

The Messenger

April 2018



Sunday Schedule

9:30 AM – Sunday School

10:30 AM – Worship Service

White Memorial Presbyterian Church

1459 White Memorial Church Road

Willow Spring, NC 27592

www.wmpcwillowspring.org

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 needy with tangible acts of service;

Be loving and generous with time, talents, and treasures;

Go out into the world to welcome and invite.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

The season of Eastertide

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!! Hallelujah, He is risen!

As you may know, Easter isn't just a Sunday. It's a season.

Traditionally, the season of Easter lasts seven weeks, a "week of weeks," spanning the "Great 50 Days" from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, a time to rejoice, give thanks, and live in gratitude.

Easter is a new way of life, in which we are "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11), called to "walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4).

After the season of Lent, we enter the joyous season of Easter. Easter is about new life, new beginning, new joy! We are to do something with our lives that is as unexpected as an empty tomb. We are to take hold of our days and let the Spirit move within us with a dance of life. We are to live, laugh, dance, play. We move from 40 days of prayer to 50 days of play! I hope you will find a way to celebrate in gratitude within these 50 days.

For seven weeks, a week of Sundays, we acclaim the resurrection of Christ by the power of God. The period of seven weeks of jubilation can be traced back to its Jewish roots of the fifty days celebrated from the day after Passover to Shavuot (Feast of Weeks, Exodus 23:16). For Jews, the Feast of Weeks closed the season of harvest, which had been initiated by the Feast of Unleavened Bread. In a similar manner, early Christians observed a fifty-day period of celebration from Easter to the Day of Pentecost. To underscore the uninterrupted rejoicing of these fifty days, fasting and kneeling in prayer were forbidden at least as early as the end of the second century. On the pentecoste ("fiftieth") day, not only was the fifty-day period concluded, but a festival with its own proper content was celebrated. The Jews observed a feast of covenant renewal and eventually commemorated the giving of the Law. Christians celebrated the gift of the Spirit as preparing the way for the day of the Lord. What Moses and the Law did for the Jewish community, the Holy Spirit now does for the community of Christ.

Eastertide celebrations and blessings,

Pastor Ed

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

We are forever grateful for all the prayers offered for our daughter Laine in the midst of her healing from domestic violence by a former boyfriend. It is something that no one should ever have to endure and a nightmare for all. She did not sustain any injuries causing long lasting irreparable harm, but it shook her feelings of safety and made her feel weak, which was the most troubling to her. She is a strong young woman and already is on the road to recovery. Just following the beating, she turned to him and told him that with God's help she is able to forgive him.

As hard as it is, we also ask for your prayers for her abuser, Caleb, for Christ to hold him tight while he serves his sentence in the Pender Co. jail and that when he returns to his home that he is able to get the help for batterers that Laine so desperately wants for him. We pray that he, with God's help, can learn to live a violence free life.

"But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds," declares the LORD" ~ [Jeremiah 30:17](#)

Peace and blessings to you all, Pastor Ed and Kathy





WHITE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights – March 22, 2018

- Annual Review of Sessional Records and Rolls was completed on February 24, 2018
- WMPC Operations Manual is in the process of review.
- Rev. Ted Churn from Presbytery will be at WMPC on April 8, 2018 as part of our celebration of the 75th Anniversary. Fellowship time after the service will be outside (weather permitting) or in the Fellowship Hall.
- Christian Education: VBS – July 15-19, 2018
- Mission and Outreach – Senior Luncheon is May 8. Menu is planned and donations/volunteers will be solicited at church. Relay for Life: Session approved a fundraiser (Car Wash) at a site to be determined.
- 2017 Financial Audit Report of General Fund Checking and Expenses was completed with no discrepancies found.
- Easter Breakfast – 9-9:45 AM, April 1, 2018

APRIL PRAYER CONCERNS (CONT.)

- Condolences to Anne Honeycutt and family as her brother-in-law, Dennie Walter, passed away unexpectedly at age 65.
- Condolences to the family and friends of Stacy Penny who passed away on March 20th. Idell, Eric, Johnny and Alan have remained steadfast as members and supporters of White Memorial. Stacy was buried at WMPC cemetery on March 23rd.
- Condolences to Mary Alice Rhodes as her brother, Dan Holland passed away after declining health due to agent orange issues.
- Fran McFadden fell at her workplace and broke her left arm.
- Elisa Wright has a torn Plantar Fasciitis which will take several weeks to heal.
- Doris Rhodes, Margaret King's niece underwent an additional surgery and prayers that all will be well.
- Justin Honeycutt's friend's father, Al Hamilton had a stroke.
- Susan Foster's grandson is having seizures.
- Prayers for Joe Dixon and his son Will in the loss of his wife and Will's mother.
- Wyatt Womble, Pansy Grimes's stepfather had minor surgery and is going well.
- Margaret King's stepdaughter, Paulette Greer has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.
- Prayers extended for Paul Dunn, who is Lynn Stephenson's brother. He is very sick and is waiting for a liver transplant. *Cards are welcome and Paul's home address is Paul Dunn, 2760 Godwin Lake Rd. Benson, NC 27504.*
- Margaret King's aunt, Alice Holley, is not doing well
- Ronnie Stephenson's niece, Wendy Stephenson, is dealing with liver cancer.
- Continued prayers for Robin Grimes as he has to go through more testing for his heart.
- Annette Bridge's coworkers, Melinda and Janet dealing with cancer issues.
- Prayers for Jeff and Kim Lee who lost their home on Sanders Road to a fire.

