

KGPC ENEWS

Every Member in Ministry: Learning Together



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Proclaiming the Good News

By Chris Carrasco

"And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation." (Mark 16:15) At the time Jesus said these words to his disciples, going into all the world to proclaim the Good News meant travelling by foot or on boat. Unfortunately, not everyone who heard the Good News thought it was good and the disciples were often imprisoned, beaten, and humiliated. Going into all the world took sacrifice, dedication, and risk.

Jesus is still commanding his disciples to go into all the world and proclaim the good news. Today, we have a variety of means at our disposal to do just that. The most prominent are technology and the internet. Jacque Camlet, Tyler Jones, Bob Larose, Bruce Phelps and myself have met for several months to discern how we can better "spread the Word and Good News of the Gospel and enhance communications in order to complement the worship and mission of King's Grant Presbyterian Church (KGPC) through the use of current technological advances." They came up with a comprehensive proposal that was then taken to Worship and Music Ministry Team and finally Session who overwhelmingly approved it. What exactly is in this proposal and how will it help us proclaim the Good News?

While there are many components to this proposal, the most exciting piece is the installation of two video cameras on the back wall to both stream and record the service. Great care will be taken to make sure all copyright and legal issues are followed as we share the Good News via the internet. Before most people visit a church, they first check the website. By having sermons available on demand and watching services live online, they will be able to have a better sense of who we are and the One we proclaim. In addition, many people have to miss service for a variety of reasons: stationed overseas, on vacation, at home sick, college students, shut ins, etc. This opportunity to watch live services or recorded sermons will allow them to feel part of the family and bind us closer together. In addition to Sunday services, we will also have the ability to record weddings, funerals, baptisms, or other special events if families would like a copy.

Another great component of this proposal is the huge improvement in our sound and visual capabilities. Our current equipment consisting of a sound board, speakers, projector, and screen is between 10 and 25 years old. It's time to take advantage of the many advances in these areas to improve both the aesthetics and the quality of our audio and visual experience in worship. This will allow both members and visitors alike to better focus on God's message for them on Sunday mornings.

In order to accomplish these goals, the wifi will be improved both in the sanctuary and throughout the facility, a new cabinet will provide a secure location for the media & sound equipment as well as a permanent place from which to operate it, and another computer will help us edit the recordings. Yes, it's a big undertaking that will take several weeks. Sunset Sound company has been contracted to do the work and will start at the end of June to be finished by end of July. They will make every effort not to disturb our worship services during that time.

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Patti Weaver, Lisa Blackwell, Joyce Fifield, Leilani Ozment, Keeley Bryant, Ally Bryant, Paul Chidester, John Greissinger, Ray LaSalle, Rachel Wardell, Michael Miller, Joyce Morreale, Jerry Morreale, Debbie Sharpe, Lynn Ellis, Mark Noffke, Effie Norton, Hollyn Palatt, Janice Johnson, Lori Hipps, Virginia Leschenski, Lilly Bradley, Seth Henry, Kathy Parent, Al Mayo, Danny Taylor, Ken Krall, Maddie Camlet, John Morison, Ann Butler, Rebekah Kerr, Ally Restrepo, Don Tillman, Angie Hetherington, Bradford Bucknum, Donna Perry, Elizabeth Stoke, Vince D'Amato, Sandy Oden, Ethan Kerr

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Becky Greissinger, Peter Donaldson, Angela Webb, Donna Hoberg, Eileen Bucknum, Sandy Christenson, Shawn Trojahn, Jean Colby, David Sloane, Scott Hudgens, Will Noffke, Bill Chin, Daniel Swartworth, Garrick Balsly, John Hawley, David Christenson, Charlotte Fuller, Matthew Evans, Russell Settlemeyer, Butch Poland, Lee Duckworth, Krystina Sloane Stoner, Meaghan Barfield, Katie Hammaker, Marty Martinez, Nick Moorad, Bill Carson, Kim Riner, Beth Bailey, Ryan Balsly, Donna Gordon, Carolyn Meyer Lothrop, Jackson Clark, Sylvia Maume, Laura Seay, Kathryn VanDeever, Emily Lowry, Dottie Roth, Garrett Dillon, Caitlyn Riner, Nancy Young, Fawn Bashford, James Van Auken, Lauren LaSalle, Walter Kirkman, Marie Garrenton, Zach Mayo, Justin Old, Roy Phelps, Mindy Hammaker

Just like the first disciples, proclaiming God's Word still takes sacrifice, dedication, and risk. The Session has agreed to use \$40,000 of the funds at its disposal to embark on this much needed project. They believe, along with the Tech Team, that "this proposal launches us into a future that allows us to better connect with potential visitors, enhances our worship experiences, and provides better options for use of sound and video in worship for the long term. As we prepare ourselves for the exciting future God has in store, we believe these initiatives are essential to our vision and who we will become at KGPC."

