

Mother's Day

History of Mother's Day

Around 1870, Julia Ward Howe called for Mother's Day to be celebrated each year to encourage pacifism and disarmament amongst women. It continued to be observed in Boston for about ten years under her sponsorship, but lost popularity afterward. In 1907, Anna Jarvis held a private Mother's Day celebration in memory of her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, in Grafton, West Virginia. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist during the Civil War and organized "Mother's Day Work Clubs" to improve health and cleanliness. Her daughter Anna Jarvis launched a quest for Mother's Day to be more widely recognized. Her campaign was later financially supported by John Wanamaker, a clothing merchant from Philadelphia. In 1908, Jarvis was instrumental in arranging a service in the Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which was attended by 407 children and their mothers. The church has now become the International Mother's Day Shrine. It is a tribute to all mothers and has been designated as a National Historic Landmark. US President Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation in 1914 designating Mother's Day as a national holiday to honor mothers, to be held on the second Sunday of May.



Birthdays in May

Happy Birthday to You!



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

- 17- Blake Saunders
- 22- Hollis Skidmore
- 23- Elliana Grace Johnson
- 24- Blake Wallace
- 26- Pam Teachey
- 28- Lois "Tut" Hall
- 30- Denny Lanier
Mason Diers



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Interim Pastor

MAY 2026

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor

Confirmation Class of 2026

On Confirmation Sunday, May 3, the following young disciples will be received into membership and welcomed during our worship service:

Isla Blanton
Adlyn Jo Casteen
John-Ward Farrior
Kate L. Hall
R. Pearson Johnson IV
Harper Ludlum
Emory Landen Patram

Will Phillips
Hollis S. Skidmore
Henry L. Stevens V
Savannah Stevens
Bear Thompson
Elle Thompson

In addition to joining the church, these students will lead us in worship that morning. Please make every effort to attend and express your encouragement and support for them.

To prepare for this milestone, these students participated in six classes to deepen their understanding of the vows and covenants made at their baptism, that they will now confirm. Each student chose a mentor to journey with them, and every class began with lunch and a faith story shared by a church member.

The students became familiar with *The Lord's Prayer*, *The Apostles' Creed*, *Psalm 23*, *John 3:16-17*, *The Great Commission*, *The Great Commandment*, *The Ten Commandments*, and *The Beatitudes*. Furthermore, they were asked to reflect on their personal beliefs; their statements have been blended together to create the following affirmation of faith, which will be used during the service:

I believe in God, the one true Creator, who created all things and made us in His image, providing our lives with meaning and purpose. I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Messiah, who came to teach, heal, and redeem us through His death on the cross and His resurrection from the grave. I believe in the Holy Spirit, God's presence with us and within us, who provides guidance and support. Along with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit makes up the Holy Trinity. I believe the church is a sacred community dedicated to the worship of God. Beyond the building, the church represents a family of believers committed to following the teachings of Jesus. I believe that faith is a personal relationship with God, nurtured through prayer and the study of Scripture. It serves as the way by which we connect with God and grow in our relationship with Him.

We look forward to celebrating this special day together.

I can't tell you how many times I have rewritten this article for the newsletter. I'm rarely at a loss for words, but I do seem to be struggling with which ones I want to share with you at this time. As of today, I have two more Sundays here at First Presbyterian in Whiteville and four before my first Sunday in Wallace, but our excitement and desire to be in Wallace continues to grow. While I know the Pastor Nominating Committee shared my biography and other information with you, I thought I'd take this opportunity to introduce myself to you a little more.

One of the first questions I am often asked is, "What should we call you?" While I suppose my full name and title is the "Reverend Doctor Joseph Dean Washburn"...that is quite a mouthful and probably not very practical. Generally, I introduce myself as Pastor Joe...though some people make that even shorter by calling me "PJ". Of course, my name...Joseph...is also perfectly suitable. In the end, I want you use whatever name you are most comfortable with; after all, I am your brother in Christ.

A second question is, "When are you in the office?" My normal schedule finds me in the office Monday through Thursday. I do my best to schedule appointments and meetings following lunch...but, as you can guess, that doesn't always work. Feel free to stop by any time, but please understand that my "normal" routines often gets interrupted.