Continued prayers for our members and friends

Kaylan King	Mitch & Sandy Parrish
Meagan Poole	Geraldine Stephenson
Earl Honeycutt	Neal Sheridan
Ted Sherrod	Janet Bunn
Dan & Diane Holland	Randy Holder
Frances Underwood	Harold Ray Langdon
Michael Cliff	Donald Edwards
Ted Penny	Georgia Williams
Linda Roma	Frank & Margaret Johnson
Lane Woodcock	Mike Byrd

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
- Dorothy Page, Pruitt Health Care, Room 305, 2420 Lake Wheeler Road, Raleigh, NC 27603

Joys

- Reverend Dr. Duane Hix is retiring. Medora says he doesn't want a fuss, but if you'd like to send him a congratulations card, please send it to *Attn: Medora Hix, Cary Presbyterian Church, 614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511* prior to Sunday, April 1st.
- Thank you Christian Ed for planning and executing the Eggstravaganza. A good time was had by all who attended.
- Blessings received by all who attended the Lenten Bible Study led by Pastor Ed.

****If there are people listed under Continued Prayers that you feel should be removed from that list, please contact Glenda at glendatalton@yahoo.com***

MOUSE NEWS

- GREAT NEWS THAT THE REV. VAL ROSENQUIST WILL BE THE HOMECOMING SPEAKER, OCT 21! This month marks the 75th anniversary of White Memorial, Willow Spring. The world has changed drastically in the past 75 years.

- At worship, April 8, Ted Churn, Executive Presbyterian will deliver the birthday message. After church we'll enjoy birthday cake!
- Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers and the flowers fail, but the word of our God endures forever." Matthew 25:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

- Mouse doesn't know if there was an egg hunt in the early years of the church but we had a great one this Easter. Happy decorations, tables to dip and dye eggs, table to color pages, and a table to decorate cookies to eat, and hundreds of eggs to be found with many gifts and awards for the finders. Plus a good hot dog lunch with Pam Grimes' delish homemade chili. Good job Christian Ed. Committee and all the ones who joined to help!
- Maria Young walked the church grounds for 30 minutes before the egg hunt. Maria walks 10,000 steps every day. Boy am I proud of her! If she can do that, I can do that! (I could if I would.)
- The 5th and final Lenten study group started gathering Sunday night after 5.

Margaret King had made a lemon cake. Pat Patrick made chocolate iced brownies. Frances Marcinko got the drinks ready as she and Margaret got the popcorn popper going. Don Smith came. Glenda and Michelle. Joyce Byrd, Judy Morris, and Ann Stephenson. The group talked and fixed their plates and gathered around the table, but no teacher. We talked about whether to leave after 15 minutes as college students are allowed to do if the professor has not shown up. Don called Ed and Ann texted Kathy. Ed was visiting his parents and the time got away from him. We teased him and questioned him the remaining time. Ed was a good sport!!

- Jayce Stephenson, grandson of Ann Stephenson, graduates from William Peace U in May with a Major in Biology. He has surprisingly taken a job teaching Environmental Science and coaching at South View High School in Hope Mills, NC.. Jayce said he wants to do something that makes him happy. AND His grandmother is proud.
- All the kids who were at church Palm Sunday gathered after worship to make peanut butter Easter Eggs to be handed out at Easter Breakfast. Blake Chapman was most inspired! It was all fun!
- Tyler Smith was inducted into the Junior Beta Club at his school. Congratulations, Tyler!

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL THINGS HAITI MISSION TRIP



White Memorial Family, thank you so much for your continued support of the children at the Yahve Jire Children's Foundation. With 14 team members, we will be taking 28 suitcases (including the sound board!) to Haiti with us in June. We would love to be able to help restock the storage room that was broken into and everything stolen a few months ago. Some of the items taken that we would like to take include new or gently used twin sized waterproof mattress pads, sheet sets, pillow cases, soft fleece like

blanket coverlets, bath towels and washcloths, clothes pins and holder, shower curtain and bathmats. A bin will be placed in the fellowship hall to collect any of these donations you might bring. We also need gallon sized freezer zip lock bags to package beans and rice for the community. How about picking up an extra box when you go grocery shopping?

