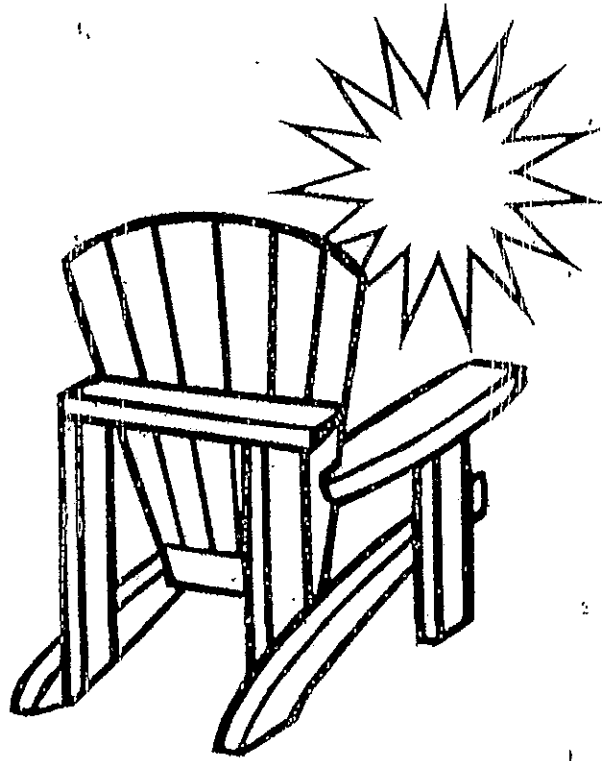


# The Messenger

August, 2016



## Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

1459 White Memorial Church Road

Willow Spring, NC 27592

919-639-9973

[www.wmpcwillowspring.org](http://www.wmpcwillowspring.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.*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace be with you in the name of Jesus Christ! How excited I am to be writing this letter to all of you! I feel blessed that God has called and I have responded to serve at White Memorial Presbyterian Church to be your Pastor and to walk with you in faith. I am so excited to be ministering alongside so many wonderful people! I have met many of you so far and look forward to meeting all of you throughout the Summer and Fall months.

So, just too briefly share a little about me and my family. I am married with three grown children and my wife, Kathy and I, live in Garner. Kathy is retired from UNC-CH from the College of Social Work where she was a Professor. She stays very busy now providing consult training, and organizing an annual mission trip to Haiti. Our oldest daughter lives and works in the Wilmington area while our other daughter and son live, work and attend school in Boone. My parents also live in Garner, right down the road from Kathy and me. I currently work for the North Carolina Department of Transportation in the Bicycle and Pedestrian division during the week and look forward to getting to know all of you as you get to know me and my family.

As a young adult and after six years of service in the U.S. Navy, I attended several Presbyterian churches in the Raleigh area while attending NC State University, (Go Pack!). My ecumenical experiences have made me a person open to many views. Furthermore, I've seen the importance of working together for and with members in the Body of Christ, despite differences in beliefs. My primary passions are preaching and pastoral care, always with heart towards mission. My question for you will be, how do we make all people feel inclusive in the church, regardless of their stage in life? We are in Christ and Christ is in us, all of us and loving us, no matter what stage or life situation.

I believe each and every person is made in the image of God and has amazing gifts. I look forward to discovering what gifts and talents God has entrusted in you and how those can be used in growing our community of faith as a priesthood of all believers. As a church, it is our privilege to help each other in discerning our gifts and where God is calling us in our lives, both within the church and most especially in our communities. I look forward to being a source of encouragement in the lives of our congregation as we celebrate our faith tradition while discovering new gifts and talents. Together, we will see where God leads us as we walk in Christ.

In the coming weeks and months, Kathy and I look forward to meeting you all and learning the wonders of your lives and hearing your faith stories. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me through my email, cell phone or house phone. Many blessings for the summer!

