



# Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windemere Road, Wilmington, NC 28405

June 2025 - Newsletter



## The Pastor's Pen

### From Complacency to Zeal

*"At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps and punish those who are complacent, who are like wine left on its dregs, who think, 'The LORD will do nothing either good or bad.'"*

*Zephaniah 1:12*

What do you know about the prophet Zephaniah? Well if I am being honest with you I didn't know a whole lot either! I learned enough about the minor prophet in order to pass the ordination exam, and that is about it! But Zephaniah is part of the Word of God, which means that God still intends it for our benefit and His glory. Starting this month I will be preaching from the book of Zephaniah on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays in the evenings (4:30-5:30).

The book of Zephaniah was written by the prophet with the same name at a time of great cultural falling away from God. Zephaniah served as the prophet during the last "good king" of Judah, Josiah. After Josiah Israel drifted into total apostasy and all of the warnings of the prophet Zephaniah came to pass. I think the book is filled with timeless lessons that apply to our own culture in an almost uncanny way.

Outside of the United States of America, Christianity in the cultural "West" has virtually been subsumed by secularism. In America, we have also noticed drastic declines in Christianity, however, compared to our European counterparts, America has remained remarkably religious, and that "religion" has more or less remained Christian. It reminds me of what happened in Israel after the splitting of the kingdom in the Old Testament. Northern Israel became increasingly secular, and was ultimately destroyed before Zephaniah was even born, but the southern kingdom, even though generally it was overwhelmed by wicked kings, remained culturally religious toward Yahweh, their God. Judah's faithfulness preserved the kingdom 136 years longer than their northern brethren, but near the end of that 136 years Zephaniah is warning God's people in Judah that the same thing can happen to them if they allow their culture to fall away from God.

I think Zephaniah will be a powerful reminder for us to insist upon faithfulness even when the culture around us makes it difficult or even outright turns against us. It is not enough to be complacent in the face of our own culture ignoring God. When most secular people we know think about God (to the extent they think about Him at all) they think that God won't actually do anything either good or bad. Most people think that our destiny is not up to God, but up to us. Zephaniah is an ancient book but it is also a sobering and helpful book when it comes to living in our own times. It reminds us that God will not remain idle or indifferent toward our indifference to Him. The book reminds us to remain vigilant and zealous toward the things of God. I hope you can join us on Sunday evenings this summer as I preach through this wonderful little book.

Grace and Peace, Pastor John

**June Liturgists:** 6/1 Scottie Coleman,  
6/8 Gary Galloway, 6/15 Elizabeth Albritton,  
6/22 Bob Stowe, 6/29 Jennifer Edge  
**June Ushers:** Cheri Gill, Tommy Gill, Kay Stowe,  
Bob Stowe

## 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,  
email: revjohnpflug@gmail.com

**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  
email: windpreschool@att.net, 791-8290

**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.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Special Project for May was making mini prayer shawls for the Preschool Graduates. Special thank you to Kay Anson for making these shawls. Each child wore the shawl that was chosen by them and personally thanked the Prayer Shawl Ministry ladies during their meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will not be meeting in June, July and August. You can be sure the ladies will be knitting shawls at home during this time. We may have another dozen shawls to donate to Zimmer Cancer Center...that would make 84 since July 2024.

A Prayer Shawl is a beautiful way to comfort and support those who need it most. Whether you're making shawls for someone going through a difficult time, celebrating a new beginning, or simply showing love and care, these handmade shawls offer a heartfelt reminder that someone is thinking of them and lifting them up in prayer.

Check out our bulletin board in the Narthex for current projects. Also note there is a Request sign up sheet you can fill out. Dottie Obenour and Kay Anson will check the list every week.



June 7, 9 to 12 noon

### Wednesday Men's Bible Study:

Interested in joining the Windermere Men's Bible Study? We would love to have you. It's exciting, it's encouraging, it's small, and there's still room. Not to oversell it, but this might be the greatest Men's Bible study since Jesus' studies with His disciples. We are continuing our study of the Gospel of John and we would love to have new members. Think about it! The group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the Laura Coley room.

### Sunday Morning Adult Sunday School Class (SALT):

There are three adult Sunday School offerings – all of them excellent. The SALT (Seeking Addults 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 the Apostle Paul's class in Ephesus. It's a new month, think about joining a new Sunday School Class. If not SALT, there are two others you could try. They all have empty chairs that need bodies, and you are guaranteed to grow in the Lord from it. Think about it; or just come and try it out!

## Mission & Service News

Give peace a chance! Jon Berger, board member for **Creating Friendships for Peace**, spoke at the May Mission's meeting about this organization established to assist teens living in countries in conflict learn to communicate with each other to work towards establishing peace in the world. There are opportunities to be a part of the organization's work right here in Wilmington! Go to <https://friendships4peace.org> for more information. Be sure to read the message from Pastor John as well to learn more.

June's Mission Spotlight is **Hands4Christ Quilting Ministry**. Since the program started in 2016, 350 quilts have been given to Coastal Horizon's Youth Shelter. Kids, ages 6-18, stay at the Shelter when they have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. It may be just overnight, weeks or even months before the courts decide if they can return to their family, go to a relative's or into foster care. Regardless of where they go, they'll take a quilt with our hopes and prayers that it brings them comfort and lets them know someone does care.



Pastor Jesse from the **Center for Family Transformation** will be giving an update on their progress in their new facility at the June 11 Missions meeting. Please join us to learn what's been happening at the Center. The Missions committee meets at 11:00 in the Laura Coley Classroom.

**Family Promise** volunteer opportunities continue in June. During the last week of the month, volunteers are needed for beautification of their housing property along with cleaning and organizing the Day Center (where the families eat the meals provided). Ongoing opportunities are available to assist in the main office as well. If you are interested in helping, call 910.769.4730.

Mark your calendars for July 20 to hear **Sasan Tassovoli** preach and talk about the work he is doing through the Outreach Foundation in Iran.



## Meals on Wheels

Thanks to all who helped for the Memorial Day Meals on Wheels Ministry. On Saturday, May 24, 131 meals were prepared and delivered.

Special thanks to those who helped prepare, pack and deliver the meals on Monday May 26, Memorial Day.

Some started as early as 4:30 a.m. opening cans of yams and beans and placing them in large pans along with seasonings and placing them on the outside cookers.

There are 542 people who received a hot meal and may have received their only human contact for the day.

*Matthew 25:35-40 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.....The King said, truly I tell you, whatever you did for the one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.*

*Thank you!*



**Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**immediately following the worship service**

### **"Creating Friendships for Peace"**

"Creating Friendships for Peace" is an organization that takes teenagers from conflicted parts of the world and different sides of the conflict, brings them to Wilmington to experience each other and an American culture free of conflict and open to dialogue in an effort to build peace into the next generation.

A board member from that organization, Jon Berger, spoke with our missions committee to see if anyone from Windermere would be interested in hosting a pair of teenagers for one day (not overnight). The teens are coming from Cyprus which has seen conflict between the Muslims in the north and the Greek Orthodox of the south.

If you are interested and willing, you could take them to the beach, aquarium, a ball game, or any other activity you can think of. It could be a great opportunity to have conversations around faith. The Lord might even use you to plant the seed of faith in the lives of one of these teens.

If you are interested in being a part of this please let me (Pastor John), or Becky Kalnen (Missions Committee Chair) know so that we can get you in touch with John Berger.



Windermere Presbyterian Church  
Income and Expense Statement  
January 2025 - April 2025

	4 MONTHS	YTD BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	ANNUAL BUDGET
INCOME				
CONTRIBUTIONS	\$152,236.30	\$109,646.00	\$42,590.30	\$387,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	3,020.22	7,848.00	-4,827.78	10,680.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>155,256.52</b>	<b>117,494.00</b>	<b>37,762.52</b>	<b>397,680.00</b>
EXPENSES				
PERSONNEL COST	\$77,697.26	\$78,616.64	\$919.38	\$234,150.00
ADMINISTRATIVE	7,928.24	9,431.50	1,503.26	18,954.00
PROPERTY	51,629.42	51,631.68	2.26	132,470.00
STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH	584.65	995.04	410.39	2,650.00
CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY	1,904.43	500.00	(1,404.43)	2,500.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	105.40	250.00	144.60	1,650.00
WORSHIP & MUSIC	1,925.88	1,475.00	(450.88)	6,550.00
MISSIONS & SERVICE	15,293.60	16,950.00	1,656.40	38,700.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>157,068.88</b>	<b>159,849.86</b>	<b>2,780.98</b>	<b>437,624.00</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES</b>	<b>-\$1,812.36</b>	<b>-\$42,355.86</b>	<b>\$40,543.50</b>	<b>-\$39,944.00</b>

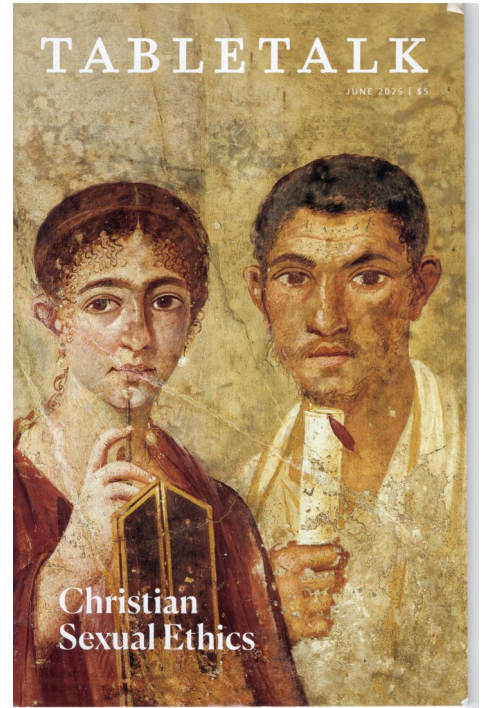
GENERAL FUND BALANCE 12/31/24 \$67,571.75  
GENERAL FUND BALANCE 4/30/25 \$81,956.89 NOTE 1

BUILDING FUND BALANCE 12/31/24 \$65,916.90  
BUILDING FUND BALANCE 4/30/25 \$125,036.77 NOTE 2

OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES 12/31/24 \$18,678.99  
OTHER RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES 4/30/25 \$18,922.94

NOTE 1: Revenues for the 4 month period were above budget due to a couple of one-time larger donations.

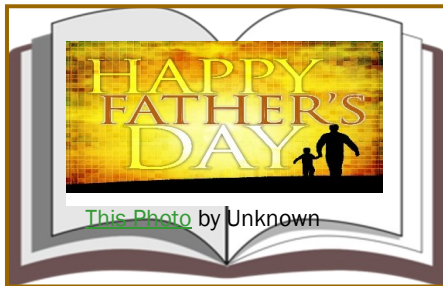
NOTE 2: The Building Fund received a large stock donation and the Employee Retention Credit applied for in 2022 was finally received. The Session approved these funds going to the Building Fund.



Copies of the June *Tabletalk* magazine are now available in the Narthex.

### Jill Casey Memorial Library

Father! To God Himself we cannot give a holier name.  
-William Wordsworth



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

This month in Children's Church the students will concentrate on the overarching theme of "God is our Protector" as they journey through the Books of Daniel through Obediah, as part of our year-long study that covers Genesis through Revelations. Already the children have learned so much through this study, learning stories that some have never heard, and seeds have been planted in their hearts that will last a lifetime.



