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Lectionary Readings

February 8

Sabbath—Salvation for Body & Soul

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

February 15

The Power to Bless

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

Hospitality. We've all experienced it at its best and worst. Probably, we've all depicted it in both those ways, as well. Some years ago, my family moved from Tampa, Florida, to Meridian, Mississippi. Our daughter, Kelly, had just graduated from high school and begun her first year of college. In reality, she was moving from Tampa to Greenville, South Carolina. On the first Sunday Kelly was home from college, we were invited to lunch in the home of two members with Kelly feeling quite out of the loop and knowing hardly any members of the congregation. A Captain at the Naval Station and his wife hosted lunch, along with two neighboring widows. Everyone knew everyone except for Kelly, who had that look of "I'd rather be home or anywhere than here." My anxiety about her happiness in coming home to a new state, a new community, a different house, and accommodating an invitation to lunch with total strangers was running high. But, out of the corner of my eye, I watched as she took off her coat and one of the women graciously took her hand, pulled her over to a nearby chair and sofa, and said with a gleam in her eyes, "Now, tell me all about yourself, Kelly."



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

Some years later, new to another church and community, several couples invited Jennifer and me to dinner. Warm conversation and laughter accompanied hors d'oeuvres. I couldn't help but watch one man who took great delight in delicately applying pepper jelly to crackers and serving them to guests. Bob was not even the host, but his gesture and kind smile made us feel welcomed and special among this group of old friends.

A warm smile, introducing yourself, handing your open hymnal to a guest, extending an invitation to join your Sunday School class or an upcoming social gathering of friends is but another way of hospitality and another way of saying, "Now, tell me all about yourself."

One of the featured speakers at the conference I recently attended was Diana Butler Bass. Her lectures were reflections of a three-year Luce Foundation Study. The focus of the grant was to learn more about some fifty mainline churches that were healthy and growing...and any common characteristics among these churches. Butler and her staff isolated "Ten Signposts of Renewal." At the top of the list was hospitality...and it is as old as the early church.

Christian Schwarz in his *Natural Church Development* has taken a similar approach from Germany with thousands of churches from many denominations, styles of worship, and theological persuasions. He isolated "Eight Quality Characteristics" common to all healthy congregations. "Loving Relationships" was among the eight—yet another way of saying "hospitality."

The heart of Benedictine spirituality is hospitality. Hospitality "changes both the host and the guest," Bass says. It is the power of "welcoming love." It is not a recruitment strategy or program designed to manipulate strangers into church membership. It is a central practice of the Christian faith—something Christians are called to do for the sake of that thing itself.

I'll always be grateful to Barbara and Clay Moore and their hospitality to me—a CPE Intern at Georgia Baptist Medical Center—and a guest at Trinity Presbyterian Church one Sunday morning. Their hospitality met an important need in my life at the time. An old cliché seems to summarize the practice: "Find a need and fill it; find a hurt and heal it." It is the gift of Christ's love.

Gary

upcoming events

PW February Circles (locations and times)

Circle 1: Lynn Gray
February 26, 7 pm

Circle 2&3: Judy Swanson
February 9, 7 pm
Covered Dish

In the Swing with the KEENAGERS

Who: Anyone over 55
When: Feb. 5, 11:30 am
Where: Mike's Place
Warwick Shopping Center
11006 Warwick Blvd.

Please call Nola Atkins at (757) 838-0352 for more information or to reserve your place.

Chili Cook-Off

February 8, 6 pm



Each chili dish submitted will be voted on by your peers. Salad, bread and desserts are provided. If you don't like chili, feel free to bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship. This is a Middle School fundraiser for their retreat at Massanetta this year. Be sure to bring dollar bills so you can vote for your favorite dish. For more information or if you plan to submit chili, contact Beth Jackson at (757) 877-2045 or cbjackson2@cox.net

Lenten Adult Study & Discussion



February 25-April 22

Wednesdays, 6:30-7:25 p.m.
Room 8, Lower Level
Led by Dr. Gary Bagley

Living the Questions 2.0 DVD Series

- February 25: A Kingdom without Walls
(5:55-6:55 p.m. due to Ash Wed. worship at 7:00 p.m.)
- March 4: Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision
- March 11: Incarnation: Divinely Human
- March 18: Prayer: Intimacy with God
- March 25: Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry
- April 1: Creative Transformation
- April 8: Embracing Mystery (Holy Week)
- April 15: Debunking the Rapture
- April 22: Reclaiming the World

You are welcome to join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. Coffee will be served during the class.

