

# the Messenger

of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

August 26, 2009

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## Worship

### Lectionary Readings

August 30

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

September 6

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

The change of seasons ushers in its own emotional culture. Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer. Many songs have been written for each, and each associates with cultural events. For Fall, it is the beginning of the school year with unique initiations for preschoolers and first-year college students alike. High school, college, and national sports change their season. College football is eclipsed only by the World's Series.

The season itself has its own personality with cooling temperatures, changing colors, and falling leaves for those of us far enough north—"In September when the leaves come falling down, when the leaves come falling down in September...."

The Church has its own ritual of change in September when programs come out of hibernation, groups re-gather, and traditions return. Not tradition for tradition's sake, but they return because of their immense importance to the mission of the Church.

For us, Wednesday Night *Live!* returns on September 16 (accompanied by a Putt-Putt kick-off on September 9) with supper and activities for children, youth, and adults (page 6). This year, the Christian Education Committee is initiating an enhanced meal for adults. Adult "coffee and fellowship" time will follow the meal as youth and children make their way to specialized activities. As an option to the extended "coffee and fellowship," the Adult Study will resume on the lower level with a study of Barbara Taylor's new book, *An Altar in the World*.

Sunday School Classes and Discussions jump-start on September 13. Joining the adult teaching staff for the Berean Class is Sam Endicott, historical fiction author and retired Army/Navy specialist. Four different-styled adult classes and a graded curriculum for youth and children are provided from 9:15am to 10:10am.

In the early morning hours of this publication date, I read of Senator Edward M. Kennedy's death. Controversial figure that he was at different periods in his lifetime, his service to the U.S. Senate was the third longest in history, just behind Senators Robert Byrd and Strom Thurman. Ted Kennedy's remembrance will probably be most tied to one line from his 1984 concession speech:

*...For those whose cares have been our concern, the work goes on,  
the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die.*

On the eve of this September, perhaps these words that go beyond any personality are motivation for doing our best work in the year that lies before us:

*...the work goes on, the cause endures, the hope still lives, and the dream shall never die.*



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

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

# upcoming events

## Teacher Planning Meeting

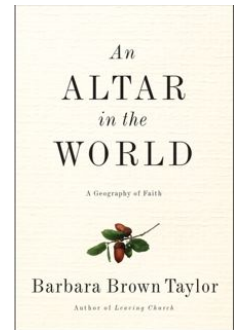
Fellowship Hall  
September 2, 6:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to plan for the upcoming Sunday School/WNL year with your team. Held in the Fellowship Hall, light refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Daniel Burns at (757) 880-1302 or [DBurns@hiltonpres.org](mailto:DBurns@hiltonpres.org)

## Wednesday Night Adult Study

Room 2, Lower Level

Beginning September 16, 6:30 p.m., Barbara Brown Taylor's new book, *An Altar in the World*, will be the focus of study and discussion for the Fall series. This book can be found at local bookstores and online. Dr. Bagley will lead this study group. All are welcome to come early for dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.



## Wednesday Night *Live!* Kick-Off Event

Play-Around Golf & Games  
Wednesday, September 9, 6-7:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family and join us for a fun evening of golf, games and fellowship! Cost is \$3 a person (\$10 max per family of four or more) for two rounds of golf and six tokens. Extra tokens and food are available for purchase, or you can eat before you come. For more information contact Bob Sulzberger @ (757) 591-9634 or [rsulzberger@cox.net](mailto:rsulzberger@cox.net)

## New Members /Inquirer's Class

9:15 a.m.  
September 13-October 4  
November 29-December 20

If you are interested in becoming a member of Hilton Presbyterian Church or would like to learn more about the Christian faith, the Presbyterian Church, or programs and ministries of HPC, these classes are for you. Those desiring to become members will have the opportunity to do so on the last date of each session. If you are interested in attending these classes, please contact Amie Hellauer @ (757) 591-9656 or [alhknh@aol.com](mailto:alhknh@aol.com) or the church office.

