

Come Join us at  
Rockfish Presbyterian Church

“Meet and Eat at Noon”

Wednesday, September 7, 2016

12:00 Noon

Susan Carter

will be our guest speaker

Bring a sandwich

Drink & Dessert will be provided



- 1- Roy Lettieri  
Dewitt McGowen
- 2- Charlie McGowen  
Bob Obenour
- 3- Mark Burroughs
- 5- J.J. Rouse
- 6- Dustin Ellington
- 7- Tom Stamm
- 8- Effie Mobley
- 11- Harriet Farrior

- 18- Clay Blue
- 19- Glenda Mobley  
R. J. Peppe
- 20- Lorene Morgan
- 21- Sherry Roberts
- 23- Roseanna Hirshkind
- 25- Rhonda Hall  
Worth Wilson
- 26- Dan Robinson
- 29- Dave Wells

September

# NEWSLETTER



WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Dr. Philip K. Gladden, Minister

SEPTEMBER 2016

Cheryl Brinkley, Editor



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 11

Covered Dish Breakfast at 10:00 a.m.

Please bring a breakfast dish to share

Recognition and Installation of  
Christian Education Leaders  
for 2016-2017





Dear Friends,

*"Ministry is, first of all, receiving God's blessing from those to whom we minister. What is this blessing? It is a glimpse of the face of God." The esteemed spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, makes this point in his book, A Spirituality of Fundraising. He goes on to say, "Fundraising is a subject we seldom think about from a spiritual perspective. From the perspective of the gospel, fundraising is not a response to a crisis. Fundraising is, first and foremost, a form of ministry. Fundraising is proclaiming what we believe in such a way that we offer other people an opportunity to participate with us in our vision and mission."*

*Our Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team will be guiding us this fall through a stewardship campaign from a spiritual perspective. A key piece of this fall's program is an "all church read" of Henri Nouwen's book. I encourage you to be an active participant in this group read and discussion of Nouwen's helpful and challenging way to think about how we can be good stewards of the gifts God has given us.*

*The "all church read" will take place during the month of September. The session asks that you purchase a copy of Nouwen's book, read it, and stay after worship*

*on Sunday, October 2 for a soup and sandwich lunch and a group discussion of the book. This "all church read" will be an important activity we can all do together as a congregation. Folks who have read Nouwen's book say it is thought-provoking, inspiring, challenging, and an enjoyable, easy read (about 30 minutes).*

*There will be 20 copies available in the church office if you would like to "check one out" to read and return in a timely manner, so other folks can use the resource.*

*Here is information about how you can order your own copy of the book or an online edition.*

*The paperback version is available for \$6.99 at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) and \$4.49 at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).*

*The ebook version is available for \$4.26 for Kindle, Kindle Fire, Apple, Android, Nook, Kobo, PC, Mac, & Blackberry at [www.NuuRoo.com](http://www.NuuRoo.com).*

*Thanks for being a part of our "all church read" and for being a generous congregation.*

In Christ,

*Phil*



## ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, August 16, 2016 stated session meeting, the elders and minister:

- \* were led in an opening prayer by Elder Ann Carter;
- \* conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- \* studied God's Word in Genesis 15:1-6 and 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 and discussed a reading, *The Sin of Certainty: Why God Desires Our Trust More Than our "Correct" Beliefs* by Robert Melone;
- \* had a visit from Ms. Johnette Fields, our congregation's liaison with the presbytery's Commission on Ministry, a group charged with maintaining communication and facilitating relations with congregations;
- \* approved minutes from the June 21, 2016 stated session meeting and August 7, 2016 congregational meeting;
- \* received a thank-you note from First Assembly of God for donation of canned goods to their Blessing House Food Pantry;
- \* approved a grant application to the presbytery's Hunger Program for our Helping Hands Food Pantry;
- \* approved the 2016-2017 Presbyterian Women officers;
- \* approved the 2016-2017 Presbyterian Enrichment Program Board of Directors;
- \* approved requests from the minister for Continuing Education leave and vacation;
- \* received a report from the Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team with a description of the 2016 Stewardship Program;
- \* unanimously endorsed making Children and Youth Ministry a high priority in our congregation by providing funding, leadership, training for leaders, and resources;
- \* elected Elder Susan Walters to be the elder commissioner to the October 8, 2016 stated presbytery meeting at the First Presbyterian Church, Fayetteville, NC;
- \* approved a recommendation from Dr. Dustin Ellington for use of \$4000 collected for bikes at Justo Mwale University: \$2550 for bikes for 15 May graduates; \$1450 for computers for two faculty members (an urgent need);
- \* received a draft of the church's Manual of Operations for a first reading, to be voted on at the September 20, 2016 session meeting. The *Book of Order* requires each congregation to have such a manual of operations;
- \* named prayer concerns in the church and community and



