

...to give and not to count the cost

— St. Ignatius of Loyola

The Messenger of Hilton Presbyterian Church, Stewardship Edition

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Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

Sermon

God and Country

Sunday, 10/26

Lectionary Readings

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-16; 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

Sermon

Changing the World

This year's Stewardship theme actually comes from a prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola. I wish I could at least take partial credit for it, but the idea comes from Jane Day, Stewardship Chair.

Ignatius' prayer is one with which I am quite familiar. Many of my seminary classes began with a brief prayer. Eric Rust, Professor of Christian Philosophy, began his classes each day with the same Ignatius prayer:

*Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest;
To give, and not to count the cost,
to fight, and not to heed the wounds,
to toil, and not to seek for rest,
to labor, and not to ask for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do thy will.*



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

Creator of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) during the 16th century, Ignatius wrote *Spiritual Exercises*, a simple set of meditations, prayers, and mental exercises. It is, perhaps, fitting that this year's stewardship season will begin with a 12-hour Prayer Vigil this Saturday. Joe and Sue Hogue are the coordinators for this "season of prayer." Each of us is asked to participate in a 30-minute slot on Saturday, from 7am to 7pm. Our thirty minutes is to be part of an ongoing prayer period for the life and ministry of Hilton PC. If you are not able to physically be in the sanctuary during a time slot, you can devote your 30-minutes to prayer and reflection wherever you are.

Because Ignatius' prayer was important to Dr. Rust, it became important to me. Committed to memory, his prayer has been my personal focus of meditation and a source of inspiration. In a similar way, we learn generosity from others and we have the responsibility of passing this spirit of generosity on to the next generation.

The story has been told of a person who dreamed of what the afterlife was like. In the dream, afterlife was made up of people who were just as they were in real life, except that their elbows had become stiff. The man was taken into a large room in which there was much "wailing and gnashing of teeth"—people were angry, rude, and frustrated. Plenty of food was before them, but because of their stiff elbows no one was able to get the food before them from their hands to their mouths.

The man was then taken, in his dream, to another room. There, people also had stiff elbows and, again, plenty of food. However, the people in this place were happy and at peace. They had learned to overcome the disability of stiff elbows by feeding each other.

Growing our hearts one size larger is part of what stewardship is about this year. Please plan to pray for your church this Saturday as we begin this season!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary".

2008-2009 Stewardship Season



Stewardship Chairs

Jane Day & Tim Davis

Schedule of Events

Saturday, October 18

Prayer Vigil
7 am to 7 pm
30-minute silent segments
Sanctuary of HPC

Sunday, October 26

Awareness Day
Sunday School 9:15 am
Courtyard Fellowship 10:10 am
Worship 10:30 am
*Ministry Parade

Sunday, October 19

Acknowledgement Day
Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am

Sunday, November 2

Commitment Sunday
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Worship 10:30 am
*Consecration of Pledges
Courtyard BBQ 11:30 am



Prayer Vigil Coordinators

Sue & Joe Hogue

Prayer Vigil

Saturday, October 18

A 12-hour Prayer Vigil is scheduled for this Saturday, October 18, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Congregants will be asked to come to the sanctuary for silent meditation and reflection in half-hour increments. We will pray for our church, our staff, our volunteer leadership, members and friends. A guide will be available to assist you with suggestions; related hymns, and written meditations. *Calls will be made this week to congregants seeking your commitment for a half hour.* Please plan to participate. If you have questions or would like to volunteer right away, contact Sue or Joe Hogue at ljhssh1976@cox.net or (757) 595-1316.

upcoming events

PW Harvest Supper

October 21, 6:30 p.m.

Ladies, we invite you to see for yourselves a way to enjoy female company while participating in a Bible study and serving others. Join HPC's Presbyterian Women October 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for homemade soups, salad and dessert. Here you'll learn more about our ministry. We have Circles that meet both at night and during the day, each with its own perspective. Guest speaker is Shirley Jones, director of Menchville House Ministries, the selected project for this year.



Wednesday Night Adult Study

This fall, the Wednesday Evening Adult Study/Discussion will utilize the new *Living the Questions 2.0* series. The format is a 15-minute DVD conversation among notable scholars, followed by group discussion. Each session will focus on a theological theme. Contributors include Matthew Fox, Dom Crossan, Walter Brueggemann, Amy-Jill Levine, Marcus Borg, Meagan McKenna, Barbara Rossing, Helen Prejean, Bernard Brandon Scott, Jack Spong, *et al.*

The class is held in Room 8, Lower Level
6:30 p.m. - 7:25 p.m.
Session #6: "A Passion for Christ: Paul"



Church Work Day

October 25, 9:00 a.m.

