



Birthdays In May



- 4- Frankie Coleman
- 5- Sherri Ellington
- 10- Louis DiDomenico
- 13- Alan Wells Clayton Hall Susan Walters
- 16- Lindsay Skidmore

- 17- Blake Saunders
- 20- Jennie Lee Wells
- 22- Hollis Skidmore
- 23- Elliana Grace Johnson
- 24- Blake Wallace
- 29- Myles Teachey
- 30- Denny Lanier







WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

MAY 2023

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY May 7

On Sunday, May 7, the Session will confirm ten $6^{th}-8^{th}$ graders who have been members of Confirmation 2023. During worship, these young people will profess their faith in Jesus Christ by answering four questions. Their elder mentors/covenant partners will present them with their Confirmation stoles. Members of the Confirmation 2023 class will lead worship that day.

Confirmands Elder Mentors/Covenant Partners

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



Dear friends,

In April 1998, I wrote my very first Wallace Presbyterian Church newsletter article, which I concluded with these words, "On a more personal note, thank you for making our family feel right at home in Wallace. We appreciate all of the calls, visits, food, flowers, best wishes, and home improvements. Nancy, Jackson, Natalie and I are excited to be here. We look forward to getting to know all of you in the days and weeks to come. Thank you for calling me to be your pastor." One month later I finished my May article this way, "On a personal note, thank you again for all of your kindness, gifts, and hospitality you have shown our family since we arrived in Wallace a month ago. You have us feel right at home – and we are glad to be here with you!"

As I write my final Wallace Presbyterian Church newsletter article, it strikes me that nothing has changed over the last twenty-five years. Thank you for making our family feel right at home in Wallace. I appreciate all of the calls, visits, food, flowers, best wishes, kindness, gifts, and hospitality you have shown my family over the years, not to mention the love and support, as well as your patience and forgiveness. Twenty-five years later, I can still say, "Thank you for calling me to be your pastor."

In the Personal Information Form I wrote in April 1997 and which the members of the Pastor Search Committee read before they interviewed me in October 1997, I wrote about my work, "As I anticipate a call to be the pastor of another congregation, I look forward to preaching and teaching and being a pastor. It is exciting to think about being called to a church in which the members are willing and eager to engage in a shared ministry with the pastor. I am always willing to share the leadership in the congregation, because I am convinced that this is the model of ministry set forth in the scriptures, in which the minister, elders, deacons, and members of the congregation are all responsible to and serious about the ongoing ministry of the church. I believe that I bring a deep commitment to the church and can offer new ideas and experience to a congregation. However, I also greatly enjoy working with people who say to me, 'This is what we want to do, this is where we want to go as a church – help us get there!" That describes well our partnership in mission and ministry here at WPC since April 1998.

May God bless each of you in your personal faith journey. May God continue to guide the Wallace Presbyterian Church as God leads you in new directions. May you trust in God's faithful promises and claim the gifts of God's Holy Spirit to do the work to which God calls this wonderful church. And, always, remember to ask this question: "Where is God already at work in this situation?"

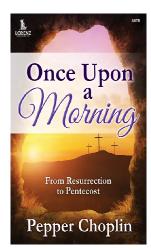
In Christ,





WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY

SUNDAY	ELDER	PREACHER		
May 7	YOUTH SUNDAY			
May 14	Sandy Cobb	Philip Gladden		
May 21	Danielle Sills	Chancel Choir Cantata		
May 28	Greg Maready	Philip Gladden		



The Wallace Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir presents Pepper Choplin's cantata, "Once Upon a Morning" during worship on Sunday, May 21

Notes from the composer himself: "I always wanted to write this cantata. Then a church in Pennsylvania commissioned me to write a spring cantata outside of the typical Easter work. For a year, I surveyed directors and singers about different potential subjects. This idea got them most excited. The wonderful stories after Easter don't receive much attention in church music. Yet, they contain so much drama and passion."





FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, May 28

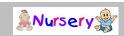


Final Offering of 2022-2023 School Year

We will receive our final Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2022-2023 school year during worship on Sunday, May 28. This ministry is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. Thank you for your continued and faithful support of this ministry.

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- *There will be no Monday Night Bible Study on May 1 & 15 and no Wednesday Morning Bible Study on May 3 & 17.
- *The East Commission on Ministry of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will meet on Thursday, May 4 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 304.
- *Worship on Sunday, May 7 (Confirmation Day) will be led by members of our 2023 Confirmation Class.
- *The session will meet on Tuesday, May 16 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.
- *Our Chancel Choir will present Pepper Choplin's Pentecost Cantata, "Once Upon a Morning," during worship on Sunday, May 21.
- *We will receive our final Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2022-2023 school year during worship on Sunday, May 28.
- *The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.
- *Wednesday, May 31 will be Dr. Phil's last day at the church.



May



05/07: Sara Matthews & Kelli Norris 05/14: Courtenay Thompson & Joyce Ange

05/21: Casey & Clayton Hall 05/28: Kristin & Bradley Cottle

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

05/07: Susan Walters 05/14: Sara Matthews 05/21: Kelli Norris

05/28: No Children's Church

Dan Robinson Freddy Hall John Ludlum

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

May 1-15: Jim Simpson May 16-31: Greg Maready



Shirley Carlton (Home)

Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)

Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)

KIRKWOOD CREATION CAMP: JUNE 4 – JUNE 8





Who: Current Kindergarten to Grade 5

Youth Helpers: Current Grade 6- Grade 12 and Adult Volunteers

See you at Camp Kirkwood Creation Camp!

Kirkwood Creation Camp is Coming Soon!

When: June 4—June 8
Sunday 3:00-7:00 PM
4:00 WPC Swim Test
Hot Dog Dinner
Mon—Wed 9:00 AM--3:15 PM
Thur 2:00 PM—7:00 PM
Closing Worship
Walking Taco Dinner





We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Judy Robinson who died on March 31, and also to the family of Dr. Dan Robinson on the death of his brother-in-law, Keith Mott, on April 2

May 2023

Holidays in United States

WWW WPC Calendar

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April 2023
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