

Windermere Presbyterian Church

104 Windermere Rd, Wilmington, N.C.

September 2019—Newsletter



The Pastor's Pen

Passing of God's Peace

John 20:19-23 So when it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side. The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you ; as the Father has sent me, I also send you.” And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, their sins have been forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained.”

There is a time in our worship called “Passing of God’s Peace” which, as your pastor, I fear I have not done a sufficient job in explaining. Some people are under the impression that this is a time to “greet your neighbor,” or to meet visitors, or simply say “hey-how-ya-doing” to people you haven’t seen all week. These sorts of fellowship opportunities are important (and provided for after the worship), but they are not the purpose of passing God’s Peace.

The Passing of a token or sign of God’s Peace (a kiss for the ancient church a handshake or hug for us) is a Christian spiritual practice that goes back to the Bible itself (Rom 16:16, 1 Cor 16:20, 2 Cor 13:12, 1 Thess. 5:26). But like other spiritual practices such as prayer, or fasting, or giving it has both form and variation, and I would like to describe both: For the form you should do at least two things. First, when you greet someone say, as Jesus did, “Peace be with you.” In other words, do not say, “Hi my name is John, and I am glad you are hear today.” That is not what this is about. When someone comes into church hurting and broken from a long week, their soul is hungry, not for a John Pflug “howdy-do” but the deep eternal peace of the Lord Jesus Christ. When you know that peace, this worship practice gives you a chance to share it in a simple and uncomplicated way. Sincerely and deeply offer just these words, “Peace be with you.” And when someone offers you this gift, all you need do is return it, “And also with you.” It builds into us a habit, like saying “please” and “thank you.” Any given moment, saying those words may or may not mean anything at all, but by training ourselves to say them, we also train our hearts toward gratitude.

Second, you should offer a token of peace to the one you greet. In the ancient church they kissed each other, however, that is probably too aggressive or a gesture for a peace token in our culture. Here, however may be were personal variation can come in. Most of the time the easiest token of peace, for Americans, is a handshake. Some of you, though, have personalities such that you can authentically offer your peace through a hug, or a genuine smile, or looking someone in the eyes, or maybe even giving away a small token such as a cross or a coin or a candy. The important thing to remember is that it is supposed to convey the peace of Christ from the person who gives it, to the person who receives it. If it makes the receiver uncomfortable, it should be avoided (perhaps a peace-fist-bump instead?!), but it should also be authentic to the giver so that what happens when the peace is exchanged is two believers truly commune in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray as we worship in the future, you will begin to experience the power of “The passing of God’s Peace” through the exchanging of the simple word “Peace” and a gesture of the same. Let us be careful not to let the “howdy-do’s” of our every day life intrude on these holy moments. Let’s instead look for and share the deep peace of the Lord that we share in and with each other. When, after His resurrection, Jesus first said these words, “Peace be with you,” He showed his disciples his hands and his side. They touched Him and knew that in Him they had peace. We STILL embrace Him and know his peace every time we embrace one who is part of His body.

Grace and Peace, Pastor John.

September Ushers—Ron Stott, Sue Stott, Hugh Taylor, Betty Taylor, Shirley Pyle, Gaye Keller
September Liturgists — Sept. 1, Gary Galloway; Sept. 8, Dru Farrar; Sept. 15, Janet Casey; Sept. 22, Sarah Kittle; Sept. 29, Bert Smith

Clerk of Session: Paul Albritton 799-4271

Finance: Tom Hebert (chair) 457-0881, Paul Albritton 799-4271

Property & Maintenance: Randy LaGrange (chair) 392-0292, Brenda Locklear 791-7809, Mike Saylor 799-1557

Strengthening the Church: Brenda Locklear (chair) 791-7809, Clark Pearson 686-0728

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Worship: Julia Huntley (chair) 395-2366, Doug Bradshaw 799-8042

Personnel: Becky Kalnen (chair) 616-0015, Dennis Wood 232-0575

Christian Ed. Comm.: Dennis Wood 232-0575

Sunday School: Gary and Jennie Galloway, 313-0707

Presbyterian Women: Ellen Allen 200-1871 and Elizabeth Albritton 799-4271

Men of the Church: Bud Townsend 395-5097

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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: Leslie Moore, 791-8290, email: windpreschool@att.net

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

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.

