



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, THOMASVILLE, NC

June 2010

EVERY SUNDAY A.M.: Church school for all ages 9:45; Choir Rehearsal 10:30;
Coffee Fellowship 10:45; WORSHIP 11:00 (Nursery Available)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pastor on vacation until June 14.		1 Al-Anon	2 The Choir does not meet for rehearsal during June.	3	4	5 Community Fair in Fellowship Hall
6 Curtis Patterson preaching	7	8 Al-Anon	9	10	11	12 Fellowship Group
13 Lemuel Garcia preaching	14	15 Witness Comm. Meeting Al-Anon	16	17	18	19 Movie Night "Invictus"
20 COMMUNION Christian Ed. Comm. Mtg.	21	22 Al-Anon	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Al-Anon	30	Put "Summer Plus" on your calendar NOW for Wednesdays, July 14, 21, and 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!		

Simple Rules - Messy Life

In today's fast paced world, many of us yearn for some sort of simplicity to help us make sense of our life - some simple rules to be reliable tools to navigate our way through an ever-increasing complexity of life. Here are some simple rules. Don't murder (Deut. 5:17). Love your neighbor as you love yourself (Matt.19:19). Treat other people as you wish to be treated (Matt 7:12). If you fail to do good, you sin (James 4:17). The greatest expression of love is to lay down one's life for another (John 15:13).

A news story caught my attention recently. A woman, twenty-seven years old was admitted to the hospital with pulmonary hypertension or "right heart failure." She was gravely ill. Her condition placed limits on the ability of her heart and lungs to function, complicated by the additional strain placed on them by the fact that she was eleven weeks pregnant. The woman's death was almost 100 percent certain if her body were to continue to try to sustain both her and the fetus. At home was a husband and four previous children.

If the doctors do nothing, it is almost certain that the woman and the baby will both die. An eleven-week-old fetus cannot survive outside the womb, even with all of today's technology. If the woman dies, her husband loses his wife and four children are left motherless. Life is messy. Depending on which simple rule one applied, various decisions would appear to be correct.

Under various circumstances, we modify or set aside some of the simple rules. Many of us would consider self-defense to be an exception to the simple rule of do not murder. But, on the other hand, we worry about rationalizing and modifying the simple rules to the point where they become watered down and meaningless. Life is messy.

Think about this messy situation. Try to put yourself, in turn, in the place of the woman, the husband, the doctors, the four children, the fetus, and the ethics committee at the hospital. Which simple rule or rules would seem to apply? There's not much time. Her condition is getting even worse.

Mike Lamm

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JUNE WORSHIP PLANS

While Mike is on vacation the first two Sundays in June, we will welcome two guest ministers.

On June 6, our own Pastor Emeritus, Curtis Patterson, will be our supply minister. We always look forward to having Curtis with us.

On June 13, Rev. Lemuel Garcia will be with us and Gene Moore will serve as our Liturgist.

Rev. Garcia is Associate Presbyter for the Central Neighborhood of Salem Presbytery. He previously served as the Associate Executive for Multicultural Ministries of the Synod of the Sun. His other service to the larger church includes involvement on committees at every level of the denomination, such as the Hispanic Advisory Committee, the Advocacy Committee for Racial Ethnic Concerns, the Committee on Ecumenical Relations and the National Multicultural Network.

Rev. Garcia says that from his experiences he has developed a strong commitment to share and continue learning from the stories of faith, traditions and cultures that the various members of the body of Christ bring to build together the household of God.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MAY SESSION MEETING

Pastor's Report:

Pastor's vacation is scheduled for May 30 to June 14.

A Presbytery Grant will allow Mike to attend a *Church Unbound Conference* at Montreat.

A Grant from PC(USA) for marketing, advertising, and CE materials was approved by Presbytery.

Intern possibilities are still being explored.

Session reviewed Notes and Action items from Session Retreats, indicating what has been accomplished, what is in progress, and what has not been addressed.

Session accepted with appreciation a painting by Joe Hedgpath which will be hung in the church office.

