



**The Presbytery of  
Coastal Carolina To Meet  
Saturday  
October 4, 2025**



The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will hold its stated meeting on Saturday, October 4. The meeting will be in a hybrid format, online via Zoom and in person at Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460.

**Fall is Here!**



**Birthdays in October**

 **Happy Birthday to You!** 



- |                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>1- John Ward Farrior</b>    | <b>18- Shelton Browder</b>    |
| <b>2- Garrett Ludlum</b>       | <b>Madison Cummings</b>       |
| <b>5- Cheryl Brinkley</b>      | <b>22- Ellie Wells Newton</b> |
| <b>6- Robert Coombs</b>        | <b>Jack Taylor Newton</b>     |
| <b>7- Carol Steen</b>          | <b>23- Madelyn Coombs</b>     |
| <b>10- Catherine Blanchard</b> | <b>Clara Gray Casteen</b>     |
| <b>14- Pearson Johnson</b>     | <b>24- David Sanderson</b>    |
| <b>15- Patsy Ludlum</b>        | <b>25- Royal Johnson</b>      |
| <b>16- Jewel Wells</b>         | <b>27- Nate Farrior</b>       |
| <b>Bruni Frey</b>              | <b>28- Bettie Lettieri</b>    |
| <b>17- Matthew Coltren</b>     | <b>Harold Kohne</b>           |
|                                | <b>31- Hayes Skidmore</b>     |



# NEWSLETTER

**WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**



**Rev. Robert Lapp, Interim Pastor**

**OCTOBER 2025**

**Cheryl Brinkley, Editor**



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5**

Every year on the first Sunday in October, on October 5 this year, Christians around the globe celebrate World Communion Sunday. It is a day to remember that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. Holy Communion joins us in Christian unity. This sacrament invites us to focus on the holiness of communion with God and one another.

On World Communion Sunday - Presbyterians, in conjunction with other denominations and believers worldwide, participate in communion to recognize our unity in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Now, perhaps more than ever, we are called to extend healing and hope which will guide us to becoming a new creation in Christ. Join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on World Communion Sunday, October 5. All are welcome at the table!





Beloved,

World Communion Sunday will be celebrated on October 5 this year. The first World Communion Sunday was in 1933 at Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, PA. The vision was to promote Christian unity, to highlight the importance of our common mission, and to remind us that we are dependent upon one another to fulfill that mission. But it was not until World War II that World Communion began to grow in popularity. It symbolized an effort to show unity during a time of great division and a global war, and that, despite all evidence to the contrary, we truly are one in the Spirit.

World Communion Sunday was adopted as a denominational practice in the Presbyterian Church in 1936. Other denominations were invited to join in this celebration from the beginning, but it wasn't until 1940 when the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches (a predecessor body of the National Council of Churches) promoted it that the practice became widespread.

Today, World Communion Sunday is celebrated around the globe, witnessing that the mission of the church founded on Jesus Christ is to peacefully serve a broken and hurting world together as one.

This year for World Communion Sunday at WPC, the Rev. Jonathan Watson will be preaching and celebrating the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Jonathan retired from parish ministry in 2022, having served Cape Fear Presbyterian Church (Wilmington) and Falls Church Presbyterian Church (Virginia). He continues to minister through his work on the East Community Commission on Ministry. An experienced photographer, his love for God and the diversity of Creation continually inspire his images. Jonathan regularly photographs presbytery meetings/events and was the chief photographer to the General Assembly for The Presbyterian Outlook. He also did the portraits of Dr. Phil Gladden in our church. He and his wife Darcie have a son, James, who will soon begin his Senior year at Wake Forest University, and a seven-month-old puppy named Lucy.

Faithfully,

Pastor Robb  
Transitional Pastor



At the Tuesday, September 16, 2025 stated session meeting:

- Geneva Maready offered the opening devotion and prayer.
- Approved the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation to occur on Sunday, November 16, following the worship service in the sanctuary. There will be a meal following the meeting in the fellowship hall.
- Sandy Cobb was elected to be our elder commissioner at the presbytery meeting on Saturday, October 4, at Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church.
- Received Michael and Pam Teachey into membership.
- Approved Rev. Jonathan Watson to preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper on World Communion Sunday, October 5.
- Discussed and approved recommending to the congregation at its annual meeting a reduction in the number serving on the nominating committee from eight members down to five. If approved, the nominating committee would consist of two elders (one who is active on session serving as the chairperson) and one representative from the Adult Sunday School Class, Presbyterian Women, and the Youth. Currently the Adult Sunday School Class, Presbyterian Women, and the Youth have two representatives. This will be voted on at the congregational meeting.
- Approved Dan Robinson to share a Moment for Mission on Sunday, October 12, about the Gideons and how individuals can support their ministry.
- Approved a request from Wallace-Rose Hill High School to host a meal for the JV and Varsity soccer team.
- Joys and concerns were shared and the meeting was adjourned with prayer.







