



# Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road,  
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 2021  
Newsletter



## The Pastor's Pen

### What Are Paraments?

*"He made the moon for the seasons; The sun knows the place of its setting." Psalm 104:19*

Do you notice the cloth that drapes the Bible, the Pulpit, and the table behind the choir? Do you ever wonder what those are? They are called paraments. Essentially they are decorations, but they are not merely decorations!

If you are like the Pflug family, there are certain things that come out at certain times of the year. In the fall my wife puts a particular wreath on the front door, and our house smells like mulled spice plug-in-air-freshener. At Christmas time there will be a Christmas tree, fake snow, and lights. In the spring and summer, again, there are different sorts of decorations around our house. All of them remind us of seasons past, seasons yet to come, and to be thankful for the season that we are in.

Paraments are a lot like that. We rotate the colors of the paraments as the seasons change. They are a way to remind us of God's faithfulness in past seasons, assure us of His faithfulness in seasons yet to come, and encourage us to celebrate God's faithfulness in the season we are in now. But the church seasons are not winter, spring, summer and fall. Instead of orienting our lives around climatic changes we organize around the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and the ongoing work of His Holy Spirit.

The Church year begins with a season called Advent, and it usually begins the last Sunday in November. It is the season of anticipation. Yes, of course we are anticipating Christmas, the birth of Christ, but we are also anticipating the second coming of Christ. The parament color for Advent is purple.

The next season is Christmas itself; that is right, Christmas is not just a day but a whole season! Which means, if you took down your Christmas tree the day after Christmas day, you cut Christmas way too short! There are actually twelve days in the Christmas season (does anyone remember the song?) which culminates on a day called Epiphany, where we remember the wise men who came to visit Jesus as a child. We celebrate the Christmas season using the parament color white.

The next season is a series of Sunday's called "The Sundays After Epiphany." Or the term I prefer is "Ordinary Time." Have you ever heard the saying, "If everything is special, then nothing is"? If we did not have ordinary time in the Church (and a lot of it), I think it would remove something of the significance of the other seasons. Not to mention, when I look back on my own life, often the most meaningful and transformative moments have occurred not on some big special occasion, but in the quiet of ordinary time. In the Church we mark ordinary time with the parament color green.

The season of Lent begins sometime in February or March, depending on the year. Lent is the season of reflecting on Jesus' journey to the cross, and His death there. And by doing that, it leads us into repentance. We mark the season of Lent with the parament color purple.

The Easter Season celebrates the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but like Christmas it does not end after Easter Sunday. Jesus spent 40 days with his disciples after He had been raised from the dead, so for 40 days (the Sundays aren't reckoned in the counting), we celebrate Easter, and we do so using the color white.

There is one day on the church calendar that we use red. That day is Pentecost. It celebrates the giving of the Holy Spirit and is sometimes referred to as the "birthday of the Church."

Finally you have "The Sundays After Pentecost." You guessed it, more Ordinary Time which carries us all the way through the summer and fall. Ordinary time, when our paraments are green, is overwhelmingly the longest season in the life of the Church, and it culminates on the last day of the Christian calendar, Christ the King Sunday (which is white). How appropriate to end the year with Christ crowned as Eternal King! I hope this helps you get a little more appreciation out of the paraments, and a little more joy as we watch the changing seasons. Soli Deo Gloria, Pastor John.

## July Ushers -TBA

### July Liturgists –

July 4, 9:00 Tom Hebert; 11:00 Mike Coleman  
July 11, 9:00 Bob Stowe; 11:00 Julia Huntley  
July 18, 9:00 Elizabeth Albritton; 11:00 Bert Smith  
July 25, 9:00 Paul Albritton; 11:00 Fritz Rohde

### 2021 Committees

**Clerk of Session:** Paul Albritton

**Worship** – Pam Aherne, Chair, Gary Galloway, Elder Liaison

**Strengthening the Church** – Kay Stowe, Chair, Estelle Link, Elder Liaison

**Finance** – Tom Hebert, Chair, Eli Smith and Paul Albritton, Elder Liaison

**Property** – Bud Townsend, Chair, Randy LaGrange, Mike Saylor, Elder Liaison

**Christian Education** – Ryan Winstead, Chair, Matthew Coleman, Elder Liaison

**Mission & Service**—Mission and Service will remain without a chair at the present time. Bob Stowe is the 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, 508-2296

