

# the Messenger

of Hilton Presbyterian Church (USA)

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## Sunday, 9/21

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
11:45 a.m. PDA Mission  
Presentation  
and Luncheon

### Lectionary Readings

Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

## Sunday, 9/28

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

### Lectionary Readings

Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32



Rev. Dr. Gary Bagley

*Gary*

# upcoming events

## PDA Presentation & Luncheon

September 21, 11:45 a.m.

Dan Grimes, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance volunteer and HPC member, is presenting a slide show featuring recent relief efforts. A light lunch will be provided. Please invite a friend!

## Church Picnic

September 27, Noon  
Deer Park

Come join us at Deer Park for a church-wide gathering. Food and games for the whole family. Fried chicken, drinks and dessert are provided. Bring a side dish or alternate meat to share. Paper goods also provided. Contact Debbie Barber for more information at (757) 930-0431.

## PRESCHOOL news

Our Weekday Preschool welcomed 63 new students on September 2<sup>nd</sup> to our church family for this year. It takes quite a bit of money to run this quality ministry of our church; more than families can afford to pay in tuition. So the preschool participates in a number of "free" fundraising opportunities offered by businesses. We hope that church members will also be able to help in these offers:

**Campbell's Labels for Education:** There is a large "bank" located outside of the classroom near the kitchen for **UPC CODES** from Campbell's, Pepperidge Farms, Swanson, Prego, Pace, and Franco American products. If you drop in the entire labels, we will be glad to cut them. (Flyers with all brand information are located outside the preschool office door.)

**Food Lion:** Food Lion includes preschools in their **Lion Share** program. You can register our preschool as the designated school for your MVP card and a portion of every purchase you make with your card will go to our preschool. You cannot register in the store. Register either by phone at 1-800-210-9569 OR online at [www.foodlion.com](http://www.foodlion.com). If you registered last year, you will need to **re-register** for this school year.

**Harris Teeter:** Harris Teeter also has a program called *Together in Education*. 2% of all store brands purchased with your VIC card will go to the preschool. Hilton Presbyterian Preschool is **number 4968**. To register our preschool for this year: in the store ask the cashier to link to our preschool number the next time you go to the store (no need to tell every time) OR online at [www.harristeeter.com](http://www.harristeeter.com). Again, if you registered last year, you will need to **re-register** for this school year.

Thank you for all of your help. Together we can give these little ones a start toward a life of love in the Lord.

Betty Ann Pagels

Betty Ann Pagels,  
Preschool Director



# announcements

**OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** is extended to Lois Oglesby on the death of her husband and longtime member Bob. Bob died September 11. A memorial service will be held here at the church on Saturday, September 20, at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall. Condolences may be sent to Lois and her family at 317 Central Parkway, Newport News, VA 23606.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Lauren (Dabbs) and Jason Loeffler who welcomed daughter Paige Elizabeth on September 4. Grandparents are Bobby & Alexis Dabbs; great-aunt is Kathryn Dabbs.

**2008 FALL DIRECTORY** The office is planning to publish the 2008 Fall Address & Phone Directory at the end of September. If you have an address, phone or email change please notify Sarah in the office so she can include it in the new directory. Also, if you have a son or daughter in college and would like them to receive the newsletter electronically or by mail, please notify the office.

**ADVENT WORKSHOP** Plans are already underway for our annual holiday workshop in November. If you have a craft to suggest, please contact Susie Banning [sbanning2@cox.net](mailto:sbanning2@cox.net), Michelle Schuler [masonmegan@aol.com](mailto:masonmegan@aol.com) or Doris Slagle [scoutfox@aol.com](mailto:scoutfox@aol.com) (757) 595-9136.

**RECENTLY MOVED** Blair Smith has moved and would like to share his new information with you. He is residing at Warwick Forest, 1006 Old Denbigh Blvd. #205, Newport News, VA 23602. Phone number is (757) 898-3384.

# 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.

In Sympathy: Lois Oglesby on the death of her husband Bob.

