

# Giving and Receiving with

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

*Joy*

The Messenger of Hilton Presbyterian Church

November 18, 2009

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## Worship

### Lectionary Readings

November 22

2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12  
Revelations 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

November 29

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

One author I occasionally saw my dad reading was Louis L'Amour—a writer, primarily, of western novels or “Frontier Stories” as L'Amour referred to them. When he died in 1988, all 105 of his works were in print—eighty-nine novels and fourteen short-story collections.

After completing the tenth grade in North Dakota and out of academic boredom that came from self-education, he set out in life. In West Texas L'Amour worked skinning cattle that died from drought, working for a boss who was raised by Apaches. In New Mexico, he baled hay across the road from Billy the Kid's grave. There he became acquainted with some thirty former gunfighters, rangers, and outlaws in the area. His cattle skinning and hay baling associations, combined with his voracious reading as a child and teenager, resulted in writing. *The Town No Guns Could Tame* was his first published western novel.

Oddly, at the beginning of this Wednesday evening's adult study chapter of Barbara Taylor's *An Altar in the World* is none other than a Louis L'Amour quote. My dad would smile and do his silent chuckle if he were still living.

*There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.*

Out of such conviction we celebrate Advent in the life of the Church. Our celebration is about far more than Jesus' birth details. It is about the renewal of hope. The oldest writings in the New Testament (letters of the Apostle Paul) are completely silent and seemingly unknowledgeable about birth details and their importance. The oldest gospel (Mark) begins his story of Jesus with John the Baptizer “preparing the way” for Jesus' ministry...last three years of his life.

The birth stories of Matthew and Luke are so different with absolutely no overlap that Christmas hymns and pageants pick and choose which birth tradition they will use, or else create a collage of the two different stories.

Both Matthew and Luke were written just after one of the worst periods in Israel's history. The Temple was destroyed for the second time in 70 CE during the siege of Jerusalem by the Roman Empire. It was a time of great despair and hopelessness. The Holy City and the temple lay in destruction. The advent stories of these two gospels provide the imagery of the real Kingdom of God, the true Prince of Peace, and the One that Israel should look to as the Lord of Life—not Rome or Caesar.

The writers of Luke and Matthew would have understood and appreciated L'Amour's quote: “There will come a time when you believe everything is finished. That will be the beginning.” It is with that hope we soon enter Advent. On page six of the newsletter you will find details of this year's Advent Workshop. On the Sunday after Thanksgiving, we begin the celebration of the presence of the living Christ, which always offers hope...and new beginnings!



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

*Gary*

# upcoming events

## Advent Workshop

Sunday, November 22, 8:30-10:15 a.m.

Bring a **breakfast bread** to share, an item for **PORT hygiene kits**, and be prepared for a fun morning. There will be no Sunday School, and a nursery will be provided for children under preschool age. Small-leaved **greenery** is needed for Advent wreaths, bring it Saturday or early Sunday. **Set-up** is Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - noon, lots of hands are needed, and **volunteers** are still needed to man stations. **Sign up** for all these in the narthex! Don't forget your Xmas lists — Zuni peanuts, Fair Trade coffee, SERRV crafts, and donation opportunities will be available. See pages 6-7 for more details.



## Poinsettias & Wreaths

Festive poinsettias (\$8 each) and wreaths (\$25 each) are available for purchase. They will decorate the church during the holiday season. A sign-up sheet is located in the church Narthex.

The deadline for orders is Monday, November 30.

## Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 6, 10:30 a.m.

On this day, our worship service will be about celebrating and explaining the history and traditions of the Christmas and Advent seasons. This will be a multi-faceted program involving the entire music program and our Youth that attend Wednesday night live. Our sanctuary will come to life with greens and poinsettias and chrismons upon the tree. With handbell music and carolers and favorite songs of the season sung by choirs and congregation. Come be a part of the celebration during our 10:30 a.m. worship on December 6.

## Parents' Night Out

Friday, December 5, 6-9 p.m.

