



Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

April 2024 - Newsletter

The Pastor's Pen



The Acts of the Apostles

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8

On Easter Sunday I preached from the very end of the gospel of Luke. I did that on purpose. I am setting us up for our next Sermon series on the book of Acts. The gospel writer, Luke, wrote the gospel with his name on it, but he also wrote “part two.” Part two is the book we know as Acts- sometimes called by its longer name, “The Acts of the Apostles.”

Acts picks up the Jesus story where the gospel of Luke leaves off- Jesus ascending into heaven. The rest of the stories in the book of Acts tell us about how the church came into existence, how it endured persecution, how it drafted unlikely leaders, and how it spread throughout the whole known world.

When Luke wrote his two volumes, Luke/Acts, he wrote it to someone named Theophilus. We do not know for sure who that is, but his name means, “lover of God.” It could rightly be said that Luke wrote to anyone who has their heart open to God, anyone who wants to love the Lord with greater clarity and conviction. And Luke also makes it really clear why he wrote these two volumes. He said, “I decided to write an orderly account... so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.” Luke 1:3-4 Luke wants his reader, us, to have a faith that is built upon historical certainty. In fact Luke was a missionary partner of the Apostle Paul and probably witnessed many of the events recorded in Acts himself. I hope that our journey through this book in the Bible will leave you with a greater appreciation of the miraculous birth of the Church, and a greater certainty of your own faith.

Acts is 28 Chapters long, and I anticipate this series will take the better part of two years to preach through the book. As always we will take some seasonal and topical breaks, along with an occasional guest minister who will be able to bring our congregation something other than Acts. But I don't think you are going to get easily tired of Acts- It is a very narrative driven book with lots of interesting stories- about the Holy Spirit empowering His Church. I pray as we read together we will begin to see Windermere as an ongoing part of this story in which the Holy Spirit is STILL empowering our congregation to change the world with the gospel.

Grace and Peace, Pastor John



April Liturgists - 4/7 Mike Coleman,
4/14 Hudson & Toby Southerland,
4/21 Tom Hebert, 4/28 Emma Pflug & Cate Edge
April Ushers—Dennis Wood, Deidre Wood,
Cutlar Moore, Martha Faircloth

2024 Committees

Clerk of Session: Deidre Wood

Worship – Freyja Lawson, Chair, John Pflug,
Pastor

Elder Liaison

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Brenda Locklear, Elder Liaison

Finance – Paul Albritton

Deidre Wood, Elder Liaison

Property – Bud Townsend, Chair, Mike Edge,
Julia Huntley, Elder Liaison

Christian Education – Jennie Galloway, Chair,
Gary Galloway, Elder Liaison

Mission & Service—Becky Kalnen, Chair,
Tom Hebert, Elder liaison.

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Janet Coleman, Elder Liaison

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Secretary: Fran King, 515-6484,
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Nursery: Donna Kaiser, 910-622-4237

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 2

For a complete listing of the missionaries and missions that Windermere supports, go to the church's website, www.windermerepres.org. On the menu line, click on "More" and then Missions and Service. Newsletters from our missionaries are also posted keeping us apprised of the work they are doing locally and globally.

Identity Statement:

The mission of Windermere Presbyterian Church is to mutually nurture, support and encourage one another toward spiritual maturity while reaching out to the community in response to God's gift of His Son, Jesus Christ, for the salvation of the world.

Mission Statement:

Windermere is committed to making disciples who make disciples, and planting churches that plant churches.

Sunday School for All Ages:

This is an open invitation to all who read this. We currently have Sunday School classes for all ages: Preschool, Elementary, Youth, Young Adult (but open to all ages!) and an Adult Lectionary Study (led by Walt Griffith). All classes are staffed by wonderful teachers/discussion leaders. If you or your children are not currently attending a Sunday School class please think about it – think hard about – and then come. All classes start at 9:00 (Young Adult class starts at 8:45).



Wednesday Men's Bible Study:

Interested in joining the Windermere Men's Bible Study? Now is a great time. It's exciting, it's encouraging, it's ecumenical, and there is plenty of room for more. Not to oversell it, but we are continuing our interesting and life-changing study the Gospel of John. We would love to have new members come and join us. Think about it – think hard about it – and then come! The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Laura Coley room. If you are free then you belong!

