



The Pilgrim

**WILSON'S MILLS
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
CELEBRATES
HOMECOMING AND
WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY ON
OCTOBER 2, 2011
WITH OUR TRADITIONAL
COVERED-DISH LUNCHEON**

Camp Caroline Work Days
October 29 & November 5
9am - 3pm

Lunch will be provided. Some items on the agenda include: Install gutters; fix minor repairs; paint fence; trim bushes and cut small limbs and other yard work; Bring your paint brushes or rollers (we'll supply the paint), chain saws, hedge trimmers, hammers, drills, etc.

Please call Ginger Lee to let her know that you want to help. She will let the camp know how many WMCC workers we are bringing. Camp Caroline is such a large facility that we simply couldn't do it without you!

Your hard work is very much appreciated!

Do You Love Our Kids?

WMCC has been blessed with a baby boom in the last few years. With that comes responsibility. We would like to offer an adult book study that our mothers could attend. Because of children/family scheduling, they are unable to attend our studies in the evening. If you would be willing to stay in the nursery for one hour during the late morning, please let Lea know. We have not yet on the specific day of the week, and that may be dependent on when we can get childcare volunteers. This is only a 6 week study, so it is a short-term commitment.

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Thank you!!!			

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

A Message from the Minister

Reading can get you into trouble...or at least shake you up.

I've been doing a lot of reading lately. For starters, I often read bulletins from other churches. In one church, the bulletin listed 'all members' as its ministers. I like that. Every member IS a minister. That concept is a very positive step away from the idea of ministry as a profession and reserved for only a few with a special calling. We are all called to serve in the Kingdom of Heaven. That'll preach!

But, then, I kept reading a book for a class... all about mission. The book affirmed that, yes, "every member a minister" is a good thing, but if the church really wants to make a difference, it must move to "every member a missionary." The church is not just people gathered, but the church is people sent.

If you buy into that, it

changes things.

It changes our focus. It means that the church does not exist primarily for the benefit of its members. The church exists because God, in his infinite wisdom, chose the church as his instrument to reach the world. WMCC is the vessel God has chosen to use to reach our community. WMCC is the instrument that God has right now in 2011 at the corner of Fire Department and Powhatan Roads. We are the ones who are supposed to be sharing the grace of God and meeting the needs. We are sent to do that every day. How important is that?

According to a quote I shared in a sermon recently from Dr. Sharon Watkins, our General Minister and President, it is very important. In case you missed it, she said, "80% of Americans claim to believe in God. Only 50% of those actually have church affiliation, and only 15% of

that 50% actually attend church. But, that's not our challenge. We mistake things like our decline in number and our budgets and our structure as our challenge. But, that's not it at all. *Our challenge is that our neighbors do not know the love of God.* That's what should break our hearts. That's what should preoccupy our board meetings."

That quote stuck with me. What would WMCC look like and sound like if we were, in fact, preoccupied with neighbors who do not know the love of God? How can we be better missionaries right where we are? What breaks the hearts in our community? What needs do we pass by every day? How can we better live God's mission? Are those the questions that drive us as a church? If not, do we need to change?

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Lea will be on vacation October 17-23rd.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Barbara Anderson	Brad Ferrell	Andy Parrish	Paul Sydow
Jimmy Batten	Patricia Harris	Betty Parrish	Melanie Thompson
Cheryl Bryant	Lara Kelly	Curtis Ray	Linda Uzzle
Dorothy Byers	Ina Mae Lee	Chase Rudisill	Sidney Wellons
Lydia Byrd	Shareka McCrac	Lugene Slater	Jody Wiley
Annette Cobb	Ed Mulderrig	Emmit Sugg	Gilliam Wilson
Christy Creech	Kathy Mulderrig	Patti Sydow	Pete Yauch
Tyler Dunn	Peggy Norris	Camp Caroline	Irene's victims

CONGRATULATIONS to

Melissa Thompson and Justin Little
who were married on September 17th

CONGRATULATIONS to

Kari Esau and Rob Bryant
who were married on September 24th

CWF is meeting at Janet Stephenson's house Tuesday night, October 25th at 6:30. Dinner is potluck so bring your favorite dish. Our guest speaker, Rev. Joanne VerBerg from Covenant Christian Church in Cary, will be talking to us about how to minister to people whose lives have been touched by cancer. She is a breast cancer survivor herself and an amazing woman.

**October is
Breast Cancer
Awareness**

Education News
DISHWASHERS
 needed for
LOGOS...
 Sign up
TODAY!

It's Coming!!!
Consecration
Sunday
November 6th

What is World Communion Sunday?

World Communion Sunday is a celebration observed by several [Christian denominations](#), taking place on the first [Sunday of every October](#), that promotes [Christian unity](#) and [ecumenical cooperation](#). The tradition originated in the [Shadyside Presbyterian Church in 1933](#), was adopted throughout the [US Presbyterian Church in 1936](#), and subsequently spread to other denominations.

As Disciples, we meet at the Table every week, And, God uses the bread and the cup to assure us of the divine love for us and to remind us that we are part of a community whose purpose is to embody God's unconditional love in its own life and to witness to that love in the larger world.

When we partake, we both accept the assurance of God's love for ourselves and we commit ourselves to love others with the same love that God shows for us. The experience of receiving the bread and the cup in the context of community is, for many Disciples, a representation of the life of the church. We receive the gift of God's unmerited favor, God's unconditional love, and through the act of passing the trays throughout the congregation, we share that love with others.