The Preschool is hosting a Pajama Party for kids ages 2-10 on Friday, December 5 from 6-9 p.m. Enjoy a date night or evening of holiday shopping while your kids enjoy activities, art and snacks in their PJs. Donations will be gratefully accepted to benefit their new scholarship fund. RSVP by December 1 to [preschool@hiltonpres.org](mailto:preschool@hiltonpres.org) or (757) 596-1939 with this information: *Child's name and age, Parents' names, Contact phone, Food allergies or other concerns.*

## LINK NEWS

### HYGIENE KITS

LINK is in need of the toiletry items which people receive when they stay in hotels/motels. These items are used to make up the hygiene kits given to the PORT guests. They are hoping to distribute at least 2 hygiene kits to each guest during the 20 weeks of PORT which means LINK needs 1,500 to 2,000 hygiene kits. Presently, they have almost 1,000 hygiene kits. Below is a list of items that go into the kit. Perhaps purchasing some of these items and putting the kits together could be a holiday project. Comfort Kit Contents: toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, soap – 2 small bars in each, washcloth, shampoo, lotion. Put these in a Ziploc bag and drop them in a box located in the Narthex.

### PORT

The PORT homeless shelter opens for the season at Parkview United Methodist Church, Wednesday, November 4. Please pray for the volunteers and guests. **Our church will host the shelter December 23 - 30.** Sign-ups for volunteering and cooking will begin at the Advent Workshop! Please begin to think/pray about how you may be involved in this vital ministry.

# announcements

**OUR SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of longtime member Charles Meissner, who died on November 14.

...**ALSO** to former interim pastor Rob Evans on the November 8 death of his mother, Virginia Evans of Raleigh, NC. Condolences may be sent to Rob and Lavinia at 1937 Butner Mill Road, East Bend, NC 27018.

**HANDBELL CHOIR OPENING** immediately. If you read music or are willing to learn to read music and want to be a part of this amazing group of people, please contact Lois Reese. We rehearse on Thursday's from 6:30 - 7:30pm.

**CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE** signups have begun for those between the ages of 8 and 17. Games will begin in January. For more information contact Beth Rivenbark. Sign up now!

**MAKEMIE WOODS HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT** is November 20-22. All students 8th-12th grades are welcome to attend the retreat. The cost for the weekend (due November 20) is \$80 per student and includes lodging and food. Please see Sandy Sherrill for registration forms.

**2010 FLOWER CHART** is now available for dedications. It is located on the bulletin board in front of the office.

**OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER** and 90th anniversary celebration will be Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. No Youth Club that night and the whole family is invited. Chef Bryan McGinnis will prepare baked ham, roasted turkey, savory dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn pudding and rolls. Bring a favorite holiday side dish to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided. To better prepare this delicious meal, tickets will be on sale in the Narthex on Sunday, November 22, 29, and in the church office thru December 4. They may also be purchased at the door. The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child or \$15 per family of 4 or more.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE!** and adult study will not be held Wednesday, November 25, in preparation for the Thanksgiving holiday.

## Stewardship Update

As of November 8, 2009

- 90 Giving units pledging \$265,364
- 46% of cards show an increase in pledging
- 7 cards indicate a commitment to tithing
- Average commitment: \$2,948
- Total commitment cards last year, December 31, 2008: 103
- Total commitment last year, December 31, 2008: \$318,352

Many thanks to all who have already responded to this year's Stewardship Campaign! Follow-up letters went out last week. If you have not yet returned your commitment card to indicate your planned support for the 2010 ministries of Hilton Presbyterian Church, please assist Session in developing next year's budget by doing so this week.

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

## Upcoming Surgery:

Doug Chapman, November 18, eye surgery  
Margaret Lassiter, November 19, hip surgery

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Sue Hogue, Johnnie Chai, Cindy Baker, Bill Sharp, Janette Cook, Jay Taylor, Linda Philbrick, John Honeycutt, Allene Kidd, Janie Hurt, Sadie Hubbard, Riki Murphy, Ruby Rankin, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis

Family: Edward Saunders (Lucille Saunders' son)

Friends: The Woolitz family (friends of the Minium/Moonis family), The Toole family (friends of Lois Reese)

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

## Can You Help?

My kids, Abram and Jordan, and their 2 roommates lost everything, including their cars, in the flood in downtown Hampton over the weekend, and they are in immediate need of household items to rebuild their lives. They would appreciate any help in the way of beds, mattresses and box springs, dressers, sofa and/or other living room chairs, dining room table and chairs, lamps, end tables and coffee table, and rugs. They aren't picky about it matching (after all, they're guys) – just decent, useable stuff. If anyone has anything to be picked up, call or email me and I'll arrange for them to pick it up. Their roommate has a van/truck. Thanks so much.

