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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.

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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THANKS FOR A WARM WELCOME

Diane and I would like to thank each of you for a warm welcome. We feel like we have been embraced with genuine hospitality, from the young children to the age-advantaged senior members. You have all been so very kind and helpful. As many of you know, moving a great distance is no easy task, especially when husband and wife must live apart for weeks at a time. As difficult as it is, you are making it much easier by making a place for us in this loving, caring church family. Speaking from my heart, I have told friends that we have never before experienced as warmhearted a reception as we have at First Presby. From the bottom of our hearts, again: thank you, thank you, thank you!

I want to share an observation with you. This church is an exciting place to be and serve. It's exciting because the first thing we sensed with the associate pastor nominating committee, the staff, and now that we're here, all of you, is your shared excitement. You can feel it in the air. This great church that has served Christ's ministry to this community and the world well for years and years is about to enter a new era of service to and with new generations who are seeking a relationship with the Living God, and it's because of your commitment and excitement as disciples of Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord in Isaiah 43 comes to mind: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." If you're alive, you can't help but perceive the new thing God is doing at First Presbyterian Church. We're glad to share this time in the life of this church with you.

God's grace and peace,

Jim & Diane Roberts

WORSHIP TIMES

Sundays, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
with Church School at 9:45.

If you are home, listen at
11:00 a.m. to 580 AM Radio.



**We will be starting the summer
worship schedule on May 25.**

We will have one worship time,
10:00 a.m., every
Sunday until fall.

We look forward to seeing you in
church whenever you are in town.

We will not be having
church school at 9:45.

**Summer events
are being planned!**

MAY BIRTHDAYS!



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

Thomas Fields	May 21
Betty Ness	May 22
Helen Blair	May 27
Sue Shawkey	May 28

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a
nurse, Sunday, May 11, in the Cablish
Room off the main church hallway.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Greg Bolt and
Heidi Grube** who were married on
April 12, 2008 at the First
Presbyterian Church in Corvallis
Oregon. Heidi is the associate pastor
of the Community Presbyterian
Church in Redmond, Oregon and
Greg is Director of Youth Ministry of
the First Presbyterian Church in
Bend, Oregon.

PENTECOST OFFERING



Join us on Mother's Day,
May 11, as we celebrate the
Day of Pentecost and
receive the Pentecost Offering. On
this day we join with Christians
around the world to celebrate God's
gift of the Holy Spirit to the church.
We also receive the Pentecost
Offering, which benefits children at
risk, youth, and young adults.

Forty percent of the offering stays
with our congregation where it will be
used to assist the youth of our church
with their trip to South Carolina to
build Habitat for Humanity housing for
families. Sixty percent will support
General Assembly ministries that
advocate for children and provide
leadership development opportunities
for our youth and young adults. Learn
more at <http://pcusa.org/pentecost>.

The Volunteer Ministries Division
will meet the second Wednesday this
month, May 14, at 5:00 p.m. in Room
A-203.

The Trinity Class will have their
spring luncheon May 23.

On May 17 the Presbyterian meeting
will be in Elkins, WV.

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.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following
college graduates:

Matthew M. Bruner
United States Military Academy,
West Point, NY

Megan Buckalew
Wesleyan College, May 4, with
a B.S. in Biology

Lindsay McCoy
Gettysburg College, May 17,
with a BS in Secondary
Education

Jane Francke
Roanoke College,
May 3, with a BA in English

Tyler Harlow
Wesleyan College,
May 4, with a B. A. in English

Daniel Winefordner
Everest Institute, April 2008,
with a degree in Electronics,
Computer and Communications
Technology. Daniel is working
for Scale Automation Systems.

If you have graduation news
(high school, college, etc.) send
it to ina@firstpresby.com.

WEB CHALLENGE

Send in your favorite web site or a
newly-discovered one. Tell us why
you like it and we will publish a list in
the next newsletter. Here are a
couple you might like:

www.biblegateway.com to access
any scripture passage. Easy to use!
Visit **www.loveandforgive.org** for
ideas on how to make a difference in
your life and in the lives of others.