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater "Murder of a Millionaire"

tickets for sale now! Come join us for an evening of fun on Saturday, April 21st 6:00 pm. The fundraising event will be held at Western Blvd. Presbyterian Church, 4900 Kaplan Drive, Raleigh in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$25/donation and can be purchased from Kathy, Ed, Jenn, Elisa, Eric or from the church office. Also, a special thanks to Jenn Baudoux, Michelle Johnson and Lisa Stanly for donating gift baskets to be raffled off at the event. (Child care will be provided for children under 10.) Proceeds to go toward purchasing the supplies needed to build a gazebo and decking at the children's home.

Save the date on your calendar: ***BYOB and Painting*** coming soon at the home of Sharen Jackson, 815 Shadow Lakes Drive, Willow Spring. Sharen and friend will host a fundraiser on Friday, May 18th at 7:00 pm for the Haiti team to be able to purchase picnic food and ice cream for the children after we all attend church on Sunday. Jenn has planned some great crafts for the children to do that day as well. Seats with an easel are limited; in fact only 8 seats remain. Please see Kathy if you would like to claim a seat. We are asking for a \$25 donation for this event.



Also in May, date to be determined, ***Bible Journaling Class***. To be held at Western Blvd. Presbyterian Church. Bible journaling is a creative way to make the truth of God's Word come alive by adding your own personal artwork and journaling to the pages of your Bible. Instructor Evelyn Williams will provide all the supplies you need to create a page for your personal Bible or journal. A \$30 donation is being requested to help pay for supply kits and to help us take the children to Wahoo Beach for the day.



UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT.)



WHITE MEMORIAL CHURCH ROAD "SPRING 2018 CLEANUP DAY" SATURDAY APRIL 21st

VOLUNTEERS will be needed for about 2-3 HOURS beginning at 8:30 a.m. Meet together at the Fellowship Hall to get organized.

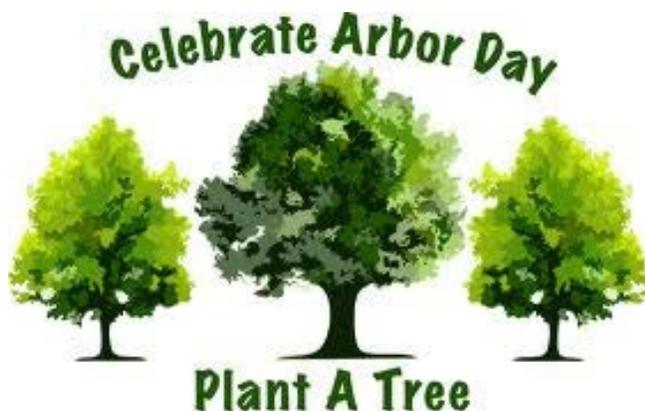
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND HELP MAINTAIN WMPC'S ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY AGREEMENT!!!

Drinks and snacks will be provided, as well as safety vests, gloves, and other supplies.

The limits of cleanup are Highway 210 to Mt. Pleasant Road, so please join us anytime along WM Church Road if you can't make it to the 8:30 start.

We usually pick up about 15-20 bags of trash so please come out to help out. The more pickers, the less time it takes. Working in pairs is our normal practice. And SAFETY is our top priority!!

If any questions, see Don Smith. THANKS. 😊



When J. Sterling Morton founded Arbor Day in 1872, his idea was simple--set aside a special day for tree planting. And today, that idea is more important than ever. As our church celebrates its 75th anniversary this year and was started under an oak tree, we will be giving oak trees away. Come celebrate Arbor Day at 8:00 AM on April 28th at the church. You are encouraged to come by to pick up a tree while supplies last.

UPCOMING EVENTS (CONT.)



**75th Anniversary
Worship Service
and Celebration
April 8, 2018**

White Memorial Presbyterian Church turns 75 this year! Come join us at 1459 White Memorial Church Road, Willow Spring, NC for a very special Worship Service at 10:30 A.M. followed by a Happy Birthday party afterwards.

Our church family is excited and joyful to have you with us to mark this special moment in our history.

Lettuce Feed You Community Garden Update

Greetings Gardeners!

Hopefully spring is truly here to stay...at least no more snow storms. It's time to continue our spring planting, do some gardening chores, and continue our planning for a successful harvest. It looks like our early plantings survived the cold weather.

Garden work days are scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 at 9:30A and Saturday, April 7 at 8A. If you can't come at those exact times, come ahead when you can. We'll thin out the lettuce and kale we planted earlier, plant some more spring vegs (bring what you'd like – either in seed or seedling form), do some chores to keep things tidy, and decide on the Lettuce Feed You logo.

