

the Messenger

of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

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Worship

Lectionary Readings

July 11

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 18

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

Thirty-two elders, program staff, and spouses gathered for dinner at our home on June 18. Jennifer cooked an Italian cuisine, the weather was perfect for outside gathering, and the evening served as a great prelude for the Session Retreat which began the next morning.

Saturday's retreat was initiated with a brief worship experience in the sanctuary, that included communion and a renewal of baptismal vows.

The focus of this year's retreat was the beginning of a strategic planning process. Actually, the process began last fall as Session engaged in a six-month study of Diana Butler Bass's book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*. The reason her book is important and has been so widely embraced by many mainline churches is that her Lily Foundation team pinpointed ten "signposts" (or core values in administrative lingo) of vibrant mainline churches that had experienced renewal, spiritual growth, and were engaged in vibrant ministry. The newly installed elders are in the process of catching up with the reading.

A strategic planning process usually involves (1) identifying core values of the organization—those values that have been crucial in the past, plus values that also need to be at the heartbeat of the organization, (2) development of a mission statement—usually so brief and focused that most members can readily recall the wording, (3) a vision statement—sometimes referred to as a picture of an organization in the future which is the inspiration and framework for the strategic plan, and (4) the strategic plan—the process of defining ministry, making decisions, and utilizing the organization's resource of volunteers and budget.

Lee Anne Sulzberger, clerk of Session, led the first visioning session. Lee Anne's professional skills of sharpening administrative processes in the educational arena were turned toward exercises aimed at surfacing deeply held values unique to Hilton's congregation and values associated with spiritual vitality in mainline congregations.

The second session, which I led, concentrated on the "Life Cycles of a Church," drawing from the studies of Muberg, the Alban Institute, Bullard, and Rogers-Martin. Like an individual, the church has distinct characteristics associated with its stages of development from birth to death. Revisioning and renewal lead a church, or any organization, through renewed cycles of "birth" and growth preventing death.

The closing sessions continued the refining of values with an emphasis on "where to next?" Long before language of strategic planning existed, the Hebrew's book of Proverbs said: "Where there is no vision, the people perish." A small group of elders was appointed to consolidate the retreat work of Session into a draft of core values, a mission statement draft, and a vision statement draft that will be refined and refined again by Session. In the meanwhile, valuable summer activities continue and program/committee plans for this Fall are being developed.

As the Cheshire Cat said to Alice (in *Alice in Wonderland*) when she asked for directions and had no idea of her destination: "If you don't know where you want to go, then it doesn't really matter which road you take."



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Gary". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

upcoming events

Blood Drive News & Update

Tuesday, July 20, 1:30-6:00 p.m.
Trinity Lutheran Church

Happy summer, everyone! Many thanks to all who donated blood both in March at Hilton Christian Church and in May at First United Methodist Church. You have given the gift of life which is HUGE! I would love to thank each of you individually, but the paperwork giving me that information was not provided, unfortunately, so please accept my heartfelt thanks and know that your important contribution is no less appreciated. Also to snack providers for the May Blood Drive -Amie Hellauer, Patti Caccavale, Nelson Farley, Claire Hubbard—thanks a million!

Our next opportunity to donate in the Hilton Area Churches Blood Drive is Tuesday, July 20 at Trinity Lutheran Church from 1:30-6:00 p.m.

To secure an appointment and to alert the Red Cross Staff to supply adequate workers to keep the donation process running efficiently here is a suggestion: call 1-800 RED-CROS (1-800-733-2767). Of course, you can always walk-in. Thanks again for supporting this vital and life-saving ministry.

Wanda Fletcher, Hilton Area Blood Drive Coordinator



Give blood.™

Vacation Bible School 2010

July 12-16

Registration dates: May 1-June 20 (or until classes are filled)

The five Hilton area churches have been working hard in anticipation of this summer's VBS, Galactic Blast! The musicians are practicing, the crafts are being prepared, the snacks and supplies are being purchased, and the excitement is growing as we get closer to July 12! We look forward to the "mission" of sharing God's word with the youth of our area, and making this a fun and exciting week for them. Classes are nearly full, but we will continue taking registration forms until all slots are filled. Please contact Patti Grayson at (757) 513-0970 to check availability!



Working with this large group takes an enormous number of volunteers. If you are able to give just a few hours each day, we are still looking for adults who can serve as preschool teachers, elementary tour guides (taking a group from station to station), help in either preschool or elementary recreation, or in our science center. We can also use teen helpers (those who have completed 7th grade or older) who can work as tour guides.

We also will need folks who are willing to bake breakfast treats for VBS workers. HPC is responsible for providing these treats on Friday, July 16, for our hard-working volunteers. No need to sign up, just bring your goodies to the kitchen Thursday afternoon, or by 8:00 a.m. Friday morning.