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 2:00 pm

### Our Missionaries

Shane & Dorenda Hartley—Campus Crusade, Wilmington

Outreach Foundation, Iran

Dustin & Sherry Ellington—Outreach Foundation, Zambia, Africa

Rev. Gary and Marlene Van Brocklin – PCUSA, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh

Bret & Mindy Taylor—Interaction International GEM (La Luz Elementary School)



### 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.

## June Finance Report

The finances for June continue to be stable as we approach our normal activities as a church. The ending balance in our General Fund will be approximately \$50,000.

Contribution reports will be mailed in early July.

Blessings,

Tom Hebert, Treasurer

### With Sympathy -



Prayers of comfort to the family of Deidre and Dennis Wood on the passing of Deidre's mother, Judy Suggs, June 10, 2021. May they feel the prayers from their Windermere church family.

### With Sympathy -

Longtime member Randolyn Anderson, went to be with her Heavenly Father on the morning of June 26, 2021. Prayers of comfort and peace for Debbie, David, Beth and their families. Randolyn will be missed by everyone here at Windermere.



**Women's Circle will resume on September 14 at 10 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.



### Meals on Wheels

July 24, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.



**Sunday School**  
**10:00 a.m.**

**Children's Church**  
**11:00 a.m.**

## The Jill Casey Memorial Library

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, don't let the deceptions of our day let you forget that the United States of America was founded on Judeo-Christian beliefs. There is a fantastic selection of Christian History magazines in the library, each one devoted to one person or theme. Here are some examples: George Mueller - Living on a Prayer; Women of the Reformation; Food & Faith - 2000 Years of Feasting and Fasting; Captive Faith - Prison as a Parish; Christians and Muslims; Plagues and Epidemics; When the Church Goes to Market - How Christians Have Influenced Economic Life; How the Church Fostered Science and Technology; and Christianity and Judaism. This is just a small sample of the offerings in these magazines. I hope many of you will take some time and learn more about not just our country's Christian heritage but 2000 years of Christian history.

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The Women will not meet in July.

**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.



## Special Offering

In response to a **GEM Back-To-School Supplies Drive** this Summer, the Mission & Service Committee has received session approval for a special offering to be held on consecutive Sundays, July 4 and July 11. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of school supplies of all types for the three GEM schools in Mexico... especially the La Luz School in Juquila.

Please make checks payable to Windermere and designate your contribution "GEM Back to School Drive". You may also mail your check to the church office.

## Prayers 4 Windermere by Email or Robo Call

Thanks for your patience while Ron and I were trying to learn how to use the robo call program...trial and error! We accomplished the task!

We are now able to reach our friends that **do not** have email with prayer requests for Windermere family and friends with a phone call. We have twenty-five on this list and they are delighted to receive updates by the robo call. A big thanks to Jeannette Ramsey for suggesting the robo service and to Kay Stowe/STC for implementing the program.

**To our new visitors**, if you would like to receive the prayers4windermere email, please contact me and I will add your name to the list for emails or for the robo call, if you do not have email.

Sue Stott ([prayers4windermere@gmail.com](mailto:prayers4windermere@gmail.com) or 910-799-4701)

## La Luz

Juquila, Mexico



Our school La Luz, is really just what it's name says, a *light* in the mountain town of Juquila, Oaxaca. As mentioned last month, Directors Tito and Betty and the rest of their 7-man staff decided shortly

