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A Musical Weekend at First Church



Two special musical events are taking place at First Church the weekend of June 12-13. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for one or both of these events:

Faith in Action Fundraiser

An exciting musical event will take place in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 12, at 4 p.m. Mosaic, a dynamic interfaith gospel group from northern Virginia, will be singing. **June** and **Carl Hess** have sung with this energetic, hope-filled group for a number of years. A free-will offering will be taken for the benefit of Faith in Action, which meets transportation needs for medical appointments for those without means.

Fellowship Lunch & Afternoon of Song

To benefit the Building Fund

Another traditional Shenandoah Valley-style event is in the works for Sunday, June 13. Worship, fellowship lunch, and an afternoon of song—what better way to spend a Sunday! Our free-will offering will benefit the Building Fund.

We'll have a guest musician—**Dan Chitwood** of Roanoke, **Dan** and **Pat Ritchie**'s brother-in-law. A landscape architect by day, Dan C. is a musician, songwriter, and artist by night (and weekends). He wrote one of his songs, "God is building me a home" for Roanoke Habitat for Humanity. "Down by the River Jordan" is a gospel song, and his "We'll All Be Famous in Heaven" is a light-hearted song that will make you chuckle. He'll sing a few songs and then let us sing along with him for a couple.

Please contact Dan or Pat Ritchie at 662-1475 or patritchie@verizon.net to help with set-up, cleanup, or cooking for the Fellowship Lunch & Afternoon of Song.

Summer Worship

July 4 through September 5

Sunday School resumes September 12

- ✝ 7:30 a.m. in Boyd Chapel
- ✝ 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
- ✝ 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Guatemala Mission Team

Did the report from the Guatemala Mission Team spark some interest? Did you feel a nudge from God to get involved? If you are considering joining us on our next trip August 11-18th or in March 2011, or in some other way, please let one of us on the team know of your interest, so we can pray with you through your discernment of God's call to you. Details of the August trip are still in progress. We know there will be a Faith Stories Retreat and that the trip will be led by CEDEPCA, but beyond that the plans are not yet in place. Cost will be determined by the number of participants, but scholarship funds are available from the Ministry Council. Team members are **Sandy Cleaver, Rich Reifsnnyder, Mary Rudolph, Dave and Carolyn Thalman and Jane Vandertoorn.**



WOMEN OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

By Paula Wahlman

The annual Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering Luncheon was held on Wednesday, May 12. Our honorary Lifetime Membership Award was presented to **Janice Shull**. Books were given to our church library in honor of the women in our congregation who have passed away in the past year. This year's recipients of the annual Birthday Offering are The Kindergarten and Child Care Center in Kirkuk, Iraq, which is operated under the Christian policies of love, peace, tolerance and non-violence, and the RISE project (Reach, Improve, Strengthen, Empower) of the Peace Presbyterian Church, Louisville, Kentucky, which serves as a beacon of light to those at risk and needing support in Louisville.



Artisan Faire Photos

Proceeds from the Artisan Faire will go toward the principal of the Building Fund debt.



Rachel Dodson created made-to-order duct tape wallets and did face painting for the Artisan Faire.



Debbie Alverson created one-of-a-kind handbags.

Hopes for the 219th General Assembly (2010)

Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

[Source: www.pcusa.org]

The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly has released his greatest hopes for the 219th General Assembly (2010) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to be held in Minneapolis from July 3-10, 2010.

1. Prayerful decision-making

The spirit in which decisions are made at the assembly will be a prayerful and careful witness of decision-making for the entire church.

2. Deeper awareness of the whole PC(USA)

Commissioners and advisory delegates will gain a deeper awareness of the length and breadth of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), realizing they are part of something much larger than themselves.

3. Issues facing congregations

Commissioners and advisory delegates will discern with the whole church the issues and challenges facing congregations

4. Common calling to a changing church

A clear, common calling will emerge to actively and

hopefully engage with the reality of a church in change.

5. Attention beyond ourselves

Attention will move beyond ourselves to a world in great need, committing ourselves to gospel work: making disciples, feeding the hungry, welcoming the outcast, encouraging the fainthearted, working for peace – all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

6. Enthusiastic sharing of the faith

Those who are part of the assembly will be the first in line of Presbyterians to talk about their faith with a contagious enthusiasm.

7. Furthering the mission of Christ

At the end of the assembly, commissioners and advisory delegates will have a deep sense that what they did will further the mission of Christ in the world.

To follow the proceedings of the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, visit
<http://www.pcusa.org/ga219/index.htm>



CCAP Sunday

**3rd Sunday
of each month**

June 20

"Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mt 20:26b-28

Four Cents-A-Meal Hunger Offering

**4th Sunday
of each month**

June 27



The Pearson girls displayed their creative handcrafted items at the Artisan Faire.



Vacation Bible School

June 27 through July 1 | 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please register in advance.

For more information, contact Stacey Iden.

stacey@firstchurch-winchester.org

In Memoriam, with Christian sympathy to the families

- Apr 17 Colette Keller, sister-in-law of Nan Bryant
- May 5 Carolyn Colfelt
- May 7 Mildred Ward, mother of Irma Whitmire
- May 19 Anna Plumly

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Sunday Worship Services 7:30 a.m. (Boyd Chapel), 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

New Stone Gathering (Fellowship Hall), 8:30 a.m.

Coffee and Cookies 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Pastor: The Reverend Dr. Richard W. Reifsnyder

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Parish Associate: The Reverend Elizabeth Lewis

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