Christian love and sympathy is extended to the families of Don Thomas and Robert Knowles on the deaths of their fathers.



KIRKWOOD SUMMER VESPER SERVICE

Sunday, September 11

5:00 p.m. Refreshments under the Large Pavilion

6:00 p.m. Worship by the Lake

Sponsored by Friends of Kirkwood

Hosted by

First Presbyterian/Wilmington, NC

Summer Schedule

October 9

First Presbyterian/Jacksonville

were led in a closing prayer by Elder Harriet Farrior.



WORSHIP LEADERSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY

September 4

September 11

September 18

September 25

ELDER

Nick Baker

Wayne Casteen

George Francis

Brenda Long

PREACHER

Philip Gladden

Philip Gladden

Philip Gladden

Philip Gladden



Hospital & at home:

Judy Robinson (home)

George Walker (Rosemary)

Kelsea Webster (home)

Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)

Verlie Wells (Rosemary)



NURSERY WORKERS

SEPTEMBER



09/04: Ann Carter & Gerri Hanson  
09/11: Lindsay & Stanley Skidmore  
09/18: Joell & J Parker  
09/25: Georgia & Nate Farrior

10/02: Gloria & Dave Wells  
10/09: Georgia & Philip Longest  
10/16: Christy & Kevin Johnson  
10/23: Gina & Chuck Farrior  
10/30: Susan & Ellie Carone

YOUTH WORSHIP LEADERS

09/04: Lydia & Kennedy Thompson  
09/11: Elizabeth & James Sills  
09/18: Cameron & Reese Blue  
09/25: Garrett Bullard & Ellie Carone

Freddy Hall, Leader

J Parker

Clay Blue

Dave Wells

Wayne Casteen

Roger Coombs



GREETERS

09/04: Art & Cheryl Raymond  
09/11: Cindy Barrow & Lois Edgerton  
09/18: Dotsie Caproni & Dana Myrick  
09/25: Joey & Rita Brinkley

OPENING CHURCH BUILDING

September 1-15: Chuck Farrior  
September 16-30: Dave Wells

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- \* **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering during worship on September 4.
- \* **Presbyterian Men** will meet on Tuesday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church for supper and Bible study. All men are welcome.
- \* **Join your fellow church members** for a Wednesday night Bible study from 7:15 - 8:15 p.m. in Room 304 (across from the Music Room). We will prayerfully discuss the scripture lesson for the following Sunday's sermon.
- \* **The Attie Carlton Handbell Choir** will play Michael Helman's "Prayer for Peace" during worship on September 11, the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11.
- \* **The session** has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 11 immediately following worship for the purpose of hearing a report from the 2016 Nominating Committee and electing five elders to the session's Class of 2019.
- \* **Cheryl Brinkley**, church secretary, will be on vacation Monday - Friday, September 12-16.
- \* **Dr. Samuel Adams**, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, VA, will be our guest Sunday School teacher for our three adult Sunday School classes on September 18. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to hear Dr. Adams, even if you're not currently a member of a class.
- \* **The session** will meet on Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. If you have any business or concerns for the session to consider, please speak to one of the elders or the minister.
- \* **We will receive** our Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry offering on Sunday, September 25.
- \* **Philip Gladden** will attend a continuing education event at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond Tuesday - Thursday, September 27-29. Please contact the church office (285-2808) or Elder George Francis, Clerk of Session, in an emergency.





## PRESBYTERIAN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Have you taken a peek into the PEP classroom lately? If not, you're in for a big surprise! It has been updated and improved immensely this summer! We have a huge new block cabinet and new blocks, so many that it was difficult to fit them all in the cabinet! And we have a beautiful new kitchen set with lots of new items! Our students are going to be so excited! I can't wait for them to see it in just a few days.