Men's Bible Study at
Windermere Presbyterian
Church

Every Wednesday
morning @ 10am

Strengthening of the Church News

We enjoyed the food and fellowship for March Family Night! Thanks to everyone that attended. Vigilant Hope's presentation was very informative and we enjoyed hearing of their success in the community. Our next Family Night will be held on Wednesday, April 10th at 5:30 pm and it will be a pot luck/covered dish. There is always delicious food at the pot luck! Be sure to sign up to bring a dish or a couple of dishes for your family. We will play a few games of Bingo after we eat!

The Singles Group met in March for lunch with a good attendance. Tammy Tate will be in contact with the group for the next meeting. Lauren Teachey, Hospitality Group, is working on special occasions and events for our church family. STC strives to stay aware of prayer needs for our church family and friends. If you have a prayer request or a concern, please let someone on the STC committee know. Committee members' names are displayed on the Visitor's Table in the narthex.

Happy Spring!
Sue Stott, STC Deacon



April Preschool News



"He is not here. He is Risen".
Luke 24:6

Easter is by far my favorite time of the year. It's a time to reflect on the sacrifice that Christ has made for all of us, and the miracle that God performed when He raised His only son from the dead. I am so thankful for His out pouring Love for all.

April is a time of renewal as the colors of spring burst forth and reminds us to stop and enjoy God's creations. The preschool celebrated the true meaning of Easter in March and enjoyed egg hunts.

I am thrilled to report that the preschool fundraiser 'Blooming Together 2024' was a huge success. Thank you to all who supported us. It was a fun evening together.

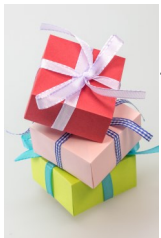
This Month we will celebrate the Week of the Young Child. Each day will be filled with activities that include, gardening, painting, bringing bikes to school, and fun activities on the playground.

Thank you Windermere Presbyterian Church for all your support and prayers for the preschool.

Blessings, Cristy Bain



Need to buy a gift for someone?



Here's an alternative that might be perfect, especially if it is for someone that's hard to buy for.... the Presbyterian Giving Catalog suggests over 40 gifts (no wrapping needed) that will help people globally.

The gifts, starting at \$25, range from livestock, beekeeping, sewing machines, rainwater catchment systems, kitchen kits, and many more. Catalogs are available on the Missions table in the Narthex. This gift will have a huge impact... helping someone towards a sustainable life and be rewarding for you and your gift recipient.

April Newsletter Notes from Session

Approved Property Committee contracting Southbay Roofing to repair the roof on the Sanctuary at a cost of \$36,000 and up to \$40,000 if additional repairs were needed.

Next Session Meeting: April 9, 2024

Family Promise

April 16th, 17th & 18th



Sign Up in the Narthex

Host or make a dish

Contact: Angelique Mathers

910.200.5944

amgwb2020@gmail.com



HELP WANTED

Are you a Handyman or Handywoman??



If so, your church needs you to help keep it, not only beautiful, but in good working order!!

If you are willing to volunteer some time to this, please contact Bud Townsend, chair of the Property Committee.

Thanks!!

Mission and Service News

The Mission Spotlight for April will be Windermere's own Prayer Shawl Ministry. Be sure to check out their display in the narthex to learn more about this special ministry.

Operation Christmas Child collection for small toys continues. The collection basket is in front of the Mission table in the narthex. Small toys (that will fit in a shoebox!) include games, balls, yo-yo's, cars, dolls, stuffed animals, etc. If it is a battery operated toy – please include batteries. Many thanks to all that contributed so far!



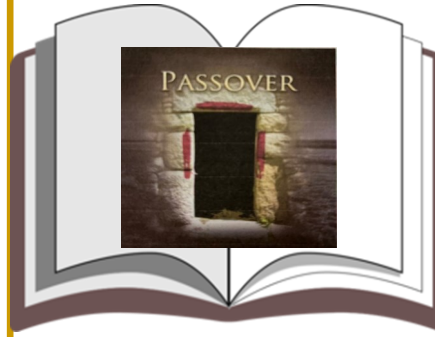
Windermere is invited to the Global Education Ministry's 3rd Annual Gala on April 26 at 6:00 p.m. The invitation and more information is included in this newsletter. If you would like to attend, please contact Becky Kalnen at 910.616.0015. A donation of \$100 would be appreciation by GEM.