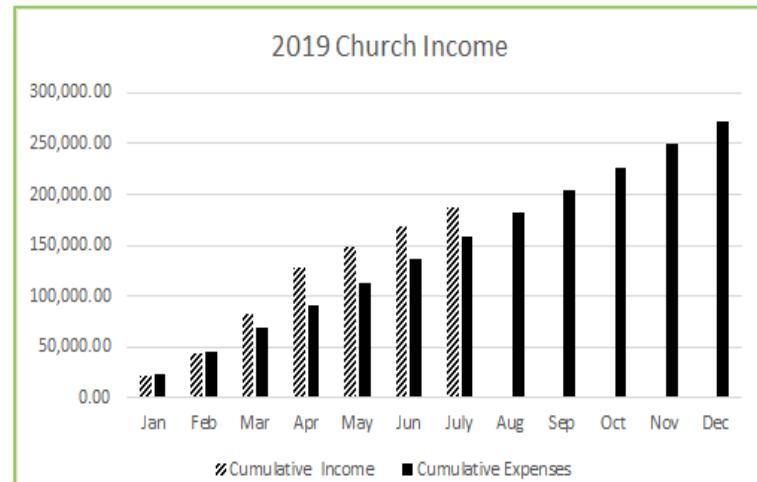
Mission Statement:

Windermere is committed to making disciples who make disciples, and planting churches that plant churches.

Finances – July

Our financial picture continues to look good as far as the budget is concerned. Balance in our General Fund as of July was \$67,218. However, in the near future we do anticipate major capital expenses relating primarily to the completion of the roofing job and replacement of some of our aging HVAC units. These expenses would come out of the Building Fund. We do not have any projected cost estimates at this time.

Tom Hebert, Treasurer



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS

Women of the church will meet Tuesday, September 17th at 10:30. This is an important planning meeting and the beginning of our new study series. Please bring your sandwich and we will have a meaningful and productive meeting. The fellowship is always wonderful!



from Candy Williams, Director of Music

Windermere CHIME CHOIR has openings for new ringers. Are you interested in ringing with us? No experience necessary. Ability to read music a plus. Please see Candy for more information.

Adult Choir rehearses Sunday mornings 9:15 a.m. Midweek Choir Practice at 7 p.m. Please volunteer on Sunday mornings to help lead the singing for worship!

Your questions and suggestions are welcome.

Contact Candy 910-313-0243; towerkat_n_mouse@yahoo.com



Meals on Wheels, September 28, 2019



50th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Anniversary Celebration
April 25th and 26th, 2020.

Save The Date notices will go out in October and invitations will be sent next January. *Reminder: please let us know addresses for children, grandchildren or former members that you would like to invite.* We are finalizing plans for our Saturday night dinner with entertainment and Sunday reception. The Worship Committee is working on plans for the Sunday service.

The next meeting will be on September 17th at 6:30 p.m.. Please send at least one person from each sub-committee to give an update.

Update on T-Shirts—50th Anniversary

Rather than ordering 50th Anniversary t-shirts from a vendor, we will be using transfers to iron the logo on. This will be more cost effective to everyone. We should have some available soon. The t-shirts will be around \$5-\$7. If you would like to purchase your own white or light gray t-shirt from Michaels or A.C. Moore, you may do that. (crew neck or v-neck) Walmart has polo type men's shirts for around \$5. Light gray or white will work best for iron on.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Janet Coleman and Sue Stott



"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.

The Jill Casey Memorial Library

I have had some great conversations with many of you around the "portable library" in the narthex! I am looking forward to our first READER'S CLUB meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 7. It's not too late for you to choose a book and join us. Feel free to bring a treat to share... completely optional of course. Don't miss this chance for stimulating, informative and encouraging conversation with lots of laughs for good measure. Marilyn Lobough, Librarian



Strengthening of the Church

We need Volunteers to bring their Best Spaghetti Sauce to our September 4th dinner @ 5:30. Judges will taste and select the best sauce. The winner will receive the official "Windermere Presbyterian Church" 20oz. Cup with top and built in coaster. It's double walled to keep your beverage cold.

Also, we have a limited quantity of these cups to sell to Church Members for \$15 during Family Night. And, if you buy during Family Night, you will also receive a Windermere Flashlight keychain. Cash, Checks, or IOU's accepted. Money raised for the Church will be used to buy gift items for visitors.

