

The Messenger

APRIL, 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
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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.*

A WEE BIT OF POLITY ACCORDING TO THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH'S BOOK OF ORDER

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Currently the 2015 - 2017 the Book of Order is what the Presbyterian Church (U. S.A) uses as its foundation for guidance and direction. The Book of Order has 14 chapters that covers the "Foundations of Presbyterian Polity" to the Rules of Discipline. This month I thought I would share some of the first chapter called "The Foundations of Presbyterian Polity". This first chapter shares God's mission which is the good news of the Gospel that is, the triune God. It reminds us that this one living God, the Scriptures say, liberated the people of Israel from oppression and covenanted to be their God. By power of the Spirit, this one living God is incarnate in Jesus Christ, who came to live in the world, die for the world, and be raised again to new life. The Gospel of Jesus Christ announces the nearness of God's kingdom, bringing good news to all who are impoverished, sight to all who are blind, freedom to all who are oppressed and proclaiming the Lord's favor upon all creation.

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all the people the grace of God in font and table and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating God's mission.

Well what does all this translate to us? I believe it means for us to honor God daily in our life by sharing our faith with one another. So sit down read the covenant of God's love to all people that God is our God and we are God's people. Then get up and get going by sharing the glory and enjoyment of God for everyone. And this is how the church grows!

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Carole :)

Prayer Concerns

- Prayers and condolences to the family and friends of our church member, Frances Seagroves. Frances passed away on March 22nd. Her funeral services and burial were held Friday, March 25 at White Memorial. Frances served our church and our community with her talents and generosity and will be missed by many.
- Condolences to Florence Marcinko and her family as they mourn the loss of Florence's sister, Michele.
- Danny Gay of Kenly and Randy Raynor of Four Oaks undergoing cancer treatments. They are former co-workers of Don Smith
- Vera Stanley a friend of Pansy Grimes will have open heart surgery.
- Continued prayers for people undergoing treatment for cancer and their hopes for a full recovery.
- Friends and family of Frances Underwood helped her celebrate her 90th birthday on March 20th. Frances is Anne Honeycutt's mother and Justin's grandmother and her husband Herb was our supply pastor for 10 years. A sweet and gracious woman...
- Joyce's granddaughter, Kimberly, had a hospital stay for pneumonia and is getting better. Kimberly and her husband are expecting a baby soon.
- Happy that Henry and Amanda made it home safely from their recent trip to Portland, Oregon.
- Condolences to family and friends of victims who were killed or wounded as a result of the terrorist attack in Brussels, Belgium.
- Drop Geraldine Stephenson a card in the mail: 106 Woodbridge Drive, Dunn, NC 28344
- Drop a card in the mail to LCPL Jacob Baudoux, VMA 233 (C/L), Unit 24091 FPO AE 09510-4091. Jacob will be returning home on May 2nd.
- Prayers for Henry Coates as he continues his journey toward ordination through New Hope Presbytery and his marriage in June. We are going to miss your strong presence and great sermons.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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| * Kaylan King | * Danny Gay | * Janet & Carl Bunn |
| * Mitch Parrish | * Johnny Stewart | * Gerry Jackson |
| * Megan Poole | * Ben and Sarah Blalock | * |

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
- Dorothy Page, Gabriel Manor, 84 Johnson Estate Road, Rm. 112, Clayton, NC 27520

JOYS

- What a great luncheon on Sunday, March 20 when we celebrated our time with Henry and Amanda and they were given a bridal shower.
- Easter EGGstravaganza on Saturday, March 26th was lots of fun with the children. Thanks to the Christian Ed Committee who work hard on planning and making sure all is covered.
- Anticipating a great Easter Cantata presented by our choir and breakfast on Easter morning.

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE
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USHERS

Margaret King and Joyce Byrd

NURSERY

3 – Jenn Baudoux, 10 – Becky Stephenson,
17 – Michelle and Kaylee Johnson, 24 – Jenn Baudoux

BIRTHDAYS

1 – Ashley Sanderson, 4 – Jayce Stephenson, 6 – Monica Chapman,
7 – Linda Strickland, 13 – Ira Jersey, 16 – Connie Aberant,
17 – Jordan Johnson, 18 – Joy Watson, 24 – Jessica Denning Evans,
25 – Haley Stephenson, 25 – Justin Honeycutt,
26 – Glenda Talton, 26 – Brenda Talton, 29 – Clay Baudoux

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Anne Honeycutt

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Please call if you have concerns

SECRETARY HOURS

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11:00 AM to when tasks are completed

Thursdays – 1:00 PM to when tasks are completed.

REPORT FROM TREASURER

APRIL, 2016

The normal monthly treasurer's reports are not included for the April 2016 church newsletter.

The treasurer's laptop computer was recently upgraded to Windows 10 which resulted in disabling of the 2004 Quickbooks software program used for financial records and reports. Fortunately the 2016 Quickbooks version was later installed on the computer and backed-up financial data successfully imported to the new version, however there was not enough time available to meet the newsletter entry deadline for reports.

The church's current financial condition continues to be very good. Thanks to all for your stewardship efforts.

If anyone has questions or comments about the church finances, please see the treasurer or a member of the administration and finance committee. Such feedback is important to the overall financial program of the church.

