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Prayers for Summer by John Birch

Creator God
who breathed this world into being,
who is discernible within
the harmony of nature,
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
the grandeur of a mountain range,
the soaring eagle and humming bird,
thank you for this world
which you have created.
Thank you for summer sun,
which reminds us
that your creative breath
is still alive and active.
Thank you for the warmth of your love,
sustaining this world,
your garden.



The warmth of the sun's embrace,
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,
the rhythm of seasons,
of new birth,
death and recreation.
All these speak so clearly of your love,
your power
and your beauty.
All are expressions of your creativity,
and more importantly of yourself.
As an artist might share his personality
within each brushstroke,
so within the myriad colours of a butterfly's wing
you share the exuberance of your love.





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 5. There will be no @TheTable worship that day.

WBPC Summer Sunday School

June 21-July 26: No Morning Sunday School and No afternoon youth class. (Parlor class excluded as they maintain their schedule in the summer.)

Aug.2-Aug.30: Intergenerational Sunday School Series 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Sept. 6:

Sept.13: 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 21-July 26. The nursery will return to its regular time schedule, opening at 9:15 a.m., on August 2. The Sunday afternoon schedule will remain the same, opening at 4:15 p.m., with the exception of July 5 when there will be no @TheTable worship service.

Coming in August... Intergenerational Sunday School

Our regular Sunday School classes are on summer break for six weeks (except for the Parlor class) and will resume on Rally Day, September 13. In the mean time we can look forward to Intergenerational Sunday School beginning August 2 (9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall) and continuing each Sunday throughout the month. Church members and friends will lead us as we strengthen our “Faith Through the Arts”! Topics include “Dreamers in the Bible”, “Woven Together in Love”, “Rock Painting” and “Music to Enjoy”. Look for further information in the Weekly Update (purple insert) and in the August Contact. Be sure to “save the date”!

Pastoral Care Needs: July 3-10

(while Betty & Bruce are on vacation)

Our pastor on call for the week of July 3-10 is Rev. Joe Matthews. Joe is a beloved friend of WBPC, the first member of the church that was ordained into ministry many years ago. He is happy to help you with pastoral needs while Betty and Bruce are on vacation.

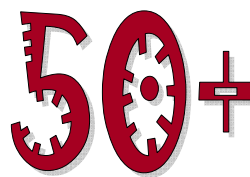
Joe can be reached at:

919-412-6115 or mattjosephc@juno.com.

You are also welcome to contact one of our wonderful deacons: Anne Baxter, Julie Butcher (moderator), Donna Herrin, Mary Williams-Kotnik, John McClellan, Larry Shelton.

Summer Office Hours

Due to vacation days for the administrative assistant, the church office will be open from 9AM-12PM from June 29-July 13. Thank you to the volunteers who are covering during this time! The office will be closed on Tuesday, July 7 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.



We meet this month at our usual time and place...
11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 17, D&S, South Hills.
Make plans now to join us.

Thank you VBS Volunteers

Thank you to all the fabulous VBS volunteers. We had many members donate supplies and help with set up/take down. We had lots of members (adults and youth) volunteer during the week with our children. Approximately 55 children attended. What a wonderful VBS year!

“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 14, and again on August 11. 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. Car-pooling available.

Staff Changes

Dear Congregation, It is with mixed feelings that I share with you several staff changes for WBPC. I'm sad for losing two extraordinary servants and dear friends from our staff team. And, yet, I celebrate that they are shifting 100% of their time into their "called" ministry areas, where "their deep gladness and the world's great need intersect."

Santi Matthews, our fabulous Administrative Assistant for the past 7 years, has accepted a call to full-time ministry at Community United Church of Christ. Santi has been working with youth there on a part-time basis for a number of years. Recognizing her call and giftedness in Christian Education, Community UCC has asked her to begin full-time work as their Coordinator of Youth & Adult Ministries, beginning mid-August. Santi's last day at WBPC will be July 31.

Mollie Tucker, co-director for Youth Fellowship, has resigned her position at WBPC to dedicate herself more fully to her teaching career (which includes a 2-hour commute to/from Henderson.) Additionally, Mollie is getting married in July and did not want to begin her married life overextended. Mollie has worked with our youth on-and-off for 6 years, helping to build a strong youth fellowship program at WBPC.

Santi and Mollie have served WBPC exceptionally well and will be greatly missed. Each has impacted our community of faith in deep ways and will be remembered and appreciated for years and years to come. I know you will join with me in expressing your gratitude to each for their significant contributions to the mission, welfare, and joy of our community.

One other staff change is that **Dave Grace** (who has been co-directing Youth Fellowship) will shift his time out of youth and into a Field Placement position at WBPC, thereby meeting a field education requirement for Duke Divinity School. Dave will be serving as a "ministry assistant" for 8 months (September 1 thru April 1), 12-15 hours a week. He will assist Betty and Bruce with various worship, pastoral, and administrative tasks. I'm thankful WBPC can provide a place for Dave to gain further experience in parish ministry, and that we will reap benefits, as well, from his service.

Please be in prayer for our search process as we seek to hire new members for our staff team in the areas of church administration and youth ministry. I am confident that God will lead us to strong, gifted servants who will carry us forward in our ministry together. Hope you're staying cool and finding time to rest and rejuvenate during this wonderful summer season.

