



# The Pilgrim

## A Message from the Minister

In case you missed the announcement in church, I have good news to share. I have been accepted into the Doctor of Ministry program at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. Many of you have asked why I chose Drew and how the program works

First, a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) is a degree geared to ministers who want to stay in church ministry. The degree is often offered with an area of specialization like missions, evangelism, pastoral psychology, spiritual formation, etc. The DMin degree is designed for working clergy. Applicants must have been both in full-time ministry for a minimum of three years and be in full-time ministry at the time of admission. The degree requires a dissertation based upon a research project in the minister's congregation. The intent is for the project to ben-

efit both the minister and the congregation.

While there are many DMin programs around the country, I only applied to Drew University. I chose Drew primarily because of the concentration in Congregational Growth and Development. My hope is that I will learn how to better lead this congregation to develop ministries that lead to our spiritual growth. We are in a prime location in the fastest growing county in North Carolina, but we struggle to get new people through our doors. We have tried to better meet needs in the community. We have made efforts to follow-up with visitors. We are present at community events, and yet, we struggle with growth and development. I hope my studies in this area will help all of us.

Drew also has a North Carolina Regional Group beginning

in the fall. This is the group that I will attend. Classes will be held in Winston-Salem. I will attend classes for three days in October, November, April and May and five days in January. Next summer, I will go Drew's campus in New Jersey for three consecutive weeks. After that, I will spend two years designing and implementing a ministry project at WMCC and writing a doctoral project thesis. While I certainly do not know the specifics at this time, I will complete this project with input from our leadership and will keep the congregation informed every step of the way.

I am very excited about this opportunity, and I am so very thankful to the Personnel Committee and to the General Board for their support and encouragement. *Lea can be contacted via email: wilsonsmillsc@gmail.com.*

Covenant Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Cary, North Carolina will be celebrating its 25th anniversary the weekend of November 12th and 13th. The Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister & President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. & Canada, will be their special guest. She will be on-hand all weekend to celebrate beginning with a catered reception on Saturday evening. Mark you calendars if you would like to attend the reception. It is quite an honor for Dr. Watkins to visit a local church.

**Adult Bible Study on Revelation will start on Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in the fellowship hall!**

### Worship Attendance

May 1 — 46  
May 8 — 51  
May 15 — 45  
May 22 — 56  
May 29 — 37

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9:45 A.M. Coffee  
10:00 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Worship



Joe and Alex working on the windows on the Education wing. What would we do without you? It looks good!



### Many Thanks

Thank you to Joe Slaton and Alex Wilson! Joe and Alex scraped, caulked and painted the windows in the education wing and fellowship hall. It was a hard job, so let us make sure it is not a thankless job. Thank you Joe and Alex!

We would like to thank all of you for the wedding shower and the beautiful gifts that you gave us. We are overwhelmed by your loving support that day. The hall was decorated so pretty, the food was delicious, and we know that you worked hard to make our celebration memorable. We are already using the gifts. As we do, we will remember you.

Love,  
Candace and Patrick Penny

Anne Kirby will be our guest soloist on June 5th for Graduate Sunday

Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 12th, after morning worship.

Thank you for your calls, visits, cards, gifts, and prayers during my hospital stay. You are special to me.

### PRAYER CONCERNS

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|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Barbara Anderson | Tyler Dunn      | Andy Parrish   | Melanie Thompson |
| Cheryl Bryant    | Ricky House     | Betty Parrish  | Tornado Victims  |
| Margaret Brown   | Lara Kelly      | Curtis Ray     | Tracy Ulcickas   |
| Dorothy Byers    | Ina Mae Lee     | Chase Rudisill | Sidney Wellons   |
| Lydia Byrd       | Shareka McCrae  | Lugene Slater  | Jody Wiley       |
| Annette Cobb     | Ed Mulderrig    | Emmit Sugg     | Anna Jean Wilson |
| Christy Creech   | Kathy Mulderrig | Patti Sydow    | Gilliam Wilson   |
| John Dumonceaux  | Peggy Norris    | Paul Sydow     |                  |

*Congratulations to Jason and Allison Lawhorn on the birth of Kathryn Ruth born May 2, 2011*



Lea will be on vacation June 21-29. In case of pastoral emergencies, please contact your elder chair, Ginger Lee. A local minister will be on call.

### Graduate Sunday—June 5th

Please join us on June 5th as we honor our high school seniors, Hannah Hanes and Kari Creech. After worship, we will gather in the fellowship hall for a pot luck lunch, so please bring your favorite dish to share. Dessert will be provided. Let's all celebrate this important milestone with Kari and Hannah!!

# Summer Kick Off Picnic

We want to see you there!