Committee Reports:

WITNESS: There is a need for organizational and financial support for Thomasville Community Gardens, and the Session gave this worthwhile effort a vote of confidence and blessing. A separate bank account for Community Gardens will be opened.

Bill McColl recommended Salem Presbytery's Central Neighborhood Workshop on May 22, which is designed to help churches attract, reach, and keep new members. The Basics Computer Class continues to draw a number of folks.

SERVICE: A Community Fair will take place at FPC on June 5 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

WORSHIP: Guidelines for Sunday greeters have been written.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: The estimated cost for hall beautification is \$2,100—\$2,500. The Session agreed to proceed with this project if funds are available outside the budget.

After discussion, Session agreed to let the New Heart Baptist church use FPC's church van with all insurance issues considered, and two designated drivers.

The two work days were deemed a success and Phil expressed appreciation to the 25—30 people who helped.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Gene reported that the *Living the Questions* course is in process and that 16 persons have been present.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: Monthly movie nights and efforts to care for the congregation continue.

Session heard a report from Gene Moore, the elder commissioner to the last meeting of Salem Presbytery in Burlington. Karen Rubish also attended.

FINANCE REPORT	MONTH OF APRIL			YEAR TO DATE		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Pledges, Offerings & Gifts	\$ 8,320	\$ 9,505	\$ (1,185)	\$ 47,572	\$ 36,870	\$ 10,702
Special Offerings & Income	—	—	—	1,708	—	1,708
Property/Other Income	—	1,180	(1,180)	2,640	5,540	(2,900)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 8,320	\$ 10,685	\$ (2,365)	\$ 51,920	\$ 42,410	\$ 9,510
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 10,981	\$ 11,248	\$ 267	\$ 48,709	\$ 49,669	\$ 960
Special Offerings	—	—	—	1,708	—	(1,708)
Loflin Property Reimbursement	—	—	—	—	—	—
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (2,661)	\$ (563)	\$ (2,098)	\$ 1,503	\$ (7,259)	\$ 8,762

Pledges received this month were below budget, but considering the higher amount last month, it is not surprising. This was partially offset by a generous donation from the Presbyterian Women Lenten lunches proceeds. Thank you for your continued support. Expenses were below budget amounts for the month.

Earl Hackman, Treasurer



June

- 3 Shirley Byrnes
- 4 Julie Tyson
- 5 Aulene Henderson
- 10 Twig Bowers
- 12 Cathy Hedgpeth
- 21 Marguerite Fowler
- 26 Susan Hauser
- 28 Bill Ingram

Anniversaries

- Earl & Pam Hackman
June 1, 1969
- Neal & Martha Blake
June 4, 1949
- Bill & Nancy McColl
June 22, 1985
- Dwayne & Karen Barber
June 28, 1986

FOOD FOR CCM

- JUNE** *Grits / Oatmeal*
- July** *Canned Meats
Beef Stew*
- August** *Spaghetti Sauce &
Noodles*

**PLACE DONATIONS IN THE RED
WAGON IN THE HALLWAY
OUTSIDE THE CHOIR ROOM
DOOR.**

**NON-PERISHABLE FOODS OF
ANY KIND ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME AT ANY TIME.**

PRAYER LISTS

*Bob and Mary Hill
James Family
June Camper
(Gene Moore's sister)
Louise Whitaker
Aulene Henderson
Jan Williams
Tyler Tyson
Nell Wellborn
(Tara Bowers' mother)*

**Remember others not listed here
but may have been named on
Sunday morning or who prefer not
to be named publicly.**

JUNE PRAYER FAMILIES

- 6 Tommy Nyll
Sandi Lee
- 13 Tom & Shirley Byrnes
Virginia Lambeth
- 20 Sovan & Lisa Nyll
Mike & Cathy Lamm
- 27 Lib Cloniger
Butch & Sue Langfitt