Volunteers are needed for yard work, painting and moving furniture. There are many areas that you can help. Please give a few hours of your time October 25 to making the church beautiful inside and out. Call Doug Chapman or Joe Hogue for more information.

Youth Activities

Attention Middle and High School parents and students — It time to begin planning for next summer's retreats. Deposits are due by November 16.

Montreat

The high school deposit to MONTREAT is \$50. The dates for the event are July 18-25.

Massanetta

The middle school retreat to MASSANETTA has a \$25 deposit and the event is June 23 - 26. Make checks payable to Hilton Presbyterian Church. Any COLLEGE AGE youth wanting to go and be on the work crew, must make a \$50 deposit for MONTREAT also.

Fund Raisers

2009 calendars are on sale in the Narthex. Cost is \$8 each and the profits help support the trip to Massanetta for the middle school youth.

Sunday, November 2 after church, the Senior High youth will be **washing cars** at Bill's Seafood on Warwick Blvd. to raise money for Montreat.

Rake and Run coming this fall. The senior high youth will be happy to rake your yard for you this fall. The first date will be October 22. We will show up Wednesday evenings and rake as many yards as daylight allows. The homes closest to the church will be done first. Other dates to follow, so please call let us know you're interested. Contact Daniel Burns, our new DCE, at (757) 880-1302 or Beth Jackson at (757) 877-2045.

announcements

2008 FALL DIRECTORY The 2008 Fall Address & Phone Directory is available for pickup in the Narthex.

MINISTRY PARADE WORKSHOP Feeling artsy-craftsy? If so, we could really use your help to create colorful posters/banners to give visual representations of all the many ministries we support at HPC. A variety of art/craft techniques and styles will be used in creating these posters, such as collage, crayon resist, hand-printing, fingerpainting, weaving, stenciling, and mosaic, to name a few. You will see your work on display during the Ministry Parade which will be held during worship service on Sunday, October 26. All materials and some guidance will be provided. There will be crafts suitable for all ages. Each person in your family could find something to do, we guarantee it! All ages needed! No artistic talent required, but welcome! We will meet in the fellowship hall immediately after worship on Sunday, October 19. We may be able to finish within an hour. If we get hungry, we'll order some pizza! Come join us for a fun time together creating and enjoying each other's company. Contact Wanda or David Fletcher if you have any questions at fletch4w@aol.com or (757) 249-0122.

MISSING a black Handbell folder, marked #2, with handbell and chime music is missing from our handbell area at the rear of the sanctuary. If you find this folder please return it to Lois or place it on the handbell tables. The ringers who have carefully marked their music would appreciate having it back.

ADVENT WORKSHOP Plans are already underway for our annual holiday workshop in November. If you have a craft to suggest, please contact Susie Banning, sbanning2@cox.net, Michelle Schuler, masonmegan@aol.com or Doris Slagle, (757) 595-9136 or scoutfox@aol.com

RECENTLY MOVED Todd and Julie Puckett have moved and would like to share their updated information with you. Their mailing address is c/o American School of Doha, P.O. Box 22090, Doha, Qatar. You may also email them at thepucketts@gmail.com

FAIR TRADE COFFEE & TEA on sale outside the Fellowship Hall. We offer many choices and you'll be supporting a great mission of HPC.

Giving Back

Hilton Presbyterian volunteers meet once a month in our kitchen to prepare food for the Salvation Army Soup Van. Approximately 200 sandwiches are given to the Peninsula Salvation Army to help support their Street Feeding Program. In this program, the Salvation Army Disaster Van is used as a feeding vehicle five days a week to provide approximately 75 - 100 meals per day to individuals. One nutritious meal is provided to individuals who might not have any other resource or food.

In 2008, Hilton Presbyterian spent \$1,100.00 in support of this effort. For more information on the Salvation Army on the Peninsula, go to www.uss.salvationarmy.org/uss/www_uss_hampton.nsf

If you'd like to help HPC with this community outreach program, please call Bill Blowe at (757) 596-9227.

Choirs Leading in Worship

11/2	Adult Choir/Ensemble/Youth & Jr. Jam
11/16	Adult Choir/Hilton Ringers/Chimes
11/23	Ensemble
11/30	Adult Choir/Ensemble

Stewardship Statistics

2008 Annual Budget	\$330,286
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$260,418
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$282,023
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$263,421
Net Income	\$18,603
Oct. 12, 2008 Receipts	\$5,516
Peacemaking Offering	\$530

remember in your prayers

Family, Friends and those Recovering will be kept on our pastoral care list for one month unless an extension of time is requested. Please notify the church office of any changes.