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR MARCH 2008

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 85,000	\$ 79,194	\$ (5,806)
Trustee Funds:	124,500	124,500	-
Other Revenue:	16,348	11,790	(4,558)
Total Income:	225,848	215,484	(10,364)
Expenses:	241,828	232,778	(9,050)
Net Income:	\$ (15,980)	\$ (17,294)	\$ (1,314)

2008 Stewardship Goal: \$ 1,188,875

Pledged-to-Date: \$ 1,044,453

Short of Goal: \$ 144,422

**Prayerfully consider in what capacity you are able to support
the ministry of First Presbyterian Church in 2008.**

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Morning Prayer

We live with a lot of noise around us. Sometimes we need a quiet time or space. When you wake up each morning this month, before you jump out of bed, listen to the quiet. Whisper your words of praise of thanks to God.

Blessing for Meals

*For health and strength and daily bread,
we praise thy name, O Lord!*

Evening Prayer

God, some say that the most important prayer is just two words long. Tonight I want to say a two- word prayer to you: **"Thank you!"**

Bible Verse

Strive first for the kingdom of God and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Word of the Month

Community: A community is a group that shares some things in common. Sometimes we call churches faith communities because people in a church share faith in God.

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

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place...

Watch for windsocks in the sanctuary on May 11 as the Covenant Kids (grades 1—5) lead us into Pentecost. Made by the children, these red and purple windsocks remind us that the Holy Spirit, which is always present, "blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes." (John 3:8)

From Noah to Thomas, the Covenant Kids have experienced God's faithfulness and call through their workshops on Sunday mornings. They will share their Bible verses, music and art as they take worship leadership on Sunday, May 18. Come and experience, in the words of Fred Rogers, "*how much children can teach adults about wonder and simple joys!*"

DID YOU KNOW?

Pentecost is from the Greek word *penetekostos*, which means "fiftieth."

It was what the Greeks called the Jewish Feast of Weeks, held 50 days after Passover. Christians celebrate Pentecost 50 days after Easter. This year we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, on May 11.

**Wow! An adventure is being planned for Bible School, June 8—12,
as First Presby travels to the**

Jerusalem Marketplace!

Your family will become a part of a Tribe and travel from your hut to visit with the rabbi and learn Hebrew customs, shop/make/discover in the marketplace, enjoy games Jesus played as a child, bake bread, experience drama, sing and dance. It's a week filled with sights, sounds, aromas and creativity you won't want to miss.

We will begin with supper each evening at 6:00, then don simple costumes and meet with tribes. Reservations are helpful! Register by calling the church office at 343-8961 or by signing up after worship

Shalom!

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

We pray for churches in our presbytery, in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa, and our ecumenical partners through the West Virginia Council of Churches.

May 4: Princeton Presby; Ruffner Memorial Presby, Charleston; South Park Presby, Charleston; Kaguma Parish Kenya.

May 11: Kanawha United Presby, Charleston; First Presby, Logan; Milton Presby; Githiru Church, Kenya.

May 18: South Hills Presby, Charleston; Thomas Presby; Westminster Presby, Vienna; Kiagonde Church, Kenya.

May 25: Zion Presby, Helvetia; Bates Memorial Presby, Huntington; Beverly Hills Presby, Huntington; Marua Church, Kenya.

