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First Presby News

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First Presbyterian Church will strive to be a welcoming home, a beacon of Christ's light arising from inspiring worship and loving discipleship.

Summer Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

11:00 Radio Broadcast: 580 AM WCHS

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Dear Friends:

A recent issue of *Ideas! For Church Leaders* states, "What better way is there for people in our churches to come to know God and Jesus than through the ministry of teaching? Direct teaching in the classroom gives opportunities for relationships to be nurtured and strengthened. Leaders come to know class members, students come to know their teachers, and the community of faith, the church, is strengthened."

The ministry of teaching is LARGE at First Presbyterian and begins in high gear at 9:45 a.m. on September 14, "Rally Day." Children and youth are grouped according to age, and adults by interest, as we explore God's will for us: As we know and serve Jesus, we know and serve God.



Caring childcare for infants and toddlers, along with Christian education classes for all ages, is offered Sunday morning at 9:45, beginning Sept. 14. Morning worship is held at both 8:45 and 11:00.



Shalom!

Barbara

Barbara Hopta

*Hear, O Israel: the Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in our heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
(Deuteronomy 6:4-9)*

Summer Worship

continues on
Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
through Sept. 7.

Bring a friend and join us!

A class for visitors and new members will start in September. Watch the September newsletter for more details.

UPCOMING SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

Come on home to First Presby!
On Sunday, Sept. 7, morning worship will be at 10:00. Then at noon come out to Coonskin Park for the All-Church Picnic. Bring along friends you want to introduce to First Presby and a covered dish to serve eight.



On Sept. 14 our worship schedule doubles! **We will return to the nine-month schedule, September - May, worshipping at 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. with Sunday church school in between at 9:45 a.m.**

Mark your calendars now so you are ready for both the Homecoming Picnic on Sept. 7 and Rally Day start of church school on Sept. 14

FISH BE AWARE! THE PRESBYTERIANS ARE COMING!

What's better than the beautiful West Virginia outdoors including time on the river? Join Jack Hoblitzell as he takes a group of youth, and others, to **Elk Springs Lodge on Saturday, Aug. 9.** Call the church office for detailed information and to register for this day of learning about FLY FISHING!



AUGUST 3 CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING

Bring your meal-time offering to worship on Sunday, Aug. 3 for the third of four Cents-Ability offerings this year. It is through these funds that we assist 18 food pantries within West Virginia and also provide for the hungry in Africa. The need is great!

If you will be out of town on Aug. 3, bring your offering anytime and simply note that it is for Cents-Ability. If you have not started a meal-time offering, but would like to, contact Frankie McCain or Barbara Hopta for more information.

ANNOUNCING: ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RETREAT FOR GRADES 1-5 September 19-21 at

Bluestone Conference Center
All children are invited to participate in the Presbytery's second annual Children's Retreat sponsored by Camps, Conference and Retreat Committee. Come and learn about the disciples and what it means to be fishers of people. The cost is \$60 for each child and \$30 for each adult volunteer. Contact Barbara Hopta for more information.

CHURCH POSITION OPENING

The church is accepting applications for the position of Membership Secretary. Our current Membership Secretary, Marilyn Walbe, will be assuming the position of Administrative Assistant to the Pastors upon Jo Burdette's retirement in the fall. Please call the church office to obtain an application.



NEW BABIES ABOUND!

We celebrate the birth of Clarin Custis Skuce Gaucher, born July 17, granddaughter of Betty and Tom Damewood. New parents are Elizabeth and Jamie Gaucher of Charleston; her great-grandfather is Herchiel Sims.

Congratulations to Susan and Dick Sibley who became first-time grandparents with the birth of Ava Stiles Luck on July 21. Her parents are Allison and Bill Luck of Washington, D.C.

Sara and Joe Marchio announce the birth of Christopher James Marchio born July 22. His parents are Sarah and Joe Marchio II of Harwich, MA. Christopher joins his nearly 2-year-old brother Thomas Joseph at home.