Pastor Led Bible Study is on Wednesday, at 10:00 am, in room 304. Together we will examine the lectionary text for the following Sunday's sermon. We look forward to you joining us.

**Bible Study Scripture**

Wednesday, October 1:	Luke 17:5-10
Wednesday, October 8:	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
Wednesday, October 15:	No Bible Study
Wednesday, October 22:	2 Timothy 4:9-22
Wednesday, October 29:	Luke 19:1-10

*All scripture is inspired by God,  
and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction,  
and for training in righteousness,  
so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient,  
equipped for every good work.  
2 Timothy 3:16-17*



10/05: Tonya & Emory Landen Patram  
10/12: Danielle Sills & Hope Turnbull  
10/19: Christy Johnson & Payton Westbrook  
10/26: Debbie Price & Joyce Ange

Curt Simpson, Leader  
Royal Johnson James Whitfield  
Harvey Knowles

**OPENING CHURCH BUILDING**

October 1-15: Stanley Skidmore  
October 16-31: Blake Wallace

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

10/05: Debbie Price  
10/12: Kristin Cottle  
10/19: Kelli Norris  
10/26: Georgia/ Windsor Farrior

*CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information*

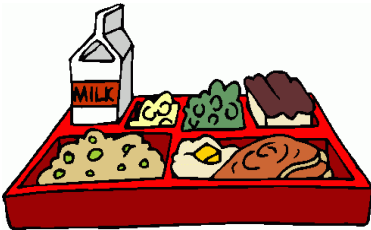
- \* **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will meet on Saturday, October 4, at Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church in Sneads Ferry, NC.
- \* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during worship on World Communion Sunday on October 5. All are welcome at the table.
- \* **East Community Committee On Ministry** will be at Wallace Presbyterian Church on Thursday, October 9, at 12:30 pm.
- \* **Rev. Lapp** will be taking the week of October 13-18 as time for continuing education and will be attending the 2025 Convocation & Pastors' School at Duke Divinity School on October 13-14. This year's theme is *Trinitarian Matters: Shaping Christian Identity and Practice*.
- \* **The Wallace-Rose Hill Men's JV & Varsity High School Soccer Team** will be here at WPC for a meal on Thursday, October 16, 6:30 pm in fellowship hall.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, October 21 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 Rev. Lapp.
- \* **We will receive** our monthly (school year) Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering during worship on Sunday, October 26.
- \* **The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation** will be on Sunday November 16, in the sanctuary following worship. There will be a luncheon in the fellowship hall following the meeting.
- \* **Cub Scout Pack 35** meets on Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:30 pm, in fellowship hall.





**Transitional Pastor's Continuing Education**

Robb Lapp will be taking the week of October 13-18 as time for continuing education and will be attending the 2025 Convocation & Pastors' School at Duke Divinity School on October 13-14. This year's theme is *Trinitarian Matters: Shaping Christian Identity and Practice*.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/  
BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING  
Sunday, October 26**

We will receive our monthly Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, October 26. This offering is an extension of Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries and provides lunches and weekend food for students in Duplin County Schools. During the 2025-2026 school year, the following schools will be served: Beulaville Elementary, Chinquapin Elementary, Rose Hill-Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Wallace-Rose Hill High School.

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](http://www.wallacepresbyterian.com). Thank you for your generous and faithful support.



**Food Pantry Needs for the month of October: Canned Vegetables, Pork & Beans, Baked Beans.** Also, if you have any empty egg cartons, we can use them! Thank you!