How do can you connect with me or contact me? Well, as soon as I have a church email we will get that out for everyone to have. A phone call, or text, is always welcome. My cell number is (910) 625-8023. If you are on Social Media I invite you to find me. (I rarely send a friend request...not everyone wants to be friends with the pastor...but I rarely turn down requests.) On Facebook I am "Pastor Joe Washburn".

One last thing for this first article, is while we love our kids...they just can't compare to our four grandchildren! Our daughter, who lives outside of Chicago, has four boys ages 7, 5, 3, and almost 1. If you ask my wife...or really anyone other than me...their names are Charlie, George, Henry, and Oliver. But, to me, they will always be...Dill, Goose, Ice, and Bo. Of course, there is a story behind each one, but maybe I'll save that for when we are chatting over a cup of coffee.

Well, I hope this gives you a little bit more of an introduction as to who I am. Know that I am praying for you daily and look forward to getting to know you and joining you in ministry. Let me close with these words from the Apostle Paul, *"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe..."*

Pastor Joe

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

Tuesday, April 19, 2026

- Susan Carone offered the opening devotional and prayer.
- Welcomed the Rev. Dr. Joseph Washburn to the church and to the session meeting.
- Received with regret, Geneva Maready's resignation from the Session. Geneva and Greg will be moving to Greensboro. The Nominating Committee will need to convene to nominate a candidate to fill Geneva's unexpired term in the Class of 2027.
- Received a thank you note from the Burgaw PC for using our facility for their Session retreat on April 17.
- Approved the East Community Commission on Ministry's request to continue meeting at Wallace PC on the first Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm.
- The East Community Gathering of the Presbytery will be on Saturday, May 30, at Topsail PC in Hampstead. Wallace PC can send one Elder Commissioner. The Session will need to elect a commissioner at its May meeting.
- Reviewed the agenda for the Called Meeting on Sunday, May 3, at 9:45 am in Fellowship Hall to receive the 13 students in the Confirmation Class into membership.
- Sandee DiDomenico's funeral service and reception were held on April 7 at Wallace PC.
- Approved the use of the church's parking lot for the Strawberry Festival.
- Linda Becken will be the guest minister on Sunday, May 10 and her husband, Doug, will offer special music.
- Wayne Casteen, Treasurer, presented the quarterly financial report.
- Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.



Guest Preacher and Musician on Sunday, May 10

Linda and Doug Becken moved to Oak Island, NC from Minnesota. While in Minnesota Doug taught art at Minnesota State University. He later transitioned to teaching guitar while playing in two bands. Linda served for 7 years as a Certified Ruling Elder (CRE) of First Presbyterian Church of Mountain Lake, MN. She also worked for 16 years as Health Minister at the First Presbyterian Churches in St. James and Madelia, MN.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING
SUNDAY, May 24
Final Offering of 2025-2026 School Year**



We will receive our final Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering of the 2025-2026 school year during worship on Sunday, May 24. 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.

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.

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

***Sunday, May 3** is Confirmation/Youth Sunday. The Confirmation Class and Youth will be the leaders in the worship service.

***Sunday, May 10**, Linda Becken will be our guest preacher and her husband Doug will provide special music.

***Sunday, May 17**, our new pastor Rev. Joe Washburn will bring us his first sermon here at WPC. We welcome Pastor Joe and his wife Angela to Wallace Presbyterian Church!

* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 6:00 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 pastor.

* **We will receive** our final 2025-2026 (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, May 24.

***The church office** will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.



MAY



05/03: Sara Matthews & Kelli Norris
05/10: Harley & Isla Blanton
05/17: Jennifer & Royal Johnson
05/24: Kristin & Bradley Cottle
05/31: Harriet & Windsor Farrior

Dan Robinson, Head
Freddy Hall Tom Whitfield
Kelli Norris

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

05/03: Youth Sunday-No Children's Church
05/10: Courtenay & Parker Thompson
05/17: Bailey Riley
05/24: Summer Break Begins...
05/31:

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

May 1-15: Dave Wells
May 16-31: Glenn Price



MAY 2026

Date	Scripture	Sermon
May 3	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Confirmation Class
May 10	Guest Minister	Linda Becken
May 17	John 15:1-17	Abiding in Christ
May 24	Acts 2:1-21	When the Winds Change!
May 31	Matthew 4:18-22	Come, Follow Me

The sermon texts are provided so you can read them and pray about them before worship. Please keep our congregation and pastor in your prayers as we read and hear God's Word during the month of May.



