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Sunday Schedule

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Remember!

This is the last Sunday before our Summer Schedule begins. There will be no Sunday School. Worship will remain at 10:30 am.

The Messenger is published every other Wednesday unless noted. The deadline for the next issue is noon on **Monday, May 26**. 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

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Early Thursday, Jennifer and I will make our way back to Newport News. As I commented in an email to someone, it's been very windy (too much so for decent fishing), but it hasn't affected the taste of oysters, the sound of the waves, nor the beauty of the seaside. It hasn't affected the extra time for reading either.

In my overly ambitious stash of books were three that have been calling me. Kevin Phillips' *American Theocracy* was pre-ordered two years ago, quickly skimmed when it came in, and has been starring me down ever since. His 2006 NYTimes article was a prelude to this book, which should be required reading for all U.S. citizens living at the start of the 21st century. He focuses on three significant issues for America: "reckless dependency on oil, a milieu of radicalized religion, and reliance on borrowed money..."

Matthew Fox's *Passion for Creation: The Earth-honoring Spirituality of Meister Eckhart* was a second venture. Fox refers to it as a commentary on the life and theology of one of the greatest mystics. This 13th/14th century preacher, theologian, spiritual counselor, and professor has been at the heart of Fox's own creation-centered theology. This book will be a continuing source of reflection and study for me, since Eckhart and Fox have been long-term "teachers" for me.

A third little book that became a favorite in the last couple of weeks is *Rules of Civility: The 110 Precepts that Guided our First President in War and Peace*. George Washington's notebook entries of personal civil rules are provided commentary by Richard Brookhiser. While some of Washington's personal "rules" quickly bring a smile to the face (like, suggestions for blowing your nose in public), all are rooted in the characteristics of courtesy, respect, honesty, and humility. Washington's "rules of civility and decent behavior in company and conversation" have been traced back to a 16th century French etiquette manual. How inspirational that the first president of our nation would be a student of courtesy, manners, and civility in addition to being a great military general and statesman. While no overt mention of God or religion was made, I couldn't help but think that the real basis of these precepts, which were part of such a great leader, had their roots in the same spiritual mentality, as did the teachings of Jesus.

With thirteen of our youth being confirmed this Sunday and others being recognized in the next few weeks for completion of degrees in high schools, colleges, and universities, my mind has been preoccupied with the world's need for great leaders. Greatness comes from using your gifts to the best of your ability...as well committing yourself to a life of courtesy, respect, honesty, and humility. The world is in great need of it!

See you Sunday...



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

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

upcoming events

Mission Trip Fundraisers

The Chiapas Mission Team is holding two fundraisers this spring and we need your support. We will be having a **yard sale** at the home of Jay & Nancy Stockard, 317 70th Street, Newport News, Saturday, May 31 from 8-1. Come on by and find a treasure, or donate one if you have any left after the youth yard sale!

Sunday, June 1, we will host a **BBQ dinner** at the church at 5 pm. BBQ (homemade by Jay!) plates will be available for \$7.50, and BBQ will be sold by the pound at \$7.00/lb. Come on by and eat with us, or take some home. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you can help with set up or clean up or if you would like to make a baked goods donation. You can also make a reservation for the BBQ dinner. Drop-ins are welcome! For more information, call Lisa Schlickemeyer at 930-8318.

Celebration Sunday / June 8



Oh, Jonah! returns to Hilton.

The Junior Jam will present the Allen Pote classic musical of Jonah and the whale. You'll discover how Jonah ran from responsibility and how God convinced Jonah to go and teach "those nasty Ninevites."

Afterwards, we will enjoy a covered dish luncheon. Bring your favorite side dish. Chips and condiments for hamburgers are also welcome.

Hilton Presbyterian Preschool

will be holding its

Annual Auction on the Lawn

in conjunction with

Preschool Graduation

Thursday, May 22, beginning at 6 pm

Included in the auction are gift certificates, vacation getaways, and themed collections. The items will be on display by Sunday, May 18, in the Fellowship Hall so that church members can view and bid on them. Most offerings will be silent auction, with some raffle style drawings, with a very few live auctions items. Funds from the auction will be used for a new laminator, plus a dye-cut machine and playground equipment for the preschool.

The Goodson Summer Camps 2008

Ellen, Lucy, and Catherine Goodson are pleased to present you with the 2008 Summer Camp series. Celebrating our fourth year, we thank you for your past participation and look forward to welcoming new campers!