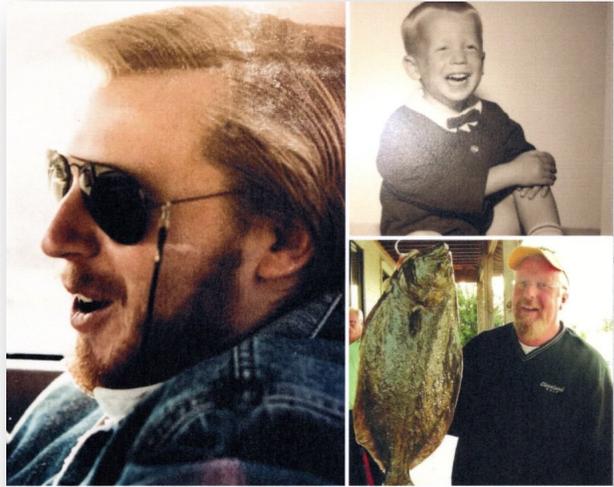
before Christmas to begin house visits to school families. After seeing the discouragement of their families due to a lack of jobs and few resources, they have taken it upon themselves to bring fruit and a few encouraging words to each one of the families they visit. This has opened up various opportunities for the Gospel to be shared and already 4 parents and family members of students have accepted Jesus as their Savior!

Thank you for your prayers for this little school and their faithful directors. It has and continues to be a light in a place that makes its money primarily off of idol-worshiping. The picture above is of a few of the women that accepted Christ as a result of the home visits! Their names are Olga, Zoila, and Macrina. Olga is the mom of one of the La Luz students.



*In Loving Memory  
of  
Jeffrey Townsend*

*Saturday  
August 21, 2021  
at 10 a.m.*



*Celebrating a Life*  
**JEFFREY TOWNSEND**



THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE  
IS REQUESTED AT A MEMORIAL SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

10:00AM

WINDERMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
104 WINDERMERE ROAD  
WILMINGTON, NC 28405

*Reception following the service*

## Its Bazaar Time

The 2021 Windermere Bazaar will take place October 2, 2021. Starting looking for those rarely used, never used but could be used by another items Give new life to these items just in someone else's house! Proceeds from the sale of these donated items will go to Christian based outreach programs both locally and internationally. Missions Committee will be making a decision on the recipient programs very soon.

Tools, toys, sports and exercise equipment, small appliances, home decor, puzzles and furniture items always sell well during the bazaar. Furniture items this year will be limited to those that can be moved by two men. No clothing, car seats or items in need of repair please. Drop off days and times will be forthcoming allowing for day, evening and weekend drop offs.  
Arrangements for pick up will be available.

Baked Goods, of course, will be part of the offerings since they always sell out since we have such great cooks! Those items will need to be labeled with ingredients for allergy safety.

Mark your calendars!  
October 2, 2021  
7 am until 1pm

Church member preview sale October 1st



# July 2021



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<p>4</p> <p>9 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship</p> 	<p>5</p> <p><u>Office Closed</u></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Randolyn Anderson Memorial Service</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30 a.m Bible Study 1:45 a.m. Worship Comm.</p>	<p>13</p> <p><u>10 am—No Mtg in July</u> <u>Women of the Church</u></p>	<p>14</p> <p>10 a.m. Men's Bible Study</p> <p>1-3 p.m. Hands4Christ Quilts</p> <p>6 pm Deacons &amp; Elders Mtg</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>
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## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Our Body of Christ

Charlene Farrar, Trudy Matthews, Allan Nance, Garland Sykes, Dave Allen, Steve Barone., Dennis and Deidre Wood, Clark Pearson, the Family of Randolyn Anderson, Susan Pierce, Jeannette Ramsey, Brian Mulvey, Jenny King

**Our Extended Body of Christ**—Bruce Failing, Alex Zoltek, Our Missionaries

## July Anniversaries



William & Monika Savage	07/07
Craig & Kristen Allen	07/09
Dennis & Deidre Wood	07/13
Bert & Mary Smith	07/22
Gabriel & Stephen Barone	07/27



## July Birthdays

Mary Lou Kowal	07/01
Bill Harris	07/02
Gavin Maultsby	07/07
Carey Merritt	07/07
Niki Kelly	07/08
Mason Allen	07/12
Lauren Allen	07/13
Collin Allen	07/15
Ruth Anne Kuiper	07/16
Evelyn Morris	07/16
Jean Crawford	07/19
Roland Register	07/19
Craig Allen	07/20
Janet Casey	07/23
Matthew Coleman	07/24
James Stinson	07/26
Walker Stephenson	07/27
Angie (Angela) Allen	07/28

