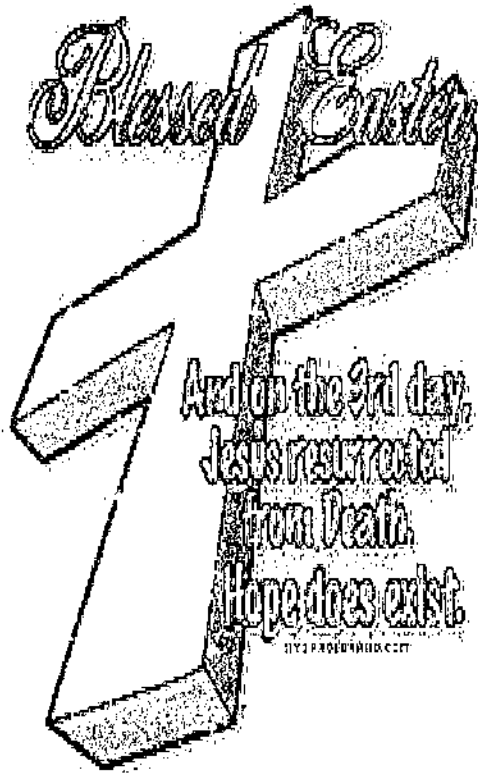


# The Messenger

MARCH, 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

[www.wmpcwillowsspring.org](http://www.wmpcwillowsspring.org)

## 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!

One of the things I like most is reading other church newsletters. Many of the surrounding Presbyterian Churches send their newsletters to sister churches. Recently I was reading Oakland Presbyterian Church and found a great article on the topic of why we elect Ruling Elders. It was written by Rev. Andrew Ruth who is their pastor. I would like to share some of his thoughts as well as from the Book of Order.

However, a little background of how the Presbyterian Church (USA) is different from just a few other churches in our community. He says, "First we follow in the tradition of Christian theology generally associated with John Calvin, a French reformer. Second, we are governed by Presbyters or Elders. This sets us apart from the Catholic Church or the Episcopal or even the Methodist Church, which are governed by Bishops, that unilaterally make decisions (though taking advice from councils). In those traditions, the decision of the Pope or the Bishop or even the local Priest/Pastor has final say. At the other end of the church structure spectrum are Congregationalist churches like the Congregationalists, many Baptists, many Pentecostals, and many non-denominational churches (though not all). In a church ruled by the whole congregation, the whole congregation votes on every major theology or ministry issue by referendum. We by contrast are led by a group of elders who represent the congregation and serve by leading on behalf of the congregation. "We do this because we believe each of us, even Christians are sinners, prone to make decisions, and to misinterpret the will of God.

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), a nominating committee is elected by the congregation. Thereafter, a Ruling Elder is appointed by the session to convene the nominating committee. After agreeing on a new class of Ruling Elders, the names are brought to the Session. A congregational meeting is called for the purpose to elect this new class of Ruling Elders. According to the Book of Order, a Ruling Elder is defined this way: "As there were in Old Testament times elders for the government of the people, so the New Testament church provided persons with particular gifts to share in discernment of God's Spirit and governance of God's people. Accordingly, congregations should elect persons of wisdom and maturity of faith, having demonstrated skills in leadership and being compassionate in spirit. Ruling elders are so named not because they 'lord it over'

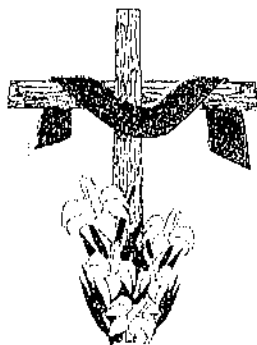
the congregation (Matt.20:25) but because they are chosen by the congregation to discern and measure its fidelity to the Word of God, and to strengthen and nurture its faith and life. Ruling elders, together with teaching elders, exercise leadership, government, spiritual discernment and discipline and have responsibilities for the life of the church as well as the whole church, including ecumenical relationships. When elected by the congregation they shall serve, they shall serve faithfully as members of the session. When elected as commissioner to higher councils, ruling elders participate and vote with the same authority as teaching elders and they are eligible for any office.

Of course, all the information above can be found in the BOO and if you would like to have more information, please go to the Web Site of PCUSA.Org. I pray this is helpful.