## Adult Study Schedule

*An Altar in the World* (2009), Barbara Brown Taylor

September 16	Chapter 1, "The Practice of Waking up to God" <i>Vision</i>
September 23	Chapter 2, "The Practice of Paying Attention" <i>Reverence</i>
September 30	Chapter 3, "The Practice of Wearing Skin" <i>Incarnation</i>
October 7	Chapter 4, "The Practice of Walking on the Earth" <i>Groundedness</i>
October 14	Chapter 5, "The Practice of Getting Lost" <i>Wilderness</i>
October 21	Chapter 6, "The Practice of Encountering Others" <i>Community</i>
October 28	Chapter 7, "The Practice of Living with Purpose" <i>Vocation</i>
November 4	Chapter 8, "The Practice of Saying No" <i>Sabbath</i>
November 11	Chapter 9, "The Practice of Carrying Water" <i>Physical Labor</i>
November 18	Chapter 10, "The Practice of Feeling Pain" <i>Breakthrough</i>
November 25	No class, Thanksgiving Eve
December 2	Chapter 11, "The Practice of Being Present to God" <i>Prayer</i>
December 9	No class, Church-wide Christmas Dinner
December 16	Chapter 12, "The Practice of Pronouncing Blessing" <i>Benediction</i>

# announcements

**2009 ADDRESS & PHONE DIRECTORY** The twice-yearly directory will be available in the narthex on Sunday, September 13. If you have recently moved, have a new phone number or email address, please contact Sarah in the church office by Monday, August 30. Please notify the office if you do not want your email address printed.

**LET'S DO LUNCH...** Enjoy fellowship and lunch immediately after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, August 30. Sandwiches, fruit, chips, drinks and dessert will be provided. Suggested donation is \$2 per person. This event is hosted by the Congregational Care Committee.

**OUR WORSHIP COMMITTEE** strives to make our services hospitable to visitors as well as members. The committee oversees Nursery, Greeters, Moments for Children, Multimedia, and many other elements. If you are interested in helping in one of these areas, please attend our meetings. The Worship Committee will meet this Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

**DESSERTS NEEDED** for our Wednesday Night *Live!* program beginning September 17. Our kids sure do enjoy those homemade goodies! A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

**PW FALL GATHERING 2009** *Joshua: A Journey of Faith* will be September 12 and 13. Flyers are in the Narthex.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** Plans are being made for a fall yoga class to be taught by Stella Quinn, a Registered Yoga Teacher at Sentara Health and Wellness Center. Classes will begin on Monday, September 14 and run for six weeks. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at either 1:30 or 2 pm depending on preference of class participants. Cost is \$10 per session or \$60 total to be paid at first session. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jennifer Bagley at [jenniferbagley@verizon.net](mailto:jenniferbagley@verizon.net) or (757) 599-1469.

## SEPTEMBER birthdays

- 1
- 2 Kemper Kellogg
- 3 Winston Davis, Sarah Edwards
- 4
- 5
- 6 Thomas Ferguson, Kim (Hubbard) Griffin
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Susan Ailsworth, Mason Schuler
- 11 Preston Loving
- 12 Kerry Pratt
- 13
- 14 Lander Wertheimer
- 15
- 16 Bill Banks, Scott Barber, Betty Blackburn, Ann Greenlee, Kinsey Shefelton
- 17 Margaret Hurt
- 18 Romy McGinnis, Kris Perry
- 19
- 20
- 21 Kaitlin Clear
- 22 Carter Ailsworth
- 23
- 24 Mary Anne Kellogg
- 25
- 26 Cailee Helmick
- 27 Ashley McHale
- 28 Barbara Blowe
- 29
- 30 Madison Steele

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



### Equal Exchange Rich-Roasted Coffee

Soon to become our Sunday morning and Wednesday Night *Live!* "standard," this is the same high-quality, fair-trade coffee many of you enjoy in your homes. Individual packages can be purchased at HPC for \$7. A display is located at the Fellowship Hall entrance.

### In the Swing with the KEENAGERS

**Who:** Anyone over 55  
**When:** September 3, 11:30 am  
**Where:** Nonna's Restaurant  
Intersection of Harpersville Road & Warwick Blvd.