Study the Bible with us



DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 5/1: Exodus 20:16
- 5/2: Exodus 20:17
- 5/3: Exodus 20:18-21
- 5/4: Psalm 104:24-25
- 5/5: Hebrews 1:1-2a
- 5/6: Hebrews 1:3
- 5/7: Hebrews 4:15-16
- 5/8: Hebrews 5:13-14
- 5/9: Hebrews 7:26-27
- 5/10: Hebrews 10:25
- 5/11: Acts 2:1-4
- 5/12: Acts 2:44-46
- 5/13: Acts 9:36-42
- 5/14: Acts 10:10b-15
- 5/15: Acts 12:13-17a
- 5/16: Acts 15:7-11
- 5/17: Acts 16:25-26, 29-34
- 5/18: Acts 17:28a
- 5/19: Acts 20:25, 32, 36-38
- 5/20: Acts 26:13-16
- 5/21: Hebrews 12:11-13
- 5/22: Hebrews 13:3
- 5/23: Ezra 1:1-3
- 5/24: Hosea 1:9-10
- 5/25: Hosea 5:1-2
- 5/26: Hosea 9:7
- 5/27: Hosea 11:1-3
- 5/28: Hosea 13:2
- 5/29: Mark 1:9-11
- 5/30: Mark 1:12-13
- 5/31: Mark 1:14-1

Note: These readings follow those listed in **Making Time for God**, a book of daily devotions available from the church library, the C.E. Office or Cokesbury. Scripture, explanation, and daily prayer are included in this resource. It is an excellent devotional book for the whole family, written by Susan R. Garrett and Amy Plantinga Pauw, professors at Louisville Seminary.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 15, 12:00 noon



Installation of Officers

and

Birthday Offering

Music by Beverly Haskell



Program and Installation will be held in the Chapel.

Betty Damewood will lead the Prayer Group at 11:30 a.m. in Room A-203.

Invite a friend and be sure to make your lunch reservation by May 12—call 343-8961.

Childcare is available if reserved by calling Ina, 343-8961 ext. 122 in advance.

SCHEDULE FOR WOMEN'S CIRCLE BIBLE STUDIES

DATE	NAME	CIRCLE CHAIR	PLACE	TIME
May 8	Leah	Sally Slicer 346-1873	A-201; Hostesses: Betty Alexander	9:30 a.m.
May 8	Mary	Sue Shawkey 342-4233 Mary Lou Moore 344-1995	Edgewood Summit	10:00 a.m.
May 8	Miriam	Sarah McGriff 744-3751	Hostess: Mary Jo Krantz, 1111 Shamrock Road	9:45 a.m.
May 8	Martha	Sara Joseph 343-1210 Jackie Taylor 346-6147	A-204, Bring a "brown bag" lunch.	12:00 p.m.
May 8	Rebecca (Dinner)	Pam Healy 744-6356 Beth Ann Surber 342-7988	Dining Room-Call to make a dinner reservation.	6:00 p.m.
May 15	Hannah	Janice Lessley 342-6846 Nancy Martin 744-9456	A-204	10:30 a.m.
May 15	Ruth	Betty Ann Morton 344-4507 Ruth Pitchford 346-8494	A-201	10:30 a.m.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

- Edwin Anderson**, cousin of Mary Odin, in Afghanistan
 - David McMillan**, grandson of Betty Kerns, National Guard Engineers, Iraq
 - Major Todd Harrell**, Iraq, father of Emily and Jonathan
 - Caitlin Workman**, granddaughter of Pat Workman, Airman First Class, Omaha, NE
 - Franz S. Workman IV**, grandson of Pat Workman, Airman 1st Class, Moody AFB, GA.
 - Jonathan Seiter**, nephew of Carolyn Sturgeon, in Iraq for second tour of duty
 - David McDarmont**, son of Liz O'Finan, in Ohio
 - Donald Boylen**, grandson of Dick and Becky Smith, Virginia
 - Owen Brown**, son of Earle Brown, in Pensacola, FL with the Navy
 - David Rucker**, nephew of Barbara Brown, Germany
- Please call the church office to keep this information current. Thank you.



THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM CONCERT

by the Malone College Chorale

On Sunday, May 4, at 7:00 p.m. in First Presby's Sanctuary, Dr. Jerry E. Giger will direct the Malone College Chorale concert featuring a number of sacred selections as well as Randall Thompson's Peaceable Kingdom, based on Isaiah 11: "The wolf shall lie down with the kid; and the wolf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them." Admission is free; a freewill offering will be received.



MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

FROM MARY ODIN, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Wayne and I are in training to become Stephen Ministers. If you aren't familiar with this program, call me or talk to Steve or Katha Morris—it is truly life-changing. Our class was discussing grief the other day, and someone raised the subject of anniversaries and how difficult they can be for someone who has experienced loss.

This month, I celebrate the other kind of anniversary, not of a loss, but of great gain: the morning that the Lord told me to bring my family to Charleston. It was Friday, May 18, 2007, and it happened in room 801 at the Marriott downtown. Clear as a bell at 5:15 in the morning, I heard God's voice say, "You're supposed to be in Charleston." I recognized that unmistakable Voice, and for the first time in eight months I had peace about my calling.

I'm still in my first year here, which means there are still plenty of surprises about the way we do things at First Presby. I will continue to make missteps here and there, and you will continue to forgive me for them, I'm sure. I'm not sure what summer will look like in worship—here's a shameless plea for you to come and sing in our Family Choir in June: Bring the kids, bring the grandkids! (Children, bring your parents!) I won't make you wear a robe, but I promise you'll have good fellowship as we sing for our Lord together.

Romans 12:15 tells us to "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." Whatever anniversaries you encounter this month, the Lord will be with you for them. We know this because God never asks us to do or go through anything He hasn't already done or gone through ahead of us. He truly rejoices with us in our joys, and He truly weeps with us in our sorrows. May we continue to do the same for one another.

Mary

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team provides musical leadership during worship each week. This ensemble of vocalists and instrumentalists uses guitar, bass, piano, mandolin, and other instruments to accompany congregational song. We rehearse in the Sanctuary Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. or 8:00 p.m., depending on the schedule of other meetings. To join us, bring your instrument or voice on Wednesday night, or contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com.

FPC LYRES CLUB

The Lyres Club continues to work on technique and new tunes on Tuesday evenings in the Susie Early Room from 5:30-6:30 p.m. On April 13, we offered "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" to God during both worship services. We also welcomed two new harp players to our group: Nancy Bulla and Keta Johnson.

The church currently has two harps available for new players. If you are interested in playing the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com.

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Cherub Choir and Cathedral Choir will finish up another worship season this month. Cherubs plan to give their final musical offering of the year during 11:00 a.m. worship on May 11. Cathedral Choir will sing, along with the Covenant Kids, Sunday, May 18.

In between, on Wednesday, May 14, both groups will present a mini-concert in the Dining Room at Wednesday Connections Dinner and have their annual ice cream party afterwards. After our final musical offerings, we will take a break for the summer.

Many thanks to all our young singers and to leaders Debbie Eads and Lynda Strickland for another a year of beautiful offerings to our Lord!

FAMILY CHOIR TO START IN JUNE

After this month, the Family Choir will take over for the Geneva Choir, offering special music in worship during the month of June.

There is no weekly rehearsal, no audition, and no long-term commitment for this group—just show up in the Choir Room an hour before worship and you can be a member for a day. This year, you'll get five chances to sing in the Family Choir: June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, and June 29. We'll learn a simple anthem or hymn together at 9:00 a.m. and give it to God that very morning in worship.

Children are welcome—bring your parents and grandparents, too! Mark your calendars now for next month.

BELL CHOIR

Our handbell ringers offered the prelude and the offertory and accompanied congregational song in both worship services on April 20.

As of this writing, our bells plan to give their final musical offering of the worship season on Sunday, June 1. After that, they will take a much-deserved summer break.

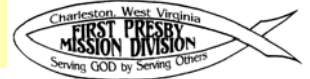
Many thanks to all our ringers and to their fearless leader, Kathy Lynch, for another a year of beautiful offerings to our Lord!