We want the congregation to be informed about this exciting project KGPC has undertaken. Feel free to ask for the 4 page proposal or to ask questions to anyone on the Tech Team. While proclaiming God's Word is not limited to technology, we realize that technology is an essential part of this proclamation in today's world. So let us "go into all the world" with all the means at our disposal so we can share the love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

June Worship Schedule

June 7 – Two services with Communion

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service:
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

June 14 – Two services

8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

June 21 - Summer worship schedule begins on this Father's Day and the Men's Chorus will sing at the single service at 10 a.m.

June 28 – Single service at 10 a.m. followed at 11:30 a.m. by the annual community picnic and concert on the lawn: Roy Muth Swing Band with Patriotic Salute

July Worship Schedule

All Sundays in July will have worship at 10 a.m. with Communion on July 5.

KGPC ENEWS **WILL BE ON VACATION IN JULY**

Pay attention to events and activities in July which are included in this June-July issue of KGPC ENews since the ENewsletter will be on vacation in July. See you again in August!



Keep a Lid on it, Please!

We are asking everyone who takes a drink out of the Connection Point to **please put a lid on their drinks.**

Numerous stains are starting to appear in the sanctuary and classrooms. Property tries hard to keep God's house as clean and presentable as possible. We thank you.

Missionary Fund Drive

Thank you and thank yourselves! Once again you have stepped up and demonstrated your support for our mission co-workers around the world. The Missionary Fund has been replenished and we surpassed our goal of \$42,000. This will allow us to fully support all our missionaries at the same level we have been. Their successes are only possible with your support. Look for news of our mission co-workers on the walls, in the Connection Point, and in the e-news and Communications, or ask Marie Garrenton for the latest. Presbyterian World Missions is struggling to find funding this year and may have to recall up to 45 missionaries from service. Thanks to you, none of our mission co-workers are in that group. All donors should have received a confirmation letter. If yours has not arrived, please see Kevin Mooney.

CALLING ALL MEN: 22nd Annual MEN'S CHORUS

Once again, a special chorus is being formed to sing for our Worship Service, June 21st at 10:00 a.m. (first one service Sunday). All men who enjoy singing are invited to join. The music has been carefully selected and arranged. A willing voice is all that is needed.

Three Thursday rehearsals: June 4, 11, 18 (6:30-7:15 p.m.)

(I know some cannot attend all 3 rehearsals so just come when you can.)

Thirty men participated last year and they were outstanding. Join us for a memorable experience. Please call Janet Phelps at 580-5899 or at church, 340-2840 if you have questions. Hope to see you on Thursday, June 4th.



Malawi Needs Medicine Bottles

We throw them away. They go to a landfill. After all, what can we use them for after the medicine is gone? It's those empty medicine bottles. Still clean and new like the day they were born there should be something they can be used for.

There is! You can boil water and clean off the labels and glue and send them to Malawi. So often in the small rural hospitals medicine is dispensed into small torn pieces of newspaper for transportation to village homes. Then where to put them? Where will they be safe? Where will they be out of reach of children? Where will they stay clean?

The KGPC children will be collecting medicine bottles and sending them to the Malawi Project. Malawi is where our sponsored child Eva lives and also where our missionary Janet Guyer serves. Please leave the medicine bottles in the Connection Point.





Dear KGPC Community,

My family and I cannot thank you enough for all the help, support, and love you provided during our move on Memorial Day weekend. To everyone who carried boxes out of the house, carried boxes into the house, carried boxes upstairs TWO FLIGHTS, provided meals, said prayers, gave well wishes, lined cabinets, painted, planted flower pots, cleaned, and just allowed me a little extra patience as I dealt with lots of chaos and confusion, I am so very grateful. An extra special thank you to Bill Hudgens and Brian and Linda Miller for coordinating all these efforts. I feel the great love in this church and continue to be thankful God has brought me here. I have also been reminded how much I dislike moving and hope and pray that I don't have to go through this again for a very, very, very long time.