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

### PW June Circles (locations and times)

**Circle 1:** Diane Clear  
September 10, 7 pm

**Circle 2:** Betty Blackburn  
September 10, 10:30 am

**Circle 3:** Eleanor Day  
September 14, 7:30 pm

### Stewardship Statistics

2009 Annual Budget	\$380,527
YTD Requirements	\$248,806
YTD Receipts	\$215,751
YTD Expenses	\$216,324
Net Income	(\$572)
August 23, 2009 Receipts	\$3,709

# 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  
Beth Shalom Rehabilitation (Richmond): Barbara Smith  
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

Family: Linda Whitehouse (Carole Taylor's sister), Paul Sanders (Diane Davis's father)

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Melissa Goodson, John Honeycutt, Allene Kidd, Lois Oglesby, Janie Hurt, Sadie Hubbard, Libby Crutchfield, Riki Murphy, Ruby Rankin, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis

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

Dear Hilton Friends,  
I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to you for all the cards, visits, flowers, and most of all, prayers, during my recent recovery from surgery. I feel truly blessed to be a member of a congregation where the members are so kind and thoughtful.

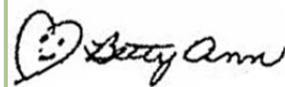
Sincere Thanks,  
Shelby Dodd

## PRESCHOOL news

Our Weekday Preschool is gearing up for a new school year, with 68 little ones planning to become a part of our ministry. This year's theme for activities, class names, and decorations will be "The Preschool Playlist," using classic preschool songs such as: "Jesus Love Me," "If You're Happy & You Know It," and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." We will be singing, clapping and dancing through our curriculum, as we learn to share, cooperate, and work in a school setting.

This school year we will be adding a Bible story of the month, in addition to our memory verse. Pastor Gary will be presenting the story in our chapel time and the teachers will then follow up the story with activities, crafts, and lessons, to help our little ones understand that they are made and loved by God.

The Preschool staff is also beginning to implement a new crisis management plan this year. Recent events like the tornado in Suffolk and the sad school invasions encouraged us to develop the plan. We will be working with the church property committee in the near future on some of the items that involve the building.



Betty Ann Pagels,  
Preschool Director



# SESSION highlights

At the August 3 Stated Meeting Session:

- Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting June 1, 2009
- Entered the death of Anita Atkins Sanborn on June 30, 2009 into the official church record.
- Remove Peter Knipp from the official church record per his request
- Approved the request for transfer of membership for Mary Cotten from Hilton to New Providence Presbyterian Church in Raphine, VA.
- Approved a Facility Use Request from William C. Black on behalf of Historic Hilton Village, Inc. for use of the Fellowship Hall on August 10, 2009 from 6:30PM-9PM for a membership meeting (app. 25 people).
- Approved a Facility Use Request from William C. Black on behalf of Kiwanis Club of Hilton Village for use of the Fellowship Hall on August 17, 2009 from 6PM-7PM for a membership meeting (app. 18 + people).
- Approved a Facility Use Request from Sister David Ann Niski on behalf of LINK of Hampton Roads for use of the Fellowship Hall on September 17, 2009 from 6:30PM-8:30PM and September 19, 2009 from 10:30AM-12:00PM for PORT Training (app. 25 people).
- Ratified the results of the email vote on using Olan Mills for a Pictorial Directory
- Approved entering the PEVA Digest for the Eightieth stated meeting of Presbytery of Eastern Virginia into the minutes of August 3, 2009 as a report of the proceedings
- Approved the appointments of the Directors for the Hilton Presbyterian Preschool as follows:  
*Diane Griffiths (2010)*  
*Beth Klug (2010)*  
*Joanna Bigley (2011)*  
*Diane Clear (2012)*  
*Lori Robertson (2012)*  
*Carrie Mokry (2012)*  
*Amie Hellauer (2011)*  
*Allison Morvant, Parent representative*  
*Ex Officio, Patti Caccavale, CE Representative*  
*Ex Officio, Gary Bagley, Minister*
- Discussed the formation of a committee to administer the Hurt Scholarship Fund

The next Stated Meeting will be held on September 14, 2009 at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall.

# MUSIC notes

## Hymn Favorites

This is the last in our series of your favorites. I hope you have enjoyed the music over the summer. I know that I have learned a lot by researching these songs. One of the choir members recently thanked me for letting him sing the old favorites. It really wasn't my doing, but yours. "Ask and you shall receive." I was not able to fit in every request, but I have those songs still on file and will strive to work them into worship as we continue through the fall. Happy singing!

August 30

**Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove**, was written by Isaac Watts. Watts was tired of "business as usual" Christianity. He believed Christians needed to have the fresh touch of the Holy Spirit. Jesus is referred to as both lamb and lion and the Holy Spirit is both dove and fire.

