



THE MESSENGER

MAY 2017



Franklin Presbyterian Church



Pentecost Offering

By Benjamin Matteson, Invitation and Outreach Team Lead

Thank you for your generous giving with our Fifth Sunday offering! As always, this congregation rises to each occasion with open-hearted generosity.

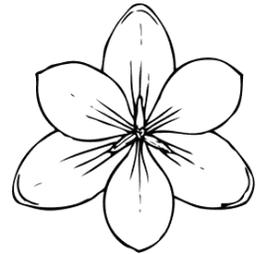
The church's next giving opportunity is the Pentecost Offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also addresses the needs of at-risk children. Forty percent of the Pentecost offering is retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. Funds are distributed into three areas: Young Adult Volunteers, ministries for youth, and children at risk.

Our portion of the offering (40%) benefits the Children's Center, as it has done in past years. This offering begins on May 14 and will be collected on June 4. The Children's Center will send a representative to give a Minute for Mission on Sunday, June 4 to provide details on how our portion of the offering will be used.

As always, thank you for your generous giving. If you have any questions please let me know.

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From the pastor



REVEREND LOU VENTURA

The year is speeding by, and I'd like to say "Happy Spring," but as I write this, it is in the mid-80s outside, and forecasters are calling for colder weather this week-end. Just your typical week in Virginia. Have you noticed that we get so caught up in day to day life that sometimes it's only when the seasons change that it sinks in: time is passing quickly. Another Lent and Easter have passed, and Pentecost is not far away. Before you know it we will be in that long stretch of Ordinary Time, and then Advent is again upon us.

It's enough to make you dizzy. Instead of dwelling on time passing, though, let's resolve to be mindful of the present, to find joy in each moment where we are now. We are still in the season of Easter, and it is a time of alleluias, praise, and thanks to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, who came to us in Jesus of Nazareth, died for us on the cross, and was resurrected. It is a time of remembering who and whose we are, and the promises God has given us in Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Joyfully and with love in Christ,
Lou

We are a community of believers called by God to live humbly in the spirit of Christ and to act as His voice and hands in our world.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

By Vivian Christie, FPC Presbyterian Women Moderator



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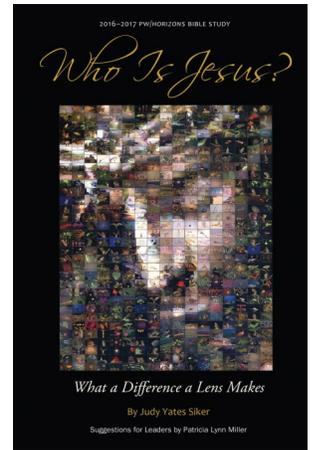
Our next Circle meeting is Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 10am in Brenner Hall. We are studying Lesson 8, page 78, in our study books. As we study “Who is Jesus,” the key idea for this lesson, according to the author, is that while Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, for Christianity alone, it is important to understand how Jesus is viewed in the other two Abrahamic traditions—Judaism and Islam.

Our final project for the year is to provide laundry items for Genieve Shelter. Please bring laundry detergent, bleach, or dryer

sheets if possible.

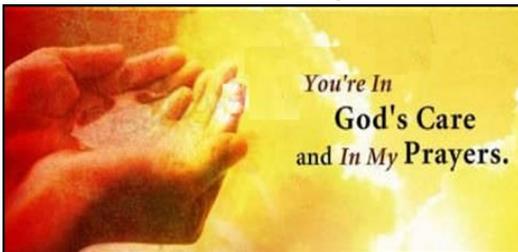
Don’t forget that our Spring Gathering of PEVA is Saturday, April 29, at 9:15 in Portsmouth. Hope you can plan to go. If so, give **Vivian Christie** or **Rev. Lou** a call, so we can arrange car-pooling.

P.S. See page 7 for information on the PW Birthday Offering!



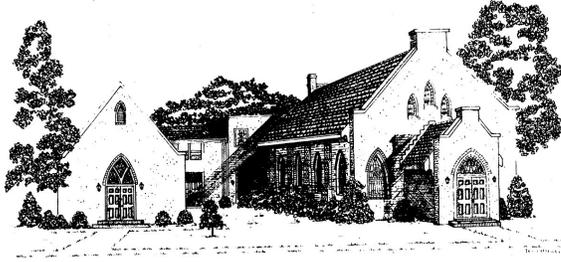
PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

PRAYER REQUESTS



To add or remove a name or to request continued prayers, please contact the church office.