Pancake Supper & Variety Show

February 24, 5:30 pm

The fun begins in the fellowship hall at 5:30 pm where you'll enjoy a tasty dinner, courtesy of our talented senior high youth. During dinner you'll have the opportunity to bid on wonderful food items in a silent auction. Then stroll over to the sanctuary to enjoy an evening of entertainment and fun! All donations will help our senior high youth spend an amazing week at the Montreat Presbyterian Youth Conference Center this summer.

Got an act to share? We'd love to see you! We have enjoyed a variety of acts over the years including instrumental solos or groups, skits, songs, dances, impersonations, jokes, magic tricks, cup stacking, readings... the possibilities are endless! Please sign up in the Narthex. Doris Slagle is available for accompaniment, but must have your music ASAP!

If you are interested in providing a gourmet dessert for our silent auction, we would be most appreciative. Just plan to bring it that evening and we'll have tables and bid sheets ready for you. We also need several electric griddles to use that evening. Contact Patti Grayson at (757) 238-8721 with any questions.

announcements

Elder Nominations

It is time to begin selecting nominees for elders for the class of 2012 and the nominating committee is eager to have your suggestions. There will be five nominees to serve a three-year term as elder, and one nominee to serve a one-year term as youth elder.

The book of order states, "Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world."

Please prayerfully consider your suggestions for members to serve and provide the name(s) to: J.T. Taylor, chair, at jtcarolet@charter.net or to any of the nominating committee. The committee members are: Amie Hellauer, Glen Schlickemeyer, Karen Velkey, Paige Williams and Hannah Weeks.

The deadline for submitting nominees is February 13, 2009.

CONGRATULATIONS to Kathryn Elizabeth Perry and Ronald Keith Wagner, Jr., on their January 21, 2009, marriage in Las Vegas, NV. Kate is the daughter of Anita and Kevin Sanborn. Ron is in the US Air Force and was deployed to Kuwait on February 4. Best wishes may be sent to Ron and Kate at 3A Kinley Drive, Las Vegas, NV, 89115.

YOGA COMING TO HPC A Hotha Yoga class began Monday, February 2 and will run for six weeks. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall from 2 -3:15 p.m. each Monday and cost is \$8 per session or \$48 total. If you are interested, please contact Jennifer Bagley jbagley@steincommunications.com or (757) 599-1469 to sign up. Participation is limited to 18 and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Full payment will be due at the first session. Stella Quinn, a Registered Yoga Therapist, will be the instructor. Each participant must furnish his/her own mat. This is a great class for beginners as well as those with yoga experience. If this time does not meet your schedule and you are interested in a night class, please let us know.

CALLING ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH The Men of the Church will hold a Supper and Meeting February 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Cost will be \$5 for roast beef, vegetables, & dessert. Please sign up in the narthex, or call the church to make a reservation. Speaker is David Messick, a collector of military insignia. He will bring his collection and encourages those who have questions to bring their items.

MUSIC NOTES Hilton's Adult Choir has just begun rehearsing the Faure "Requiem" which will be presented on Palm Sunday, April 5. It is filled with lush harmonies and beautiful melodies. We will begin each rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:30pm with the Faure. There is room in all sections of the choir for more voices, so come and join us for a wonderful musical experience for our Lent and Easter season.

RECENTLY MOVED Alice Wertheimer has moved and would like to share her new address: Fairmont Crossing, 173 Brockman Park Drive #117A, Amherst, VA 24521.

MAKEMIE WOODS SUMMER CAMP brochures are available in the narthex. Makemie Woods is more affordable than many summer programs because our church, through its giving to the Presbytery, helps support this important mission that helps nurture our children up in the faith. Every first-time camper receives a discount, and financial assistance is available from the Presbytery and through HPC. See DCE Daniel Burns for more information.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE & TEA Equal Exchange coffee, tea and hot cocoa for sale! Through the *Presbyterian Coffee Project*, your purchase directly supports these co-ops of small farmers who grow these delightful drinks across the globe. Check out the many flavors located outside the Fellowship Hall.

2009 FLOWER CHART is now available for dedications on the bulletin board in front of the office. These flowers decorate the sanctuary each Sunday. Cost is \$43 for each date and payment is due the Wednesday before the dedication.

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.

