



# Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

February 2025 - Newsletter



## The Pastor's Pen

### Love is in the Air!

*“By this all men will know that you are My disciples,  
if you have love for one another.” John 13:35*

Valentine's day falls in the middle of this month. For that reason February is usually considered the month of love! What a wonderful topic to give our attention to; love! In Greek, the language that the New Testament was written in, there are at least three words for love and each of them have a different meaning. Comparatively, English only has one word, “love.” I’m pointing this out because our English word is rather clumsy and imprecise when it comes to helping us understand what the Bible is trying to convey when we read there, “love.”

The first Greek word is “Eros.” This refers to a sensual kind of love. It is from this word that we derive our English word “erotic.” For us it has sexual connotations, and indeed eros encompasses sexual pleasure, but the word also includes more broadly any of the sensual pleasures of taste, sight, smell, touch, or sound. When you taste a really good bite of pie and exclaim, “Oh my, I love this pie!” The love you are describing is eros.

The second Greek word is “Philos.” This refers to a love that is both a cognitive and emotional appreciation of a thing. It is from this word that we derive our English word “Philosophy,” which combines “Philos” (love) and “Sophia” (wisdom), to indicate a love of wisdom. It is also where we get the name “Philadelphia,” which combines “Pilos” and “Adelphos” (brother), indicating for us, “The City of Brotherly Love.” Both examples help us understand how Philos is used. When we say we love our friends, or we love justice, or we love football we do not mean that we are sensually experiencing those things, but we are enjoying the idea of those things in our mind.

I would argue that these two words cover 99.9% of what we mean in English when we say, “love.” When we enjoy something or someone with our senses or our mind we say “I love them,” or “I love it.” In other words, our understanding of love is almost exclusively a responsive love; we love something because it is lovely. But the word used most frequently for love in the New Testament is neither Eros nor Philos, but a third word, “Agape.” Agape is largely a foreign concept to our human nature. Agape not a responsive love but a *willing* love. By that, I mean the lover *wills* or *chooses* to love its object, not because the object is lovely, but because it is in the nature of the lover to love. This is a concept that is so foreign to us that the way we use the English word, “love” is not really sufficient to describe this. It is more like, “I commit myself and the very identity of who I am to you with no reservations and no options to get out of it.” That idea comes closer to Agape than, “I love you.” But Agape does describe God’s disposition toward us. It describes God’s command for us to begin to be disposed toward each other in this way.

When we love like this, it transforms the lives of those we love, and it shows that we ourselves have been transformed by such a love. G.K. Chesterton wrote, “Men did not love Rome because she was great. She was great because they had loved her.” That is the idea. Agape is the only kind of love that can change us, the kind of love with which Jesus loves us, the kind of love with which we should love one another.

Grace and Peace, Pastor John.



**February Ushers:** Julia Huntley, Bert Smith, Sue Joyce, Drake Joyce

**February Liturgists:** 2/2 Tom murray,  
2/9 Mike Coleman, 2/16 Elizabeth Albritton, 2/23 Scot-  
tie Coleman

## 2025 Committees

**Clerk of Session:** Deidre Wood

**Worship** – Freyja Lawson, Chair,  
John Pflug, Pastor  
Elder Liaison

**Strengthening the Church** – Sue Stott, Chair,  
Brenda Locklear, Elder Liaison

**Finance** – Paul Albritton

Deidre Wood, Elder Liaison

**Property** - Chair, Mike Edge,  
Elder Liaison, Dan Southerland

**Christian Education /Youth Director**—

Kayla Orrell, 910-515-5644

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

**Children, Youth & Family Events:**

Marilyn Lobough, Chair,  
Nate Bluhm, Elder Liaison

**Minister:** Rev. John R. Pflug Jr., 910-617-5200,  
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**Secretary:** Fran King, 910-515-6484,  
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**Music Director:** Candace Williams, 791-5966,  
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**Pre-School Director:** Cristy Bain 791-8290  
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**Nursery:** Donna Kaiser, 910-622-4237

**For a complete listing** of the missionaries and missions that Windermere supports, go to the church's website, [www.windermerepres.org](http://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.