Thanks for everything,

Chris, Nelio, Christian, Alex, and Lee-say (the dog)

Exercise group now meets Tuesdays AND Fridays!!

Do you need motivation to exercise??? KGPC has started an exercise group. We have several videos including Richard Simmons. We exercise on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. in the senior high Sunday school room. Come and have fun. Questions? Contact Deane Carroll dmc2teach@gmail.com or 910-554-1932



Christian Education & Development

Children's Ministry

SUMMER Sunday School – Beginning June 21: 9:00-9:45am; Rising Pre-K – 2nd grade Sunday School in room 121; Rising 3rd – 5th grade Sunday School in room 119; Club 567 in room 118; 9th-12th grade in the kitchen We will continue to study the “Feasting on the Word” curriculum as will the adults. We are still looking for teachers, so our current teachers can have a respite for the summer. Sign up on the board outside the Connection Point across from the Parlor.

Children’s Church: During the 10:00 a.m. single service in room 120 Recommended for children ages four through second grade. Children focus on New Testament lessons and the way Jesus teaches us to live our lives.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!! Summer Sunday Club (Sunday School) and Primary Church We are looking for volunteers to teach or assist in Sunday School or Primary Church beginning June 21 and for next school year. If you have been feeling the call to teach, but you didn’t think there was a place for you, then think again. The sign up is on the bulletin board outside the Connection Point and across from the parlor.

VBS 2015: Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid! will be held Monday, July 13th – Friday, July 17th. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. – 12 noon. Contact Marie Garrenton (marie.sauer@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer. There is a volunteer sign up outside of the Connection Point. We are looking for donations of small hotel size soaps. Registration is now available on the website. **Reminder:** Want a way to always remember what is going on with the children of the church? Text **571-248-3846** and put **@81e2b** in the message field. And Voila! You will now receive a text to remind you of upcoming events. How easy is that? See Becky Otto (rotto2@cox.net) with questions.

Eva: We continue to sponsor Eva in Malawi, so please consider a birthday donation or a celebration of another successful year of school in your child’s name. What a special way to honor your child and support Eva.

CHOW: Thank you for all those children who participated in “Blessed are the Peacemakers” and the adults who studied Soul Feast with Chris Carrasco. Special thanks to our teachers, Pat Bowling, Beth Overton, Amy Restrepo, and Angie Hetherington. Thank you to our cooks, Sheryl Smith and Mel Allmond, and our kitchen helpers, Effie Norton, Brandon Overton, and everyone else who helped clean up after the meal. See you in September!



Upcoming EVENTS

- June 27 - Church Summer Outing - Tides Game
- Jul 13-17 - VBS

Church Summer Outing

Join us for our 3rd annual Church Summer Outing at the Norfolk Tides Game

When: Saturday, June 27, 2015

Cost: \$9.50 per person
RSVP and monies due by June 15, 2015. A sign up sheet will be posted in the Connection Point.

There will be fireworks right after the game. You don't want to miss this event!

For more information, contact Jacque Camlet or Becky Otto



King's Grant Presbyterian Church Patriotic Concert on the Lawn Featuring Roy Muth's Swing Band

New Time: Invite your friends to worship, concert and picnic

**Sunday, June 28, 2015 - Concert at 11:30 a.m.;
Picnic at 12:30 p.m.**

Bring your neighbors and your lawn chairs

Face painting and snow cones for the kids

Come for a special afternoon of music, hot dogs, watermelon, homemade pies and good company!

Hosted by KGPC Worship and Music Ministry



YOUTH MINISTRY Car Wash & Hot Dog Lunch for Summer Mission Projects

**Sunday, June 7
Noon - 1:30 p.m.
Love Offerings Accepted**



King's Academy of Fine Arts: Super Heroes Summer Camp

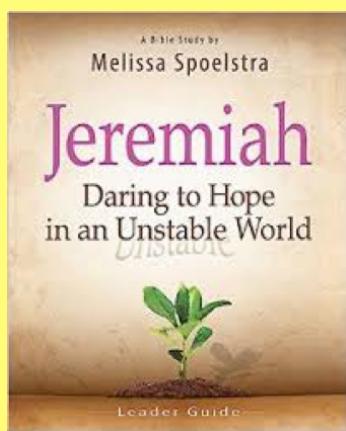
Music, Art, & Dance, June 22-26, 2015, 9:00-11:30am

