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Betty Away on Sabbatical (July 1-August 9)

Dear church family,

Very soon I will be stepping away from WBPC for another period of sabbatical. What is a sabbatical? Sabbatical Leave is an extension of the Biblical concept of a Sabbath day and a Sabbath year for renewal. It provides an occasion for recovery and renewal of vital energies, particularly for those serving in high burnout professions, like pastors. The Presbytery of New Hope recommends that full-time pastors be provided 3-month sabbatical leave every 5 years.

I am exceedingly grateful to the Finance/Administration/Personnel Committee and the Session for recognizing the importance and gift of sabbatical. With their approval, I have chosen to split up my 3-month sabbatical over the course of a year. I took my first month in January of this year and will take my second month during July (adding one week of vacation to the end.) My final month of sabbatical will be January 2015.

Sabbatical leave is most effective for pastors when they fully disengage from their congregations while away, providing the needed change of scenery and pace that is restorative and can help prevent burnout. WBPC is blessed with an extraordinary pastoral care team that will address all pastoral concerns from July 1-August 9.

Bruce Grady and Joe Matthews are the pastors on call. John Bayne, Moderator of the Deacons, is also ready to assist you. Contact information is as follows:

Bruce Grady: 917-841-8997 bgrady9039@aol.com
(Bruce will be in Haiti 7/10-7/18, and on vacation 7/26-8/2)
Joe Matthews: 919-412-6115 mattjosephc@juno.com
John Bayne: 919-954-2076 baynej@bellsouth.net

We also have a gifted team of preachers and worship leaders who will lead morning worship while I am away, including Bruce Grady, Joette Steger, Joe Matthews, Robert Owens and Richard Nystrom.

I thank each of you for your support of my sabbatical, and pray that you will also find ways to renew yourselves during these "lazy days of summer." I will miss you while I'm away and will look forward to our reunion in August. I look forward to exciting and fruitful years ahead for our shared ministry together!

Blessings and peace,
Betty

Vacation Bible School Success!

This year's Vacation Bible School was attended by 60 children, from our Church and from the community around the Church. The children had fun visiting the *Workshop of Wonders* where they became visioneers using their hearts, minds and imaginations to follow the example of God, the one who works wonders! Thanks to all of our fabulous volunteers, including our VBS Co-Chairs, Blythe Clifford and Allisen Fischer. We are so grateful for everyone who volunteered with VBS. Thanks also to the many volunteers who donated food, supplies, and time & talents behind the scenes! We couldn't have done it without all of you! We are thrilled with how inspiring this week was for everyone involved. We look forward to another amazing VBS next year!

WBPC Summer Sunday School

June 22-July 27: No Morning Sunday School (Parlor class excluded as they maintain their summer schedule)

Aug.3-Aug.31: Intergenerational Sunday School: *Faith and the Arts*

Sept.7: Rally Day

Summer Nursery Hours

In conjunction with the Summer Sunday School schedule, the WBPC nursery will open at 10:15 a.m. from June 22-July 27. The nursery will return to its regular time schedule, opening at 9:15 a.m., on August 3. The Sunday afternoon schedule will remain the same, opening at 4:15 p.m., with the exception of July 6 when there will be no @TheTable worship service.

Coming in August... Faith and the Arts

Join us for an unforgettable intergenerational series during the month of August. Sunday mornings, August 3, 10, 17, and 24, (9:30-10:15am), we'll be exploring our own God-given creativity through the medium of art. One week we'll have a potter lead us in making clay vessels to remind us of our baptism. Another week we'll make bread together and talk about the significance of bread in the Bible. You especially don't want to miss the first two Sundays with artist Heather Frazier. Here's what she has to say:

What if the ache in your heart and all your longings are really a longing for God? For centuries, people of faith have responded to the ache in the heart with a pilgrimage, a spiritual journey to discover who we are and for what purpose God created us. When we create, as when we pray, we begin to hear the true self emerging out of our shadow self.

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

After creating the sun, moon, the waters, the dry land and all living things, "God said, "Let us make man in our likeness. . . . So God created him in his own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created them as male and female." [Genesis 2:26-27]

If God created us in God's image, then creativity reflects part of the image of God. Creativity is one strand of our divine DNA. The other strand is love. Creativity and love weave together in a double helix. Creativity and love compose the soul's purpose in life and provide tools to mirror our creator. We need both love and creativity on the spiritual path. It takes both to heal the worst parts of our self and the live fully into the best parts.

