



St. Paul's Waccamaw Methodist Church Newsletter

June 5, 2025

Pentecost Sunday

Sunday morning

06/08/2025

Week 2 of 15 week series "The Acts of the Holy Spirit"

Pastor JR Virgin

Will present the sermon

"Pentecost"

8:45 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary) and 11:00 a.m. Modern (Berly Hall)

Preaching Pastor Len Kircher

"Pentecost"

11:15 a.m. Traditional (Sanctuary)

For information about Sunday Worship Service go to the website page

<https://spwmethodist.org/sunday-worship-services/>.

The 8:45 am and 11:00 am services will be live streamed via the church's YouTube channel.

The link to our YouTube channel is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2_rB7vyTH5FmKjYMKILTSg

You can only see the livestream from YouTube.

The recorded services for 8:45 am and 11:00 am will be available on our Sermons webpage

<http://spwmethodist.org/sermons/> following each Service as well as on YouTube. They will be shared with the church Facebook friends later.

Sermon Text: Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 "In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
20 The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
21 And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

A Message From Pastor JR

This Sunday, we began a new sermon series titled: "The Acts of the Holy Spirit". This series will take an in depth look at the Book of Acts, which chronicles the work of the Holy Spirit through the apostles in the early church. It will serve as a reminder to us of what is really important about church and who is really in control of it all. The truth is that we have very little control and the less control we have the better. It is not important for us to be in control, rather we should recognize that God is in control, and we are simply called to be faithful. Jesus gives simple instructions to the Disciples in Acts Chapter 1. He told them to go to Jerusalem and wait on the Spirit which He promised to send. Jesus knew that it is through the Holy Spirit that ministry is done. Through the Spirit we are enabled to be faithful, follow, and step out when God calls. The promise of Jesus is that we will do even greater things than He has done through that same Spirit. Now it's our turn to seek and be filled with the Spirit of God. Simply stated, if we fill ourselves with God's Spirit, then that Spirit will guide and direct us to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our broken world. Let us wait upon the Spirit so that we can move faithfully when God sends it.

The Best of All Is...God Is With Us!

Pastor J.R.

Youth Building Update:

At the May 27th Church Council meeting, it was voted unanimously to rename the Youth Building to the A. Foster McKissick New Room. A. Foster McKissick was a local businessman and a member of St. Paul's Waccamaw United Methodist Church. He was instrumental in the development of our church including the acquisition of our current property on Route 17, as well as funding the construction of what we have known as the Youth Building. He died tragically in 1990 at the age of 63.

The New Room is the oldest Methodist building in the world. Located in Bristol, England, John Wesley created the New Room as a multifunctional mission outpost in 1739. The building is known in Wesleyan contexts as "The Building that Changed the World". It was the cradle of early Methodism and was designed to be versatile enough to host worship services while also meeting the needs of reaching the community in practical ministry.

The vision of the current remodel of the Youth Building is to be a versatile space which can be used for ministry to our community. The renaming of this building reminds of our past as a church and as a movement of Wesleyan Methodists, but it also leads us into a future of ministry opportunities to continue the traditions of our faith through practical ministry.

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Pastor J.R.

Message from the Trustee Chairperson

Handicap Parking spaces reconfiguring

A need for additional "Van with Wheelchair Lift access" exists. To that end, the main area reserved for handicap parking is being reconfigured to include 3 parking spaces reserved for "Vans with lifts" along the playground. Each space includes an area for the Van and an area for the lift to be extended.

All handicap spaces are no longer just on Sunday, but at all times the campus is in use. New signs are being created to clarify the new usage. All spaces are also being properly painted to meet this reconfiguration.

