

Giving and Receiving with

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Joy

The Messenger of Hilton Presbyterian Church, Stewardship Edition

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Worship

Lectionary Readings

October 11

Job 23:1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22:1-15
Hebrews 4:12-16
Mark 10:17-31

October 18

Job 38:1-7 (34-41)
Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10
Mark 10:35-45

What do Naomi Judd, “Dr. Laura,” *The Wall Street Journal*, and the National Public Radio have in common? They all touted the book, *The Financial Wisdom of Ebenezer Scrooge*, by Klontz, Kahler, and Klontz. Two years ago, a review in *The Wall Street Journal* caught my attention and prompted my order.

Utilizing Dicken’s characters and storyline, two noted psychologists, Ted and Brad Klontz, and financial planner, Rick Kahler, collaborated on themes of net-worth and self-worth, experiential therapy with nuts-and-bolts financial planning, and principles that can transform your life.

During the Fall Stewardship Campaign this year, my sermons will take cues from a theme that runs throughout their book—“It’s not about the money.” I have the feeling Jesus would have had this one on his bookshelf.

This year’s stewardship theme is: “Giving and Receiving with Joy.” The theme is an obvious reflection of the Apostle Paul’s wisdom on giving to the church in Corinth:

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

I like Eugene Peterson’s paraphrase of these verses:

Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. (The Message)

On Saturday, October 24, Hilton PC will engage in a 12-hour prayer vigil for our church’s mission, membership, and leadership. Glen and Lisa Schlickemeyer are coordinating this event. The idea is for our entire membership to set aside 30-minutes to engage in silent prayer and meditation on that day. Those unable to come to the church sanctuary are encouraged to participate from their homes. A sign-up chart will be placed in the narthex.

Commitment Sunday is October 25. Following the service, members and guest will enjoy a complimentary BBQ luncheon, coordinated by Martha Hunt. (Chicken strips will be an option for our kids.)

The “Ghost of Christmas Present” and Scrooge are opposites of each other. The Ghost lives in abundance—Scrooge in poverty. The Ghost models authenticity—Scrooge doesn’t know who he is. The Ghost is clear and objective about his life—Scrooge is delusional and judgmental. The Ghost lives fully in the present—Scrooge focuses on outdated models from his past and has a vague sense of the future.

Judd said: “This process changed the way I look at everything—my own life, my relationships with others, and my understanding of the world.”



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

Gary

2009-2010 Stewardship Season



Stewardship Chairs
Joe & Sue Hogue

Schedule of Events

Sunday, October 11

Awareness Day
Sunday School 9:15 am
Courtyard Fellowship 10:10 am
Worship 10:30 am

Saturday, October 24

Prayer Vigil
7 am to 7 pm
30-minute silent segments
Sanctuary of HPC

Sunday, October 18

Acknowledgement Day
Sunday School 9:15 am
Courtyard Fellowship 10:10 am
Worship 10:30 am

Sunday, October 25

Commitment Sunday
Sunday School 9:15 am
Courtyard Fellowship 10:10 am
Worship 10:30 am
*Consecration of Pledges
Complimentary BBQ 11:30 am

Annual Giving Profile for "family units" of Hilton PC

	<u>2008 Contributions</u>	<u>2009 Pledges</u>
Total Giving Units	228	228
\$0.00	122	127
\$0.01-\$100	2	0
\$101-\$1,000	25	16
\$1,001-\$2,500	40	44
\$2,501-\$5,000	21	20
\$5,001-\$7,500	11	11
\$7,501-\$10,000	6	7
\$10,001 and above	1	3
Pledged with no amount		6
Tithing or beyond	N/A	5
Annual Contribution Range	\$30 — \$11,469	\$120 — \$13,568
Average Annual Contribution	\$2,742	\$3,139
Median Annual Contribution	\$1,945	\$2,232

announcements

QUARTERLY CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS will be mailed this week to our pledged members. Please contact Heather Wright at (757) 595-1313 (ext 15) or HWright@HiltonPres.org with any questions or concerns.

