

The Scribe

May 2025

Friends, we have just hit a major milestone. Thirty years ago, Andrew McCauley-Wallace agreed to join the staff at Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian as the director of the youth handbell choir! His role has grown over time, and for many years, Andy has been the Music and Worship Arts Director, but most of us realize he does so much more than his title suggests.

Andy's gifts are many. His heart for this church is enormous. His leadership is invaluable. His connections in the region are vast, and his reputation is both highly professional and approachably humble.

And so, we are going to celebrate Andy on the first Sunday of May. We hope you can come, or that you sent your well-wishes in so that he can keep them and re-read them as he wishes.

I will tell you one brief story here. Last June, when I arrived for the weekend of preaching and voting that would determine whether or not I would come to be your pastor, I had the chance to meet Andy in the midst of a gathering of the church's leadership. It didn't take but a few minutes for us to pull ourselves aside and, after polite greeting, we started talking about what we might do during Advent if the vote went well! Advent was 5 months away, but we were already dreaming and scheming! Andy is such a gift to me. He and I feed off of each other's ideas and finish each other's sentences. The anthems he picks reinforce sermon themes, and he is always there for me in children's moments, microphone glitches, and worship planning.

Happy church anniversary, Andy! We love you!

Pastor Gin Courtney



Rehearsal nights are a blend of laughter, love, and music!

From Session...



Our March meeting welcomed four new members who were introduced to the church on April 12. It is great to see so many coming to join our church.

Work is still being done on the church-wide directory.

Mission is planning a fundraiser for the North Carolina mission trip.

Nominating committee will be starting their work to fill several positions that

Stewardship will begin planning meetings in May.

Worship & Music was busy with Maundy Thursday service and Easter. Our pastor will be directing a comp conference in mid-June and will be away 2 Sundays.

Chapel in the Pines dedication is scheduled for May 25th at 9:30 a.m. with our first service in the Pines on June 15th.

Compliance is updating the employee handbook.

It is wonderful to see so many children at the 10 a.m. service. Please encourage these young families as the children learn about candle lighting, worship, communion, and more!



Church Worship Attendance and Donations Summary

March, 2025

Date	Attendance				Donations		
	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Single	Total	Pledged	Other	Total
Mar-02	47	87		134	\$ 5,439	\$ 1,095	\$ 6,534
Mar-09	40	104		144	\$ 3,084	\$ 875	\$ 3,959
Mar-16	40	111		151	\$ 4,606	\$ 731	\$ 5,337
Mar-23	34	121		155	\$ 1,996	\$ 1,184	\$ 3,180
Mar-30	30	103		133	\$ 6,623	\$ 807	\$ 7,430
Average-2025	40	104	58	137			
Average-2024	39	81	145	120			
* percent of year completed				25%			
Pledged Donations Year-to-Date *			\$ 97,003	36%	Percent of annual budget collected		
Other Donations Year-to-Date *			\$ 10,264	10%	Percent of annual budget collected		
Per Capita Payments			\$ 5,317	101%	Percent of annual budget collected		



Thank you to the members of Session, Trustees, Deacons, Mission Committee and other volunteers who donated homemade soup, salad, bread and dessert for each of our five lenten suppers. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Thank you also to everyone who attended. We averaged 30 - 35 attendees per week for dinner and fellowship. The dinners provided an hour each week to ponder the sacrifices of Christ, and re-commit ourselves to His service as we journeyed through Lent.

DEACONS Corner

Deacons who are faithfully serving the congregation are:
Sue Eldridge, Stephanie Cahoon, Karen Ingalls,
Bonnie Krauss, Sam Pierson, Jeanne Pietraallo, Stacey Pride,
Cheryl Remsbecker, Sandy Santy, Doreen Smith,
Cheryl Spino, and Susan Strouse.

The Deacons of DCCCP are busy helping people and groups in the congregation and the larger community. Our Deacons are currently involved in many activities, and we invite you to join us in our endeavors. Deacons continue to seek ways to grow as a community where God's love and kindness are available for all. A few ongoing activities are highlighted below.

Warm Shelter Dinner: We provide our delicious Swiss Chicken Dinners once a month. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall to contribute food, either green beans, ice cream/ brownies, or Swiss chicken. Remember this happens the first Saturday of each month. The church will be open from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm to accept donations in the kitchen on that day. Please use all disposable containers.