MAY WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	LEADER	PREACHER
May 3	Youth	Confirmation Class
May 10	Emory Landen Patram	Linda Becken
May 17	Pastor Nominating Committee	Joe Washburn
May 24	Karla Casteen	Joe Washburn
May 31	Youth	Joe Washburn



The Congregational Care Ministry has planned a "Meet and Greet" for Pastor Joe and his wife Angela at 10:00 am on May 17 in the Currie Building. Please plan to be there to meet our new pastor and welcome Pastor Joe & Angela to Wallace Presbyterian Church!



2026 SUMMER ART CAMP



INSTRUCTOR ~ CHRISTIE BONEY WEAVER
Retired Art Teacher from Pawleys Island, S.C.

PLACE ~ Wallace Methodist Church
303 South College Street, Wallace, NC

DATES ~ July 27 - 31 ~ AM Grades K-2 and PM Grades 5-8
August 3 - 7 ~ AM Grades K-2 and PM Grades 3-4

*** Select Group Based on Your Child's Completed Grade
High School Students are welcome in the 5-8 grade art camp

TIMES ~ AM - 9:00am - 12:00pm
PM - 1:00pm - 4:00pm

CAMP TUITION ~ \$165.00 includes tuition & materials/daily snack
Art camp participants will create 2-D and 3-D projects to include clay, sculpture, multimedia compositions, and a variety of painting mediums

Contact Christie Weaver at artweaver@msn.com for registration forms or by phone at 843-222-9664 for more information

Registration forms may also be picked up at the following locations: Duplin County Elementary/Middle Schools/ Libraries and Wallace Methodist Church.

You can get this information along with registration forms in Gladden Hall on the information table just outside the fellowship hall.

Get Ready! It's almost time for Kirkwood Creation Camp

GET READY FOR AN
UNFORGETTABLE WEEK OF
FAITH, FRIENDS, AND FUN!

JUNE 7TH THRU 11TH, 2026

2015 CAMP KIRKWOOD RD
WATHA, NC 28478



JOIN US FOR FUN!



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Dottie Obenour and family on the death of Robert "Bob" Obenour on Monday March 30, 2026 and to Louis DiDomenico and family on the death of Sandra "Sande" DiDomenico on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.



Presbyterian Women Spring Gathering

Thursday, May 14, 2026

5:30 pm

at Rose Hill Restaurant

Ten dollars (\$10) will reserve your space for dinner. See your Circle Chair for details & to reserve your space.

Our speaker will be Tammy Weeks

Tammy Weeks will be sharing with us news about the Charity Rebuild Center where she is the Finance Manager and her husband Richard is the Coordinator. Tammy is currently the Missions Ministries Director for the EBA. Tammy is also the Western North Carolina Helene Rebuild Coordinator along with Richard. She is currently attending Seminary at Andersonville Seminary. She is married to Richard Weeks, Directory of Mission for EBA. She has 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Tammy's passion is Prayer and Missions-She has had the privilege and opportunity to lead Prayer conferences across the state as well as breakout sessions for the North Carolina Mission Conference and Missions Extravaganza. Heavily involved in Local, State, National and international Missions in numerous states and 10 countries with multiple visits to each.

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 COLLEGE GRADUATES!



We Are So Proud of You

May 2026



APRIL 2026

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JUNE 2026

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed 7:00 pm Confirmation Class	2
3 Confirmation Sunday 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 9:45 am Confirmation Class Reception 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship/Confirmation Class 2026/Youth Sunday 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	4	5 10:30 am Morning Circle Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Evening Circle Fellowship Hall	6 6pm Handbells	7 12:30 pm East Community COM Meeting, Room 304	8 Office Closed	9
10 Mother's Day 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship/Linda Becken, Guest preacher 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	11	12	13 Handbells on summer break Will be back after Labor Day	14 5:30 pm PW Spring Gathering Rose Hill Restaurant	15 Office Closed	16
17 9:00 am Choir Practice 10:00 am Meet & Greet Pastor 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	18	19 6:00 pm Session Meeting, Room 304	20	21	22 Office Closed	23
24 Day of Pentecost 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship/ Feed Our Hungry Children Offering 5:00 pm Cub Scout, Pack 35	25 Memorial Day Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day	26 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room	27	28	29 Office Closed	30 East Community Gathering, Topsail PC, Hanpstead, NC
31 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	HAPPY <i>Mother's Day</i>					