### 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** Ann Barker 392-1376

**Wednesday Family Dinners** Clark Pearson 686-0728

**Meals on Wheels** Michael Coleman 262-8771

**Preschool** Christy Bain

**Hands 4 Christ Quilting** Becky Kalnen 799-9612

**Church Work Day** Randy LaGrange 431-7710

### 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

### Current Session:

**Elders:** Paul Albritton, Matthew Coleman (2023)  
Gary Galloway, Estelle Link, Mike Saylor,  
Bob Stowe (2023)

**Deacons:** Pam Aherne, Tom Hebert,  
Randy LaGrange, Eli Smith (2022), Kay Stowe  
(2022), Bud Townsend, Ryan Winstead (2022)

### Worship Committee News

We are seeing more and more of our church family members return every Sunday. The June 27 attendance for the two services was 110! This is very uplifting for all of us.

There will be a memorial service for Randolph Anderson held at Windermere at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 10. Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony. Please come to show your support to Debbie and family members.

If you haven't already sent in your opinions about having one or remaining with two church services, please email the church by June 30th. The elders and deacons will be meeting on July 14th to review responses and discuss our next steps.

Thank you and continue to stay safe.





## NEWSLETTER NOTES FROM CANDY - JULY 2021

**NEW MEMBERS INVITED -  
OPEN MEMBERSHIP - NO AUDITIONS -  
COMMITMENT EXPECTED**

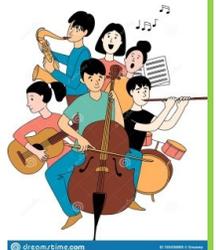
**The Windermere Adult Choir** will resume weekly rehearsals in September. Date and time to be announced. Our Windermere Choir is a very special volunteer group. We are responsible for leading the music for worship services each Sunday. In addition, we look forward to preparing special music during Advent and Christmas, Lent and Easter. Beginning in 2006 until the Covid19 quarantine of 2020, Windermere hosted an annual Patriotic Concert on July 4th with brass ensemble, choir, soloists, The American Legion, special guest appearances, and ice cream social served up by the Windermere Men's Group. This special event has been offered to our church and Wilmington community through donations to the Special Music Fund and is not funded through our annual budget. We look forward to the return of this tradition in 2022. The Special Music Fund also helps fund orchestra players for Easter and Christmas cantatas.

We welcome any interested High School singers to join us. This choir is nurturing and especially supportive of young singers, high school and college age, as most of us have already been there, done that, and want to share advice and encouragement. We welcome beginners as well as professional singers. Contact our Director with any questions, Candy Williams (910-313-0243).

**INSTRUMENTALISTS** - Welcome to the Windermere Music Ministry.

**New Instrumental Ensemble beginning this summer. Wednesday, July 7, 11:00 a.m.**

Our Windermere String Ensemble has been rehearsing on designated Wednesday mornings. The current members would like to take the opportunity to be mentors to anyone in the congregation who already play an instrument but may not be ready for prime time performance. We welcome young students as well as adults. New players will be mentored during a weekly group rehearsal, but will not necessarily be expected to play with the ensemble on Sunday mornings. Please contact Candy Williams if you would like to share your musical gifts with our church. Literature and level of difficulty will be taken into consideration when working with those interested.



**Windermere Chime Choir** will return to weekly rehearsals soon. Watch for date and time to be announced.

G.F. Handel's **Messiah** will be presented on Sunday, December 5, 4:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Burgaw. This is a biannual event inviting all interested singers to join in. I've accompanied it for many years and they have invited me back once again to play. Two rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoon, November 14 and 28. Contact Director David Hoover for more information. [dhoover@bcswan.net](mailto:dhoover@bcswan.net)



### Men's Bible Study

Please join us for *The Windermere Men's Bible Study* (WMBS) on Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:00 am in the Laura Coley Room.

I am hopeful that many of us have received our first vaccine shot, and several may have received both. I am thankful to the Lord for the vaccine. Regardless, church policies, for now, mandate that we all wear masks. We will socially distance as well, at least until we have all been shot up, so to speak. Then we can perhaps revisit the requirements.

God Bless, Gary Galloway

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Welcome!



HAPPY  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY