

# the Messenger

of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

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## Sunday Schedule

9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship

*The Messenger* is published every other Wednesday unless noted. The deadline for the next issue is noon on **Monday, April 14**. 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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“Go back to where it all began.” Those are the words early arrivers heard at the tomb on Easter Sunday, as told in the different gospel accounts. Eight different post-Easter appearance stories are found in the gospels—and, then, only in the gospels of Matthew, Luke, and John. None of them are duplicated. Each is unique to the gospel in which it is found. The lectionary gospel readings in the weeks that follow Easter Sunday contain many of these accounts—the Upper Room “with and without Thomas” stories, the Emmaus Road story, the Galilee “cast your nets on the other side” story, and two different “ascension stories.”

As many modern authors of the Jesus’ events have said, the importance of these different stories lie in trying to understand what each gospel writer is wanting his audience to know. That is where the richness of each story is enclosed. Sunday, we will look closely at the “Emmaus Road” story.

However, the common thread that seems to run through all of the stories is (1) Jesus is alive, and (2) resurrection is about transformation. The first important theme should move us beyond obsessing over resurrection details (how large was the stone in front of the tomb, why did only one gospel refer to something as important as an earthquake that aided in the stone’s movement, etc.) to being intent on living in the power of God’s spirit that was in Jesus and is *alive* in the world today.

The second theme—transformation—is the bottom line for all followers of Jesus. Our lives should be an ongoing process of personal transformation—of mind, spirit, convictions, and life style. It should also be at the heart of the church—not conforming to the world, but bringing about the transformation of the world, to borrow words from Paul to the church in Rome.

Last Thursday evening about midnight, we received a call from our daughter in Summerville, SC. For the past six months, she and her family have been in the process of building a new home. It was to be an eight- or nine-month construction process. In my mind it was “house construction gestation.” Knowing that a midnight phone call from family is usually not a good call, we quickly learned that they were standing in front of the nearly complete house, which was engulfed in flames. Firemen were already at work when they arrived. Within fifteen minutes of their arrival, they saw their future home go up in flames and smoke.

I drove down early Monday morning and back Tuesday afternoon to help grieve their loss. While there for 24 hours, we went back to “where it all began” many times. I watched them relive their hard work for the past six months, listen to past dreams, deliberate over what the next step should be, and raise questions about any hidden meaning in the whole event—the “why” questions.

Several years ago, a good friend of mine went from being co-pastor of one of the largest PCUSA congregations to a very small, struggling, downtown Atlanta church. Over lunch not long after accepting the call she said to me in an explaining way, “I just love a resurrection story.” Don’t we all, no matter how painful the Good Friday event? Resurrection is at the heart of our faith.



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

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

# upcoming events



Saturday, April 19

The HPC Youth will join Hilton Village for the Annual Hilton Village yard sale. As you are spring cleaning, please save any sellable items and bring them to the Fellowship Hall no earlier than Wednesday, April 16. All proceeds go to HPC youth projects. Please, no TV's, computers or anything we cannot dispose of easily (if it doesn't sell).

Common items we need:

- Clothes
- Shoes
- Jewelry
- Toys
- Furniture
- Bikes
- Small appliances
- Kitchen items
- Books
- Knick-knacks
- Paintings
- And more!

The youth will be selling hot dogs and drinks so come by for lunch and browse through the goods. You never know, you might find something really useful!

Thank you! The HPC Youth

Please call Whitney Farris @ 591-0957 if you need help getting your items to the church.

## In the Swing with the KEENAGERS

**Who:** Anyone over 55  
**When:** April 3, 11:30 am  
**Where:** Steak and Ale  
2031 Coliseum Drive  
Hampton

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

## April Circles (locations and times)

**Circle 1:** Patti Moonis  
April 17, 7:00 pm

**Circle 2:** Margaret Lassiter  
April 10, 1:00 pm

**Circle 3:** Ann Sharp  
April 14, 7:30 pm

**Circle 4:** Margaret Lassiter  
April 8, 10:30 am

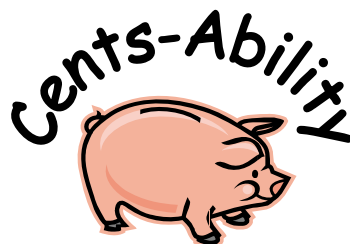
**Circle 5:** Johnnie Chai  
April 15, 10:00 am

You are invited to Zuni Presbyterian Homes'

## Day in the Country

Saturday, April 26  
10 am - 3 pm

For over 40 years Zuni Presbyterian Homes & Family Services has provided a residential facility for mentally challenged adults and has gained a reputation as an outstanding place for them to live, grow and develop their potential, *regardless of their ability to pay*. Day in the Country is a great way to celebrate Zuni and visit our campus. Live music, arts & crafts, and food. For more information, call the church office or go to [www.phfs.com](http://www.phfs.com)



The next collection is  
Sunday, April 6



We collected over \$1,700  
for OGHS!

# announcements

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Bette Coleman on the March 25 death of her sister, Miriam Carter, of Chester, VA. Condolences may be sent to 18 Westover Road, Newport News, VA 23601.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for the purpose of electing elders to the Class of 2011, has been moved to Sunday, April 13 at 11:30 am.

**MUSIC NOTES** Chime In! Our Chime Choir is on the move. Rehearsals will begin meeting on Sunday's right after worship until noon, this week, April 6. This is for anyone in grade 4 thru adult. No previous ringing experience or musical knowledge is required. Knowing your left hand from your right hand is helpful. All that's left is to have the daring to try something new.

**FAIR TRADE COFFEE & TEA** on sale outside the Fellowship Hall. Many flavors to choose from and you'll be supporting a great mission of HPC.

**SAVE THE DATE** It's a "Rainforest Adventure!" Vacation Bible School will be held this year July 14-18. As time draws near, there will be opportunities for you to help us prepare. We'll advertise more in upcoming newsletters.

**SUMMER EMPLOYMENT THAT COULD CHANGE YOUR LIFE!** Makemie Woods Summer Camp seeks mature Christian young adults who are 18 and one year beyond High School or older to serve as paid staff in our exciting summer camp program. Brochures are located in the narthex. For complete information and an application, visit [www.makwoods.org](http://www.makwoods.org) or contact the camp office, 800-566-1496.

## 2008 Senior High Ski Trip Wintergreen, VA



# 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/In Treatment: Ruth Lanning, Cathy & Roger Butler, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis

Friends: Matt McKenna (friend of the Hellauers)

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, Gulf Coast

## Stewardship Statistics

2008 Annual Budget	\$330,286
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$82,572
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$104,043
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$89,554
Net Income	\$14,488
March 30, 2008 Receipts	\$6,422

## SPECIAL thanks

Thank you to Hilton Presbyterian Church for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers and calls after my recent surgery — especially to Circle #3 for providing food for Ann and me when I came home from the hospital.

Yours in Christ,  
Bill Sharp

## APRIL birthdays

- 1
- 2 Jean Ann Burgener, Chea McGinnis
- 3 Carolyn McGinnis, Lynne Peterson
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7 Rita Rosser
- 8
- 9 Jean Atkinson
- 10 Graham Allen, Erin Hellauer
- 11
- 12 Mattie Shields
- 13 Aaron Olson, Sue Hogue
- 14 Lauren Blankenship, Sarah Davis, Kelly Flick, Gayle Mapp
- 15 Kathy Knipp
- 16
- 17 Megan Schuler
- 18 Andy Connor
- 19 Joel Baker, Nick Burgener
- 20 Wanda Fletcher
- 21 Watson Mulkey, Anna Palumbo
- 22 Greg Raines
- 23 Sydney Blowe, Chelsea Gray, Blythe Raines, Jessica Wilbur
- 24
- 25 Patty Gibbs, Kori Young
- 26
- 27
- 28
- 29 Donald Olson, Joe Swanson, Jym Newton
- 30 Delaney Ward

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

# MISSIONS *update*



Scott & Melanie Smith, India  
March 2008

This seems to be another year of change, transitions, loss and gains (we do not always notice the gains) Scott's mother Dana Faye Richardson Smith, passed away in February. Although we had been expecting this for a long time it was still a shock. At that time our phone line had been dug up and stolen for the copper content. So we were reached by Skype on the internet, Scott was away in Raxaul, Bihar, where no cell phones work. The hospital switch board did not answer the phone early in the morning but eventually we reached him.