Your consideration and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Thanks

Charles Estabrook
Trustee Chairperson

Weekly Bible Reading

Jun 8: Prov 16-18

Jun 9: Prov 19-21

Jun 10: Prov 22-24

Jun 11: 1King 5-6; 2Chron 2-3

Jun 12: 1King 7; 2Chron 4

Jun 13: 1King 8; 2Chron 5

Jun 14: 2Chron 6-7; Ps 136

Our Faithfulness Sunday, June 1, 2025

8:45 Service 174; on line viewers 139; 11:00 Service 128; on line viewers 190; 11:15 Service 37; Sunday School Children and teachers 92

The Joy (Joy Classroom) and Friendship Sunday School (Sanctuary) Classes will meet June 8, 2025, at 10:00 TE: The Truth Seekers will meet, Room 305 in the CLC Building.

Our Little Garden Child Care is now open for all 3 worship services and the Sunday School hour! Children of every age are also welcomed to sit with you during the service-we love the beautiful sound of children in church! **Adult volunteers are needed to assist with the birth-3 yr. nursery as well as the 4/5 yr. class. Only 2-3 hours per quarter can make such a difference in these little one's lives! Call or text:Valerie Alexander 803-448-7462**

Opportunity to Serve!!! Greeters needed for all services! Please contact Alisa Chapella 803-960-2791 or jamchapella@aol.com.

e-Giving – How to Start e-Giving and How to Update Transactions

Thank you for using e-Giving to electronically deliver your donations to the church.

If you are new to the church, or want to start using e-Giving, you can sign up today for e-giving. Start by going to <http://www.spwmethodist.org/> web page and clicking “Online Giving” at the top right of the home page. On the next page you will see a link that provides recently updated instructions on how to sign up and make your donations ([e-Giving Donation Information an Instructions](#)). You can print these instructions or review them online to setup your e-Giving donation and account. Please ensure you note your User Id (email address) and password for your account. You will use this information to login to your account to make any changes or review your electronic giving. Please do not create another e-Giving account if you have already signed up in the past. Call me or email if you need help.

For those who already use e-Giving, a **reminder** that you can update your e-Giving account if you need to update your giving amount or add new donations. The brief instructions are to login to your e-Giving account and edit your profile information. You can update your donation amount, payment method and next transaction date. You can also see your history of giving. Be sure to save your changes.

Please feel free to call or email me with questions or to get assistance. You can reach me at 703-786-0670 (cell). Church email address: treasurer@spwmethodist.org

With love and blessings,

Dave Streeter
St. Paul’s Waccamaw Methodist Church Treasurer

Discernment Fund

There are different ways you can give toward the Discernment Fund. You can write a check out to St. Paul’s Waccamaw Church and on the memo of the check, put Discernment Fund and drop in the offering plate. **(You do not have to have an envelope)**. There are some envelopes in the Narthex and Berly if you want an envelope. You can also give with e-giving on our website and **designate Discernment**. Follow the instructions above on e-giving.

Name Tags

If you ordered a new name tag, please pick up yours this coming Sunday at the 8:45 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service. If you did not order a name tag, and would like one, please fill out the little sign up sheet that will be provided on the table near the name tags and place it in the offering plate.

Church Website Update

We are in the process of updating our church website and repairing links which are not working. Also, if you have any suggestions for our web site or you notice pages which need to be updated, please contact Fred Harris at 856-381-5951 or fharris39@gmail.com

LIVE STREAMING AVAILABLE

Reminder that live streaming of our services is available on YouTube especially during inclement weather.

Counseling: on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10am-1pm, there will be a counselor available by appointment. If you are in need of someone to talk with, this is a great opportunity to speak with an accredited professional, free of charge. Please contact Fran Keller at 843-833-3980 with any questions or to schedule

an appointment.

Church Flower Calendar for 2025

You can email the office or call the office to start signing up for the Church Flower Calendar for 2025. This is a good way to honor someone, celebrate an anniversary, birthday, etc. on Sunday mornings.

ARK TRIP. Pastor Len invites you for a great 5 day bus tour to the ARK Encounter in Williamstown, KY. The trip is planned for October 6-10. Cost is \$625.00 per person (double occupancy and add \$229 for single occupancy) which includes the bus, hotels, breakfast and two dinners and admissions. If interested, please see **Pastor Len.** <https://arkencounter.com/>

Bible Studies:

The Men's Bible Study meets every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Discovery Classroom. Led by Jim Kay.