SCRIPTURE READERS FOR JUNE

- 6 Jane Osborne
- 13 Gene Moore
- 20 Virginia Lambeth
- 27 Jane Hasty

JUNE USHER CHAIR Lib Cloniger

JUNE GREETER CHAIR Gene Moore

Honorariums

Eight May Birthdays

(Mike Hauser, Lisa Nyll, Erin Hodges, Phil Griffin, Evelyn Gray, Tom Hodges, Ramona Cranford, Carole Skinner)

Sue Hunter

Two May Anniversaries (Tom & Shirley Byrnes, and Butch & Sue Langfitt)

Sue Hunter

Sue Langfitt and Presbyterian Women

Andy & Karen Rubish

Karen Rubish Presbyterian Women

STRAWBERRY SALAD WITH RASPBERRY VINAIGRETTE

(Serves 4—6)

- Package of mixed greens
- 1 cup sliced strawberries
- 1/2 cup halved grapes
- 1 cup mandarin oranges
- 1 Tbsp. dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup feta cheese crumbles
- 2 Tbsp. diced pecans
or slivered almonds
- 1/4 cup shredded carrots
- 1/4 cup light olive oil
- 1/4 cup sugar or Splenda
- 2 Tbsp. raspberry vinegar
- 1/4 tsp. celery salt

Mix the greens, strawberries, grapes, oranges, dried cranberries, feta, nuts, and carrots in a large salad bowl.

Mix olive oil, sugar, raspberry vinegar and celery salt in a sealed container and shake well.

Pour over salad just before serving.

Shirley Byrnes served this salad at the PW Birthday luncheon on May 23 and many requested the recipe. Shirley said she did not use the nuts because nuts were in the chicken salad.

SPECIAL THANKS

I want to thank all the women who sent breakfast food to the 23rd Spring Gathering in Lexington, and also those who attended to give me moral support as I was installed as Moderator of Salem Presbyterian Women.

What touched my heart the most was the surprise on Sunday morning when Pam Hackman presented me with a guardian angel and an Honorarium to the church from PW.

I truly appreciate all the support First Presbyterian Church gives me especially now with the challenges I face for the next two years.

*Blessings,
Karen Rubish*

SERVICE COMMITTEE

We are proud to sponsor a COMMUNITY FAIR in FPC's Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 5, 2010, between 9:00 a.m and 1:00 p.m. Agencies to be on-site to answer questions are *His Laboring Few Ministries, Habitat for Humanity, The Salvation Army, Citadel of Faith Christian Fellowship, Inc., American Red Cross, The Life Center of Davidson County, United Way of Davidson County, Tom A. Finch YMCA, Cooperative Community Ministries, and Thomasville Medical Center.* Baby sitting and light refreshments will be available.

We hope you can drop in to learn more about your community.

Julie Tyson, Chair

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Congratulations to Lisa Nyll (Sovan's wife) who graduated in May from High Point University with a BA in Human Relations. In the fall Lisa will begin work on her Master's Degree either on-line from Seton Hall, or at NC AT&T.

Movie Nights are continuing on the third Saturday each month at 7:00, this month on June 19. The movie will be *"Invictus", directed by Clint Eastwood, and starring Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon.* This is the true story of the early years after Nelson Mandela was elected president of South Africa. The relationship between the president of the nation and the captain of the country's rugby team is both unpredicted and inspiring as both reject revenge and embrace reconciliation.

The popcorn and the drinks are free. We hope our visitors and friends will be able to join us for these movie nights.

Sue Hunter, Chair

WITNESS COMMITTEE

The church's website continues to be updated with weekly worship photos, newsletters, "Week at a Glance" and sermons, both text and audio.

Please remind folks to watch for future computer classes. Suggestions for topics for classes are welcomed, such as "How to set up an EBay account," or "How to download pictures."

Our Committee is working closely with the Community Garden project.

Bill McColl, Chair

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thanks to everyone who participated in Women's Sunday; it was a wonderful service. I felt like a proud Mamma chick! A special thanks to Gene for the message, to Sandi, Cathy, and Virginia for the music, and to Shirley for a wonderful meal for the luncheon.