Join us for "Church Family" night to celebrate Valentine's with chicken casserole, green peas, salad, rolls, and dessert. YOU will enjoy a fun filled night when some of our friends are players on **Windermere Church Family Feud!** If you would like to be a participant, please let STC know. We promise you fun and of course, CHOCOLATE!

Shrove Tuesday is the last day of Shrovetide, marking the end of pre-lent. Lent will begin the next day with Ash Wednesday. Mark your calendar for Shrove Tuesday on March 4th! Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs and applesauce. A donation to cover food and paper products will be appreciated.

Please remember to keep our church family in your prayers as we navigate through these winter months. May everyone stay well and hopefully we'll soon see some warmer temperatures. If you're missing a pew friend, give them a call.

Grace and peace,  
Sue Stott, STC

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



January was a busy month for the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Shawls were mailed to South Carolina, Texas and Pastor John took three shawls to Mexico for Tito, Betty and Yanel. Several other shawls were given to Wilmington residents.

In 2024 there were 175 shawls given to recipients.

February Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings will be held on Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup>.

We welcome anyone who would like to learn to crochet or knit. This ministry is so appreciated by the recipients of the shawls. We plan to donate another dozen shawls to Zimmer Cancer Center and 6 shawls to DaVita Kidney Care in February.



WINDERMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

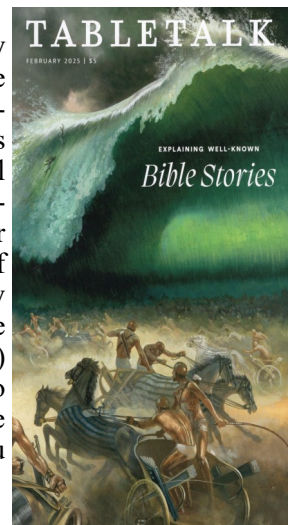
Income and Expense Statement

	2024 Budget	2024 Actual	Over (Under)
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>			
Contributions	336,850	367,967	31,117
Youth Fund Contribution Transfer		16,148	16,148
Building Usage and Other Income	10,100	12,564	2,464
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>346,950</b>	<b>396,679</b>	<b>49,729</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
PERSONNEL	193,030	207,213	14,183
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	9,023	8,856	(167)
PRESBYTERY SUPPORT AND PER CAPITA	9,684	9,684	-
PROPERTY	117,700	111,380	(6,320)
STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH	2,500	1,271	(1,229)
CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY	3,500	1,580	(1,920)
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	2,450	1,478	(972)
WORSHIP & MUSIC	6,550	5,350	(1,200)
MISSIONS & SERVICE	33,685	33,685	-
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	<b>378,122</b>	<b>380,497</b>	<b>2,375</b>
<b>NET INCOME (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(31,172)</b>	<b>16,182</b>	<b>47,354</b>

	12/31/2024	12/31/2023	CHANGE
GENERAL FUND BALANCE	\$67,572	\$51,390	\$16,182
BUILDING FUND BALANCE	\$65,917	\$83,682	-\$17,765

As a result of expressed concerns about the forecasted budget deficit for 2024, many of the congregation increased their year-end giving and the results are reflected above. We give thanks to those who did. The contributions to the Youth fund to cover the unbudgeted cost of the new Director of Children, Youth and Family exceeded the cost for 2024 and the excess will be moved to the General Fund at the beginning of 2025 as the cost of this position is included in the 2025 Budget. The Building Fund reflects the cost of replacing the Sanctuary roof and other roof repairs at a cost of over \$37,000 which were offset by contributions of \$20,000.

Copies of the February *Tabletalk* magazine are now available in the Narthex. This year's studies focuses on the Biblical bases of the major doctrines that make up our Christian faith. Think of it as making theology understandable! These daily studies (Mon – Fri) are an excellent way to grow in your faith. Give it a try, what have you got to lose?