Grace and peace in Christ,

Ed Johnson

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## **Prayer Concerns**

- Condolences to the family and friends of Jonathon Prins. He was a good friend of Justin and Anne Honeycutt's. Prayers for comfort especially Justin.
- John B. Johnson from Seal Beach, California recently passed away after a year long battle with leukemia. Johnny and his wife Marie, are cousins to the Watson family.
- Joyce Byrd's daughter-in-law, Brenda Byrd, still undergoing testing to determine causes for severe headaches.
- Prayers for long time friend of many, Bruce Coats. He is a resident at Liberty Commons and had a fall a few weeks back.
- Nancy Warren reports her father, Walt Slater, is greatly improving and is optimistic about his totally recovery and hopefully independent living.
- Anona and Annette's father, Clyde Barnett, just had open heart surgery and seems to be recovering okay at Rex.
- Condolences to the family and friends of April Persons who recently passed away. April was a friend to Anne Honeycutt
- Prayers to all cancer patients and their families.
- Prayer for each individual to work toward and promote WORLD peace.
- Prayers for safe travel to all vacationers and others.

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

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|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| * Kaylan King   | * Janet & Carl Bunn | *Jim Kramer     |
| * Mitch Parrish | * Johnny Stewart    | *Barbara Rhodes |
| * Jason Nunn    | * Randy Raynor      |                 |

## **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**

- We welcomed Lori Hall to our membership on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Welcome to our church family Lori.
- Rita and Jim Kramer's son John, joined us for worship on July 24<sup>th</sup>. He recently served military tours in Iraq and Kuwait.
- Thanks to all who contributed to our appreciation lunch to Carole McCartney. The decorations and food were wonderful. We LOVE you Carole.

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**USHERS**

Ronnie Stephenson and Jerry Smith

**NURSERY**

7 – Children stay in church, 14 – Jenn Baudoux,  
21 – Michelle and Kaylee Johnson, 28 – Becky Stephenson

**BIRTHDAYS**

7 – Deirdre Jersey, 10 – Joyce Byrd, 10 – Scott Stephenson  
27 – Myrline Watson, 31 – Faith Chapman, 31 – Landon Johnson,  
31 – Jeremy Stephenson

**ELDER OF THE MONTH**

Rush Grimes

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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.

Thank you for all the love poured out upon me at the luncheon on Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. You are an awesome Church. Rev. Carole McCartney

## August 2016 Mouse News

AND WE HAVE NEWS! Good news for our church. August brings new minister Ed Johnson as our Stated Supply Minister. Perhaps Ed will write an article soon to explain the designation, STATED SUPPLY. It's a good thing! We are thankful! We are his and he is ours! Let us rejoice and be glad.

Since the first of April, we have had a different speaker every Sunday! Some are very memorable, some, not so much. That's the way of the world; however, we thank God for willing people to take the time to prepare and drive to our church to bring a message from their hearts.

As a member of the Worship Committee, I appreciate the congregation's support and presence during this hiatus. Thank you all for your effort and participation. I feel love and joy in our worship. Our lunch for Carole and the new members was well attended and VERY DELICIOUS! She says she has enough Gift Cards for Starbucks to last and last....She's been an anchor for us, and we thanked her well. THAT'S WHAT I LOVE ABOUT THIS CHURCH.

On July 17, our speaker was Derek Maul from Wake Forest, husband of Rebekah, my friend and minister of Wake Forest Pres. Derek brought a special message that spoke to all of us lay people. He said that God uses ordinary people to get God's work on earth done. Derek's scripture was **2nd Cor. 4**, the entire chapter. I've read it most days since then because I want it to sink into my heart and mind and affect my thinking and actions. How can we serve if we DO NOT KNOW. And if we do not know, how can we lead?

**Paul says, (MESSAGE BIBLE) Refuse to wear masks and play games. Don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. Don't twist God's words to suit ourselves. Keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display.....Remember our message is not about ourselves. We proclaim Jesus Christ, the Master.....All we are is messengers, errand runners for Jesus.....We carry the message around in clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's power with us. There's not much chance of that....**

A new day for WMPC begins in August. We have a history of high respect and cooperation with our ministers. I pray that I, for one, will hold my tongue and let Ed settle in and get a sense of who we are.(before I bombard him with what we used to do.) He can and will bless us with God's spirit and power to follow Christ's teaching and BE THE CHURCH here in Jo Co where we are.

Grandson Devin age 13 rising 8th grader has been helping Granddaddy Don (Smith) with several yard chores. Granddad has been pleasantly surprised with Devin's work ethic; he doesn't back away from sweaty jobs involving a shovel or rake, etc.

