

Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

February 2023 - Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

See, Pray, Work

Matthew 9:35-38 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Our mission at Windermere is to "make disciples who make disciples, and plant churches that plant churches." I hope at some point this year to begin to have conversations about what it might look like for us to plant a church out of Windermere, but before that conversation can ever take place we need Windermere itself to be full and healthy with disciples who are making disciples.

As I sit writing this, I have been very encouraged about the status of our mission early this year. In the month of January Windermere welcomed in 13 new members! We continue to see new faces in the congregation and, and every Sunday it seems like the sanctuary becomes more and more full. It is wonderful and exciting to see the growth but I wanted to take this opportunity to first ground us in the gospel, and second encourage us in our mission.

First, it is important to remember that we are not just trying to grow a church for the sake of having a big church. In Jesus' earthly ministry when Jesus looked at people he had compassion on them. He sees them as more numbers to add to His congregation or more contributors to His organization, or any other measure of "success" by worldly standards. The Bible tells us that "he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." No matter how big or small we get as a congregation we should remember that Jesus has not put us into the "church" business, He has put us into the "people" business. Still, today, people are in difficult circumstances, harassed and helpless, and looking for the Shepherd. Our job, then, is not to build a church (although hopefully that happens); our job is to bring sheep to the Shepherd. That is the gospel; all of us have gone astray and the shepherd has rescued us all.

That being said I want to encourage and equip you on the mission using some of Jesus' own words. First notice in verse 36 that Jesus "saw" the people. Step number one in making disciples is to see people! This is something we take too much for granted. There are people all around us who are hurting and in need of the gospel but we can't see them because we are buried in our smart phone, too caught up in our own stuff, or blinded by our biases and preconceptions of what may be going on in their lives. In the coming weeks I hope you will take the time to step back and really see the people in your life. See where their struggles and needs are, and begin to wonder how the gospel of Jesus might be the answer to those needs.

Secondly, pray! Jesus said, "Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers." Often when you see people and their needs you will simultaneously understand that you are not equipped to address those needs. They might need a therapist, a financial advisor, a real estate agent, someone who has gone through the trauma they are going through, or any other specific need that you might not be able to meet. However, one thing that you can do is to pray for that person, and ask that God, who is fully capable, would meet their need, and that their need would draw them closer to Jesus.

Finally Jesus' words imply that God will, indeed, send workers into the harvest. You may not be equipped to fully bring the gospel into every situation. But there is someone equipped for every situation, and every disciple is equipped for some situation. When God opens an opportunity for you to share the gospel using your skills, be ready to work! Be ready to meet the need of the situation, and to bear witness, and give invitation to the life-changing work of Jesus as you do it! I look forward to being on this mission with you as we become disciples who are making disciples by seeing, praying, and working.

Grace and Peace, Pastor John

February Ushers—Julia Huntley,
Bud Townsend, Kay Stowe, Bob Stowe
February Liturgists – 2/5 Tom Murray,
2/12 Bob Stowe, 2/19 Tom Hebert,
2/26 Walt Griffith

2023 Committees

Clerk of Session: Paul Albritton
Worship – Freyja Lawson, Chair, Gary Galloway,
Elder Liaison
Strengthening the Church – Kerry Wooding,
Chair, Janet Coleman, Elder Liaison
Finance – Eli Smith, Chair,
Julia Huntley, Elder Liaison
Property – Bud Townsend, Chair, Mike Edge,
Paul Albritton, Elder Liaison
Christian Education – Jennie Galloway, Chair,
Matthew Coleman, Elder Liaison
Mission & Service—Mike Saylor, Chair,
Bob Stowe is the Elder liaison.

Minister: Rev. John R. Pflug Jr., 910-617-5200,
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Secretary: Fran King, 515-6484,
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Music Director: Candace Williams, 791-5966,
email: towerkat_n_mouse@yahoo.com
Pre-School Director: Cristy Bain 791-8290
email: windpreschool@att.net, 791-8290
Nursery: Donna Kaiser, 508-2296
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 2

Our Missionaries

Shane & Dorenda Hartley—Campus Crusade,
Wilmington

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.