BAPTISM

We celebrate the baptism of Kai Ming and Ella Proffitt Agsten, daughters of Leslie Clay and Carl Agsten, Jr. on July 13. Look for their photo outside the Nursery.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations to the following who will be celebrating a "90 and over" birthday during August:

Frieda Quarles	Aug. 4
Elizabeth Mower	Aug. 7
Vivian Haynes	Aug. 23
Imogene Albright	Aug. 26

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a nurse, Sunday, Aug. 10, in the Cablish Room off the main church

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

You are welcome to join this group meeting once a month, the third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in Room E-310.

PYC YOUTH NEWS

From left to right-front: Mike (an Americor Volunteer), Claire Butler, Amy Byrum, Emma Murdock, Jackie Hersch, Deb Murdock, Alex Hersch. Back: Blair Suter.



THIS SUMMER OUR YOUTH HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY!

Many youth have they been working; others have had exciting vacations!

During June, high school youth (see photo above) accompanied Associate Pastor Claire Butler to South Carolina be part of a Habitat for Humanity building project. While there they enjoyed the beach (yeh!) and discovered what hands-on mission is really like.

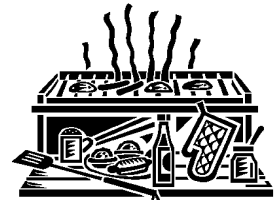
In July, Jack Crockett, Lauren Pearcy, Anna Chambers, and Annie Crockett accompanied Claire to Massanetta Springs Conference Center for the middle school retreat. This is a beautiful facility in Virginia about four hours from Charleston.

Plans are already underway for summer 2009 including a high school work-camp trip outside the country, Montreat Youth Conference, Montreat Worship and Music Conference, and a return trip to Massanetta Springs for the Middle School Conference.

BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE YOUTH PROGRAMS AT FIRST PRESBY!

Sunday morning Church School begins, Sept. 14, meeting each week at 9:45 a.m.

- Grades 6 and 7: Room 406, Education Building
- Grade 8: Room 407, Education Building (Confirmation)
- Grades 9-12: Youth Lounge, Activities Building
- Ninth Grade will also be participating in a program to prepare them to become full members of the church. Watch your mail for forthcoming information.



EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADE COOK-OUT

All eighth AND ninth graders and their families - are invited to a cook-out to get the year rolling!

Join us Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21. Watch the September news for more details.

This is but one of the many steps toward a terrific year. Make this a priority for you and your family. Give Claire a call, 343-8961 ext. 119, for more information.



From left to right: Lauren Pearcy, Anna Chambers, Claire Butler, Annie Crockett, Jack Crockett.

YOUTH GROUPS START IN SEPTEMBER

Evening PYC YOUTH GROUP meetings start in September and continue weekly in the Activities Building or off-campus, as announced.

Middle School PYC begins Wednesday, Sept. 10, 5:45 p.m.

High School PYC begins Sunday, Sept. 14, 6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



Prayer for the Day

God, sometimes it's hard to live together peacefully in unity. It's hard for nations and it's sometimes hard for friends and family. Help us learn how to live together in love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Blessing for Meals

*For health and strength
and daily food,
We praise thy name, O God!*

Evening Prayer

As summer comes to an end, Creator God, we give thanks for times of rest and play, for long days, for times to enjoy your created world and all that is in it. Amen.

Bible Verse

How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity.
(Psalm 133:1)



DID YOU KNOW?

The crane has long been a symbol of peace and long life in Asia. During the war in Vietnam, cranes left the country, looking for more peaceful places to live. As the country rebuilds and lives in peace, cranes are beginning to return home.

[Portions from **2008 Children's Mission Yearbook**. Copies are available in the CE Office.]

WORD OF THE MONTH

Kindred: You may know that kin people are your relatives, like aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, as well as your parents, brothers, and sisters. Kindred, too, means our relatives. It can also mean people who think alike or enjoy the same things.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL GIFTS!

Many thanks to **Ed and Larrie Bartrug** for the kiln. This belonged to Ed's mother and was used lovingly and carefully. We are the grateful recipients and are ever closer to a long-hoped-for clay ministry.

Many thanks to **Terry Raab** for donating the printer/copier that will soon be in use!

THANKS FOR THE SKATING!

What fun we've had skating on July Wednesdays! Many thanks to **Amanda Hughes** for suggesting and organizing this fun time for families and friends.



NEW WINDOWS!

Hooray! New insulated windows have been installed throughout the Education Building. All 110 of them!

LET'S GET READY FOR RALLY DAY

We need helpers to get rooms ready for Rally Day (September 14), the beginning of our new Sunday school year. The September Newsletter will list times and opportunities to help!

Cleaning out cupboards? Please save the following for our fall projects for children's Christian education classes:

- Empty 2 – liter bottles (many needed)
- Bag of soil
- Pebbles
- Tiny flowerpots
- Rolls of clear plastic contact paper
- Heavy muslin
- Six-pack rings (plastic)

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in assisting teachers in gathering last minute supplies (such as an extra glue stick from the Art Room), greeting children on Sunday mornings as they arrive for class, and gathering info from teachers and students each month for a church school newsletter, please share your interest by contacting Barbara or the C.E. Office.

CAUGHT ON CAMERA!





PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**Congratulations to
Ruth Shepherd
and
Linda Elliott,
recipients of the
Presbyterian Women's
Honorary Life Member Awards!**



WHAT IS THE WORLD MARKET?

Set up in First Presby's Dining Room for only five days annually, the World Market provides quality hand-crafted items for you to purchase for yourself or as gifts (Christmas, birthday, etc.).

We purchase through SERRV International (A Greater Gift) which works to alleviate poverty through long term partnerships with low-income people around the world. SERRV offers fair pay for labor, promotes the equality of women, supports healthy working conditions and coordinates development projects such as product quality and design training.

The World Market is a non-profit sale. First Presby retains money only to cover expenses and to prepare for the following year's sale. All other proceeds from your purchases and donations are reinvested to broaden the impact of these partnerships with people in our global community. Check out more on www.agreatergift.org.

The market also features Alternative Gifts International offering gifts that empower people in crisis and protect our endangered planet. One can buy presents to honor your family and friends that also build peace in our global village. (www.alternativegifts.org)

Equal Exchange Products, which can be purchased from the church office year-round, are also popular at the Market. These purchases help farmers to become increasingly independent, less exploited and the farms to be ecologically sustainable. Coffees, teas, chocolates, dried cranberries and nuts make wonderful gifts. (www.equalexchange.com)

An Offering of Letters through Bread for the World will make legislators aware of the impact their budget decisions have on hungry people. One more way you can impact the world from Charleston, WV! (www.bread.org/recipeforhope)

***So many ways
that you can participate
in the World Market!***

Consider how you might help with planning, preparation and publicity, as well as the sale itself. Please consider yourself invited to use your unique gifts in this service.

**Call Frankie McCain, 343-8961,
or email
Frankie@firstpresby.com
for more information and
to volunteer.**

Thank you.

FIRST PRESBY
presents the

WORLD MARKET

**Sunday, Oct. 12
through
Thursday, Oct. 16.**

Daily 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.

With evening hours
5:00-7:00 p.m. on
Wednesday, Oct. 15.





MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

FROM MARY ODIN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

At the end of this month, the Geneva Choir will begin rehearsing again for the '08-'09 worship season. When a group like the Geneva Choir has been around for a while, it's easy to think it belongs to someone else, the group is full of "insiders", and all the choir robes are taken. "They don't need me."

I am here to tell you that this is not the case. True, there are people in the Geneva Choir who've been there for years. But when I arrived last fall, I was unable in many cases to tell the difference between newcomers and those who had been there forever. Musical skill wasn't an indicator, since singers could have gotten their experience elsewhere. What I observed was a group of people that talked and joked and prayed for one another easily and equally. It was a relief to see that no one had to earn their place in the Geneva Choir.

