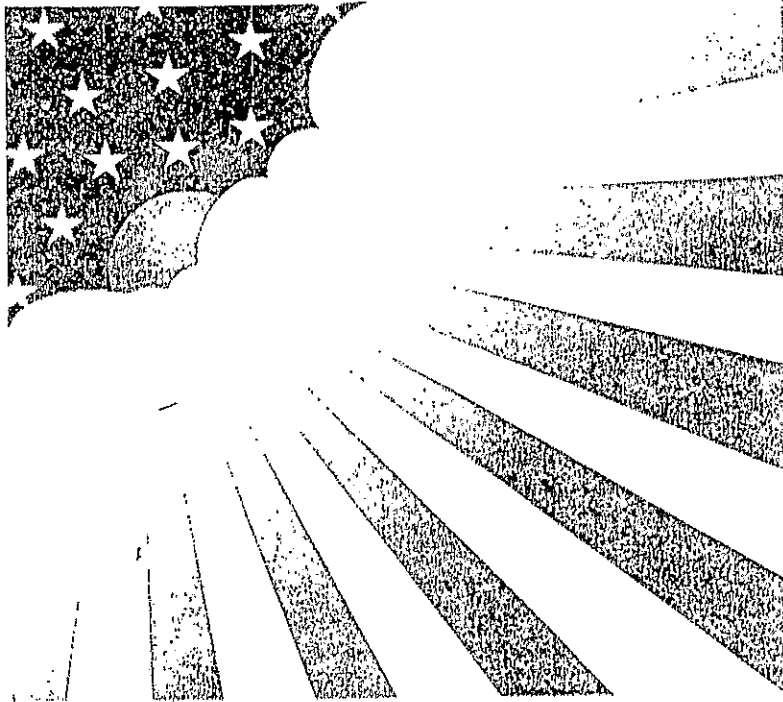


The Messenger

JULY, 2016



AMERICA
the Beautiful

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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www.wmpewillowspring.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.



Who are we as Presbyterians?

Recovering Paul's countercultural teaching—
the church as the body of Christ

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), at its best, has modeled its life and ministry on the biblical image of the body of Christ. The very first chapter of our *Book of Order* captures this ethos when it states, "God has put all things under the Lordship of Christ and has made Jesus Christ Head of the Church, which is his body." Everything about the church—its faith, polity, worship, and mission—seeks to be a faithful reflection of the body of Christ.

This image was central to the New Testament's understanding of the church. It was developed best by the apostle Paul in 1 Corinthians 12. To a deeply troubled and divided church in Corinth, the apostle wrote these words:

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. . . . If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. —1 Corinthians 12:12–13, 26

A diverse body

One of the great realities of the New Testament church was that it was diverse beyond anyone's wildest imagination. This diversity often led to deep conflicts in the life of the church, as was obviously true in Corinth. The old models of what it meant to be a religious community would no longer hold. That is why this image of the church as the body of Christ was such a breath of fresh air.

Paul viewed diversity, at its core, not as a problem but as a tremendous gift. Just as a body functions better because it has eyes and ears, nose and throat, arms and legs, so too is the church stronger when the God-given gifts of diverse people are shared together to build up the church and strengthen its ministry.

The head of this body is Jesus Christ. According to our *Book of Order*, "Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary. . . . Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills." Each member of the body of Christ is given a "manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor. 12:7).

Core values

It is this understanding of the church as the body of Christ that has led the Reformed tradition and the PC(USA) to develop some of its core values:

The lordship of Christ—Everything that we do is centered on Jesus Christ, who is our Lord and Savior and the Head of the church.

Honoring diversity—Just as the body celebrates its diversity, we celebrate, affirm, and welcome the rich diversity of all of God's people in our common life.

Shared leadership—There can be no authoritarian leadership in a Presbyterian church because all parts of the body have gifts that must be honored. That is the basis of the Reformed conviction that the spiritual leaders (deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders) are to be elected by the people of God.

Being one church—Just as there is only one body of Christ, there is only one church. Each of our congregations is an organic part of the broader PC(USA), and the PC(USA) is just one part of the church ecumenical. To be Presbyterian is to be ecumenical!

A holistic ministry—Our mission in the world—our ministry—is the ministry of Christ. Just as Christ was called "to bring good news to the poor . . . to proclaim release to the captives and . . . to let the oppressed go free" (Luke 4:18), so are we.

