

# the Messenger

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## Sunday Schedule

9:00 am	Contemporary Worship
9:50 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Traditional Worship
11:55 am	Congregational Meeting

*The Messenger* is published every other Wednesday unless noted. The deadline for the next issue is noon on **Monday, March 17**. To submit news, leave items in the office mailbox marked *office manager*, call Sarah in the office at 595-1313 or email her at [SMcGinnis@HiltonPres.org](mailto:SMcGinnis@HiltonPres.org)

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If the blooming of jonquils, warming of temperatures, and lengthening of daylight hours are not enough to signal change, this Sunday's "time-change" will further reinforce the natural process that is all around us. Daylight Saving Time is the controversial convention of advancing clocks one hour to allow more daylight in the afternoon hours. With its history going back to 1907, the benefits touted have been the reduction in electricity use, a reduction in traffic fatalities, and an increase in activities of retailing, sports, and other sunlight-friendly events. The disadvantages proposed are farming problems, entertainment, and complications of timekeeping, travel, billing, recordkeeping, medical devices and many computer-based systems. Regardless, our bodies resist the change, but adjust rather quickly to the benefits of an extra hour of sunlight in the afternoons. So, remember to *advance* your clocks one hour on Saturday evening, and prepare to *lose* an hour while gaining more sunlight.



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

This Spring will also witness a change in HPC's worship pattern and timing of Sunday School and worship. Beginning March 30, Hilton Presbyterian Church will go to a single service of worship. In doing so, it will bring all of our members together for a united weekly worship experience. The desires of Session and the Worship Committee are to bring together, in a single service, the talents and elements of worship that are especially meaningful to members.

As we move through this change, let me remind us all that no single service of worship can provide elements in which *all* music, prayer forms, confessions, and art forms are our favorites. Those elements that feed and challenge us the most should be savored. Those elements that are not our favorites should be allowed to challenge us toward greater diversity. In his book, *Beyond the Worship Wars*, Tom Long reminds us: "...vital congregations [do] not make worship dramatic; instead they [are] concerned about how to allow the drama already present in worship to be brought to the surface and to be more deeply experienced." He also quips, "Music is the nuclear reactor of congregational worship" and, then, provides the reader with the insight derived from a sabbatical study on worship: "vital and faithful congregations emphasize congregational music that is both excellent and eclectic in style and genre." So in the celebration of our "coming together" in worship, let us appreciate a wide diversity of musical styles and a creative spirit that goes *beyond* both our contemporary and traditional services.

Remember, also, that a Congregational Meeting will follow the second service at 11:55am. The purpose of this meeting is two-fold: (1) to elect a Nominating Committee, and (2) to hear the report and act on a recommendation from Session and the Administration & Finance Committee.

As this Sunday's change in our clocks brings us more afternoon sunlight, may the movement to a single service each Sunday bring us greater unity of spirit and energy in worship.

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

# upcoming events

## Solomon's Café

Christian Community, Discussion,  
and Wisdom with Every Cup!

Open to All  
Beginning February 10  
7 pm - 8:30 pm



*Ever feel like Jesus has been kidnapped  
by the Christian Right?*

Join us Sunday nights at Hilton Presbyterian Church as we unblinkingly explore what it means to be Christian in the third millennium. What is the popular definition of a Christian and who defined it? Would Jesus agree with America's understanding of Him? Why has our modern model of Christianity become increasingly un compelling to the Western world, and dare we admit it - to ourselves? What then are we to do?

Using video excerpts from the series "Saving Jesus" as a launching pad for discussion, we will enjoy the candlelit comfort and coffee-house atmosphere that we have come to expect from Solomon's Café. Each Solomon's Café topic stands alone, but we encourage you to come to them all and bring a friend!

February 10	How was Jesus defined through the Ages?
February 17	Who exactly was Jesus?
February 24	The World into Which Jesus Was Born
March 2	What Can We Really Know About Jesus
March 9	Teachings of Jesus: Wisdom Tradition
March 16	Jesus' Program: The Kingdom of God
March 23	Jesus' Ministry of Compassion
March 30	Why Jesus Is Worth Saving



## New Sunday Schedule

beginning March 30

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30 am

A Celebration of Unity...Join us on March 30 as the Hilton church family reunites in a single service! Gary, Lois, Doris and the Worship Committee are planning a service format that will continue to utilize the talents of our many faithful worship participants to the glory of God. The new Sunday morning schedule, as recommended by the Christian Education and Worship committees and approved by Session, will begin with Sunday School from 9:15 to 10:10, followed by coffee and fellowship. Our worship service will begin at 10:30.



