

the Messenger

of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

September 9, 2009

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Worship

Lectionary Readings

September 13

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

September 20

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

A "first" occurred this week for HPC—a ministerial grant was awarded to Chuck Webb through the Hurt Endowment for Ministerial Scholarships for school year 2009–2010 (Union Presbyterian Seminary).

Following Sunday's service, the Ministerial Candidates Committee of Session met with Chuck to hear of his "call" to ministry, become familiar with his seminary expenses, and award a scholarship of \$1,500 toward the cost of his textbooks. A successful physician whose volunteer energies have served local free medical clinics, Chuck said Sunday that he was responding to a call he felt as a student. Service to the Peace Corps, medical school, faculty responsibilities at the University of Florida School of Medicine, and years of practice through the Eastern Virginia Medical School preceded his presbytery requirements, seminary application, entrance into Union Presbyterian Seminary, and completion of Hebrew (language course) this summer.



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

The Hurt Endowment for Ministerial Scholarships was created by a gift from the Hurt Family—Leonard (deceased), Janie, and Ann in the Spring of 2006. The nature of this type of perpetual gift is that it will serve worthy candidates pursuing educational preparation for ministry throughout the future. Its existence and work has no end—it lives forever. Contributions and memorial gifts may be added to this fund at any time to increase the strength of financial support that serves the Church through ministerial preparation.

Knowing that the textbooks from which Chuck will study and learn this coming academic year have come through his home church should cause us to feel even more connected to his pursuit of ministry during this three-year rigorous process. Let us also be committed to pray regularly for Chuck (and Kathy).

On a different note...for almost a year, Daniel Burns has served as our Interim (part-time) Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries. His one-year contract began last October. At a called meeting of Session on August 24 and at the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, a three-month extension of this contract was approved, continuing this relationship through the end of the year. (See "Session Briefs" in this issue.) Daniel is a quick relationship builder and has been an example of broad support for the larger vision of the Church, in addition to his work with Christian Education and Youth Ministries. We can anticipate his continued leadership through this fiscal year.

Sunday is Kick-off Day for Sunday School and our Fall programs. Sara Scichilone, a graduate student at CNU and a staff member with United Campus Ministries, will be our guest. During the Minute for Mission, she will provide a brief overview of this HPC supported ministry.

Sunday School, 9:15 am...worship at 10:30 am! See you then...

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

upcoming events

Wednesday Night *Live!* Kick-Off Event

Play-Around Golf & Games
TODAY, 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

Sunday School Fall Kickoff

begins this Sunday
September 13, 9:15 a.m.

Classes for adults, youth & children

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 alhkmh@aol.com or the church office.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, September 22, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

The Hilton Area Blood Drive will be held at Hilton Baptist Church. If you are able to provide snacks for donors, please sign up in the Narthex. See insert for more details.

Peacemaking Offering

On October 4, World Communion Sunday, HPC will receive this offering which supports peacemaking ministries across the church. Through your gifts congregations receive training and resources to deal with conflict, International Peacemakers bear witness to how they live out their faith in the midst of challenge and even violence, children and young people learn how they can make a difference in building peace, and thousands of people benefit from Bible studies and other resources that teach peacemaking as part of our Christian discipleship.

announcements

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Barbara Savage on the August 25 death of her mother-in-law, Dorothy Savage of Newport News. Condolences may be sent to Barbara at 5712 Huntington Avenue, Newport News, 23607.

DESSERTS NEEDED for our Wednesday Night *Live!* program beginning September 16. Our kids sure do enjoy those homemade goodies! A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex.

MIDDLE YOUTH GAME NIGHT All middle schoolers are invited to a game night at the church September 25, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Cost is \$5 for pizza and drinks.

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 September 17 at 7:30 p.m.

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)

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Patti Moonis, 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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SESSION *highlights*

At the August 24 Called Meeting the Session of HPC:

- Approved a motion presented on behalf of the Christian Education Committee to offer a 6-week yoga course taught by Stella Quinn, a registered Yoga instructor, beginning September 14, 2009.
- Approved a motion presented on behalf of the Personnel Committee to approve a three-month contract extension for the Interim Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministry for the period October 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.

MUSIC *notes*

Start me up!

Fall can mean many things to many people. Cooler weather, beautiful colors on the trees, and football.

At Hilton it means many opportunities for you to become involved in your church. The music program has many offerings for people of all ages. If you are an elementary student we have Junior Jam and Chimes. If you are a youth we have Youth Jam, Chimes, and Handbells. If you are an adult we have Adult Choir, Ensemble, Handbells and Chimes.

Check out the Fall Activities page of *The Messenger* for rehearsal times and start up dates. We have room for you in every ensemble, so don't be afraid to give one of our outstanding groups a try.

Lois Reese,
Music Director



Choirs Leading in Worship

9/13	Adult Choir/Ensemble
9/20	Adult Choir/Ensemble
9/27	Ensemble
10/4	Adult Choir/Youth & Junior Jam
10/11	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, *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor

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. (*Resumes September 10*)

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 (*Resumes September 24*)

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 (*Resumes September 20*)

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

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.

	Week of September 13	Week of September 20
Building Security	Tim Davis	Tim Davis
Greeters	Mike & Patti Moonis	TBA
Ushers	Bill Banks, Bill Blowe, Kathryn Dabbs, Gary Leser	Bill Banks, Bill Blowe, Kathryn Dabbs, Gary Leser
Counters	George & Debbie Barber, Dot Turner	Eleanor Day, Patti & Fred Caccavale
Nursery	Patty Gibbs, Barbara Savage	Diane & Keenan Clear
Moments for Children	Kathryn Dabbs	Mike Moonis
Multimedia prep/op	Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner	Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner
Lay Reader	Michael Mulkey	Randy Herrmann
Flower Delivery	Patti Caccavale, Jessica Watkins, Michael Mulkey	Patti Caccavale, Jessica Watkins, Michael Mulkey
Sunday Coffee	Charles Slagle	Charles Slagle
Giving Flowers	Open	Open
WNLive! Meal	Spaghetti	Fried Chicken

The Messenger is published every other Wednesday unless noted. The deadline for the next issue is noon on **Monday, September 21**. To submit news, leave items in the office mailbox marked *office manager*, call Sarah in the office at (757) 595-1313 or email her at SMcGinnis@HiltonPres.org. You can receive *The Messenger* the same day of publication and in color, emailed straight to your computer. Contact Sarah now!