Discerning the mind of Christ—The purpose of our governance, which on the surface has many parallels to US political institutions, is not to balance political interests in the church, but to enable elected spiritual leaders, together in prayer, dialogue, and reflection on God's Word, to best discern the mind of Christ.

In many ways our culture is pulling our churches away from these values. In a time when there is a "consumer mentality" about religion, when individual mega-churches rise in popularity, and when "interest groups" seek to shape the church's life, this vision of the church as the body of Christ can seem very countercultural. That was also true for the New Testament church. However, that church, like our own, found that when the church centered itself on being the body of Christ, God richly blessed the church—and through the ministry of the church, the world. Let us live with confidence that the same will be true in our time!

JULY PULPIT SUPPLY

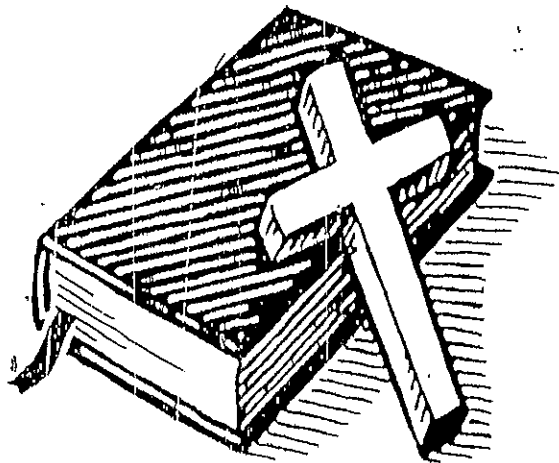
July 3 – Rev. Carole McCartney

July 10 – Round Table Sunday School Class

July 17 – Derek Maul

July 25 – Matt Moorman

July 31 – Rev. Ron Menamin



Prayer Concerns

- Paul Dunn, Lynn Stephenson's brother, recovering from ankle surgery.
- B. J. Baudoux has to have shoulder surgery.
- Prayers for Nancy Warren's father, Walt Slater, who is currently in rehab.
- Condolences to Annette and Anona. Their brother, Earl, passed away suddenly.
- Jason Nunn has begun his treatment for throat cancer.
- Jerry Smith – kidney stones removed on June 6th. Jerry is doing fine.
- Michael McKnight, Ira and Deidre's nephew is recovering from a heart attack.
- Teresa Holt's new address is P O Box 133, Crater Lake, OR 97604
- Jenn's new address is 113 Jennifer Drive, Clayton, NC 27520

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

- * Kaylan King * Janet & Carl Bunn
- * Mitch Parrish * Johnny Stewart

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

- Ed Johnson will begin being our supply pastor on August 7th. We are excited to continue moving forward the mission of WMPC.
- Rita and James Kramer are new members of WMPC. Please extend your welcome to them.
- VBS 2016 – The Christian Ed Committee has worked really hard planning our VBS this year. There is a lot involved – choosing and ordering the materials, planning the meals, planning and executing decorating, finding volunteers and a lot of praying. We had an average of 30 children participating this year. Thanks to ALL who helped with this outreach.
- Congratulations to Joyce Byrd on the birth of her great granddaughter born June 7th. Paisley Ann Kughn.
- Thanks to Elisa Wright to taking over the task of keeping our website address updated. The website address is wmpcwillowspring.org. *CHECK IT OUT!*

SERVICE AND CELEBRATION PAGE
JULY, 2016

USHERS

Lisa Stanley and Justin Honeycutt

NURSERY

3 – Children stay in church, 10 – Jenn Baudoux,
17 – Michelle and Kaylee Johnson, 24 – Becky Stephenson
31 – Jenn Baudoux

BIRTHDAYS

4 – Marisa Grace Jackson, 5 – Laura Katherine Bemundez,
22 – Pam Grimes, 30 – Bobby Talton

ELDER OF THE MONTH

Don Smith

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Please call if you have concerns

CLEANING

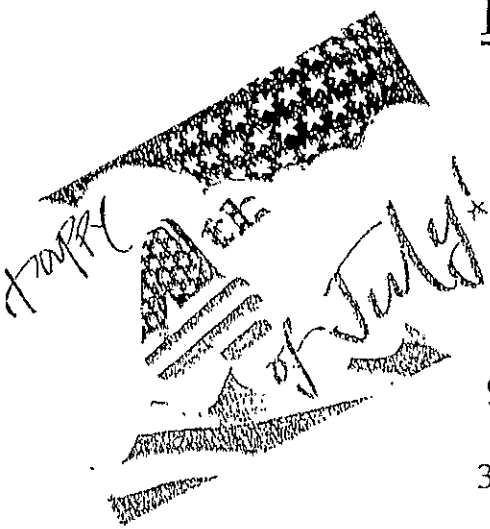
9 – Lisa Stanley, Pam and Robin Grimes
23 – Volunteers needed
30 – Glenda Talton and Monica Chapman