GENEVA CHOIR

The Geneva Choir will wind up their official work for another season this month. As of this writing, we plan to rehearse in the Choir Room on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00 p.m. through May 22 and offer anthems on May 11 and 25. As always, singers should keep an eye on the whiteboard in the Choir Room for changes. At the end of the month, we will take our usual summer break.

Many thanks to all our singers for a year of hard work and joyful service to our Lord in worship!

COMMUNITY MINISTRY



COVENANT HOUSE NEEDS

Drop-In-Center: Toilet paper, disposable shavers

Homeless Outreach: Furnishings for a man moving from 7 years of homelessness to permanent housing – bedroom suite w/ mattress, bed linens, kitchen supplies, microwave, living room furniture. *Please call Briana for update on this man's needs and drop-off location: 344-8053 ext 27.*

Food Pantry: Boxed cereal.

Community Housing: Cleaning supplies, color television w/remote.

Aids Residential & Resource Program:

Mops, brooms, pots and pans, towels, four dining room chairs.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER MAY 22

Make your reservations now!

Call Diane Clements at 343-0590 by May 19.

10:30-11:15 a.m.—Adventures in Learning will feature Crystal Malcolm explaining a new agency, the West Virginia Aging and Disability Resource Center.

An ADRC is a professionally staffed office that assists seniors and persons with disabilities, or anyone acting on their behalf, to navigate the state's long term care needs programs. Examples of long-term care services are nutrition, personal care, Medicare counseling, medical equipment, and legal assistance. There is no fee for ADRC services.

Lunch is at 11:45 a.m. The program begins at 12:30 p.m.

Mary and Wayne Odin, assisted by Ruth and James, will charm us again with songs of yesterday to dream to and to sing to. Wayne will accompany Mary's beautiful voice and keyboard with his virtuoso performance on the saxophone/clarinet/flute. Their repertoire includes one hundred sixty plus tunes from the first half of the last century, the songs of the "big bands" and the days when radio was king. Those were the days.... Come, enjoy again

FIRST PRESBY SUPPORTS COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

First Presbyterian, through its endowment funds managed by the Church Trustees with recommendations from the Mission Division, recently assisted the following organizations with financial support for 2008:

Big Brothers Big Sisters.....	\$1,000-mentoring at risk youth
Covenant House.....	\$9,000-direct emergency services
Davis-Stuart Children's Home	\$5,000 purchase of video teleconference equipment
Davis and Elkins University	\$3,000-Benfield-Vick Chair Endowment
Daymark	\$6,000-emergency services for youth
East End Family Resource Center	\$1,500-after-school program
General Assembly Fund for Theological Education	\$9,000-seminary support
Kanawha Pastoral Counseling Center.....	\$8,000-320 hours for uninsured clients
Manna Meal.....	\$3,000-purchase of food
Oakwood Terrace Project.....	\$2,200-events and Bluestone scholarships
Rea of Hope Fellowship Home.....	\$2,500-food, utilities and residents needs
Religious Coalition for Community Renewal	\$9,500.00 Samaritan Inn to combat homelessness
Resolve Family Abuse (YWCA).....	\$5,000-specialized counseling services
Shepherd's Center.....	\$3,000-general operating
Sojourner's Shelter (YWCA).....	\$9,000 direct services for women and families
Westminster Foundation.....	\$9,500-campus ministry for college students
WV Health Right.....	\$9,000-life sustaining medications & supplies
Total	\$94,700

PALs BOOK CLUB

The Shepherd's Center together with the Kanawha County Public Library and Highmark PALS (People Able to Lend Support) will be starting a discussion book club meeting on the third Friday of each month in the Ruffner Room beginning in October. Sign-ups begin now as we need to know how many are interested. For more information consult the Shepherd's Center newsletter. Call Diane Clements at 343-0590 to request a free subscription.