Serving you with Christ,

The Rev. Carole R McCartney

Parrish Associate and Moderator



## **Prayer Concerns**

- Gerry Jackson, Sharen's husband had neck fusion surgery on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.
- Sandy Parrish had a couple days stay at the hospital for testing. Prayers that everything is okay.
- Junior Tucker, a Honeycutt Road neighbor, passed away on February 15<sup>th</sup> after suffering from a massive stroke. Prayers to the Tucker family as they deal with his passing.
- Michele Steinmetz, Florence's sister had a serious heart attack and is not doing well.
- Jeremy Johnson is slowly recovering from his neck fusion surgery. He has been released to drive short distances.
- Frances Seagroves has been undergoing some tests. Some test levels are not where the doctors would like to see them. She is in good spirits though and appreciates phone calls, visits, cards.
- Annette, Adona and Madison were received as members of the church by transferring their membership from New Hope Presbyterian Church.
- Jenn's aunt Alice from Florida passed away; complications from a fall at 89 years old. Prayers for her family as they mourn her loss.
- Henry's family's dog, Cookie, is not doing well.
- Ann Stephenson's friend Jenni lost her grandson, Mitchell Klingler on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Helen Smith had a scare but is at home doing better.
- Haylee Stephenson and Faith Chapman had a hard time getting over strep throat. Glad they are feeling better now.
- Janet Bunn is having a reoccurrence of her liver cancer. Keep her in your prayers.
- Prayers for Gene McGee, Michelle & Monica's uncle, palliative care for leukemia concerns.
- Condolences to the family of Dawn Grimes Dixon who passed away suddenly on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Dawn lived near Wallace NC. Rush and Robin are first cousins to Dawn.
- Prayers for Anne Honeycutt's coworker, Quanda, who has problems from a brain aneurysm.
- Thankful that Ann, Deirdre and Ira are back with us safe and sound after traveling.
- 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.
- Danny Gay, a former co-worker of Don Smith, will be receiving radiation to treat cancer.

## **CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| * Kaylan King       | * Frances Seagroves | * Marilou Minshew   |
| * Mitch Parrish     | * Johnny Stewart    | * Michele Steinmetz |
| * Janet & Carl Bunn | * Barry Allen       | * Jack Hamilton     |
| * Megan Poole       |                     |                     |

## **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**

- Sandy and Mitch have a new great grandchild, Weston Lee born February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Joyous memories watching Nickolas being baptized. The Wright family and the Askew family came to be a part of his baptism.
- A special thank you to Carole McCartney. She does a lot of visiting the sick and those hospitalized. Carole, you are dear to our hearts.

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**USHERS**

Lisa Stanley and Justin Honeycutt

**NURSERY**

5 – Jenn Baudoux, 13 – Becky Stephenson,  
20 – Michelle and Kaylee Johnson, 27 – Jenn Baudoux

**BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Vada Allen, 10 – Emily Ashworth, 14 – Maria S. Young  
19 – Clarissa Stephenson, 31 – Lisa Stanley

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

Nancy Warren

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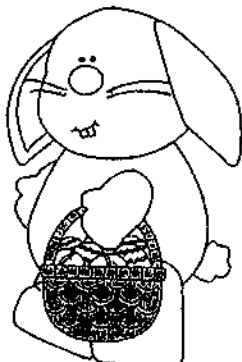
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**SECRETARY HOURS**

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11:00 AM to when tasks are completed

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





## March 2016 Mouse News.



Pastor Henry, nicknamed Hank, I'm not familiar enough to call you Hank in this short year. Mouse has enjoyed your tenure in our church home. You kept me awake and alert. You've livened up the sermons and the choir. I'm thankful God sent you to WMPC. We won't forget you; I think you will remember us, small rural/suburban church who has loved you, this microcosm of God's people, living their lives in a simpler way than perhaps, you've known before. I wish you a fulfilling life as a minister, and best wishes for your approaching marriage. Bless you and keep you, make God's face shine upon you and give you peace. MOUSE

- Thank you, Pastor Carol, for blessing our church to promote West Johnston High to receive Presbyterian Grant of \$2000, for their active Food Bank. We can make a difference in the world in small ways.
- And thanks to Ken Bianco and Mike Stewart for promoting and transporting the food collected at church. MOUSE CONFESSES FORGETTING TO BRING FOOD. I'LL DO BETTER.
- Lenten thought from SS lesson: "We believe that God is in control of all things, and so we become passive. We stop growing in our faith because, we reason, we won't make a difference in our salvation. Or we believe the alternative, that it's more about our actions than God's. We think that "If it is to be, it's up to me," and we push God toward the margins."
- Anona Huff, one of our new members, has a hobby designing flowers from cans and others strange things, taking trash and making treasures. She drives that colorful little car with license plate BBUG. Anona's email is anonabsblooms@aol.com. Welcome Anona!
- Annette Bridges, Anono's sister, also a new member, is a friendly face at the Pharmacy in Fuquay WalMart. Her daughter Madison is a 5th grade cheerleader with the biggest heart of compassion you'll see. Welcome!
- Our other new member, Nicholas, is a heart breaker for sure, Many thanks to Elisa and Eric Wright. Blessed Be the Lord.
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- If you see a cute little brunette driving a white Jeep Cherokee, it may be Kaylee Johnson; she just got her driver's permit.
- Jenn writes about her 3 sons. Jacob will be home in less than 3 months. B.C.'s doctor said that he had healed faster than any patient he'd had. B.C. is back to work and doing great. Thanks for prayers. Nathan is considering a mission trip to the country of Georgia (Russian) with his new church-Colonial Baptist, Cary.
- Anne Honeycutt's mom, Frances Underwood has a new email address. It is franwigg26@gmail.com. Anne asks that everyone who can to email Frances a note on her 90th birthday, March 22.
- Don Smith is busy substituting in school system, two or three days a week at local High and Middle schools. Cousin Jan Smith subs too. They used to play school together but Jan was always the teacher and Don the student.



