

The Messenger

October, 2015

October

Sunday Schedule

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

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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.*

Dear Friends of God,

Happy October! I am what you might call an Autumn Man. I enjoy the change of seasons, as the weather gets cooler and the leaves change color. I enjoy the longer nights, the slower pace, the approach of Christmas. But that doesn't mean things will be slowing down at White Memorial Willow Springs!. In our Newsletter this month you will find the dates and times of all sorts of interesting things we will be doing as a Church this month. Three things I would like to point out – that I am starting a Bible Study on the book of Philippians on Wednesday, October 14 at 6 PM. We will be doing a close read of the Bible, and discuss together how God speaks to us through these holy words. And number two, HOMECOMING SUNDAY! Please come on out to Sunday morning service, October 18th as we worship God and give thanks our our Church. See you there. Number three, we going to have a Men's Breakfast at 8:00 AM on the last Sunday of the month, October 25th, at The Golden Corral. Hope to see all the men there.

In Christ,

Henry



October 4, 2015

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ:

A few years ago, White Memorial Presbyterian Church came up with a new mission statement. The following bold sentence calls us to service in the Lord's name: **Stretch out to the needy with tangible acts of service.** White Memorial has been doing this many times over again and again. One of the ways has been filling the Food Basket in the foyer of the church every Sunday. You have been so generous!

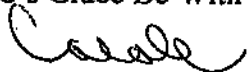
At the May Session meeting, it was brought to our attention that our usual drop-off at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church was overflowing. It was suggested that we could give our donated food and paper goods to the West Johnson High School Food Pantry. The Session agreed. So for the past few months the Food Basket has been taken to West Johnson High School Food Pantry. It has been well received.

Along with the donated food and paper goods, we gave them a grant application from New Hope Presbytery's Domestic Hunger Grant. This is otherwise known as the "Two Cents a Meal Program". The offering we take up once a month known as the "Hunger Basket" is sent to support this program. This financial support is combined with other churches in the Presbytery. The West Johnson High School Food Pantry Director has applied for this grant. It is usually March 2016 before the grantees are notified. Please keep this in your prayers. Don't forget!

On November 11th, Food Pantry Director Ms. Jeanette Neyman will speak during the worship service about this mission to the hungry. Indeed, White Memorial is **stretching out to the needy with tangible acts of service!**

Also on November 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at White Memorial "Transitions in Life" (formerly Wake County Hospice) will be offering a program on grieving. You will be hearing more news about this as the days go by. Please keep this outreach to the community in your prayers. Don't forget! Please contact me or Joan Page.

God's Grace Be With Us All,



The Rev. Carole R. McCartney
Moderator and Parrish Associate



Prayer Concerns

- Prayers for Lynn Stephenson, and family and friends as they mourn the loss of Lynn's father Paul Dunn who passed away on September 16th after a long battle with cancer.
- Prayers for family & friends of Jason Starling who died in an automobile accident on September 13th.
- Prayers for family & friends of Justin Honeycutt's friend, Shane, who died in a motorcycle accident.
- Continued prayers for Charlie Coates to regain his strength as he recovers at home following surgery for an abcess in his throat and future surgery to remove his tonsils.
- Many cancer patients who are undergoing treatment; John Sullivan, Cindy Calloway, Nell Stephenson, Kim Ware, Janet Bunn
- Prayers for Edna Gardner, Glenda Talton's friend, who has very serious respiratory and heart problems.
- Prayers for Mike Stewart and his father Johnny Stewart. Mr. Stewart is staying with Mike at this time.
- Continued prayers for Mitch Parrish with his breathing and heart problems. And also for Sandy.
- Florence undergoing testing; her daughter Terri to have dental surgery.
- Travel mercies to Sharen & Gary Jackson on their vacation to Hawaii.
- Thanks for answered prayers for Scott Stephenson's safe return home.
- Hope and strength for recovering addicts and family members; help for those who are homeless to find work and shelter.
- Dorothy Page is at Pruitt Healthcare recovering from a fall and having a pacemaker inserted.
- Heaven Talton had a scare at school and found out she has an ovarian cyst. Undergoing tests at this time to see if surgery is needed.
- Margaret King's sister Barbara to have laser eye surgery this week.
- Gail Musser, had back surgery and is recovering at her daughter's house.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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| * Kaylan King | * Frances Seagroves | * Judy Gardner |
| * Mitch Parrish | * Johnny Stewart | * Meagan Poole |
| * Janet & Carl Bunn | * Barry Allen | * Danny Matthews |
| * Dorothy Register | * Garland Family | * Howard Stephenson |

