).

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 [lindsayskidmore@gmail.com](mailto:lindsayskidmore@gmail.com).

The session has also been meeting via Zoom.



## Prayer "Meeting" Every Thursday Night at 7:00 p.m.

The session invites you to join a prayer "meeting" every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. During this time of social distancing and the stay-at-home order, you are asked to pause at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday nights and offer prayers for all of us affected by the coronavirus pandemic. In particular, you might pray for doctors, nurses, first responders, national/state/local leaders, and others who put themselves in harm's way in order to serve their neighbors.

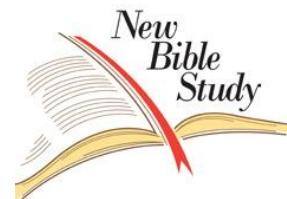


## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY BUILDING OFFERING

You have probably noticed much work being done on the church buildings since the beginning of 2020. Hurricane Florence damaged our buildings severely. Roofs have been replaced, plaster walls have been repaired and painted, and water damage and mold problems have been taken care of.

On Sunday, May 31, we will receive our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Building Offering. This offering supports the Building Maintenance Fund and helps us keep our physical plant in good condition so we can provide a safe and secure environment for worship, study, fellowship, and mission.

Thank you for your contributions.



## BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 4

Please join Dr. Phil for a Bible study on Monday nights from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconference call. We will read and discuss the scripture lesson that will be the sermon text for the following Sunday (see the preaching schedule elsewhere in this newsletter). Check your emails for the Zoom invitation and log-in information.



PRESBYTERIAN MEN WILL NOT MEET  
IN THE MONTH OF MAY.

# May 2020

- Home
- WPC Calendar
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- cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 ■ 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship	27	28	29 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	30 ■ 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	1	2
3 ■ 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship ■ 2:00 PM Zoom Virtual Fellowship	4 ■ 7:00 PM Bible Study, Zoom	5	6 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	7 ■ 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	8	9 ■ 2:00 PM Helping Hands Food Pantry Food Drive By
10 ■ 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship ■ 2:00 PM Zoom Virtual Fellowship	11 ■ 7:00 PM Bible Study, Zoom	12	13 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	14 ■ 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	15	16
17 ■ 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship ■ 2:00 PM Zoom Virtual Fellowship	18 ■ 7:00 PM Bible Study, Zoom	19 ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Zoom	20 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	21 ■ 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	22	23
24 ■ 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship	25 ■ 7:00 PM Bible Study, Zoom	26	27 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Zoom	28 ■ 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting at home	29	30
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