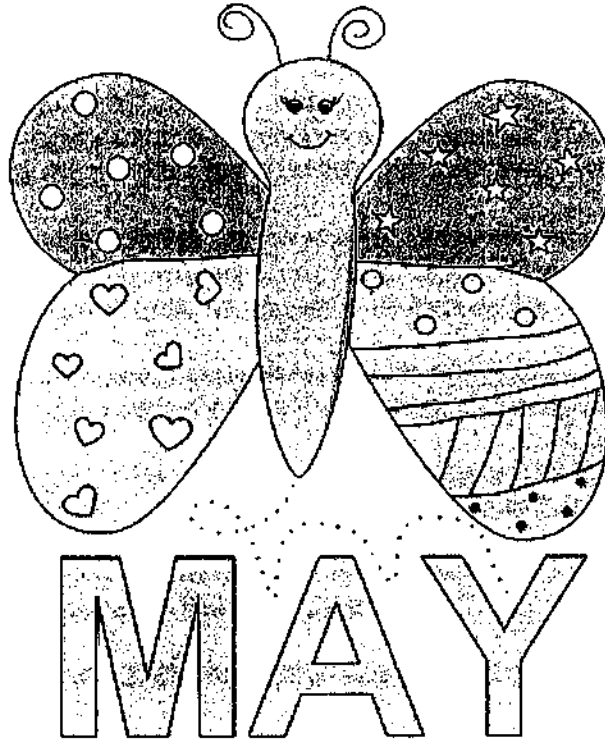


# The Messenger

MAY, 2016,



## 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.*

## **Prayer Concerns**

- Wilbur Coats recently passed away and his burial was at the WMPC cemetery. Mr. Coats was related to Kitty Stephenson who gave us the land for the church and cemetery.
- Ben Blalock, member of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church passed away. Prayers for Sarah and friends as they grieve their loss.
- Continued prayers for people undergoing treatment for cancer and prayers for a full recovery. Praise to God for those who are cancer survivors and help others going through their journey.
- Eric Hammond's father, Leigh Hammond, had a stroke on April 24<sup>th</sup>. He will be undergoing some rehab to help him recover. Prayers for his continued healing
- Bill Watson, Myrline's nephew, had a mini-stroke from two blocked arteries in the back of his neck. He was very fortunate that he is not suffering any problems as a result. Thank you Lord.
- Maria Young has a broken wrist. Prayers for her as her healing takes place.
- Prayers for Stephanye Sanderson and Lynn's fiancé Kevin as they both were injured while walking their dogs on April 4th. Prayers for comfort and speedy recovery for their injuries.
- Prayers for Florence's daughter and granddaughter during their travel.
- Prayers for those fighting addictions. Prayers for mental health patients. Prayers for their family members.
- Sammy Stephenson had shoulder surgery and it will take a few weeks for full recovery
- Connie Abrant fell and broke her wrist. Prayers for quick recovery.
- Alyssa Talton Wood, Glenda & Lee's granddaughter will be taking her first radiation iodine therapy on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. She had her thyroid removed in April and oncologist is very encouraging that a couple of treatments will have things under control.

## **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**

- 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**

- Jacob Baudoux is home from his overseas tour of duty. Thank you Jacob for your military service.
- Stagecoach Manor residents enjoyed the pizza and goodie bags we took them in April. Thanks to the Mission Committee and volunteers for making this happen
- The Lettuce Be Fed group served a delicious soup and sandwich lunch on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for all this committee does to help with fellowship and food.
- Congratulations to Jeremy and Clarrisa Stephenson who welcomed their daughter into the world on April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Upcoming Senior Citizens Luncheon will be held at WMPC on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Please help the Mission Committee in preparing the meal and set up for this service.

**SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE**  
**May, 2016**

**USHERS**

Ronnie Stephenson and Jerry Smith

**NURSERY**

1 – Children remain in church for Communion  
8 – Jenn Baudoux, 15 – Becky Stephenson  
22 – Michelle and Kaylee Johnson, 29 – Jenn Baudoux

**BIRTHDAYS**

1 – Kay Elliott, 4 – Lorrie Johnson, 6 – Charlene Norris  
12 – Florence Marcinko, 15 – Sandy Parrish, 24 – Susan Foster  
24 – Ed Hall, 28 – Jan Gossett, 31 – Anne Honeycutt

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

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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.