In January we attended a two day workshop on Human Trafficking. I was really sensitized by the size and problems involving the police between countries and states with in India. It is hard to coordinate efforts to stop the terrible violation of Human Rights.

I had the chance to help Scott with a training for Self-help Group Leaders event in the Andaman Islands. It was truly wonderful for me to see Scott's skill in keeping a multi-day training interactive and challenging to those attending.

We are planning quite a major change in life and location. Scott and I are moving to Delhi this summer. I am going to be working for an organization called Open Hand, that exports fabric and soft furnishings internationally, while guaranteeing that fair wages are paid, Open Hand enables the purchaser to directly help the most marginalized in Indian society. Check out <http://openhandonline.com>

I am excited about doing something different. Scott has been away about 70% of the time since the middle of January. Living in Delhi will make traveling a little easier for him.

*Scott and Melanie, still in Mussoorie*

To read the full letter, go to [www.hiltonpres.org](http://www.hiltonpres.org)

## 2008 Middle School Beach Blast Duck, NC



# 2008 Activities at Hilton Presbyterian

## Sunday Morning

Through May 18

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

Coffee is available in the kitchen following classes.

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**  
Library Classroom

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!*

Through May 21

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

TBA

## 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.

# April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4 pm Soup Van	2 (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	3 11:30 am Keenagers 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Ensemble	4 9 am soup kitchen	5
6 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Chimes	7 SPRING BREAK No Preschool (7-11) 9 am soup kitchen 7 pm Session	8 SPRING BREAK 10:30 am Circle 4	9 SPRING BREAK (10 am ALANON) No WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	10 SPRING BREAK 1 pm Circle 2 6:30 pm Property Committee	11 SPRING BREAK 9 am soup kitchen	12
13 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship Congregational Meeting 11:30 Chimes 7 pm Worship	14 9 am soup kitchen Noon Newsletter Deadline 7:30 pm Circle 3	15 10 am Circle 5	16 (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	17 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Worship Committee 7 pm Circle 1	18 9 am soup kitchen	19 8 am-1 pm Yard Sale
20 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Chimes Noon PW Birthday Luncheon	21 9 am soup kitchen 7 pm CE Committee	22 7 pm Congregational Care Committee	23 (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	24 No Preschool 1 pm Knitting Group 6:30 pm Handbells 7 pm A&F Committee 7:30 pm Ensemble	25 No Preschool 9 am soup kitchen	26 8:30 am-2 pm Church Officer Orientation Training
27 9:15 am Sunday school 10:30 am Worship 11:30 Chimes	28 9 am soup kitchen Noon Newsletter deadline	29	30 (10 am ALANON) 5:30 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 April 6</b>	<b>Week of April 13</b>
Greeters	TBA	TBA
Ushers	Kathryn Dabbs, Carol Preston, Gary Leser, Priscilla Bele, Joe Hogue, Charles Slagle, Peter Knipp	Kathryn Dabbs, Carol Preston, Gary Leser, Priscilla Bele, Joe Hogue, Charles Slagle, Peter Knipp
Counters	Blythe Raines, Terry Rankin, Renee DiPasquale	Joe & Sue Hogue, Pax/Lucy Goodson
Nursery	Francie Pearce, Lucy Goodson, Blythe Raines, Julie Richter	Diane & Kevin Clear, Priscilla Bele, Sarah Davis
Moments for Children	Renee DiPasquale	Kathy James-Webb
Multimedia	Katie Grayson	Francie Pearce
Liturgist	Drew Velkey	Jennifer Bagley
Coffee Fellowship	Kathryn Dabbs	Doug & Linda Chapman
Flower Delivery	Charlie Slagle, Karen Velkey, Doug Chapman	Charlie Slagle, Karen Velkey, Doug Chapman
Giving Flowers	Lynne Peterson	Jean Atkinson
WNL Team	No WNL (Spring Break)	Charlie & Doris Slagle (spaghetti)