

the Messenger

of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

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Worship

May 31

Featuring "Moses and the Freedom Fanatics" children's musical
Church-wide picnic on the grounds

June 7

Upon Recognizing the Holy

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Along with the profession of ministry comes the built-in expectation of offering blessings at a moment's notice. The birth of a child, the marriage of a couple, a move to a new home, or the loss of a loved one are some of the occasions we ministers are called upon to invoke God's special guidance and grace. These occasions do not begin to include the many meals at church gatherings or family reunions. Whether it's to say grace over a wild duck perlow at a camp house or to offer the invocation at the downtown Rotary Club, blessings, religious or otherwise, are needed and called for.

To perpetuate the illusion that only certain people can bless things is a mistake. A smile with a knowing nod, a pat on the back, or even a wink can sometimes carry as much weight as formal words of affirmation. Hopefully, all of us have received such nods, smiles, notes, phone calls, or emails that have said, "thank you," "I think you are special," or "you've made such a difference in my life today."

Early Tuesday morning as I was heading out the door for a minister's lectionary group with computer bag on my shoulder and books in my hands, the phone rang. I looked at the clock. Jennifer had already left to get in her early morning swim. The call was from Seve and Kelsie, our two South Carolina grandkids. Eager to tell us about their Memorial Day trip to Six Flags over Georgia, I thought, "What better do I have to do than to spend the next few minutes listening to the excitement in their voices, enjoy their call, and let them know how special they are to us?"

Several weeks ago, I visited someone in an extended care facility. This normally well-composed woman has been severely ill for more than a year. On this visit, she was noticeably weaker and a bit despondent. Words were sparse during the visit, but not really essential. For much of the time I simply sat by the bed and held her hand. Then as I stood to leave, I cradled her face with one of my hands. Frail fingers held my hand in place to her face. Unexpected blessings travel in creative ways and sometimes flow in both directions.

Every human being possesses the power to bless. Some years back, I left a meeting rather late to go by one of Meridian's hospitals before turning the car toward home. A member of my new congregation had requested a visit to her brother who was new to the community and who was suffering from a terminal illness. Though being a staunch Episcopalian, he had worshipped regularly at our services during his first few weeks in town. Entering his room quietly, I found him awake. The conversation was real and stimulating as we talked candidly about the frailty of life. I finally stood to offer my last blessing of the day, but was interrupted. "May I have the honor?" the man asked. With my nod of consent, his words brought strength and tears:

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Gary".

upcoming events



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!

In the Swing with the KEENAGERS

Who: Anyone over 55
When: June 4, 11:30 am
Where: Rivers Inn Restaurant
8109 Yacht Haven Road, Gloucester

This will be our last meeting until September. Please call Nola Atkins at (757) 838-0352 for more information or to reserve your place.

PW June Circles (locations and times)

Circle 1: at the movies
June 26

Circle 2: Barbara Blowe
June 25, 11:30 am

Circle 3: Debbie Barber
June 8, 7 pm

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.

Wear Red to Show Your Support

Forty percent of your donation is designated for HPC special causes. This year's recipients are Tyler Caccavale, who will be traveling to Honduras this week for mission work, and LINK's Disadvantaged Children's Program. Last year, LINK was able to do many projects with the kids that they would not otherwise had the opportunity to do.



Vacation Bible School

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

Volunteers Needed

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

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!

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.

announcements

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!

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER Three of our youth (Sarah Leser, Margaret Minium and Alice Minium) and one adult leader will join Hidenwood Presbyterian on a mission trip in July to Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia. As a fundraiser, they are selling inspirational note cards. The cost is \$10 for a package of 8 cards. They will be available in the narthex. Thank you for your support of our youth in mission.

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!

APPRECIATION DINNER for Christian Ed teachers and leaders will be hosted by Karen and Drew Velkey at their home June 6, 6:00 p.m. RSVP to velkeykaren@cox.net or (757) 247-0777 by June 2.

THE PENINSULA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (PHFH) recently purchased land and construction of the Presbyterian house will begin in July. Volunteer workers will be required for Saturday workdays; retired folks (or those not working over the summer) are needed for Wednesday workdays. A detailed work schedule is not yet available, but in general the plan is for a single 10-person work group per Saturday (i.e. not morning/afternoon split shifts as has been done previously). If you are interested in participating in this exciting project, please sign up on the list in the Narthex and Andy Grayson will make sure you are contacted when more details are known!

