



NEWSLETTER

WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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SEPTEMBER 2020

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Welcome Back
to In-Person Worship!

Sunday, September 6

In-Person Worship Resumes

Live Stream Worship will continue on
the church website (www.wallacepresbyterian.com),
YouTube, and Facebook.

Please reserve your place in worship each week by 12 noon on Thursday.

Register on the church website.

Cheryl will send an email link reminder on Monday and Wednesday.

or

Call Cheryl Brinkley in the church office at 285-2808.

This head-count is necessary and helpful for worship leaders
and facility planners setting up for weekly worship.

For more information about Covid-19 health protocols for in-person worship,
please see the article elsewhere in this newsletter
or check your e-mail from Monday, August 31.

Let us worship God!



Birthdays in September



Happy Birthday to You!



- 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
- 23- Roseanna Hirshkind
- 25- Rhonda Hall
Worth Wilson
- 26- Dan Robinson
- 28- Hank Saunders
- 29- Dave Wells



Dear Friends,

In 1527, as the “Black Death” plague ran through Europe, Martin Luther wrote a long pastoral letter from Wittenberg to his friend, the Rev. Dr. Johann Hess, in Silesia. In his letter, Luther commented on questions such as how to keep from getting sick, how to keep from infecting other people, how to live anything like a normal life in the midst of the chaos, and where God was in the midst of the pandemic. Luther chose to stay in Wittenberg to preach and minister to the church. He even converted his own house into a makeshift hospital. Here is part of his long letter in which he talks about how his faith informed his actions during the pandemic: “I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.”

Dr. Luther’s advice to his friend reflects some of the foundational thoughts of our Reformed theology: the sovereignty of God, our place in the covenant community of faith, our calling to serve God in all of life, and the priesthood of all believers. What impresses me about this excerpt from Luther’s letter (and his letter as a whole) is his integration of his faith and trust in God and his pragmatic acceptance of and plans to deal with the pandemic.

It is important to note that Luther wrote his letter about how to live faithfully during the pandemic in a time of great social and political division, in large part due to the Protestant Reformation. Not everyone agreed with nor accepted Luther’s advice. Nevertheless, Luther counseled his friend, Dr. Hess, and others to put their faith and trust in God, not blindly, recklessly, or in a tempting way, and then live according to the best health and safety guidelines to protect oneself and, especially, one’s community.

ACTIONS OF THE SESSION

At the Tuesday, August 18, 2020 session meeting via Zoom, the elders and minister:

- * conducted the meeting as a worship service;
- * read God’s Word in Psalm 8 and joined in a time of prayer;
- * heard a report about sanctuary air conditioning repairs by Rich’s Heating & Air; initial estimate of \$581.20;
- * discussed plans for target date of Sunday, September 6, 2020 to begin in-person worship; test run will be held on August 23, after which the planning team will evaluate the process and report to the session; the session will determine whether or not to proceed with the re-entry plans on September 6 or wait until a later date;
- * discussed sanctuary audio/visual equipment needs with Bill Butler in order to maintain the quality of live-stream worship services; Bill will review the proposal from Landmark Audio/Visual in light of the session’s stated desire to maintain the current quality levels;
- * approved a request from the Jack Holley family to host the memorial blood drive in the Fellowship Hall in September; to be conducted the Red Cross according to strict health, safety, and Covid-19 precautions;
- * prayed for members of the congregation and community;
- * prayed together the Lord’s Prayer.



WORSHIP LEADERS IN SEPTEMBER

DATE	ELDER	PREACHER
September 6	Clay Blue	Philip Gladden
September 13	Dan Robinson	Philip Gladden
September 20	Christy Johnson	Philip Gladden
September 27	Hope Turnbull	Philip Gladden

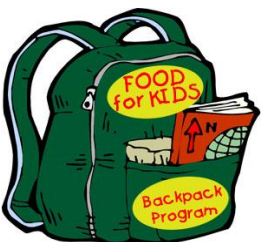
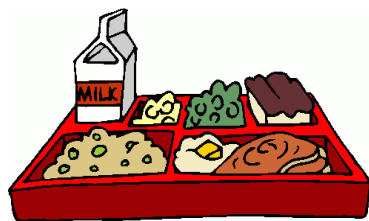
	Hospital & at home:		Verlie Wells (The Gardens)
	Cathy Wells (Fayetteville)		Bruce Lyon (Dayspring)
	Judy Robinson (home)		
	Dan & Eva McLaughlin (The Gardens)		

PREACHING SCHEDULE

“More Messages from Matthew” Preaching in September

DATE	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	THEME
September 6	Matthew 18:1-14	True Greatness
September 13	Matthew 18:21-35	Forgiveness
September 20	Matthew 20:1-16	The Laborers in the Vineyard
September 27	Matthew 21:23-32	The Authority of Jesus Questioned

These scripture texts are provided in advance so you can read God’s Word as part of your preparation for worship. Please pray for Dr. Phil and our congregation as we hear God’s Word read and proclaimed in September.



FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN/BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING

Sunday, September 27

Although this year’s school schedule is different right now due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this offering will help stock the shelves for backpack food to be distributed when students are able to return to their schools. Thank you for your generous support.

