

# 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 28**. 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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At Sunday's Congregational Meeting, six officers were elected to serve on Session. Debbie Barber, Patti Caccavale, Joe Hogue, Kathy James-Webb, and John Philbrick were elected to the Class of 2011. Hannah Weeks was elected for the one-year Youth Elder term.

Kathy and Hannah are newly elected elders, scheduled to be ordained on Sunday, June 1. Between now and then, they will complete a training and orientation process, then, be examined by Session on May 19. Their first official meeting will be the stated June 2 meeting.

This year's Nominating Committee has been Kathryn Dabbs (Chair), Charlie Slagle (Co-Chair), George Barber, Kevin Clear, Amie Hellauer, and Michelle Schuler. Thanks to each of you for your time and work.

On another front, for the past eight months a large class of confirmands has met each Sunday morning to focus on *The Book of Confessions*, the polity and history of the Presbyterian Church, as well as the importance of their individual spiritual growth and their understanding of the Christian faith. One of the last assignments for each confirmand is to prepare a faith statement. Thinking carefully through what one believes about God and spiritual matters, without falling prey to clichés and just saying the expected, is a challenging request. Such an annual exercise would be good for all members, because if our faith is alive, it is then fluid—always questioning, always growing, always incorporating the new things we learn. Most elders will be quick to concede that listening to these youth talk about their faith, their points of growth and struggle, and their relationship to the church is a highlight in a Session year.

On Sunday, April 27, at 11:30 am following worship, confirmands and their partners will join Session in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch. At that time, each will share his or her faith statements and be prepared for questions that relate to responsible church membership. During the May 18 service, the congregation of Hilton Presbyterian Church will confirm these youth as active members of the congregation.

My special thanks goes to Judy Knight and Fred Caccavale as teachers of this year's Confirmation Class. Also, thanks to all who serve as Partners to this year's Confirmation Class. We have a fantastic group of youth, and this year's Confirmation Class is exceptional—as always!

The church must be forever developing leadership because it is always only one generation away from extinction. See you Sunday!



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

# upcoming events & announcements



THIS Saturday!

The HPC Youth will join Hilton Village for the Annual Hilton Village yard sale. We are accepting your donations now! You can bring them to the Fellowship Hall from 9 am-4:30 pm 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.

## Attention Confirmands!

### Meet with Partners

Sunday, April 20 from 5-7:30 pm

We will have dinner and a little whole group time, but most of this evening is for partners to assist the confirmands with finalizing their faith statements. Please contact Judy Knight if you are unable to attend. ([knighall6@aol.com](mailto:knighall6@aol.com) or 595-3349).

### Examination by Session

Sunday, April 27, 11:30 am

We will have a light lunch, then confirmands will be asked to read their faith statements and answer questions from session members. Confirmation partners are also invited to attend. Please RSVP to Judy Knight by April 20.

## A Festival of Hymns

the Writers Tell Their Stories  
by Hal Hopson

presented by  
**the Adult Choir, Ensemble,  
Hilton Ringers, Youth Jam  
and Junior Jam**

Congregation members as the  
hymn writers

Sunday, April 27 during the  
10:30 worship service

*Join us for a celebration in our  
heritage of song*

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Blair Smith on the death of his wife and longtime HPC member, Libby. The funeral was held here at the church Tuesday, April 8. Condolences may be sent to Blair at 924 Etna Drive, Newport News, VA 23608.

...and to the family of Lavinia Evans on the death of her father, Richard Vann. The funeral was Saturday, April 5, in Murfreesboro, NC. Condolences may be sent to Rob and Lavinia Evans, 1937 Butner Mill Road, East Bend, NC 27018.

...and to the family of former member, Alice Sink on the death of her father, Bill Bright. The memorial service was at Yorkminster Presbyterian on Wednesday, April 9. Alice and Gary Sink may be reached at P.O. Box 269, Dutton, VA 23050.

**PW BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON** Women young and old are invited to this annual gathering on April 20 at 12 noon. A potluck salad lunch will be offered and an offering will be taken for Lakeview PC's weekday school restoration in New Orleans and for the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS** Our Wednesday Night *Live!* program needs volunteers to make desserts each week. Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

**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.

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

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: John Honeycutt, Julia Futrell, Ruth Lanning, Cathy & Roger Butler, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis

Family: Turner Watkins (Jessica Watkins' grandfather), Frances Bradfield (Ira Bradfield's wife), Christine Taylor (Carole & Jay Taylor's daughter-in-law), Carolyn Harlow (Leslie Leser's mother)

Friends: Matt McKenna (friend of the Hellauers)

Military: Robbie Casper (Chris Cann), Joey Doherty, Brian Morris, Mike Roane\* (Lynne Peterson), 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

Last Sunday, April 13, the congregation of Hilton Presbyterian Church elected those below to serve on Session for a three-year term:

Debbie Barber  
Patti Caccavale  
Joe Hogue  
Kathy James-Webb  
John Philbrick

and Hannah Weeks serving one year as Youth Elder

## SPECIAL thanks

Dear Friends in Christ,  
Thank you for the love and support you have so generously given to Bob and me following the passing of my sister, Miriam. We are so blessed to be a part of this loving community and we appreciate each of you.

Sincerely,  
Bette & Bob Coleman

Dear Friends at HPC,  
On behalf of Habitat for Humanity, thank you for this generous contribution toward the 2008 Presbyterian Building on Faith House in the amount of \$1,500.

While many of us sow into charities and do not see a direct result of the seed we have planted, the seed you have planted will lead to a long-lasting blessing for a deserving family.

Thanks to the support we receive from generous donors, we have constructed 100 safe, decent, affordable homes and changed the lives and futures of 100 families. Together we can continue to make a difference in people's lives and our community.

Janet Green  
Executive Director

### Stewardship Statistics

2008 Annual Budget	\$330,286
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$95,275
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$121,446
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$102,157
Net Income	\$19,289
March 30, 2008 Receipts	\$7,968



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## Laity Assistant Schedule

	<b>Week of April 20</b>	<b>Week of April 27</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	Andy Grayson, Jim Barnes, Julie Richter	George & Debbie Barber, Dot Turner
Nursery	Andy & Katie Grayson, Lee Anne & Audrey Sulzberger	Debbie & David Barber, Leslie & Sarah Leser
Moments for Children	Karen Velkey	Kathryn Dabbs
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Liturgist	Michael Mulkey	Jackie Peters
Coffee Fellowship	Margaret Lassiter	Charlie Slagle
Flower Delivery	Charlie Slagle, Karen Velkey, Doug Chapman	Charlie Slagle, Karen Velkey, Doug Chapman
Giving Flowers	Dot Turner	Carol Bruce
WNL Team	Fred & Patti Caccavale (subs)	Debbie Barber (pizza)