CHURCH WORK DAY is scheduled for Saturday, October 10, 9:00 a.m. - noon. We will focus on general maintenance items and cleaning the lower level storage rooms. Needed repairs include loose floor tiles, filling holes and more. Property Chair Doug Chapman is heading the work day. If you have any questions, please contact Doug at (757) 247-0009.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRIES (UCM) appointed a new campus minister to serve the Christopher Newport University community. By unanimous vote, UCM's Board of Directors approved the call of the Rev. Susan H. (Suzy) Cothran, a minister of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Reverend Cothran, who is the pastor at Wythe Presbyterian Church in Hampton, will continue to serve Wythe and work part-time as UCM's campus minister.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF GREATER HILTON will meet October 12 in the Hilton Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. Please attend if you are interested in working with children in our community and the city. Kiwanis is an international organization, composed of men and women dedicated to working with children. Please contact Bill Black at (757) 596-9132 for more information.

GOD'S EARTH MINISTRY of the Peninsula (an interfaith group devoted to helping churches reduce their carbon footprint) is having a fall meeting at Emmanuel Episcopal Church at 179 E. Mercury Blvd. in Hampton Tuesday, October 13 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Keynote speaker is Skip Stiles, executive director of Wetlands Watch and a member of Governor Kaine's Commission on Climate Change. The title of his speech is "Sea Level Rise in Hampton Roads". A panel discussion will follow featuring Joe Stanley, Director of VA Interfaith Power & Light; Debbie Blanton of Hampton's Clean Cities; and Patty von Ohlen of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, a parish actively working on reducing their carbon footprint.

HILTON BAPTIST HOSTS KIDS NIGHT OUT from 5:30-8:30 p.m. every Friday night. The cost is \$5 per child. Anyone interested can call the HBC office @ (757) 595-3300 to make reservations. You do not need to be a member of Hilton Baptist to participate.

PEVA EVENT

"Playing in God's Creation" Biblical storytelling Concert & Workshop

Open to the public: all denominations. Nationally-renowned Biblical Storytellers Mary-beth Howard and Shelley Gnade will perform and lead classes. Workshop suitable for all lay leaders, educators and pastors.

CONCERT

Second PC, Norfolk
Friday, November 13, 7:00 p.m.
Suitable for elementary-age children
Tickets: \$10, childcare available with reservations no later than November 11

WORKSHOP

First PC, Virginia Beach
Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Cost: \$45, includes lunch. Childcare available with reservations no later than November 11.

Combine both and get a discount. Concert ticket stub = \$5 discount on Workshop. Checks made out to: Coleman Place PC - may be brought to event.

RESERVATIONS

Call First VB for both events and childcare: (757) 428-6332



Welcome New Member!

Chris Cann recently joined Hilton Presbyterian Church by letter of transfer from Chestnut Memorial Methodist Church. Born in Salisbury, MD Chris and her family moved frequently. She graduated from the University of Virginia. Chris has been back in the Hampton Roads area for the past 10 years. She has taught school for 40 years and is currently a 4th grade TAG teacher at Carver Elementary. In her spare time, Chris enjoys gardening, reading, walking her dog Jobie, and visiting her mom at The Chesapeake. Chris has two grown children. Her son, Robert, is a Marine deployed to Japan. Her daughter, Stephanie, is a biomedical engineer at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

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 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
Riverside Hospital: Jim Day
St. Mary's Children's Home: Katie Jones
St. Francis Nursing Center: Charles Meissner

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Bill Sharp, Janette Cook, Jay Taylor, Linda Philbrick, John Honeycutt, Allene Kidd, 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:

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

Blood Drive Update

We're Hosting the November Blood Drive!

We have a tradition here at Hilton to uphold. We always have a large turn-out of blood donors when it is our turn to host. Let's continue that tradition and please save the date for donating blood on Tuesday, November 17 between the hours of 2-6 pm.

Please check your calendars to see if you are available to be a blood drive volunteer. We need 6-8 folks to greet arrivals and another 6-8 volunteers to serve snacks to the donors. Set-up help would be welcome starting at noon. Help cleaning up is needed at 6:00 p.m.