We are still in need of some new resources and you can help us with that! We have our first fundraiser of the year coming up on Saturday, September 24. We will be hosting the Saturday plant sale at Johnson's Nursery where there will be plenty of mums, shrubs, and other plants. You know you will want to add some fall color to your house and yard, so come on out and support us while beautifying your house! And, as always, we have our continuing fundraiser at [givingbean.com](http://givingbean.com) where you can buy delicious coffee and help us too! Just go to the link, click on the "find an open fundraiser" button in the upper right hand corner, and look for PEP under faith groups. We get a portion of each sale.

We still have plenty of room to welcome other students for the coming year. If you have friends or family members still looking for a great preschool, please take them an application. We have plenty on the bulletin board beside the canopied entrance. Thank you for all your support!

Dee Thompson, P.E.P. Director



### **Congratulations and thanks to our 2016 Presbyterian Enrichment Program (P.E.P.) Board of Directors**

**Church Representatives:** Susie Bullard (President)  
Susan Walters (session)  
**Community Representatives:** Joey Fussell (Treasurer)  
Susie Gaus  
**Parent Representatives:** Mandy Henderson, Joell Parker  
**Minister:** Philip Gladden



When we reflect on the many blessings God continues to bestow on us, we naturally seek ways to thank him ...to return to Him at least a small portion of His generosity to us. If you feel blessed, and want to share your blessings, you may be asking "how can I best give back to God?" Our Stewardship program is one good answer. In the words of Peter (1 Peter 4:10), "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms"

Your Stewardship ministry team can help you with that. We're going to make it easier for you to contribute by introducing a number of alternative ways to contribute financially, **and** we will be publicizing the many programs in need of time and talent contributions as well. Joining our Stewardship Ministry team is a good first option!

We also will be asking for your pledge soon, in support of our 2017 budget process. Please plan on pledging so we can better plan and manage our finances. I doubt if any of you would be comfortable in not knowing what your income will be next year. We're in the same boat if you don't pledge. Start now to think and pray about your giving for next year.

And now, when you think about your recent giving history, are you satisfied?, or uncomfortable? Have you given to the level you expected? Can you do a little better? We are running a significant deficit this year, which we need to erase. Let's see what we can all do to respond to how richly God has blessed us.

Thank you, and may God continue to richly bless you.

Nick Baker and the Stewardship Ministry team





**Second Sunday  
September 11  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Second Sunday** is a celebration of our church family. Based on the concept of *intergenerational ministry*, **Second Sunday's** aim is to develop strong Christian relationships among multiple generations of our church.

While lessons and activities will be aimed toward children who are preschool through grade 5, all people of the congregation and community are encouraged to join this once-a-month evening of Bible stories, games, songs, activities, and dinner.

Childcare will be provided for the youngest children.

To give us a general idea of how much food to prepare, if you think you will join us, please add your name to the list on the clipboard in the back of the Fellowship Hall, or send an email to [logos.wpc@gmail.com](mailto:logos.wpc@gmail.com).

**SonRise Worship Comes to a Close**

After three and a half years of early Tuesday mornings, SonRise Worship met for the last time on August 9. Thanks to everyone who gathered over the years for prayers, Bible study, and worship.

Join us for the Wednesday morning (10:00 a.m.) or evening (7:15 - 8:15 p.m.) Bible Study.



*Rockfish Presbyterian Church*



*Dear Friends & Families in Christ*

*Rockfish is celebrating 260 years of service to our Lord!*

*We would be honored to have you join us for this occasion.*

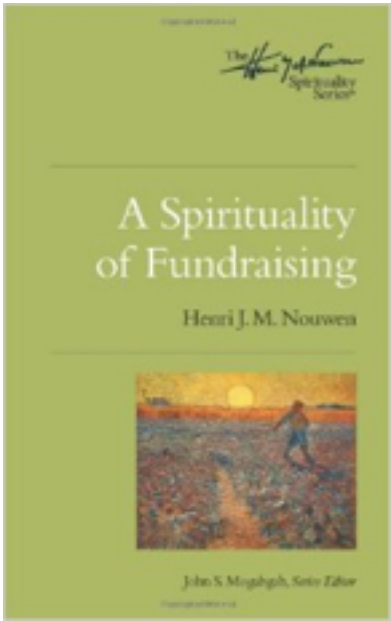
*It will give you a chance to reunite with old friends & make some new ones.*

