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of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

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His name was M. Maceo Nance, and I am indebted to him for part of my education. Though Dr. Nance was President of South Carolina State University, my education from him came from serving under his leadership. Maceo was the first president of the founding Board of the Palmetto-Lowcountry Health Systems Agency in 1976. Through SC Representative and Speaker of the House Solomon Blatt, I was also appointed to that founding Board of Directors as their youngest member.

The first organizational meeting was attended by twenty-eight newly appointed members, most of whom had earned their stripes as professional leaders in that southeast quadrant of the state which incorporated Charleston, North Augusta, Orangeburg, Barnwell, and a host of other small communities from I-26 to the Savannah River. The Board included several state legislators, numerous health care professionals and lawyers, two higher education presidents, and one clergy. At age 28, what I felt I could contribute to this prestigious group seemed quite limited, so my resolve was to learn leadership skills from the group I was privileged to associate with.

Maceo Nance, a noted African-American leader, had “proved himself at sea” during the racial riots on SC State’s campus when students boycotted classes. His strong, confident leadership built an informal bridge between class presidents. His courage and wisdom allowed him to take “the road less traveled.” Quietly, what appeared to be a disaster-in-the-making returned to an environment that honored its primary mission—educating young students and developing young citizens for tomorrow’s leadership. Under Dr. Nance’s leadership, the university went through great expansion and in his wake was ranked 2006’s Tenth Best University in the Nation by “Washington Monthly.”

Despite having sat next to Dr. Nance and voted for someone other than him in that organizing meeting, Maceo quickly appointed me to the Personnel Committee, and later made my appointment to the State Health Coordinating Council while offering helpful support as I presided over the Barnwell County Hospital Board. To Maceo Nance, Posey Belcher, outstanding colleagues in ministry, and a myriad of biographies on great leaders, I am indebted. The most critical issue for the Church today is leadership. Without today’s leadership, we never arrive at tomorrow. Sunday, we install leadership at HPC—seven new elders, three of whom will be ordained.

On a different note, HPC recently received a gift of \$2,726 from the Hilton Garden Club, directed toward a landscaping project. The club’s most recent president, Kathleen Cirillo, sent the check with a note thanking the members of HPC for their hospitality during the “many years of our Thursday morning meetings.” The Hilton Garden Club has recently disbanded after many years of service to the community. Thank you, Kathleen, and Hilton Garden Club members!



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

Worship

Lectionary Readings

May 17

Fruitful and Faithful

Acts 10:44-48
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

May 24

Trying to Get It Right

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19

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

upcoming events

Upcoming Youth Activities

For all activities, see DCE Daniel Burns for questions and more information.

Cookout

Saturday, May 16, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
high school

Enjoy hiking, boating or just relaxing at Sandy Bottom Nature Park in Hampton. Cost is \$5 for lunch. Boat rental is extra.

Car Wash

Sunday, May 17, 11:45 a.m.
high school

A car wash will be held right after church in the parking lot of Bill's Seafood Restaurant to raise money for the Montreat Youth Conference.

Tides Baseball Game

Wednesday, June 24, 7:15 p.m.
middle school

The Middle School Youth are invited to attend a Tides baseball game. A carpool will leave church at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. You will need to bring extra money for food.



Vacation Bible School

July 13-17, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Hilton Area Churches invite you to our 20th year of Vacation Bible School hosted by Hilton Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, First United Methodist, Hilton Christian and Trinity Lutheran.

CAMP E.D.G.E. Vacation Bible School 2009 takes your children to an extreme adventure camp where they Experience and Discover God Everywhere!

CAMP E.D.G.E. is not your typical stroll through the woods. It's an action-packed, adrenaline-filled expedition that teaches kids their strength and might come from God.

Through rockin' contemporary music, larger-than-life recreation games, mind-boggling science activities, extreme sports videos, and cool, challenging crafts, your kids will learn how to live on the E.D.G.E. in their faith.