You might hesitate to come to choir if you're not a member of First Presby. But when you come to worship, do you think you ought not to join in the prayers or hymns until you've joined the church? Of course not! If you feel even the slightest tug from God to serve in the choir, I'm telling you, do it! A call to the choir is not the same thing as a call to join this particular church, and one is not dependent on the other. Noah followed directions even when

they didn't make sense to him, and so should you. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:9)

If you've been a member of First Presby for a while, you might already have an identity as a knitter or a handyman or a teacher in the church, not as one of its music leaders. But God called David, a shepherd, to work in government as the king! He expects us to refine and redefine the ways we serve Him. Sometimes this means becoming better at what we already do, and sometimes it means adding a completely new dimension to our service. If God calls you to sing and you think you have no voice, just remember Moses the stutterer, called to be a prophet. God will give you what you need if you are obedient. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (II Corinthians 9:10)

As the summer draws to a close, I pray that you'll hear God calling you to serve Him, possibly even in a new way. Who knows? Maybe I'll see you in the Choir Room.

Mary

FPC LYRES CLUB

The Lyres Club is continuing our summer tour this month. We have been to Hubbard Hospice House, Heartland of Charleston, Oak Ridge Nursing Center, and Charleston Gardens, and **we plan to return to Hubbard Hospice House on Saturday, Aug. 2 at noon.** Further August dates are yet-to-be-determined. Lyres Club members should continue to watch email and/or the table in the hallway for details as they become available.

If you have never played an instrument and are interested in learning to play the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com.

CHERUB AND CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

Our children will enjoy the rest of their summer break this month. **Our first rehearsal of the season are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 5:15-6:00 p.m.** If you are in elementary school, mark this date on your calendar!

BELL CHOIR

Capella Bell Choir is taking a break for the summer. Members should watch email, bulletin announcements, and the September newsletter for the exact date of fall start-up. If you'd like to ring with the Capella Bells, contact director Kathy Lynch to let her know you're interested. Experience with bells is helpful but is not required.

YOUTH CHOIR

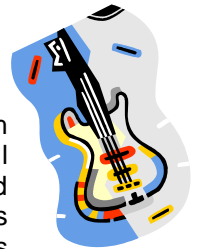
Due to noises made by several of our youth (you know who you are! ☺), we will experiment with a Youth Choir for grades 6-12 this fall.

We'll hold our first rehearsal on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 4:30-5:15 p.m. in the Education Building, Room 305. Our first task will be to prepare for Youth Sunday, which will be in the fall this year.

Mark the date and email me at modin@firstpresby.com so I'll know you're coming!

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team provides musical leadership at early and late worship services each week. This ensemble of vocalists and instrumentalists uses guitar, bass, piano, mandolin, and other instruments to accompany congregational song. We normally rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. If you'd like to play or sing with us, contact Mary Odin, 343-8961 ext. 137, modin@firstpresby.com, or speak to any member of the group.



GENEVA CHOIR OPEN HOUSE

Geneva Choir invites all youth and adults who enjoy singing to come together for an Open House on Thursday, Aug. 28 from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the newly restored Choir Room.

The Geneva Choir provides special music for worship, primarily during 11:00 a.m. and occasionally at 8:45 a.m. You do not have to be a church member or an experienced musician to join this choir; you just need a sense of humor and a willing spirit.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



MANNA MEAL: So the hungry can eat.

The purpose of Manna Meal is to provide two meals every day of the year (365 days) to the hungry of Charleston.

Breakfast is offered at 8:00 a.m. and an average of 100 people attend. The usual meal includes fresh fruit, bread, eggs, meat, sweets, milk and coffee. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to an average crowd of 250 individuals. This number is growing and is primarily new folk. Meals are balanced and plentiful. A sample lunch menu might include a hearty soup, bread, salad, fresh fruit and dessert.

Their policy is serve anyone who is hungry with no questions asked. They seek to provide a safe haven for all guests, who include women, men, teenagers, children and families. Any single meal is a microcosm of society at large.

Manna Meal is solely dependent on contributions from the community of Charleston. It is not a governmental program and relies on the financial generosity of individuals, religious communities, corporations and businesses.