Also, remember to wear your jersey, T's, hats or colors of your favorite football team, high school, College or NFL. *We're gonna have Fun!*

Please sign up if your are coming or call/ text Brenda by Monday if you need to sign up or cancel your reservation. 910-619-8908.

The trip on December 7th to Myrtle Beach is still available. The company has vans that we can go in if we have close to 32 and we have 30 signed up now. If we have more than the 32 we need 40 people to go to take the bus. The cost is \$125 for the trip, the ticket to Carolina Opry, a buffet dinner and there will be two other stops. There will not be much walking or shopping but we know there will be lots of fun.

Contact Brenda Locklear 910-791-7809, 910-619-8908 or Clark Pearson

Happy September!!



For the preschool, that means the beginning of a new school year! We are excited and ready to get going with another fun-filled year as we look forward to getting to know new students and families and reunite with our returning families. Please join me in praying for all of our families and students—that we can show them the love of Christ through our teaching and interactions. This month at preschool, we will talk about School, God made me, Friends, and Feelings. Our community helper focus will be on ministers and our fruit of the spirit will be Love. Our monthly verse will be Mark 10:14 (Let the children come to me).

Thank you for all that you do to support the preschool!!!!

Leslie Moore, Director
Windermere Presbyterian Preschool

August Session News

Approved Baptism of Holt Elias Smith, son of Eli and Lindsey Smith to be held at the 10:00 am worship service on September 22, 2019.

Approved New Hanover High School Alumni Organization meeting at the church from time to time provided the meeting does not conflict with another church event.

Approved the change to 6 Elders and 6 Deacons beginning in 2020.

Approved a non-member memorial service to be held in the Sanctuary with a reception in the Fellowship Hall for Saturday, August 31, 2019.

Approved a Children's Christmas Play in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday afternoon, December 8, 2019, with a rehearsal on Saturday, December 7.

REMINDER ABOUT DOOR CLOSINGS

The Session requests that everyone remember to close all interior doors when not in use (exception being the classroom with the thermostat which is noted on the door.) This is part of the Church's Fire Prevention Policy and we are finding that it is not always being followed. This applies to members as well as all outside groups. If you find an open door following the use by an outside group, please notify Fran or Paul Albritton. The ones that seem to be left open the most are the Laura Coley Room, the Narthex meeting room and the little kitchen off the Narthex. If you happen to see an open door for a room that is not in use, please close it. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Our sincere prayers and condolences to the family Jean Simmons. Jean, a faithful member of Windermere went to be with her heavenly Father August 26th, 2019. She loved Windermere and the people. Jean was full of faith and love.

Our sincere prayers and condolences to the family of Bob Leech. Bob passed away on Saturday night August 17th, with his family by his side. A private ceremony was held by his daughter Susie's lake home. Bob was a faithful member and special friend to many here at Windermere.

Mrs. JoAnn Anderton, former preschool director, passed away August 2nd. She devoted many years to the Windermere Preschool and was admired for her strength of character and faith. The preschool children knew her as "Gramma" - she was loved by her staff and the children.

Our sincere prayers for the Boone family. Sandy Boone's sister, Emma Parker, passed August 6th. May this family feel peace from our heavenly Father.

Payers for Kathy Oakes and her family, as they lost their mother Connie Jedrey on August 3rd.



'Walk to End Alzheimer's' November 2, 2019 on Wrightsville Beach

Regina and I have been supporting the Alzheimer's Association in their efforts to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. This year's local walk is on Wrightsville Beach on Nov 2, 2019. It is an uplifting but emotional day as people remember their loved who are either suffering from the disease or have been lost to the disease. If you would like to walk with us or support our efforts with a donation, please use the link below and look up 'Team Ogden'. There are so many good causes and organizations. Our support is in memory of family members who are or have been afflicted by the disease.



GREAT NEWS ON HOME MISSION FRONT

One of our families in the InterFaith Hospitality Ministry recently graduated into their own housing. Ashley and Asin joined the list of those families who have gone from homelessness to their own housing. We praise God that we have been a part of this ministry.

Also, Family Promise was able to provide them with a car which had previously been donated to Family Promise of the Lower Fear.

DID YOU KNOW?: Since Easter Sunday, 1996, over 80% of the homeless families that have come to InterFaith Hospitality ministry have gone into their own housing and that Windermere has had part in making it happen.