If you’ve ever wondered how history can inform the present, Luther’s letter is an excellent example. Granted, the Black Death plague was much worse than what we have experienced so far in the Covid-19 pandemic. Still, the parallels between his situation in Wittenberg and Europe as a whole and our current situation are worth noting. In light of those similarities, we can learn from and be encouraged by Dr. Luther’s advice about how to live faithfully during these challenging and dangerous times.

I share with many of you the unsettling feeling of not knowing what lies ahead with regard to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, in the face of those uncertainties, we can give thanks that we serve, worship, and are called to trust in the living God, who has promised to be with us always in our Savior Jesus Christ who, as the scriptures tell us, “is the same yesterday and today and forever.” (Hebrews 13:8)

Friends, be safe and careful, and may God bless you and our congregation as we seek to live faithfully in these challenging times.

In Christ’s love,

Phil

CHURCH NEWS . . . For Your Information

- * **We will receive** our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, September 6.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.
- * **Bible Study** is held on Monday nights from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. We gather via Zoom teleconference and study the scripture passage for the sermon on the following Sunday. The Zoom invitation/log-on information is sent by email beforehand.
- * **The session** will meet via Zoom on Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- * **We will receive** the Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering on Sunday, September 27.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Eddie Bowman on his death on July 30.
We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Arnie Young on his death on August 4.



Welcome Back
to In-Person Worship!

Wallace Presbyterian Church Return to In-Person Worship September 6, 2020

We offer this plan to the glory of God, with the desire for our congregation to return to in-person worship, and with a commitment to protect as much as possible the health and safety of the people who choose to return to the Wallace Presbyterian Church for in-person worship.

For worship, you will be asked to:

- * Make a reservation for worship by 12 noon on Thursday using the link on the church website, using the registration link emailed each Monday and Wednesday, or by calling the church office. This head count will help worship coordinators in planning and preparation.
- * Access the sanctuary through the Main Street doors or through the door under the portico if needed. Access to the sanctuary from the Fellowship Hall will be through the door nearest the kitchen.
- * Sign in at a registration table (so we can track people in case of an infection) and have your temperature checked.
- * Wear an appropriate face covering at all times while in the sanctuary and church building.
- * Sit in pews while observing the recommended 6 feet of social distancing. This may mean you don't always get to sit in your regular pew.
- * Leave the sanctuary after worship in an orderly manner that maintains appropriate social distancing.

What you can expect in worship:

- * The sanctuary will be cooled or heated as needed but the HVAC system will not operate during the worship service.
- * Printed bulletins and hand sanitizer will be available on tables at registration.
- * The order of worship and congregational responses will also be projected on a screen near the piano.
- * Containers for your tithes and offerings will be available at registration.
- * The worship service will be modified somewhat to shorten the amount of time people are gathered together in an enclosed space.
- * The congregation will be able to sing hymns and responses when wearing appropriate face coverings.
- * Live-stream worship will continue for those who choose not to return to in-person worship yet.



Virtual Bible Study

Join us via Zoom conference call
on your computer or phone

Monday Night from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday Morning from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Zoom invitations are sent by email on Mondays.

Join us for good fellowship and discussion of the sermon text for the following Sunday morning worship.



Christian Education Opportunities via Zoom

For Children: Lindsay Skidmore and Emily Ludlum lead lessons for our children via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to receive the Zoom invitation and lesson activities, please contact Lindsay or Emily.

For Adults; Dr. Phil leads the Alternative Sunday School Class via Zoom on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The Zoom invitation is sent via congregational email on Wednesday or Thursday before the Sunday class.



JACK HOLLEY MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 24, 2020

3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Wallace Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Make your appointment online at
www.redcrossblood.org

or call Jemma Imwalle at 910-271-0485.

You must have an appointment to donate blood. The Red Cross will conduct the blood drive according to all safety, health, and Covid-19 safeguards and protocols.



P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) OFFERING

Sunday, September 6

We will receive our quarterly P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering on Sunday, September 6. This offering supports the Presbyterian Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. That ministry provides funds for feeding programs for children in Malawi and Haiti and for congregational food ministries such as our Helping Hands Food Pantry.

Our Helping Hands Food Pantry is more important than ever during these challenging times of economic uncertainty and insecurity due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our food pantry partners with Duplin Christian Outreach Ministries to provide food on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Thanks to our food pantry volunteers who keep this vital ministry going!



September 2020

- Home
- WPC Calendar
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 ■ 11:00 AM Live Stream Worship/5th Sunday Building Offering ■ 4:00 PM PW Drive Through Fall Gathering	31	1	2 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	3	4	5
6 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday School ■ 11:00 AM Worship/P.A.T.H. Offering	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed ■ 7:00 PM No Zoom Bible Study	8	9 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	10	11	12
13 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday school ■ 11:00 AM Worship	14 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	15 ■ 6:00 PM Session Meeting via Zoom	16 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	17	18	19
20 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday school ■ 11:00 AM Worship	21 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	22	23 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	24 ■ 3:00 PM Jack Holley Memorial Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall	25	26
27 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Sunday school ■ 11:00 AM Worship/Feed Our Hungry Children Backpack Offering	28 ■ 7:00 PM Zoom Bible Study	29	30 ■ 10:00 AM Zoom Bible Study	1	2	3