Don Smith, Treasurer

Pastoral Arrangements Going Forward

After a 12-month period, Henry Coates' internship with WMPC ends March 31, 2016. Henry has been a true blessing to us and we wish for him the very best along the paths upon which the Lord leads him. Thanks so much "Hank"!!

Starting in April, the weekly Sunday morning worship service pastoral responsibility will be filled by various supply speakers. Reverend Carole McCartney will continue to serve on the first Sunday of each month to provide the morning worship message and administer communion, as well as continuing in other duties and blessings for our congregation as Parish Associate Pastor.

The Session wishes to assure the church family going forward that weekly Sunday worship and programs will continue uninterrupted. Prayer is encouraged for discernment of the Lord's will for a pastoral relationship to be in our future.

PULPIT SUPPLY FOR APRIL

April 3 – The Rev. Carole McCartney

April 10 – The Rev. Alice Fisher, Pastoral Associate at Kirk of Kildaire

April 17 – The Rev. Margaret Wilson-Staton

April 27 – The Rev. Ted Churn

APRIL 2016 MOUSE NEWS Sunday---Easter Sunday--will end Henry's intern contract with WMPC. I thank God for this past year, an interim year for WMPC--in between --a 7-year full time minister, Dr. Duane Hicks, transitioning into a future to be decided--This past year has been good for our church. White Memorial has always been loving and strong; ready and able to carry on the appointed business of the church during transitions. We are blessed to have Carol McCartney as our anchor! Her willingness to support this church as Moderator of the Session is making this transition easier. Henry's energy in the pulpit has energized the congregation. That energy, joined with the congregational hospitality and love, attracted new members. Seven people have joined the church in the past year. We are thankful for the love and presence of Jerry and Jane Smith, Geraldine Stephenson, Eric, Elissa Hammond and son, Nick, Anona Huff and Annette Bridges and daughter, Madison. AS WE REFLECT ON THE CROSS THAT IS VISUALLY BEFORE US AT CHURCH, let us ask ourselves how have we experienced the love of God and how is God's love being channeled through you toward others.

* Janna Stephenson is enjoying her charter school experience at Longleaf in Raleigh. Janna is focusing on photography as her future--for now--Some of her work is for sale at Turtle's Nest Gallery in Emerald Isle. Proud grandmothers , Brenda Talton and Ann Stephenson!

* At Henry and Amanda's shower Sunday, everyone who wanted a chocolate covered peanut butter Easter egg, received one, made by Faith and Blake Chapman, Kaylee and Landon Johnson, Haley Stephenson and Nicholas Hammond. They had a great time making them, but the adult helpers had to insist on Egg Shapes or you could have received a worm shape or football shape or a snowman shape or a bracelet shape, etc. Fun for helpers too.

* Florence Marcinko helped. I'm nominating Florence as Church Helper of the Year! Need any help with project--Call Florence.

*And one Sunday we're going to have a spelling test to see how many members can spell and pronounce each others' names. (I had to look spelling up!)

* Don and Teresa Smith spent a few days at Cherokee in the NC mts at a work conference. As they were riding around enjoying the scenery, they happened upon a road named Don Craig Rd. That's interesting and fun!

Cleaning List 2016

<u>Jan</u>	2	Judy and Margaret
	9	Shannon
	16	Shannon
	23	Helen and Becky
	30	Maria S. Young and Cecil
<u>Feb</u>	6	
	13	Maria S. Young and Cecil
	20	Shannon
	27	Shannon
<u>March</u>	5	Shannon
	12	Don & Teresa Smith
	19	Shannon
	26	Jenn
<u>April</u>	2	Shannon
	9	Joyce & Linda S.
	16	Shannon
	23	Jerry & Jane Smith
	30	<i>Susan + Mel Foster</i>
<u>May</u>	7	Shannon
	14	Don & Teresa Smith
	21	Shannon
	28	Glenda & Michelle
<u>June</u>	4	Shannon
	11	
	18	Shannon
	25	

<u>July</u>	2	Shannon
	9	Lisa Stanley, Robin & Pam Grimes
	16	Shannon
	23	
	31	Glenda & Monica
<u>Aug</u>	6	Shannon
	13	
	20	Shannon
	27	Rush & Pansy Grimes
<u>Sept</u>	3	Shannon
	10	
	17	Shannon
	24	Glenda & Michelle
<u>Oct</u>	1	Shannon
	8	Margaret K, Mary Rhodes
	15	Shannon
	22	
	29	Glenda & Monica
<u>Nov</u>	5	Shannon
	12	
	19	Shannon
	26	
<u>Dec</u>	3	Shannon
	10	
	17	Shannon
	24	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM The Rev. Carole McCartney	4 Presbyterian Women, 8:00 PM	5	6 Music Ministry Practice, 7:15 PM	7	8	9
10 Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM The Rev. Alice Fisher	11	12 Senior Luncheon, Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Noon Worship and Music, 7:00 PM	13 Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM	14	15	16
17 Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM The Rev. Margaret Wicks-Staton	18	19 Session Meeting, 7:00 PM	20 Music Ministry Practice, 7:15 PM	21	22	23
24 Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM The Rev. Ted Churn Luncheon after Worship	25	26	27 Music Ministry Practice, 7:15 PM	28	29	30

More Calendars from LivingStone