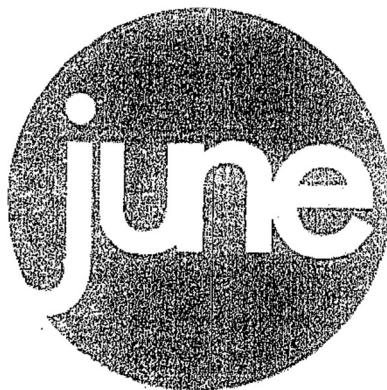


The Messenger

JUNE, 2016



Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship Service
11:45 AM Fellowship

1459 White Memorial Church Rd.
Willow Spring, NC 27592
919-639-9973
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MISSION STATEMENT

*Remembering God's grace, the mission of White Memorial Presbyterian Church
in Willow Spring is:*

*Come to be joyous and thoughtful in worship;
Walk with God's guidance into deeper faith and knowledge;
Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service;
Be loving and generous with time, talents, and treasures;
Go out into the world to welcome and invite.*

Happy
Father's
Day

KEEPING TIME IN CHRIST

For Christians, the primary rhythm of keeping time is that of the week. This understanding of time is rooted in God's creative action (Gen. 1:1-2:4) and connected with the Jewish practice of Sabbath-keeping (Exod. 20:8-11).

With the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the first day of the week (Matt.28:1-10 and parallels), time itself is transformed and fulfilled. Sunday – the Lord's Day – has become the day of new creation on which Christians gather in the presence of the risen Lord to hear the good news of the gospel and to share the meal that Christ prepares (Luke 24:13-35; Acts 20:7). As the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Directory for Worship teaches:

Christians may worship at any time, for all time has hallowed by God... But God set aside one day in seven to be kept holy to the Lord. In the Old Testament the Sabbath was understood as a day totally set aside and offered to the Lord. In the New Testament, believers observed the first day of the week, the day of resurrection, as the time when the new people of the covenant gathered to worship God in Jesus Christ. They came to speak of this as the Lord's Day.

From earliest times, the church has gathered on the Lord's Day for the proclamation and exposition of the Word and the celebration of the Sacraments. The Reformed tradition has emphasized the importance of the Lord's Day as the time for hearing the Word and celebrating the Sacraments in the expectation of encountering the Risen Lord, and for responding in prayer and service (W-1.3011).

While the rhythm of the week is primary, the festivals and seasons of the Christian year offer a way to order the annual life of the church according to the life of Christ and the events of salvation history. The Revised Common Lectionary (featured in this calendar) provides a set of Scripture readings from the Old and New Testaments that is both organized around the Christian year *and* attentive to the broad themes and narratives of the biblical story.

The Directory for Worship elaborates:

As God created and appointed days, God created a rhythm of time and appointed seasons for worship. In the Old Testament, people observed seasons of fasting and feasting as occasions for festival worship of God. Jesus kept these festivals. For the Church in the New Testament, the festivals were transformed in meaning and purpose by Jesus' life and teaching, his death and resurrection, and by the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension, and promised return give meaning to the seasons which order the annual rhythm of worship and guide the selection of lessons to be read and proclaimed in the life of the Church (W-1.3013).

Through two millennia of Christian worship, a certain cycle of festivals and seasons has emerged and is now observed throughout the ecumenical church. Some of these events, including Pentecost, Holy Week, and Epiphany, can be traced to the earliest centuries of Christian practice; others, such as Trinity Sunday and Christ the King, developed later in the church's history.

The Director for Worship explains:

God's work of redemption in Jesus Christ offers the Church a central pattern for ordering worship in relationship to significant occasions in the life of Jesus and the people of God. The Church thus has come to observe the following days and seasons:

- a. Advent, a season to recollect the hope of the coming of Christ, and to look forward to the Lord's coming again;
- b. Christmas, a celebration of the birth of Christ;
- c. Epiphany, a day for commemorating God's self-manifestation to all people;
- d. Lent, a season of spiritual discipline and preparation, beginning with Ash Wednesday, anticipating the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ;
- e. Holy Week, a time of remembrance and proclamation of the atoning suffering and death of Jesus Christ;
- f. Easter, the day of the Lord's resurrection and the season of rejoicing which commemorates his ministry until his Ascension, and continues through
- g. the Day of Pentecost, the celebration of the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church.