June 16-19 Fort Goodson: Ages 7-11 \$100

June 23-27 Acting Workshop, Part I: Ages 6-9 \$100

July 7-11 The Al Dente Academy: Ages 8-13 \$185

July 21-25 Acting Workshop, Part II: Ages 9-11 \$130

All camps will be held from Monday to Friday at 405 Park Place in Newport News. Call 595-6648 for more information or to make your reservation. Kindly share this information with your friends.

** References furnished upon request **

VBS 2008 / July 14-18



announcements

CALLING ALL GRADUATES Parents, grandparents, and friends please contact the church office with information about any graduates in your family, whether they be high school, college, or technical school. Include any plans for future education or jobs that you would like to share. Share the happy news!

VBS 2008 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. Registration forms are located in the narthex and must be filled out and returned by June 15.

BLOOD DRIVE COMING SOON The next blood drive sponsored by the Hilton Area Churches will be held at First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 27, from 2-7 pm. If you have not donated before, please consider taking this opportunity to give the gift of life. If you cannot donate blood, you can help out by supplying a batch of cookies or some sandwiches to be served to the donors. A sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Please sign up if you can help! Thanks to the many faithful donors. Start eating iron rich foods now in preparation for giving blood!

SENIOR ACTIVITIES The LifeLong Learning Society of CNU invites those of you of retirement age to expand your horizons. Join LLS to register for exciting classes, trips, concerts and lectures. You may also participate in the bridge club. Join your peers for an exciting year at our new location, the Yoder Barn. There are summer brochures in the narthex or call their office at 269-4368 for more information. Summer classes begin on July 7.

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.

Riverside Rehab: Ken Pollock

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: Terry Rankin, John Honeycutt, Julia Futrell, Roger Butler, Claire Hubbard, Diane Davis

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

Friends: Barbara Drucker Smith (friend of Nelson Farley), Lisa Ward (friend of Linda Rankin)

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

SESSION highlights

At the stated meeting on April 7, 2008
Session:

- Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting held on March 3, 2008
- Approved the minutes of the Congregational Meeting held on March 9, 2008
- Approved a date change for the Facilities Use Request submitted by Wanda Fletcher on behalf of the Red Cross for use of the Fellowship Hall for Blood Drive. The new date is Tuesday, November 18, 2008
- Approved revised 08-09 budget submitted by Administration and Finance Committee showing increased pledges and money allocated for Associate Pastor position
- Approved Petty Cash Policy submitted by Administration and Finance Committee
- Approved amended Church Information Form submitted by the Pastor Nominating Committee. CIF amended to reflect search for a part time position
- Approved a called Session Meeting for the purpose of examining confirmands on April 27, 2008 after the worship service
- Approved Kathryn Dabbs and Charles Slagle as Commissioners to the April 22, 2008 meeting of Presbytery at Stone House Presbyterian Church.

Upcoming Session Meetings:

- Called Meeting April 27, 2008 after 10:30 am worship
- Stated Session Meeting May 19, 2008 at 7pm



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Lait Assistant Schedule

	Week of May 18	Week of May 25
Greeters	Randy & Rachel Herrmann	Dot Turner & Barbara Matthews
Ushers	Susie Banning, Eleanor Day, David Fletcher, Lynn Gray, Pete Jones, John Philbrick, Michelle Schuler	Susie Banning, Eleanor Day, David Fletcher, Lynn Gray, Pete Jones, John Philbrick, Michelle Schuler
Counters	Priscilla Bele, Leslie Leser, Susie Banning	Andy Grayson, Mike Moonis, Lynn Gray
Nursery	Kathy & Elizabeth Knipp, Renee DiPasquale, Catherine Goodson	TBA
Moments for Children	Pam Daetwyler	Jennifer Bagley
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Liturgist	Pam Daetwyler	Julie Puckett
Coffee Fellowship	Doug & Linda Chapman	Margaret Lassiter (last Sunday for coffee)
Flower Delivery	Kathryn Dabbs, Jay Taylor, Bob DiPasquale	Kathryn Dabbs, Jay Taylor, Bob DiPasquale
Giving Flowers	Brian Daetwyler	Fletcher family
WNL Team	Charlie & Doris Slagle (spaghetti)	Debbie Barber (pizza) Last WNL