

### Come Join us at Rockfish Presbyterian Church

"Meet and Eat at Noon"

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

12:00 Noon
Guest Speaker
Lieutenant Scott Kennedy
will discuss
Church Security

Bring a sandwich
Drink & Dessert will be provided



## Birthdays in May

Happy Birthday to You!

- 4- Frankie Coleman
- 5- Sherry 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
- 24- Blake Wallace25- James Cavenaugh
- 26- Pam Teachev
- 28- Joseph Phaneuf
- 29- Myles Teachey
- 30- Bob Sandercock Denny Lanier







Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

**MAY 2017** 

**Cheryl Brinkley, Editor** 

## **CONGRATULATIONS 2017 GRADUATES**











## CONGRATULATIONS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Halee Knowles, Fayetteville State University, May 12, 2017 Future Plans: Masters Program, Fayetteville State University-Fall 2017



Dear Friends,

The session has unanimously approved a recommendation for me to have a ministerial sabbatical leave during the months of June - September 2018. A working group led by R.J. Peppe and consisting of Shirley Carlton, Pat Barrow, Joe Tillman, and Dana Myrick met with me, discussed various aspects of such a sabbatical leave (e.g., purpose, schedule, funding, pastoral care and preaching, etc.), and recommended the sabbatical leave.

The session has appointed a planning team to work with me and the congregation to make the necessary preparations ahead of time and during the sabbatical leave. The members of the planning team are Lee Baker, Pat Barrow, Harriet Farrior, George Francis, Dave Long, Georgia Longest, Glenda Mobley, Emily Saunders, Jim Sills, Joe Tillman, and Bill Walters. The planning team will work in three subgroups: Congregational Education and Publicity; Funding; and Logistics (e.g., preaching, worship, pastoral care).

While I have many ideas about how to spend this sabbatical time, my description right now is rather brief: I want to undertake a contemplative reading of the Gospel of Mark, by uniting my academic interests (translation, close reading of the gospel, reading commentaries, etc.)

with another interest in Christian spiritual practices. I'm calling it "sitting in the Gospel of Mark" for an extended time. I like to think of it as "moving from the head to the heart."

I am humbled and gratified that the session has approved my request for a ministerial sabbatical. A "successful" sabbatical for minister and congregation involves careful planning by both parties and a shared sense of purpose and growth.

To that end, I invite you to join me in reading the Gospel of Mark during the next few months as we make plans together. There won't be any formal Bible studies of the Gospel or any planned get-togethers to talk about Mark. Instead, I encourage you to read through Mark's gospel with an open heart and to listen to what God might be saying to all of us through this most exciting gospel as we plan for the sabbatical time. If you will join me in reading Mark, I will welcome any insights, thoughts, questions, and prayers you might have.

As always, thank you for the privilege and joy of serving as your pastor. I appreciate all of you very much.





#### **ACTIONS OF THE SESSION**

At the Tuesday, April 18, 2017 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- \* were led in an opening devotion and prayer by Elder Nell Sloan;
- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* studied God's Word in Luke 24:13-35 and discussed a reading "Even at the Unlikeliest of Moments";
- \* approved transfers of membership for Steve and Linda Wells and Eddie and Sylvia Bowman to Faith Harbor United Methodist Church, Surf City, NC;
- \* reviewed a financial report for the first quarter of 2017;
- \* heard a report on the March 25, 2017 meeting of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina from Elder George Francis and Rev. Philip Gladden;
- \* approved a request from the minister to use continuing education leave and funds to attend the 2017 Frederick Buechner Writer's Workshop at Princeton Seminary in NJ June 6-9;
- \* prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- \* were led in a closing prayer by Elder Nell Sloan.

The session held a called meeting on Sunday, April 23, 2017 for the purpose of receiving two new members: Donna Pigford, by transfer from the Wallace United Methodist Church; Mary Stewart Teachey Blackwell, by transfer from the First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, NC.



#### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR MAY

DATE	<u>ELDER</u>	<b>PREACHER</b>	
May 7	Wayne Casteen	Philip Gladden	
May 14	George Francis	Philip Gladden	
May 21	Youth	Tommy Newkirk &	
-		Payton Johnson	
May 28	Curt Simpson	Philip Gladden	



**Scripture Passages for Preaching** 

### Worship Date Scripture Passage

May 7	Matthew 28:16-20		
May 14	John 20:19-31		
May 21	Youth Sunday		
May 28	Acts 1:1-14		

These scripture passages are provided ahead of time so you can read God's Word and prepare your hearts and minds to worship and listen for God's Word. Please keep our congregation and minister in your prayers as we prepare to hear and proclaim God's Word.



**Donna Pigford**, by transfer from the Wallace United Methodist Church

**Mary Stewart Teachey Blackwell**, by transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington.

Welcome Ladies!