Riverside Hospital: Gertrude Kinney, Becky Lupton

Bayside Convalescent Center: Mildred Mathis

The Chesapeake: Anna Moyer

Colonial Harbor: Lauren and Virginia Bursch

The Hidenwood: Pearl Hawk, Dorothy Hogue, Alice Wertheimer

Mennowood: Allene Kidd, Arno Pauley, Charles Meissner

Morningside: Ellie Argo

NN Nursing and Rehabilitation: Angie Hodge

St. Mary's Children's Home: Katie Jones

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Jessica Doherty, Edra Mayer, Diane Davis, Ann Sharp, Terry Rankin

Family: Mildred Bagley (Gary's Bagley's mother), Kathy Doerner's mother, Ann Drischler (Steve & Ruth Lanning's daughter), Bob Savage (Barbara Savage's husband)

Friends: Taiya Crowe (friend of Jennifer & Gary Bagley), Misty Sauer (friend of Linda Rankin)

Military: Robbie Casper* (Chris Cann), Joey Doherty, Mike Roane* (Lynne Peterson), Jason Wood*
*Deployed

Our Missionaries: Tom & Nancy Rach in Mexico
Scott & Melanie Smith in India

SPECIAL thanks

Dear Hilton Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, food and flowers. I appreciate it very much. Many thanks to our pastor, Gary, who prayed with me before surgery. I could feel God's love. I fell so blessed to belong to such a loving, caring church.

Nola Atkins

Thank you to all the congregation for your thoughts and prayers through words, cards, and gifts during this time of Bob's passing to be with the Lord. Our family is truly grateful

The Oglesbys — Lois,
Bruce & Cecilia, their children,
Sophia and Robert, Lynne,
and her daughter Bella.

Blood Drive Update

HOORAY! NEW PROCEDURES FOR BLOOD DONATION

Following a meeting last week with coordinators from the Hilton Area churches and 6 staff members from the American Red Cross, we have received assurances that measures will be taken to improve the efficiency and service of the blood drives in the future, beginning with the next blood drive which will be **held at our church on Tuesday, November 18.**

We were promised the following:

- 1) A Red Cross representative will be **ON SITE** at each drive to oversee the operation.
- 2) The Red Cross staff will be set up and ready to go **ON TIME.**
- 3) The **hours for collection will be shortened to 2-6 p.m.** since few come to donate after 6 p.m. Staff allotted for each drive is calculated by a formula designed by the Red Cross. It involves the number of units expected to be collected and the amount of time the drive is open. We should qualify for **MORE STAFF** at each drive.
- 4) **Better system for management of wait time** for donors will be initiated.

Thank you, faithful donors, who have donated even when pressed for time. Thanks also for your very important feedback, which was presented to the American Red Cross representatives and was the catalyst for making these changes. The drive held in September at Hilton Baptist Church had a very successful collection rate — 40 units. Thanks to the following who came out to donate: Julie Richter, Eleanor Day, Doris Slagle, Kathryn Dabbs, John Hubbard, Gary Leser, Chuck Paul, and Patti Caccavale. In the next newsletter, I will be asking for help setting up and operating the sign-in and canteen for the November 18th blood drive. Check your calendars and consider lending a hand. It's a great way for those who cannot donate to help save a life!

Wanda Fletcher,
HPC Coordinator



American
Red Cross

CE & YOUTH *news*

Hello,

So glad to be with you at Hilton Presbyterian Church! I look forward to the wonderful ministry opportunities we will share together.

I want to say thank you to everyone for your kind words and helpful hints in navigating my first week here at the church. I am making head way in learning names and faces, and as I said in church on Sunday, don't be shy; please introduce yourself to me. Getting to know you is one of the biggest helps I can ask for right now.

Being creative and putting pen to paper is something that resonates with me. And I think it's something important to do to stay fresh in programming in the church, and life in general. So as we journey together, my hope is that we will tap into the creative mind God has given us to do the work we are called to do.

As we get to know each other please be aware of times I will be available at the church for office hours. I plan to be in the office on Wednesdays from 11a.m.-8p.m. and Thursdays 9a.m.-5p.m. You can reach me at the church or on my cell phone at (757) 880-1302.

Thank you again for all your help in making me feel welcome at Hilton Presbyterian Church. Please know I am here for you.



Daniel Burns,
Director of CE & Youth Ministries



Those attending were Casey Leser, Jake Diamond, Carter Moonis, Annalee Weeks, Emilea Carter, Jason Knight, Mike-Mike Minium, Kathryn Dabbs, and Zack Gray.

Makemie Woods 2008

The middle school youth and adults attending the Makemie Woods retreat October 3-5 enjoyed the beauty of the camp, got a chance to try archery and canoeing, played many fun games, learned some new music, and experienced a campfire in the very dark of the night.