The church also observes other days such as Baptism of the Lord, Transfiguration of the Lord, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day, and Christ the King (W-3.2002).

Events in the national or civic calendars, programmatic emphasis of the church, and significant occasions in congregational life may also be acknowledged in worship. However, it is important to keep these events in appropriate perspective, relative to the church's celebration of Christ's resurrection and God's work in salvation history. As the Directory for Worship counsels:

Human life in community reflects a variety of rhythms which also affect Christian worship. Among these are the annual cycles of civic, agricultural, school, and business life; special times of family remembrance and celebration; and the patterns of a variety of cultural expressions, commemorations, and events. The church in carrying out its mission also creates a cycle of activities, programs, and observances. While such events may be appropriately recognized in Christian worship, care shall be taken to ensure that they do not obscure the proclamation of the gospel on the Lord's Day (W-3.2003).

May the Lord be with you – throughout the week, the year, and the days to come – as we await the dawning of God's new creation and Christ's coming again in glory.

LITURGICAL COLORS

The liturgical colors of the Christian year are white, purple, red and green. White is used for special days or seasons in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, such as Christmas and Easter. Where dates appear on a white background, the liturgical color is white. Purple marks the seasons of penitence and preparation, Advent and Lent (blue may also be used for Advent). Red is the color for Pentecost and is often used for ordination services. Red or purple is appropriate for Passion/Palm Sundays. During Holy Week the color is purple until the church is stripped at the end of the Maundy Thursday service. The church remains bare (gray) until the Easter Vigil/Easter; however, some congregations use black or deep scarlet. Green is used for all other time periods, known as Ordinary Time, which are times not marked by a specific festival or season. Congregations can use these colors with some flexibility.

Note: the meaning of liturgical colors and their uses offered here are not exhaustive.

JUNE PULPIT SUPPLY

Sunday, June 5: Rev. Carole McCartney

Sunday, June 12: Rev. Alice Fisler

Sunday, June 19: Scott Stephenson

Sunday, June 26: Rev. Danny Stephenson

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

Rita and Jim Kramer

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Friend and neighbor Mack Langdon passed away on May 11, 2016 after a short battle with leukemia. Prayers for his family and friends as they deal with this sudden loss.
- Thank you for prayers for Alyssa Talton Wood. Her post-treatment report shows no signs of cancer. Another check-up in 6 months.
- Prayers for all cancer victims and their families. Prayers for Relay for Life supporters and continued fund raising to find the cure.
- Anne Honeycutt has two friends with prayer concerns, Sarah and June.
- Paul Dunn, Lynn Stephenson's brother, scheduled for ankle surgery.
- Stephanye Sanderson is still recovering from her surgery and brother Sammy is recovering from shoulder surgery.
- Prayers for Nancy Warren's father who is in the hospital in Wilmington.
- Prayers for Lori Hall's mother who was taken to the hospital on her way to Florida for Lori's sister's wedding.
- Prayers for Randy Raynor, friend of Don Smith, who has cancer problems and surgery.
- Mike Stewart's father Johnny's health is improving.
- Pansy Grimes's friend Vera's husband may have to go back on ventilator.
- Connie & Maria as they continue with the healing of broken wrists.
- Prayers for the Christian Ed Committee as final plans are being made for Vacation Bible School. Please share our FB page with your friends so we will have the largest outreach ever!
- Maria Young's native Puerto Rico is having severe financial problems and threatened by the Zika virus. Maria is worried about family members located there. She is also having a difficult time trying to sell a house there. Prayers for Maria.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| * Kaylan King | * Danny Gay | * Janet & Carl Bunn |
| * Mitch Parrish | * Johnny Stewart | * Megan Poole |

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING

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|------------------|-----------------|
| • Danny Matthews | • Pauline Jones |
| • Vada Allen | • Dorothy Page |

JOYS

- Thanks to our Men's Fellowship group for preparing breakfast for mothers on Mother's Day. It was enjoyed by all.
- Thanks to everyone for helping with the community Senior Citizens Luncheon on May 10th We had 89 in attendance.
- Mike Stewart sponsored his violin and piano students for a recital at the church fellowship hall. It was very successful and exciting to all who attended. Also a special thank you to Mike as he leads us in worship service at the piano while we are searching for a full time pianist.

**SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE
JUNE, 2016 .**

USHERS

Glenda Talton and Ken Bianco

NURSERY

5 — Children stay in church, 12 — Jenn Baudoux,
19 — Michelle and Kaylee Johnson, 26 —Becky Stephenson

BIRTHDAYS

4 -Michelle Jackson, 5 - Gerald Conkling, 5 - Lee Talton, 6 - Rush Grimes, 6 -Michelle Johnson,
9 - Robin Grimes, 14 - Blake Chapman, 22 Jeremy Chapman, 26 - Mike Stewart, 2 - Jonah Ashworth,
28 - Sharen Jackson, 29 - Nikolas Wright, 30 - Don Smith

CLEANING

June 11 — volunteer needed, June 25 — Volunteer needed

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Susan Foster

Please contact her if you have concerns

SECRETARY HOURS

Sandy Parrish — Secretary

Wednesdays — 11:00 AM until tasks are completed

Thursdays — 1:00 PM until tasks are completed



Shepherd's List for Each Session Member

May 22 2016

Susan Foster

Phyllis & Donald Edwards
Pat Holcomb
Dan Mulder
Helen Smith
Sharen & Gerry Jackson
Linda Strickland
Rita & Jim Kramer

Anne Honeycutt

Annette Bridges
Deirdre & Ira Jersey
Idell & Stacey Penny
Ann Stephenson
Don & Teresa Smith
Kristy & Tony Gathing
Emily, Jonah, Noah, Torie & Buster

Sharen Jackson

Bettie Hilda Collins
Ransy & Rush Grimes
Florence Marcinko
Becky & Ronnie Stephenson
Mike Stewart
Laura Katherine & Arnulfo Bemundez

Rush Grimes

Jenn Baudoux
Kay Elliott
Charlene & Larry Norris
Jane & Jerry Smith
Judy Morris

Nancy Warren

Joyce Byrd
Jan & Roger Gossett
Anne Honeycutt & Justin
Michelle & Jeremy Johnson
Kaylee & Landon
Mary Alice Rhodes
Clarissa, Jeremy & Addison Grace
Stephenson

Judy Morris

Kelli Comfert
Peggy & Ed Hall
Danny Matthews
Steve Stephenson & Janna
Vada Allen
Glenda & Lee Talton

Lisa Stanley

Susan & Mel Foster
Joan Page
Myrline Watson
Maria S. Young
Geraldine Stephenson
Rev. Carole McCartney

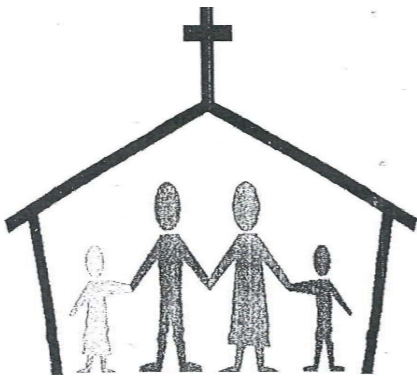
Don Smith

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Pam & Robin Grimes
Margaret King
Stephanye & John Sanderson
Lynn Stephenson & Jayce
Joy Watson

Ronnie Stephenson

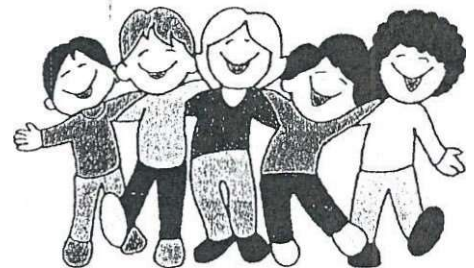
Gerald Conkling
Sue & Harold Godwin
Sandy & Mitch Parrish
Nancy & Al Warren
Ken Bianco
Lisa & Raymond Stanley
Eric Hammond & Elisa Wright
Nikolas

VBS 2016



Imagine what it was like to live and work in a dusty, bustling, noisy city along the Nile in ancient Egypt. You would hear all the talk about what was happening in Pharaoh's palace. You might even work with someone who followed many gods—and may even hear about someone who follows only one God. Maybe you'd even wonder about the new guy Pharaoh has put in charge of storing

and passing out food. Some say this former prisoner even has the gift of interpreting dreams!! In just a few weeks we're taking a journey back to ancient Egypt...without even having to leave our Church! Think about this: What was it like to live as a slave in Bible times?... How did they make mummies? ...What happened to Joseph (the guy with the colorful coat)?? Let's find out what happened to Joseph as he went from Pharaoh's prison to the palace with an exciting Bible times adventure in ancient Egypt!!