## May Youth Schedule

Sunday, May 7: Practice for Youth Sunday Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day, No Youth

Sunday, May 21: Youth Sunday: Meet at Church office building to practice for Youth

Sunday and pack bag lunches

Sunday, May 28: No Youth



#### MAY



05/07: Cindy Barrow & Sandra Phillips 05/14: George & Elizabeth Hatch

05/21: Leon & Jewel Wells

05/28: Art & Cheryl Raymond

Fred Burroughs, Leader
Blake Wallace Bill Walters
Greg Mareday Susan Walters

#### **OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

May 1-15: Jim Simpson May 16-31: Art Raymod

#### YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

05/07: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson 05/14: Madelyn & Robert Coombs

05/21: Sara Pearl Farrior & Ellie Carone

05/28: Garrett Bullard & Hill Lanier

#### CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- \* **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wallace Presbyterian Church for supper and Bible study. All men are welcome.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, May 16 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.
- \* Our Presbyterian Women will have their Spring Celebration on Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- \* Philip Gladden will be on vacation Monday Friday, May 22-26.
- \* **We will receive** our final Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering for the 2016-2017 school year during worship on Sunday, May 28.
- \* **The church office** will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.



Hospital & at home: Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)

Judy Robinson (home) Kelsea Webster (home)



To the family of George Hargrave Walker October 7, 1924--April 17, 2017

To the family of Lorene Gresham Morgan September 20, 1925--April 24, 2017



## FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/ BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING FINAL OFFERING FOR THE 2016 - 2017 SCHOOL YEAR SUNDAY, MAY 28



An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

This money supports the purchase of school lunches and weekend food packs for students in Duplin County Public Schools whose families are experiencing economic hardship. Financial report: July 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017: \$32,835 contributed from individuals, churches, and organizations. 6,017 food packs distributed to seven schools. Thank you!

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 School.



## GRADUATE BREAKFAST HONORING OUR 2017 HIGH SCHOOL GRACUATES

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017 8:30 AM CURRIE BUILDING

GIVEN BY WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



# May 21st Youth Sunday Bag Lunch Fundraiser for Montreat Youth Conference

Three youth (Garrett Bullard, Elizabeth Sills, Madelyn Coombs) and two adults (Dr. Phil and one other) will represent our congregation in the group attending from the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina.

I would like to support the Youth of Wallace Presbyterian Church by ordering (please fill in the number of bag lunches for each type of sandwich). Each bag lunch includes sandwich, chips, cookies or brownies.

Place your order form in the offering plate or return to the church office. Bag lunches may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall following worship on May 21.

 Ham and cheese		
 Pimento cheese		
 Chicken salad		





All Ladies are invited to join the Wallace Presbyterian Women

# SPRING CELEBRATION

Program and Luncheon Saturday, May 20, 2017 11:00 AM - in the fellowship hall \$7.00

Our guest speaker will be Rev. Martha Highsmith, retired from a career at Yale University and living back on the family farm in Atkinson.

Tickets are available from Cindy Barrow, Nancy Gladden, Brenda Long, Dottie Obenour, Carol Steen, Sandy Cobb and Sandee DiDomenico



Go to our church website, <a href="www.wallacepresbyterian.com">www.wallacepresbyterian.com</a>. Click on "Click Here to Give" in the upper right hand corner. Sign up to create a secure account of log in to your existing account. Follow the directions for easy, secure, general or program specific giving.

Thank you for your faithful support of the mission and ministry of the Wallace Presbyterian Church!



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7 = 9:40 AM Opening Assembly = 10:00 AM Sunday School = 11:00 AM Worship = 5:00 PM Youth Fellowship	8 == 10:30 AM Circle #1 Meet at Church	9  10:30 AM Circle #3 Rose Hill Restaurant 7:00 PM Circle #4 Shirley Carlton	10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building 6:00 PM Handbells 7:00 PM Bible Study, Room 304 7:30 PM Choir Practice	11	12	13 Carolina Strawberry Festival
Happy Mother's Day!  9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	= 6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together	== 6:00 PM Session Meeting, Room 304	17 = 10:00 AM No Bible Study = 7:00 PM No Bible Study = 7:30 PM Choir Practice	18	19	= 11:00 AM Presbyterian Women Spring Celebra- tion
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Youth Sunday	Minister on Vacation					-
<ul> <li>8:30 AM Graduate Breakfast</li> <li>9:40 AM Opening Assembly</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School</li> <li>11:00 AM Youth Lead Worship/Recognition of Graduates</li> </ul>			= 10:00 AM No Bible Study = 7:00 PM No Bible Study = 7:30 PM Choir Practice			
28  9:40 AM Opening Assembly 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children Offering	Church Office Closed Memorial Day	30	= 10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building 7:00 PM Bible Study, Room 304 = 7:30 PM Choir Practice	1	2	3