Registration forms for participants/volunteers are in the narthex and are due no later than June 14/June 30. If you would like to register online, go to www.hiltonpres.org and click the VBS link under Upcoming Events.

VBS needs you to be a "camp counselor"! Please fill out one of the blue volunteer sheets in the Narthex or contact Patti Grayson at (757) 238-8721 or Daniel Burns (757) 880-1302 if you would like to be a part of this year's fun. Positions available: tour guide, volunteer in the science, art, recreation, storytelling, or music centers, or as a helper in the nursery or kitchen. Adults and teens needed. Thanks for giving your time to our area youth!



God is with me.
I will stay close to
God.



God guides me.
I will follow.



God teaches me.
I will learn.



God loves me.
I will love God and
others.



God sends me.
I will go.

Celebration Sunday — May 31

A highlight of each year is the annual “Celebration Sunday.” Worship on May 31 will be centered around the children’s musical, “Moses and the Freedom Fanatics”, followed by a picnic “on the grounds.” Table and chairs will be available in the Fellowship Hall, or bring lawn chairs and blankets to enjoy the fresh air and sun. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share—chips, salad, or dessert. Mark your calendar and plan to enjoy a great Sunday of fellowship!

Hilton Presbyterian Preschool

will be holding its

Annual Auction on the Lawn

in conjunction with

Preschool Graduation

Thursday, May 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Included in the auction are gift certificates, vacation getaways, and themed collections. The items will be on display by Monday, May 18, in the Fellowship Hall so that church members can view and bid on them. Most offerings will be silent auction, with some raffle style drawings, with a very few live auctions items. Brochures are in the Narthex.

Funds from the auction will help pay for a new preschool computer and playground equipment.

Pentecost Offering

Sunday, May 31

For Children at Risk, Youth and Young Adults



Through the Pentecost Offering, our church expresses a common commitment to provide hope for children at risk, opportunities for youth and young adults to grow in their faith, and short-term mission service options for young adults. Please give generously on May 31 or use the envelope to send in your donation early.

Summer Schedule

May 17 — last Sunday School classes until Fall
May 27 — last Wednesday Night *Live!* until Fall

announcements

CONGRATULATIONS to Allison Mulkey and Jonathan Hund on their wedding May 2. Allison is the daughter of Michael and Karan Mulkey. Allison and Jon reside at 208 River Road, Newport News, VA 23601.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS will be this Sunday. Newly elected elders Jennifer Brown, Andy Connor, Nancy Milton, Michael Mulkey, Glen Schlickemeyer, Sandy Sherrill and Jessica Watkins will be installed; Jessica, Sandy and Jennifer will also be ordained.

CALLING ALL GRADUATES Parents, grandparents, and friends please contact the church office with information about any graduates in your family, whether they be high school, college, or technical school. Include any plans for future education or jobs that you would like to share. Share the happy news!

HAVE YOU BEEN MISSING YOUR FAVORITE HYMN? Want to sing that praise song again? During the month of May, please tell us what your favorites are. Then during June, July and August we will have a featured song each Sunday. You can e-mail Lois at lreese@hiltonpres.org or fill out a slip and drop it in the box in the narthex. Let’s find out what HPC likes to sing!

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

Regency Heath Care Center: Edra Mayer

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

St. Francis Nursing Center: Charles Meissner

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Nancy Stockard, Sadie Hubbard, Bill Rosser, Libby Crutchfield, Riki Murphy, Ruby Rankin, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis, Ann Sharp

Family: Paul Clark (Shelby Dodd's nephew), Jim McLaughlin (Sara Bowman's son-in-law)

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

Our Missionaries: Tom & Nancy Rach in Mexico

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

Everyone is encouraged to write to our deployed troops. Their addresses are below:

Francis (Joey) Doherty IV
451 AEG/ LRF VM
APO AE 09355

Alc Ronald Wagner
407 AEG/ ELRS LGRVO
APO AE 09331

Cpt. Jason Wood
89th Transportation Co.
553rd CSSB
APO, AE 09344

Blood Drive Update

WE NEED YOU!