IN THE COFFEE CLOSET

We once again have the Dark Chocolate Minis and two new items, Spicy Hot Cocoa Mix with cinnamon and cayenne pepper to give it a kick, and Drinking Chocolate made with chocolate liquor and finely ground cacao (cocoa beans). Exquisite! Be sure to try these out.

CHARLESTON CIVIC CHORUS SPRING CONCERT

On Sunday, May 4, at 3:00 p.m., come and hear the Charleston Civic Chorus spring concert. Location: Charleston Baptist Temple, corner of Quarrier & Morris Streets. **Please join director Dr. J. Truman Dalton, and accompanist Randall Peters for an afternoon of extraordinary new choral music featuring several new works, including the beautiful Five Hebrew Love Songs with guest violinist Mary Odin.** Seven members of the Geneva choir are also members of the Charleston Civic Chorus: Carole Carter, Kathy Lynch, Jim Merrill, Kari Preslar, Tom Marchio, Beverly Haskell, and Conrad Haskell. Admission is free.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Les Hawkins recently joined our church by Reaffirmation of Faith. He and our long-time member Dawn Patchell were married at FPC a few weeks ago. Les is employed by the WV Department of Health and Human Resources as a Computer Analyst. He is a member of the Seneca Class and is interested in being involved in a Bible study and young adult events. Welcome, Les!

Jennie James has been attending FPC for a few months and joins by Profession of Faith and Baptism. She is employed by United Bank as a Financial Advisor. Jennie would like to participate in a Bible study, fellowship and recreation and young adult events. Welcome, Jennie!

Rebecca and David Kucera: Rebecca joins our church by transfer of her church letter and David joins by Profession of Faith. Rebecca is employed by Just For Kids Dentistry as a pediatric dentist. David joins FPC's ever-growing number of stay-at-home dads, and is also a certified arborist. Parents of baby Beverly who is interested in our preschool, they are interested in Seneca Class and other young adult events. Welcome, Rebecca, David and Beverly.

Ann Moran rejoins First Presby by asking that her membership be reactivated. She is the mother of two grown children and is an artist. She is frequently out of town, but wants to participate when she is in Charleston. Welcome, Ann!

Adam and Ashley Patnoe: Ashley joins First Presby by transfer of her church letter and Adam, who hails from Canada, joins by Reaffirmation of Faith. They are the parents of John Christian and Lily Grace. Ashley is a self-employed pediatric dentist with Charleston Pediatric Dentistry and Adam is the Office Manager. They are members of the Seneca Class, and would both like to be involved in a Bible study. Adam looks forward to fellowship and recreation activities. Welcome, Ashley, Adam, John and Lily!

IN RECITAL: SARAH LYNCH, SOPRANO

Come, Friday, May 30, at 7:00 p.m. to the church Sanctuary! This fine young artist developed her musical gifts before our eyes as a child of our church. Enjoy an evening of beautiful vocal music with Sarah as she shares some of her favorites with us. Don't miss it! Admission is free.

MAINTAINING AN UP-TO-DATE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

We believe that intercessory prayer is an important ministry of this church, and we are grateful for our Prayer Chain, Deacons, Staff, and others who routinely offer prayers on behalf of our members and friends in their times of need. In order to insure that all prayer requests are honored, it is important that we maintain an up-to-date list. To do this, we have divided the list into categories.

The categories are:

- EXPECTANT MOTHERS
- BIRTHS
- BEREAVEMENTS
- HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS
- CURRENT PRAYER LIST (will be listed for one month)
- EXTENDED PRAYER LIST (will be listed for up to three months)
- LONG-TERM PRAYER LIST (has requested to remain on the Prayer List indefinitely; will be reviewed on a quarterly basis)
- ACTIVE DUTY ARMED FORCES

We ask that you help us maintain an accurate Prayer List by informing us of newly expectant mothers, births, deaths, hospital admissions and discharges, changes in health status that would warrant change of listing categories or removal from the Prayer List. You may do so by filling out a Prayer Request Form and placing it in the box in the hallway just past the Cablsh Room or by calling the church office.