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING

- Danny Matthews, Hester Family Care Center, 154 Haven Lane, Princeton, NC 27569
- Pauline Jones, Liberty Commons, 2315 Hwy. 242, Benson, NC 27504
- Vada Allen, Oak Hill Living Center, 9767 NC Hwy 210, Angier, NC 27501

JOYS

Henry shared with us the good news of his engagement to Amanda Golbek. Wedding date will be in June 2016 in Amanda's hometown in Oregon.

Clee Talton will be celebrating his 90th birthday on October 17th.

Upcoming wedding for Laura Katherine and Armulido – November 21st.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE

October, 2015

USHERS

Glenda Talton and Ken Bianco

NURSERY

4 – Jenn baudoux, 11 – Becky Stephenson,
18 – Michelle and Kaylee Johnson, 26 – Joyce Byrd

BIRTHDAYS

1 – Rev. Carole Mc Cartney, 2 – Elisa Wright, 5 – Lynn Stephenson,
5 – Raymond Stanley, 10 – Margret King, 18 – Noah Ashworth,
24 – Ronnie Stephenson

LITURGISTS

4 – Nancy Warren, 11 – Sandy Parrish, 18 – Judy Morris,
25 – Glenda Talton

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Anne Honeycutt

H: 919-552-3793 C: 919-414-0026

Please call if you have concerns

CLEANING

3 – Lynn Stephenson, 17 – Susan Foster,
31 – Linda Strickland and Joyce Byrd

SECRETARY HOURS

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11AM to when tasks are completed

Thursdays – 12:30 PM to when tasks are completed



Session Notes from September 20, 2015

The Session reviewed and approved a 6 month contract our Henry which he has signed. Henry will be with us through March of 2016. Hooray!!

We will be having another Book Study starting October 14th at 6:00 PM on the Book of Philippians.

Dierdre Jersey will head-up the Stewardship Drive. Thank you Dierdre!

Homecoming invitations have been sent to friends of the church and former members.

Mike Stewart has ordered a Community Sign so we can alert the community to events. Thank you Mike

The Session will discuss Blessing of the Animals at the October meeting.

Sandy Parrish, Clerk of Session



HOMECOMING SUNDAY, 2015 -- A TIME OF CELEBRATION OCTOBER 18

Homecoming celebration is a southern church institution crossing all denominations. Typically a church homecoming is held annually and usually on the same Sunday of the month every year. Often a previous minister returns to deliver the message of the day. This year Henry Coates, our ministerial intern will bring the Homecoming message. Family and friends of previous years return, and everyone brings a basket of food to share, making a memorable feast. Before Fellowship Halls the Homecoming meal was held on long tables on the church grounds.

HOMECOMING DAY IS ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WORSHIP LIFE OF WMPC.

In preparation for this big day the building and grounds undergo major cleaning and sprucing up. The choir always prepares very special music. Everyone looks forward to seeing old friends.

Another important element of the day is the CELEBRATION OFFERING. Beginning in 2011 WMPC members agreed to institute this Homecoming offering, rather than continue with the Chicken BBQ fund raiser, where profits had lessened along with the members' enjoyment of the effort.

Fall fundraisers are prevalent in our area. In rural churches where farming was the major occupation, the fall season brought a slower pace to life and also the rewards of the year's work. A major event that accompanied the fall fundraiser was an auction. Members brought in special baked goods and canned goods; Women of the Church quilted a quilt; local businesses donated items and services for auction. In a spirit of fun and fellowship family members would bid against each other to drive up the winning bid.

These fall funds were instrumental in church upkeep.

Let us all look forward to HOMECOMING AT WHITE MEMORIAL this year. Let us celebrate the loved ones who were instrumental in growing this church and have now gone to glory. Please make plans to join in the celebration, October 18, WORSHIP AT 10:30.