The Hilton-Area Churches Blood Drive will be held at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 26 from 2:00-6:00 p.m. Also, please consider providing cookies or sandwiches for the "canteen." A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Wanda Fletcher, Hilton Area Blood Drive Coordinator



**American
Red Cross**

*The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give blood.™*

Giving Back

Through the **PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT**, Hilton Presbyterian Church enjoys delicious coffee, hot cocoa and tea while helping small-scale farmers in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the U.S. as they build a better future for themselves and their families.



Through the project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit, and gain a long-term trading partner they can trust, a Fair Trade Organization called Equal Exchange. With our support, these communities invest in education, health care and agricultural improvements. In addition, for each pound of coffee, cocoa or tea purchased by Presbyterian churches through the project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the Presbyterian "Small Farmers Fund" for projects supporting small farmers and their families. HPC offers these products for sale at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall year-round. For more information on this HPC mission, call the church office or go to www.equalexchange.com/

Choirs Leading in Worship

- 5/17 Adult Choir/Ensemble/
Youth Jam/Hilton Ringers
- 5/24 Adult Choir/Ensemble
- 5/31 Junior & Youth Jam/Ensemble
- 6/07 Adult Choir/Ensemble
- 6/14 Adult Choir/Ensemble

CE & YOUTH *news*

As Spring is moving rapidly to Summer, and the end of the school year is in sight, we are moving closer to our final Wednesday Night *Live!* and the summer activities that are ahead. Our final WNL is May 27. As I think about all the good ministry that has been happening with our children and youth on Wednesday nights, I am reminded again of how wonderful our leaders and teachers have been. I shared with the New Members/Inquirers Class of my start here in October, and my appreciation for the system of leaders that was already in place. WNL continues to be a foundation of ministry that is vital to our church and the community.

Speaking of teachers, I also wanted to say a word of appreciation to all who teach Sunday School for your commitment to serve, and your willingness to use your gifts. I don't want to overlook our Preschool for the outstanding work that Betty Ann Pagels and her teachers offer in connecting us with the community.

With the summer schedule ahead, I want to remind our youth that we will have activities planned throughout the Summer in addition to our youth camps. Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it — July 13-17. What a great community ministry VBS is and how fortunate we are to co-host. If you're interested in volunteering, a sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

Planning for Fall 2009 has already begun. As I think about what has already happened in my short time here, I am excited about Hilton's future ministry. We have much to offer each other and the community we serve.

Thank you for your service.

Daniel

Daniel Burns,
Interim Director
of CE & Youth
Ministries



Annual Youth Yard Sale

April 18, 2009

SPRING 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

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 *Friday, Saturday, Sunday* by David S. Cunningham. 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

TBA

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 May 17	Week of May 24
Building Security	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Greeters	Bill & Kasey Blowe	Paul & Diane Clear
Ushers	Susie Banning, Eleanor Day, David Fletcher, Lynn Gray, Pete Jones, Michelle Schuler	Susie Banning, Eleanor Day, David Fletcher, Lynn Gray, Pete Jones, Michelle Schuler
Counters	Paul Clear, Jackie Peters	Eleanor Day, Fred & Patti Caccavale
Nursery	Karen Velkey, Chelsea Gray	Lynn Gray, Nancy Stockard
Moments for Children	Renee DiPasquale	Kathryn Dabbs
Multimedia prep/op	Carolyn McGinnis/Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner, Katie Grayson	Carolyn McGinnis/Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner, Katie Grayson
Lay Reader	David Barber	Debby Heatwole
Flower Delivery	Kathy James-Webb, Jay Taylor, Bob DiPasquale	Kathy James-Webb, Jay Taylor, Bob DiPasquale
Giving Flowers	Chuck & Kathy Webb	Fletcher family
WNL Cook Team	Charlie & Doris Slagle (spaghetti)	Fred & Patti Caccavale (subs)
WNL Desserts	A. Hellauer, J. Richter	L. Chapman, R. DiPasquale

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