Another invitation for the congregation is Vigilant Hope's Feast on the Farm to be held April 18 at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a catered dinner and hear first-hand individual's stories of the impact on their lives by Vigilant Hope's helping hand. Tickets are \$50 and can be obtained by going to this link: vigilanthope.com



Brett Taylor of Interaction International, supported by Windermere, will be the guest speaker for worship service on April 28. During the Sunday School hour in the Laura Coley Classroom, he will meet with the Mission and Service Committee and anyone interested in learning more about his mission work.

The Jill Casey Memorial Library



It was no coincidence that Jesus died during Passover. He was the very fulfillment of Passover! He was observed for three years to prove his perfection, just as the spotless lamb was observed for three days before it was sacrificed.

We apply the blood to our hearts, as the blood of the lamb was applied to the doorposts at the escape from Egypt. During Passover, they say "In remembrance of the lamb" while they eat a fragment of matzah, just as Christ said, "This is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me." The third cup of wine during the Passover meal is the Cup of Redemption. Just before drinking it Christ said, "This cup is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood." The Israelites freedom from slavery is a picture of our freedom from sin and our new life in Christ.

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian



You are invited to join Windermere and the family of Phyllis Morgan in the Celebration of her 90th Birthday on April 14th with Cake and Punch in the Narthex after the Worship Service



GLOBAL EDUCATION
MINISTRIES

3rd Annual Gala & Silent Auction

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH
6:00PM-9:00PM (DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM)
3701 PRINCESS PL DR., WILMINGTON, NC 28405

"We are so excited to invite you to join us on the evening of April 26th for our 3rd Annual Gala & Silent Auction. This event is our biggest annual event and is located right in Wilmington, NC. This night includes dinner, entertainment, a silent auction, and fellowship. We are looking forward to sharing about how the Lord has worked through GEM this past year and how He continues to work! Our ministry exists to plant seeds through gospel saturated schools across the world." *Lauren Pfeuff, GEM Coordinator of Special Events*

Please call Becky Kalnen at 910-616-0015 to reserve your seat.



April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Office Closed 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 5 p.m. <i>STC Mtg</i> Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	2 12:45 p.m. <i>Staff Mtg</i> 6 p.m. <i>New Member Class</i>	3 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 11:30 a.m. <i>Single Women</i> 6:30 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ L.C. Rm	4 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg.  CYFE 8:30-9:15 p.m. <i>Google Mtg</i>	5	10 a.m. Cantata Rehearsal
7 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship CANTATA 6-7 p.m. <i>Dust to Glory</i> 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	8 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:45 a.m. <i>Worship Comm.</i> Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	9 12:45 p.m. <i>Staff Mtg</i> 6:30 p.m. <i>Christian Ed Mtg</i> 5 p.m. <i>Session</i> 6:30 <i>Welcome New Member Dinner</i>	10 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 5:30 p.m. <i>Family Night Dinner</i> 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ L.C. Rm	11 10 a.m. Quilting	12	13
14 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship Phyllis Morgan Birthday 6-7 p.m. <i>Dust to Glory</i> 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	15 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	16 12:45 p.m. <i>Staff Mtg</i> 	17 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study  11 a.m. <i>Mission & Service</i> 5 p.m. Chimes 6 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Laura Coley Rm	18 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg.   Feast on the Farm Fundraiser	19	20
21 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 p.m. <i>Dust to Glory</i> 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	22 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Pastor John Out 4/22-4/26 Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	23 12:45 p.m. <i>Staff Mtg</i> 7 p.m. <i>Deacon Mtg</i>	24 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 5 p.m. Chimes 6 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Laura Coley Rm	25 10 a.m. Quilting	26 Meals on Wheels Prep-Kitchen GEM GALA	27 8:30 a.m. Meals on Wheel
28 9 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship <i>Brett Taylor Preaching</i> 6-7 p.m. <i>Dust to Glory</i> 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	29 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	30 12:45 p.m. <i>Staff Mtg</i>				



PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Garland Sykes, Jane Beck,
Jenny King, Mary Kowal, Sylvia Smith, Ben Faircloth,
Allan Nance, Sue Townsend, Phyllis Morgan



Our Extended Body of Christ—Frances George,
Norman Hunt, Juanita Huckaba, Kenneth Henson, Star M.,
The McGirt Family, Mary Summerlin, Our Missionaries

April Anniversaries

William & Carol Davis	04/11
H C & Wanda Johnston	04/14
Matt & Angie (Angela) Allen	04/16
Bill & Susan Lewis	04/17
Brian & Chrissie Allen	04/19
Croix & Carol Paquin	04/27
Ted & Becky Kalnen	04/28