## March Circles

(locations and times)

**Circle 1:** Judy Knight  
March 27, 7:00 pm

**Circle 2:** Margaret Hurt  
March 10, 1:00 pm

**Circle 3:** Patti Caccavale  
March 10, 7:30 pm

**Circle 4:** Margaret Lassiter  
March 11, 10:30 am

**Circle 5:** Carole Taylor  
March 11, 10:00 am

## In the Swing with the KEENAGERS

**Who:** Anyone over 55  
**When:** March 6, 11:30 am  
**Where:** Mike's Place  
Warwick Village Shopping  
Center, Newport News

Please call Nola Atkins at  
838-0352 for more information  
or to reserve your place.

# announcements

## Congregational Meeting this Sunday: 11:55 am

At Sunday's Congregational Meeting, three members of the congregation will be elected to join two elders from the Class of 2008 plus our Youth Elder to form this year's Nominating Committee. The two Session representatives are Charlie Slagle and Kathryn Dabbs. Kevin Clear is the Youth Elder. The Session representatives are nominating the following three persons for consideration to serve with them on this committee: George Barber, Amie Hellauer, and Michelle Schuler (a representative from the 2007 Nominating Committee). As always, nominations may be made from the "floor." Please secure permission from any nominees before placing a name in nomination. Also, a report and recommendation is coming from Session via the Administration and Finance Committee concerning the search process for an Associate Pastor.

**MUSIC NOTES** The Chime Choir will begin on Thursday, March 6 from 6:00-6:30. It is for anyone in 4th grade thru adult. No prior experience is needed. Please sign up on the blue sheet in the narthex.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED BY SESSION FOR THE FOLLOWING DATE:** The March 30 meeting is for the purpose of electing elders to the Class of 2011.

**WANTED!** Volunteers to help lead activity centers for 1st - 5th graders at Wednesday Night Live! No experience required. The activities are EASY, and materials and directions are provided. If you can help out just one week during the spring quarter, it will be greatly appreciated! Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Judy Knight or Patti Moonis for more information.

**PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY FOOD DRIVE** As a WNL! service project, 1st-5th graders are asked to bring in peanut butter and jelly for the Food Bank of Virginia Peninsula. These are two of the most needed items. Children may bring their donations (plastic jars and bottles preferred) on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings through the end of February. We encourage everyone else to participate!

**ATTENTION MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS** The next payment of \$50 for Montreat needs to be paid by March 31 and can be refunded if the youth cancels. The money is need to help pay expenses that will be paid before all the fund raising events are done. By the end of April, each participant will know any additional costs. Please turn money into Beth Jackson so that everything gets credited for the participant.

**RECENTLY MOVED** Pauline Vellner has moved and would like to share her new address: P.O. Box 305 Franklin, VA 23851.



## Sharing Resources, Changing Lives

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

## Where Does the Money Go?

The **Presbyterian Hunger Program** receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the **Self-Development of People** and **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** each receives 32 percent.

*Please give generously on  
Easter Sunday, March 23.*



**Daylight Saving Time**  
begins this Sunday, March 9.

Please remember to turn your clocks  
AHEAD 1 hour at bedtime Saturday night.

# remember in your prayers

Family, Friends and those Recovering will be kept on our pastoral care list for one month unless requested for a longer period. Please notify the church office of any changes.

Bayside Convalescent Center: Mildred Mathis  
The Chesapeake: Anna Moyer, Gertrude Kinney  
Colonial Harbor: Lauren and Virginia Bursch  
The Hidenwood: Pearl Hawk, Alice Wertheimer  
Mennowood: Allene Kidd, Arno Pauley, Charles Meissner  
Morningside: Ellie Argo  
NN Nursing and Rehabilitation: Angie Hodge  
Riverside Convalescent Center: Libby Smith  
St. Mary's Children's Home: Katie Jones

At Home/Recovering: Bill Sharp, Diane Davis, Becky Lupton, Patti Moonis, John Greenlee, Nola Atkins

Family: Allison Dodd (daughter-in-law of Shelby Dodd)

Military: Robbie Casper (Chris Cann), Joey Doherty, Tommy Edison\*/Josh Runnels/Dennis Peterson (Heather McHale), Brian Morris, Jason Wood  
\*Deployed

Our Pastor Nominating Committee for an Associate Pastor: Debbie Barber, Sam Heatwole, Jack Jackson, Lee Anne Sulzberger - Co-Chair, Drew Velkey - Chair, Hannah Weeks

Our Missionaries: Tom & Nancy Rach in Mexico  
Scott & Melanie Smith in India  
Dan Grimes, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

## SPECIAL *thanks*

Dear Hilton Church family,

Thank you for the flowers, phone calls, cards, food and especially your prayers following my recent back surgery. I consider myself blessed to be a member of this wonderful, loving church.

Love,  
Nola Atkins

To our dear Hilton family,  
Thank you for the meals, cards, flowers, phone calls, visits and prayers following my recent surgery. We have been showered with loving care. You are a blessing.