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, July 25, 6:30 p.m.

Did somebody say ICE CREAM? Come join us for an Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have all your favorite toppings and ice cream. Anyone that has an ice cream maker and feels like crankin' it up please bring that delicious home made ice cream! Hope to see you there!!

Any questions please contact Debbie Barber at (757) 930-0431.

announcements

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Harvey Hubbard on the June 26 death of his wife and longtime member, Sadie Hubbard. Services were held June 30 at The Chesapeake. Condolences may be sent to Harvey at 955 Harpersville Road #2053, Newport News, 23601.

ALSO to the family of longtime member Pearl Hawk, who died June 18. A service was held June 22 at Park Lawn Memorial Park.

JULY YOGA CLASSES taught again by Registered Yoga Teacher Jea Coffman will be held Wednesdays, July 7-28 in the Fellowship Hall here at HPC. All are welcome to attend. Cost is \$32 or \$10 per session, payable by cash or check at the first session. For more information or to pre-register, contact Jea at (757) 788-4771.

HPC COLLECTS food and clothing for LINK. The baskets are located in the narthex and by the library. LINK accepts clean, gently used clothing and non-perishable food items.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE & TEA for sale. Through the *Presbyterian Coffee Project*, your purchase directly supports these co-ops of small farmers who grow these delightful drinks across the globe. Check out the many flavors located outside the Fellowship Hall.

PEVA PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND will be held October 21-24. This 3-day event of worship, discussion, singing and prayer for clergy & laity is designed for adult members of Presbyterian churches (singles and couples) to inspire, challenge, and equip individuals for Christian action in their home churches, places of work and communities through worship, discussion, singing and prayer. A person goes to a Pilgrimage Weekend only once; the effect lasts a lifetime! After the weekend, pilgrims can join reunion groups to reinforce teachings, affirm friendships and provide a place to share the Christian journey. Larger groups, *Ultrayas*, meet several times per year for sharing & encouragement. Go to www.pcusa-peva.org and click on "NEWS" to find the registration form.

Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Some of you may have noticed the absence of Office Manager Sarah McGinnis from the office lately and that's partly because she's been introduced to a new group that promises to sharpen her skills and expand her resources!

Sarah has joined the PC(U.S.A.) Administrative Personnel Association (Mid-Atlantic Region) and recently returned from a conference in Murrell's Inlet, SC.

During this conference she began working towards her Level I certification and was also elected Secretary for a one-year term.

Sarah is pictured front row, third from left.

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.

Beth Shalom Life Care (Richmond): Barbara & Bo Smith

Colonial Harbor: Lauren Bursch

Fairmont Crossing: Alice Wertheimer

The Hidenwood: Dorothy Hogue

James River Convalescent Center: Ruby Rankin

Mennowood: Allene Kidd, Arno Pauley

Morningside: Ellie Argo

NN Nursing and Rehabilitation: Angie Hodge

Regency Heath Care Center: Edra Mayer

Warwick Gardens: Janette Cook, Renee DiPasquale

At Home Recovering/In Treatment: Bob Sulzberger, Michael Mulkey, Bob DiPasquale, Barbara Blowe, Libby Crutchfield, Janie Hurt, Dot Turner, Johnnie Chai, Terry & Linda Rankin, Riki Murphy, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis

Family/Friends: Stanley Drucker (friend of Nelson Farley), Stephen Hubbard (John & Claire Hubbard's son)

Seminary student: Chuck Webb, "Inquirer for Ministry," Union Presbyterian Seminary

Our Sister Church in the Democratic Republic of Congo: Brikin Church, Kinshasa

Our Missionaries: Tom & Nancy Rach in Mexico
Tyler Caccavale (Haiti/Honduras June 13-July 17)

Military: Britt Caldwell, Jeremy Coviello, Stephen Elliott (Sandy Sherrill), 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:

1 st Lt. Casper, Robert	Cpt. Jason Wood
1 st Marine Div. HQ Battalion	89th Transportation Co.
G-3 ANSF (Afghan National Security Force)	553rd CSSB
Unit 40115	APO, AE 09344
FPO-APO 96427-0115	

Choirs Leading in Worship

7/11	Ensemble
7/18	Adult Choir
7/25	Adult Choir
8/1	Ensemble
8/8	Adult Choir
8/15	Ensemble

Stewardship Statistics

2010 Annual Budget	\$339,409
YTD Requirements	176,232
YTD Receipts	155,840
YTD Expenses	162,314
Net Income	(6,474)
July 4, 2010 Receipts	6,455

