



Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

January 2024 - Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

New Year, New Committee

1 Corinthians 12:7 "But to each one is given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."

Presbyterians are famous for their extensive use of committees. Sometimes it is even funny to reflect on the extent to which we have shaped our common lives around committee meetings. But on a serious note our congregation's committees are the way in which we do the work of the Lord. We believe that God has called certain men and women to serve as deacons or servants who lead these committees, but they only truly function because the membership as a whole gets involved in those committees. This article is an invitation for those of you not currently serving on a committee to make part of your resolution this year to become a part of one of our church's committees. Almost all of our committees are volunteer committees. In other words, if you are a member of the church, you don't need an appointment to join a committee.

I am excited to announce that our elders and deacons have formed a brand-new committee called the Children, Youth and Family Ministries Committee. Young families are a growing segment of our congregation and we want to be sure to fully incorporate their gifts and talents, while also making provision for their needs. This committee will organize the youth group as well as host church events aimed at creating community- particularly aimed at increasing in, and inviting children, youth and families to Windermere. You don't have to be young, or even have a family (other than your church family, of course!), you just have to have a passion to minister to children, youth and families.

But of course all of our committees will need your help so that Windermere can continue to engage vibrantly in the life and work of Christ. The Finance Committee will need people who are good with numbers, and trustworthy to give faithful oversight of our finances. Christian Education Committee needs Sunday school teachers, and Children's Church volunteers. The Property Committee needs people who are good at fixing things, and love working with their hands. The Worship Committee needs people with good ideas to enhance our worship services, and people who like to be involved in special services like weddings and funerals. The Strengthening of the Church Committee needs people who love to plan and host dinners for the church as well as people who have time to make phone calls and write cards to help keep our church connected. The Mission and Service Committee needs people who are excited about our local mission partnerships, as well as the school we support in Mexico and all of the foreign missionaries we support- all while keeping the congregation apprised of these mission expressions and inviting them to be involved.

We will update our leadership contact information available in the narthex in 2024. You can get involved in one of these committees by contacting the deacon or elder serving on that committee. And I hope you will get excited about being involved because I firmly believe that the Holy Spirit has given you certain talents, gifts, and interests for a very specific reason... the common good of the Church. It pleases God when you support His church with your time and gifts, and you will find that it pleases you too!

Happy New Year, Pastor John

January Liturgists - TBA

January Ushers—Susan Joyce, Drake Joyce,
Pam Aherne, Estele Link

2023 Committees - 2024 TBA

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,

Deidre Wood, Elder Liaison

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

Christian Education – Jennie Galloway, Chair,
Matthew Coleman, Elder Liaison

Mission & Service—Mike Saylor, Chair,
Bob Stowe, Elder liaison.

Minister: Rev. John R. Pflug Jr., 910-617-5200,
email: revjohnpflug@gmail.com

Secretary: Fran King, 515-6484,
email: windermere@bizec.rr.com

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, 910-622-4237

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

Our Missionaries

Shane & Dorenda Hartley—Campus Crusade,
Wilmington

Outreach Foundation, Iran

Dustin & Sherry Ellington—Antioch Partners

Bret & Mindy Taylor—

Interaction International

GEM (La Luz Elementary School)

Preschool News

Happy January 2024

*"Therefore, if anyone is new in Christ, he
is a new creation, the old is gone, the
New has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)*



Celebrating a fresh start this January and thanking our
Savior for each new day! Praising Him for a new slate
wiped clean with forgiveness. **Happy New Year 2024.**

Fall registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins
Wednesday, January 3 for in house students and siblings.
Enrollment for the public opens January 8th. Please share

Happy to be back to routines and seeing all the growing
preschoolers.

Blessings , Cristy Bain



Congratulations to Maddie and Adam Jordan on the
birth of their baby son, Sequoia Austin Jordan,
6 pounds, 19 inches. Both mother and baby are
doing well. Thank you for your prayers for this
precious gift. So exciting to have new babies at
Windermere! Thanks be to God!



Congratulations to Dru on the birth of her
great granddaughter Olivia Nicole Lou Riley!
Our Church Family is Blessed to have so many
new Babies! Now we can add Dru's 'New 3rd
Great Grandchild to that list!'



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.

**After a wonderful worship service, we had our Joy Gift Lunch
plus the youth treated us to a Christmas play afterwards!!
Great work Marilyn and kids!**



Children, Youth and Family Events

Happy New Year Windermere! We are pleased to announce the formation of a brand new committee: Children, Youth and Family Events. The committee will focus on the Youth Group and Family Events. We will be a virtual-committee meeting over Zoom calls!

As the Youth Group grows and matures, we need to honor our commitment to fostering their faith walks. In addition to our weekly youth group meetings, we would like to take the youth on various outings every few months (corn maze, laser tag, Wrightsville Beach, bowling, escape room etc...) and could use help coming up with ideas! We are also in the early stages of planning their first retreat and would appreciate any help in planning and implementing the retreat. We can also use help in feeding the youth! They LOVE home cooked meals. If you miss cooking for a large group or just want a cooking ego boost, we would love to work with you on signing up to feed the youth on a Sunday night that works best for you.