Bayside Convalescent Center: Mildred Mathis
The Chesapeake: Gertrude Kinney
Colonial Harbor: Lauren and Virginia Bursch
Fairmont Crossing: Alice Wertheimer
The Hidenwood: Pearl Hawk, Dorothy Hogue
Mennowood: Allene Kidd, Arno Pauley
Morningside: Ellie Argo
NN Nursing and Rehabilitation: Angie Hodge
St. Mary's Children's Home: Katie Jones
St. Francis Nursing Center: Charles Meissner
Warwick Forest: Edra Mayer

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Chris Cann, Ruby Rankin, Mark Sherrill, Kerry Edwards, Norma Morgan, Janie Hurt, Jessica Doherty, Riki Murphy, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis, Ann Sharp

Family: Irene Johnson (Chris Gautier's mother)

Friends: Betty Mainor (wife of former temporary pastor Tom Mainor), Rick Duncan (friend of Cindy Baker), Lois Bennett (friend of Nelson Farley)

Military: Robbie Casper* (Chris Cann), Joey Doherty, Mike Roane* (Lynne Peterson), Ron Wagner, Jr.* (Kate Perry Wagner), Jason Wood*
*Deployed

Our Sister Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Brikin Church, Kinshasa

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

PRESCHOOL news

We have begun registration for the 2009-2010 school year. If you are interested in more information, flyers are available on the bulletin board across from the church office and beside the preschool office door, or you may call the preschool office at (757) 596-1939. We are also on HPC's website — just click on the Preschool tab in the upper right corner. Tours are available. This ministry has been serving the children of our area since 1965.

Betty Ann Pagels 

Betty Ann Pagels,
Preschool Director



FEBRUARY birthdays

- 1 Mike-Mike Minium, Joe Hogue
- 2 Gary Leser, John Velkey
- 3
- 4 Jenny Barber, Debby Heatwole
- 5 Jack Doerner, Peter Knipp
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Chris Farley
- 11 Priscilla Bele, Keenan Clear,
Alexis Dabbs, Sam Heatwole
- 12
- 13
- 14 Catherine Goodson, Emily
Hubbard, Leah Jerrils, Joe
Kutsch, Emily Mapp, Lois
Reese, Hannah Steele
- 15 Luke Coker, Robbin Hayhurst
- 16 Heather Wright
- 17 Dot Turner
- 18 Cliff Ailsworth, Margaret
Minium, Pax Goodson
- 19 Holly Blowe
- 20 Vivian Crooks
- 21 Max Schlickemeyer
- 22 Meagan Hubbard
- 23 Chandler Davis, Andy Preston
- 24 John Philbrick
- 25 Gabriella Crooks
- 26 Cassie Brown, Carole Taylor
- 27
- 28 Allene Kidd, Logan Raines,
Pauline Vellner

If your name is not listed, please contact
the church office so we can celebrate
your birthday too!

Upcoming Youth Activities

Chili Cook-off

February 8, 6 pm

This is a middle school fundraiser for Massanetta. Show your support by voting with dollars. See page 2 for more details.

Pizza & Game Night

February 13, 6-9 pm

Middle school youth will enjoy a Friday night out. The fun begins upstairs in the middle school room.

Faith & Film Night

February 20, 7 pm

Interim Director of Christian Ed Daniel Burns leads this *Faith & Film Night* for senior high youth. Afterwards, we will discuss faith-related questions about the movie. Please contact Daniel at (757) 880-1302 or DBurns@HiltonPres.org for more information.

Pancake Supper & Variety Show

February 24, 5:30 pm

This is a senior high youth fundraiser. Enjoy pancakes with the fixins, then a show for those talents out there! Show your support with donations and/or desserts for the silent auction. See page 2 for more details.

High School Youth Retreat

March 6-8

The high school youth will be having a retreat at the Eastover Plantation, located in Surry. We will leave Friday at 5:30 pm and return Sunday afternoon. Contact Daniel Burns for more information.

Stewardship Statistics

2009 Annual Budget	\$353,892
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$34,028
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$47,806
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$31,732
Net Income	\$16,074
February 1, 2009 Receipts	\$8,182

SPECIAL thanks

Dear Friends,

Bo and I would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to us this month. They truly lifted up a rather long day. The Congregational Care Committee is a valuable part of the church and we have appreciated being recipients of their kindness.

Sincerely,

Bo & Barbara Smith

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your recent donation of \$845. Your generosity enables Habitat for Humanity Peninsula to build and sell safe, decent affordable homes for lower-income families. We have served 106 families since 1985, and these families join over 300,000 Habitat families around the world.