JULY birthdays

1 Justin Liverman
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3
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5 Leslie McHale, Rebecca Turner
6 Doug Baker
7 Lynn Gray, Lucille Saunders
8 Justin Wood
9 Elizabeth Blankenship
10 Jessica Watkins
11 Stevie Turner
12 Don Olson, Ruby Rankin
13 Ellie Argo
14 Tim Davis, Bob DiPasquale, Jo Pollock, Lois Oglesby, Zack Gray
17 Karan Mulkey, Doris Slagle
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20 Wally Bele, Emily Fletcher, Megan Hall, Paige Hunt, Sami Jordan, Tim Richman
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22 Paul Burgener
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24 Annie Pearce, Andy Turner, Yvonne Turner
25 Clare Wertheimer
26 Sarah Elliot
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29 Abigail Raines
30 Kathy James-Webb
31 Robert Doerner, Charlie Turner

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

Massanetta Springs Youth Conference 2010 June 22-25

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.
~Romans 12:1-2

Our Middle School youth enjoyed exploring this year's theme "180 degrees." Through keynote, music, workshops, encounter groups (small groups), recreation events, service project and worship, the "T" team (or theme team) showed us how easy it is to do a "180" and transform our lives. From something as simple as taking the extra time to help a friend to volunteering time on a mission trip, transformations not only change our lives, but help and transform others as well.

Top (L-R) Emilea Carter, Ty Hubbard, Blythe Raines, Zack Gray, Jake Diamond. Center (L-R) Sarah Frederick, Samantha Signorelli. Bottom (L-R) Jason Knight, Blake Crowson, Hannah Moonis, Mary Hellauer, Vicky Baker.



SESSION *highlights*

At the Stated Meeting of the Session of Hilton Presbyterian Church on June 7, 2010 Session:

- welcomed the new class of Elders
- approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting on April 26, 2010 and the Called Session Meeting May 16, 2010
- entered the following new members into the official church record as noted

*Alyson Barnes—Profession of Faith
Emilea Carter—Profession of Faith
Chandler Davis—Profession of Faith
Megan Grayson—Profession of Faith
Ty Hubbard—Baptism and Profession of Faith
Casey Leser—Profession of Faith
Carter Moonis—Profession of Faith
Annalee Weeks—Profession of Faith*

- approved offering a Yoga class on Wednesdays June 9, 16, 23, and 30 @ 5:30p.m.
- approved a request from Dorothy Knox on behalf of the Hampton Roads Montessori School for use of the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary for graduation and end-of-year ceremony
- entered the Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders held on May 30, 2010 as part of worship, which included the laying of hands by all ordained and installed Elders in the church, into the official church record.
approved Lee Anne Sulzberger as Clerk of Session for the period June 1, 2010 to May 31, 2011.

*Please note that there will be **no** Stated Session Meeting in July.*

MISSIONS *update*

From our Presbytery...

2010 Crop Walk

PEVA Hunger Committee is looking for sponsors for the 2010 Church World Service CROP Walks. With the right organizing person/congregation, four PEVA CROP Walks could be held: Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Eastern Shore and the Peninsula. To explore the possibility for your congregation to sponsor a CROP Walk in October 2010, call Alice Taylor, Hunger Action Enabler at PEVA, (757) 397-7053 ext. 309.

Eastern Shore Migrant Farm Workers

Migrant farm workers are now planning and picking Eastern Shore produce. For years, PEVA churches have contributed in ministry to these folks who help put food on our tables. In early June I was privileged to take a variety of your gifts to Ruth Brown, our contact on the ES. You provided 48 Food Lion Gift Cards of \$25 each and \$982.18 for the Las Familias program, which holds classes for pregnant migrant workers, teaching them good nutrition and healthy ways to care for themselves during the pregnancy. Food and hygiene kits filled my car to overflowing; they were gratefully received. Thank you for all of your gifts and the wonderful mission work you do all year long for our sisters and brothers who work the fields.

PCUSA Peacemaking Visit

Grace Covenant PC Presbyterian Women hosted meetings with Rev. Noelle Damico, PCUSA PM Unit, on the first Sunday and Monday of June. Reverend Damico presented a bevy of ways PEVA congregations can be involved in addressing PM crises such as human trafficking and fair food. These issues are "alive and well" in the U.S. PCUSA PM Unit encourages every church to be aware of what is going on, even if they cannot work to alleviate the problems. www.pcusa.org/fairfood www.pcusa.org/humantrafficking We congratulate GCPW on their forward thinking in offering the congregation ways to address critical needs of others, even outside their own comfort zone.