The Membership & Evangelism Committee

## CWF DINNER

CWF will meet at 6:30 on Thursday night, June 2nd at Janet Stephenson's house. Dinner will be provided. Since our Cinco de Mayo theme was such a success, we will have another themed dinner. This month's theme is "INVITE A FRIEND!" We are blessed to have such a fun and passionate group of women at WMCC. If you have a friend that needs a church home, or just a night out, please invite them. Just let me know if you are planning to come, so I will know how many to plan for.  
More details to follow!

would like to invite you to the annual Summer Kick Off Picnic. It will be held at the home of Janet & Whitley Stephenson on the afternoon of Saturday, June 11, 2011. There is sure to be lots of fun, food, and fellowship. The picnic begins at 4 pm with dinner around 6 pm. There will be fishing for those that don't mind slimy fish and big shady trees for those who would rather not. Please let me or Janet know if you would be willing to bring a side dish or dessert. Look forward to seeing you all there,  
Louise Mills-Dumoncaux



**GIRLS ON THE LOOSE...  
WOMENS' SUMMER RETREAT  
AT CHRISTMOUNT — JULY 28-30**

## A Personal, Non-solicited Message from Kevin Daughtry

I grew up as a Methodist preteen. I remember Vacation Bible School and trick or treating for UNICEF with friends at the church, but I don't remember that fire burning in me that made me want to go to church when I was younger. I remember many days when I hoped that my mom and dad would oversleep on Sunday mornings so we wouldn't have to go. I wanted to watch cartoons. That was then.

Now, I don't think I can live without church. Well, I can *live* without church; but my days aren't as fulfilling. I'm not as motivated to pray, to seek God's guidance, to listen for His call during the week. Getting up and going to church every Sunday, whether I'm at WMCC or Northside Community in Raleigh, encourages me to remember who I am in Christ. When I miss a Sunday, I can really tell it by the afternoon, and I

can't really explain it. The Elders were discussing last week ways that we might increase Sunday worship attendance, and after the meeting, I felt a conviction to share a bit in the newsletter. If you haven't been to worship lately, I'd like to invite you back. Make a goal to be in church somewhere each week this summer, even if you can't make it to WMCC, make it somewhere. But we'd love to see you here.

**CHURCH is a great PLACE 2B**

**and HABITS are HARD to BREAK**

**Make CHURCH a HABIT**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

WEAR SOMETHING RED and head out to church on June 12th as we celebrate Pentecost and the birth of the church. So just how does WMCC celebrate the birth of the church? By having a birthday party of course! Lunch and dessert will be served by the worship committee in the fellowship hall at 12:00. No presents please ... just your presence!

Last year, our elders sponsored a ministry of outreach at Wilson's Mills Christian Church: Backpack Buddy Dinners. As you know, WMCC provides food for the Backpack Buddy Program at WM Elementary School. We hope to strengthen our relationship with the school and with the children by continuing this ministry over the summer. On June 18th, July 16th, and August 0th, we will provide meals to Backpack Buddy students and their families. Participants can either drive through and get 'take-out' or they can eat in the fellowship hall. We are very excited about this opportunity to reach out into the community. Let Ginger Lee or Janet Stephenson know if you would like to be a part of this ministry. You can participate in all kinds of ways from baking brownies to washing dishes to serving sweet tea!

# May Worship Service

	June 5	June 12	June 19	June 26
Church Appointments	Zilphia Bailey, Louise and John Dumonceaux, and Eileen Penny	Zilphia Bailey, Louise and John Dumonceaux, and Eileen Penny	Zilphia Bailey, Louise and John Dumonceaux, and Eileen Penny	Zilphia Bailey, Louise and John Dumonceaux, and Eileen Penny
Elder	Eileen Penny	Ginger Lee	Linda Ramsey	Kevin Daughtry
Deacons	Trudy Carter Peter Wilson	Joe Slaton Rose Thompson	Carrie Ragland Whitley Stephenson	Jason Lawhorn Armando Mejia
Worship Leader	Travis Stephenson	Paula Bennett	Trey Ragland	Thomas Trogdon
Nursery	Lauren and Ariana Ramsey	Lauren and Thomas Trogdon	Sarah and Ron Foxworth	Linda and Peter Wilson
Acolytes	Emily Dumonceaux	Kaylen Mejia	Haden Hanes	Patrick McCarthy
Paraments	White	Red	Green	Green

# JUNE 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	2 CWF Meeting 6:30 PM	3	4
5 Graduation Sunday 12 PM	6	7	8 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	9	10 Smart Spend- ing Workshop 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	11 Summer Kick Off 5:00 PM
12 Pentecost Sunday 12 PM	13	14	15 Handbells 6:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	16	17	18 Back Pack Buddies 5:00 PM
19	20	21	22 Bible Study 7:00 PM	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 No Handbells or Bible Study	30		

Post this page on the refrigerator!

## Happy Birthday 2 U...Happy Birthday 2 U-

6/4 Elton Wilson	6/15 James Ellis	6/20 Ariana Ramsey	6/27 Justin Allen
6/8 Will Eatmon	6/15 Lisa Lee	6/20 Billy Stephenson	6/28 Melissa Thompson
6/8 Dalton Langston	6/15 Lauren Trogdon	6/21 Ann Ennis	6/28 Knox Trogdon
6/9 Betsy Grindstaff	6/16 Kevin Daughtry	6/22 William Hodge	6/30 Scott Lee
6/13 Carole Eatmon	6/19 Patti Caddell	6/24 Jimmy Batten	6/30 Holt Wilson
6/14 Shirley Betti	6/19 Tucker Twisdale	6/26 Cliff Uzzle	6/30 Lea Slaton

## Tithes and Offerings

	Pledged	Pledges Rec.	Difference	Donations
April	\$9,914	\$9,122	-\$792	\$510
Totals	\$39,658	\$36,491	-\$3,167	\$1,994