We were blessed to have Betty Knox, Enabler for Salem Presbyterian Women, with us to install the officers: Pam Hackman and Shirley Byrnes, Co-Moderators; Gladys Alexander, Secretary/Historian; Karen Rubish, Treasurer; Missions, Annette Grissett; Scholarship, Ramona Cranford & Cathy Hedgpath; Local Causes/ Kitchen, Barbara Manning; Life Membership Pin, Sue Hunter; Circle Chairs: Pam Hackman, Nancy McColl, and Jane Hasty. We are pleased that Annette is joining our Team this year.

Pam Hackman, Co-Moderator

SPECIAL INVITATION

On June 6, 2010, you are all invited to a baby shower for Julie Tyson from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It's a girl, and she is registered at Wal-Mart. See you there!



MEDICAL MISSION TRIP TO PERU

Karen Rubish will be travelling to Peru the first week of August, with persons from five other Presbyterian Churches, to participate in a medical mission project. Any support and prayers will be greatly appreciated.

Churches are being asked to contribute the following: toothbrushes (no toothpaste), dental floss, and Dollar Store glasses (all strengths).

Since this is a medical mission, churches are also asked to contribute cash to purchase adult and children's vitamins, Tylenol, and aspirin in Peru to save the weight in suitcases.

If you choose to make a donation, make your check payable to First Presbyterian Church and mark in the memo line "for Peru" as this will be a tax deduction.

The Mustard Seed

First Presbyterian Church
Thomasville, North Carolina

June 2010

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21 Randolph Street
Thomasville, NC 27360



THE SESSION

The Rev. Michael Lamm, Moderator

Class of 2010
Carolyn Bennett
Bill McColl
Karen Rubish

Class of 2011
Lib Cloniger
Sue Langfitt
Julie Tyson

Class of 2012
Phil Griffin
Sue Hunter
Gene Moore

Curtis Patterson, Pastor Emeritus
Carole Skinner, Office Manager
Dorothy Klass, Director of Music
Phil Griffin, Moderator, Men of the Church
Shirley Byrnes & Pam Hackman,
Co-Moderators, Presbyterian Women

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for the July 2010 issue.**

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THOMASVILLE COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Thomasville Community Garden is a unique project that began as a partnership with Habitat for Humanity. It is now supported by governmental agencies, civic and religious organizations, and local businesses. Our church is giving organizational support and encouragement to the growers and volunteers who work in the garden. Our Session has affirmed the dedication of FPC to this project.

During the first week of May, seedlings grown at The Oaks assisted living facility were transferred to the Garden, located on Memorial Park Drive. Planting was accomplished by our growers and volunteers consisting of members of the Master Gardeners class and our church under the guidance of Scott Welborn of the North Carolina Agriculture Extension Agency.

Beginning June 14, we will begin weekly garden work days when volunteers can spend some time in the garden alongside our growers and master gardeners. The youth of Fairgrove Methodist Church have chosen the Community Garden as their summer project, and we hope others will join them.

Marguerite Fowler, a member of the Witness Committee, has volunteered to be our "Volunteer Coordinator," so if you or an organization to which you belong would like to add support to the project, please contact Marguerite at 499-7184.

Bill McColl and Earl Hackman

JESUS KIDS

Jesus Kids announces that \$375.00 was collected for the Davidson County *Relay for Life!*
Hugs and thanks all around!

REMINDER

Be sure to pick up a copy of our 2010 Church Directory in the Narthex.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Wes Patterson will be installed as District Governor of Rotary International District 76902 on June 10, 2010. The District covers an area from the Virginia line in the north to Pinehurst in the east, has 52 chapters and 3,000 members.

Wes has been a member of Rotary since 1990, has served as President of the Thomasville Club and as Assistant Governor for three years.

Wes and Linda will be visiting each of those chapters between July and October, beginning with a trip to Montreal, Canada, in June for the Rotary International Convention. They ask for their Church Family's prayers during their travels as they begin a wonderful year of service to Rotary International and especially District 76902.