Riverside Hospital: Gertrude Kinney

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

At Home/Recovering/In Treatment: Hazel Fisher, Bob Oglesby, Becky Lupton, Edra Mayer, Diane Davis, Ann Sharp, Terry Rankin

Family: Jim Fairfield (Debby Heatwole's father)

Friends: Jasmine Gunter (friend of Francie Pearce), Taiya Crowe (friend of Gary & Jennifer Bagley), Deborah (friend of Eleanor & Jim Day)

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

## SPECIAL thanks

The Preschool Staff would love to thank and commend the preparers of the Christian Education Teacher's Dinner. We enjoyed very much the leftovers and appreciated them being offered to us.

Wanda, Whitney, Betty Ann,  
Sharon, Mary, Margaret,  
Nancy, Barbara & Susan

### Stewardship Statistics

|                           |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 2008 Annual Budget        | \$330,286 |
| Year-to-Date Requirements | \$235,011 |
| Year-to-Date Receipts     | \$258,694 |
| Year-to-Date Expenses     | \$235,675 |
| Net Income                | \$23,020  |
| Sept. 14, 2008 Receipts   | \$4,479   |

## Giving Back

Zuni Presbyterian Homes is a residential community providing nurture, healing, and encouragement. The **Zuni Peanut Sheltered Workshop** promotes independence and self-reliance while providing employment to mentally retarded adults. Under close supervision, our adults master skills that they have never imagined before including the meaningful work of cooking, weighing, and packaging delicious peanuts. Their labor of love produces some of the finest gourmet nut products available anywhere in the world.

This is the time of year when the residents and volunteers undertake the production, packaging and marketing of their peanuts under the sponsorship of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia. Teams of volunteers from Hilton Presbyterian Church have provided critically needed support for this program for the past 16 years. Work for this year is now getting underway. Teams of 4-6 persons will carpool to Zuni on Wednesdays each week until mid-December. The work is not strenuous and relates mainly to hand labeling of peanut cans. Volunteers are needed for one or more trips. If you would like to participate in this special ministry of our church, please call Bill Blowe (757) 596-9227 or Harvey Hubbard (757)926-4295 for details.





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## Laity Assistant Schedule

|                      | <b>Week of September 21</b>                                                                 | <b>Week of September 28</b>                                                                 |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Building Security    | TBA                                                                                         | TBA                                                                                         |
| Greeters             | Fred & Patti Caccavale                                                                      | Knight Family                                                                               |
| Ushers               | Bill Banks, Bill Blowe, Paul Clear, Kathryn Dabbs, Jackie Peters, Carol Preston, Gary Leser | Bill Banks, Bill Blowe, Paul Clear, Kathryn Dabbs, Jackie Peters, Carol Preston, Gary Leser |
| Counters             | Priscilla Bele, Leslie Leser, Susie Banning                                                 | Bill & Ann Sharp, Chuck & Kathy Webb                                                        |
| Nursery              | Kim & Mark McKnight                                                                         | Julie Richter, Vicky Baker                                                                  |
| Moments for Children | Wanda Fletcher                                                                              | Jennifer Bagley                                                                             |
| Multimedia           | Francie Pearce                                                                              | Francie Pearce                                                                              |
| Liturgist            | Renee DiPasquale                                                                            | Randy Herrmann                                                                              |
| Flower Delivery      | Patti Caccavale, Blair Smith                                                                | Patti Caccavale, Blair Smith                                                                |
| Giving Flowers       | Nelson Farley                                                                               | Fred & Patti Caccavale                                                                      |
| WNL Cook Team        | Fred/Patti Caccavale                                                                        | Michelle Schuler                                                                            |
| WNL Desserts         | P. Caccavale, D. Barber                                                                     | C. Bruce, E. Day                                                                            |

*The Messenger* is published every other Wednesday unless noted. The deadline for the next issue is noon on **Monday, Sept. 29**. 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). You can receive *The Messenger* the same day of publication and in color, emailed straight to your computer. Contact Sarah now!