Gail Kent, Hidenwood PC

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## Choirs Leading in Worship

11/22	Adult Choir
11/29	Adult Choir/Ensemble
12/6	All Choirs
12/13	Adult Choir/Ensemble
12/20	Adult Choir/Ensemble

## Stewardship Statistics

2009 Annual Budget	\$380,527
YTD Requirements	\$336,620
YTD Receipts	\$289,837
YTD Expenses	\$312,939
Net Income	(\$23,102)
Nov. 15, 2009 Receipts	\$4,593

## New Members /Inquirer's Class

9:15 a.m. / Room 2, Lower Level  
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, [alhknh@aol.com](mailto:alhknh@aol.com) or the church office.

## Wednesday Night Menu

*November 18*

Penne pasta w/tomato sauce (w/ or w/o meat) · Italian bread  
Garden salad · Homemade dessert · Lemonade/Coffee/Water

*December 2*

Hot dogs & Burgers · Tater tots · Cole Slaw · Homemade dessert

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

# SPECIAL *thanks*

Thanks to the Congregational Care Committee for the meals and the assistance with my grocery shopping while I recover from foot surgery.

*Cindy Richards Baker*

Dear Friends,

We have just received word of your congregation's contribution in October of \$1,154.47 to One Great Hour of Sharing. At a time when most Americans are feeling some economic pinch due to the global economic crisis, the impact of the same crisis on our sisters and brothers who lack any economic cushion is often literally a matter of life and death. So especially at a time when many Presbyterians may be cutting back on their giving, I want to thank you for your generous gift.

*Alan B. Krome*  
General Assembly Mission Council,  
Associate for Special Offerings



## Wednesday Night *Live!*

"Pasta Night"

27TH ANNUAL

# Advent Workshop

Sunday November 22 / 8:30-10:15 a.m.

No Sunday School / Worship at 10:30 a.m.

*The Advent Workshop is a very special event in the life of Hilton Presbyterian Church. On this Sunday we gather to share food, fun, and fellowship, and especially to find ways to make Christ central to our holiday preparations and celebrations. There are crafts and activities for all ages, with a nursery provided for age 3 and under.*

Crafts for all ages! Bring a **breakfast bread** to share, drinks will be provided. **Admission** will be items for **PORT hygiene kits** – toothbrush, washcloth, or motel size toothpaste, deodorant, soap, shampoo, or lotion; or a **Gift-of-the-Heart Kit** (directions in the Narthex or at [www.churchworldservice.org/kits](http://www.churchworldservice.org/kits)) If you forget, leave a dollar to help with postage for the kits. Bring your **Christmas list** and be ready to shop!

**Volunteers** are needed to **set up** on Saturday, 11/21, from 9 a.m. until noon, and to **clean up** after worship on Sunday. We will need lots of **greenery** for making family Advent Wreaths, trim your shrubbery and bring small-leaved greens, like boxwood, holly, fir, or spruce. Bring these on Saturday or early Sunday morning.

On **Sunday**, arrive as close to 8:30 a.m. as possible, so you'll have plenty of time. Drop your bread by the kitchen, pick up a cup of coffee and sample goodies others have brought. Take your checkbook to the **donations** table and give your gift to the Christ Child through **Heifer Project, Habitat for Humanity, Church World Service, PORT, or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**. Make a donation in the name of someone on your gift list – gift cards will be available. Sign up to help with **PORT**, our homeless shelter. Take your Xmas list to the **SERRV** table and **select gifts** from all over the world, or choose from a wide selection of **peanuts from Zuni Presbyterian Training Center**. Get your tickets for our **Churchwide Xmas Dinner** and 90th Anniversary Celebration on December 9.