Bible Study:

Experiencing the Heart of Jesus by Max Lucado, every Thursday, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary. For more information please email Gay Kelly at tgkell12@gmail.com.

Revelation Bible Study, (Part II) Starting June 17, 2025, and will meet every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Sanctuary. Please email John Finnical if interested in taking the new study – jrfinnical@gmail.com

Bible Study – Who Is Jesus? Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Discovery classroom, "...Before Abraham was born, "I Am" John 8:58. Please contact Roslyn Keck if interested at 843-651-1608 or email: roslynkeck1@gmail.com.

Committee Meetings & Work of the Church:

Golf Meeting, Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 9:00 a.m., Berly Hall.

Methodist Women Meeting—Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 12:00 noon, Berly Hall. Our meeting is a great way to fellowship, as we laugh, learn and praise God together!

Fran Keller will present a devotional followed by Jan Finnical who will teach us how to prepare lovely charcuterie boards that we will sample together!

Please bring one or more of the foods listed below to share as we create our charcuterie board lunch together.

Cured Meats: Salami, prosciutto, mortadella, chorizo, and other cured meats.

Cheeses: A selection of cheeses, including soft, hard, and semi-hard varieties like brie, cheddar, goat cheese, and blue cheese.

Crackers and Breads: Crackers, baguette slices, crostini, or other crunchy and savory options.

Fruits and Vegetables: Fresh fruits (grapes, berries, apples, figs), vegetables (olives, pickles, baby carrots, broccoli), and sometimes even edible flowers.

Spreads and Dips: Mustard, honey, jam, hummus, and other spreads.

Nuts: A variety of nuts for added crunch and flavor.

Church Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Sanctuary.

Mary & Martha is a fellowship group that began last fall and meets in the Discovery classroom every Wednesday at 10 a.m. We are Scriptural – we begin each meeting with a devotion based on scripture. Also, Pastor JR provides us, for discussion, questions from the prior Sunday’s message; we are Prayerful – we bring our prayer concerns to the group and pray for each other as well as our church community and friends; we are Faithful – we faithfully pray, study, and serve; we are Invitational –we invite ladies of our church and friends to join M&M and also to come to church and experience the Holy Spirit; we are Discipling – we bring lunch to the James Gang on one or more Wednesdays when they are at a project and minister to anyone in need of prayer and assistance; we are Forward Focused – we are always looking for service projects to do around the church and see where the Lord is leading us. One project accomplished was the dusting and cleaning of areas in the Sanctuary and Berly Hall that do not get weekly cleaning. In the near future we will be introducing a new ministry called Mary & Martha’s Closet! So, if your desire is to be ALL IN with the Lord, we invite all ladies to join us on **Wednesdays at 10.**

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group - 1st Wednesday of the Month 10:00 am - 11:30 am in the Joy Classroom starting May 7th. Contact Patty Younts at 843-902-9304 for more information.

Chancel Choir Practice

Chancel Choir meet Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Students in the Word

Students in the Word meet 7:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m., Mon. – Thursday (Truth Seekers & wings classrooms) and Friday in Berly Hall. **(OUT FOR SUMMER BREAK)**

AA

AA meets Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

District 82 AA, every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in the Joy Classroom.

Please let me know if I need to remove, change, or add to the following Prayer, Birthday or Anniversary list. Also, if you have a meeting coming up or an event or event article that needs to go in the newsletter, please email me at the

Church Office: office@spwmethodist.org

Thank you, Alice

Prayer Concerns/Church Family & Friends

Susan Walters

Eva Baxter

Yvonne Moran

Marie Beaver

Frank Antes
Rachel Sirmon
Janet Parsons
The Family of Lee Horton
Melton Gardner (Pam Gardner's husband)
John Hall
Nancy Hall