(I will be in the office Friday, May 6 instead of Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>)

**May 1 – May 7: Older Adult Week**

Shepherds List for each session member

**Susan Foster**

Phyllis and Donald  
Edwards  
Dan Mulder  
Helen Smith  
Sharen and Gerry  
Jackson  
Linda Strickland

**Anne Honeycutt**

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

**Sharen Jackson**

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

**Robin Grimes**

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

**Nancy Wrren**

Joyce Byrd  
Roger & Jan Gossett  
Michelle & Jeremy  
Johnson, Kaylee  
& Landon  
Clarissa & Jeremy  
Stephenson  
Connie Aberant

**Judy Morris**

Kelli Comfort  
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**

Jeremy & Monica Chapman  
Blake & Faith  
Pam & Robin Grimes  
Margaret King  
Stephanye & John  
Sanderson  
Lynn Stephenson & Jayce  
Joy Watson  
Roseanne & Steve Rimbey  
and family

**Ronnie Stephenson**

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

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

Sharen Jackson: C: 919-268-6968

Rush Grimes: H: 919-639-8629 C: 919-369-4212

Nancy Warren: H: 919-639-3674

Judy Morris: H: 919-639-4210 C: 919-418-6367

Lisa Stanley: H: 919-639-4049 C: 919-524-0242

Don Smith: H: 919-934-6261 C: 919-538-6949

## Pulpit Supply

May 1 – Rev. Carole McCartney

May 8 – Scott Stephenson

May 15 – Rev. Danny Stephenson

May 22 – Rev. Ed Johnson

May 29 – Jordan Davis



## **Yoo-Hoo**

You, who like Noah, questioned my instructions,  
You, who like Moses, questioned my leadership choices,  
You, who like Jonah, questioned my geographical concerns,  
I was calling you.

You, who asked, "You want me to do what?!"  
You, who asked, "Are you sure I'm the right person for this job?!"  
You, who asked, "You want me to go where?"  
I knew what I was doing.

You, who rode out the storm, safe and dry in the ark,  
You, who faced Pharaoh and led my People home safely.  
You, who were in the belly of the whale and grudgingly brought Ninevah to salvation,  
I gave you what you needed.

You who raised my Son, You who followed Him,  
You who established new churches in His name,  
You who were ordinary people doing extraordinary deeds,  
You trusted me and followed where I led.

You who answered my call throughout history,  
You who carried my message to the far corners of the earth,  
You who met life's challenges and oppositions in my name,  
I carried you safely through it all.

You who hear a voice and feel a yearning deep within,  
You who ask, "Who me?" like the others did,  
Open up your heart, hear my voice, follow where I lead,  
For I am calling, "Yoo-hoo, yoo-hoo, yoo-hoo!"

Written by Ruth E. Clendenin while she was a seminary student at Union-PSCE in  
Richmond, Virginia.

## **OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES 2016 OLDER ADULT RECOGNITION**

### **White Memorial Presbyterian Church (W.S.)**

#### **Linda Stephenson Strickland**

White Memorial Presbyterian in Willow Spring is thankful and proud to present Linda Stephenson Strickland as the 2016 Older Adult. Linda is a life-long member of this church, born into a Christian family, dedicated to building and nourishing community ties in this once-rural area. Although her parents were active members of a Baptist Church when White Memorial was begun in 1943, her father helped build the church and her mother joined the Women's Circle, participating in all the church activities. They were active in both churches until their deaths, in as much as all their children joined White Memorial and served in many capacities. Linda was the only girl of six children; however, being the precious girl child did not "spoil" her. One of the finest attributes that defines Linda is her meekness.