## STATIONS:

**Advent Chains** – Eleanor Day, Julie Richter, Suzy & Charlotte Baker  
**Stamped Bookmarks** – Kathy James-Webb, Audrey Schlickemeyer, Mary Hellauer  
**Photo-frame Ornaments** – Amie Hellauer, Fred Caccavale, Paige Williams  
**Double Glitter Star Ornaments** – Sarah Leser, Margaret Minium, Patty Gibbs  
**Flat Bow for Mailing** – Lois Oglesby, Nancy Milton, Wanda Fletcher  
**Bead Angel** – Annalee Weeks, Diane Clear, Diane & Chandler Davis  
**Punched Paper Dove** – Patti Caccavale, Leslie Leser, Jessica Watkins  
**Xmas Card Boxes** – Debby Heatwole, Judy Knight, Renee DiPasquale  
**Pinecone Choristers** – Debbie Barber, Chris Cann, Vicky Baker  
**Wired-Jute Angel Ornaments** – Barbara Blowe, Erin Hellauer, [help needed](#)  
**Folded Cardstock Angel Pin/Ornament** – Ann Hurt, Blythe Raines, Sarah Frederick  
**Doortop Angel** – Patti Grayson, Greg Raines, Alyson Barnes  
**Paint the Windows** – Paul Clear, Kevin Clear, Vicki Signorelli  
**Advent Wreaths** – Ann Sharp, Carole Taylor, Hannah Moonis  
**SERRV** – Beth Rivenbark, Jackie Peters, Al Riutort  
**Zuni Peanuts** – Harvey Hubbard, [help needed](#)  
**Donations (PORT, Heifer, Habitat, CWC, PDA)** – Lisa Schlickemeyer, Bob DiPasquale, Kathryn Dabbs  
**Food** – Charles Slagle, Steve Gray, Dave Schuler

Then on to a morning of making sure your home is full of reminders of Jesus' birth! There will be lots of choices, as you can see from the list below. Be sure to don a smock and paint a few strokes on the panels which will make our Fellowship Hall **windows** a stained glass nativity. Follow the scent of pine to make an **Advent Wreath** for your family. As you wander from room to room, stop and socialize, lend a hand to a child, and revisit the kitchen often to taste the delicious breads.

**Craft Station assignments** are listed in the box to the left. If you can come for set-up on Saturday, you will have a chance to practice your craft ahead of time and perhaps make another craft or two. Please arrive before 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, find your station using the list and map on the Fellowship Hall door, familiarize yourself with your craft, and decide with your teammates who gets what shift off. There will be three shifts, separated by the bell, and there should be two people at each station at all times.

# FALL ACTIVITIES AT HILTON PRESBYTERIAN

## Sunday Morning

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

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

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.



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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 November 22</b>	<b>Week of November 29</b>
Building Security	Chip Shefelton/Michael Mulkey	Greg Raines
Greeters	C.D. & Kathy Young	Howard & Paige Williams
Ushers	Susie Banning, Priscilla Bele, Sarah Leser, Michelle Schuler	Susie Banning, Priscilla Bele, Sarah Leser, Michelle Schuler
Counters	Eleanor Day, Patti & Fred Caccavale	Paul Clear, Jackie Peters
Nursery	Julie Richter, Vicky Baker	Judy Knight, Alice Minium
Processional Leaders	Sarah Frederick, Ty Hubbard, Casey Leser, Carter Moonis, Jessica Watkins	TBA
Moments for Children	Kathryn Dabbs	Mike Moonis
Multimedia prep/op	Patti Grayson, Francie Pearce	Patti Grayson, Francie Pearce
Lay Reader	Amie Hellauer	Lisa Schlickemeyer
Flower Delivery	Bob DiPasquale, Kathy James-Webb	Bob DiPasquale, Kathy James-Webb
Sunday Coffee	Charles Slagle	Charles Slagle
Giving Flowers	Ruth & Steve Lanning	Clay & Sara Bowman
WNLive! Meal	No WNLive!	Grill
WNLive! Desserts	No WNLive!	S. Banning, L. Chapman, E. Day

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