Jonnycake Center of Westerly: A huge thank you to all who have contributed food and clothing to Jonnycake Center of Westerly this year!

In March 2024, we began keeping specific track of food and toiletry items donated from our church members to the Food Pantry.

Between March 2024 and March 2025, DCCCP members contributed:

1673 pounds of food, 347 pounds of produce, and 100 toiletries

Congratulations! Let's hear it for our DCCCP congregation! The need is great and you all are greater!

In May 2025, the Food Pantry is asking for the following items:

- Bar soap and body wash
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Sunblock
- Women's sanitary items (Kotex, tampons, etc.)

We are grateful for all your help. Please be sure to visit the bulletin board inside Fellowship Hall. There you'll find information and sign-ups for upcoming events and activities to weekly Coffee Fellowship, monthly Communion servers, Sunday morning flowers, WARM dinners and more. Please stop by the board often and read about various ways to participate! Thank you.

Coming Soon!
**Christmas bazaar bulletin board in
fellowship hall**

Are you spring cleaning?

Gramma's attic is looking for the following items:

Antiques, glassware, pottery, garden, fishing lures, poles and hunting items.

Please call Kim Magro at 860-772-7412

This year Kim will come to your house to look at and pickup donations

Raffle

If you have gift certificates that you will not be using, please consider donating them for the raffle.

Gourmet jars

70 1 quart wide mouth jars are needed. Any amount donated would be greatly appreciated

Please contact Christine Fonicello @ 714-7954 for drop off info!

Jewelry

Jane Larkin needs help cleaning the jewelry donations and is also accepting donations of jewelry and boxes.

Please contact Jane at jalarkin@hotmail.com

Thank you for all of your help in making this another great fundraiser!



If anyone has a new item you don't need or it isn't just right for your home, would you please consider donating it to the church to help fill the gift baskets for the bazaar. Also any empty baskets may be left in Fellowship hall. There is a red basket there where you can leave items. If it is full please, please deposit items beside it. Your generosity will help to create a successful bazaar. Thank you to those who have already contributed. As we work together, we create wonders.





**Cooking Demonstration
Monday May 12
6:00 pm**

There will be a cooking demonstration by Samantha Kellers on Monday, May 12 at 6 pm in Fellowship Hall. Attendees will be shown how to make three different types of dip.

Sign-up will be posted in Fellowship Hall



If you have someone in your family graduating this May/June, please e-mail the Church Office at dunnschurch@gmail.com with their name, school (college, high school, middle school, grammar school, preschool) and their future plans (job or name of school and grade attending in the fall).

Chapel-in-the Pines Dedication

Sunday, May 25, 2025

9:30am

Please join us in dedicating our beautifully renovated outdoor worship space!





Mark your calendars, Vacation Bible Camp will be held August 18th-22nd from 9-12. The theme is True North, an Alaskan adventure. We will need all the volunteers we can get. Here are some of the Volunteer opportunities available.

Crew Leaders-you will be leading a small group of children to different stations throughout the church. You do not need to prepare activities. While the station leaders will run the activities, you will interact with the kids.

Station leaders/assistants- you will be running various activity stations for the kids to travel to.

Set up/Cleanup Crew- Help decorate the church Sunday afternoon before VBS and clean up on Friday afternoon.

We will be Having a **VBS meeting May 15 at 5pm in Fellowship Hall**. If you are interested in Volunteering, we would love to have you join us!

I would also like to thank everyone for the donations and hard work put on to make the Easter Egg Hunt a success.



SHORELINE FAVORITES

Saturday, June 7 ~ 7:00pm

Join Shoreline Ringers for an evening of fun as we play some of our favorite pieces from over the years. This exciting program of pop, classical, and original compositions will be the perfect musical kickoff to the summer season.



Confirmation Classes and Teen Fellowship on Tuesday Evenings

Our Confirmation Classes for both youth and adults will continue on Tuesdays.