Don and Teresa have enjoyed the beautiful summer blooms of six different cultivars of hydrangea collected and planted over the years; the blooms all seemed to peak this season. And they even made a good swap involving the hydrangea; a local brick mason admired lace-cap hydrangea while doing work on a new patio. The brick mason had given them a dozen ears of homegrown corn, so Don returned the favor to him with several rooted cuttings from the hydrangea. A good deal for both parties!

Granddaughter Reagan and her dad Steven Penny shared something in common this summer; their first ever cavities! Yep Steven a forty-something with his first cavity. Impressive. Daughter Laura has enjoyed a leisurely summer leading into a different school this fall (at Garner).

**SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, August 27, 2016**

Speaker - Judy Siker, Ph.D.

North Carolina native and graduate of Meredith College

Author of 2016-2017 PW Horizons Bible Study

*"Who is Jesus" What a Difference A Lens Makes"*

PW of New Hope Presbytery Event - Hosted by PW of New Hope Presbytery Area 3

At First Presbyterian Church of Raleigh

Registration 8:30 am - Program 9:30 am until 3:30pm

Contact Anne Bromby at (919) 783-7072





Please Come!

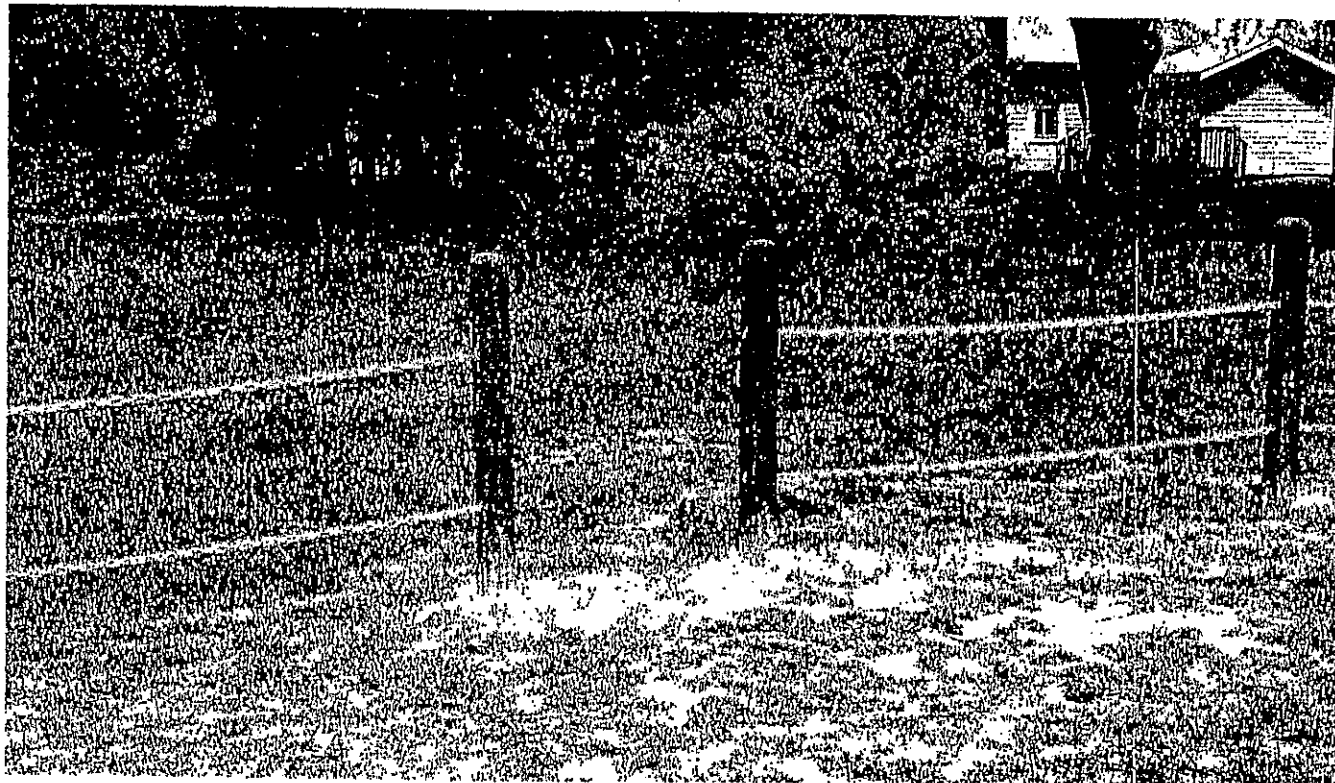
Summer Lunch and Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 14 Following Worship in Fellowship Hall

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To Express Appreciation to Everyone... For All You Do!





