

# the Messenger

of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

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## Worship

### Lectionary Readings

February 21

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

February 28

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

**T**oday, Ash Wednesday, begins the season of Lent for the Christian Church. Though the name originally meant *Spring*, having its roots in the German and Dutch language, Lent is associated with the forty days preceding Easter (not counting the Sundays). The forty days are symbolically connected to the wilderness temptations of Jesus. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, it concludes on the evening of Maundy Thursday. Don't get too hung up on the numbers—forty plus six Sundays ends up on Saturday. Like many traditions, the evolving details can often skew the original intent.

The purpose of these “forty days” is to call believers into a season of prayer, penitence, and self-denial. Hence, forms of fasting have worked their way into the traditions. When asked what they're giving up for Lent, in the past I've heard some people say, tongue-in-cheek, “rutabaga” or “sampler food at Costco.”

“Penitence” and “repentance” are often used interchangeably as part of personal preparation for approaching the most sacred and celebrated day in the Christian calendar—Easter. The root word for “repentance” means far more than being sorry for past offences. When Jesus and John the baptizer used the phrase “Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand,” the Greek word in scripture is *metanoia*. *Metanoia* literally means to “change your mind,” not just express regret. Changing our minds means changing our ways—far more than a flippant “I'm sorry.” A change of mind and heart grows out of a reflective and prayerful “posture.” It implies doing an about-face from unhealthy or destructive ways. Repentance was never meant to leave people in a state of guilt. The very word means a calling to a way of living beyond (*meta*) the limiting, or even unhealthy, destructive patterns a person is in.

So, “giving something up for Lent” might be a starting point for a “change of mind.” But, I suggest you let your discipline this Lent be in the way of Jesus. He had an incredible ability and discipline of mentally pulling away, even in the middle of a crowd of people. That ability to connect to the Source of his strength gave him wisdom, insight, humility, and incredible perception.

My encouragement for you this Lent is to find at least fifteen minutes of solitude every day. Use a short psalm or a prayer such as the one below to start your quiet time. Don't fight the thoughts that seem to interrupt your contemplation. Follow them. They are trying to tell you something important. You may even want to keep a journal of what you learn in these daily disciplines—what you learn about the world around you, about God, about other people, and about yourself. Lent can be more than Mardi Gras and Fat Tuesdays. It can be a time to enlarge and enrich your personal world.

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ above me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*  
—from Saint Patrick's Breastplate, 5<sup>th</sup> century

See you tonight at 7:00 p.m. for the Ash Wednesday service.



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

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

# upcoming events

## Lenten Opportunities

February 17-April 4

Ash Wednesday Worship

- February 17, 7:00 p.m.

Adult Study

- Wednesdays, 6:40 pm, Library Classroom

Taizé Service

- Sunday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday

- March 28, 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship

- April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday "Stations of the Cross"

- April 2, 12:00 Noon/7:30 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Easter Sunday Worship

- April 4, 10:30 a.m.  
(One Great Hour of Sharing Offering)

## PEVA News

### Men's Breakfast & Communion Service

Bayside PC

March 13, 8:15 a.m.

Special guest will be Chaplain John Growth, Lt. Col. USAF ret. Please RSVP by March 6 to (757) 460-1188 with name of church and number attending. Cost is \$5 a person.

### PEVA Position Open

PEVA is now searching for a new Resource Center Director. Applications are due February 22 to [linda@pcusa-peva.org](mailto:linda@pcusa-peva.org) or call (757) 397-7063.

### Kirkwood PC Presents

Balaam's Ass: A Workshop on the Intersection of Science and Religion in the Congregation  
Saturday, March 6, 9-4:30

Presented by the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith and lead by the Rev. Dr. James Miller, General Missioner of PASTCF. Cost is \$10 for PASTCF members, \$15 for students and \$30 for all others. Lunch will be provided. RSVP by March 1 with completed registration form to [http://members.cox.net/kwba\\_workshop2010/](http://members.cox.net/kwba_workshop2010/) Payment can be made at the door. If you have more questions, please contact Kirkwood PC at (757) 766-0343.

## Taizé Service

Sunday, February 28, 7:00 p.m.

Lent is a time for reflection. On Sunday, February 28 at 7:00 pm we will be having another Taizé service. This is a time to read and meditate on scripture; to sing songs that are simple and repetitive to allow you to relax and focus. We light candles signifying the light of Christ among us. Step out of your fast-paced life and join us for this special service.