NEW BABIES!

Sara and Danny Jones announce the birth of their son, Andrew Laurance, on Feb. 28. He joins his older brother, Jarrett, at home in Charleston.

Mary Lu and John MacCorkle announce the birth of granddaughter Charlotte Lyle MacCorckle on April 15. Charlotte joins sister Ally at home in Winston-Salem, NC, with parents Michael and Lisa. Great-grandparents are Lura and Bill Watkins.

WANT ADS

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED FOR FAMILY PETS: Molly, a 1 1/2 year old golden retriever, is good with children. Cleo is a 15-year-old calico cat who needs to be in a home without other pets. Daisy is a white cat with two different color eyes! At two years of age, she is fine with people. These three pets belong to the Blair and Jeff Sprouse family. They all need a foster home during the next year while the family is in Seattle getting medical treatment for Joseph. Please consider helping out; you get the advantage of knowing that you are needed, loving pets who are already house trained, and yet no year-after-year commitment. Contact Blair Sprouse, 346-0912.

INFANT CHILDCARE: Liz and Justin Blankenship are looking for someone to care for their infant son. Perhaps you know of someone who can help out. They really need someone two days a week; but additional hours are also available. Contact Liz, 549-5486, for rate of pay, etc.

MONTREAT CONFERENCE ON WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Join us this summer for a life-changing week of worship, Bible study, music, and the arts in the mountains of Montreat, North Carolina—Sunday, June 15, and return Saturday, June 21. Our church has reserved Chestnut Lodge for the week, and it promises to be a time of relaxation as well as spiritual renewal.

The conference is open to adults, youth, and children who have completed grade 3; childcare for younger children of registered conferees is free. For more information, go to www.presbysmusic.org/ConfMontreat.htm or call Mary Odin at 343-8961 ext. 137.



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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
1 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 8:00 Youth Planning meeting 9:30 Francke Bible Study 9:30 PW Coordinating Team 6:30 Karate 6:30 Seneca Basketball 7:30 Geneva Choir	2 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 10:30 PW Bible Moderators 11:00 Church Women United, Friendship Day Luncheon and Program 2:00 Senior Exercise <i>May Friendship Day</i>	3 <i>Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure</i> 6:00 Malone College supper

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
4 Recognition of graduating high school youth 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Malone College lunch 6:30 High school Youth Group 7:00 Malone College Choir Concert	5 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Rebuilding	6 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate 6:30 Muscular Dystrophy Group 7:00 Ballroom Dance Class	7 8:30 am Aerobics 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Property Division 5:15 C. E. Division 5:15 Cherub and Cathedral Choirs 5:45 Supper 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 6:45 Deacons 6:45 Personnel Division 6:45 Worship Division 6:45 Preschool Education Program 6:45 Mission Division 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	8 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 9:30 Leah Circle 9:30 Francke Bible Study 10:00 Mary Circle at Edgewood Summit 11:30 Preschool Lunch 12:00 Martha Circle 5:15 Coordinating Council 6:00 Rebecca Circle 6:30 Karate 6:30 Seneca Basketball 7:30 Geneva Choir	9 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	10 7:00-11:00 YARD SALE Virginia St. parking lot 3:30 Eagle Scout Ceremony 7:30 womanSong concert
11 Pentecost Communion 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship Blood Pressure checkup 6:30 High School Youth Group <i>Mother's Day</i>	12 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:00 Rebuilding	13 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate 7:00 Ballroom dance class Primary Election Day	14 8:30 am Aerobics 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Volunteer Ministry Division 5:00 Finance Division 5:15 Child and Family Committee 5:15 Cherub and Cathedral Choirs 5:45 Supper 6:30 Middle School Youth Group 6:45 Session 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	15 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 9:30 Francke Bible Study 10:30 Hannah Circle 10:30 Ruth Circle 11:30 PW Prayer Group 12:00 PW Luncheon 6:30 Seneca Basketball 6:30 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir	16 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise	17 Presbytery meeting in Elkins
18 Trinity Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship	19 8:30 am Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise <i>Preschool Day in the Park</i>	20 9:30 Bible Study 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate 7:00 Ballroom Dance Class 7:00 Alzheimers' Support Group	21 8:30 am Aerobics 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 5:00 Fellowship & Recreation Div. 5:00 Visitor/New Members Div. 5:15 Library Committee 5:45 Supper—Last one until fall! 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	22 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 9:30 Francke Bible Study 10:30 Adventures in Learning 11:45 Shepherd's Center Luncheon 6:30 Seneca Basketball 6:30 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir	23 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 12:00 Trinity Class Luncheon 2:00 Senior Exercise	24
25 - start Summer Schedule 9:00 Confirmation Class 10:00 Worship 11:00 Fellowship On the Green	26 Memorial Day observed Church Facilities and Office Closed	27 9:30 Bible study 4:30 Knitting Into the Mystery 5:30 Harps 6:30 Karate	28 8:30 am Aerobics 1:30 Weight Watchers 2:00 Senior Exercise 7:15 Boy Scouts 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	29 7:30 am Bible Study, Shoneys' 6:30 Seneca Basketball 6:30 Karate	30 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 2:00 Senior Exercise 7:00 Sarah Lynch Recital	31