Wednesday Night Live! Grades 1-5



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: Janie Hurt, Sadie Hubbard, 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

A1c Ronald Wagner
407 AEG/ ELRS LGRVO
APO AE 09331

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

Stewardship Statistics

2009 Annual Budget	\$380,527
YTD Requirements	\$153,674
YTD Receipts	\$142,676
YTD Expenses	\$150,724
Net Income	(\$8,049)
May 24, 2009 Receipts	\$3,386

Choirs Leading in Worship

5/31	Junior & Youth Jam/Ensemble
6/07	Adult Choir/Ensemble
6/14	Adult Choir/Ensemble
6/21	Ensemble
6/28	Adult Choir
7/5	Ensemble

JUNE birthdays

- 1 Neil Morgan, Morgan Ridgway
- 2 Kyle Williams
- 3
- 4 Don Blankenship, Austin Byrd
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8 Bayley Shefelton
- 9
- 10
- 11 Jarrad Farris
- 12 Dan Grimes, Kathy Jerrils
- 13 Neil Lupton, Karen Velkey
- 14
- 15
- 16 Alyson Barnes
- 17 Harvey Hubbard
- 18 Lora Brown
- 19 Daniel Burns, Lauren (Dabbs) Loeffler, Kirk Davis, Hunter Diggs
- 20
- 21 Rachel (Cruz) McKinley, Francie Pearce
- 22 Renee DiPasquale
- 23 Kathy Minium
- 24 Amy Campbell, Chip Shefelton
- 25 Tyler Caccavale
- 26
- 27 Johnnie Chai, Lilly Jones
- 28
- 29 James Velkey
- 30 Dede Heatwole

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

SESSION highlights

At the April 27 Stated Session Meeting (May) the Session of Hilton Presbyterian Church:

- Examined and approved for ordination and installation elders-elect Jennifer Brown, Sandy Sherrill, and Jessica Watkins.
- Examined and approved for installation previously ordained elders-elect Andy Conner, Nancy Milton, Michael Mulkey, and Glen Schlickemeyer.
- Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting April 6, 2009 with attendance corrections and the minutes of the Congregational Meeting held on April 19, 2009.
- Approved the baptism of Paige Elizabeth Loeffler, daughter of Jason and Lauren (Dabbs) Loeffler, on August 16, 2009.

Approved Facilities Use Requests:

- from Bill Black on behalf of Historic Hilton Village, Inc. for use of the Fellowship Hall on May 4, 2009 from 6:30PM-9:00PM for a quarterly board meeting.
- from Gina Combs on behalf of Hilton Heights Home Owners' Association on June 2, 2009 from 6:30PM-8:30PM for annual meeting (20-30 people).
- from Gina Combs on behalf of Hilton Heights Home Owners' Association on 7/14/09, 9/8/09, 11/10/09, and 12/08/09 from 6:30PM-8:30PM for HOA meetings (20-30 people).
- Approved the appointment of Andy Conner and one additional elder if available as Elder Commissioners to the April 28, 2009 Presbytery Meeting.
- Approved a revised Hilton Presbyterian Church Cash Receipts Policy

At a Called Meeting on May 17, 2009 the Session of Hilton Presbyterian Church:

- Welcomed Scott and Glenda Miller into membership at Hilton Presbyterian Church by letter of transfer from St. Mark Lutheran Church in Yorktown.
- Welcomed Stephanie Montelbano into membership at Hilton Presbyterian Church by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- Approved a motion from the Christian Education Committee to allow three youth and one adult to participate in the Broad Street Mission Trip (Philadelphia).

PRESCHOOL *news*

Our Weekday Preschool year has come to a successful close. We served 65 children this year with a curriculum based around books by Eric Carle. Our last class days included trips to Hilton beach, launching rockets, blowing bubbles, releasing butterflies (who had just emerged), and a trip to kindergarten for our soon to be "graduates." As always, we concluded our year with an end-of-school family celebration and auction (this year called the FUN-raiser).

Many thanks to **youth of HPC** — Kaitlyn Clear, Keenan Clear, Chelsea Gray, Sarah Leser, Audrey Schlickemeyer, Audrey Sulzberger and Jack Weeks — for their assistance in set-up, manning the auction events, and clean-up. **You were amazing!** Also, a big thank you to the church members who bid on many auction items. We earned nearly \$3600!!! We will use the funds raised for a new preschool office computer (with all the keys working!), some "extras" for our program, and our new tuition assistance fund.

There are a few openings in our classes for next year, so if you know of a family who would be interested in being a part of our loving & learning community, please pass the word.



Betty Ann Pagels,
Preschool Director



Giving Back

Looking for an everyday way to practice good stewardship? Try CENTS-ABILITIES, a ministry that addresses the hunger needs of our community. Fifty percent of the money goes directly to the Peninsula FoodBank and the LINK food pantry. The rest goes to PEVA, which in turn gives it out to local hunger programs in the form of grants. Putting a CENTS-ABILITIES jar, can, or piggy bank on your kitchen table will help your family remember to drop in any change that you have at the end of each day. Look for the CENTS-ABILITIES basket in the Narthex when you come to church on the first Sunday of every month.

