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## Going Green this Easter Season

For some time now, WBPC staff has been working to be more conscientious about caring for God's creation. We recycle, we email rather than creating more paper mailings, we mail contribution statements less often, and we work to maintain a moderate temperature in the office (you are likely to see open windows and layered clothing more often). Along these lines, we plan to make our church newsletter available as an email attachment in PDF format and as a link to our church website.

We are happy to continue mailing newsletters to those who still wish to receive a paper newsletter by mail. Simply notify the church office that you want to continue to receive a paper newsletter by Sunday, May 22. You can email to santi@wbpresbyterian.org, call the office at (919)851-4713, mail us notification to the return address on this newsletter, or stop by the office during office hours. If we do not hear from you, you will receive your newsletter via email. If you are not already receiving our weekly congregational email, you need to contact us and have your email address added to that list in order to receive the monthly Contact!

We are excited about the ways in which this change will make us better stewards of our resources:

- We will save money on postage; not only on the cost of stamps, but we will no longer pay the bulk mail permit fee.
- We will save money on gas (bulk mail unit mileage costs the church \$16 per month).
- We will save on the cost of labels, circular seals, paper, and ink.
- We will save time (4 hours per month of time to the administrative assistant, and volunteer time that can be utilized for other important tasks).
- We will save trees. The planet will be healthier every time a church member reads their newsletter on their computer screen instead of printing it on paper.
- We will create a more colorful and easy to read newsletter. The Contact will appear in full color on your computer screen. We can include color photos and the look can be visually refreshed and enhanced. For easy reading, the pages can be enlarged with the click of a button.

Going Green this Easter Season feels like a good way to celebrate more fully the goodness of this earth and of God's plan for us.

*Sānti Matthews*  
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### Youth Sunday is May 22!

Mark your calendars. May 22 is Youth Sunday, so plan on being at church as the WBPC Youth provide leadership for worship.



**Join Us @ The Table**  
Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Grab a cup of Java and feast with us in this coffeehouse style worship.

### Congratulations and Farewell to Kaycee!

It is with great joy and sadness that we say farewell to Kaycee Cross, one of our Nursery Staff Members, as she leaves us to start a new stage in her life. Kaycee is getting married to Johnny Rice on May 21, and will be moving to Rocky Mount to start her new life as a newlywed, a college graduate from Meredith, and to begin a new teaching job in the fall. Kaycee is the granddaughter of Margaret Pittman and the daughter of Bobbie Cross and has spent much of her life here at Western Boulevard. These are big steps for Kaycee and we wish her the very best in her new life. She has been a joy for both the WB nursery children and the WB preschool children and we all will miss her very much.

### Become a Part of Our Church Family

New Member Classes will be offered on three Wednesdays, May 18, 25, and June 1, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church library. This 3-week series is designed for persons interested in exploring membership at WBPC. While we consider everyone who walks through our doors part of God's family, we recognize the importance of joining a congregation as a sign of one's deeper commitment to the life of the church of Jesus Christ. We believe our church is a wonderful place for such a commitment, so we're extending an open invitation for all who would like to join at this time. (Current members are also welcome to attend.) Over the 3 weeks, we will be exploring what it means to be a Christian, a Presbyterian, and a member of WBPC. Please contact the church office to sign up, or email Betty Connette if you have questions: [betty@wbpresbyterian.org](mailto:betty@wbpresbyterian.org). Also, please let us know if you need childcare during the series.

### Children's Chapel Meets through May

Children's Chapel meets through May, with the exception of May 1 (Communion Sunday) and May 22 (Youth Sunday).

