

Wake Forest Baptist Church

JULY 2016

JULY CALENDAR

Sunday Schedule

- 9:45 Sunday School Classes
- 11:00 Worship
- 12:00 Reception in Narthex
- 12:15 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 3

Hunger Offering

- 11:00 Worship
- 12:15 College Ministry Pancake Brunch

Tuesday, July 5

Church Office Closed
for July 4

Wednesday, July 6

- 10:00 No Community Office Hours

Thursday, July 7

Ladies Circle Luncheon

Sunday, July 10

- 11:00 Worship

Wednesday, July 13

- 10:00 Community Office Hours,
Robinhood Starbucks

Sunday, July 17

- 11:00 Worship

Wednesday, July 20

- 10:00 Community Office Hours
Robinhood Starbucks

Friday, July 22

- 7:30 Men's Breakfast, Billy Bob's Diner

Sunday, July 24

- 11:00 Worship

Wednesday, July 27

- 10:00 Community Office Hours,
Robinhood Starbucks

Sunday, July 31

- 11:00 Worship

SUNDAYS IN JULY

Sexton and Deacon on Call Marianne McIver
Worship Leaders (Tentative)

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| July 3 | Elizabeth Corney |
| July 10 | Sam Lawrence |
| July 17 | Lydia Cavanaugh |
| July 24 | Jerry Gay |
| July 31 | Paul Lawrence |

Reception

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| July 3 | Your |
| July 10 | Name |
| July 17 | Here |
| July 24 | ??? |
| July 31 | |



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

The last few months, we've seen the power of deliberative dialogue in the Lenten training, in at least one of our committees (the Deacons), the Completing the Sermon series, and finally, in the Ending Mass Shootings dialogue we did this Sunday.

The powerful thing about dialogue is its ability to democratize a conversation—making all voices equal, recognizing all the variations of voices at the table, and creating safe spaces to discuss difficult topics. Your voice counts, but it only counts if you're present.

I hope each one of you will make a commitment to participate with the more than 30 individuals in our church who have been trained in deliberative dialogue, and the others who have joined us in our processes.

Deliberative dialogue has the power to effectively change our culture in the church and in Winston-Salem. But to do so, we need you to come along with us.

Your next opportunity is this Sunday after worship at the brief "Completing the Sermon" meeting in the Balcony Room. Join us at 12:15 as we consider Sunday's sacred texts and the sermon, and how it meets us where we are.

I love you, and I love being your pastor,

Pastor Lia

COLLEGE AND CAREER BRUNCH

In Hebrew, *baruch* means "blessed". And it always reminds me of the word "brunch." Blessed are those who are invited for brunch on Sundays!!

Join us this Sunday for pancakes in the Lower Auditorium. All college and career-aged folks are welcome.

EASTER LILIES MONEY

There are still a few people who have not paid their money for the Easter lilies. If you purchased Easter lilies and have not paid for them, please turn in your money to the office.



SALEMTOWNE HAPPY HOUR

Join Pastor Lia, Pastor Emeritus Richard Groves, and Don Roberson at Salemtowne **this afternoon** for an hour of mixing and mingling—a Happy Hour! We’ll meet in the Courtyard Lounge across from the Dorcas Dining Room at 4:00 pm on July 15. Attendance is not limited to Salemtowne residents. Be there or be square!

SAMARITAN MINISTRIES UPDATE

Monthly, several members and friends of WFBC get the opportunity to help Samaritan Ministries serve lunch to those needing a free meal. But more than free, it is a delicious meal prepared by good chefs and served restaurant-style by waiters such as us. And, yes, volunteers can eat too. You may imagine a group of homeless, smelly folks without much life-energy. But you will see folks who could easily be your next door neighbor, individuals with fascinating stories, those with mental illness that wrecks their lives, children eager to eat and play, and those who thank you profusely for the food. All walks of life are represented.

On the other side is a tremendously dedicated group of people serving Samaritan daily as cooks, dishwashers, servers, hosts, supervisors and leaders of a devotional time prior to service beginning. It is at this time that you realize you are in church - a church of a different kind. In the places where life meets the road and hardships must be dealt with. And it is also a time when, as volunteers, we also receive much more than we give. It is very warming to see the people receiving excellent nourishment to meet the challenges ahead, to witness the strength inside these individuals to be able to carry on. It is a humbling time but also a celebratory time - for strong wills to believe there is help available, for people who show us how fortunate we are and how much we need to extend a hand to those in need. So if you have not volunteered to serve at Samaritan Inn during our allotted monthly time, you may want to do so and find out how good it feels to serve in this other church setting.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Marygrace Labosky	01
Reed Lawson	02
Kim Christman	05
Angie Bowman	11
Alleta Evaro	12
Marianne McIver	14
Jay Foster	18
Gayle Marterre	20
Jean Taylor	21
Ruth Finley	23
Sharon Pressley	24
Harry Heilig	28
Ellen Kirkman	28

UPCOMING PREACHING SERIES

June 17-July 24 “Chosen,” by God
We’ll consider the concept of “chosen-ness” through the lens of the Hebrew people and the early church, and perhaps deconstruct our ideas of modern-day privilege and patriotism.

July 31-September 4 **Book of Job**
We’ll read the Book of Job and ponder with countless others the meaning of suffering through this theologically rich book.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Offering envelopes are available on the hymnal cart on Sunday mornings.

Income received thru 5/31: \$70,809
Income budgeted thru 5/31: 81,668

JUNE HUNGER OFFERING

The hunger offering received through June is \$1220.

SUNDAY RECEPTIONS

Wake Forest Baptist Church is blessed to have some wonderful people step up to the plate to provide a reception each Sunday after worship. These gathering times make it a lot easier to connect with other people, especially visitors. Thank you for your assistance with this ministry. Signing up for this ministry is very simple: Call Judy (336) 414-2785.

FIRST SUNDAY HUNGER OFFERING

Don’t forget that on Sunday, July 3 we’ll take a special offering for the hungry in Winston-Salem. All loose cash and designated checks go to fight hunger locally. In addition, you can bring gifts to share with Samaritan Ministries. They need large cans of vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce, coffee, rice, pasta, and pepper. They still don’t need peanut butter. They also need cheap flip-flops in larger sizes, disposable safety razors, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, and soap. (Thanks to Terry Lovelace for this list!)

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