



## Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road,  
Wilmington, NC 28405

June 2021  
Newsletter



### The Pastor's Pen

#### Worship Times

Isn't it nice to see things starting to get back to normal? As normal starts happening again, inevitably one of the things we have to consider is going back to our normal worship time at 10am. But since the pandemic occurred some things have changed and there are several who have suggested it is at least worth considering keeping our two worship times at 9 and 11am. Right now, the plan is still, as it has always been, to go back to 10am. However, we do want to spend the month of June having a larger congregational discussion about the other possibility of two services. So here is the path forward, and how the elders and deacons want to invite you to be a part of the discussion:

In this article I am going to make the case, the best I can, for both possibilities. I want to encourage you to give both of them an honest assessment. Some people have already come to me and said, "my vote is for 10am!" without yet hearing any of the cases for the other possibility. I understand the temptation to simply want what you want (all of us do that, me too!!) but the cases I am going to make for both times are with an eye toward how they might be best for our church. After you have spent some time in thought and prayer, and maybe even discussion with others, I hope that you will email or write the church with your prayerfully guided opinion on the issue. If you put "worship times" as the subject of your letter or email, we will compile those responses and provide them to the elders and deacons. The congregation's opinion is something the elders and deacons really do want to know as they make this decision going forward. A few things to remember: First, although the congregation's feelings on this are extremely important, and a very heavy factor in the decision process, the final decision cannot be a congregational vote (It is the nature of the presbyterian system) but a discernment of the Holy Spirit from the elders and deacons. Secondly, it is very important to advocate for your own ideas to prevent rumors, and unfairly weigh any particular argument. In other words, avoid saying things like "there are many of us who feel..." If you have spoken to someone who feels as you do, encourage them to think, pray, and then write to the church to advocate for the stance in their own words. It can be one short sentence or a lengthy essay.

Now I want to describe the benefits of both services starting with the 10am service. Getting back to one single 10am service provides some distinct benefits that mostly revolve around nurturing our congregation, which is completely legitimate and needed. First of all it is normal and expected that we would have the return of the 10am service, and coming out of a year of strange and unexpected all of us need some normal and expected in our life. It allows the whole congregation to be together instead of split in two. It makes Sunday mornings a little easier on myself and Candy only having to do one worship service. It makes the music program, liturgist, and Communion simpler to organize. It allows all of Windermere's children to be able to take advantage of Children's Church, not only those who come to the 11am service. It means we can do the gathering table the way we have always done it without having to re-think it. And of course, we get out of church before the Baptist!! There are indeed a number of strong reasons to return to a 10am worship service.

Also consider the benefits of having a 9am and 11am service. Most of these revolve around the missional advantages for Windermere; making us more accessible to the outside community. First, it appears that sandwiching Sunday school between the two services has been a tremendous boon for both children and adult Sunday school. Second, outside of our church there is a cultural expectation for an 11am service. Ever see the people showing up at the very end of our 10am services? It used to happen about twice each month. Next, two services are eventually inevitable anyway if we continue to grow (here is your optimistic pastor!!). Once our average worship grows to 200 (80%), we will need a second service, this way we already have them in place. Finally it creates more options for people who might be interested in coming to Windermere but have a timing issue with one service or the other.

Please take some time in the coming weeks and think through the options and then let us know what you think would be best for Windermere. You can email your response to [windermere@bizec.rr.com](mailto:windermere@bizec.rr.com) and put in the subject line: "worship time." I love you all, and I thank you in advance for your responses and helping the elders and deacons think through this important decision.

Grace and Peace, John

## June Ushers -TBA

**June Liturgists** –June 6, 9– Walt Griffith  
11–Jen Edge; June 13, 9-Elizabeth Albritton  
11-Julia Huntley; June 20, 9-Paul Allbritton  
11-Mike Coleman; June 27, 9-Kay Stowe  
11– Dru Farrar

## 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.

## May Finance Report

As we approach the end of the pandemic, our financial situation continues to be surprisingly stable due to the generous support of our membership and visitors. The ending balance in our General Fund will be approximately \$42,000.

