

# the Messenger

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## Sunday Schedule

10:30 a.m.	Worship
6:30 p.m.	Ice Cream Social

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Once every four years, we are offered an inspirational experience—the Summer Olympics. Inspirational, from the standpoint of modeling health, fitness, and determination, and also from modeling attitudes that come, I think, from focusing on higher human achievements that are by nature healthy.

The Olympics have their roots in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E. Greece, being held every four years. The Pythian Games, also held every four years, predated the athletic competitions and occurred in Delphi, but included competition in music and poetry.

My interest in the Greek culture was piqued last summer while reading David Talbot's new book, *Brothers: The Hidden History of the Kennedy Years*. In it, a reference was made to another book: *The Greek Way*. After the assassination of President John Kennedy, at a family gathering Jacqueline told Bobby about Edith Hamilton's book that had captivated their attention. Bobby stayed up during the rest of the night reading the book that was so important to his brother and widowed sister-in-law.

Though first published in 1930, Hamilton's book sheds much light on a culture that since its peak some 2,500 years ago has greatly impacted the western world. The Greeks were the first people in the world to play...and on such a great scale. Hamilton said, "If we had no other knowledge of what the Greeks were like, if nothing were left of Greek art and literature, the fact that they were in love with play and played magnificently would be proof enough of how they lived and how they looked at life. Wretched people, toiling people, do not play." The Egyptians left behind their great tombs; the Romans' brutal, bloody entertainment had nothing to do with play. "To rejoice in life, to find the world beautiful and delightful to live in, was a mark of the Greek spirit..."

While the East stood for faith and force, Greece embodied the values of reason and freedom. They highly affirmed the supremacy of independence and political freedom. Their understanding of character was not focused or defined as we define it by the individual or distinct traits of a single person, but rather character was defined by the common traits held by all humans. And, their religion which some have said was practically non-existent, focused on the elimination of fear and the elevation of excellent living and relating. I'm not so sure but what Jesus would have been in good company with much of this culture that predated him by 500 years.

On the day before the Olympics' Opening Ceremony, Russia invaded the former Soviet Union's state of Georgia. A photographer captured a telling story of the true spirit of the world Summer Olympics—two female athletes, a Russian and a Georgian, hugging each other. Maybe the Greeks legacy we enjoy through world athletic competition has far more to teach us about life than winning and losing.



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

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

# upcoming events

## Ice Cream Social

August 24, 6:30 p.m.



All are welcome to an Ice Cream Social Sunday August 24 in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to bring some homemade ice cream; if you can't that's ok, come anyway! Toppings and ice cream provided. See y'all

there! Any questions, contact Debbie Barber at (757) 930-0431.

## Wednesday Night *Live!* Kick-Off Event

Play-Around Golf & Games  
Wednesday, September 10, 6-7:30 p.m.

Cost is \$3 a person (\$10 max per family) for two rounds of golf and six tokens. Extra tokens and food are available for purchase, or you can eat before you come. Bring the whole family and join us for a fun evening of golf, games and fellowship!

For more information contact Bob Sulzberger @ (757) 591-9634 or [rsulzberger@cox.net](mailto:rsulzberger@cox.net)

## September Circles

(locations and times)

**Circle 1:** Diane Clear  
September 18, 7 pm

**Circle 2:** Betty Blackburn  
September 11, 10:30 am

**Circle 3:** Eleanor Day  
September 8, 7:30 pm

## In the Swing

with the

## KEENAGERS

**Who:** Anyone over 55  
**When:** Sept. 4, 11:30 am

**Where:** The Lunch Bell  
694 Town Center Drive  
Newport News

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

## PEVA EVENTS

### PEVA PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN FALL GATHERINGS

**First Hampton PC / September 12**  
514 S. Armistead Ave., Hampton, VA 23669  
&

**Grace Covenant PC / September 13**  
2228 Princess Anne Rd., Va. Beach, VA 23452

Be sure to set aside this time of *nutritious* feeding of the body and soul through fellowship, workshops & worship!

### 2nd ANNUAL CONGO WALK

September 7, 1 pm

*Did you know that it only costs \$65 per year to educate a child in Kinshasa, DR Congo?*

Walkers can saunter 1 mi. (36th St. to 26th St.

and back) or 3 mi. (36th St. to 14th St. and back)

Registration Fee: \$10/12-Adult and \$5 Children (4-12 yrs.) You can also \*Pray, \*Donate Money

\*Sponsor \*Attend & Cheer \*Hand Out Water

*Corporate sponsorship is available from only \$50 up!*

For more information, contact Liz Long at [elong@hsmm.com](mailto:elong@hsmm.com) or (757) 481-2364.