Thanks so much to the folks who donated blood in September: Bill Blowe, Patti Caccavale, Nelson Farley, Patti Grayson, Sam Heatwole, Gary Leser and Chuck Paul. Thanks, too to the snack makers: Sara Bowman, Patti & Fred Caccavale, Amie Hellauer, Margaret Lassiter, and Julie Richter. Your contributions are appreciated.

Wanda Fletcher, Hilton Area Blood Drive Coordinator

MISSIONS *update*

Tom & Nancy Rach, Mexico



September Update

Our new pastor, Miguel Angel Lopez Solis, and Tom are in the process of planning and organizing a Bible Institute for anyone who desires to learn more about God's word and major doctrines of the faith; not just for pastors and missionaries. They are looking at free higher-level resources on the internet and from auxiliary sources. Currently, they have resources coming from Spain (including Spanish copies of *Institutes of Christian Religion* by John Calvin) and California.

Praise & Prayer

- We were able to spend August in Michigan with our parents. Tom's parents are doing much better than they have for years. Please continue to pray for them in our absence, that the Lord would daily meet their needs and be their peace.
- Nancy's dad has his good days and bad days. Sometimes he recognizes his wife and sometimes he asks "Who are you?" Pray for Nancy's mom, Margaret, as she deals with medical and legal paperwork and dealing daily with the changes in Harold's dementia.

Mexico's economy has been severely hit by the U.S. recession and, like all ministries, we too have been facing tougher decisions on ministry expenses as prices increase. As our work funds decrease, so do our ministry options that we can pursue.

I picked up an amazing book for a buck at a used book sale which has given me many things to ponder. The book is titled *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made: A Surgeon Looks at the Human and Spiritual Body* by Dr. Paul Brand and Phillip Yancy. Let me share a segment with you where he paraphrases Paul in I Corinthians 12:

"The body is one unit, though it is made up of many cells and though all its cells are many, they form one body...If all cells were the same, where would the body be? As it is, there are many but one body." That analogy convey a more precise meaning to me because though a hand or foot or ear cannot have a life separate from the body, a cell does have that potential. It can be part of the body as a loyalist, or it can cling to its own life. Some do choose to live in the body, sharing its benefits while maintaining complete independence — they become parasites or cancer cells.

Wow, what a powerful analogy! No one wants to hear they have cancer and no Christian should want to hear that they are a cancer in the Body of Christ. Am I living so independently in the Body of Christ that I am like a cancer cell? Am I part of a tumor that the Great Physician will have to remove, or am I like a white cell, circulating through the Body, helping with healing or battling invaders?

Join us as an active cell in the body of Christ,

Tom & Nancy



Georgia, United States

Torrential rains in September falling on saturated soil has caused flooding throughout parts of Alabama, eastern Tennessee, western North Carolina and Georgia. Most affected in Georgia where at least 3,000 homes have been damaged. Georgia Governor Sonny Perdue issued a state of emergency for 18 counties and has asked President Barack Obama for an emergency federal disaster declaration. Three PC(USA) presbyteries are affected: Cherokee, Greater Atlanta and Northeast Georgia. Twelve PC(USA) congregations have sustained significant damage. PDA has provided One Great Hour of Sharing funds and has sent six members of the National Response Team (NRT) to work with affected presbyteries in their response. The Westminster Presbyterian Church in Rome, Georgia is serving as a distribution point for relief items and Gift of the Heart kits. The church is certified to serve as a shelter for people and pets should the need arise.

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. *Secrets in the Dark* by Frederick Buechner is composed of 37 sermons. Each class stands alone. 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.

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.

Beginning Handbells

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.

CE & YOUTH *news*

With school back in full swing we get back into regular youth activities at the church.

The **FAITH AND FILM** series for High School students starts back October 9. We will meet in the sanctuary to watch "The Ultimate Gift" at 7:00 p.m. and snacks will be provided. After the movie we will have some discussion of themes of faith in the movie.