**The River is Here** is by Andy Park. Andy has served in the Vineyard Church for the past 29 years and currently lives and serves in British Columbia. The Vineyard Church developed their own publishing house; bringing music that is "by the people and for the people." Other songs that we have sung that come from The Vineyard are "Blessed Be the Name" and "Breathe."



Lois Reese,  
Music Director



## Choirs Leading in Worship

- 8/30 Ensemble
- 9/6 Adult Choir
- 9/13 Adult Choir/Ensemble
- 9/20 Adult Choir/Ensemble
- 9/27 Ensemble

# FALL ACTIVITIES AT HILTON PRESBYTERIAN

## Sunday Morning

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

### **New Members/Inquirer's Class for Adults**

Sept. 13-Oct. 4 / Nov. 29-Dec. 20  
Room 2, 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

Following the tradition of this class, the focus of study will be on specific biblical themes. Led by Sam Endicott.

**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, Margaret Lassiter, Jay Taylor.

**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, Rick Kerns, Michael Mulkey, Drew Velkey and Karen 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 pm/Junior Jam  
7-7:30 pm/Class

**Youth** (Grades 6-12)  
5:30-6 pm/Youth Jam  
6:30-7:30 pm/Class

**Adults**  
6:30-7:30 pm  
Coffee & Conversation  
Book Study (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 movement.

#### **Adult Choir**

Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The Adult Choir is responsible for leading our congregation in 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.

#### **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.

# September 2009

		1	2 (10 am ALANON) 6 pm Teacher Planning	3 11:30 am Keenagers	4 9 am Soup kitchen	5
6 Communion 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Called Session	7 Labor Day OFFICE CLOSED 9 am Soup kitchen	8 9 am PS Open House for students (6:30 pm Hilton Heights)	9 (10 am ALANON) WNL Kickoff 7:30 pm Adult Choir	10 10:30 am Circle 2 6:30 pm Property Committee 7:00 pm Circle 1 7:30 pm Ensemble	11 9 am Soup kitchen	12 (6 pm Yadkin)
13 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	14 9 am Soup kitchen (1:30 pm Yoga) 7 pm Session 7:30 pm Circle 3	15	16 (10 am ALANON) 6 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	17 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Worship Committee	18 9 am Soup kitchen	19
20 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Chimes 11:45 am Missions Committee	21 9 am Soup kitchen (1:30 pm Yoga)	22 2-6 pm Blood Drive @ Hilton BC 7 pm Cong.I Care Committee 7 pm Admin/Finance Committee	23 (10 am ALANON) 6 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	24 6:30 pm Handbells 7 pm PS Parent Orientation 7:30 pm Ensemble	25 9 am Soup kitchen 6 pm MS Game Night	26
27 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 am Chimes 11:45 am Christian Ed Committee	28 9 am Soup kitchen (1:30 pm Yoga)	29 6:30 pm PW Harvest Supper	30 (10 am ALANON) 6 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Activities in parenthesis are not HPC activities.</li> <li>◆ WNL = Wednesday Night Live!</li> <li>◆ PS = Preschool</li> <li>◆ MS = Middle School</li> <li>◆ HS = High School</li> <li>◆ PW= Presbyterian Women</li> </ul>		



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## Laity Assistant Schedule

*If you are unable to be at church on a Sunday you're scheduled to serve, please arrange for a substitute, and if time allows, contact the church office.*

	<b>Week of August 30</b>	<b>Week of September 6</b>
Building Security	Greg Raines	Greg Raines
Greeters	TBA	Janette Cook & Margaret Hurt
Ushers	Fred Caccavale, Aderon Gibbs, James Howard, Randy Herrmann	Bill Banks, Bill Blowe, Kathryn Dabbs, Gary Leser
Counters	Joe & Sue Hogue, Jane Day	Andy Grayson, Jim Barnes, Julie Richter
Nursery	Vicki Signorelli, Leslie Trimble, Mark & Kim	Judy Knight, Alice Minium
Moments for Children	Kathy James-Webb	Daniel Burns
Multimedia prep/op	Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner	Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner
Lay Reader	Doug Baker	Sarah Leser
Flower Delivery	Joe Hogue, Glen Schlickemeyer, Jennifer Brown	Patti Caccavale, Jessica Watkins, Michael Mulkey
Giving Flowers	Lynne Peterson	Nola Atkins

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