



The Pilgrim

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A Message from the Minister

As you all know, the first Sunday of October is Homecoming Sunday at Wilson's Mills Christian Church.

But, did you also know that the first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday? We learned about this in our fall study of the Disciples of Christ. We've spent a great deal of time discussing the importance of unity for the Disciples, and of course, the hope for unity extends far beyond a single congregation. We hope for unity in Christ's church around the world. As Colbert Cartwright describes in "People of the Chalice," we hope for unity that is "inclusive of all conditions and races of humankind, and is joined together with all Christians who have preceded them and with all who are yet to come." (p. 33)

That is why Disciples (and other churches) often observe World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday originated in the Presbyterian Church (USA). In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated in Presbyterian churches in the United States and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it, and naturally, with our emphasis on unity and the Lord's Supper, this celebration peaked the interest of Disciples.

So, on Sunday, when we celebrate homecoming, let us also remember that we sit at one great table with Christians of all lands and conditions. I share with you now a Methodist Prayer for World Communion Sunday.

Jesus prayed that we might be one. One in spirit. One in mission, in union and communion with each other and with You.

Today, God, we confess fumbings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

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CWF	Troop Boxes 
 <p>The CWF will have a booth at the Wilson's Mills Pumpkin Festival again this year. Anyone interested in working the booth please contact Lauren Trogdon to sign up. ltrogdon@gmail.com, 919-938-7085.</p>	<p>The CWF will be collecting supplies to help us package our troop boxes in November. Some of the items needed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hard Candy, nothing that will melt Mouth wash toothbrush/toothpaste dental floss beef jerky granola bars comic books crossword puzzles personal hygiene items

Worship Attendance
September 6 — 50
September 13 — 62
September 20 — 82
September 27 — 40

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

Worship News



The Foxworth Goat—"Little Dog"

Thanks to everyone who came out for our second annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, September 19th. We had quite a collection of dogs, a couple of goats, and photographs of cats and fish. The director of Johnson Animal Services, Mr. Earnie Wilkinson, joined us and shared a brief message as did our own Trey Ragland (and Missy).

The Worship Committee recently met with an audio professional to address the hearing difficulty that some experience in our sanctuary. Given the acoustics of our particular space, assisted listening devices were suggested. These would be

pocket-sized wireless devices with an 'ear bud' that would magnify the singing and speaking. These assistive listening devices could not only serve hard-of-hearing parishioners, but also parents with babies or young children who may have to step outside for a few moments. The worship committee is in discussion about this option. If you would be willing to use an assisted listening devices, please let Linda Wilson know soon.

A big THANK YOU to Ashley Reffit for the many years she has given to the ministry of the children's sermon. As you know, Ashley and Seth are expecting their first child, and it is time for someone else to step up for this ministry. If you would be willing to lead a children's sermon, please let Linda Wilson know. You do not have to commit to every week. We will work with your schedule. We would love to have some of our longer term members share their experience in this ministry. We look forward to hearing from you!



Oscar and "Dee Dee"

Prayer Concerns

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without Ceasing."

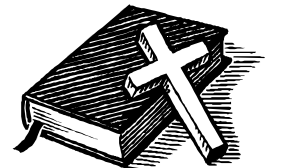
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| Marie Coyle | Donald Coates | Ione Gainey |
| Tony Angelico | Cathy New | Billy Blackmon |
| Elaine Long | Jeff Trask | Jody Wiley |
| Donita Byrd Jones | Michelle Stephens | Cheryl Bryant |
| Frank Yansom | Peggy Norris | Tyler Dunn |
| Mickey Yansom | Betty Parrish | Annette Cobb |
| Joan Hunt | | |

District Meeting

Do you ever wonder how the role of elder functions in the Christian Church? Well, you have an opportunity to learn! The Mill Creek District of the Christian Church of N.C. will meet on Sunday, October 18th at 5 PM at Beulah Hill Christian Church in Four Oaks. We will have a presentation for everyone about the role of elders in the Christian Church. We will then have dinner followed by a brief workshop by John Richardson for elders only. Please plan to attend and support the district. You might even learn a thing or two!

Men's Bible Study

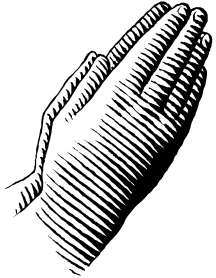
Men's Bible Study will now meet on the third Monday of the month following the regularly scheduled CMF meeting. Rev. Jerry Burton will continue to lead this study. Beginning October 19th, the men will be studying the Psalms.



CWF will be selling note cards and Christmas ornaments beginning Sunday, October 4th. All proceeds will go to benefit the ministries of CWF. Both the cards and the ornaments have a watercolor snow scene of our church. The cards are blank on the inside and come in packets of 10. The ornaments have the church picture on the front and the name of the church on the back. Both the card packets and the ornaments sell for \$10 each.



The Invocation



Prayer is a very important part of public worship. The first prayer of our morning worship services is the invocation. The invocation is the opening prayer in which adoration and praise offered to God are prominent. Some denominations refer

to this prayer as the 'collect.'

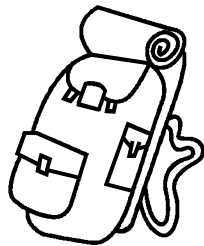
The purpose is to lead the people to become conscious of God's presence and to open their hearts to receive God's blessings. The invocation should be more objective (focusing upon God) than subjective (focusing upon the feelings of the people).