SECRETARY HOURS

Sandy Parrish – Secretary

Wednesdays – 11:00 AM to when tasks are completed

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



JULY 2016 MOUSE NEWS

A month from now our new pastor will begin ministering to WMPC. We look forward...as always, to blessings that God sends through people who have answered His call to serve. Mouse can hardly wait to hear about Ed's mission work and his travels to Haiti and Belize. AND have this Master in Landscape Designer walk through and enjoy the gardens of his parishioners. I'll just bet he'll be glad to advise us on our yards, in exchange for Sunday lunch!

VBS began June 19, with fine, sweet group of young kids who appreciated the nice meal served, especially the cups of ice cream for dessert. Raymond and Justin cooked hamburgers and hotdogs that were great! Willing workers manned the kitchen and Lisa Stanley, director, with her helpers had the Fellowship Hall looking good. Jenn B. our church decorator, moved last week and gave Lisa all the credit for this year's decorations. Many thanks to all the VBS helpers. God bless VBS everywhere. It takes a village!

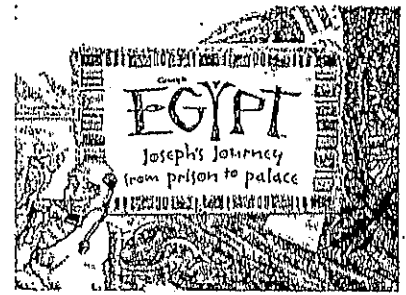
Our newest members Jim and Rita Kramer came to VBS on Sunday night riding double on a motorcycle. They are enjoying our church. What a blessing! They were attracted to the church when they came to vote. Who'd have ever thought of that?

Deirdre has been "vacationing" this month at their cabin in the Berkshires. Ira spent the first week with her and then came South. She's had some projects to do, some entertaining and some hosting, of course! She'll be home end June.

Don and Teresa's daughter, Lisa Penny and family took a week vacation to western NC and mountains of Tennessee. They had a great time! Their other daughter, Laura and husband Arnulfo attended church on Father's Day and Don noticed that How Great Thou ART was also in Spanish in our new hymnals. Don suggested they sing that as a duet for church one Sunday! A GOOD IDEA!

Ged Conkling went over to Dunn Pres. this month to visit our former minister, Duane Hix. Duane will complete his interim placement the first Sunday in July and has accepted an interim position in Laurinburg.

Janna Stephenson and mom Cheryl are traveling to new and picturesque countries, Iceland, Norway and Sweden! We'll ask for pictures!



EGYPT...JOSEPH'S JOURNEY FROM PRISON TO PALACE ended Thursday, June 23, 2016. Our VBS was most successful this year as we had many people involved and saw an increase each night in the number of children that came to learn about Joseph.

I would like to thank the teachers that led the classes: **Elisa** had the **Music** class rocking and singing, **Jenn's Craft** classes had the most fun the night they made BRICKS...they loved playing in the mud!! **Stephanye, Susan, Sharen** and **Nancy** worked in the heat with **Recreation** and had the children playing many games and they all had a blast. The **Bible Story Tellers: Susan, Glenda, Judy** and **Ken, Don** and **Carole** all told awesome stories about Joseph and his life and were dressed in costume, which the children loved. Our **Class Walkers: Anona** and **Annette, Brenda** and **Mary Alice, Kaylee** and **Haley**, and **Robbie** and **Monica** did a fantastic job helping all get to where they needed to be!

There were delicious meals served each night and everyone got more than enough to eat. The **Kitchen** help, led by **Judy**, did an awesome job each night getting everything ready and cleaning up afterwards, which is not an easy task!

I would also like to thank all that came to **decorate** and there were many hours spent doing just that. Fun times were had by all that helped and the children helping were just awesome! The decorations were GREAT this year!

I so appreciate all the help from everyone that went into the planning and the actual VBS event. I **COULD NOT** have done it without everyone that helped and I **THANK YOU ALL!!**

Lisa Stanley