Linda S. Strickland stands tall in statue and in spirit. She exemplifies the gift of the Spirit. Her gentleness, faithfulness, kindness, patience and peace are who she is. Linda lives alone, widowed 10 years ago. She has one son, Marty Strickland, two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Linda lost a daughter, Debbie, to illness in 1974.

Linda teaches a multi-age Sunday School class. Her experience as a Pre-school teacher equipped her to be patient and innovative. Children and parents are attracted to her sweet nature, her smile and gentle voice. Linda laughs easily and often, sets an easy unhurried pace that invites others join her.

Linda enters any church activity with a smile of willingness and the words, "What do you need me to do?" She sincerely enjoys the fellowship of working with others; she is dependable and punctual, willing to follow or to lead. Linda does "worry" that plans go right, that there's enough food for the Senior Lunches, etc. She is learning to relax and enjoy a crowd.

Linda's leadership in the Mission Committee has blessed the church and the recipients of the mission activities, especially Stage Coach Manor. Linda has a heart for needy, sick, and/or helpless people. Linda never ever asks anything for herself, but she will go the extra mile and choose wisely, the projects she is able to do. Linda selects the best from the better, a learned gift.

This strong, faithful, dedicated woman is our sister, our friend, our confidant—whatever hat we need Linda to wear, she is willing and able. The world would be a much better place if there were more people like Linda S. Strickland.

## May 2016 Mouse News

- The beauty of May teases our senses, giving us promise. Shine Jesus Shine! The church said good-bye to Teresa Holt, our very talented pianist, Sunday, April 25; she is moving to Vermont where she has taken a job. Teresa's music has profoundly blessed our worship services the last five or six years. We thank God for her time with us and ask God to bless her future.
- Faith Chapman, age 8, is an up and rising fast-pitch star. Last week she threw 7 strike-outs in 3 innings during a tournament.
- Landon Johnson and Nick Hammond enjoyed an outing to the Museum of Natural Science last week with Grandma Glenda. They especially liked the live snake and the underwater submarine.
- Jeremy and Clarissa Stephenson are proud parents of a new daughter, Addison Grace, 6 lb. 13 oz., born April 27, her granddad, Sammy's birthday. Grandmother Lynn and Great grand Ann and Uncle Jayce also rejoice and thank God.
- I hope you've met Lori Hall, a co-worker of Pam Grimes, who has been attending church this spring. Her son, Zachery, will graduate from West Johnston this year. He has applied to NCSU in the field of Engineering.
- Don and Teresa enjoyed a getaway recently to UVA in Charlottesville, VA, where they saw two NCSU baseball games. They also toured Monticello and visited Don's cousins and Teresa's nephew.
- Jayce Stephenson has been accepted at William Peace University in Raleigh. He will enter this fall as a rising Junior, playing baseball there.
- Deirdre Jersey is off to her conference May 1, then traveling to Florida to see friends. Ira will mind the home front and the dog, Velvet.
- Nancy Warren's husband, Al is fully retired as of April 25. Congratulations Al. We wish you many years of happy pursuit of whatever meets your fancy.
- Anne Honeycutt has a great new job with Aware Senior Care. Their office is in Cary, but she provides caregiving to seniors all around the Triangle area. If you have friends or family members who are in need of a companion to help them get around or run errands, prepare meals or just sit and visit, please tell them to call Anne.



# May 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Pulpit Supply Rev. McCartney Communion Mission Meeting after worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Presbyterian Women, 600 PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Music Ministry 7:15 PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Mother's Day with breakfast at 8:00AM by the men of the church Pulpit Supply: Scott Stephenson</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Senior Luncheon Noon hosted by WMPC  Worship meeting, 7:00 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 AM Pentecost Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  Outstanding Older Adult Award, Rocky Mount, 3:00 PM Pulpit Supply: Rev. Danny Stephenson</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Session Meeting 7:00 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Music Ministry Practice 7:15 PM  HOA meeting in fellow ship Hall, 6:00 M</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM Pulpit Supply: Ed Johnson Violin Concert 3PM</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Music Ministry Practice, 7:15 PM</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship, 10:30 AM Pulpit Supply Jordan Davis</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>				