Blessings, Betty

Dear WBPC Congregation,

I have accepted a full-time position as Youth and Adult Education Coordinator at Community United Church of Christ, and it is with mixed feelings that I am resigning from my position as Administrative Assistant at Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church effective July 31, 2015. This new position is an especially good fit for my gifts and I feel clearly called to it. If that were not the case I would not be leaving WBPC. I have so very much appreciated and enjoyed my seven years here. I will make every effort to ensure that the transition goes as smoothly as possible. If there are ways that I can be helpful or assist in the future, please don't hesitate to ask. I will respond as best as I am able. You are an amazing faithful community of God's love. With God's help, you all accomplish so much good work in this place. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve with you. Thank you for your support of me.

I will always treasure good memories of my time at WBPC!

Santi Matthews

Larry Shelton Could Use Your Help

Building on Faith with Habitat

WBPC will be building with Habitat for Humanity on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18 from 8AM-3PM. No one is too inexperienced. You may be too young (under 16) but you can never be too old! Email Larry at larry@sheltonnc.com or talk to him at church. WBPC has promised to provide 75 volunteer days. Larry can't do it without you. We are excited to be part of a 40 church Habitat build. We will be assisting this summer and fall in building homes for 6 families. Larry Shelton will be serving as the coordinator for our volunteers. WBPC's commitment to this effort involves providing 600 hours of work. You are needed as a Habitat Volunteer!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Peggy Stevens	1
Mike Upchurch	1
Linda Bradley	2
Pat Byers	4
David Herrin	4
Dorothy Smith	4
Jimmie Smith	4
Gene Reese	7
Mary Jane Roberts	8
Watson Whitehurst	8
Armand Ndepkeu	12
Lachlen Fischer	13
Cynthia Kuate	16
Sophie Whitfield	16
Crosby Barnette	19
Shawn Burmester	20
Carolyn Pittman	20
Ruth Craven	21
Denise Weeks	22
Rita Burmester	23
Keith Cassel	23
Keith Esbenshade	24
Miranda Johnson	25
Mike McIntire	25
Sandy Irving	26
Leah Whitaker	26
Lily Fleming	27
Mike Padgett	27
Nancy Bennett	28
Marelise Boshoff	28
Gwen Orilio	29

Recently Your Session

- Welcomed Lori & David Johnson and Barbara Ryan into membership.
- Approved Robert Owens to preach and officiate communion at joint morning worship on July 5.
- Approved collecting a special offering on June 28 to be received in both worship services for the purpose of assisting our New England Presbyterian churches in their hour of need. Many churches suffered structural damage and financial hardship during the past devastating winter.

Please contact an Elder with any questions.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Joyce Barbour, Elaine and Leo Buckmaster, Kaye Byrd, Jeanne Carter, Margaret Cox, Daisy Lowery, Gwen Orilio, Dot and Jimmie Smith, Mavis Stott, Tirrell Toney, Julie Butcher

FAMILY/FRIENDS: Jeanne Alderson's father, Debra Falkner (cousin of Peggy Stevens), Ben Glasgow (brother of Lori Grippio), Howard Nystrom (son of Peggy and Richard Nystrom), Alice Powell (former member), Chris Sheppard (grandson of Shirley and Jim Overcash, and nephew of Donna Herrin), Lauren Snyder (granddaughter of LouGene and Jim Hemphill), Beth Vanderkin (friend of Peggy Stevens)

ABBOTSWOOD: Margaret Pittman

UNIHEALTH/THE OAKS: Betsy Roberts

BRIGHTON GARDENS: Jo Gilmore, Blanche Jarrett

SUNRISE REHAB: Dot Gebbie

CRABTREE VALLEY REHAB: Bonnie Carter

Sympathy extended to Jennifer and Ron Pittman upon the death of Jennifer's Father, Carroll Williamson, on June 7.

Congratulations to Juliette and Armand Ndepku upon the birth of their son, Armel Enzo Tchatat Ndepkeu, on June 15.

Kaplan & Lorimer Intersection to Close

The City of Raleigh is beginning construction on a traffic calming project and the corner of Kaplan and Lorimer will be closed from July 6-20. Traffic will follow a detour during this time.

Thank You!

I very much appreciate your prayers, cards, and well wishes during and following my recent heart surgery. Thanks to your prayers, never ending care from Janice, and the expertise and care of the doctors and medical staff at Rex Hospital, I came through the procedure without any complications.

Thank you! John Aldridge

Thank you for all the bath supplies brought in for the Yahve-Jire Orphanage in Haiti. We are able to send the mission team with towels, washcloths, shower curtains, bath mats and a bunch of personal care items. But just as important as the supplies, is your outpour of love and support for this mission. **1 Corinthians 1:4** I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

—Mission Outreach Committee and the Haiti Mission Team

Another AWCM Year Comes to a Close

As another year of Aventura Children's Mentoring program comes to a close, we are grateful for the support and kindness given to us by WBPC members. We thank you for allowing us to use space in the fellowship hall two afternoons a week, for use of the field for soccer on Wednesdays in the fall and spring, for the generous donations of gifts for our students each Christmas, for volunteers who help in so many ways and for your generous contributions to the program. We are so thankful for all that you do to help us provide services to at risk children in the Aventura community. It is hard to believe that another year has ended but we look forward to starting again in September and being a part of the ministry of WBPC.

Susan Bell, Director and Anne Neuenschwander, Site Coordinator