Pastoral Care Groups



The Pastoral Care Leaders have been busy keeping up with their groups sending cards and other acts of remembrance. There has been a lot of health issues in the church and hopefully we haven't missed anyone that has been under the weather. If you are unsure who your care leaders are, please let me know.

Leaders, be sure to check with your groups to see if anyone would like homebound communion in the next couple of months. I think we only had two that requested communion for April. If for some reason, you were not contacted and you would like communion, please give your group leader a call or call the church 910-791-5966 or me (Sue) 910-799-4701.

Our aim is to keep in touch with all of our members and regular visitors. Always, if you need anything, please contact Pastor John or your group leaders. If you are unable to go out and would like a visit, please let the church know. We care for each of you!

September 2019

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 Shepherd of the Shore 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship | 2 Office closed Labor Day 10:30 am Bible Study | 3 9:15 am TOPS 9-10 am Ministers Mtg 1 pm Bag Ladies 7 pm Property Comm. | 4 9:30 am Preschool Chapel 5:30 pm Family Night Dinner 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir Practice | 5 6:30 pm Cubs | 6 | 7 |
| 8 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 Shepherd of the Shore 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship RALLY DAY | 9 10:30 am Bible Study 11:30 am Worship Comm 12-1 pm Pre-school/Narthex 11:30-12:15 Chime Choir 2 pm Finance Comm. 7 pm BST 255 | 10 9:15 am TOPS 1 pm Bag Ladies | 11 8-12 Workday 9:30 Preschool Chapel 1-3 pm Quilts 4 Kids 6:00 pm Daisy Scouts 6 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir Practice | 12 5:30 pm Mission & Service Comm. 6:30 pm Cubs 6:30-8 pm Venture Scouts/Laura Coley room 7 pm Strengthening the Church | 13 | 14 |
| 15 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 am Worship 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship Pastoral Care Mtg | 16 10:30 am Bible Study 12-1 pm Pre-school/Narthex 11:30-12:15 Chime Choir 7 pm BST 255 | 17 9:15 am TOPS 1 pm Bag Ladies 6:30 pm 50th Anniversary Mtg | 18 9:30 Preschool Chapel 6 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir Practice | 19 5:30 pm Session 6:30 pm Cubs | 20 | 21 |
| 22 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 am Worship 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship Baptism | 23 10:30 am Bible Study 12-1 pm Pre-school/Narthex 11:30-12:15 Chime Choir 7 pm BST 255 | 24 9:15 am TOPS 1 pm Bag Ladies | 25 9:30 Preschool Chapel 1-3 pm Quilts 4 Kids 6:00 pm Daisy Scouts 6 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm AA 12 Step 7 pm Choir Practice | 26 6:30 pm Cubs 6:30-8 pm Venture Scouts/Laura Coley room | 27 | 28 8 am Meals on Wheels Bazaar Setup & Collection |
| 29 8:45 am Sunday School 8:45 am Worship 9:15 am Choir 10 am Worship | 30 10:30 am Bible Study 12-1 pm Pre-school/Narthex 11:30-12:15 Chime Choir 7 pm BST 255 | | | | | |

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our Body of Christ

Charlene Farrar, Mary Daniel, Jenny King, Evelyn Morris, Diane Stevens, Mary Lou Kowal, Randolyn Anderson, Bonnie Townsend, Betty Griffith

Our Extended Body of Christ—Leisa Pridgen, Kate Mahoney, Shannon Clodfelter, Cynthia Groff, Mary Poteat, Our Missionaries



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 Barke 392-1376

Wednesday Family Dinners Brenda Locklear 791-7809

Meals on Wheels Michael Coleman 262-8771

Preschool Leslie Moore 791-8290

Hands 4 Christ Quilting Becky Kalnen 799-9612

Church Work Day Randy LaGrange 431-7710

Christian Education Comm. Dennis Wood 232-0575

Sunday School Coordinator

Gary & Jennie Galloway 313-0707

Prayer Chain/Care Group Sue Stott

prayers4windermere@gmail.com

Flowers for Sanctuary Carol Pearson 686-0728

Assisted Living:

Doris Erkes, Morningside Asst. / Living Residence,
2744 S. 17th St., Wilmington, N.C. 28412

Mary Daniels, North Chase Nursing & Rehabilitation
Center, 3015 Enterprise Drive, Room 200,
Wilmington, NC 28405

PIANO AND ORGAN LESSONS

Accepting students of all ages and experience for piano and organ lessons.