**Sunday Morning Adult  
Sunday School Class (SALT)**

There are three adult Sunday School offerings – all of them excellent. The SALT (Seeking Adults Learning Together) class meets in the Narthex study room at 8:45. It offers a variety of biblical centered DVD series with lively discussion included. Not to oversell it, but this might be the greatest Sunday School class since Paul's class in Ephesus. It's a new year, how about a new study? Besides that we have empty chairs that need bodies. Think about it – then come!



**February Newsletter Notes from Session**

Approved the 2024 Statistical Report to be sent to the Presbytery. There will be a Congregation and Corporation Meeting following the Worship Service on Sunday, February 2, 2025 to approve the change in Rev. Pflug's call and elect directors of the corporation.

**Next Session Meeting: Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.**

**Jill Casey Memorial Library**

It happens every year. One Christmas ornament gets left behind. I look all over to make sure I got them all but somehow, one stays hidden until all the boxes are put away and out of reach. This year it was a little heart left hanging on a doorknob that said, "Keep Christmas in your heart." Curiously, I discovered it just as I was looking up expressions and Scriptures with the word "heart" for my February newsletter blurb! I learned that the word is used over 1000 times in the Bible! I have decided to keep the heart ornament out all year to remind me that Jesus is in my heart in the person of the Holy Spirit, and that Scripture says, "Above all else guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it." (Proverbs 4:23)



**PRESCHOOL NEWS**

**"Let us love one another for God is love". (1 John 4:7)**



**Happy February, from the Preschool!**

This month we are spreading love, and kindness. If you are at the church please visit our preschool where you will find, 'Sharing the love Hearts' creations made by the preschoolers and families.

February brings a close to fall registration for the 2025-2026 school year. It's a blessing enrolling returning students and new families. We have three spots available in the toddler class. Kindly spread the word of openings. We have a wait list too.

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

Cristy Bain

## MISSION & SERVICE NEWS

We welcome back our mission team from Mexico! Looking forward to hearing about the week and all of God's work going on at La Luz.

The January meeting of the committee focused on details for the trip and preparing our 2025 budget.

It was decided that Windermere would continue to fund the missions we are currently supporting.

Take a minute to look at the Missions display in the narthex and see what Windermere did in 2024 to help others locally and globally.

The committee meets the second Wednesday of the month – February 12 will be the next time at 11:00 a.m. in the Laura Coley Classroom. Please join us to learn more about our plans for 2025!

## *Hands4Christ Quilting Ministry*

In 2024, 44 quilts were made for Coastal Horizon's Youth Shelter. The Shelter provides a safe haven for kids removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. They stay until the courts decide if they can return home, go to a relative's or into foster care. Since 2016, when the ministry began, 377 quilts have been donated.

If you would like to join us, we meet the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Laura Coley Classroom. No sewing skills are required, but if you do sew or have quilting experience, that would be great! If you have any questions, please contact Becky Kalnen at 910.616.0015.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Thank you, everyone, for another well coordinated memorial service for a member of our congregation. The service itself went smoothly as usual. The dinner was well received and I'm sure the family appreciated a place to visit and share a meal. Many hands make light work and I am thankful for the support of all of you in making these difficult times a little easier for these families.

We had an excellent speaker, Beth Patrick, for our January meeting. Beth is a massage therapist in Wilmington and spoke about massage therapy which we all enjoyed after the hectic holiday months.

Plans are in the works for another speaker for our next meeting, Tuesday, March 11 after some very busy months for the women in the life of the church. If you know of someone of interest to the group and willing to speak to us, please let me know.

**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.



## MUSIC NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2025

from Candy Williams



### **ANNOUNCING OUR PALM SUNDAY CANTATA!**

Please join us for an exciting and moving cantata the morning of April 13, Palm Sunday, "**Come to the Cross and Remember**" by Pepper Choplin. Our children will be led once again by Walt Griffith as they process through the church waving palms. We have a large orchestra with Beverly Andrews as concertmistress and David Williams will conduct. I will play and oversee the rehearsals and preparation. We need a Volunteer to be a general director during the performance.

A note from the composer: "Christ's journey to the cross is filled with images that serve as vivid reminders of His sacrificial love for us. The images are the centerpiece of "Come to the Cross and Remember. During the cantata's performance, symbols of these images are brought forth to create a tableau."

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** This is an opportunity for Windermere to combine our various talents, gifts and resources. We need singers for the choir. We need help with a screen or tv in the sanctuary for a slide presentation during the cantata. We need a Narrator and volunteers to participate in the tableau. We need volunteers willing to organize our children to be involved in the tableau, bringing palms and flowers. We need "actors" to bring in the symbols and take part in creating the tableau. Is someone interested in helping with the production?

RSVP (Meaning Respond if You Please) - to Candy Williams, Music Director & Organist towerkat\_n\_mouse@yahoo.com. Home phone: 910-313-0243 (landline). Mobile: 910-470-2257 (text). I welcome and value input from the congregation. Do you have requests or questions. Please call/email/text. Candy



### **In Loving Memory**

Governor "Buddy" Locklear, Jr.  
August 27, 1942 – January 19, 2025

Our faithful servant, Buddy Locklear, is now pain free in the arms of Jesus. Buddy passed away the morning of January 19, with his wife Brenda and daughter, Melissa by his side.

Buddy has faithfully greeted members and visitors in his favorite "seat" in the narthex for years with his warm and inviting personality. We will truly miss his presence at church. Prayers of comfort and peace for Brenda and children, Melissa, Ryne, and Michael. Also, remember Buddy and Brenda's grandsons - they were very close to Buddy.

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship <b>Congregational Mtg</b>  5:45-7:30 Youth 6 pm Men of the Church 6-7 pm Dust to Glory	3 10:30 am Bible Study  7 pm Bible Study	4 12:45 Staff Mtg  4pm Clear Kitchen  6pm Christian Ed	5 10 am Men's Bible Study  2pm Canady  6 pm AA 12 Step 6 pm Choir	6 10 am Prayer Shawl Mtg  4pm Restore Kitchen	7	8
9 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship  <b>Souper Bowl Sunday</b>  6-7 pm Dust to Glory 6-7:30 Youth	10 11:45 Worship Comm.  7 pm Bible Study	11  4 pm Finance Mtg.	12 10 am Men's Bible Study 11am Missions  5:30pm Church Family Dinner 6 pm AA 12 Step 6 :30pm Choir	13 10 am Quilting  2 pm Property	14  	15
16 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship  6-7 pm Dust to Glory 6-7:30 Youth	17 Closed Presidents Day 10:30 am Bible Study  7 pm Bible Study	18 5 pm Deacons Mtg	19 10 am Men's Bible Study  6 pm AA 12 Step 6 pm Choir	20 10 am Prayer Shawl Mtg  3:30 pm Session Mtg	21  CRU Dinner	22 9:30 am Meals on wheels
23 9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship  6-7 pm Dust to Glory 6-7:30 Youth	24 7 pm Bible Study	25 11 am Elder Mtg.	26 10 am Men's Bible Study  6 pm AA 12 Step 6 pm Choir	27 10 am Quilting	28	



 Please join us for our   
**Valentine's Church Family Dinner**  
 Wednesday, February 12th, 5:30 pm  
 Chicken casserole  
 Great fellowship!


 Win "chocolate" by  
 playing *Windermere Church Feud!*






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JOIN US FOR  
**SOUPER BOWL**  
 SUNDAY  
**FEBRUARY 9TH**  
 LET'S TACKLE HUNGER TOGETHER  
 DONATE CANNED GOODS BY PLACING THEM ON YOUR CHOSEN COMPETITOR  
 ALL PROCEEDS GO TO MOTHER HUBBARD'S CUBBARD

This February 9th, Windermere Presbyterian Church will partner with the Souper Bowl of Caring in its challenge to raise \$10,000 (or cans) to fight hunger in the United States. Donations will be collected before service in a friendly competition, where participants may vote for their team by placing their canned goods on their chosen competitors. Monetary donations will also be accepted and matched by the Souper Bowl board of directors.