# VBS

Save the Date

Hilton-Area Vacation  
Bible School is  
July 12-16, 2010

# announcements

**OUR MESSENGER IS MOVING** to Tuesdays! Beginning March 2, you will begin receiving the newsletter a day early. Items to be published will be due the Friday before.

**2010 ADDRESS & PHONE DIRECTORY** The twice-yearly directory will be available in the narthex on March 28, Palm Sunday. If you have recently moved, have a new phone number or email address, please contact Sarah in the church office by Monday, March 30. Please notify the office if you do not want your email address printed.

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

**SCHMOOS FOR SALE** to help our Middle School youth going to Massanetta and our High School youth going to Montreat. SHMOOs come in three sizes and samples and order forms are available in the Narthex. If you want more information, please contact any middle school or high school youth or leader.

**2010 FLOWER CHART** is available for dedications on the bulletin board in front of the office. These flowers decorate the sanctuary each Sunday. Cost is \$43 for each date and payment is due the Wednesday before the dedication.

**RECENTLY MOVED** Jay and Carole Taylor have moved and would like to share their new address with you: 19 Meeting Road, Newport News, VA 23606. Their new phone number is (757) 591-9555.

## SPECIAL thanks

Dear Hilton Friends,  
Thank you for the lovely flowers brought to me after the passing of my sister. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me.

Sincerely,  
Mary Church

To Hilton Church,  
I would like to thank everyone who was able to attend Mom's service and those who were not able to for showing your love to our family for over 50 years. Mom really missed not being able to attend services but Hilton Church was always on her mind and in her heart. Thank you and may she continue to bless you all.

Phil & Deb Kinney

Dear Friends of the Carter Center,  
On behalf of President and Mrs. Carter I want to thank you for your \$300 gift to The Carter Center. For more than 26 years, donors like you have helped the Center wage peace, fight disease, and build hope for millions of people around the world. Without your support, these efforts to alleviate suffering and advance human rights would not be possible. Thank you for your partnership in our work.

Sincerely,  
John B. Hardman, M.D.  
President and CEO

## Wednesday Night Menu

February 17

No WN*Live!*

February 24

Baked Potato Bar · Homemade soup  
Homemade dessert · Lemonade/Coffee/Water

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

## Choirs Leading in Worship

2/21 Ensemble/Beg. Handbells  
2/28 Adult Choir/Ensemble/Hilton Ringers  
3/7 Ensemble/Youth Jam  
3/14 Adult Choir/Beg. Handbells

## Stewardship Statistics

2010 Annual Budget	\$339,409
YTD Requirements	\$45,690
YTD Receipts	\$46,444
YTD Expenses	\$42,193
Net Income	\$4,251
Feb. 14, 2010 Receipts	\$7,083
Superbowl Offering	\$400

# 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 & Bo Smith

The Chesapeake: Sadie Hubbard

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

Having Surgery Next Week: Patti Moonis (February 22)

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Janie Hurt, George Barber, Ann Sharp, Bob Coleman, Dot Turner, Johnnie Chai, John Honeycutt, Allene Kidd, Riki Murphy, Ruby Rankin, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis

Family/Friends: Jericho Horn (friend of Patti Caccavale)

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.  
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APO, AE 09344

## Wednesday Night Adult Study

Library Classroom



At 6:40 p.m. each Wednesday during the months of January through March, Dr. Bagley will lead the DVD series, "Saving Jesus," from the producers of *Living the Questions*. For those interested, dinner is served in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

## Adult Study Schedule

February 17 No class  
(Ash Wednesday Service, 7 pm)  
February 24 "Jesus' Birth"  
March 3 "Jesus' Ministry"  
March 10 "Who Killed Jesus?"  
March 17 "The Atonement"  
March 24 "The Resurrection"

## Blood Drive Update

### January Blood Drive a Success!

Some great things happened at the January 18th Hilton Area Churches Blood Drive held at St. Andrew's Church:

- 32 pints of blood were collected
- There were several first time donors
- Our regular "heroes" continued their pattern of donation
- Some folks who had been regulars in the past returned!

We really appreciate the offering of life-giving blood and your precious time to the following donors: Doug Baker, Debbie and George Barber, Barbara and Bill Blowe, Martin and Jennifer Brown, Kathryn Dabbs, Eleanor Day, Sam Heatwole, Leslie Leser, Kim Justis, Michael Mulkey, Chuck Paul, and Doris Slagle.