Because God intends for the life of the church to be a sign of God's purposes for the world, World Communion Sunday is not an end in itself, nor is its ultimate focus Christian unity. Christians eating the bread and drinking the cup across the world is a sign of the community of love, peace, justice, and mutual support that God seeks for all. World Communion Sunday is thus an ideal occasion on which the congregation can meditate on the most recent identity statement of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ): "We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."

Falling Back Into Church

Thank you to everyone who made Fall Back Into Church a wonderful celebration at WMCC! Thank you to the committees who set up ministry tables.

Thank you to the deacons and elders who baked cookies. (And, congratulations to Jason Lawhorn for being the deacon who recruited the most families to attend on Sunday!) Thank you to the handbell choir for a beautiful prelude. Thank you to the worship committee who set up and cleaned up. And, thank you to the

WMCC Women's Ensemble who humored their pastor (if you weren't there, you missed some jubilant doodle detts).

And, while we are handing out thank-you's, thank you to Joe Slaton for heading up and completing the renovation of the education wing. The carpentry and the carpet are rockin'! The youth now have a space to learn and to fellowship, and we all have more room to move around.

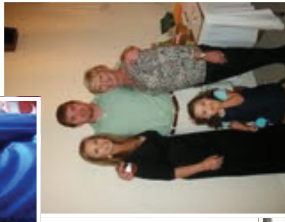
What WMCC Means to Me...

Wilson's Mills Christian Church means love, acceptance, friendship, sharing, peace and much more to me. I rarely attended church when I was young because, my parents were believers who seldom took me to church. The woman I married was an active, faithful Christian and she urged me to go with her to church. My job involved traveling all over the United States and I was usually working on Sundays. I continued to see my wife growing in her faith and encouraging me to become a Christian. I began to go to church with my wife and son when I was home. I was saved and baptized. Eventually, I stopped attending church because I allowed my job and health problems to pull me away from my service to God. Lea's caring, counseling, and extra efforts reached me and brought me back to church. Recently, I became a more active member of WMCC and my life has drastically changed. Thank you Lea and members of WMCC for setting an example of what it means to be a Christian in 2011.

Larry Ramsey



The Ramseys



The Wilsons

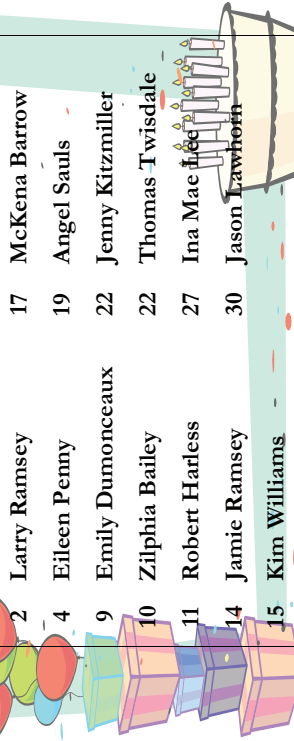
One Lawhorn



October Worship Service

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Church Appointments	Rachel and Pete Konneker, Lynn and Travis Stephenson, and Pat and Alex Wilson	Rachel and Pete Konneker, Lynn and Travis Stephenson, and Pat and Alex Wilson	Rachel and Pete Konneker, Lynn and Travis Stephenson, and Pat and Alex Wilson	Rachel and Pete Konneker, Lynn and Travis Stephenson, and Pat and Alex Wilson	Rachel and Pete Konneker, Lynn and Travis Stephenson, and Pat and Alex Wilson
Elder	Eileen Penny	Ginger Lee	Linda Ramsey	Kevin Daughtry	Janet Stephenson
Deacons	Trudy Carter Peter Wilson	Joe Slaton Rose Thompson	Carrie Ragland Whitley Stephenson	Jason Lawhorn Armando Mejia	TBA
Worship Leader	Travis Stephenson	Paula Bennett	Trey Ragland	Thomas Trogdon	Allison Lawhorn
Nursery	Lawhorns	Raglands	Demonceaux	Ramseys	Trogdons
Acolytes	Kaylen Mejia	Tyler Dumonceaux	Emily Ramsey	Klara Esau	Duncan Wells
Parameters	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



2	Larry Ramsey	17	McKena Barrow
4	Eileen Penny	19	Angel Sauls
9	Emily Dumonceaux	22	Jenny Kitzmiller
10	Zilphia Bailey	22	Thomas Twisdale
11	Robert Harless	27	Ina Mae Lee
14	Jamie Ramsey	30	Jason Lawhorn
15	Kim Williams		

	Pledges Rec'd	Pledged per Month	Difference
September	\$7,436.34	\$9,914.50	\$2,478.16
Year Totals	\$84,641.34	\$89,230.50	\$4,589.16

OCTOBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Homecoming and World Communion Sunday POTLUCK LUNCHEON	3	4	5 LOGOS 5:30 PM	6 Handbells 6:00 PM	7	8
9 12PM Elders Meeting	10 CMF 6:30 PM	11	12 LOGOS 5:30 PM	13 Handbells 6:00 PM	14 Craft Night 5:00 PM	15
16 12PM Membership and Evangelism Meeting	17	18	19 LOGOS 5:30 PM	20 Handbells 6:00 PM	21	22
23	24	25 CWF Potluck and Meeting 6:30 PM	26 LOGOS 5:30 PM	27 Handbells 6:00 PM	28 Fall-o-ween 5:30 PM	29
30 12PM Worship Committee Meeting	31	October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!!				

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