Patti Moonis for Mike, Alice, Margaret,  
Carter, Mike-Mike, Hannah, Kathy and Helen

## MARCH *birthdays*

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4 Rhys Edwards, Bernice Michael, Patti Moonis
- 5 Josh Perry, Emily Schlickemeyer
- 6 Rick Kerns, Madeline Raines, Samantha Signorelli, Alice Wertheimer
- 7 Patti Caccavale, Robert Oglesby, Dan Palumbo, Catherine Ramsay, Judy Swanson, Lynn Wood
- 8
- 9 Becky Lupton
- 10
- 11
- 12 Vicky Baker, David Blowe
- 13 Ann Richards, Kathy Young
- 14
- 15 Madison Brown, Ian McHale
- 16
- 17 Lee Anne Sulzberger
- 18 Aderon Gibbs, Tyler Rogers
- 19 Harriet Miffleton
- 20 Jim Barnes
- 21 Jennifer Bagley
- 22 David Barber, Stuart West
- 23 Sarah Leser
- 24 Dwight Steele
- 25 Ben Preston, Darrell Wood, Sandra Wood
- 26 Allison Mulkey
- 27
- 28 Joan Tokarz, Whitney Farris
- 29
- 30 Brian Daetwyler, Fran Hunt, James Morgan
- 31 Robbie Watkins

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

# MISSIONS *update*

Lucy and I returned from our five-week, mission trip to Honduras back on February 20. It was a great experience for us both, and we are so grateful for all those who helped make our mission possible. We took many pictures and have posted the best at: [http://picasaweb.google.com/pax\\_gsc/PaxHondurasTravelog](http://picasaweb.google.com/pax_gsc/PaxHondurasTravelog). Please take a look.



We went under the auspices of Bridges to Prosperity, a local charity, and we helped build bridges for two small villages. One bridge was finished while we were there, and the other will be in a few weeks. We put in many hours working on the bridges, but had time to meet lots of interesting people, practice Spanish, and tour the country.

Honduras is poor, but has none of the squalor or desperation that the worst nations have. Although life is hard and physically demanding, the people we saw were happy, well-clothed and fed. Keep eating bananas and drinking coffee - it helps them tremendously.

It was a blessing to go; thanks for the support; let's help the Chiapas team go this summer!

*Pax and Lucy Goodson*

## Lenten Opportunities

*The Last Week*, book study  
(Marcus Borg & Dom Crossan)  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm, Room 8

Solomon's Café — *Saving Jesus* series  
Sundays, 7pm, Feb. 10-March 30  
Narthex

Palm Sunday Services  
March 16, 9am & 11am

Maundy Thursday Service  
March 20, 7pm

Good Friday Service "Stations of the Cross"  
March 21, 12 noon  
St. Andrews Episcopal Church

Easter Sunday Services  
March 23, 9am & 11am

## Stewardship Progress Report

As of Monday evening, a total of 128 Commitment Cards have been turned in for a total of \$329,044. This is an over-pledging by \$21,500 for the 2008 Budget, meaning a specific "over-and-above" pledging toward an Associate Pastor position.

In addition to the election of a Nominating Committee, at Sunday's Congregational Meeting, the Administration and Finance Committee will provide a report and recommendation regarding the APNC search process.

### Stewardship Statistics

2008 Annual Budget	\$330,286
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$57,165
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$65,432
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$59,582
Net Income	\$5,850
March 2, 2008 Receipts	\$11,614

# 2008 Activities at Hilton Presbyterian

## Sunday Morning

Beginning January 6

9:00 am Contemporary Worship

9:50 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Coffee is available in the kitchen following the first service.

New Member/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 - 1st Grade

Room 203

#### 2nd & 3rd Grade

Room 205

#### 4th & 5th Grade

Room 207

#### 6th & 7th Grade

Room 204

#### 8th & 9th Grade Confirmation

Room 202

#### 10th - 12th Grade

Youth Room, lower level

### Adults

#### Discussion Class

Fellowship Hall

A lively group who enjoy reading and discussing books on today's Christianity and related subjects. *Presbyterians Being Reformed: Reflections on What the Church Needs Today*. Led by Fred Caccavale, Rick Kerns, Margaret Lassiter.

#### 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, Michael Mulkey, Drew Velkey.

#### Men's Bible Class

Arno Pauley Room

This class uses the Standard Bible Series for study, questions and discussion. Led by Charlie Slagle.

#### Berean Bible Class

Room 102

Now studying Ray Vander Laan's *Faith Lessons*, which includes three or four video series over the course of the next year. Led by Chuck Webb.