David Pierce, associate pastor at Yorkminster Presbyterian, keynoted the event. He helped us know that even we can move mountains by listening to God and following Christ's teachings. By "Taking a Hike" with God and our fellow Christians we can make a difference in this world!

We were pleased that Daniel Burns could join us for part of the retreat on Saturday. He's quite the archer!

FALL ACTIVITIES AT HILTON PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Morning

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

New Member/Inquirer's Class for Adults: TBA
RSVP to the church office

Children/Youth

Our children's classes are using the *Faith Weaver* materials this year.

Crib - 4 Years Old

Room 104

5 Years Old - 2nd Grade

Room 203

3rd - 5th Grade

Room 204

6th - 8th Grade

Room 202

9th - 12th Grade

Youth Room, lower level

Adults

Berean Bible Class

Room 102

Continuing Ray Vander Laan's acclaimed video series *Faith Lessons*, this class will journey through the Holy Lands and the Bible. Each class stands alone. Led by Chuck Webb.

Discussion Class

Fellowship Hall

A lively group who enjoy reading and discussing books on today's Christianity and related subjects. *Presbyterians Being Reformed: Reflections on What the Church Needs Today*. Led by Fred Caccavale, Jay Taylor, Margaret Lassiter.

Faithlink Class

Room 208

This class provides a Christian perspective on contemporary issues using Scripture, Christian tradition and open thinking to guide the discussion. Led by Jennifer Bagley, Michael Mulkey, Drew Velkey.

Men's Bible Class

Library Classroom

This class uses the Standard Bible Series for study, questions and discussion. Led by Charlie Slagle.

Wednesday Night *Live!*

Please join us each Wednesday night for dinner at 6 p.m., with music and Christian education classes following. All WNL participants will be given the opportunity to be good stewards of their time and talents by being leaders in worship through song, movement, reading, drama, instruments or whatever creative ideas they come up with.

Children (Grades 1-5)

6:30-7 p.m./Junior Jam
7-7:30 p.m./Class

Youth (Grades 6-12)

5:30-6 p.m./Youth Jam
6:30-7:30 p.m./Class

Adults

6:30-7:25 p.m./Class
Lower Level, Room 8

Choirs

Youth Jam

Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Grades 6-12

Teamwork is what it is all about here. We learn to sing music in three and four parts and play drums with as many as seven parts at a time. This takes great focus and discipline.

Junior Jam

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Grades 1-5

In Junior Jam, young people learn about worship and prepare to lead in the Sunday morning service of worship. We will explore new ways to share our talents in addition to singing, by using instruments and movements.

Adult Choir

Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The Adult Choir is responsible for leading our congregational song as well as singing responses and anthems. We sing everything from Bach to Bernstein and Mendelssohn to Ray. We do two major musical works a year, at Christmas and in the spring.

Ensemble

Alternate Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

These are the leaders of our contemporary music. We have 4-5 singers and a group of instrumentalists including congas, guitars and bass.

Hilton Ringers

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

6th grade and up

This is an intergenerational handbell choir for youth and adults. A basic knowledge of reading music notation is helpful to join this group. This choir adds to the worship experience through playing anthems, accompanying other choirs and hymns, and doing processions. We are celebrating our 10th anniversary this year!

Chime Choir

Sundays, 11:45-12:15

4th grade and up

This is the group if you want to learn basic music reading and ringing. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary. All that is needed is the daring to try something new and the willingness to have a little fun along the way.



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Laity Assistant Schedule		
	Week of October 19	Week of October 26
Building Security	Howard Williams / Doug Baker	Howard Williams / Doug Baker
Greeters	Dick & Joan Tokarz	Martha & Patrick Hunt
Ushers	Priscilla Bele, Joe Hogue, Michael Mulkey, Josh Perry, Charlie Slagle, Bob Sulzberger	Priscilla Bele, Joe Hogue, Michael Mulkey, Josh Perry, Charlie Slagle, Bob Sulzberger
Counters	Joe & Sue Hogue, Pax/Lucy Goodson	Andy Grayson, Jim Barnes, Julie Richter
Nursery	Judy Knight, Kathy Knipp	Lynn & Chelsea Gray
Moments for Children	Kathy James-Webb	Kathryn Dabbs
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Liturgist	TBD	Sam Endicott
Flower Delivery	Hannah Weeks, Karen Velkey, Doug Chapman	Hannah Weeks, Karen Velkey, Doug Chapman
Giving Flowers	Bill Banks	Helen Mitchell
WNL Cook Team	Fred & Patti Caccavale	Debbie Barber
WNL Desserts	L. Trimbur, D. Barber	R. DiPasquale, help needed

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