I look forward to meeting with you for two fun, interactive, and intergenerational Sunday school experiences. Sunday August 3 we are going to doodle our prayers. No stress, just another way to talk with and listen to God. On Sunday August 10 we will continue our spiritual journey by Drawing to God. Using easy exercises, we will explore the creative part of ourselves that reflects the image of God.

Blessings,
Heather Frazier
Saint Francis United Methodist Church, Lay Leader
Apex KidzArt Studio, owner



Summer @The Table

Join us for worship on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of Java and feast with us in this coffeehouse style worship. This is a great way to enjoy Sunday worship any week, and is especially convenient when travel plans have you arriving back home after morning worship. Please join us in morning worship on Sunday, July 6, there will be no @TheTable worship that day.



@ The Table will host **Jazz Vespers** at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 27 and again on Sunday, August 24. Invite your family, friends and neighbors to this feast for the soul!

Join @TheTable @5:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 10 for Worshipfest 2014

Worshipfest 2014



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BRONX, NY

MINISTRY BEYOND THE WALLS

LET EVERYTHING THAT BREATHES, PRAISE THE LORD! PSALM 150!

AUGUST 10, 2014 @ 5:00PM

WESTERN BOULEVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOWER LEVEL OF THE EDUCATION BUILDING
4900 KAPLAN DR. RALEIGH, NC 27601

Social Justice Forum

Is studying workers and labor issues until mid July. Join us for presentations, discussions, and action around these important issues. Hope to see everyone on Sundays at 3:30 p.m. for action and 4:00 p.m. for discussion!

“Lunching Ladies” in the Summertime!

Calling all WBPC ladies to join us for lunch and fellowship at the Briggs Restaurant by the Harris Teeter on Tryon Road at 11:00 a.m. July 8, and again on August 12. This is a great way to keep in touch during the summer, so please mark your calendars and come for fun! Please call Marcia Bennett, 919-851-3992, or email: sen1969@hotmail.com to reserve a seat. Carpooling available.

Sing a New Song?

Have you checked out the new hymnal, *Glory to God!*, in the narthex and Fellowship Hall? The New Hymnal Committee wants to hear what you think! We're gathering feedback as we decide whether to recommend that WBPC invest in these new hymnals. If you have comments, please leave them in the comments envelopes by the displays or talk to one of the members of the committee: Keith Cassel (chairman), April Ruble, Beth Ware, Joe Matthews, Susan Cummings, Anne Baxter, and Janet Cherry.

Youth Car Wash Success!

We raised over \$1,000 for the youth mission trip to NJ! We are forever grateful for the generous support of our Church family and community. Please pray for us as we journey to NJ to help with the re-building efforts there.

CDCADonations

For all you people who use Amazon already... The CDCA Jubilee House Community is now a non-profit eligible to receive money from Amazon.

When you are signed in to your Amazon account, go to smile.amazon.com and select **Jubilee House Community** as the charity you want to receive your donation. Then when you want to shop on Amazon, sign into your account from *smile.amazon.com* instead of from regular *amazon.com*. You should see "supporting Jubilee House Community" at the top of your log in screen. Any time you happen to buy something that qualifies, we'll get 0.5% of the purchase price and it doesn't cost you anything extra. Cool, huh? And if you don't shop there, that's okay... just wanted to pass this along to those of you who do. And you can also share this news on your Facebook page if you want.

WIHN Volunteer Training

Would you feel more like signing up for WIHN duties if you knew more about WIHN? Allow WIHN Staff to provide the information and training you would like. Experienced, new and potential volunteers.... all are welcome! WIHN Volunteer Training, Wednesday, August 6, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the WIHN Day Center, 903 Method Road, Raleigh 27606.

Recently Your Session

On June 18, the Session had dinner with the following Confirmands and their families followed by an examination of the Confirmands.

Caleb Achidi, Chris Alcorn, Madison Barnette, Jeremy Brinkworth, Rita Burmester, Shawn Burmester, Cristian Butcher, Taylor Cleveland, James Gilmore, Cali Howell, Cynthia Kuate, Holly Mitchell, Jonah Milchuck, Kelsey Peede, Chloe Rush, and Watson Whitehurst

The Session approved the Confirmands by acclamation of faith.