**SERMON TEXTS FOR OCTOBER**

SUNDAY	SERMON TEXT	PREACHER
October 5:	(World Communion)	Guest Pastor, Rev. Jonathan Watson
October 12:	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14	<i>Present Blessing, Future Hope</i>
October 19:	Luke 18:1-8	<i>Persistency</i>
October 26:	2 Timothy 4:9-22	<i>Come Before Winter</i>

**COME  
Worship  
WITH US**

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR OCTOBER**

SUNDAY	LITURGIST	PREACHER
October 5	Geneva Maready	Jonathan Watson
October 12	Karla Casteen	Robb Lapp
October 19	Sandy Cobb	Robb Lapp
October 26	Youth	Robb Lapp



Michael and Pam Teachey were received into membership at the session meeting on Tuesday, September 16 and welcomed in worship on Sunday, September 21. Welcome back Michael & Pam!

# ANNUAL MEETING

## Of the Congregation and Corporation

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 will be served in fellowship hall following the meeting.



### Choir “Retreat” and Lunch

**All choir members please plan to attend the Choir “Retreat” and Lunch on Sunday, October 5, right after worship. We will have lunch, practice the Christmas Cantata, and have loads of Fun! See you there!**



**Wallace-Rose Hill Soccer Team Meal** - Wallace Presbyterian Church will host a meal for the Wallace - Rose Hill High School Varsity and JV soccer teams on Thursday, October 16, at 6:30 pm in fellowship hall. If you would like to be a part of this outreach ministry, please contact Kevin Johnson.



**Daylight saving time ends on Sunday,  
November 2, 2025.  
Clocks will fall back one hour.**

## Make October "Faith Month"

*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.  
Hebrews 11:6*

October will be here before we know it. And October ends with Reformation Day, because on October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-five Theses to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, lighting the fuse that exploded into the Protestant Reformation.

I have a suggestion for you. Since one of the great cries of the Reformation became *Sola Fide* (faith alone), how about making this October “Faith Month.” For private worship and reflection you could select and meditate on Scriptures that explain what faith is and how it works. There’s a lot to chew on. In Romans alone you’ll find faith mentioned 35 times, in Hebrews 31 times, in Galatians 19 times. In John’s Gospel you won’t find faith mentioned at all! But you will find some form of the word “believe” 85 times. It’s worth pondering why. Or you could memorize some or all of Hebrews 11 (yes, you *can*!).

Here’s another suggestion. An updated version of John Piper’s book, *Future Grace: The Purifying Power of the Promises of God*, is good reading. It’s the best thing I’ve ever read on what the Bible means when it commands us to live by faith. And it’s very practical. It’s a manual for Christian living. And the great thing is that it has 31 chapters. You could read one chapter each day of October and come away better equipped to fight the fight of faith. (1 Timothy 6:12).

Wouldn’t it be great if on Reformation Day your thanksgiving to God for the gift of faith was deeper and richer because you meditated on the Bible in your language and received clear, biblical teaching? And what an honor it would be to the brothers and sisters who paid a high price to secure these for you.

Make October “Faith Month.” You will not regret pressing deeper into what it means to “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7).

*Article by Jon Bloom*





# October 2025



## September 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

## November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 10am Bible Study-Room 304 6pm Handbells 7pm PNC, Room 304	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Office Closed	<b>4</b> 9:30am-3:00pm Presbytery of Coastal Carolina Meeting-Sneads Ferry, NC
<b>5</b> World Communion Sunday 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship/Rev. Jonathan Watson, Preacher/Sacrament of The Lord's Supper 12 pm Choir Retreat & Lunch 5 pm Cub Scout Pack 35	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10:30 am Morning Circle Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Evening Circle Fellowship Hall	<b>8</b> 10am Bible Study-Room 304 6pm Handbells 7pm PNC, Room 304	<b>9</b> 12:30-2:30 pm East Community COM, Room 304	<b>10</b> Office Closed	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship 5pm Cub Scout Pack 35	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> No Bible Study 6pm Handbells 7pm PNC, Room 304	<b>16</b> 6:30pm WRH JV & Varsity Soccer Team Meal, Fellowship Hall	<b>17</b> Office Closed	<b>18</b>
Pastor on Continuing Education						
<b>19</b> 9:00am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11am Worship 5pm Cub Scout Pack 35	<b>20</b> 5:30pm PW Coordinating Team Meeting, Blue Room	<b>21</b> 6pm Session Meeting, Room 304	<b>22</b> 10am Bible Study 6pm Handbells 7pm PNC, Room 304	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Office Closed	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00am Choir Practice 9:45 am Adult S. School 10am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 11 am Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Offering 5pm Cub Scout Pack 35	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10am Bible Study 6pm Handbells 7pm PNC, Room 304	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Office Closed	