Special discount for Windermere members. Please call Candy Williams, 910-313-0243 home;
910-470-2257 mobile. (B.A. & M.M. in Music Performance, over 50 years experience)



September Anniversaries

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| Allan & Yvonne Nance | 09/08 |
| Matthew & Sanica Coleman | 09/09 |
| James & Dottie Stinson | 09/10 |
| John Russell & Brittany Pflug | 09/15 |
| Daniel & Morgan Hiatt | 09/19 |
| Darrin & Stephanie Hoffman | 09/20 |
| Timothy & Julia McGuan | 09/22 |
| Ashley Allen & Patrick Reams | 09/23 |
| Mark & Angelique Mathers | 09/23 |
| Bebe & Roy Brewton | 09/26 |

September Birthdays

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| Douglas Bradshaw | 09/01 |
| Sally Brown | 09/02 |
| Marianne Wellman | 09/03 |
| Russ Barker | 09/05 |
| Gabrielle Barone | 09/06 |
| Lindsay Smith | 09/08 |
| Sandra Cerra | 09/12 |
| Gary Galloway | 09/15 |
| Faith Thomas | 09/15 |
| Ryan LaGrange | 09/18 |
| Laurie Register | 09/19 |
| Murphy Nicoll | 09/21 |
| Laura Smith | 09/23 |
| David Williams | 09/25 |
| William Hamilton | 09/27 |
| Diana Morgan | 09/29 |
| Sylvia Smith | 09/29 |
| Josh Stephenson | 09/29 |



Windermere is growing!!!

Beginning September 15th we're adding a 2nd Sunday morning worship service!

Come worship with us!

2 services on Sunday mornings:
8:45am in the fellowship hall
10:00am in the main sanctuary

Bazaar 2019

Please bring your gently used items to the Fellowship Hall beginning Friday September 27 until Friday October 11 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm and 10:00 until noon on Saturday. We cannot accept the following:

Clothing, stuffed animals, mattresses and bed pillows, electronics or upholstered furniture if you have pets. If you have large items please call Debbie Anderson 910-712-1535 to arrange pick up time.

Your help is needed for sorting and pricing items. If you can spare an hour or two please sign up during the times listed in the Narthex. We appreciate your help.

The congregation is cordially invited to a Preview Sale on Friday, October 11, 6:30 - 8:00pm.

We all have them...get rid of all those grocery bags. We need them to put purchased items in and any left over will go to Nancy Wolfe to make mats for the homeless. There is a brown box outside the secretary's office to put them in.

While you are out and about check out the digital billboards around town and look at our ad, compliments of Wilmington Cares and don't forget to tell family and friends to come out on Saturday October 12 for the Bazaar. Also let family and friends know they can donate items to the Bazaar as well.

Calling all cooks!!! We need tasty treats to sell. Your baked goods, canned goods and snakes. Please bring your goods to the Fellowship Hall kitchen on Friday, October 11. All items must have attached an ingredients list for those with food allergies and your suggested price. We ask that baked goods be brought on Friday because if you wait until Saturday, you'll miss the early birds that come to the sale.

We will most likely need extra tables - if you have a card table you are willing to loan us, please bring it to the church on the week before the bazaar. Please make sure your name is on the bottom of the table. Loaned tables need to be picked up the next day after the sale. Please let Debbie Anderson or Kaye Stowe know if you have a table to loan.

Proceeds for this year's Bazaar go to Good Friends of Wilmington, Vigilant Hope, and The Justo Mwale University Scholarship. To learn more about these organizations please join us at the September 4th Family night dinner. We will tell you all about them.

Debbie Anderson
Kaye Stowe



Bazaar items needed:

Books, CDs, puzzles, jewelry, purses, billfolds, scarves, all furniture if from a pet free home, linens, tools, lamps, mirrors, housewares, home decor, kitchen wares, sports equipment, lawn and garden, collectibles, antiques, china glassware, luggage, crafts, vacuum cleaners, pictures, lawn mowers, baked items (all baked items must have all ingredients listed on them. Some folks have allergies), florals, and crafts. Crafts were not talked about but we will accept them if anyone wants to donate. That's all that comes to mind right now. If you have any questions please call Debbie Anderson at 910-712-1535

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