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 PM (Dinner to Follow)

Teen Fellowship' 6:45-7:30pm

Sign Ups for Montreat Summer Youth Conference

Attention all DCCCP youth in grades 8 thru 12! If you are interested in attending this year's Montreat Summer Youth Conference in North Carolina, we are making plans for **Session 5, taking place July 16 - 20.**



Enneagram Workshop

Have you heard about the Enneagram? Are you curious about what the Enneagram is? Have you heard people talking about their number? Do you want to know your own number? Have you ever considered how important **knowing yourself** is?

Much of what keeps us from the joy, peace, and the purpose of following Christ are the habits of our personality. Have you ever felt the frustration of reacting in the same way to stressful situations or in relationships and wondered how you can respond in more life-giving ways? Do you want some tools for how to be less judgmental with yourself, relate better with others, and be more compassionate in the world? The knowledge of yourself you get from the enneagram can help in all of these.

We will be offering a one day crash course in getting to know the Enneagram, learn your Enneagram number, and get some next steps on what to do once you know your number.

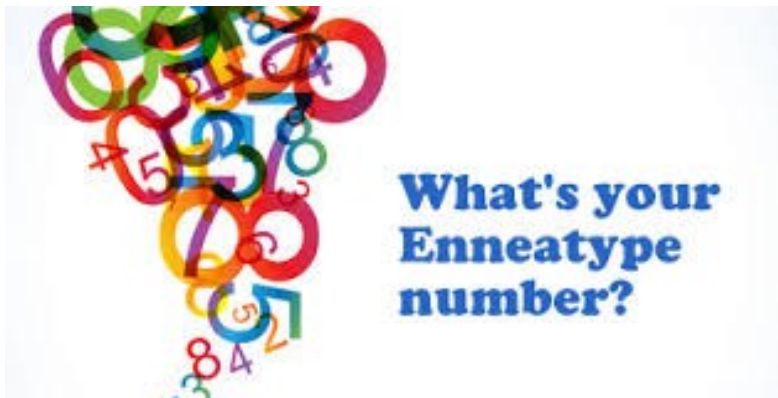
The workshop will be on May 17, 2025 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
Lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this workshop.

If you are interested in signing up or have questions about the workshop please contact any one of the leaders:

Mary Slattery - mfslattery03@gmail.com - 401-569-9584

Marilyn Brandyberry - mebrandyberry@gmail.com - 401-662-3926

Cathy Kellers - cmek313@gmail.com - 401-742-4592



Welcome, New Members



Ed and Sue Montagna

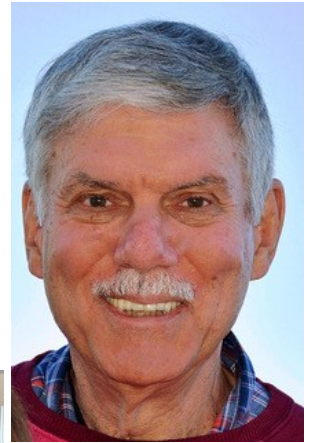
**Neil, Mikayla, Eli, and Luke
Anthes**



Ed and Robyn Generali



Jack and Sue McLaughlin



Keith Bruns



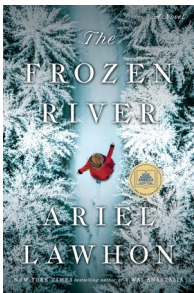
The Presbyterian Women's Group met on April 21st in Fellowship Hall. The meeting began with Devotions led by Michelle Jones and Refreshments provided by Sue Reiger.

Dates to remember:

- May 10th PW bible study lesson 8. This is the last session in the study. We are looking into some topics for our next study in January 2026.
- May 19th scheduled tour of **The Westerly Public Library** from 11:00 to 1pm followed by lunch at The Brazen Hen.
- June 2nd at 7pm Presbyterian Women's Book Club. The book for discussion is, **The Wedding People**. The next book we will be reading is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.
- Looking ahead to June there will be a planning meeting on June 16th. Please bring any ideas or suggestions that you would like to share.
- The summer book sale is scheduled to begin on July 30 check the bulletin for more information.

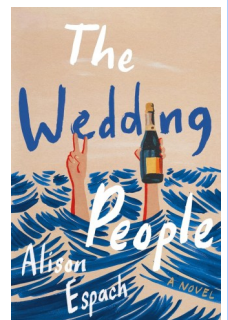
We have all enjoyed reading with the children in ELC this spring. For our last session we will be presenting a Winnie the Pooh puppet show for the children.