# MISSIONS *update*



## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Texas

[DR000015](#)

Hurricane Ike made history and a Galveston Island landfall in Texas several nights ago. Larger than Katrina, Ike's shadow covered 85% of the Gulf of Mexico—an area roughly the size of Texas. The largest hurricane to strike Texas in 50 years, Ike's Cat 2 strength belies its magnitude for destruction. Residents of Galveston who failed to obey the mandatory evacuation are marooned. This morning, 4 million people in the Houston area are without power; flooding spans several counties and Ike has yet to come completely ashore.

Worse still, Ike spills over into Louisiana and is cutting swaths there across areas still wet and without power since Hurricane Gustav. Flooding is widespread as Ike's powerful Tsunami-like tide surge batters coastal shorelines, bays and inlets across Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. This weekend the power outage extended across East Texas, including Lufkin where 4,000 sheltered evacuees faced a second evacuation.

As large as Ike's strike is, the response is larger still. The President has authorized national disaster assistance; FEMA has pre-positioned food, generators and resources; and Governor Perry has requested a Federal Disaster Declaration for a major disaster affecting 90 counties. State of Texas resources began re-entry operations this morning, led by massive Texas Task Force Ike. Search and rescue is underway even as the storm is still passing. The Texas Statewide Shelter network operations continue full throttle, to handle the nearly 1,000,000 people within the mandatory evacuation areas.

*Writer Harvey Howell is a volunteer PDA national team member and a member of First Presbyterian, San Antonio.*

Haiti

[DR000064](#)

According to PDA's partner, Christian Aid, in a statement to members of the Action by Churches Together (ACT) alliance, Ike's "pelting rains couldn't have come at a worse time for Haiti." Four storms have hit Haiti in recent weeks, resulting in what Christian Aid said was possibly "lasting damage to Haiti's rice bowl." The rice bowl is a farming area whose revival is needed to assist a country trying to struggle out of a new round of food crises.

In this country where 2.3 million people are at moderate to acute risk of food insecurity, damage to agricultural production is critical.

In the northern Haitian city of Gonaives, Christian Aid reported, "waters were rising even as aid groups struggled to reach people with little or no access to food or water for days. The entire country is affected and most departments are isolated."

There is massive destruction in agriculture, which has to be seen in the context of the prevailing food crisis and political instability in the country. The immediate needs are for food, water, clothing and medicines.

Cuba

[DR000166](#)

On September 7, Hurricane Ike approached the eastern end of the Cuban island as a Category 4 storm with sustained winds of 215 km/h. It made landfall at 10:00 pm (local time) in Punta Lucrecia, Holguín, before weakening to a Category 3 hurricane and pursuing its course westward, along the southern shore of the island.

Four people were killed by the storm, reports the Associated Press. Massive waves, strong wind and storm surge have caused extensive damage. Although these could not yet be quantified, television reports have shown the storm surge inundating villages and crop fields, leaving destroyed houses and electric poles knocked down.

The Cuban government, through its civil defense, and supporting structures had prepared the country for the disaster according to pre-established contingency plans and an evaluation done in cooperation with the Cuban Meteorological Institute. An estimated 2 million people were evacuated as a preventive measure, and a growing portion of the population continues to be evacuated from flooded areas.

It is estimated that 12 out of the 14 provinces of the country are affected, as well as the Isla de la Juventud, representing a total of 9 million inhabitants.

ACT member, the Cuban Council of Churches (CCC), has already visited the area affected by Hurricane Gustav and is now preparing a second visit to evaluate Hurricane Ike's most affected areas and assess the needs of the population. A preliminary appeal request is currently being prepared and will be submitted to the ACT Coordinating Office within a few days.

*If you would like to donate to a relief fund, make your check out to Hilton Presbyterian Church and note PDA and either [DR000015](#), [DR000064](#) or [DR000166](#) in the memo line..*

<http://www.pcusa.org/pda/response/usa/gustav-index.htm>

# FALL ACTIVITIES AT HILTON PRESBYTERIAN

## Sunday Morning

Beginning September 7

9:15 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship

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 Cavale, 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.