The Session approved the baptism of *Jeremy Brinkworth, Rita Burmester, Cali Howell, Cynthia Kuate, and Kelsey Peede*.

Happy Birthdays

Michael McClellan	1
Kaitlyn Townsend	1
Eli Howell	4
Kate Trimble	4
Sue Creighton	5
Shirley Griffith	5
Sarah Lindsay	5
Nick Clifford	7
Morgen Hall	10
Juliette Ndepkeu	10
Steven McLaughlin	13
Jack Gebbie	16
Annie Woodruff	18
John Aldridge	19
Susan Cummings	19
Jack Reynolds	19
Barbara Tierney	19
Bill Smith	20
Linda Pressley	21
T.C. Lindsay	22
Oliver Milchuck	23
Joe Sturdivant	23
Aaron Cummings	24
Catherine Kimes	26
Margaret Pittman	27
Brenda Byers	27

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, Louise Beck, Kaye Byrd, Margaret Cox, Bob Guzzo, Sandy Irving, Miranda Johnson, Gene Reese, Susie Reynolds, John and Mary Jane Roberts, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Geneva Thigpen, Mike Upchurch, Holly Webster

FAMILY/FRIENDS: BJ Atwater (friend of Peggy Stevens), Lisa (*Nance*) Bain and family, Jack and Tina Deason (friends of Judy Shelton), Barbara Mackie (mother of Lynne Mitchell), Tim Meece (uncle of Chad Barnette), Wendy Ratley (sister of Leslie Adams), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Mary Kay Subeh (niece of Greg Griffith)

CRABTREE VALLEY REHAB: Richard Lentz

ABBOTSWOOD: Margaret Pittman

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts, Eva Reopelle

THE COVINGTON: Annie Woodruff

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore

MAYVIEW: Dot Gebbie

Thank You!

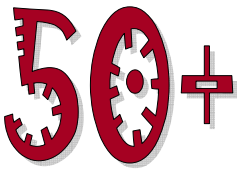
A Great Big Thank You to all the members of WBPC for throwing me a graduation party; it was lovely. Thank you for the delicious foods, gifts and most of all your kind words of support. You have all been there for me throughout the years in different capacities and I am grateful to have had your support. All the encouraging words, moral, and hands on support that was provided to me is truly appreciated.

Thank you all,
Nadine Smith

Ken and I would like to say THANK YOU to all of you for your prayers, thoughts and cards during the recent surgery for my sister, Diane, and for me. We are both doing well and we know that your prayers helped lift us up during this time. Please continue to pray for me as I go through my treatments.

Geneva (and Ken) Thigpen

Thank to so many people who worked hard to make the 65th Anniversary Celebration a success. God blessed us with perfect weather, many old friends returned, and the food was delicious and plentiful. Appreciation goes to the Fellowship Committee, and especially to Jenny Fleming who managed many of the details. Betty Connette worked very hard to make the day special, and Santi Matthews put in extra hours handling reservations, and being sure everything was taken care of. Marcia Bennett spent untold hours putting out the historical display, and the Property Committee worked very hard to get the church and grounds looking pretty. Jeff Cleveland and John Clapp worked to be sure we had an outdoor speaker system. Many members contributed deserts which were greatly appreciated. Session members and Deacons directed traffic and greeted visitors. Betty Dean prepared name tags. Others helped by inviting people to attend. Janet Cherry and the Chancel Choir and Chancel Ringers shared beautiful music. Van Anthony Hall also shared his musical talent. Members of the Fellowship Committee under the leadership of Jane Whitehurst and Ron Pittman worked together to make the day an outstanding event. Thank you everyone.



When 50 + meets this month at its usual time and place...

11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 18, D&S Cafeteria, South Hills...

Keith and Charlotte Cassel will share with us another leg of their recent trip to eastern Europe.

Always a great program.

Make plans now to join us.

Summer Office Hours

Due to vacation days for the administrative assistant, the church office will be open from 9AM-12PM from June 19-July 11. Thank you to the volunteers who are covering during this time! The office will be closed on Friday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Weekly emails will resume in August. Emails will be sent in July only if there is urgent news to share.