Sunday Mornings  
10:00am

## Youth Group

School is nearly out and that can only mean one thing! It is time for the annual lock-in! Each year the youth come together to compete in games, learn more about God, and see just how late they can stay up! This year the lock-in will be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>, so please mark your calendars! You will not want to miss it!





### Our Mission

To support families experiencing housing instability, including domestic violence survivors, to achieve sustainable independence.



Family Promise LCF shelters the largest amount of families in the Cape Fear Area, serving 200 individuals annually in our core programming, with over 60% of those being children. We own three apartment buildings, one mobile home, and one house, for a total of 13 units. Families in our program have the comfort of being in an individual unit, complete with full kitchen, washer & dryer, and living space.



All families in our Emergency Shelter program are provided a nightly dinner in our Day Center. Volunteer groups including churches, businesses, and civic organizations prepare and serve the meals. Annually, over 3,000 meals are provided from 15 different partners with over 1,800 volunteer hours.



Case management is at the core of our programs. Family Promise LCF creates a holistic approach to supporting our families, including individualized counseling, financial planning, goal setting, job placement or advancement, and connection to community resources. We ensure wrap-around services to help our families have secure and sustainable independence.

[www.familypromiselcf.org](http://www.familypromiselcf.org)

## MUSIC NOTES FOR JUNE



**SING WITH THE WINDERMERE SUMMER CHOIR!  
or DRESS FOR THE BEACH  
and HIDE IT UNDER A CHOIR ROBE!!**

You are invited to sing with the Windermere Summer Choir. Beginning in June, the only rehearsal required will be on Sunday mornings at 9:30. There will not be an evening rehearsal during the week. Simple anthems and hymns will be offered each service. The invitation includes high school age singers as well. To make good use of the short rehearsal time, please arrive early enough to have your music and robe, in your seat and ready to make music by 9:30. First-timers will be helped with music and robes, so please come early. Please take advantage of this special summer arrangement to help lead the music for our services.

During the months of June and July, I will be taking some time away for surgery to repair a hernia. I am leaving the program in great hands with the help of Elizabeth Albritton, Nate Bluhm, Cindy Moore, and Dru Farrar. Please help them out by singing with the choir some or all Sundays this summer. If you have any questions, please let me know. I will continue to be available by phone and email.

Candy Williams, 910-313-0243  
(home/landline); 910-470-2257  
(cell/text); [towerkat\\_n\\_mouse@yahoo.com](mailto:towerkat_n_mouse@yahoo.com).

### June Newsletter Notes from Session

Elected Elder Dan Southerland to represent Windermere at the May 31<sup>st</sup> East Community Gathering to be held at Wallace Presbyterian Church.

Approved calling a Congregation Meeting on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> immediately following the worship service for the purposes of electing the 2025 nominating committee.

Next Stated Session Meeting: Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.

**Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>  
immediately following the worship service**



### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

The Women of the Church will not be meeting during the summer months. See you in the Fall

**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.



We all enjoyed the Mexican Potluck in May! Lots of good cooks at Windermere. Thanks to Angelique for the information on Family Promise. Family Promise is always needing volunteers if you are interested. **We will not have a Family Night in June and July.** June and July will be busy with VBS and Preschool Camps.

Christian Education and CYE will have the Gathering Table for June. If you have a celebration and would like to provide refreshments, please contact Lauren Teachey.

