

**Come Join us at
Rockfish Presbyterian Church**
“Meet and Eat at Noon”
Wednesday, March 1, 2017
12:00 Noon
Guest Speaker
Chuck Farrior
will discuss
Estate Planning
Bring a sandwich
Drink & Dessert will be provided



Birthdays In March

Happy Birthday to You!



- 1- Pat Alexander
- 3- Michael Cooper
- 4- Dana Myrick
- 5- Battle Holley
- Sylvia Bowman
- Natalie Gladden
- 6- Earleene Southerland
- George Hatch
- 8- Cecelia Blair
- 12- Hattie B. Farrior

- 16- Mary Kate White
- 19- Netti Batchelor
- 21- Emily Saunders
- Susan Carone
- Amanda Shea
- 25- Dotsie Caproni
- Bron Thompson
- 26- Whit Newkirk
- 28- Susie Bullard



NEWSLETTER

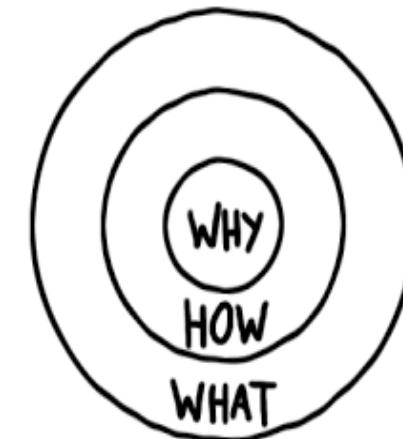
WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

MARCH 2017

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



You must define your
why before you can
begin with the **what**
and the **how**.

What is Our Why?

Our Ministry & Mission catalog describes twenty-three ministry programs and opportunities to serve in our church. Have you ever wondered “Why?” Why do we do all of these ministries?

Join your fellow Christians for a conversation about “What Is Our Why?” on Sunday, March 5, following worship. Dr. Phil will lead us in discussion about what is most central in our life as a congregation and how our “why” is the basis for “how” and “what” we do in our ministry and mission.

Please join us immediately after church in the Currie building for a covered dish luncheon sponsored by the Wallace Presbyterian Women.

FROM THE PASTOR

we want to emphasize the main point or question, as in "Who will fund this new program is the crux of the situation." Did you know that *crux* is the Latin word for "cross"? Webster's dictionary defines "crux" as "a puzzling or difficult problem; an unsolved question; an essential point requiring resolution or resolving an outcome; a main or central feature, as of an argument."

In his first letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul wrote, "When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified." The cross of Jesus Christ is the crux of the situation for Paul. In his death on the cross, Jesus defeated the powers of sin and death and delivered us from the enslaving power of sin in our lives.

But, as Paul acknowledges, the cross of Jesus Christ is also the crux of the situation, because it can be a puzzling or difficult problem. Paul also wrote, "For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and

Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

The cross of Jesus is the crux of the situation for us today. 1 Peter 2:24 says, "he himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." We give thanks to God for that freedom! But the cross is also the crux of the situation because we hear Jesus say, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23) That is hard to do!

During this Lenten season, we will follow Jesus on his journey to the cross as we hear God's Word proclaimed from Mark's gospel. On Good Friday evening, the choir will proclaim God's Word in Pepper Choplin's cantata, "Come to the Cross and Remember." I hope you will read the scripture passages from Mark before you come to worship and you will worship on Good Friday, as we all think about what the cross of Jesus Christ means for our lives as forgiven sinners and as disciples of Jesus Christ. After all, that is the crux of the situation.