Julian Coburn (friend of Jane Sipe)
Rev. Jack Todd & family (son)
Jerry Vaughn (friend of Don Lerche)
Rusty Heaton (Fran Heaton's son)
Helen Wilson
Arthur Jackson (Susan Lewis's father)
Mike Rhodes
Ron McKenzie (friend of Linda MacCulloch)
Maddy Newman (Sinkway Family)
Heather (Bob & Pam Carson's daughter)
Don Hayes (loss of wife) (family of Polly Simock)
Kristen Canine (daughter-in law of Dave and Paula Canine)
Kay Long, (friend of James and Leslie Hare)
Geri Cole and son Michael Adkins (lost everything in the flood in Kentucky)
Ann (Rachel Shumaker's sister)
Doretha (Rachel Shumaker's cousin)
Matthew Leyendecker (George & Clem Leyendecker's son)
Sheila Gryder (Jan Estabrook's cousin)
Liz Dallago (Bob Lawrence's daughter)
Mark Merolla (Leslie Hare's friend)
Allie Johnson (Age 7, 2 types of leukemia)
Sheila Baxter (daughter in law of Eva Baxter)
Ryan Heck (a friend of Betty & Henry Jobe)
Rosemary Beaver (a friend of Keri Geddings)
Ashley Calhoun (Karen Calhoun's nephew's wife)
George Schmidt (Colleen Welch's dad)
Anne Miller (a friend of Phillip and Peggy Cusick)
Linda Boswell (Sandy Thompson's sister)
Billy McGill (son of Carolyn McGill)
Michael Williams (Nancy Hall's son)
Corby & Brian Kennison (friends of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
Rick Bruce (a friend of Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
A friend of – did not want to name (Peggy & Phillip Cusick)
Marie Beaver (Carl) Jim Richardson (Betsy) (friends of Jon Stuckey)
Denise (a friend of Harriet and David Moore)
Sue Hawkins (a friend of JD & Sandi Whitmire)
Roxanna Earp (daughter of Nancy Wetsel)
Tracy (a friend of Leslie Hare)
Marnie Heck (a friend of Henry & Betty Jobe)

Robert "Bobby" Nave (James & Leslie Hare's cousin)
Johanna Morrison
Tina Kolb (a close friend of James & Leslie Hare)
Diana (a friend of John & Nancy Hall)
Dan Litton (a friend of JD Whitmire)
George Leyendecker's sister
Sarah Wilson (Jan Estabrook's friend)
Sue Panos
Kerry Lennard (friend of Keith Black)
Milia Black (Keith Black's mother)
Judy Ellis

June Birthdays

Ronald Willmann	06/02
Doug Bray	06/05
Matt Drohan	06/05
Roger Phillips	06/05
Betsy Richardson	06/05
Janis Lange	06/06
Nancy Jo Weber	06/06
Greg & Rosemary Hill	06/08
Mary Jordan	06/08
Richard Senatore	06/11
Betty Varn	06/11
Alfred (Wayne) Morgan	06/14
Timothy White	06/15
Marilyn Leach	06/16
KayKay Wells	06/17
Margaret (Margie Smith)	6/18
Cheryl Harris	06/19
Susan Rogers	06/20
Marlene Bodemann	06/21
Jim Kay	06/20
Victory Smith	06/22
Robert Maffa	06/24
Cynthia Senatore	06/24
Cliff Williams	06/24
Kyle Player	06/25
Nancy Hagan	06/27
Susan Lewis	06/27
Peggy Watson	06/27
Donna Schmidt	06/28
Marshall Truluck	06/28
Charles Estabrook	06/30
Jan Finnical	06/30

June Anniversaries

Gary & Sandra Himstedt

06/06

Bob & Barbara Welch	06/06
Robert & Linda Bobo	06/06
Ronald & Sharon Willmann	06/07
Helen & Richard Black	06/08
Clem & George Leyendecker	06/12
Jon & Susan Stuckey	06/14
Robert & Darlene Novak	06/17
Mike & Lisa Collins	06/18
David & Janice Medlin	06/18
James & Marlene Bodemann	06/19
Gene & Geri Seiveno	06/24
Timothy & Anda White	06/25
James & Betsy Richardson	06/26
Frank & Amylou Antes	06/27
Jeff & Elaine Edwards	06/27
Jack & Penni Hawley	06/28