### 10-DAY BIBLE LANDS CRUISE in MARCH 2009

Hosted by Pastor Keith Curran of St. Andrew PC Sites to be seen will be Cairo, Jerusalem, Galilee, Turkey and Greece! Those interested can email Keith at [KCurran100@aol.com](mailto:KCurran100@aol.com) and he will promptly send a brochure!

### UMPTIETH ANNUAL PEVA GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 15

Sewells Point Golf Club

located on Terminal Blvd. in Norfolk

\$65 cost will include driving range, balls, green fees & cart —as well as a steak lunch! There will

be grand fun and grand prizes! Mulligans may be

purchased at the *astoundingly* low price of 2/\$5

(limit 4)! Play Florida Best Ball. Register: 7-8 am

with Tee off at 8:30 am. *Gather up a foursome or*

*come along and we'll match you up.* Contact Cole-

man Place PC at (757) 853-1951 or

[cppcl@verizon.net](mailto:cppcl@verizon.net). Find a registration form and

details at [www.pcusa-peva.org/what.htm](http://www.pcusa-peva.org/what.htm)

Registration deadline September 8.

# announcements

**MUSIC NOTES** Rehearsals begin this week for Adult Choir, 7 p.m. Wednesday and Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Throw open the door to musical opportunities!

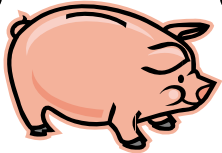
**FRESH VEGETABLES NEEDED** for St. Vincent's Soup Kitchen. Please drop them off in the designated basket in the Narthex.

**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.

**MAINTAIN YOUR BRAIN** The Chesapeake is sponsoring three workshops on brain-healthy living. *Maintain Your Brain*, *Brain Aerobics*, and *Sharpen Your Brain*, presented by the Alzheimer's Association, will be held August 19, September 2, and September 16 respectively at 10 a.m. For more information or to register, contact Meredith Macaluso at (757) 223-1629.

## Giving Back

Cents - Abilities



The next collection is Sunday, September 7

Looking for an everyday way to practice good stewardship? Try CENTS-ABILITIES, a ministry that addresses the hunger needs of our community. Fifty percent of the money we collect goes directly to the Peninsula FoodBank and the LINK food pantry. The rest goes to PEVA, which in turn gives it out to local hunger programs in the form of grants. Putting a CENTS-ABILITIES jar, can, or piggy bank on your kitchen table will help your family remember to drop in any change that you have at the end of each day. Look for the CENTS-ABILITIES basket in the Narthex when you come to church on the first Sunday of every month. We'll remind you when it's time for a collection with this piggy bank clip art in the newsletter closest to the first of the month.

## SPECIAL thanks

I want to express my thanks for your expressions of sympathy following the recent death of my mother. Your cards and words were greatly appreciated. The beautiful rose bush given to me by the church will be especially treasured, and how appropriate – my mother's name was Rosa Lee.

*in Christ's love,  
Betty Ann Pagels*

Dear Hilton-Area VBS Churches, Thank you for your Vacation Bible School donation of \$743.35 to the Lackey Free Clinic. Your generosity helps us build a bridge of healing and compassion to the medically disadvantaged on the Peninsula and also reach them with the good news of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

*Sincerely,  
Robert R. Bradley, Jr.  
Executive Director*

## Teacher Training & Orientation

September 3, 6:00 p.m.

It's that time of year again! Sunday School and Wednesday Night *Live!* will be starting soon, and that means it is time for our annual Teacher Training Night. This year, we will be joined by a guest speaker, Gini Campbell of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church.

Gini has been involved in Christian Education for over thirty years, and began attending Union-PSCE Seminary in September, 2006. Gini has a real passion for the development of children and youth, as well as issues concerning young families in the church and midlife spiritual issues.

If you are planning to teach any age group in either Sunday School or Wednesday Night *Live!* this year, or are interested in helping with any of our exciting Christian Education programs, please plan to attend. We will have great food, a great speaker and as always, great fellowship.