October 10 is a **WORK DAY** at the church, and I want to encourage the youth to participate in helping with this event. There is plenty that we can do to help keep the church look beautiful inside and out.

Makemie Woods is having a **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY** October 17, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. This year they have decided to make it a one-day event instead of a full weekend. Cost is \$20 and includes all your meals. We will leave the church at 9:00 a.m. Please contact me at dburns@hiltonpres.org if you plan on attending, or just catch me at church.

CONFIRMATION classes will begin October 25. Our teachers this year are Eleanor Day, Beth Jackson, Jack Jackson, Sandy Sherrill and Bob Sulzburger. If you are in 8th grade or higher you are welcome to attend these classes. Confirmation is in May 2010. Please contact Beth Jackson if you plan on being a part of these classes.

I look forward to a great fall of fellowship and ministry together. Thanks to all the adult leaders and teachers who impact the lives of our youth every week.

See you at church,



Daniel Burns, Interim Director
of Christian Education



Wednesday Night Menu

October 7

Hot dogs & burgers · Cole slaw · Tater tots
Homemade dessert · Lemonade/Coffee/Water

October 14

Scrambled eggs · Pancakes · Link sausage · Fresh fruit
Homemade dessert · Lemonade/Coffee/Water

Adults \$5 / Children \$3 / Family maximum \$15

SPECIAL *thanks*

Greetings from Indiana!

We enjoy receiving the church newsletter and still recognize your names. Although we've been gone for eleven years, reading about you and your church work brings back fond "Camelot-like" memories. May God bless you and take care of you and HPC.

George & Louise Roy

Thanks to Lois and Doris for the great international music on Sunday! With so many countries represented, you really brought the world to World Communion Sunday. And special thanks to the children's and youth choir for your wonderful contributions as well. Youth Jam, your drums and voices sounded great!

Debby Heatwole

It has been very touching and supportive to get cards and calls from our friends at Hilton Presbyterian after my recent hospitalization. I'm now happily at home, enjoying our granddaughter, and starting heart rehabilitation. I feel fine, and I feel blessed that a persistent physician chased a minor indicator to discover and resolve what could have been a disastrous medical condition. Thank you, again, for your support.

Linda Philbrick

Choirs Leading in Worship

10/11	Ensemble
10/18	Adult Choir/Ensemble
10/25	Adult Choir/Ensemble/Hilton Ringers
11/1	Adult Choir/Ensemble/Beg. Handbells
11/8	Ensemble/Youth Jam

Stewardship Statistics

2009 Annual Budget	\$380,527
YTD Requirements	\$292,713
YTD Receipts	\$248,072
YTD Expenses	\$264,469
Net Income	(\$16,396)
Oct. 4, 2009 Receipts	\$6,910
Peacemaking Offering	\$1,142



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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 October 11	Week of October 18
Building Security	Howard Williams/Doug Baker	Howard Williams/Doug Baker
Greeters	TBA	Dave & Michelle Schuler
Ushers	Joe Hogue, Becky Lupton, Charles Slagle, Audrey Sulzberger	Joe Hogue, Becky Lupton, Charles Slagle, Audrey Sulzberger
Counters	Kathy James-Webb, Amie Hellauer	Charles Slagle, Mike Moonis, Lynn Gray
Nursery	Carole Taylor, Help needed	Leslie & Sarah Leser
Processional Leaders	Hannah Moonis, Samantha Signorelli, Mary	Cassie Brown, Chandler Davis, Winston Davis, Megan Grayson, Annalee Weeks
Moments for Children	Wanda Fletcher	Jennifer Bagley
Multimedia prep/op	Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner, Patti Grayson	Francie Pearce, Jack Doerner, Patti Grayson
Lay Reader	Rick Kerns	David Barber
Flower Delivery	Doug Chapman, Nancy Milton	Doug Chapman, Nancy Milton
Sunday Coffee	Charles Slagle	Charles Slagle
Giving Flowers	Fred & Patti Caccavale	Jay & Carole Taylor
WNLive! Meal	Breakfast	Spaghetti

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