- We enjoyed hosting the Kirk Tones, a chime choir from Kirk of Kildare in Cary on September 20. Ron and JoAnn McMenamin are members of the group; Ron supplied our church for over a year about 2004/5. He agreed to return to serve communion on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 4.
- Fall cleaning may be a thing of the past but not at WMPC. Many thanks to the saints who have helped deep clean the Fellowship Hall and the church. Closets, cabinets, windows, floors, drawers, all have been cleaned. Everything looks wonderful.
- When Glenda took a tired and happy Myrline home after her wonderful affirming 90th birthday party, Myrline told her she wouldn't sleep a wink because she was high as a jack rabbit. Glenda was very tickled because she'd never heard her mom say anything like that before. It really was a wonderful loving event, attended by many, many friends that Myrline had known over her lifetime.
- Jayce Stephenson is enjoying Methodist University in Fayetteville. He is a wide receiver for the football team which is 2-1 so far this season. He will be pitching this spring for the baseball team.
- Scott Stephenson, son of Ronnie and Becky and father of Haley is taking Haley and her cousin Rebecca to New York City for a Broadway show and a baseball game in early October. What a dad! Mouse remembers last year he took them to Boston!
- Deirdre and Ira will be volunteering for Dorcas Ministries' Thanksgiving Breakfast November 5, at Prestonwood Country Club 7:30 a.m. Have you visited the consignment shop at 187 High House Rd.? Their mission is to help people in crisis with temporary assistance and programs/partnerships to build skills---money management, resume building, job searches, networking. If you cannot get to Cary, please keep their work in your prayers. They helped 13,300 last year.
- On Saturday afternoon Oct. 31, the Youth Class will sponsor a TRUNK OR TREAT at the church. We've missed the past two years. THAT WAS FUN. I still have my SCREAM mask. Sign up your trunk. I promise you'll enjoy.

Everyday Stewardship

I love the Lord's sense of humor. "Why?" you ask. About 6 weeks ago, Don Smith asked me to peruse a booklet entitled "Giving – Fearless Generosity." I read one of the articles right away and then put the booklet into a pile of books and magazines I hope to read this year. Then I started thinking, I don't want to lead a Stewardship campaign, I have enough to do. More volunteer work! More time! No, I didn't want to do this. (Sound like anybody you might know?).

Then one morning in late September, while preparing questions related to Isaiah and Hebrews for our Bible in a Year class, I started thinking how all the books connect to one another. And what was that Jesus said back in January, in Matthew 22:17-21? (oh I didn't remember where the verses are – I had to look them up!). Here's how the Bible story goes.

"Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?"

But Jesus perceived their wickedness and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money."

So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

They said to Him, "Caesar's."

And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God, the things that are God's." When they heard these words, they marveled and left Him and went their way."

In Old Testament law, God's chosen people were instructed to give 10% (a tithe) as an offering. Jesus said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God, the things that are God's." ...and give to God, the things that are God's (bears repeating). I don't know about you, but my answer was EVERYTHING! He gave us EVERYTHING! There isn't one person that I know or thing I own that wasn't made possible and given to me generosity of God. Look around. Creation – the beauty and marvels of the universe; the gift of life, my life, your life; the talents and fruits of the spirit that God generously bestows on us; the work we have been blessed to do in our lifetime to serve others – even volunteering, Deirdre (he whispered); the housing, food, healthcare, financial resources that carry us through each day, each a gift from Him. We live in a free country, the richest country in the world with great opportunities. So what hasn't God given us?

The widow (Luke 21:1-4) understood giving all to God and she is the shining example for all of us.

So these things were put upon my heart to write for the newsletter and then I picked up Don's booklet again to read the recommendations for weeks three and four of a four-week campaign. I should tell you the first is **Fearless Living**, second **Fearless Service**, third **Fearless Sowing** and fourth – which I read, laughed and said aloud – "You really have a sense of humor, Lord," was **Fearless Giving** with references to tithing and the widow. I got His message. Hope you get it, too, during November's Stewardship lessons and throughout the whole year.

¹ The Rich Young Ruler was asked to sell his "everything," but more about that next month.

MORE ON CHURCH STEWARDSHIP SEASON

and prepare yourself.....you will start to hear a new term of "generosity" in place of stewardship!

At the July meeting of Presbytery I attended in Durham, the program focus was on stewardship. A new term of "generosity" is now being recognized for this vital component of our Christian faith.

A funny story was told by the primary speaker on this subject. I will not remember it exactly as told that day, but hopefully you will get the point and maybe a laugh!

It seems a Presbyterian married couple were on an overseas flight, destined for some pleasurable faraway vacation site. Everything was fine until the captain came on the microphone with an abrupt announcement that the plane was experiencing technical problems. He continued his message that unfortunately the plane was going down, but hopefully to land on a deserted island in the middle of the ocean.