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



Everyone is invited to our Ash Wednesday Observance during Preschool Chapel in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.
February 22, 2023



Changes of Address:

Janet Casey (sometime in February)
The Oaks—Whitaker Glen
501 E. Whitaker Mill Road
Apt. 202B
Raleigh NC 27603

Betty Sloop
333 Thompson Street
Apt. 226
Henderson NC 28792-4804

Happy Valentine's Day

Windermere Youth Parents and Grandparents

The Youth group is having a great time. Lots of fun and fellowship! We have grown each successive Sunday. We will generally continue to meet Sunday evenings from 6 to 7:30. Also if anyone wants to volunteer to bring food to youth groups on our normal nights that would be wonderful. We do have a modest budget, so if there are Sundays where no one volunteers that is okay too!

Grace and Peace, John



“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.



Hands for Christ Quilting

2nd & 4th Wednesday—1 to 3:00 p.m.

This month, the church’s quilting ministry, *Hands4Christ*, will deliver quilts to Coastal Horizon’s Youth Shelter. The Shelter provides a safe haven for kids that have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The kids stay at the Shelter until the courts decide if they can return to their parents or relatives or go into foster care.

Since the beginning of the ministry in 2016, 270 quilts have been donated to Coastal Horizons. *Hands4Christ* quilters meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 1:00 pm in the Laura Coley Classroom. No quilting or sewing experience is required.

If you’d like to learn more, contact Becky Kalnen.



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!!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Women of the Church will meet Tuesday, February 14 at 10:30. We will be discussing chapters 5 and 6 in our study book.

All women are invited to come share in worship, study and good fellowship. Please join us.

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.



Strengthening the Church—News

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Deacon serving on the Strengthening the Church Committee. We focus on spreading seeds (Matthew 13: 3-9) in three areas: church events, pastoral care, and youth. We have sub-committees focused on the three above mentioned areas. If you feel a calling to serve in any of those areas, we would greatly appreciate your efforts! If you want to only help for a single event around a meaningful holiday, we would love your help! We welcome any and all help! These events and ministries are important to the church's health. It is important to make newcomers feel welcome but it is also important that we continually grow in our own walks. These areas provide avenues to care for different populations in various capacities. From event planning to writing a letter to someone who cannot attend church to playing games with the youth, these ministries reach different populations in different ways. Different seeds for different soils... Please feel free to reach out to me if you are interested or have any questions!

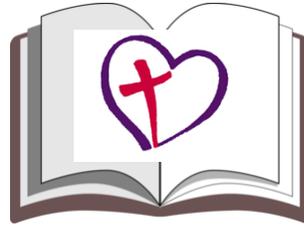
Kerry.wooding@gmail.com 972.415.1875

The Windermere Men's Bible Study



How about joining the Windermere Men's Bible Study in the New Year? It could be a great New Year's resolution, and the class would be even better with your presence. Think about it – think hard about it. And then come! The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Laura Coley room.

The Jill Casey Memorial Library



February is the month we celebrate love... the very cornerstone of our relationship with the merciful God who loved us so much that He gave His Son to pay for our sins and give us eternal life. God's vehicle for spreading the truth of the Gospel is the church, and as a happy coincidence, February 26 is *Send an Elder a Letter Day!*

To our dear elders who work tirelessly to bring glory to God through all we do as a church, we love you, we appreciate and we thank you.

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

Worship Committee News -

We are blessed to announce that we will receive the Sacrament of Communion in February and in the future by way of intinction. However, the all-in-one cups will continue to be available to those who prefer them.

We also want to invite you all to receive the Imposition of Ashes with our preschoolers and their families at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

Have a lovely February!



February 21, 2023
5-8 p.m.

**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner**





February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6 p.m. Choir	2	3	4 9 a.m. Joint Elders/ Deacon Mtg
5 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	6 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:45 a.m. Worship Comm 6 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	7	8 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 1- 3 p.m. Quilting 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m. Choir	9	10	11
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26 First Sunday in Lent 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	27 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	28				

PRAYER CONCERNS



Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Allan Nance, Garland Sykes,
Dave Allen, Jane Beck, Brian Mulvey, Jenny King,
Mary Kowal, Russ Barker, Ann Barker

Our Extended Body of Christ—Alex Zoltek, Frances George,
Mary Hunt Summerlin, Norman Hunt, Juanita Huckaba,
Our Missionaries