The donors really appreciate the goodies provided in the canteen. Thanks to those who made cookies, the Brown and Shefelton families, and to Sam and Debby Heatwole for making sandwiches.

**Thanks so much for your faithful help in this important life-giving ministry.**

Mark your calendars—the next blood drive will be held on Tuesday, March 23 at Hilton Christian Church. Be sure to load up on iron rich foods and plenty of fluids beginning a week before donating.

Wanda Fletcher, Hilton Area  
Blood Drive Coordinator



*The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.™*

# MISSIONS *update*



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS. HOPE.**

## Haiti Update

In the aftermath of the terrible earthquake in Haiti, your prayers, gifts and actions are making a difference. In a time when so many symbols of safety and security have been destroyed your support of the One Great Hour of Sharing (offering taken on Easter Sunday) and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) have been a tangible witness of God's presence and hope.

Working in concert with Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance and Church World Service, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance sent \$100,000 the day after the earthquake hit. A week later, another \$100,000 was sent. PDA has also provided assistance toward:



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- Food, water and 35,000 hygiene kits and baby kits at 15 distribution sites.
- Temporary shelters for the many people left homeless.
- Supplies and vital infrastructure support including electrical, water, sanitation and security at Hôpital Sainte Croix (Holy Cross Hospital) in Leogane, one of the few operating medical facilities in the region, and the Faculty of Nursing Science of the Episcopal University of Haiti (FSIL).
- Initial assessments and ground work for community psycho-social recovery.

We cannot thank you enough for your compassion and generosity. We have been inspired by so many stories of children, youth groups, and congregations each doing their part in support of the earthquake response. The damage has been devastating, but as Presbyterian mission co-worker and PDA staff member, Carlos Cardenas, reports, despite the devastation, "Hope is alive." Thank you for bringing hope to the people of Haiti. You can find situation updates and information on how you can get involved by visiting [www.pcusa.org/PDA](http://www.pcusa.org/PDA)

Did you know? The Presbytery of Eastern Virginia has given over \$14,000 to PDA for Haiti!

## Update on the Salman Family

Dear friends,

Rola and Riyadh Salman arrived two weeks ago today. They are settling in and learning more English every day. Eager to find jobs and begin their new life in the United States, they have begun taking English classes at Peninsula READS in Oyster Point.

The support from our church has been excellent. We have almost reached our goal but still are in need of approximately \$700 to cover their English classes, rent and personal necessities. If you have any employment leads or suggestions, please contact one of us or the church office.

The Salmans have said more than a few times "America is great!" This feeling of good will is in large part due to all the caring people at Hilton Presbyterian Church. Thanks for all you are doing.

*Amie Hellauer and Jennifer Bagley*

# SPRING ACTIVITIES AT HILTON PRESBYTERIAN

## Sunday Morning

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

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

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 WNLive! 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**

6:40-7:30 pm  
Coffee & Conversation  
DVD Study Series,  
"Saving Jesus" from *Living the Questions*

## 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 February 21</b>	<b>Week of February 28</b>
Building Security	Howard Williams/Doug Baker	Howard Williams/Doug Baker
Greeters/Ushers	Fred Caccavale, Aderon Gibbs, Randy Herrmann, James Howard	Fred Caccavale, Aderon Gibbs, Randy Herrmann, James Howard
Counters	Charles Slagle, Mike Moonis, Lynn Gray	Blythe & Greg Raines, Renee DiPasquale
Nursery	Julie Richter & Vicky Baker	Judy Knight, Alice Minium
Processional Leaders	Cassie Brown, Chandler Davis, Winston Davis, Megan Grayson, Annalee Weeks	Sarah Frederick, Ty Hubbard, Casey Leser, Carter Moonis, Jessica Watkins
Moments for Children	Kathryn Dabbs	Mike Moonis
Multimedia prep/op	Doug Baker, Erin Hellauer, Jessica Watkins, Zack Gray	Doug Baker, Erin Hellauer, Jessica Watkins, Zack Gray
Lay Reader	Debby Heatwole	Michael Mulkey
Flower Delivery	Jennifer Brown, Joe Hogue, Glen Schlickemeyer	Jennifer Brown, Joe Hogue, Glen Schlickemeyer
Sunday Coffee	Charles Slagle	Charles Slagle
Giving Flowers	Sue Hogue	Open
WNLive! Meal	Soup & Baked Potato Bar	Grill
WNLive! Desserts	L. Oglesby, J. Connor, help needed	A. Hellauer, C. Shefelton, J. Richter

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