Vacation Bible School 2016



Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

JUNE 19th -JUNE 23rd 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

NEWS

This year's VBS is a "mission based" VBS and we are collecting canned goods and non-perishables to help with this outreach opportunity. If you would like to help it would be greatly appreciated. We cannot accept out-of-date items so please be sure to check the dates. The items can be placed on the pew at the back of the Fellowship Hall and I will box them up. I will be placing a container in the Fellowship Hall before VBS as we are collecting items at VBS also.

VBS Meals

We have a Kitchen Crew that is geared up and ready to go. This year we are asking for donations to help with the cost of meals. If you would like to donate towards VBS meals, that would be a great help and much appreciated. You can put the money in an envelope with your name and VBS Meals on the outside of the envelope and give to Don Smith or place in the collection plate.

Thanking you in advance for any help with the Food Pantry items and VBS meals that you can give.

Lisa Stanley

DONATED ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBS CRAFTS AND DECORATING

VBS CRAFT SUPPLIES

1 pack card stock in bright colors	Staples, Michaels
1 pack card stock in beige and brown	Staples, Michaels
Red Clay, 2-5 gallon buckets pine straw (1/4 bale)	Your backyard
10 pieces colored Poster Board	Dollar store, Wal-Mart
Glue Dots	Michaels
40 to 50 Paper Mache Boxes (nothing bigger than 5x5)	Michaels

DECORATING SUPPLIES

2 rolls of brown paper	Lowe's
Cardboard boxes (appliance boxes, small boxes)	Anywhere appliances are delivered
Poster paint (lots of brown; other colors also needed: red, green, blue, orange, yellow, purple)	Michael's
Paint drop cloths	Lowe's
3-4 tents	We would like to borrow from a Church member and return after VBS

June 2016 Mouse News

In the month of May our church honored two life-long members with separate awards. Judy Morris received the Honorary Life Membership from Presbyterian Women. This prestigious award is kept secret from the recipient. Judy was aptly surprised. Several family and friends came to help her celebrate. Linda Strickland was honored as White Memorial's Senior Citizen for this year at a ceremony in Rocky Mount, a yearly event open to all churches in the Presbytery. Two cars full of supporting friends and family accompanied Linda.

Mouse has a new awareness and appreciation for some of the WMPC women who spent their Sunday afternoon in support of Linda. Margaret King drove her car. Florence, Joyce, Judy, and Susan Foster attended their 3rd such celebration in 3 years. An hour and a half drive each way and an hour and a half program. Refreshments afterward (I went along with Linda's son, Marty and friend, Barbie).

I nominate Margaret, Joyce, Florence, Judy, and Susan for recognition as kind, loving, supporting Christian friends. They'll stand by you. They'll go the extra mile. They'll sacrifice their time and rest to befriend you. Money cannot buy that support, nor can the offer of money tempt the supporting ones to change who they are. I thank God for these precious sweet hearts who follow the golden rule - MATT. 7:12 SO IN EVERYTHING DO TO OTHERS WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU, FOR THIS SUMS UP THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS.

Don and Teresa had fun fishing with Lisa's family on Saturday afternoon at the Smith's Nursery pond. Reagan caught a turtle. In the year end awards at Southside Christian School, Devin Penny, Don and Teresa's grandson received Most Improved in boys' basketball and Reagan Penny had perfect attendance. Laura Katherine, Don N Teresa's other daughter, is transferring to a new Wake County School, Smith Magnet Elementary School, Garner, teaching English as a second language.

Mike Stewart sends a big thank you to all of the church ladies who helped make the violin recital a big success. The young students were a little shaky in front of everyone but they all finished "on the same note!" He is so very proud of all of them. It was nice to see so many parents and friends stay afterwards and visit. And thanks to the church members who came out to be part of the audience. It meant a great deal to Mike and the students.

Jenn Baudoux has a new address. She and Leela, her canine companion, have plenty of room to breathe and enjoy a fenced in yard, pear trees and room for a garden. She is a bit closer to church! Jenn is also planning a trip to see her mom in NY state the 1st of July. It's been 7 years since she's been home. Good for you, Jenn.