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| Mary Annette Dunn , friend of Lauren Harper, bypass surgery | Isaiah Baggett Friend of Deloris Joyner |
| Ruth Gall , mother of Jimmie & Terry Roses’s daughter-in-law, stroke and pneumonia— doing well! | Karen McNair , sister of Jimmie and Terry Rose’s neighbor, inoperable bone cancer |
| Betty and Don Fisher , Don ill with Hodgkin’s lymphoma | Melvin and Barbara Gray Health |
| Doug Ventura Ron Ventura’s brother | Brother-in-law of Leigh (Lane and Robert Meredith’s daughter) brain tumor |
| Rosalind Cutchins Exec. Dir. of the Children’s Center | Larry Jamerson Jackie Cutchin’s brother, colon and lung cancer, improving |
| Rev. Marian Carmichael Diagnosed with breast cancer | Billy Lassiter Cousin of Linwood Drake, cancer |
| Mary Bridges Health issues | Estelle Edwards Kaye Weaver’s aunt |
| Peggy , Ray Terrell’s aunt, breast cancer | Linda Morgan , sister of Ray Terrell, upcoming surgeries |
| Charlie Lupton | Wayne & Earlene Sprouse |
| Jerry Cutchin , father-in-law of Jackie Cutchin, in East Pavilion, Room 150, EP East | Katherine Weaver mobility and back pain issues |
| The Family of Ed Cotton , brother of Jimmie and Terry Rose’s neighbor, passed away last week | Ameshia Warren and family on the passing of her mother, Yvonne Grant , (Ameshia is a friend/co-worker of Tiffany Matteson) |
| Buck Carter , Rebecca Harper’s grandfather, diagnosed with cancer | High School Senior at Southampton Academy, volleyball team helper of Rebecca Harper , father died unexpectedly |
| The Family of Randy Harrell , neighbor of the Roses; mother Leona passed away | The Family of Bobby Varmette , whose mother passed away |



2017 CHURCH SNAPSHOT

| Month | New Members | Average Worship Attendance | Total Offering | Total Expenses |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| January | 0 | 31 | \$10,385.33 | \$11,866.34 |
| February | 0 | 34 | \$6,913.00 | \$8,713.21 |
| March | 0 | 00 | \$9,788.98 | \$7,942.84 |
| April | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |
| May | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |
| June | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |
| July | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |
| Aug | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |
| Sept | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |
| Oct | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |
| Nov | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |
| Dec | 0 | 00 | \$ | \$ |

MAY BIRTHDAYS AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS



- 1 Val Schwolow
- 3 Carolyn Joyner, Tiffany Musselman West
- 13 Evelyn Drake
- 14 Jenny Jones
- 22 Kaye Weaver
- 25 Greg Avent
- 30 Carol Holland



ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP IN MAY



| | | |
|----|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 7 | Bill Boothe and Charlie Lupton | Benjamin Matteson |
| 14 | Allen Harper and Witt Harper | |
| 21 | Bud and Ann Marie Brotzman | |
| 28 | Jimmie and Terry Rose | |

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SESSION UPDATE

At its stated meeting on April 19, the FPC Session:

- Approved minutes of its February meeting;
- Coordinated the church calendar;
- Received a report of the pastor's activities for the prior two months;
- Received financial reports for information;
- Reviewed the status of the budget;
- Discussed capital expenses with the trustees;
- Heard a status on Neighborhood Watch;
- Approved a quote from Henderson Heat & Air to replace one AC unit with a 2-ton American Standard split heat pump system;
- Approved pastor's study leave/vacation and pulpit supply for the following dates: Sunday, June 11 through Sunday, June 15 (on campus classes at PTS and stepson's wedding 9/9/17 in DC)—Coverage: CRE Linda Smith (6/11); CRE Paula Bass (6/18); CRE Linda Smith (6/25); CRE Linda Smith (9/10);
- Heard a report from the Facilities Chair regarding vandalism of outdoor water faucet. Police were called and report filed; faucet replaced;
- Discussed possible dates for the block party.



News Briefs



ADAGIO TRIO: MAY 7

As part of its **Candlelight Concert Series**, GREAT BRIDGE PC will present the **ADAGIO TRIO** on **SUN., MAY 7** at 4 PM.

The group was founded in 1985 by Kathryn Daniels, Michael Daniels, and Linda Grieser. In 1990, Michael took the position of principal cellist with the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, and the Daniels moved to Norfolk.

Since 1997 the group has recorded five CDs. *Stillpoint*, *Sanctuary*, and *Evensong* are collections of classical, folk, Irish, Jewish & Christian music. *Winter Gift* is a collection of non-secular Christmas music. *Celtic Heart*, released in 2008, offers their own

arrangements of Irish, Welsh, and Scottish music. Their crossover style is best known for its meditative and relaxing atmosphere, having been used by therapists, hospitals, and yoga classes across the United States. The Adagio Trio's music is often heard on public radio stations throughout the country.

333 Cedar Rd., Chesapeake, VA (across from the Chesapeake municipal complex). **FREE** and open to the public!

(Ed. Note: Pastor Lou uses Adagio Trio's music in Services for Healing and Wholeness.)

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2017 Community Lenten Services

A total of 538 people were in attendance for the 2017 Lenten season from March 1 through April 5, raising a total of \$1,226.94 in donations for Franklin Cooperative Ministry.

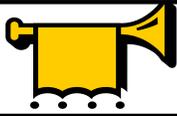


St. Jude Catholic Church provided worship and lunch leadership on March, 29. Father Charles Saglio led the worship service.

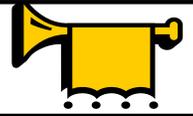


The final Community Lenten Service of the season was led by Franklin Baptist Church. The Reverend Steve Gibson performed the service.





News Briefs



PRESBYTERIAN PILGRIMAGE WEEKEND: SUMMER 2017



Pilgrimage Weekend is a time to look at your own life in the light of God's will for you, and a time to learn and reflect on your place in His scheme of things.

The next PEVA Presbyterian Pilgrimage Weekend will take place during summer 2017. A brochure is available to explain all about this opportunity for spiritual development, or you can ask Pastor Lou, who participated in a pilgrimage in November 2011 and often serves as spiritual advisor for pilgrimage weekends.

If you would like to participate, contact Gale Pere at 804-815-1595 or gale57@cox.net You may also contact Mary Jo Baylor: baylor@moutlook.com or 757-404-5083. They can provide you with more detailed information.

HOLY LAND TOUR SEPT. 5-14

Pastor Fred McCall is seeking to form a small group to travel to the Holy Land with an optional extension to Jordan (including Petra) from September 5-14, 2017.



The trip will be organized by Educational Opportunities Tours.

If you are interested and would like more information, please call Fred at 757-631-1636. Brochures with full itinerary are available.