The other primary area of focus will be Family Events; the Easter Egg Hunt and the Trunk or Treat fall into this category! We are also interested in hosting smaller events such as a movie night or game night. If you have a great idea for an event, enjoy planning big/small events, or just love serving, we would greatly appreciate your help!

The meetings for this committee will take place via Zoom; we will meet online and use email to plan our events. This allows everyone from working parents to working professionals to those that don't like driving at night to participate in these meetings.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact Kerry Wooding (kerry.wooding@gmail.com, 972.415.1875).

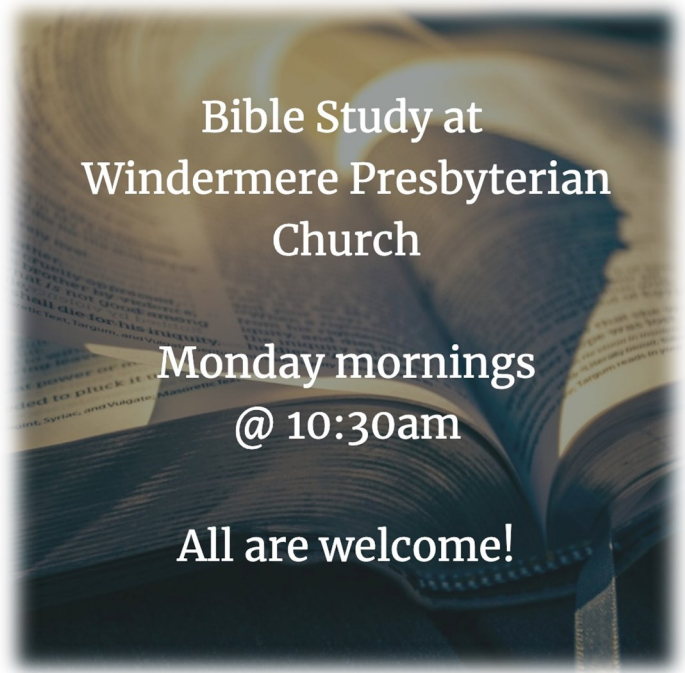


Join Pastor John for Bible Study!

Bible Study at
Windermere Presbyterian
Church

Monday mornings
@ 10:30am

All are welcome!



Meet the Mission & Service Committee—2024

This committee serves Windermere in supporting a broad spectrum of missions locally and globally. If you have questions about a particular mission or a suggestion, please speak with one of our committee members:

Gary Galloway	Estelle Link	Bob Stowe
Tom Hebert, Elder Liaison	John Pflug, Pastor	Kay Stowe
Becky Kalnen, Chair	Mike Saylor	James Stinson

We welcome new members interested in furthering the gospel, spreading the God's Word and helping those in need! Join us for our first meeting in 2024 on Wednesday, January 10, at 11:00 in the Laura Coley Classroom.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

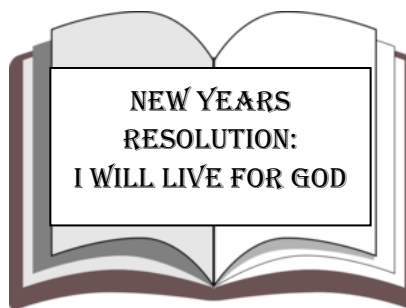
Women of the Church will meet January 2 at 9:30 to undecorate the church. We need lots of women and lots of men to help!

Our regular meeting will be Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30 in the Laura Coley room.

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.



The Jill Casey Memorial Library



This was theologian Johnathan Edward's simple New Year's resolution, and his second one was, "Even if no one else does, I still will." Let us remember Edward's notable New

Year's quote as we enter 2024 to live for God and choose daily to do His will.

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

Session News: January

Following the Joint Meeting with Deacons held on December 9, the 2024 Budget was approved and will be presented at the annual Congregation Meeting.

Called the annual Congregation Meeting for Sunday, January 28, 2024 following the worship service.

The purposes of the meeting are to present the 2023 Financial Report and the 2024 Budget to the Congregation, approve the change of Pastor Pflug's call and elect directors of the corporation.

Established the following committees for 2024 with Deacon Chairs and Elder Liaisons:

Committee Deacon Chair(s) Elder Liaison

Worship Freyja Lawson Pastor John

Finance Dave Wilson Deidre Wood

Christian Education

Jennie Galloway Gary Galloway

Property Bud Townsend Mike Edge
Julia Huntley

Strengthening the Church To be determined
Brenda Locklear

Missions and Service

Becky Kalnen Tom Hebert

Children, Youth & Families

Kerry Wooding Janet Coleman

Elected Deidre Wood Commissioner for the special called meeting of the East Gathering Community Presbytery Meeting on January 3, 2024.