HOSPICE CARE OFFERS TRAINING

HospiceCare is accepting applications from individuals interested in attending our upcoming volunteer training program, "Care of the Terminally Ill."

The training prepares participants for various aspects of volunteer work with hospice.

The Fall 2008 classes will be held at HospiceCare's Dunbar office on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Sept. 23. Participants are required to complete our application process prior to entering the classes. If you have questions, please give the HospiceCare Volunteer Department a call at 768-8523.

Sincerely,
Jewell Morgan, Volunteer Director



SHEPHERD'S CENTER

Shepherd's Center of Charleston will meet the fourth Thursday in each month (except for November which will be combined with December and held on Dec. 4).

On Thursday, Sept. 25:

Adventures in Learning (10:30 a.m.) will feature Banska-Bystricka, Slovakia, a potential sister-city for Charleston, with Chuck Daugherty and Linda Elliott telling and showing slides of their adventures there.

Lunch starting at 11:45 a.m. Entertainment (following lunch) will be Fred Hardman of Spencer, WV, with his special program "*Winston Churchill: Speaker of the Century.*"

AUGUST 5: COMMUNITIES UNITED AGAINST HATE NOT IN OUR TOWN

Be part of a collaborative effort to work towards solutions!

Attend Against Hate: Not in Our Town Aug. 5, 6:00 p.m. at the Charleston Marriott. This is a FREE community forum and dialogue to address hate crimes, incidents and prejudices, and develop strategies for combating hate and intolerance in our community. All concerned citizens are invited and encouraged to attend.

Against Hate: Not in Our Town is hosted by the Charleston YWCA, Covenant House, WV Hate Crime Task Force, US Attorney's Office for Southern District of WV, Charleston Area Alliance, and the US Dept. of Justice's Community Relations Service.

Featured presenter: Tom "TJ" Leyden, author of *Turning Away from Hate* and *Skinhead Confessions*. For more information contact: 340-3584, stophatewv@gmail.com.

COVENANT HOUSE NEEDS LIST

- Drop-In-Center: diapers (all sizes), feminine products, spray deodorant, toothbrushes, razors
- Homeless Outreach: bottled water, wallets
- Food Pantry: pasta, cereal, rice
- Community Housing: trash bags, home interior decorations
- HIV/AIDS Residential & Resource Program: cleaning supplies
- Clothing Closet: children's clothes, underwear (men and women - all sizes)



WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Host a Viewing Party on Aug. 3!

Invite a group of your friends and family to view the Emmy award-winning PBS documentary, *The Forgetting*. Your guests will enjoy each other's company – and learn more about how they can become Alzheimer Champions.

The Forgetting is meant to help Americans better understand and cope with the disease. It includes a special section with Alzheimer advocate David Hyde Pierce moderating a panel of experts discussing the future of Alzheimer's research and treatment. It will air nationally Sunday, Aug. 3, at 9:00 p.m. on PBS.

Organizing a viewing party is fun and easy. Materials will be provided to Viewing Party hosts to help you organize and invite guests. Plan your party: <http://alz.kintera.org/forgettingparty>.

JOIN THE "PALS" BOOK CLUB

Sign-ups begin now for the PALS new book club. This discussion book club is being organized by Shepherd's Center, together with the Kanawha County Public Library and Highmark PALS (People Able to Lend Support). Don't let the cost of books deter you from participating. The monthly meetings will be in First Presby's Ruffner Room on the third Friday of each month starting in October. While October may seem far away, we need to know now how many people are interested. Call Diane Clements at 343-0590 sign up. For more information consult the Shepherd's Center newsletter.



For more information contact April Lewis, 343-2717. Don't forget your lunch!

LUNCH AND LEARN!

Our local Alzheimer's Association will present a series of workshops for caregivers every third Wednesday, at noon at their Charleston office, 1111 Lee Street East.

For August 20 the program will be "Caring for the caregiver."

For more information contact April Lewis, 343-2717.

Don't forget your lunch!

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

We pray for churches in our presbytery, and in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa.