## Easter Egg-Stravaganza

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

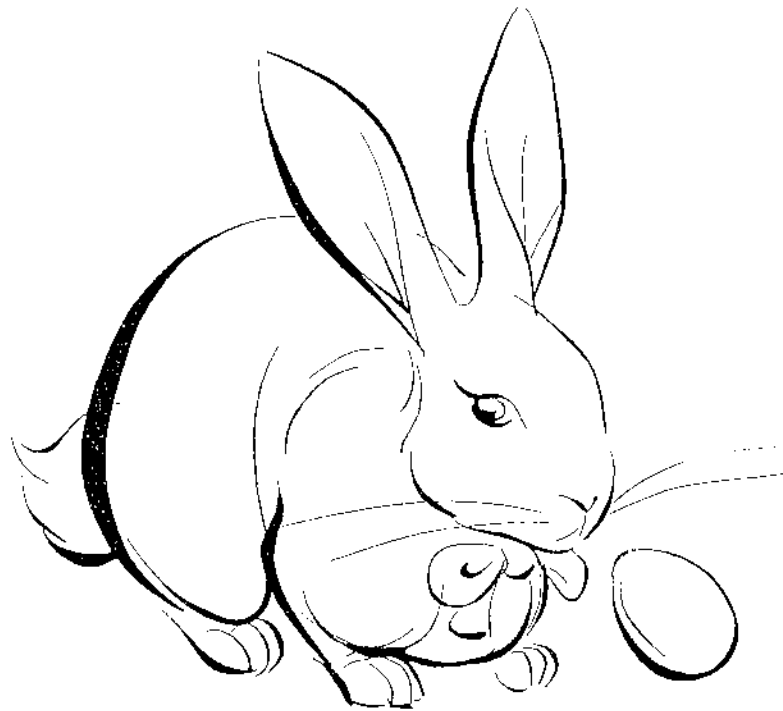
1459 White Memorial Church Rd

Saturday, March 26

10A - Noon

Want to have some fun? Spend a morning with kids of all ages...dyeing eggs, decorating cookies, playing games, making a craft, hunting eggs and having a light lunch! If this sounds good to you come join the Easter Egg-Stravaganza at White Memorial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 4 from 10A-noon. There will be fun for all ages.

If you need more information please contact the church at 919-639-9973 or [www.wmpcwillowspring.org](http://www.wmpcwillowspring.org)

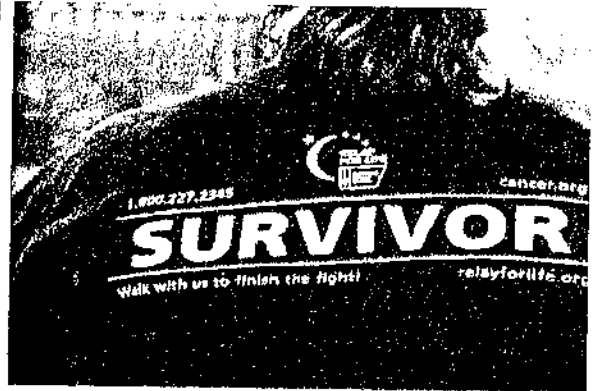




Great News: West Johnston High School Food Pantry was given a  
\$2000,00 Grant by New Hope Presbytery.

Rev. Carole McCartney, Judy Morris, and Susan Foster  
presented the check on Friday, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>.





Please join  
*The Relay For Life of Johnston County*  
in celebrating our cancer survivors on  
*March 6, 2016 in your church!*

For more information about "Survivor Sunday"  
or to form a Relay For Life team,

please contact

Danielle Bass @ [danielletart@gmail.com](mailto:danielletart@gmail.com) or 919-574-5707

Julie Barefoot @ [juliebarefoot@johnadamscpa.com](mailto:juliebarefoot@johnadamscpa.com) or 919-669-5298

Ashley Wickline @ [ashley.wickline@cancer.org](mailto:ashley.wickline@cancer.org) or 919-302-4557

Smithfield Selma High School

Survivor Walk at 7:00 pm on Friday, June 3rd



AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

March 2016							April 2016 ▶
◀ February 2016	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4	5
<b>6</b> Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM	<b>7</b> Presbyterian Women 6:00 PM	<b>8</b> Senior Luncheon, Noon, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Worship and Music Meeting, 7:00 PM.	<b>9</b> Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	
<b>13</b> Men's Breakfast 8AM Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b> Sunday School, 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Palm Sunday	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM.	<b>24</b> Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 PM.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Egg-stravaganza 10:00 AM to Noon	
<b>27</b> Sunday School, 9:30 AM Easter Sunday Worship Service with Cantata at 10:30 AM	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>		

More Calendar info: 1.5 for calls, Apr 2016, May 2016, June 2016