Backpack Buddies

The M&E committee will be participating in the Back Pack Buddies program that is being sponsored by Wilson's Mills Elementary School. The program will ensure that students in need will have food to eat over weekends. The M&E committee is asking for canned food donations from the congregation. The school will pick up the food, and on Fridays, a school volunteer will slip



the canned goods into the participating students' backpacks to eat over the weekend. There will be some information and a list of appropriate food items posted on the bulletin board in the dining hall. Several Wilson's



Mills' churches are helping with this ministry, and so far, over 100 families have asked to participate.

Ladies Night Out

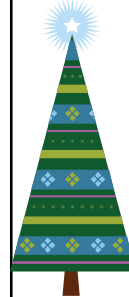
The WMCC women have had so much fun at their get-togethers over the summer, they will continue on into the fall.

*We will meet at
Lone Star in Clayton
for dinner
on October 16th
5:45 PM.
Please join us!*

And, remember, (this is for Pat Wilson) what happens at Lone Star...

stays at Lone Star.

Hold the Date!!! Unplugging the Christmas Machine!



Christmas sometimes comes and goes in a blur before we know it. Do you ever find yourself asking questions like "How can I reduce the stress of preparing for Christmas? How can I make our celebration more spiritual and less materialistic? How can I help my children see that Christmas is more than just presents? How can I simplify?"

Jo Robinson and Jean Staeheli have written a wonderful book called "Unplug the Christmas Machine." Lea will lead a workshop at WMCC on Saturday, November 7 based upon this book (you do not need to purchase the book to participate in the workshop). This workshop will be about making simple changes to reduce the stress of the season and enjoy it more. Participants will be given the chance to examine their current practices and define their values and combine their insights into a plan for this holiday season.

Please plan to attend. The workshop will start at 10 AM, and lunch will be provided. We will have a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall—please sign up so that we can feed you! More details to follow.

Congratulations Ms. Zip!

Zilphia Bailey will be the **Grand Marshall** for Selma's Railroad Days' parade on Saturday, October 3. The Railroad Days Parade



serves as the official kickoff of the Railroad Days festival. The parade begins promptly at 10 am at the Selma Elementary School and makes its way through Raiford Street in Uptown Selma. Come out and cheer Ms. Zip on! Way to go!

Consecration Sunday

Consecration Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 1. Your Consecration Sunday Committee is Janet Stephenson (chair), T.J. Parrish, Sarah Barnhart, Leanne Bronson, and Eileen Penny. We are looking forward to a great meal, great fellowship, and a great day of celebration. Our preacher for the day will be Rev. Dr. Jack Causey, ministerial resources coordinator for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of North Carolina. Dr. Causey was also pastor of First Baptist of Statesville for over 15 years. Stay tuned for more information!

October Worship Service

	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25
Church Appointments	Rachel Konneker Lynn Stephenson Allison Lawhorn	Rachel Konneker Lynn Stephenson Allison Lawhorn	Rachel Konneker Lynn Stephenson Allison Lawhorn	Rachel Konneker Lynn Stephenson Allison Lawhorn
Elder	Kevin Daughtry	Ginger Lee	Dawn Hodge	Janet Stephenson
Deacons	Joe Slaton Peter Wilson	Armando Mejia Carrie Ragland	Glen Barrow Linda Ramsey	Carrie Ragland Joe Slaton
Worship Leader	Travis Stephenson	Paula Bennett	Trey Ragland	Jason Lawhorn
Nursery	CWF	Kevin & Leanne Daughtry	Pat Wilson Kari Esau	Rose Thompson Trudy Carter
Acolytes	Emily Dumonceaux	Kaylen Mejia	Sierra Kirk	Angel Sauls
Paraments	Green	Green	Green	Green

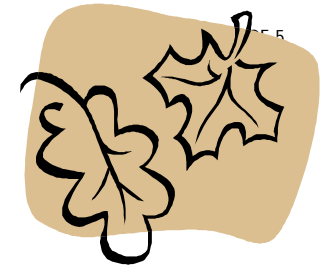


Birthdays

Oct. 2	Larry Ramsey	Oct. 17	McKena Barrow
Oct. 4	Eileen Penny	Oct. 19	Angel Sauls
Oct. 9	Emily Dumonceaux	Oct. 22	Jenny Kitzmiller
Oct. 10	Zilphia Bailey	Oct. 22	Thomas Twisdale
Oct. 11	Robert Harless	Oct. 24	Clint Collins
Oct. 14	Jamie Ramsey	Oct. 27	Ina Mae Lee
Oct. 15	Kim Williams	Oct. 30	Jason Lawhorn

2009 Tithes and Offerings

	Pledged	Pledges Rec.	Difference	Donations
August	\$9,678	\$10,360	\$682	\$1,433
Year to Date	\$77,424	\$71,120	(\$6,304)	\$8,413



October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Lea will be on vacation from Friday, October 23— Friday October 30. In case of emergency, please contact Whitley Stephenson at 934-2109 or Dawn Hodge at 934-2681. A local minister will be on call.				1	2	3
				LOGOS 5:30 PM (Fall Beach Trip)		Railroad Days Parade (Zilphia is the Grand Marshall) 10 AM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Homecoming Bible Study 4 PM	Lea at Christmount for the Scott Clergy Conference.			LOGOS 5:30 PM (Fire Prevention)		Pumpkin Festival
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bible Study 4PM			Handbells 6:00 PM	LOGOS 5:30 PM (Italian Night)	Ladies' Night Out at Lone Star 5:45PM	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Bible Study 3PM District Mtg 5PM	CMF 6:30 PM		Handbells 6:00 PM	NO LOGOS		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			Handbells 6:00 PM	LOGOS 5:30 PM (Fall Festival)		

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