*Our service will start at 11 :00 am Sunday October 16, 2016.*

*Please bring your favorite covered dish as we will share a meal after Morning Worship.*

*Looking forward to seeing you there.*

*Yours in Christ  
Rockfish Congregation*



**All Church Read  
Month of September  
Henri Nouwen's  
*A Spirituality of Fundraising***

The session invites and encourages you to take part in our “all church read” during September as part of our “Worship, Grow, Go” stewardship campaign. The paperback version is available for \$6.99 at [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) and \$4.49 at [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

The ebook version is available for \$4.26 for Kindle, Kindle Fire, Apple, Android, Nook, Kobo, PC, Mac, & Blackberry at [www.NuuRoo.com](http://www.NuuRoo.com).

Join your fellow church members for an interesting discussion of Nouwen's book on Sunday, October 2, immediately following worship. A soup and sandwich lunch will be provided.

**New Opportunity!**



***Wednesday Evening Bible Study***  
7:15 - 8:15 p.m.  
Room 304  
(across from the Music Room)  
Led by Philip Gladden

Enjoy a time of prayerful discussion of the scripture lesson for the sermon on the following Sunday.



**FEED OUR HUNGRY  
CHILDREN/BACKPACK  
MINISTRY OFFERING**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**



An extension of the Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries

From July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016:

Contributions Received: \$25,470

Backpack Food Expense: \$36,826

Student Lunches Paid For: \$775

Bank Balance: \$6,425

Food packs given to students 7,530 (15,060 meals)

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.

Contributions received from individuals, churches, foundations, and other organizations.



**P.A.T.H. OFFERING  
Presbyterian Answer to Hunger  
Sunday, September 4**

Our quarterly P.A.T.H. offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. This money helps fund feeding programs for children in Haiti and Malawi and supports congregational food ministries in our presbytery. Our Helping Hands Food Pantry directors recently applied for a grant from the Hunger Program to help purchase items for the pantry. Thanks for your faithful support of P.A.T.H.!





**Special Guest on September 18  
Dr. Samuel Adams  
Associate Professor of Old Testament  
Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond**

Dr. Adams will teach a combined Adult Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. on the topic "Gospel in the Bible and Today."



**Attie Carlton Handbell Choir  
to play  
Michael Helman's  
"Prayer for Peace"  
on Sunday, September 11**



On the fifteenth anniversary of 9/11, the Attie Carlton Handbell Choir will play Michael Helman's "Prayer for Peace" during worship. The choir presented this multi-media piece on the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

The composer was profoundly moved by his visit to Ground Zero at the end of September 2001. He also played for the funeral of a young man killed at the Pentagon on 9/11. He wrote, "What could I do to help? I set pen to paper and poured out my feelings and my prayers in music. My hope is that this composition may be a prayer for an end to terrorism and for peace throughout the world."



**Sunday, September 11  
Immediately Following Worship**

The session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, September 11 immediately following worship for the purpose of hearing a report from the 2016 Nominating Committee and electing five elders to the session's Class of 2019.

According to our Presbyterian *Book of Order*, "When elections are held, full opportunity shall always be given to the congregation for nomination from the floor of the congregational meeting by any active member of the congregation."



# September 2016

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WPC Calendar

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<div>18</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minister on overnight retreat with Pastor as Spiritual Guide Program</li> <li>9:40 AM Opening Assembly</li> <li>10:00 AM Sunday School: Dr. Sam Adams leading adult classes</li> <li>11:00 AM Worship</li> </ul>	<div>19</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:15 PM Presbyterians Dining Together</li> </ul>	<div>20</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6:00 PM Session Meeting</li> </ul>	<div>21</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00 AM Bible Study, Church Office Building</li> <li>6:00 PM Handbells</li> <li>7:15 PM Bible Study, Room 304</li> <li>7:30 PM Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div>
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