July 6: Canyon Community Church, Morgantown; First Presby, Colcord; First Presby, Fairmont; Rev. Naman Githenya Memorial Church, Kenya.

July 13: Grace Covenant Presby; Charleston; First Presby, Kenova; McElhenney Presby, Grassy Meadows; Thunguma Church, Kenya.

July 20: Beckley Presby; First Presby, White Sulphur Springs; Caldwell Presby Chapel; Rware Parish, Kenya.

July 27: First Presby, St. Albans; Spencer Presby; Tygarts Valley Presby, Huttonsville; Gitathiini Church, Kenya.

MEMBER NEWS

Two church members expect to compete in the national Senior Olympic Games in San Francisco in 2009:



Jeff Harlow and friends three-on-three basketball team won the state Senior Olympic basketball competition in the 60-64 age group. This qualifies them to compete in the national Senior Olympic games in San Francisco in June of 2009.

Barbara Warren competed in the West Virginia Senior Sports Classic (WVSSC) for women age 60-64. She won gold medals for the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500, high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin, and third for the discus. She also won the 50, 100, 200 and 500 in swimming. This qualifies Barbara for the Senior Olympics in San Francisco (National) in 2009 for all of these events. In September she hopes to compete in Kentucky's Senior Games and try pole vaulting for first time! *You go girl!*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

COMING IN SEPTEMBER . . .

Sunday church school, Sunday church school, Sunday church school. Sound repetitive? That's because we have eleven different adult classes: a special class for visitors, classes for children preschool and elementary age, along with youth classes! That's a whole lot of Sunday church school.

If you think there's not a place for you, you are wrong. We want, . . . we need you! Come discover, inquire, sojourn, and covenant! Being a Christian means using our brains along with our hearts and our hands. Try out a church school class where you will be challenged to think and grow as a Christian, make new friends, and become more involved with the life of the church. **We invite you to First Presby every Sunday morning, starting with Rally Day, Sept. 14.**

DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 8/1: Leviticus 2:1-2
- 8/2: Leviticus 9:22-24
- 8/3: Leviticus 19:33-34
- 8/4: Numbers 6:22-26
- 8/5: Numbers 11:10-11, 16-17
- 8/6: Numbers 13:25-26a, 27-28
- 8/7: Numbers 22:21-23
- 8/8: James 2:14-17
- 8/9: James 3:8-10
- 8/10: James 4:13-15
- 8/11: James 5:14-15a
- 8/12: Deuteronomy 6:4-8
- 8/13: Deuteronomy 8:10-14a
- 8/14: Deuteronomy 15:10
- 8/15: Deuteronomy 26:5-9
- 8/16: Deuteronomy 30:19
- 8/17: Deuteronomy 34:4
- 8/18: Philippians 1:12-14
- 8/19: Philippians 1:21-25
- 8/20: Philippians 1:27
- 8/21: Obadiah 1-11
- 8/22: Nahum 2:11a, 13
- 8/23: Habakkuk 2:19-20
- 8/24: Zephaniah 3:8-9
- 8/25: Malachi 3:2-3a
- 8/26: Ecclesiastes 1:2-6
- 8/27: Ecclesiastes 2:10-11
- 8/28: Ecclesiastes 3:1-4
- 8/29: Ecclesiastes 4:1-3
- 8/30: Ecclesiastes 8:14-15
- 8/31: Ecclesiastes 11:4-6

Note: These readings follow those listed in Making Time for God.

2nd Annual Hospice Appreciation Gospel Sing

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Emmanuel Baptist
Church
1401 Washington St. W

Maranatha Quartet
The Lordsmen
Anita Guerrero
One Accord
Jay Humphreys Trio

This **FREE** concert is open to the public to honor all of the hard work and personal service HospiceCare staff and volunteers provide.

A free-will offering will be collected at the concert. All proceeds to benefit HospiceCare.

AUGUST 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
					1 8:30 Aerobics	2
3 Cents-Ability Offering 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship on the Green	4 8:30 Aerobics	5 6:30 Muscular Dystrophy Support Group	6 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Wednesday Work Crew 1:30 Weight Watchers	7 7:30 Bible Study, Shoneys'	8 8:30 Aerobics	9
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24 Communion 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship on the Green	25 8:30 Aerobics	26	27 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Wednesday Work Crew 1:30 Presbytery Meeting 1:30 Weight Watchers	28 7:30 Bible Study, Shoneys' 5:30 Bell Choir 7:30 Geneva Choir OPEN HOUSE	29 8:30 Aerobics	30
31 Restoration Dedication 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship on the Green	The Activities Building will be closed during the month of August to allow for cleaning and treatment of the gym floor. It will re-open on Sept. 7.					

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Aaron Lloyd, Kuwait/Iraq (step-grandson of Betty Lloyd)
Edwin Anderson, Afghanistan (cousin of Mary Odin)
Airman First Class Caitlin Workman, Omaha, NE (granddaughter of Pat Workman)
Major Todd Harrell, WV (father of Jonathan & Emily Harrell)
Airman 1st Class Franz S. Workman IV, Moody AFB, GA (grandson of Pat Workman)
Warrant Officer David McDarmont, OH (son of Liz O'Finan)
Owen Brown, Pensacola, FL (son of Earle Brown) in the Navy
David Rucker, Germany (Barbara Brown's nephew)
Donald Boylen, VA (grandson of Dick and Becky Smith)
Please call the church office to keep this information current. Thank you.



DECADE OF THE CHILD PROJECT

The Christian Nurture and Worship Committee of the Presbytery will be collecting children's books at the Sept. 9 Presbytery meeting. First Presby is collecting new and gently used children's books to send with our commissioners. Please drop your donations off in the church office.



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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please minister through prayer, cards, calls and visits.

OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

Dave McQuain on the death of his father, Russell H. McQuain, Jr.; Frank Badger on the death of his brother, Robert Badger; Nancy Crichton Peterson on the death of her brother, William Crichton; Allison Westerman on the death of her cousin Croy West.

IN THE HOSPITAL . . .

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S:

Addison Higginbotham;
Clarín Gaucher

MEMORIAL:

Connie Payne

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Amanda (friend of Blair Sprouse); Becky Ceperley; Helen Craver; Alex Earl (cousin of Chick Maddox); Dr. James Maddox (uncle of Chick; Fred Gaul, Sr.; Betsy Plott; Jeff Sprouse; Paul Scott (friend of the Sprouse's); Roger Keenan (friend of the Cottrell's); David Caruthers (Nancy Brallier's brother-in-

law); Jimmy Maddox (Chick's uncle); Charles Glotfelty; Paula Bailey; Gib McCoy (Bill McCoy's father).

EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS . . .


Joseph Sprouse; Max Blizzard; Barbara Shaffer's children, Howard, Alida, Karla, Monalynn; Chuan-Rong Tsao (brother-in-law of Pat and Tom Doumaux's son Howard); Anne Taylor Bradley (Jackie Taylor's sister-in-law, Blair Taylor's aunt).

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Frances Holbrook, in Meadowbrook Nursing Home; Velma LeRoy, in Broadmore Assisted Living, Teays Valley; Ada Oates, Sweetbrier Homecare in Dunbar; Louise Rosenbaum, Marmet Health Care; Charlie Young (father of Harriett Hoy).

EXPECTANT MOTHERS. . .

Amy Isaac; Morgan Griffith; Kim Smith; Sonia Doeringer (Mary Odin's sister-in-law)

SICK, HOSPITALIZED, OR IN NEED OF PRAYER? 

Let your church family know of any needs you have. The church has a telephone/e-mail prayer chain, a "pray for" list in the newsletter, and prayers during worship. Tell us your concerns or ask a friend to inform us.

Call Jim Roberts, 343-8961 ext. 118, to keep him informed, to be removed from the list, or to add yourself/family member to the list.

In Memoriam

David S. Taylor
July 12, 2008

Roland H. "Pete" Peterson
July 23, 2008