The Presbyterian Women's Book Club will meet at 7pm on Monday June 2nd in the Meeting House to discuss the book *The Wedding People*, by Alison Espach.



Summer reading is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

Contact Sue Rieger 401-575-0272 if you are new to our group.



We have thoroughly enjoyed the warmer temperatures and sun April has brought us. We have been busy with all of our Easter activities including an easter egg hunt where we were each given a specific colored egg to find. Once we had all found our eggs, we opened them up together and were surprised with a little bunny inside. We have continued to enjoy the Presbyterian Women's group visiting us once a week with a story to share. We appreciate them taking the time to read to us, do an activity with us, and sometimes share a snack with us. As always, we appreciate the Tuesday Men who are constantly helping us keep our classroom and playground as beautiful as ever. They recently spread many yards of wood chips and built up our sandbox. We are looking forward to starting our plant unit when we return from April break and Easter. It is always a very fun and hands-on unit. We just finished up our parent /teacher conferences, and we are all so proud of the growth our students have made this year. This time of year is always very rewarding as it is often a time when all concepts taught throughout the year finally click and students grasp new skills and knowledge.

We hosted muffins with mom/grandmother/someone special in April and it was a great success. We sang 3 songs, read a story, created a sunflower craft and enjoyed muffins with hot chocolate/juice boxes/water. It was a very well supported event and the kids thoroughly enjoyed spending time with their loved one.



Liz and Paisleigh



Liz will be returning part time in the fall and we are so excited to have her back!



At a March meeting, the Mission Committee discussed the major topics of our upcoming **mission trip**, what we are doing for **homelessness**, our ongoing **refugee relocation** efforts and **Habitat for Humanity**. Regarding the **mission trip**, we now have 24 participants signed up for the Sept. 28 - Oct. 4 trip. We can accommodate up to 25, so there is one more space open. All interested parties have been asked to sign up on the Fuller website and pay the \$150 fee to cover food and lodging. The deadline for sign up is May 1st. We are currently evaluating the logistics and costs of driving versus flying. Session approved our use of the Easter mission offering for the Mission Trip. It will be used for transportation and other expenses.

Regarding helping the **homeless**, meetings were arranged with town manager Sean Lacey and the Director of Community Resources at the Jonnycake Center to discuss the varying needs of the homeless. As a result of these meetings it was decided to spend \$250 to purchase 10 laundry cards to be given to Jonnycake for them to distribute to homeless people. It was also discussed at our March meeting that a hidden, but serious issue among some high school students is that, due to their inability to wash their clothing properly, they are being bullied concerning their personal hygiene. Mary Goodman of our committee will reach out to the Westerly High School guidance counselor's office to see if we might provide them with laundry cards or other ways to help.

The Dorcas Foundation with whom we have been working over the past several years on **refugee resettlement** is reeling financially from the current administration's grant cuts. In order to help, the mission committee voted to send \$2000 to them so they can continue their work. We will also be educating the congregation about Dorcas through Scribe articles.

Our March meeting included a discussion of further ways to interact and support **Habitat for Humanity**.

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Diamonds Among Us!

We extend our birthday wishes to:

-  Jan Raggie May 10
-  Bob Santy May 13
-  Diana Clark May 18
-  Janet Loffredo May 19



Young at Heart
Happy Birthday

Diamonds (70 and beyond), please contact the Church Office at (401) 322-0655 or sign up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and add your name to our list.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
4	5	6	7	1	2	3
Communion Sunday 8 am & 10 am Worship 9 am & 11 am Fellowship Hour 10 am Sunday School	6pm Trustees (M)	8:30 am Work Team 4 pm Worship Committee (Z) 5 pm Christian Education 5:30-6:15pm Presbyterianism 101 6 pm Building and Grounds (M)	1:30-3:30 pm Westerly Village 6-7 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	5:45-6:50 pm Glory Ringers 7-8:30 pm Chancel Choir	10am Memorial Service	8 am-2 pm Deacons Collect Meals for the WARM Center (FH) 10am-4pm Presbytery Meeting
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