The new, decorative chain and posts along the driveway is a neat addition and will serve a good purpose to delineate parking limits on that side of the church property. Notable is the open walk-through included along the length of the layout, reminding one of the line in Robert Frost's poem "Mending Wall", which says "Good fences make good neighbors". There's something about including that opening between God's holy ground and our neighbor that is most welcoming and neighborly! Thanks once again to Ronnie for his expertise and efforts.



White Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Committees and other roles for 2016

Supply Pastor: Rev. Ed Johnson

Session Members

Class of 2016: Anne Honeycutt  
Sharen Jackson  
Nancy Warren

Class of 2017: Judy Morris  
Don Smith  
Ronnie Stephenson

Class of 2018: Susan Foster, Clerk  
Lisa Stanley  
Rush Grimes

Administration and Finance (Called Meeting)

Chair: Don Smith

Members: Deirdre Jersey  
Stephanye Sanderson  
Margaret King  
Helen Smith  
Ken Bianco  
Joan Page

Building and Grounds (Called Meeting)

Chair: Judy Morris

Members: Ronnie Stephenson  
Joyce Byrd  
Rush Grimes  
Robin Grimes  
Jerry Smith  
Raymond Stanley  
Lori Hall  
Ken Bianco  
Mike Stewart

Christian Education (First Tuesday, 7:00 PM)

Chair: Lisa Stanley

Members: Margaret King  
Nancy Warren  
Judy Morris  
Jenn Baudoux  
Michelle Johnson  
Kaylee Johnson

Congregational Life (Called Meeting)

Chair: Nancy Warren

Members: Florence Marcinko  
Margaret King  
Elisa Wright  
Ken Bianco

Congregational Care Team (Called Meeting)

Co-Chair: Margaret King and Rev. Carole  
McCartney

Members: Becky Stephenson  
Joyce Byrd  
Florence Marcinko  
Helen Smith  
Lisa Stanley  
Myrline Watson (sends cards)

Cemetery Committee (Called Meeting)

Co-Chairs: Rush Grimes and Robin Grimes

Members: Don Smith  
Ronnie Stephenson  
Judy Morris

Mission Committee (Called Meeting)

Co-Chairs: Lisa Stanley & Margaret King

Members: Glenda Talton  
Anona Huff  
Florence Marcinko  
Annette Bridges  
Sandy Parrish  
Linda Strickland  
Mary Alice Rhodes  
Susan Foster

Worship and Music, (Second Tuesday, 7:00 PM)

Chair: Sharen Jackson

Members: Anne Honeycutt  
Joan Page  
Susan Foster  
Becky Stephenson  
Ann Stephenson

Nominating Committees (Called Meeting)

Chair: Lisa Stanley

Members: Sandy Parrish  
Glenda Talton  
Joyce Byrd  
Mary Alice Rhodes

Note: This listing is a new, ongoing effort intended to be of benefit to the pastor and others.

Trustees of the Corporation:

All Active Session Members

Corporation Officers:

President: Judy Morris

Secretary: Susan Foster

Treasurer: Don Smith

Personnel Committee: Active Session Members

Administrative Assistant: Sandy Parrish

Facebook Host: Anne Honeycutt

Website Servant: Elisa Wright

Music Ministry:

Choir Director: Anne Honeycutt

Coordinator: Nancy Warren

Pianists: Mike Stewart & Kristy Gathings

Members: Joan Page  
Sharen Jackson  
Judy Morris  
Susan Foster  
Elisa Wright  
Deirdre Jersey  
Ira Jersey  
Sandy Parrish

All are welcome to join committee/committees of your choice.

Note: Committee Chairs: Please report any corrections or changes monthly to Sandy Parrish, so that accurate listings can be maintained.

July 27, 2016