In Christ,

Phil



ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, February 21, 2017 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- * were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Jason Rouse;
- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * were led in communion service training by Elder Harriet Farrior;
- * studied God's Word in 1 Corinthians 12:1-31 and discussed a reading "Ruling Elders and New Members";
- * approved minutes from the January 17, 2017 stated session meeting;
- * approved a request from the Alternative Sunday School Class to study the Gospel of John beginning Sunday, March 26;
- * approved a request from the Wallace Revitalization Association to use the sanctuary on Sunday, June 25 for a "Happy Birthday America" event for the community;
- * appointed an ad hoc committee to work with Rev. Philip Gladden to explore the possibility of a ministerial sabbatical. Committee members are R.J. Peppe, Shirley Carlton, Joe Tillman, Pat Barrow, and Dana Myrick;
- * approved an annual statistical report of a total active membership of 294;
- * heard a report from the Building & Grounds Ministry Team concerning plans for church safety and indoor and outdoor lighting;
- * prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- * were led in a closing prayer by Elder Linda Burroughs.



WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MARCH

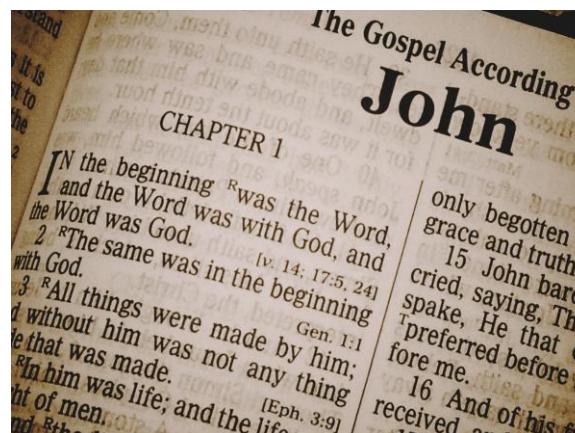
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March 5
March 12
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March 26

ELDER
George Francis
Brenda Long
Susan Walters
Linda Burroughs

PREACHER
Philip Gladden
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James Sills and William Powell will represent the Wallace Presbyterian Church at the presbytery's annual Middle School Retreat at Camp Kirkwood March 11-12.



Explore the Gospel of John with the Alternative Sunday School Class Beginning on Sunday, March 26 10:00 a.m. in Room 304

The Gospel of John is glorious, mysterious, and different from the other three gospels. Join your friends and find out how and why John is so different and what the Gospel of John has to say to us today. We will not use a study book. We will read stories each week and be guided by questions that Dr. Phil will send in his weekly reminder.



GREETERS

03/05: Bill & Susan Walters
 03/12: Joey Fussell & Mary Carone
 03/19: Rick & Nettie Batchelor
 03/26: Dave & Gloria Wells

MARCH



USHERS THIS MONTH
Joe Tillman, Leader
 Jim Sills Dave Wells
 Sam Rose Harvey Knowles

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

March 1-15: Chuck Farrior
 March 16-31: Dave Wells

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

03/05: Madelyn Coombs & Ellie Carone
 03/12: Garrett Bullard & Hill Lanier
 03/19: Cameron & Reese Blue
 03/26: Elizabeth & James Sills

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **Wednesday, March 1 is Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent.
- * **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, March 5.
- * **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, March 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Oak Plain Presbyterian Church for supper and Bible study. All men are welcome.
- * **The Wallace United Methodist Church** will host Lenten worship services and luncheons at 12 noon on the Thursdays of Lent.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304. If you have any concerns or business for the session to discuss, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- * **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will hold a stated meeting on Saturday, March 25 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City.
- * **We will receive** our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, March 26.



Hospital & at home:

Cathy Wells (Fayetteville) George Walker (Rosemary)
 Judy Robinson (home) Kelsea Webster (home)

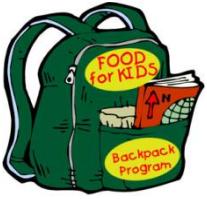


The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will meet on Saturday, March 25 at the First Presbyterian Church in Morehead City. Please keep the elder and minister commissioners and the presbytery staff members in your prayers.





