



Sunday, November 2, 2025

Daylight Saving Time ends in 2025 at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 2, marking the *time* when clocks “fall back” and we gain an extra hour of sleep.

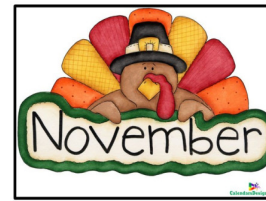


Birthdays in November



1- LuAnn Rivenbark
2- Dottie Obenour
3- Wayne Casteen
5- Cameron Blue
10- Matt Maready
11- Reese Blue
Amelia White
Leah White

13- Jonah Grey Merritt
15- Georgia Longest
20- Vickie Lapp
21- Gary Zibelin
24- Pat Simpson
26- Lou Brinkley
29- Fran Kohne
David Long



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Rev. Robert Lapp, Interim Pastor

NOVEMBER 2025

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



Downtown Wallace Christmas Celebration!

Christmas at Twilight

**Saturday
November 22, 2025
4 - 8 pm at the
Wallace Depot**

Get ready for a magical evening in downtown Wallace at the Wallace Train Depot — filled with holiday cheer for the whole family!

- ✿ *Enjoy* live performances, carolers & antique cars
- ✿ *Browse* craft vendors & shop local downtown specials
- ✿ *Savor* your favorite food vendors & take a hayride under the lights
- ✿ *Join Us* for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
- ✿ *And of course...* a special visit from Santa!

Come experience the warmth of the season with festive music, twinkling luminaries and the joy of community. Don't miss this holiday tradition in Wallace!




For information contact Lisa Fussell at info@wallacechambernc.org

Sponsored by the Wallace Chamber of Commerce, Town of Wallace, Wallace Fire Department, Wallace Depot Commission & Downtown Wallace Merchants



Beloved

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer during the season of Advent we light candles to remind us of the light of Christ coming into the world. *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it - John 1:5.*

Each Sunday in Advent we light a candle:

HOPE - 1st Sunday, November 30

PEACE - 2nd Sunday, December 7

JOY - 3rd Sunday, December 14

LOVE - 4th Sunday, December 21

This year we would like for you, the congregation, to help us express the meaning of these four candles through your photographs which will be shown during the Advent worship services. This will be a fun and creative way for us to reflect on the meaning of HOPE, PEACE, JOY, and LOVE through each other's eyes.

Please submit your photographs to Sandy Cobb (sandycobb54@gmail.com) or Karla Casteen (karla.casteen@gmail.com) and be clear on which photographs go with which theme. Submissions need to be received no later than the Tuesday before the Sunday they will be shown in worship. For example, if I had a photograph that depicts HOPE, then I would need to submit it no later than Tuesday, November 25.

Advent is a season of preparation. We hope that you will prepare for worship this year by submitting your pictures depicting the candle themes of the Sundays in Advent. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Cobb, Karla Casteen, or myself.

Faithful
Pastor Robb
Interim Pastor



Advent



At the Tuesday, October 20, 2025 stated session meeting:

- Devan Riley offered the opening devotion and prayer.
- Approved the budget for 2026 which will be presented to the congregation at the November 16 Congregational Meeting. It reflects a 2.88% increase over 2025.
- Sandy Cobb presented a report from the October 4 presbytery meeting. The Rev. Eduardo Moreno was recognized for his faithful ministry and his upcoming retirement at the end of the year.
- Robb invited the session and congregation to join him on a zoom meeting sponsored by the presbytery - 30 Day Growth Plan.
- The session elected Devan Riley to be its representative on the 2026 nominating committee and gave names to Robb to ask for an elder not currently serving on session (Christy Johnson has agreed to serve).
- Approved Jim Sills to preach on November 23 while Robb and Vickie attend their niece's wedding in GA.
- Approved Scout Sunday to be held on February 8, 2026.
- Approved Rise Against Hunger to be held on March 21, 2026.
- Approved Robb to offer a confirmation class in the winter/spring of 2026 for the 12 students in 6-8 grade.
- Plans for Advent and Christmas are on their way. The Thursday 12 noon Community Advent Services and Lunches will be on December 4, 11, and 18. The choir will present their cantata on December 7. The children and youth will present their musical on December 14.
- Announced the youth schedule for the year which offers opportunities in worship, service, fellowship, and study. A mission week with CROSS Missions (Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte) is scheduled for July 19-24.
- Approved sponsoring 4 families again this year for the St. Nicholas Project. Kelli Norris has agreed to be the coordinator for WPC.
- Karla Casteen announced a meeting with Dwight Hall and an architect is being scheduled to discuss the possibility of building a columbarium.
- Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.



NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
November 2	Kevin Johnson	Robert Lapp
November 9	Devan Riley	Robert Lapp
November 16	Royal Johnson	Robert Lapp
November 23	Debbie Price	Jim Sills
November 30	Karla Casteen	Robert Lapp



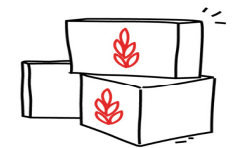
A Reverse Advent Calendar is really just that. You start with a box, and instead of opening a door and taking out a treat each day, you place an item into it. Once the box is full, donate it to our Helping Hands Food Pantry. Your donations will make a huge difference to someone this year. We are currently serving over 100 families (over 350 people) a month!

Only non perishables, please! Please check expiration dates. No expired items please!

- 11/30 - cereal
- 12/1 - almond milk
- 12/2 - pancake mix
- 12/3 - syrup
- 12/4 - dried pasta
- 12/5 - pasta sauce
- 12/6 - macaroni and cheese
- 12/7 - peanut butter
- 12/8 - jelly
- 12/9 - can of meat (tuna, chicken, spam, stew, hash, or vienna sausages)
- 12/10 - drinks (cans or pouches)
- 12/11 - can of vegetables
- 12/12 - can of tomatoes
- 12/13 - can or cup of fruit/applesauce
- 12/14 - can of ravioli type product
- 12/15 - can of pork and beans
- 12/16 - can of beans
- 12/17 - can of soup
- 12/18 - bag of rice
- 12/19 - box of grits
- 12/20 - bag of dried beans
- 12/21 - tooth brush
- 12/22 - tooth paste
- 12/23 - soap
- 12/24 - shampoo



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



Register & donate!



events.riseagainsthunger.org/wpc26
 Go to WPC website to register and donate.



1st Sunday of Advent, November 30, light the Candle of Hope and decorate the Chrismon tree.
2nd Sunday of Advent, December 7, light the Candle of Peace and the choir presents their cantata.
3rd Sunday of Advent, December 14, light the Candle of Joy and the children and youth present their musical.
4th Sunday of Advent, December 21, light the Candle of Love and light candles to remember our grief and sorrows on the longest night of the year.
Christmas Eve, December 24, light the Christ Candle and celebrate the birth of Christ will our candlelight communion service.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Catherine Blanchard who died on October 19, 2025.



It's hard to believe that the Christmas season will soon be here! We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Monday, November 24 at 10:00 am. Please come be a part of this festive time and help with making it special for the Advent and Christmas season. Any questions, call Karla Casteen at 910-284-0482 or Sandy Cobb at 202-320-3149.



The 20th Annual River Landing Food Drive is Monday, November 3. Donation bags are available in the sanctuary as you leave the church and on Information table in Gladden Hall. If anyone would like to donate their time from 8:00-12:00 on Monday, contact Barbara Swetits at 908-500-9079. Monetary donations also welcome.



30-Day Church Growth Project

4 Key reasons churches stop growing or close:

1. Church is no longer relevant to people's lives
2. Church no longer develops deep relationships and where friends meet
3. Due to limited resources and an aging membership, the church has lost connection with the community
4. People don't like to change and don't want to try new things

Robb Lapp recently participated in a 30-Day Church Growth Plan Workshop with John Fong. The next step is for us to form a small group of 2-3 motivated people who are willing to work with John Fong to implement some very simple and practical strategies for growth. If you are interested in helping our church grow or have questions, please contact Robb at interimpastor@wallacepresbyterian.com, give him a call, or just let him know when you see him.



NOVEMBER



11/02: Sara Matthews & Kelli Norris
11/09: Emily & Hayes Ludlum
11/16: Jennifer & Royal Johnson
11/23: Kristin & Bradley Cottle
11/30: Devan & Bailey Riley

Dan Robinson, Leader
Freddy Hall Kelli Norris
Tom Whitfield

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11/02: Lindsay & Hayes Skidmore
11/09: Christy Johnson
11/16: Casey Hall
11/23: Ellie Newton
11/30: Courtenay & Parker Thompson

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

November 1-15: Jim Simpson
November 16-30: Glenn Price

CHURCH NEWS . . .