Upon hearing the bad news, the husband turns to his wife and asks 3 questions:

- 1) Did you cut off the oven in the kitchen before we left? (actually probably should have asked that question much earlier, but anyway this is the way the story was told.....); the wife answered YES.**
- 2) Are the life insurance policies paid up? The wife answered YES.**
- 3) Did you turn in the church stewardship pledge cards? The wife answered "Oops honey, NO I forgot that".**

The husband exclaimed : " That's great!! The church is sure to find us!!".

Pray for WMPC's "generosity" ministry season, coming in November, 2015. And yes we will be providing commitment cards so you may personally express your Christian stewardship or generosity. More information will be forthcoming.

If anyone ever has a question about church finances, please feel free to ask.

Thank you,

Don Smith

Treasurer and Chair of Administration and Finance Committee

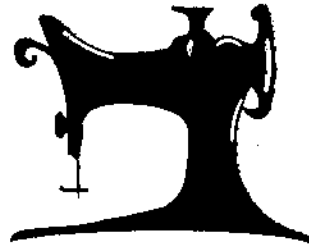
BACKPACK BUDDIES

Here is a list of items that can be donated our the Back Pack Buddies:

- Individual boxes of cereal
- Pop-Tarts
- Cereal bars
- Raisin
- Fruit cups
- Pudding Cups
- Crackers/Nabs
- Chicken Noodle Soup (small can with pop tops)
- Vienna Sausage
- Roman Noodles
- Beanie Wieners
- Mac & Cheese
- Spaghetti O;s
- Potted Meat
- Peanut butter
- Capri Suns

The Presbyterian Women will accept them. Many thanks





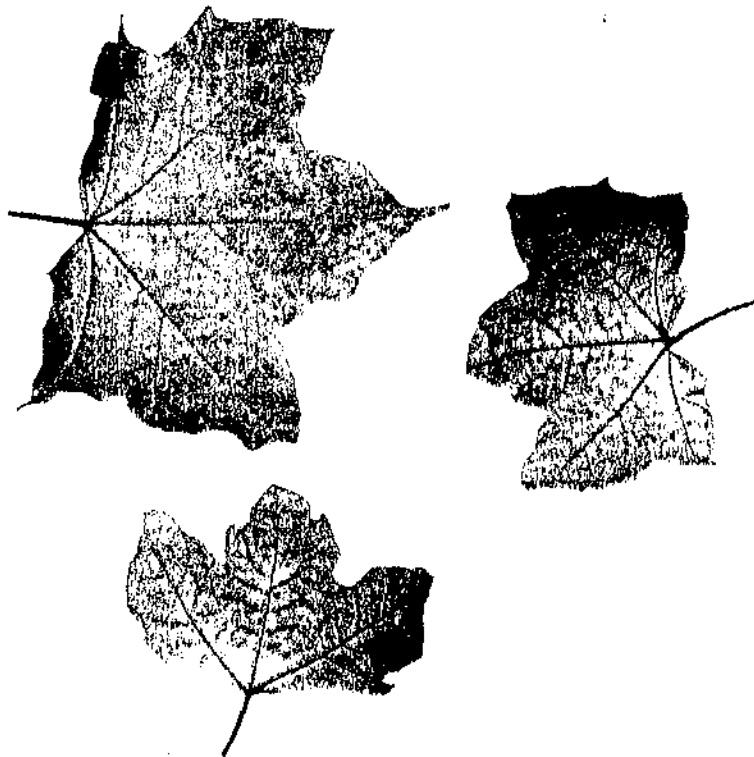
Mission Project Needs Seamstresses

Deirdre Jersey is cutting the donated fabric for our gift bags for the residents of Stage Coach Manner. These will be delivered in early December by members of our congregation.

Thanks to generous gifts of zippers and cash to buy the balance needed, we are on our way. There are 45-50 bags to make.

Now we're calling for people who know how to use a sewing machine to help with this project. If you can volunteer, please email djersey@meetingdetails.com or call her at 919-815-7317. No previous experience with zippers necessary. She will show you how to do it. These bags require sewing four straight lines.

Also, we may call a **Sew-In Afternoon** the week of October 18 depending where we are in our progress. Thanks for considering **Generous Service** for this project.



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