# 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.

Bayside Convalescent Center: Mildred Mathis

The Chesapeake: Anna Moyer, Gertrude Kinney

Colonial Harbor: Lauren and Virginia Bursch

The Hidenwood: Pearl Hawk, Dorothy Hogue, 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

Having Surgery This Week: Drew Velkey

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Diane Davis, Becky Lupton, Johnny Chai, Keenan Clear, Beth Jackson, Gary Bagley, Wanda Fletcher, Ann Sharp, Terry Rankin

Family: Jane Woodworth (Francie Pearce's extended family), George Barber Jr. (George Barber's father)

Friends: Rhonda Smith (friend of Sarah & Bryan McGinnis), Misty Sauer (friend of Linda Rankin)

Military: Robbie Casper\* (Chris Cann), Joey Doherty, Mike Roane\* (Lynne Peterson), Jason Wood  
\*Deployed

Our Christian Education & Youth Ministry Search Committee/APNC: 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

## Stewardship Statistics

2008 Annual Budget	\$330,286
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$209,605
Year-to-Date Receipts	\$229,525
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$210,588
Net Income	\$18,937
August 17, 2008 Receipts	\$3,673

## SEPTEMBER birthdays

- 1
- 2 Kemper Kellogg
- 3 Winston Davis, Sarah Edwards
- 4
- 5
- 6 Thomas Ferguson, Kim (Hubbard) Griffin
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 Susan Ailsworth, Mason Schuler
- 11 Preston Loving
- 12 Kerry Pratt
- 13
- 14 Lander Wertheimer
- 15
- 16 Bill Banks, Scott Barber, Betty Blackburn, Ann Greenlee, Kinsey Shefelton
- 17 Margaret Hurt
- 18 Kris Perry, Romy McGinnis
- 19
- 20
- 21 Kaitlin Clear
- 22 Carter Ailsworth
- 23
- 24 Mary Anne Kellogg
- 25
- 26 Cailee Helmick
- 27 Ashley McHale
- 28 Barbara Blowe
- 29
- 30 Madison Steele

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

# SESSION highlights

At the stated meeting on August 4, 2008 Session:

- Approved Jane Day as Clerk Pro Tem for duration of meeting
  - Approved incoming and outgoing correspondence
  - Approved the minutes of the Stated Session Meeting held on June 2, 2008
  - Entered the death of Ken Pollock on July 7, 2008 into the official church record
  - Entered the marriage of Rachel Lynn Middleton and Daniel Orlando Alvarez into the official church record
  - Approved Facilities Use Request from Renee DiPasquale and Linda Philbrick on behalf of Philanthropic Educational Organization for use of the Fellowship Hall and on Thursday September 11, 2008 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. for 5-10 people for dessert and program
  - Approved Facilities Use Request from Sister David Ann Niski on behalf of LINK of Hampton Roads, Inc. for use of the Fellowship Hall and on Thursday September 25, 2008 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday September 27, 2008 from 10:00a.m. - noon for approximately 20 people each day for PORT training
  - Approved Facilities Use Request from Christine Duer on behalf of the Girl Scouts for use of the Fellowship Hall and one classroom on Thursday November 20, 2008 from 6:30-8:30p.m. and for 15-20 people for an adult class
  - Approved Wednesday Night *Live!* "Putt Putt Kick-Off" for Wednesday, September 10, 2008
  - Approved recommendation from the Christian Education Committee regarding adult and youth curriculum and slate of teachers for 2008-2009
  - Approved Ice Cream Social event on August 24, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.
  - Approved Church Workdays on October 11, 2008 and April 11, 2009
  - Approved the celebration of Communion on the first Sunday of every month unless church schedule makes another Sunday in the month more convenient
  - Approved Leadership Planning Meeting on September 7, 2008 after worship
- Approved calendar of events and special services from the Worship Committee for addition to the master calendar

The next Stated Session Meeting will be held September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.



Jane Elizabeth Philbrick

John and Linda Philbrick are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandchild, born July 27. Proud parents are Whitney and Amy Philbrick of New York. Jane weighed 8 lbs 11 oz at birth.

## PRESCHOOL news

Our weekday preschool teachers are setting the stage for another year of love, learning, and laughter. Each year we pick a theme, around which we organize our lessons in math, language, science, & social studies. This year we have chosen the author Eric Carle and the wonderful books he has written for little people. Butterflies will be growing with *Very Hungry Caterpillar*, animals will be counted with *123 to the Zoo*, colors will be identified with *Brown Bear*, and so on.

We have had many changes in enrollment over the summer (it has truly been a huge year for job transfers), but we look to start the year with full enrollment of 68 students. Thanks to the ministry of Hilton Presbyterian, these young ones will learn about the love of Jesus and realize that God made them to be very special. Thanks to all the church members for your support, prayers, and encouragement.