* **There will be a Congregational Meeting and Covered Dish Luncheon** on Sunday, November 16 immediately following the worship service sponsored by the Congregational Care Ministry Team. Meats will be provided. Everyone bring a covered dish.

***The session** will meet on Tuesday, November 18 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.

* **The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team** will meet Monday, November 17, at 5:30 p.m. in the Blue Room.

* **We will receive** our annual Children's Hope Alliance Thanksgiving Offering on Sunday, November 23.

* **The church office** will be closed on Thursday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Church office is closed on Friday.



Annual Thanksgiving Offering for Children's Hope Alliance Sunday, November 23

Children's Hope Alliance is committed to helping families of all shapes, sizes, and definitions through a vast array of community-based services. Their comprehensive programs give hope to North Carolina's children and families by providing hope for a safe home, a pathway to healing, and a healthy start.

Children's Hope Alliance has hundreds of years of experience helping children and families in need—dating back to the late 1800s. In April of 2014, Barium Springs Home for Children and Grandfather Home for Children came together in an effort to have a greater impact in helping children and families across North Carolina. These sister organizations were both founded by the Presbyterian Synod. The name chosen for the newly formed, merged organization was Children's Hope Alliance: an alliance forged by our deeply rooted mission to provide hope and healing for hurting children and families.

ANNUAL MEETING

Of the Congregation and Corporation

Sunday, November 16, Immediately Following Worship

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation, which will include the election of three elders for the Class of 2028 will be on Sunday, November 16, following the worship service in the sanctuary. A meal sponsored by the Congregational Care Ministry Team will be served in fellowship hall following the meeting. Meats will be provided, everyone bring a covered dish.



Wednesday Mornings

You are invited to join the minister for a weekly Bible Study on Wednesday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., in Room 304. Join us for good fellowship and study of God's Word as we read and discuss the sermon text for the following Sunday.

Bible Study Scripture

Wednesday, November 5: Luke 20:27-38

Wednesday, November 12: Isaiah 65:17-25 & Luke 21:5-19

Wednesday, November 19: Luke 23:33-43

Wednesday, November 26: Romans 13:11-14 & Matthew 24:36-44



November 2025

OCTOBER 2025

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December 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Sun

Mon

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Fri

Sat



Happy Thanksgiving!



2 Daylight Savings Time Ends
9:00 am Choir Practice
9:45 am Adult S. School
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship
11am Worship

3
8:00-12:00 River Landing
Food Drive

4
10:30 am Morning Circle
Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Evening Circle
Fellowship Hall

5
10am Bible Study-Room 304
6pm Handbells
7pm PNC, Room 304

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12:30 pm East
Community COM
Meeting, Room 304

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Office Closed

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9:00 am Choir Practice
9:45 am Adult S. School
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship
11am Worship

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10am Bible Study-Room 304
6pm Handbells
7pm PNC, Room 304

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14
Office Closed

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16
9:00 am Choir Practice
9:45 am Adult S. School
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship
11am Worship/Congregational
Meeting & Covered Dish
Luncheon

17
5:30pm PW Coordinating
Team Meeting, Blue Room

18
6pm Session Meeting, Room
304

19
10am Bible Study-Room 304
6pm Handbells
7pm PNC, Room 304

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21
Pastor on Vacation

22 Christmas at Twilight

Office Closed

4:00-8:00 pm

23 Pastor on Vacation
9:00 am Choir Practice
9:45 am Adult S. School
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship
11am Worship/Annual
Thanksgiving Offering-
Children's Hope Alliance
6:00 Thanksgiving Service-
Wallace Methodist Church

24
10:00am Decorating the
Church

25

26
10am Bible Study-Room 304
6pm Handbells
7pm PNC, Room 304

27 Thanksgiving Day
Church Office Closed

28
Office Closed

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30 1st Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Choir Practice
9:45 am Adult S. School
10:00 am Sunday School
10:30 am Fellowship
11am Worship