April Birthdays

Nancy Worsley	04/01
Matthew Register	04/02
Jennie Galloway	04/08
Mark Morgan	04/09
Bill Campbell	04/10
Jeffrey Gunz	04/10
Phyllis Morgan	04/12
Kilaeah Pflug	04/12
Deb Steward	04/12
Jaden Walsh	04/15
James L. Edge	04/16
Joan Sibbald	04/17
Eli Smith	04/21
Ashley Allen	04/23
Robert Stowe	04/23
Michael Coleman	04/25
Sara Butcher	04/26
Thomas Steward	04/26
Dru Farrar	04/27
Peter Cerra, Jr.	04/28
Michelle King	02/28
Garland Sykes	04/28
Kathy Oakes	04/29
Layla Sayer	04/29
Denise Simpson	04/30

Who to Call ...

Usher Coordinator	Pam Aherne	609-462-6822
Communion Coordinator	Pam Aherne	609-462-6822
Women of the Church	Elizabeth Albritton	799-4271
	Ellen Allen	392-1274
Funeral Coordinator	Ellen Allen	910-392-1274
	Becky Kalnen	910-616-0015
Wedding Coordinator	Dottie Stinson	910-409-0207
Wednesday Family Dinners	Sue Stott	910-508-5046
Meals on Wheels	MaryKay Anson	910-297-5679
Preschool	Christy Bain	910-91-8290
Hands 4 Christ Quilting	Becky Kalnen	910-616-0015
Church Work Day	Mike Edge	910-622-0632
Sunday School Coordinator		
	Gary & Jennie Galloway	313-0707
Prayer Chain/Care Group	Sue Stott	
	prayers4windermere@gmail.com	
Flowers for Sanctuary	Carol Pearson	686-0728
Transportation	Estelle Link	910-233-2393
Music Director	Candy Williams	910-313-0243
Family Promise	Angelique Mathers	910-200-5944
Prayer Shawl	Dottie Obenour	910-665-0112

Please sign up

for

Meals on Wheels

9:30 a.m.

April 27, 2024



Times you can help with Meals On Wheels

Saturday—Preparation 7am to 9:30 am

Packing - 9:30 am

Delivery Pickup—10:00 am to 10:30 am

Contact Person: MaryKay Anson

Cell (910)297-5679- ansonm1@yahoo.com



Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Children's Church
and
Worship 10:00 a.m.



If you are the last one to
leave the church,
PLEASE make sure all
lights are off and all
doors are locked!
Thank you

The Christian Education Committee
is on

Duty for April 2024

Jennie Galloway and Gary Galloway

MUSIC NOTES - APRIL 2024

Thank you for your prayers and calls while I have been partially out of commission with a problem knee. The good news is that we have been able to reschedule the cantata "Witness" to the first Sunday in April, April 7, 10:00 a.m. Dress rehearsal for the cantata will be on Saturday, April 6, tba. Please plan to attend that morning and bring friends!

Our Choirs rehearse on Wednesdays. Adult Choir meets at 6:00 p.m. except for April 10 when Family Night Dinner is scheduled at 5:30. Please note: The Adult Choir will take that evening off from rehearsal. Chime Choir rehearsals will resume on April 17 at 5:00 p.m.

Wishing everyone Eastertide Blessings!
Candy Williams, Director of Music and Organist



The Prayer Shawl Ministry

It was our pleasure to donate a prayer shawl and mini prayer cloth to Windermere Preschool's Blooming Fundraiser on Thursday, March 21st. The lucky winner of the prayer shawl will be donating it to her friend who is in a nursing home. Always gives our ministry such joy to share our prayer shawls with others.



We will have a display on the Mission and Service Bulletin Board in the Narthex for the month of April. Be sure to stop by and see what an amazing ministry we have received since July 2023.

We also received a very significant check from a prayer shawl recipient who appreciated the warmth of the shawl, and felt such gratitude of our whole knitting group. No other people could ever feel the empathy, sympathy, and hope that your group holds in your hearts for others like them. Very touching and much appreciated.



Hands 4 Christ Quilting Ministry



Celebrating our 300th Quilt!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

April Meeting cancelled.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S PURPOSE - Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves: to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study, to support the mission of the church worldwide, to work for justice and peace, and to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.



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“Planting Churches that Plant Churches.”

Windermere is going to plant a church? Yes! Our new mission statement has given us a big picture vision, a destination if you will, but our path to that destination is still being determined.



Welcome
to
Windermere