Janet V. Green

Executive Director

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$22.69 (Cents-Abilities) to the Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula. I want you to know that each dollar of your gift enables us to provide nearly ten dollars of worth of food and hope to the over 50,000 needy children, senior citizens and working families struggling to make ends meet each day on the Peninsula.

Gratefully,

Stephen P. Terveer, CEO

Dear Hopegiver,

I want to personally thank you for your generous gift to Project HOPE of \$350. Your support is allowing us to extend health and hope to families in more than 30 countries around the world. In 1958 Project HOPE became one of the first organizations in the world dedicated to the principle of "helping people help themselves" — providing health education, medical training, humanitarian assistance...and hope for the future.

Sincerely yours,

John P. Howe, III, MD

President and CEO

SPRING ACTIVITIES AT HILTON PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday Morning

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

New Member/Inquirer's Class for Adults:
Feb. 1, 8, 15
Room 8, Lower Level
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

This Biblically oriented class is studying the parables of Jesus, earthly stories with heavenly meaning. Each class stands alone. New members are welcome. Led by Chuck Webb.

Discussion Class
Fellowship Hall

A lively group who enjoy reading and discussing books on today's Christianity and related subjects. Now studying *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard J. Foster. 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
Please see page 2

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.

February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 Chime Choir	2 9 am soup kitchen Noon Newsletter Deadline 2 pm Yoga 7 pm Session	3 4 pm Soup Van (6:30 pm Hilton Heights)	4 (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm Youth Jam 6 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	5 11:30 am Keenagers 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 Ensemble	6 9 am soup kitchen	7
8 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 Chime Choir 6 pm Chili Cookoff	9 9 am soup kitchen 2 pm Yoga 7 pm Circles 2&3	10 6:30 pm Men's Supper 7 pm Missions Committee	11 (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm Youth Jam 6 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	12 6:30 pm Handbells 6:30 pm Property Committee	13 9 am soup kitchen 6 pm MS Pizza & Games 6 pm PS Parents' Night Out	14
15 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 Chime Choir 2 pm Vera Rathkamp memorial	16 No PS 9 am soup kitchen Noon Newsletter Deadline 2 pm Yoga 7 pm Christian Ed Committee	17 7 pm Admin/Finance Committee	18 (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm Youth Jam 6 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	19 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Ensemble	20 9 am soup kitchen 7 pm HS Faith & Film	21
22 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 Chime Choir	23 9 am soup kitchen 2 pm Yoga	24 5:30 pm Pancake Supper & Variety Show	25 Ash Wednesday (10 am ALANON) 5:55 Adult Study 7 pm Worship	26 6:30/7:30 pm PS Gentleman's Night 6:30 pm Handbells 7 pm Circle 1 7:30 pm Worship Committee	27 9 am soup kitchen	28

- ◆ Activities in parenthesis are not HPC activities.
- ◆ WNL = Wednesday Night Live!
- ◆ PS = Preschool
- ◆ MS = Middle School
- ◆ HS = High School



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Laity Assistant Schedule

	Week of February 8	Week of February 15
Building Security	Larry Knight	Larry Knight
Greeters	TBA	TBA
Ushers	Fred Caccavale, Doug Chapman, Aderon Gibbs, Randy Herrmann, Bill Sharp, Bob Sulzberger	Fred Caccavale, Doug Chapman, Aderon Gibbs, Randy Herrmann, Bill Sharp, Bob Sulzberger
Counters	Charlie Slagle, Mike Moonis, Lynn Gray	Blythe & Greg Raines, Renee DiPasquale
Nursery	Kim & Mark McKnight	Judy Knight, Alice Minium
Moments for Children	Karen Velkey	Lisa Schlickemeyer
Multimedia prep/op	Doug Baker/Francis Pearce, Jack Doerner, Kathryn Grayson	Doug Baker/Francis Pearce, Jack Doerner, Kathryn Grayson
Lay Reader	Renee DiPasquale	Randy Herrmann
Flower Delivery	Judy Knight, Al Riutort, Joe Hogue	Judy Knight, Al Riutort, Joe Hogue
Giving Flowers	Open	Jackie Peters
WNL Cook Team	Jay Stockard (hot dogs)	Charlie & Doris Slagle (spaghetti)
WNL Desserts	B. Coleman, S. Bowman	A. Hellauer, F. Pearce

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