As we continue to open up the church to our normal activities, it is hoped that we will see an increase in our income to offset the anticipated increase in expenses. I am confident that the Lord will provide whatever resources we need to accomplish His purposes.

Blessings, Tom Hebert, Treasurer

## Hands4Christ Quilters

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month .

The Hands4Christ quilters made 33 quilts in 2020, despite COVID. We began "*Distance Quilting*", everyone working on quilts at home.

Since 2016, 192 quilts have been given to Coastal Horizon's Open House Youth Shelter. The Shelter is for children ages 6-18 and provides a safe place for their stay when removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. A child may be there overnight, a week or two or for months until the court decides if they can return to their parent(s), a relative or go into foster care. Each child gets a quilt, not only to keep them warm, but to provide comfort and remind them that someone does care. For more information, contact Becky Kalnen or Nancy Wolfe.



## Meals on Wheels

June 26, 2021 — 8:30 a.m.



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

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

## The Jill Casey Memorial Library

"A good Father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."



-Billy Graham

Dads, we have lots of great books in the men's section as well as some awesome biographies. Please avail yourself to some great reads!

Marilyn Lobough, Librarian

## 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)



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 26, 2021



## 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.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The Women will meet on Tuesday, June 8 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**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.



## Ordination and Installation Service

Sam Kennedy, Coordinator of RUF at UNCW, is being ordained and installed as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church and as Campus Minister for RUF on Saturday, June 5 at 1:00 at Christ the King in Wilmington. There will be a brief reception immediately after the worship service. RUF is a Windermere Mission Partner and Sam would welcome any support from the Windermere Family.



## The Preschool 2021 Graduation



## Preschool News



We have had a wonderful year and the children have been a blessing to us all.

In May, before the end of the school year, we thanked our teachers with Teachers Appreciation week, celebrated Mother's Day with muffins and celebrated our fours class with graduation.

It has been my privilege to serve as your director this year. I love seeing all the smiling faces each morning, and watching them grow throughout the year. I will be in and out this summer working on the new school year 2021-2022. Please stop by and say hello.

I pray God's blessings on everyone this summer. I am thankful everyday for Windermere.

Blessings for a Wonderful Summer,  
Cristy Bain

## MUSIC NOTES - JUNE 2021 from Candy Williams, Director of Music & Organist

It is with joy that we begin gathering again in groups to make music! This is a new beginning! Please see the Music Interest Sheet in the Narthex and leave a note about your interest. You are also welcome to leave a note for our Music Director if you would like to be contacted!

### MUSIC INTEREST

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Interest: (singing, ringing chimes, instrumentalist, serving on Worship Committee, etc.)

Questions about Music at Windermere? \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Hymn Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments:



# June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	31 MEMORIAL DAY 8:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels	1 1 :00 pm STC Laura Coley Room	2 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study	3	4	5
6 9 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship	7 10:30 a.mm Bible Study  Cape Fear Music Festival	8 10 am Women of the Church Fellowship Hall	9 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1-3 p.m. Hands4Christ Quilts	10	11	12
13 9 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship	14 10:30 a.mm Bible Study	15	16 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study	17	18	19 Linda Sykes Alumni Mtg.
20 9 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship  	21 10:30 a.mm Bible Study	22	23 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study 1-3 p.m. Hands4Christ Quilts	24	25	26 8:30 a.m. Meals on Wheels  BIBLE SCHOOL
27 9 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. Worship	28 10:30 a.mm Bible Study	29	30 10 a.m. Men's Bible Study  STC— Welcome Back Cookout			

## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Our Body of Christ

Charlene Farrar, Trudy Matthews, Allan Nance, Garland Sykes, Dave Allen, Jenny King, Randolyn Anderson, Susan Pierce, Jeannette Ramsey, Brian Mulvey, the Family of Mary Brownfield