Bob Stowe's mother is now with our heavenly father. Mrs. Stowe suffered a heart attack December 18, 2023. Please be in prayer for Bob, Kay, and the family. Mrs. Stowe lived a long fulfilled life and celebrated her 100th birthday not long ago. Prayers for the family.

"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.



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!!



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



January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>CLOSED</i> 	2 9:30 a.m. Women undeco- rate church  12:45 p.m. Staff Mtg.	3 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm  5 p.m. Chimes 6 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ L.C. Rm 7:15 p.m. STC Mtg	4 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg.   New Mem Class 6-8:30 p.m. Outside Group Narthex Classroom	5	6
7 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 p.m. Dust to Glory 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	8 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 11:45 a.m. Worship Comm. Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	9 10 a.m. Women of the Church 12:45 p.m. Staff Mtg.	10 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study/ Laura Coley Rm 11 a.m. Mission Comm. 5 p.m. Chimes 6 p.m. Choir 6 p.m. AA 12 Step/ Laura Coley Rm	11 10 a.m. Quilting New Mem Class 6-8:30 p.m. Outside Group Narthex Classroom	12	13
14 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 p.m. Dust to Glory 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. Staff Mtg. 4 p.m. Finance Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Christian Ed Mtg	17 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	18 10 a.m. Prayer Shawl Mtg.  New Mem Class 6-8:30 p.m. Outside Group Narthex Classroom	19	20
21 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship 6-7 p.m. Dust to Glory 6-7 :30 p.m. Youth	22 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Boy Scouts 7 p.m. Bible Study	23 12:45 p.m. Staff Mtg.	24 10 a.m. Men's Bible /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 6-8:30 p.m. Outside Group Narthex	26 Meals on Wheels Prep- Kitchen	27 9:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels 
28 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Choir 10 a.m. Worship Congregational Mtg 6-7 p.m. Dust to Glory 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. Staff Mtg.	31 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			

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Garland Sykes, Jane Beck,
Doris Failing, Dottie Obenour, The Family of Bob
Stowe, Jenny King, Mary Kowal, Sylvia Smith, Ben Faircloth,
Allan Nance, Sue Townsend

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



Anniversaries

Mike & Marianne Saylor	01/03
Rodney & Kathy Oakes	01/12

Birthdays

Wanda Johnston	01/01
Nancy Worsley	01/01
Addison Kelly	01/02
Beth Whitley	01/02
Estelle Link	01/03
James Hutchins	01/03
Chris Butner	01/04
Doris Erkes	01/07
Roberta Mouheb	01/07
Samantha Coleman	01/09
Sharon Harris	01/10
Johnnye Hilliard	01/12
Rodney Oakes	01/14
James Mathers	01/15
Micayla Mathers	01/15
Bonnie Townsend	01/15
Crissie Allen	01/18
Pearl Cavanaugh	01/19
Susan Holt	01/19
Shawn Whitley	01/19
Hudson Allen	01/20
Elizabeth Pridgen	01/20
Mark Townsend	01/20
Douglas Buchheit	01/21
Ann Barker	01/25
Andrew LaGrange	01/26
Lucas Butcher	01/29
Casey Mathers	01/30
Dave Wilson	01/31

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

Men of the Church

Funeral Coordinator Ellen Allen 910-392-1274
Becky Kalnen 910-616-0015

Wedding Coordinator Dottie Stinson 910-409-0207

Wednesday Family Dinners Kerry Wooding
972-415-1875

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.

January 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.

Happy New Year



MUSIC NOTES + JANUARY 2024
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.

Would you like to donate to the Special Music Fund? You could request a special anthem be purchased in honor or memory of someone. Or you could help with the cost of hiring instrumentalists for Easter and Christmas cantatas or our Patriotic Concert on July 4th. These are items that are not included in the general church budget, but are so much enjoyed by not only our congregation but beyond to the community.

Be thinking about some of your favorite hymns. I think the new year 2024 is a good time for another Favorite Hymn Survey!

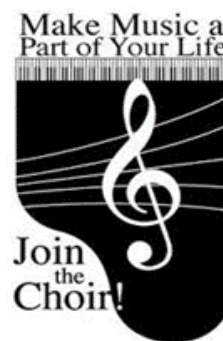
Contact me for more information. Your questions and suggestions are always welcome.
Candy 910-313-0243; towerkat_n_mouse@yahoo.com

Visit a rehearsal this week!

Adult Choir - Wednesday evenings, 6:00 -7:00 p.m.

Children's Music - Sunday mornings, 9:00 a.m.

Chime Choir - Wednesday evenings 5:00-5:45 p.m.



***Mark Your calendars for opportunities to serve with
Family Promise 2024.***

Save the dates, sign up will be in the Narthex

January 2024 2nd, 3rd, 4th

April 2024 16th, 17th, 18th

July 2024 16th, 17th, 18th

October 2024 15th, 16th, 17th



**Many thanks to all who helped prepare a dish
and host with me in 2023**

Happy New Year! Angelique Mathers



**Men's Bible Study at
Windermere Presbyterian
Church**

**Every Wednesday
morning @ 10am**

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