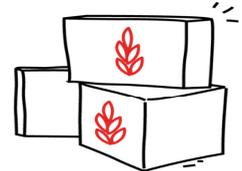




Help package
10,000 meals
to fight global hunger!

Wallace Presbyterian Church
Saturday, March 21st
1 - 3 PM



Register & donate!



events.riseagainsthunger.org/wpc26



Birthdays In March

Happy Birthday to You!



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| 4- Dana Myrick | 21- Susan Carone |
| 5- Marie McGowen | Amanda Shea |
| Natalie Gladden | 24- Adlyn Jo Casteen |
| 6- Earleene Southerland | 25- Dotsie Caproni |
| 12- Hattie B. Farrior | 26- Whit Newkirk |
| John Ludlum | Melissa Stevens |
| 16- Mary Kate White | 27- Miller Ludlum |
| 21- Emily Saunders | 28- Susie Bullard |



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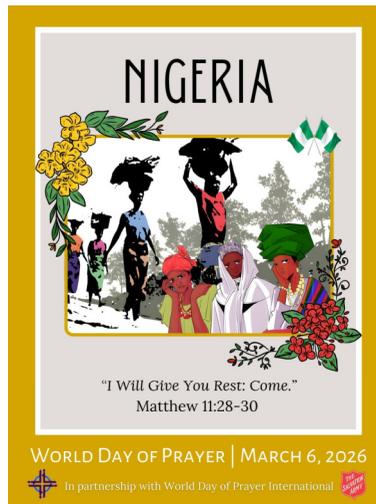


WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. Robert H. Lapp, Interim Pastor

MARCH 2026

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Wallace Presbyterian Women
World Day of Prayer 2026

"I Will Give You Rest: Come."
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, March 6, at 10:00 am
Wallace Presbyterian Church



World Day of Prayer takes place internationally on the first Friday of March annually. This year, World Day of Prayer will take place on Friday, March 6, 2026 at Wallace Presbyterian Church at 10:00 a.m. Wallace Methodist Women will provide the program entitled "I Will Give You Rest: Come," based on Matthew 11:28-30.

Every year, the World Day of Prayer unites people across the globe in a spirit of worship, solidarity, and shared faith. This year our focus is Nigeria. The theme, "I Will Give You Rest: Come" is taken from Matthew 11:28-30. Here, Jesus invites us to understand God's kingdom in a new way. His call to "come" and find rest is not just as a momentary relief but an invitation to a new way of living in relationship with God. Nigeria demonstrates an enduring capacity for renewal, adapting to new realities while holding onto the dream of a united, prosperous, and peaceful nation.

World Day of Prayer is also an opportunity for the global Christian community to stand together in prayer, lifting up the unique needs and blessings of Nigeria. Prayers may focus on environmental stewardship, the health and safety of its people, and the continued growth of faith in these communities.

Please plan on attending World Day of Prayer 2026 at Wallace Presbyterian Church. Engage in a worldwide wave of prayer for our world! Everyone is welcome.



Dear WPC family,

Through the years I've grown to appreciate these words attributed to Pope Francis regarding fasting during Lent:

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from worries and have trust in God
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen*

Also, on Easter Sunday, April 5, we will receive our One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special offering. OGHS helps to improve the lives of the millions of people who lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. OGHS supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, these agencies provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. This is how we share God's love with our neighbors in need.

Faithfully,
Pastor Robb

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, February 17, 2026 stated session meeting, the elders and minister;

- Geneva Maready offered the opening devotion.
- Susan Carone was elected to serve as our commissioner to the March 7 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery at Highland Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville.
- The Treasurer's reports were received.
- Linda Becken, Qualified Ruling Elder, was approved to preach and her husband, Doug Becken, will offer special music on March 15. Rev. Drew Stockstill, Navy Chaplain, was approved to preach on April 12.
- On Good Friday, April 3, at 7:00 pm, the Beulaville and Wallace Presbyterian Churches will combine choirs and readers to offer A Living Last Supper at the Beulaville Presbyterian Church.
- The Session elected Kristin Cottle (chairperson) and Devan Riley to serve on an ad hoc committee with three others representative of the congregation to devise a job description and salary package for a part-time Director of Christian Education.
- The Building Grounds Committee is working with Duke Energy to find ways to lower our utility costs.
- There was continued discussion on building a columbarium.
- Upcoming events: 3/6 - World Day of Prayer, 3/6 - Blue/Whaley Rehearsal, 3/7 - Blue/Whaley Wedding, 3/12, 19, & 26 - Lent Services and Lunches @ Wallace Methodist Church, 3/9- 3/15 - Interim Pastor Continuing Education, 3/21 Rise Against Hunger.
- Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.



MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER
March 1	Susan Carone
March 8	Bear Thompson
March 15	Royal Johnson
March 22	Isla Blanton
March 29	Geneva Maready



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING SUNDAY, MARCH 22



We will receive our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering during worship on Sunday, March 22. 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.



Calling All Knitters and Crocheters!