Don't forget to check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall – you can post things on it as well. If you remember, our original goal is to have a garden planted by April 8 so we're on target! There are ways to contribute to the Lettuce Feed You mission and vision besides digging in the dirt...let us know if you're interested! Pictures need taking, signs need making, etc.

Many thanks!

APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER TREASURER'S SUMMARY REPORT

TREASURER's REPORT through 2/28/18, by Don Smith for April 2018 Newsletter

BUDGET:

Approved 2018 Budget =	\$88, 203.00	Please note these total budget breakdown averages: \$1696.21 per week, \$7350.25 per month, \$22,050.75 per quarter = 2 months X \$7350.25 / month Complete breakdown of these figures can be furnished by the treasurer, upon request.
Budget pro-rated through February, 2018 =	\$14,700.50	
Income YTD through February, 2018 =	\$12,148.28	
Expense YTD through February, 2018 =	\$11,831.18	
NET 02/28/2018	\$317.10	

Budget summary as of February 28, 2018:

Year-to-date (YTD) net balance, from NET above: \$317.10

Month only, February 2018, net balance: (-) \$1,020.88 (**DEFICIT**)

Expenses YTD compared to pro-rated budget YTD: \$14,700.50 - \$11,831.18 = \$2,869.32 under budget (80.5 % of YTD pro-rated operating budget expended).

Expenses YTD compared to Total 2018 Budget: \$11,831.18 / \$88,203.00 = 13.4% (2 months; 16.67% of budget year)

Bank Account Balances (Savings Accounts and CD are interest-bearing):

As of 12/31/17, last quarterly figure available:

General Savings Account: \$76,850.27

Capital Savings Fund: \$2,308.51

Youth Savings Fund: \$3,066.03

Cemetery CD Fund: \$10,419.41

As of 2/28/18: General fund, checking: \$7791.61

Memorial Fund, checking: \$6,294.31

WM Presbyterian Women, checking: \$255.88

SOFTLY REMINDING YOU OF STEWARDSHIP! Please note the first two months of 2018 has resulted in figures very close to a deficit condition. Expenses were in line or lower than anticipated, but income was down about \$1300 compared to the same period of 2017. March expenses include a couple of significant one-time yearly expenses so the next report may indeed show a deficit. Future reports may periodically include detailed income / expense line items and as always, please feel free to contact the treasurer with any specific questions.

The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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The resurrection of
Jesus Christ

from the Books of Matthew and Mark

**Bible Crossword
No.3**

Across

1 where they laid Jesus after He died (Matt.27:60)

4 the place where Jesus died (Matt.27:33)

5 Jesus and two thieves were _____ together (Matt.27:38)

8 mother of Jesus

9 The angel said "He is _____ He is not here" (Mark 16:6)

10 They made Jesus wear a scarlet _____ (Matt.27:28)

12 Jesus was betrayed for _____ pieces of silver (Matt.27:3)

14 Jesus was _____ of any crime (Matt.27:4)

15 The 12 companions of Jesus

DOWN

2 Jesus shed His _____ for our sins

3 Judas Iscariot _____ Jesus (Matt.27:4)

5 Roman commander of a hundred men (Matt.27:54)

6 Jesus said "My God, My God why hast thou _____ me" (Matt.27:46)

7 a title of Jesus (it means anointed one) (Matt.27:17)

11 They laid the _____ of Jesus in a tomb (Matt.27:59)

12 Jesus wore a "crown of _____"

13 our Lord and Saviour

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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
¹ 9:00 Easter Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service (communion)	²	³ 7:00 Christian Ed	⁴ 9:30 Lettuce Feed You – Garden work day 1:00 Congregational Life 7:15 PM Music Ministry	⁵	⁶ 11AM-7PM – Pleasant Grove Baptist Church BBQ-chicken plates to benefit missions	⁷ 8:00 Lettuce Feed You – Garden work day
⁸ 8:00 Men’s Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service -After worship – WMPC Happy 75 th birthday celebration	⁹ 6:00 PM Presbyterian Women’s Dinner	¹⁰ 12:00 Senior Luncheon-Pleasant Grove Baptist Church 7:00 Worship & Music	¹¹ 7:15 PM Music Ministry	¹²	¹³	¹⁴
¹⁵ 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Mission Committee	¹⁶	¹⁷ 7:00 PM Session Meeting	¹⁸ 7:15 PM Music Ministry	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹ 8:30 WMPC road clean-up day 6:00 PM Mystery Dinner Theater at Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church
²² 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Building and Grounds	²³	²⁴	²⁵ 7:15 PM Music Ministry	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸ 8:00 AM Arbor Day Tree give-away
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