**Our Extended Body of Christ**—Bruce Failing, Frances George, Lee Bear Fitch, Alex Zoltek, Our Missionaries



### June Anniversaries

Clark & Carol Pearson	06/13
Tom & Jane Beck	06/18
Doug & Beth Whitley	06/20
Paul & Elizabeth Albritton	06/30
Richard & Diane Evers	06/30
Ann & Kenneth Horne	06/30
Larry & Joan Sibbald	06/30

### 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

### June Birthdays

Emma Pflug	06/01
Tom Hebert	06/05
Brenda Lock- 06/05	 lear
Sandra Boone	06/06
Margaret Cerra	06/06
Jeffrey King	06/10
Julie McClearn	06/12
Matt Allen	06/13
Daniel Hiatt	06/16
Shirley Pyle	06/17
Ron Stott	06/20
Paul Albritton	06/21
Stephanie Allen Hoffnan	06/26
Marilyn Lobough	06/26
Matthew Townsend	06/28



### 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)

### Love Offering Follow Up

As you are aware, the Mission & Service Committee held a special love offering on March 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Hartley Family. Windermere responded with contributions of \$3595. Since the M&S Committee had agreed to match congregational contributions up to \$1500, a check in the amount of \$5095 is being processed to benefit the Hartley's. Thank you all for the awesome outpouring of generosity and love. To God goes the glory.



### Worship Committee News

Effective immediately masks are no longer required during church service for those fully vaccinated. Masks and social distancing are highly recommended for those not fully vaccinated or anyone who might otherwise feel uncomfortable.

Hymnals and Bibles have been returned to the pews. There will be a small supply of "clean" Hymnals and Bibles available at the back of the church. Communion will continue with the individual servings for now. As of June, signing in will be discontinued.

Starting on May 30 the nursery will be open on Sundays for an additional hour from 10:00 to 12:00.

It's been wonderful to see every Sunday more and more of our Windermere members returning to worship in church once again. Thanks be to God."

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WINDERMERE CONGREGATION CHANGES AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT CDC GUIDELINES AND NORTH CAROLINA COVID-19 MANDATES

In consideration of the change in the mask mandate, removal of attendance limitations, changes in guidelines for social distancing and surface sanitizing, the Session, with recommendations from the Deacons and Worship Committee, has approved these changes.

**MASKS** - Effective immediately, masks are not required at any church functions for those fully vaccinated. Masks are required for those not fully vaccinated. Masks are recommended for any who might otherwise feel uncomfortable.

**ATTENDANCE LIMITATION** – There are no longer any limitations on the number of attendees of church functions unless otherwise required by local ordinances such as zoning, fire codes, etc.

**WORSHIP SERVICE** – The hymnals and Bibles will be put back in the pews. A supply of “clean” hymnals and Bibles will be in the back of the Sanctuary at the 11:00 o’clock service for any who would prefer them. The wiping down of the pews following service will be discontinued. The rope-off of every other pew will be continued for the time being. Communion will continue as is for now using the individual combined elements. Sign-up sheets will continue through the end of May at which time visitor cards will then be placed in the pews. The nursery will now be available from 10:00 am to noon.

**OFFICE HOURS** – Regular office hours will return effective June 1, 2021.

**OUTSIDE GROUPS** – The Deacons will be establishing requirements and conditions for outside groups to use the church facilities.

### Welcome Back Family Night Cookout!



Plans are being made to restart Family Night Dinners with a Celebration Cookout Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mark you calendars and join us for delicious burgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings! Sign up sheets will be posted in the Narthex the middle of June!

### “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.



### With Sympathy -



We received news from Chris Brownfield about his mother and a church member, Mary Brownfield. Mary passed away on December 28, 2020. She passed away while she was at hospice.

Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.

### 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  
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Day