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Rick Vorhees on the death of his mother; Ed Bartrug on the death of his mother Jeannette; Betty Ireland on the death of her mother, Virginia; the family of Elaine Harper.

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS . . .
Lisa & Craig Barnette (friends of Becky and Trip Adams); Sean Hammack (friend of the Campbells); Tom McCoy (Bill McCoy's uncle); Chris Cruise (Bill McCoy's nephew); Craig Stillwell; Lane Porter; Betty and Joe Holland, Sr.; Muskera family (friends of Barbara Hopta); Laura Swingell; Rob Peterson's great aunt Jane; Ralph & Alice (Mary Odin's friends); Gracie Meeks (Carol Buckalew's grandniece); Melissa Toomey (CCOM at UC with Rob); Ricki and Danny (friends of the Sprouse family); Jean Matthews; Max Blizzard (who is now at Heartland); Carl Gable

(brother of Cindy Wilson), Zak Fawley (friend of Robin Harlow); Kristen Workman (friend of Dawn Patchell Hawkins); Ruffner Alexander Jr.; Lillie Saunders (mother of Darlene Kerr); Aaron Owen (son of Ky and Tammy Owen)

EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS . . .
Jerrie Duckwyler (friend of Claude Churchwell); Joseph Sprouse; Janet Murray (friend of Chick Maddox); Charles Glotfelty; Becky Ceperley; Chris Daugherty (wife of Chuck Daugherty); Connie Payne; Sonia Call (sister of Fred Gaul's friend Todd); Anne Taylor Bradley (Jackie Taylor's sister-in-law, Blair Taylor's aunt); Carl Mercer; Ken Stewart; Filomino Alicie; Ed Vazquez (Ruth Shepherd's son-in-law); David Taylor; Susan Ackerman (friend of Emily Couch); Rick Hoy; Tammy Rhodes (friend of Pat Doumaux); Amy Cottrell; Eddie Scherr (father of Jim); AD Ellison; Harry Drouillard (friend of Mary and Pat Bond); Don Hayes (friend of Dick Golden); Virginia Tatum (mother of

Vickie Janney); Matt Copeland (former UC colleague of Okey Moffatt and student of Bob Newman)

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS . . .
Charlie Young

EXPECTANT MOTHERS . . .
Elizabeth Gaucher; Morgan Griffith; Kim Smith

Please 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

Martha Tait Hatcher
April 5, 2008

Elsie Doty
April 15, 2008

Elaine J. Harper
April 23, 2008

Virginia H. Ireland
April 24, 2008