February Anniversaries

Robert & Doris Failing 02/22

February Birthdays

Betty Taylor 02/02

Dan Southerland 02/02

Mary Cox 02/03

Walter Griffith 02/07

Noah Thomas 02/08

Dennis Wood 02/09

Sanica Coleman 02/10

Cecilia "Cely" LaGrange 02/11

Katie Winstead 02/11

Linda Kalnen Sykes 02/13

Trudy Matthews 02/13

Lynette Thomas 02/13

Mary McLeod 02/17

William Bell 02/18

Rowan Allen 02/19

Julia Huntley 02/20

Carol Davis 02/21

Carolyn McBride 02/24

Heather Cook 02/25

Lucas Sayer 02/25

Emma Coward 02/26

Who to Call ...

Usher Coordinator Pam Aherne 609-462-6822

Communion Coordinator Ellen Allen 617-4910

Women of the Church Elizabeth Albritton 799-4271

Ellen Allen 392-1274

Men of the Church

Funeral Coordinator Ellen Allen 392-1274

Wedding Coordinator Dottie Stinson 409-0207

Wednesday Family Dinners Kaye Stowe
704-473-4448

Meals on Wheels Michael Coleman 262-8771

Preschool Christy Bain 791-8290

Hands 4 Christ Quilting Becky Kalnen 799-9612

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

Preschool News—

"Let us love one another for God is love".

(1 John 4:7)

Happy February, from the Preschool! This month we will be spreading love, and kindness.

If you are at the church please visit our preschool where you will find, "Sharing the love Hearts" with creations made from preschoolers and families.

February brings fall registration for the 2022-2023 school year. It's a blessing enrolling returning students and new families. We have a few spots left in our toddler class. Kindly spread the word of openings.

Thank you for all of your many prayers for our preschool, staff and families. God is good all the time.

Cristy Bain



Please sign up for

Meals on Wheels

9:30 a.m. February 25, 2023

SHROVE TUESDAY

Need an event to ready your mindset for Lent? Need an event to purge your kitchen of rich and fatty food?

Do you just love pancakes?

Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us!



Menu: Pancakes & Sausage

When: Tuesday, February 21st

Time: 5pm to 8pm

Cost: Free - Donations Accepted

This is going to be a community outreach event. Please be on the lookout for sign-up sheets to help us share this event with our neighbors.



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

MUSIC NOTES -February 2023
from Candy Williams, Director of
Music, Organist



*Make music a part of your life at
Windermere Presbyterian Church.*

Our choir welcomes new members anytime. You may be a beginner or a seasoned musician. There are opportunities for you in many ways. Let me know if you are an instrumentalist and would like to share your talent with us. Are you a singer? Or have you always wanted to learn? We offer patience and instruction. Our volunteers are a committed group in working hard and in enjoying fellowship.

Looking forward on our calendar this year, several important dates to note and invite friends:

Palm Sunday, April 12, 10:00 a.m. The Crucifixion by Sir John Stainer will be presented during the morning worship with our choir, orchestra and soloists. We are just beginning to rehearse with the choir and ask for singers to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 2, 3:00 p.m. A Patriotic Concert "Take Me Out to the Ball Game!" with brass quintet, organ, choir, soloists, and Color Guard from the American Legion.

Sunday, December 10, 10:00 a.m. Advent/Christmas Cantata with orchestra and choir.

Thank you for your designated gifts to the Special Music Fund, which is the source for our instrumentalists on Easter, Christmas, and the July Patriotic Concert, as well as other special Sundays throughout the year.

Please contact me for more information. Your questions and suggestions are welcome. Candy 910-313-0243; towerkat_n_mouse@yahoo.com Visit a rehearsal: Adult Choir - Wednesday evenings, 6:00 p.m. (6:15 Family Dinner nights).

Session News: February:

Examined and approved the following incoming officers:
Kerry Wooding, Deacon
Deidre Wood, Elder

Approved and welcomed the following new members:

Cutlar Moore

Maddie and Adam Jordan

Wanda Johnson and HC Johnston

Carol Paquin and Croix Paguin

Amy Southerland and Dan Southerland
and their two sons: Toby and Hudson

Susan Wilson and David Wilson

welcome

to our new members!



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*Happy
Valentine's
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