## Wednesday Night *Live!*

Beginning January 9

Please join us each Wednesday night for dinner at 6 pm, with music and Christian education classes. 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

6:30-7 pm/Junior Jam (1st-5th grades)

7-7:30 pm/Class

### Youth

5:30-6 pm/Youth Jam (6th-12th grades)

6:30-7:30 pm/Class

### College & Career

6:30-7:30 pm/Class

Led by Tim & Diane Davis, this class is for those who have finished high school and want to continue developing their faith through fellowship.

### Adults

(6-7 pm February 6)

6:30-7:30 pm/Class February 13-March 26

Led by Gary Bagley, Pastor

*The Last Week* by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg

## Choirs

### Junior Jam

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 movements. Led by Lois Reese and Patti Grayson.

### Youth Jam

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. Music led by Lois Reese, Debby Heatwole, Riki Murphy.

### Adult Choir

Wednesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 pm

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.

### The Ensemble

Alternating Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

These are the leaders of our contemporary music. We have 4-5 singers and a group of instrumentalists including congas, guitars and bass.

### Handbell Choir

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

6th grade and up

This is an intergenerational group 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. We look forward to the possibility this year of joining 50 other choirs at the Hampton Convention Center for the AGEHR Area III Handbell Festival.

# March 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9 am Contemporary worship 9:50 am Sunday school 11 am Traditional Worship	<b>3</b> 9 am soup kitchen 7 pm Session Noon newsletter deadline	<b>4</b> 4 pm Soup Van	<b>5</b> (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>6</b> 11:30 am Keenagers 6 pm Chime Choir 6:30 pm Handbell Choir	<b>7</b> 9 am soup kitchen Sr. High Beach Blast (7-9)	<b>8</b> 6 pm Yadkin
<b>9</b> Daylight Saving Time 9 am Contemporary worship 9:50 am Sunday school 11 am Traditional Worship	<b>10</b> 9 am soup kitchen 1 pm Circle 2 7:30 pm Circle 3	<b>11</b> 10 am Circle 5 10:30 am Circle 4	<b>12</b> (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>13</b> 6:30 pm Property Committee 6 pm Chime Choir 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7:30 pm Ensemble 7:30 pm Worship Committee	<b>14</b> 9 am soup kitchen Middle Youth Beach Blast (14-16)	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Palm Sunday 9 am Contemporary worship 9:50 am Sunday school 11 am Traditional Worship	<b>17</b> 9 am soup kitchen Noon newsletter deadline 6 pm Basketball Banquet 7 pm CE Committee	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>20</b> Maundy Thursday 1 pm Knitting Group 6 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm worship	<b>21</b> Good Friday No Preschool 9 am soup kitchen Noon Stations of the Cross @ St. Andrew's	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Easter 9 am Contemporary worship 9:50 am Sunday school 11 am Traditional Worship	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED No Preschool 9 am soup kitchen	<b>25</b> 2-7 pm Blood Drive 7 pm Congregational Care Committee	<b>26</b> (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<b>27</b> 6 pm Chime Choir 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 7 pm A&F Committee 7 pm Circle 1	<b>28</b> 9 am soup kitchen	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship	<b>31</b> 9 am soup kitchen Noon newsletter deadline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Solomon's Café will be held each Sunday at 7 pm.</li> <li>◆ Congregational Meetings will be held on March 9 at 11:55 and March 30 at 11:20.</li> <li>◆ Activities in parenthesis are not HPC activities.</li> <li>◆ WNL Wednesday Night Live!</li> </ul>				



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### Laity Assistant Schedule

	<b>Week of March 9</b>	<b>Week of March 16</b>
Greeters	TBA	TBA
Ushers	(9:00) Michelle Schuler, Susie Banning (11:00) Bill Blowe, Paul Clear, Jackie Peters, Dick & Joan Tokarz	(9:00) Michelle Schuler, Susie Banning (11:00) Bill Blowe, Paul Clear, Jackie Peters, Dick & Joan Tokarz
Counters	Paul Clear, John Philbrick, Kaitlin/Kevin Clear	Priscilla Bele, Leslie Leser, Susie Banning
Nursery	(9:00) Judy Knight, Kathy Knipp (11:00) Amie Hellauer	(9:00) Patti & Tyler Caccavale (11:00) Renee DiPasquale, Catherine Goodson
Moments for Children	Pam Daetwyler	Jennifer Bagley
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Worship Leader Lay Reader	(9:00) Judy Knight (11:00) Kathy James-Webb	(9:00) Kathryn Dabbs (11:00) Jay Taylor
Coffee Fellowship	Doug & Linda Chapman	Margaret Lassiter
Flower Delivery	Debby Heatwole, Blair Smith	Debby Heatwole, Blair Smith
Giving Flowers	Jackie Peters	Nelson Farley
WNL Team	Pax Goodson (hot dogs)	Charlie & Doris Slagle (spaghetti)