*Betty Ann Pagels* 

Betty Ann Pagels,  
Preschool Director



# FALL ACTIVITIES AT HILTON PRESBYTERIAN

## Sunday Morning

Beginning September 7

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 - 2nd Grade**  
Room 203

**3rd - 5th Grade**  
Room 204

**6th - 8th Grade**  
Room 202

**9th - 12th Grade**  
Youth Room, lower level

### Adults

**Berean Bible Class**  
Library Classroom

Continuing Ray Vander Laan's acclaimed video series *Faith Lessons*, this class will journey through the Holy Lands and the Bible. Each class stands alone. Led by Chuck Webb.

**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, Jay Taylor, 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.

## Wednesday Night *Live!*

Beginning September 17

Please join us each Wednesday night for dinner at 6 p.m., with music and Christian education classes following. 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** (Grades 1-5)  
6:30-7 p.m./Junior Jam  
7-7:30 p.m./Class

**Youth** (Grades 6-12)  
5:30-6 p.m./Youth Jam  
6:30-7:30 p.m./Class

**Adults**  
6:30-7:30 p.m./Class

## Choirs

### Youth Jam

Wednesdays 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Grades 6-12

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.

### Junior Jam

Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Grades 1-5

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.

### Adult Choir

Wednesdays 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. (resumes August 20)

The Adult Choir is responsible for leading our congregational 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.

### Ensemble

Alternate Thursdays, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. (resumes August 21)

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

### Hilton Ringers

Thursdays, 6:30 - 7:30 pm (resumes September 18)  
6th grade and up

This is an intergenerational handbell choir 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 are celebrating our 10th anniversary this year!

### Chime Choir

Sundays, 11:30-Noon (resumes September 14)  
4th grade and up

This is the group if you want to learn basic music reading and ringing. No prior knowledge or experience is necessary. All that is needed is the daring to try something new and the willingness to have a little fun along the way.

# September 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 9 am soup kitchen	2 Preschool begins 4 pm Soup Van	3 (10 am ALANON) 6 pm Teacher Training & Orientation 7:30 pm Adult Choir	4 11:30 am Keenagers 7:30 pm Ensemble	5 9 am soup kitchen	6
7 REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:45 Annual Leadership Planning Conference	8 9 am soup kitchen 7 pm Session 7:30 pm Circle 3	9 7 pm Missions Committee	10 (10 am ALANON) 6:30 pm WNL Kickoff @ Play-Around Golf & Games 7:30 pm Adult Choir	11 10:30 am Circle 2 6:30 pm Property Committee (6:30 pm PEO)	12 9 am soup kitchen	13 (6:30 pm Yadkin)
14 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	15 9 am soup kitchen Noon Newsletter Deadline 7 pm CE Committee	16	17 (10 am ALANON) 6 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	18 6:30 pm Handbells 7:30 pm Ensemble 7 pm Circle 1	19 9 am soup kitchen	20
21 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	22 9 am soup kitchen 7 pm Congregational Care Committee	23	24 (10 am ALANON) 6 pm WNL 7:30 pm Adult Choir	25 (6:30 pm PORT mtg) 7 pm Admin/Finance Committee 7:30 pm Worship Committee	26 9 am soup kitchen	27 (10 am-noon PORT mtg)
28 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Worship	29 9 am soup kitchen Noon Newsletter Deadline	30 4 pm Soup Van	<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 August 24</b>	<b>Week of August 31</b>
Building Security	Greg Raines	Greg Raines
Greeters	Bill & Ann Sharp	Baker Family
Ushers	Diane Davis, Fred Caccavale, Francie Pearce, Doug Chapman, Aderon Gibbs, Randy Herrmann,	Diane Davis, Fred Caccavale, Francie Pearce, Doug Chapman, Aderon Gibbs, Randy Herrmann, Bill Sharp
Counters	Andy Grayson, Jim Barnes, Julie Richter	George & Debbie Barber, Dot Turner
Nursery	Priscilla Bele, Amie Hellauer	Julie Richter, Vicky Baker
Moments for Children	Kathryn Dabbs	Sara Bowman
Multimedia	Francie Pearce	Francie Pearce
Liturgist	Jay Stockard	Jennifer Bagley
Flower Delivery	Judy Knight, Al Riutort, Joe Hogue	Judy Knight, Al Riutort, Joe Hogue
Giving Flowers	Kevin & Anita Sanborn	Open