Heifer International

Usually the HAE advertises Heifer International gifts in October and November as a reminder to those seeking meaningful gifts to someone who "has everything". This is a "THANK YOU!" In June, PEVA Hunger Committee forwarded \$2,074.34 contributed by PEVA churches for Heifer International. The funds will purchase goats, chickens, or maybe a hive of bees for a family in need. Gifts go to individuals or families around the world, helping them toward self-sufficiency. Learn more at www.heifer.org

If you have questions about Hunger and Peacemaking, feel free to contact Alice Taylor, Hunger Action Enabler, (757) 397-7063 ext. 309.

From our Church...

Many thanks to those who donated permanent sleeping mats for PORT in honor or memory of someone special. Our shelter guests will certainly appreciate the generosity of many.

Nola Atkins
Bill & Clara Banks (2)

Sara Bowman
Patti Caccavale
Linda & Doug Chapman
Kathryn Dabbs
Nelson Farley (4)

Jonathan Gibbs
Judy & Larry Knight
Chuck Paul
Doug Baker & Julie Richter (2)
Dave Shuler
Chip Shefelton
Barbara Shefelton
Charles Slagle
Barbara D. Smith
Carole Taylor
Chuck & Kathy Webb (2)

Memory of Anita Sanborn
Memory of Frank Banks
Memory of Fred Liesmann
Honor of Clay Bowman
Memory of John Norris
Memory of Moir Hill, Sr.
Honor of PORT Guests
Honor of Jeremy Frederick
Memory of Dr. Matthew S. Broun
Memory of Dr. Linwood Farley
Memory of A. Louis Drucker
Honor of Aderon Gibbs
Memory of William Radoye
Honor of James E. Paul
Honor of Fred & Patti Caccavale
Memory of Jack Austin Schuler
Honor of Bob & Judy Shefelton
Honor of Ted & Ellen Bayley
Memory of George M. Slagle
Honor of Nelson Farley
Honor of Jay Taylor
Memory of Howard F. Webb, Jr.
Memory of William G. James

From our Missionaries...

Dear Brothers & Sisters at Hilton Presbyterian,

Our family is very grateful for the opportunity to be with you once again (May 16). It always feels like "home" when we are with you. Thank you all so much for your support and prayers over the years. May Jesus always be glorified in you,

*Tom & Nancy Rach,
Chiapas, Mexico*

Prayer item: Equip Mexico, A.C. is still tied up in clearing the title for the land. One man in particular is holding everything up by refusing to sign the paperwork. Please pray that the Lord will work on his heart and open the door to clearing the title.

July 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Activities in parenthesis are not HPC activities. ◆ WNL = Wednesday Night Live! ◆ HPP = Hilton Pres. Preschool ◆ MS = Middle School ◆ HS = High School ◆ PW= Presbyterian Women 				1	2 9 am Soup kitchen	3
4 10:30 am Worship	5 OFFICE CLOSED 9 am Soup kitchen (6 pm Kiwanis)	6 Newsletter 5 pm Soup Van 6:30 pm VBS Training @ St. Andrew's EC	7 (5:30 pm yoga)	8	9 9 am Soup kitchen	10
11 10:30 am Worship	12 9-12 VBS 9 am Soup kitchen (6 pm Kiwanis) 7:30 pm Circle 3	13 9-12 VBS	14 9-12 VBS (5:30 pm yoga)	15 9-12 VBS	16 9-12 VBS 9 am Soup kitchen	17 High School @ Montreat (17-24)
18 10:30 am Worship	19 9 am Soup kitchen (6 pm Kiwanis)	20 Newsletter 2-6 pm Blood Drive @ Trinity Lutheran (6:30 pm Hilton Heights)	21 (5:30 pm yoga)	22	23 9 am Soup kitchen	24
25 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm Ice Cream Social	26 9 am Soup kitchen (6 pm Kiwanis)	27	28 (5:30 pm yoga)	29	30 9 am Soup kitchen	31



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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 July 11	Week of July 18
Building Security	Howard Williams/Doug Baker	Howard Williams/Doug Baker
Greeters/Ushers	Patty Gibbs, Andy Grayson, Mike Moonis	Patty Gibbs, Andy Grayson, Mike Moonis
Counters	Joe & Sue Hogue, Jane Day	Andy Grayson, Jim Barnes, Julie Richter
Nursery	Debbie Barber, Priscilla Bele	Lynn & Chelsea Gray
Moments for Children	Gary Bagley	Wanda Fletcher
Multimedia prep/op	Sarah McGinnis, Mike-Mike Minium, Francie Pearce	Sarah McGinnis, Mike-Mike Minium
Lay Reader	Priscilla Bele	Kathryn Dabbs
Flower Delivery	Sandy Sherrill, Andy Connor	Sandy Sherrill, Andy Connor
Giving Flowers	Sara & Clay Bowman	Barbara Savage

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