Children's Chapel May Schedule:

Storyteller Greeter

May 1: Communion Sunday - No Children's Chapel

May 8: Carol Parker John Ann Earnhardt

May 22: Suzanne Smith Evan Barnette

May 22: Youth Sunday - No Children's Chapel

May 29: Deane Irving Carolyn Esbenshade

### Dawn Spano Recognized Sunday, May 1

On Sunday, May 1, during morning worship, we will be recognizing Dawn for her 14 years of service as our Weekday Preschool Director at WBPC. Dawn is retiring as preschool director the end of May. Our preschool teachers and some of our preschool alumnae will be present, and we pray you will be with us as well. Following worship, there will be a reception in the courtyard, at which time you can offer your words of appreciation to Dawn.



### Children's Choir in May!


Children in grades 1-5 are invited to join Janet Cherry for Children's Choir the first 4 Sundays of May, 4:00-4:45 p.m., in the Education Building in the Choir Rehearsal Room (Room 210). Contact Janet for more info: [janet@wbpresbyterian.org](mailto:janet@wbpresbyterian.org)




### Vacation Bible School, Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!



Join us for Vacation Bible School 2011, June 13-17, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Your chefs will learn about five secret ingredients that help them understand key steps to living out God's Word! This interactive and energizing Bible-based program will inspire your chefs to develop life-changing habits as they grow and become followers of God. **Please call Allisen Fischer (455-6147) or Blythe Clifford (244-6227) to volunteer. We will need many adult and youth sous chefs to make this camp a success!**



**VBS! "Shake It Up Café"**  
**Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe"**  
 June 13-June 17, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
*(Registration must be received in church office by May 31.)*  
 Please fill out a separate form for each child;  
 additional forms available in the narthex.  
**Children must be 3 years old by August 31, 2010**



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ If in school, grade completed \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact and phone number (please give two)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Food allergies \_\_\_\_\_ Other allergies \_\_\_\_\_

Any special needs or information \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Circle Luncheon

The Magdalene Circle invites all ladies of the church, present and former members included, to the Olive Garden in Cary at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10. Just call or e-mail Marcia Bennett, 919-851-3992 or sen1969@hotmail.com to reserve your seat. We hope you will consider making a donation for the PCUSA's Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering.

The 2011 Grant Recipients are for:

\* ACROSS, an interdenominational, international organization that works to improve the lives of Sudanese people by strengthening communities. Across believes education is the key to ending the cycle of violence and improving lives.

\* MENAUL SCHOOL, Albuquerque, NM, an independent, faith-based 6th through 12th grade day and boarding school, giving students a diverse personal, racial, ethnic, intellectual and cultural education experience.

\* ANDERSON INTERFAITH MINISTRIES, INC., Women and Children Succeeding (WACS) Program, Anderson, SC, that provides assistance to people in need while also guiding them to function independently.

Come meet with us for lively fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrate another great year as Presbyterian Women!

## "Lunching Ladies" Summer Invitation

On Tuesdays June 21, July 12, and August 9, the women (all ages) in the church will meet at 11:00 a.m. for lunch as "Lunching Ladies" to keep our fellowship going. So, if you can't make it to one date, then mark your calendar for the others because we will miss you if you don't come. Even if you haven't attended a Presbyterian Women's Magdalene or Fellowship Circle before, we are eager to have you join us just for lunch and friendship.

## Food Bag Challenge Items of the Week

(Can't bring a whole bag? Bring just one item each week in May!)

May 1—canned green beans

May 8—canned tomatoes

May 15—canned carrots

May 22—applesauce

May 29—macaroni & cheese

## WIHN Thank You to All!

Many thanks to all who volunteered during our WIHN week! Thanks to all the drivers, evening hosts, overnight hosts, meal preparers, set-up and break down persons who gave of their time and energy to help those in need! WIHN is the best outreach program in the area that we, as a church, participate in and we could not be it without YOUR help! Mark your calendars for our next week, July 10-17, 2011.

