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Because I Knew You...

One of the last songs in Stephen Schwartz's musical *Wicked* is a stirring ballad between two best friends declaring, "Because I knew you, I have been changed for good." Schwartz asked his daughter what she would say to her best friend if she were saying goodbye, and many of her words made it into the lyrics. It is a song that has stayed with me since I first fell in love with the show as a pre-teen, and with every goodbye, the song becomes more poignant as I understand friendship more deeply and the ways in which I have been changed for good by the people I love and those who love me.



Megan-Drew Tiller, Office Manager

I am so grateful for my time here at Hilton Presbyterian Church. I can honestly say that they have been the most formative of my life, helping me to live into the calling God has for me because of the unending support and encouragement I have received here. Because of your inspiring, I have been able to pursue my master's degree in communications and nonprofit management, as well as hone my tech skills, from photo and video editing to basic coding and website design. You have cheered me on through all of my hare-brained detours and dreams while keeping me firmly rooted here in Hilton Village. I know I always have a home here, and I promise to visit when it is safe to do so!

John and I are so thankful for all the cards we received in honor of our wedding and of our move to Roanoke. Thank you all so much!!

I would like to give special thanks to Clark, Lois, Doris, Pax, Christine, Lucille, Susan, and all the preschool teachers, who have worked with me in the office for the last four years to make every day an adventure. And Patti, I am so glad to be leaving the church in your hands!

*"And now, whatever way our stories end,
I know you have rewritten mine by being my friend..."*
-For Good, *Wicked*, Stephen Schwartz

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan-Drew Tiller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Join us for Online Worship!

Sundays, 10:30 am

Sunday Worship*

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 am

Morning Prayer*

*All three services above will be available at both Facebook Live and on our website.

People with Facebook:

Join us by going to facebook.com/hiltonpres at the times above!

People without Facebook:

Join us by going to www.hiltonpres.org/live at the times above!

This video will be on a slight delay from the live broadcast, so please be patient. If you don't hear any sound, make sure that the sound is on for your computer and on the lower right corner of the video. (Previous Sunday services are also archived here!)

NEW this Sunday!

Thanks to Patti's creativity and willingness to dive into her new role with no fear, we'll be broadcasting our service as one piece this week! We will still be including contributions from members of our congregation, as well as segments from Pastor Clark in the sanctuary, and we are grateful for everyone who makes these broadcasts possible every week. It truly is a team effort, and God is glorified when we worship together!

As always, please bear with us in the event of technical difficulties, and let us know in the comments or follow up with us later in the week if we can help you access worship. We want to make sure our congregation can be together in whatever ways are safe as we continue to pray for healing and strength. Contact Patti in the Church Office (office@hiltonpres.org, 595-1313) with any questions.

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards following the death of my sister and her husband. These were even more meaningful as we were unable to visit them or to hold a memorial. Francie and I are both so grateful.

Sincerely,
Al Pearce

con-GRAD-uations!

John Benfield (Megan-Drew Tiller's fiancé) graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk. He will be a resident in Internal Medicine at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital.

Christa Caballero (Joe & Sue Hogue's granddaughter) is graduating from King's Fork High School in Suffolk and will be attending VCU in the fall.

Isaac Chenoweth is graduating from Warwick High School. He will be attending JMU in the fall and studying physics.

Melissa Goodson graduated from Union Presbyterian Seminary with a Master of Divinity.

Philip McKean graduated from the Department of Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise at Virginia Tech.

Staci McKean graduated from UVA with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She will be returning to UVA for her Master of Arts.

Samantha Signorelli graduated from UVA with a Bachelor of Arts in Politics with a minor in Spanish.

Alexandra Trimble graduated from Longwood University with a Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training.

announcements

Do you have an **EMAIL ADDRESS**? Please share it with Patti in the Church Office (595-1313, office@hiltonpres.org). We are relying on email and electronic forms of communication more than ever, and we want to stay in touch!

We want to encourage everyone to keep up with your **PLEDGES**. You can tithe online at hiltonpres.org/giving or mail your them to 34 Main Street, Newport News, VA 23601. We offer God our grateful thanks through all our gifts we have to share.

CAUTION: Unfortunately, someone has been sending emails pretending to be Pastor Clark in order to receive money, gift cards, or other information from people who know him. The church has reported this address to Google, but the best way to protect yourself is to remember that Pastor Clark will never ask for these things via email. You can also check the sender's email address, and if you don't recognize it, delete it and report it as spam.



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The preschool staff and families will celebrate the end of this wonderful, but most unusual year, with a Drive-By Celebration Parade on the afternoon of May 27th. Students and their families will drive by HPP at a designated time to receive their preschool certificates. The teachers will wave and cheer on the children and have a chance to say goodbye. This event will allow for social distancing yet will give us all an opportunity to see one another, something we have missed dearly!



The Messenger is published the third week of each month unless noted. **The deadline for next month's issue of the Messenger is June 15th.** To submit news, leave items in the office mailbox marked *Office Manager*, call Patti in the office at (757) 595-1313 or email her at Office@HiltonPres.org. You can receive *The Messenger* by mail or email.