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



An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

For the period 7/1/16 - 12/31/16:

2,925 food packs delivered to seven schools in Duplin County

Donations totaling \$26,241 from 25 churches and organizations and 15-20 individuals. Ending bank balance as of 12/31/16 of \$17,182 (includes \$3,500 designated for 2017 summer food).

Schools served: Wallace-Rose Hill High; Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary; Charity Middle; Wallace Elementary; Chinquapin Elementary; Beulaville Elementary; B.F. Grady Elementary; Warsaw Elementary; Warsaw Middle



Wallace United Methodist Church
301 S. College Street
Worship & Lunch 12:00 PM

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Rev. Philip Gladden (Wallace Presbyterian Church) preacher
Lunch to follow

Thursday, March 16, 2017

Rev. Al Thompson (First Baptist Church) preacher
Lunch to follow

Thursday, March 30, 2017

Rev. Buck Garrison (Bethel Wesleyan Church) preacher
Lunch to follow



Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday, begins the season of Lent, a period of forty days (not counting Sundays) leading to Easter. The forty days remind us of the forty years of wandering in the wilderness by the children of Israel and the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tempted by the devil.

During Lent, we acknowledge our sinfulness and our need for God's grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. We also focus on the life and ministry of Jesus, especially as he makes his way to Jerusalem where he will die on the cross for our sins.

The sermons during Lent will focus on Jesus' journey to the cross. On Good Friday, April 14, the choir will present Pepper Choplin's cantata, "Come to the Cross and Remember." You also have the opportunity to worship with your friends and neighbors on Thursdays at 12 noon during Lent at the Wallace United Methodist Church.



Bruce and Barbara Lyon were received as new members by transfer from the North Raleigh Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC at a called session meeting on February 26 at the Rosemary Rest Home in Rose Hill.

Bruce is a resident at Rosemary. Barbara lives in River Landing and is Jim Sills' mother. Welcome Bruce and Barbara!



P.A.T.H. OFFERING
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger
Sunday, March 5, 2017

This quarterly offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina and funds children's feeding programs in Haiti and Malawi, and congregational food programs in our presbytery, such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.



March Youth Schedule

Sunday, March 5: We will have a regular meeting from 5:00-7:00 pm at the church.

We will play some games and plan out our year.

Sunday, March 12: Youth at Kirkwood.

Sunday, March 19: Regular church meeting at the church 5:00-7:00 pm..

Saturday, March 25: [Winter Jam in Greensboro only \\$10.](#)



SOUND RETREAT 2017

Our Annual Sound Retreat VII was held at the Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores, NC, on February 10-12, 2017, and was another great success. There was a total of 36 in attendance, including 6 youths. Many thanks to Bill Goodnight our Worship Leader and Rachel Doll our Youth Leader. Everyone had a wonderful experience during our spiritual studies **"Hearing and Speaking the Psalms"** as well as during our fellowship activities. We all got to know each other better as brothers and sisters in Christ. We look forward to **next year's Sound Retreat to be held on February 2-4. 2018. SAVE THE DATE!**



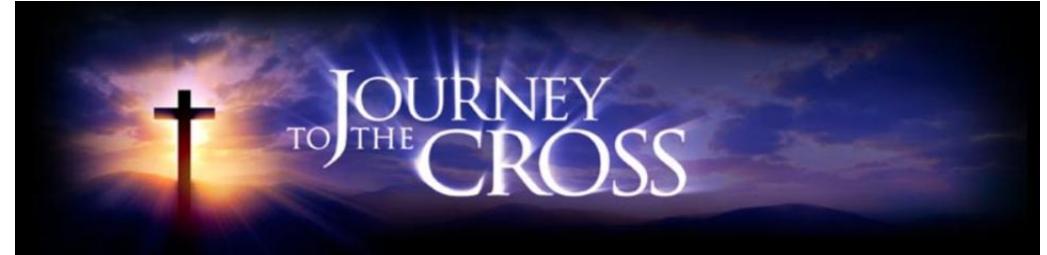
Wallace Presbyterian Women News

World Day of Prayer 2017
"Am I Being Unfair to You?"
Friday, March 3, at 10:00 am



We will celebrate World Day of Prayer 2017 on Friday, March 3, at 10:00 am, in our sanctuary. Wallace United Methodist women will provide the program entitled "Am I Being Unfair to You?" written by the women of the Philippines. The artist for the picture above is Rowena "Apol" Laxamana-Sta.Rosa. Everyone is invited.