—Mission Outreach Committee,  
Western Blvd. Presbyterian Church

## Vini Ayaiti! Come to Haiti!

We have a TEAM HAITI! Ready to roll. Our wonderful 2011 Mission Team traveling to Port-au-Prince Haiti June 21-28 is comprised of:

**Kathy Johnson, Ed Johnson, John Bayne, Kate Trimble, Joe Burmester, Kevin Fischer, Dana Krekyes, Daniel Auguste, Mollie Tucker, and Katie Parker.**

Please be in prayer as our team prepares for departure. Don't forget there are lots of opportunities for you to "come to Haiti" with us by filling up the donation bins in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall or, if possible, by donating funds to help members of the team financially. Thanks to all of you who are going to be angels by purchasing underclothing for each of the children, wallets for the male staff, and necklaces for the ladies. We are grateful.

—Your Mission Outreach Committee

## Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, visits, and expressions of encouragement to Janice and me during my hospitalization to remove a kinked portion of small intestine. Prayer most certainly contributed to the success of the medical staff at Rex in getting me through this potentially life-threatening ordeal!

It's nice to have a little time to catch-up at the house, without being bombarded by blood draws and various tests. I'm still on many medications and am on a limited diet, but within a couple of weeks I hope to have fewer restrictions.

I look forward to seeing you in Sunday school and at traditional services. God's Blessings to All of You!

—John Aldridge

Shirley and I want to send to all of our Church family our sincere thanks and our appreciation for your prayers and support during our daughter-in-law Pamela Gunn's hospitalization. Thank you.

—Greg and Shirley Griffith

Thank you to everyone for the cards and especially your prayers during my illness. I am doing much better and hope to return to church soon.

—Mary Jane Roberts



Because you've shared in their lives,  
we are very proud  
to announce the happy news.

Veronica Lee Bayó  
daughter of Ed and Blanca Bayó  
and

Andrew Nicholas Clifford  
son of Bill Clifford & Yevonne Brannon  
were married on April 9, 2011  
Governor's Club, Tallahassee, Florida  
Veronica and Nicholas now reside at  
133 Oak St. #20  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mike Reese	1
Larry Shelton	3
Celeste Stuckey	5
Jim Totten	6
Becky Burmester	8
Ned Johnson	8
Joette Steger	9
Henry Whitehurst	9
Yevonne Brannon	11
John Emerson	12
Susan Smith	13
Christine Thomson	13
David Parker	17
Katherine Anh Clapp	19
Bill Stuckey	19
Steven Kotnik	21
Eric Simpson	21
Margo Totten	22
David Boulden	23
Peggy Holshouser	24
Chiluba Ngulube	25
John Bush	26
Katie Parker	26
Marcia Bennett	27
Mary Williams-Kotnik	27
Bonnie Carter	28
Roy Creighton	29
Ian Ware	29
Joseph Burmester	30



## May Breakfast Schedule

Join us for breakfast cooked and served by the Men of the Church on Mother's Day—Sunday, May 8. Join in the fun and don't miss the most important meal of the day!

## Contribution Statements

Historically, the church office has made available to each pledging member of the congregation, a quarterly contribution statement. Those statements were placed for pick up and mailed to those who did not pick theirs up. Recently, in order to save printing, postage, and office time, only the mid year and year end statements were distributed. Beginning in 2011, we plan to provide a statement each year in November to those with pledges, so everyone can determine their pledge status. We will also provide a year end statement to all contributors for tax purposes.

### Recently your Session

- \* Approved FAP motion revising the memorial gifts policy allowing automatic transfer to Endowment Fund if balance is undesignated and under \$200
- \* Noted church officer WIHN meal will be on Thursday April 14
- \* Heard update of planned Haiti Mission from Mission Outreach
- \* Reviewed Education Building Master Plan from Property and approved motion to proceed with initial Phase I pending funding (estimated at \$58,000). Also approved Phase II, and III in concept to allow for long range planning. Work on II and III to be approved later.
- \* Approved regular communion dates for year.
- \* Approved transfer of membership for Jody Thompson to West Raleigh Presbyterian

### MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT

	<u>MARCH 2011</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Pledges	\$ 27,510.00	78,265.00
Open Offering	1,078.35	3,448.15
Church School	88.00	341.51
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>28,676.35</b>	<b>82,054.66</b>
Prior Receipts		10,654.30
Expenses	<u>26,737.78</u>	<u>80,792.88</u>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,938.57</b>	<b>11,916.08</b>

## Day at the Lake: Saturday, June 18



The WBPC family will join together for a fun and fellowship event at Falls Lake from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 18. We have reserved Pavilion #5 at Sandlin Beach. This area has a covered pavilion with parking nearby. There is a swimming area, hiking trails, fishing, as well as restrooms and drinking water. Please bring chairs and something to share to go with hamburgers and hotdogs; for example chips or cookies. Also bring drinks for your family. There is no refrigeration at this site so please bring anything requiring refrigeration in a cooler. Members and friends are invited to join with us for this fun day. You are encouraged to invite friends to join us. Mark your calendars and plan to be present. Watch for directions and more information in the June Contact, on the church website [wbpresbyterian.org](http://wbpresbyterian.org), and in the weekly updates.

### Meals on Wheels Volunteer Opportunity

There are 8 of us who deliver meals. Whenever a month has 5 Mondays, we deliver on that 5th Monday. This is an important mission project of our church and is extremely important to the disabled and elderly persons who depend upon volunteers for their daily meals. It is fun to meet them and to get to know the streets of Raleigh. What is involved? On our assigned days, we volunteers meet around 11am at the Meals on Wheels Facility on Blair Dr. Most of us do this with a partner; one person to drive; the other to deliver the meal to the home. It takes approximately an hour, only about four times per year! It's a very easy process. You arrive at the facility, pick up your meals which are in coolers, and deliver them according to prepared directions. Please contact Marcia Bennett for details or to volunteer: 851-3992 or [sen1969@hotmail.com](mailto:sen1969@hotmail.com). August 29 is our next delivery date since May 30 is a holiday; then the date after that is October 31.

## Memorial Gifts "Wish List"

WBPC greatly appreciates memorial gifts contributed to our church in memory of loved ones. Particularly in a time of economic strain when our operating budget is extremely tight, memorial gifts can help us purchase needed items or support particular ministries that we could not afford to include in the operating budget. It's a beautiful way to remember a loved one by helping to grow our ministry and outreach as we seek to share God's love in magnanimous ways. Who knows, you may want to appreciate a loved one with a contribution in their honor before their death!

Listed below are needed items our committees have submitted:

### Christian Education

- New tables & chairs for children's Sunday School rooms
- New rugs for children's Sunday School rooms
- Weekday Preschool scholarships

### Mission/Outreach

- Servant Fund donations (crisis assistance for individuals)
- Kingdom Building Fund donations (outreach needs)
- WIHN donations (Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network)
- Salary to pay staff at the Yahve Jire Orphanage in Haiti

### Worship

- Choral Scholar Ministry (offering scholarships to area collegiate musicians who can help support the music ministry of WBPC)
- Traveling funeral pall (usable for graveside services)
- Handbell octave
- Audio visual equipment for @The Table worship

### Church Office

- Office safe (4-drawer)
- Color printer

### Fellowship

- New linen tablecloths for round & rectangle tables
- Contributions towards a memorial garden

### Property

- Education building renovations
- Elevator



## Graduates in the House?

We're recognizing graduates on Sunday, June 5. Please contact the church office by May 29, with information on those graduating from high school or college. Please include full name, school of graduation, degree, and future plans.

## Presbyterian Women Meet

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 10, 11:00 a.m., at Olive Garden in Cary. Hope to see you there!



## Note Special Meeting Date:

Mark your Calendars  
**THURSDAY, May 12**  
 Be in the church parking lot by 7:30 a.m. for a special trip to Chinquapenn Plantation, Reidsville, NC

Please bring:

- a bag lunch
- \$5 to help pay for transportation
- \$15 for admission
- a folding chair (optional)