*"Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near." Matthew 24:32*

Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sue Stott & STC Committee



# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship</p> <p>Jenny Galloway Recital/Sanctuary 3:30-5:30 pm</p> <p>Worship 4:30-5:30 pm Fellowship Hall 5:45-7:30 Youth</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7 pm Port City Music Festival</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:45 Staff Mtg</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>6 pm AA 12 Step</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am Bible Study /Library</p> <p>3 pm Session Mtg</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9-12 pm Church Work Day</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship</p> <p>Congregational Mtg.</p> <p>5:45-7:30 Youth</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:45 am Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:45 Staff Mtg</p> <p>1 pm Christian Ed</p> <p>4 pm Finance Mtg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>11 am Missions Mtg</p> <p>6 pm AA 12 Step</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 am Bible Study /Library</p> <p>10 am Quilting LC Room</p> <p>2 pm Property</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Youth Lock-in</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Youth Lock-in</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Father's Day</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship</p> <p>4:30-5:30 pm Worship 5:45-7:30 Youth</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Closed</p> <p>9-12 pm Pre-school Camp</p> <p>1 pm Deacon's Mtg.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:45 Staff Mtg</p> <p>9-12 pm Pre-school Camp</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9-12 pm Pre-school Camp</p> <p>6 pm AA 12 Step</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am Bible Study /Library</p> <p>9-12 pm Preschool Camp</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9-12 pm Pre-school Camp</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship</p> <p>5:45-7:30 Youth</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9-11:30 am VBS</p> <p>5:15 pm STC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>12:45 Staff Mtg</p> <p>9-11:30 am VBS</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10 am Men's Bible Study</p> <p>9-11:30 am VBS</p> <p>6 pm AA 12 Step</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10am Bible Study /Library</p> <p>9-11:30 am VBS</p> <p>10 am Quilting LC Room</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:30 am Meals on Wheels</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9 am Sunday School 9:30 am Choir 10 am Worship</p> <p>4:30-5:30 pm Worship 5:45-7:30 Youth</p>	<p>30</p>					

## PRAYER CONCERNS



### Our Body of Christ

Trudy Matthews, Janet Casey, Bob Wolfe, Sandy Boone, The Family of Carol & Croix Paquin, Sue Hebert, Ben Faircloth, Allan Nance,

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



## June Anniversaries

Clark & Carol Pearson	06/13
Dave & Susan Wilson	06/18
Paul & Elizabeth Albritton	06/30
Richard & Diane Evers	06/30
Ann & Kenneth Horne	06/30
Larry & Joan Sibbald	06/30

## June Birthdays

Emma Pflug	06/01
Christina Hoffman	06/01
Cutlar Moore	06/02
Tom Hebert	06/05
Brenda Locklear	06/05
Sandra Boone	06/06
Margaret Cerra	06/06
Donald Ratliff	06/06
Matt Allen	06/13
Tammy Tate	06/16
Bob Morrow	06/17
Shirley Pyle	06/17
Ron Stott	06/20
Paul Albritton	06/21
Stephanie Allen Hoffman	06/26
Marilyn Lobough	06/26
Matthew Townsend	06/28

## 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.  
June 28, 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

## PORT CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

**Monday, June 2 - 7:30 PM ET**

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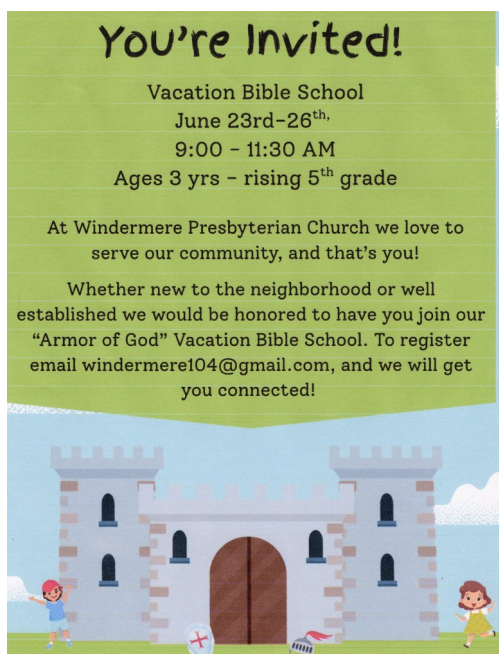


Violin Sonata TBD  
Vocal TBD  
Brahms Trio in A minor, Op. 114  
Gared Crawford, Violinist  
Sarah Sutton, Violist  
Stephen Framil, Cellist  
Kyle Engler, Mezzo-Soprano  
Daniel Lau, Pianist

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