HAPPY  
Valentine's  
Day



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

Thank you

**Notice:** We have an opportunity for someone who would like a small job within the church that does not involve committee meetings or hours of your time. We need someone to monitor the "big" kitchen. The kitchen monitor would keep an eye on the calendar for events taking place any given week, and then check in a day or two afterwards to see that things are in order. If you are unfamiliar with the layout of the kitchen, things are labeled very well and there are plenty of people who can help you with that. See Sue Stott, Marilyn Lobough, Pastor John, or any of the deacons if you feel like this fits your skill set.



Angelique Mathers

Thanks to all who helped with Family Promise for December and January. Dec 31, 2024 and Jan 1, and Jan 2, 2025

## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Janet Casey, Bob Wolfe,  
Allan Nance, The Family of Bob Failing,  
The Family of Nancy Wolfe, The Family of Mike Saylor,  
The Family of Johnnye Hilliard, The Family of Buddy Locklear,  
Billy Ramsey

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

### Who to Call ...

<b>Usher Coordinator</b>	Pam Aherne	609-462-6822
<b>Communion Coordinator</b>	Pam Aherne	609-462-6822
<b>Women of the Church</b>	Ellen Allen	910-392-1274
<b>Funeral Coordinator</b>	Ellen Allen	910-392-1274
	Becky Kalnen	910-616-0015
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	Dottie Stinson	910-409-0207
<b>Wednesday Church Family Dinners</b>		
	Sue Stott	910-508-5046
<b>Meals on Wheels</b>	MaryKay Anson	910-297-5679
<b>Preschool</b>	Christy Bain	910-262-4557
<b>Hands 4 Christ Quilting</b>	Becky Kalnen	910-616-0015
<b>Church Work Day</b>	Mike Edge	910-622-0632
<b>Sunday School Coordinator</b>	Kayla Orrell	
<b>Prayer Chain/Care Group</b>	Sue Stott	
	windermere4prayers@gmail.com	
<b>Flowers for Sanctuary</b>	Carol Pearson	686-0728
<b>Transportation</b>	Estelle Link	910-233-2393
<b>Music Director</b>	Candy Williams	910-313-0243
<b>Family Promise</b>	Angelique Mathers	910-200-5944
<b>Prayer Shawl</b>	Dottie Obenour	910-665-0112

**Please sign up  
for Meals on Wheels  
9:30 a.m.  
February 22, 2025**



*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



### February Anniversaries

Susan and John Shaw 02/14

### February Birthdays

Dan Southerland	02/02
Mary Cox	02/03
Walter Griffith	02/07
Noah Thomas	02/08
Dennis Wood	02/09
Sanica Coleman	02/10
Katie Winstead	02/11
Linda Kalnen Sykes	02/13
Trudy Matthews	02/13
Lynette Thomas	02/13
Julia Huntley	02/20
Carol Davis	02/21
Lucas Sayer	02/25
Emma Coward	02/26
Kenneth Elliott	02/26

## Youth Group

Windermere's youth group has enjoyed studying the Fruit of the Spirit over the past month and will continue in the series throughout February and into March. This month the youth also excitedly anticipate increasing their volunteer service by volunteering with Souper Bowl Sunday, to help "tackle" hunger, and kicking off the Operation Christmas Child Collection beginning February 9th!



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church will continue its "Journey Through the Bible", a year-long series, throughout February. The emphasis of this month's learning is on God's blessing of the obedient. Children, as always, will have the opportunity to earn points and redeem prizes for memorizing Bible verses and submitting their Bible reading charts. There is also a special prize for those who complete their reading in *The Battlefield of the Mind for Kids* book!



Sunday Mornings  
10:00am

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