The next collection is Sunday, June 7.

MISSIONS *update*



Scott & Melanie Smith, India
May 2009

This is our last official newsletter. It makes us really sad, which is probably why we have not sent it until now. Scott has accepted a post as team leader in an Indo-German consultancy in Dehradun, working in the foothills of the Himalayas where we have served for the past 18 years. We continue to be open to any help we can give church partnerships and development work going on in many small and large ways around us.

The Journey So Far

We would like to review with you our path over the last 30 years. First, we were in Bangladesh. Scott went as a volunteer in mission of the PC(USA) in 1976 and worked in the Tongi Refugee Camp while Melanie worked in the Adamji Refugee Camp in Dhaka as a volunteer nurse supported by TEAR Fund, a Christian development organization in the United Kingdom. We married in 1978 and lived in a small village named Khankhanapur where Kelli and Daniel spent their first years, and we worked in partnership with the Bangladesh Baptist Fellowship in a rural devilmnt project until 1986. After a few years in the States living in Americus, Georgia, where we worked with Koinonia and Habitat for Humanity, we had two more kids, Timothy and Hilary. We moved to Nepal in 1991 to work with the United Mission to Nepal. In 2000, we moved to India to work with the Emmanuel Health Association, where Scott was involved in various ways until this year.

“We have continually discovered in all the places we have served is that projects and programs, goals and annual reports come and go, but relationships continue. When we visited Bangladesh recently and when Daniel visited Nepal last year, it was obvious that where, how and how long you live in a community are probably the most significant effects you can have.”

Thanks for Your Partnership

More than anything, we want to say thank you for the letters, cards, gifts, prayers and even a few visits over the years. We feel we have a good relationship with many churches and would like those churches to support another PC(USA) co-worker.

A Favourite Prayer

Life is short, and we may not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the dark ways with us.

So be swift to love and make haste to be kind.

And may our love and care bring healing to our own lives, our community, and our world.

And may God's love and peace be ours and be for all people everywhere, today and forever.

~Henri-Frederic Amiel (adapted by Alex Evens)

Scott and Melanie

June 2009

	1 9 am soup kitchen 7 pm Session	2 (6:30 pm Hilton Heights)	3 (10 am ALANON) 7 pm Adult Choir	4 11:30 am Keenagers	5 9 am soup kitchen	6 6 pm Teacher Appreciation Dinner
7 Graduate Recognition (Communion) 10:30 am Worship	8 9 am soup kitchen Noon Newsletter Deadline 7:30 pm Circle 3	9 7 pm Missions Committee	10 (10 am ALANON) 7 pm Adult Choir	11 (5 pm HR Montessori graduation) 6:30 pm Property Committee	12 9 am soup kitchen	13
14 10:30 am Worship	15 9 am soup kitchen 7 pm Christian Ed Committee	16 7 pm Admin/Finance Committee	17 (10 am ALANON)	18	19 9 am soup kitchen	20 8:30 am Session/Staff Retreat @ Hiddenwood PC
21 10:30 am Worship	22 9 am soup kitchen	23 7 pm Congregational Care Committee MS @ Massanetta (23-26) →	24 (10 am ALANON) 6 pm HS @ Tides Game	25 11:30 am Circle 2 7:30 pm Worship Committee	26 9 am soup kitchen pm Circle 1	27
28 10:30 am Worship	29 9 am soup kitchen	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 May 31	Week of June 7
Building Security	Francie Pearce	Chip Shefelton/Michael Mulkey
Greeters	Anita Byrd & Michelle Schuler	Edith Elliott & Nola Atkins
Ushers	Susie Banning, Eleanor Day, David Fletcher, Lynn Gray, Pete Jones, Michelle Schuler	Rick Kerns, Michael Mulkey, Greg Raines, Blair Smith, Douglas Wolff
Counters	Priscilla Bele, Leslie Leser, Susie Banning	Chuck & Kathy Webb, Amie Hellauer
Nursery	Carole Taylor, Leslie & Sarah Leser, Vicky Baker	Julie Richter, Blythe Raines, Audrey Sulzberger
Moments for Children	NA	Daniel Burns
Multimedia prep/op	Carolyn McGinnis/Doug Baker	Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner, Katie Grayson
Lay Reader	NA	Sam Endicott
Flower Delivery	Kathy James-Webb, Jay Taylor, Bob DiPasquale	Debbie Barber, Doug Baker, Jane Day
Giving Flowers	NA	Lynne Peterson

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