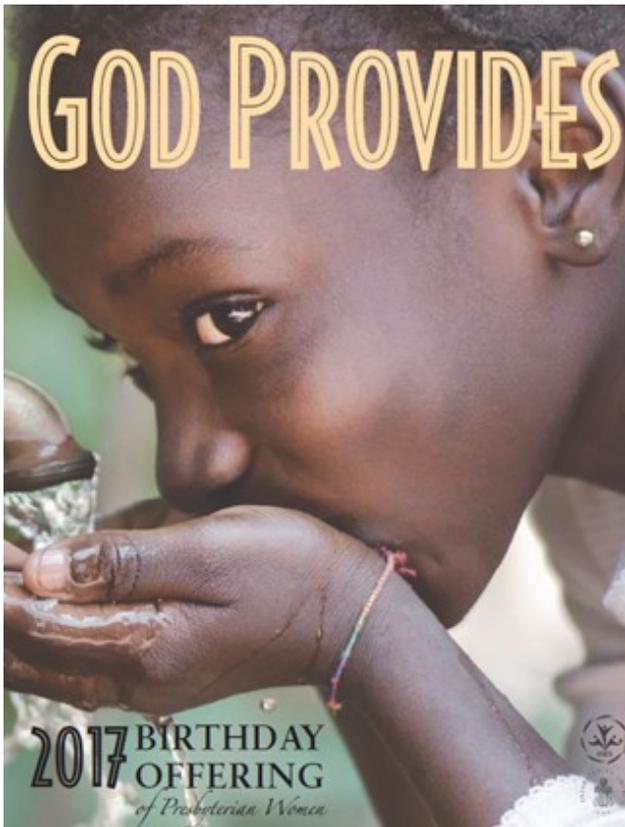
FACING RACISM

As part of an ongoing campaign to address racial injustice, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is sharing a wealth of anti-racism resources — including studies, books and training — to equip the greater church to work against racism.



We hope you'll access this site frequently, as links to new resources will be added between now and the 223rd General Assembly in June 2018. You may also subscribe to Facing Racism updates at the same website that appears below.

Facing Racism: A Vision of the Intercultural Community: <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/>



Presbyterian women have a long tradition of caring for others and helping those in need.

Ever since 1922, when Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged each member of the Woman's Auxiliary of the PCUS to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift" for Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Japan, Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering has helped fund nearly 100 mission projects that continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children around the world.

While the projects and donation amounts have changed, Presbyterian Women's commitment to improving the lives of others has not. We continue to need broad, consistent support from Presbyterian women and others in order to continue funding mission projects like the ones selected for 2017. In 2017, we will answer the call to show Jesus' love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to three projects that support the critical need for shelter, health care and water in the areas they serve:

- **First-Hand Aid's Rural Clinic Development Initiative serving rural communities in Cuba**
Exists to diminish the sufferings of the most marginalized Cuban citizens; designed to establish six medical clinics in partnership with, and located at, Presbyterian Churches in rural Cuba.
- **Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence, South Carolina**
Currently operated an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence in Georgetown and Horry Counties in South Carolina. With room for only 11 people, the shelter is frequently at capacity. The PW Birthday Offering grant will assist them in constructing a new domestic violence shelter.
- **The Navajo Water Project**
Will eventually provide water systems to 205 families at the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. This Birthday Offering grant will provide a running water system for 40 families that do not have access to running water in their homes. They currently store their water in pots, pans, and 55-gallon drums. The grant will provide each household with a cistern, pump, sink, shower, and all pipes for the installation of their water system.

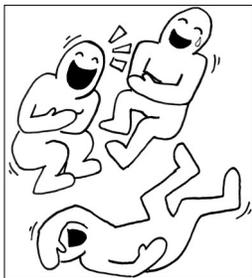
THE MESSENGER CONGREGATION'S CORNER

A Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give. It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it. A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business, and is the countersign of friendship. It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and it is nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away. Some people are too tired to give you a smile. Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.



Author Unknown



A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

It's Brenner Time!!!

Come Join Us the
Second and
Fourth Sundays of
Every Month
Starting February 12th
in Brenner Hall

Sign-Up Sheet is
Located in the Narthex

Be Sure to Sign-Up and
Host A Sunday!!



Ray's Joke

Corner by Ray Terrell

What kind of tree likes to smoke?

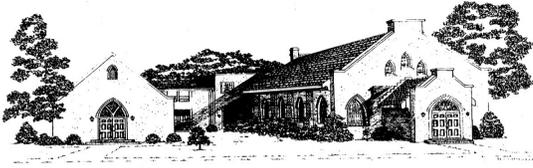
An *ashe* tree.

What state has the most locks?

The Florida *keys*.

What kind of pitcher uses medicine for pain?

A *relief* pitcher.



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|--|--|------------------------------|--|-----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 10 a.m. Presbyterian Women Mtg. | 3 | 4 National Day of Prayer 11 a.m. AARP Board Mtg. | 5 | 6 |
| 7 11 am Worship Holy Communion | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 11 a.m. AARP Mtg. | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Mother's Day 11 am Worship | 15 7 p.m. Neighborhood Watch Mtg. | 16 | 17 | 18 6 p.m. Lions Club Mtg. | 19 | 20 |
| 21 11 am Worship | 22 | 23 | 24 6 p.m. Session Mtg. | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 11 am Worship | 29 Memorial Day | 30 | 31 | | | |



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Worship with us each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS--MAY 2017

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