Our annual church-wide Mission Luncheon is Sunday, March 5, following the 11:00 am worship service. We will share a potluck meal, and Dr. Phil will lead us in discussion of "What is Our Why?". Please plan to attend.



PREACHING IN LENT 2017

With the Good Friday/Easter services as the destination, during Lent the Sunday sermons will be taken from Mark's gospel about "Jesus' Journey to the Cross."

Sunday, March 5: Lent 1 Acts 2:14-36

Peter's first sermon after Pentecost about "this Jesus whom you crucified." It is thought John Mrk might have been Peter's scribe/companion, so this is a good lead-in to the sermons for the rest of Lent.

Sunday, March 12: Lent 2 Mark 8:27-9

Peter's confession, "You are the Christ/Messiah" and Jesus' first prediction of his suffering and death.

Sunday, March 19: Lent 3 Mark 9:9-13, 30-32

The coming of Elijah and Jesus' second prediction of his suffering and death.

Sunday, March 26: Lent 4 Mark 10:32-34

Jesus' third prediction of his suffering and death (may extend it through 10:35-45, James' and John's request for seats of power and Jesus talking about service).

Sunday, April 2: Lent 5 Mark 11:12-18

This is out of order because it happens after Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The chief priests and scribes look for a way to kill Jesus after he cleanses the temple.

Sunday, April 9: Palm Sunday Mark 11:1-11

Jesus enters Jerusalem at the beginning of the last week of his life.

Friday, April 14: Good Friday:

Cantata with symbols: "Come to the Cross and Remember"

Sunday, April 16: Easter Mark 16:1-8

"Lift High the Cross" We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord!

March 2017

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 Work
 WPC Calendar
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Feed our Hungry Children & Backpack Ministry Offering ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	27	28	1 ■ Ash Wednesday ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	2	3 ■ World Day of Prayer ■ 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women World Day of Prayer/Sanctuary	4
5 ■ First Sunday In Lent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering ■ 12:00 PM Covered Dish Luncheon ■ 1:00 PM Mission Program ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	6 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #1: Office Building	7 ■ 10:30 AM Circle #3: Gerri Hanson ■ 1:30 PM Circle #3: Joyce Ange ■ 3:00 PM Circle #4: Ginny Blackney ■ 6:30 PM Presbyterian Men/ ■ 7:00 PM Circle #4: Mary ■ 9:30 PM Presbyterian Men-	8 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	9 ■ 12:00 PM Lenten Worship & Luncheon/ Wallace United Methodist	10 ■ 10:00 AM Presbyterian Women World Day of Prayer/Sanctuary	11 ■ Presbytery M...mp Kirkwood
12 ■ Presbytery M...mp Kirkwood ■ Second Sunday In Lent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship & Second Sunday	13	14	15 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	16 ■ 12:00 PM Lenten Worship & Luncheon/ Wallace United Methodist ■ 5:45 PM Serve Supper at Celebrate Recovery, Rose Hill United Methodist	17	18
19 ■ Third Sunday In Lent ■ 9:40 AM Opening Assembly ■ 10:00 AM Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship ■ 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	20 ■ 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together/ Sensations Farm House Restaurant	21 ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	22 ■ 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building ■ 6:00 PM Handbells ■ 7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304 ■ 7:30 PM Choir Practice	23 ■ 12:00 PM Lenten Worship & Luncheon/ Wallace United Methodist	24 ■ Youth Fellow...n Greensboro ■ 9:30 AM Meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina at FPC/Morehead City	25
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