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team's vision is to combine the care and love of knitting and crocheting into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team is in need of knitters and crocheters. If you're interested in knitting or crocheting for our Prayer Shawl Ministry Team, please contact Cheryl Brinkley at cheryl@wallacepresbyterian.com or at 910-285-2808; Nell Sloan at sloannell@hotmail.com or 910-271-0396; or Geneva Maready at gcmaready@gmail.com or 910-284-2162. Thank you so much!



March 8, 2026 - 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 8, 2026 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.



MARCH 2026

Date	Sermon Text
March 1	John 3:1-17
March 8	John 4:5-42
March 15	John 9:1-41
March 22	John 11:1-45
March 29	Matthew 21:1-11

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 March.



QUARTERLY P.A.T.H. OFFERING Presbyterian Answer to Hunger Sunday, March 1



We will receive our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on Sunday, March 1. 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.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2026 OFFERING = \$1,397
All money will support our Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you!



March



03/01: Ellie & Michael Newton
 03/08: Kristin & Bradley Cottle
 03/15: Courtenay Parker Thompson
 03/22: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore
 03/29: Emily & Hayes Ludlum

Jason Rouse, Head
 Sam Rose Dave Wells
 Michael Patram

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

March 1-15: Jason Rouse
 March 16-31: Glenn Price

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

03/01: Emily & Miller Ludlum
 03/08: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore
 03/15: Kristin Cottle
 03/22: Kelli Norris
 03/29: Casey Hall

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) Offering on Sunday, March 1.
- * **World Day of Prayer** is Friday, March 6, at 10:00 am at Wallace Presbyterian Church. Wallace Methodist Women will provide the program.
- * **The session** will meet on Tuesday, March 17 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 monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, March 22.
- * **We will receive** the 5th Sunday Building Offering on Sunday, March 29.



A Living Last Supper

A Living Last Supper at 7:00 pm on Good Friday, April 3, at the Beulaville Presbyterian Church-What if you could hear the thoughts of the disciples on the night of the Last Supper? In A Living Last Supper, each disciple will share their doubts and fears, loyalty and love as the combined choirs of Wallace and Beulaville Presbyterian Churches enrich this dramatic presentation with music from Handel's Messiah.

SAVE THE DATE!

**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!



Weekly Bible Study

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

March 4:	John 4:5-42
March 11:	No Bible Study
March 18:	John 11:1-45
March 25:	Matthew 21:1-11

You are invited to join our weekly Bible Study as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome.



St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.



How Do People Start Attending Church?

- A friend invited me - 86%
- Organized visitation - 6%
- Pastor invite - 6%
- Advertising - 2%

People Bring People!

Like we did at Christmas, we'll make cards available in March for you to use to invite a family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor or whoever you'd like to join you for worship on Easter Sunday.



WALLACE METHODIST CHURCH

301 South College Street
Wallace, NC 28466

12:00 Noon

Worship & Lunch: Sanctuary

Thursday, March 12, 2026

SpeakerRev. Matthew Pope

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Speaker.....Sherry Coombs

Thursday, March 26, 2026

SpeakerChuck Linn

Please join us for lunch after the Lenten Service in our fellowship hall.



Interim Pastor Continuing Education - Robert Lapp will be attending the Presbyterian Foundation's Luminosity Conference on March 9-11 in Orlando and will take the rest of the week for reading and planning.



5TH Sunday Building Offering March 29, 2026

We will receive our 5th Sunday Building Offering during worship on Sunday, March 29. This offering helps us provide and maintain our church physical plant so our worship, education, and outreach ministries can continue. Thank you for your generous support!

March 2026



APRIL 2026

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FEBRUARY 2026

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Begins March 20, 2026

1 2 nd Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School, 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship/P.A.T.H. Offrg. 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	2	3 10:30 am Morning Circle Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Evening Circle Fellowship Hall	4 10am Bible Study-Room 304 6pm Handbells	5 12:30 pm East Community COM Meeting, Room 304	6 Office Closed 10:00 am World Day of Prayer-Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm Whaley/Blue Rehearsal	7 Presbytery at Highland PC, Fayetteville, NC 3:00 pm Whaley/Blue Wedding
8 3 rd Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship 12-2 pm Confirmation Class 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	9	10	11 10am No Bible Study 6pm Handbells	12 12:00 noon Lenten Service & Lunch at WMC	13 Office Closed	14
Interim Pastor on Continuing Education 3/19-15						
15 4 th Sunday of Lent 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	16 5:30 pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room	17 St. Patrick's Day 6pm Session Meeting, Room 304	18 10am Bible Study-Room 304 6pm Handbells	19 12:00 noon Lenten Service & Lunch at WMC	20 Spring Begins... Office Closed	21  1:00-3:00 pm-Rise Against Hunger-Fellowship Hall
22 5 th Sunday of Lent 9:45 am Adult S. School 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children Offering 12-2 pm Confirmation Class 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	23	24	25 10am Bible Study-Room 304 6pm Handbells	26 12:00 noon Lenten Service & Lunch at WMC	27 Office Closed	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:45 am Adult S. School 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship/ 5 th Sunday Building Offering 5:00 pm Cub Scouts, Pack 35	30	31				