Ages 2 ½- 5 years Cost: \$125 (\$50 holds your place, \$75 due 1st day of camp)

Call the church to register:
340-2840

Summer Bible Study for Women

Join us for a Summer Ladies' Bible Study, called "**Jeremiah: Daring to Hope in an Unstable World**" by Melissa Spoelstra. This six-lesson study will be held on **Tuesday evenings, June 16 through August 4 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** The first introductory session will be a chance to register, purchase a participant guide, and get to know each other. Sign up in the Connection Point or contact



Adult Ministry Update

Men's Breakfast Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Come and enjoy a hot homemade breakfast with the men of the church. Women welcome too!

Book Club: Our Book Club gathers the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Parlor and anyone who can read is invited to join us. Upcoming reads are: June 30, The New Colossus by Marshall Goldberg; July 28, The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin; no meeting in August. Our September read will be the long awaited "prequel" by Harper Lee, Go Set a Watchman. Let Julie Seipel know if you need a book. Grab a good read today!

Circle Salad Supper: June 9; 6:00p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All of our Circles will gather together for a salad supper and wrap up lesson on the Disciples. Which disciples are you most like? Bring a salad or dessert to share. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend!

Many of our small groups do not meet in the summer. Information



Celebrating our Graduates

Congratulations to Kings Grant Presbyterian Church's Graduates!

Susan Donaldson
Kai Hurt
Susan Andersen
Chanel Hurt
Joe Leonard
Kendall Riner
Rebecca Sharpe Webster

Collegiate
First Colonial High School
James Madison University
Virginia Commonwealth University
University of Virginia
University of South Carolina
University

Join us for a Congratulations Celebration in the Connection Point on Sunday, June 14 at noon!

Summer Mission Trip: On June 21, our PYF will be traveling to St. Albans, West Virginia for a mission trip with our brothers & sisters in Christ from First Presbyterian Church at the Beach. We look forward to working with power tools on home rehab projects. Prayers for safe travel and safe work are appreciated!

Youth Ministry Car Wash & Hot Dog lunch

for Summer Mission Projects

Sunday, June 7, noon-1:30 p.m.

Love offerings accepted

All children welcome to come help wash cars!

Altar Flowers needed!

Did you notice that the flowers on the altar last week looked different? A member chose to place a plant on the altar instead of purchasing flowers from the florist. There are many different ways that you can dedicate flowers to the Glory of God without incurring the \$40 expense. The Girl Scouts recently used a peace lily, that we have available, and made a missions donation. Our florist can do a beautiful arrangement and you can request colors or flowers that you like! Please call 321-9349 or email Sandy Christenson (Labellesabaka@hotmail.com) if you have any questions., There are many Sunday's available in July, August and September.



KGPC Electronic Bulletin Board

King's Grant Presbyterian Church now has the electronic capability to display information and photos on a television monitor in the Connection Point and projected on the screen in the Sanctuary prior to worship services. This is a useful addition to our multi-media communications strategy to ensure more complete dissemination of information about church life and to keep members informed. In order to maintain quality and consistency, please keep in mind the following operational considerations:

- ¥ Messages should be timely, simple and easy to read in the few seconds it will be on the screen
- ¥ Requests to display informational messages should be directed to Jacque Camlet by Tuesday of the week the message is to appear on Sunday at (mjcamlet@verizon.net)
- ¥ Questions about content or appropriateness will be resolved by the Standing Communications Committee

Session notes for May

As Pastor Chris settles into her new life here with us at KGPC, and as Session settles into her new and different style as Moderator of Session, it seems that our Session meetings become focused less on the mundane aspects of our day-to-day church management and more on the higher aspects of what Jesus is calling us to do and to be. As we always do now, we started our meeting, after our opening prayer, with scripture study, this time on Acts 16:5-14. This is a story about Paul, traveling with fellow disciples into Phrygia and Galatia (modern day Turkey), and then in a vision being called to journey to Macedonia. This journey is covered in just a few verses in Acts, but look at a map and you will see this is quite a distance, and would have taken a considerable amount of time. The last of these verses reference the conversion of a woman named Lydia who "listened eagerly" to Paul's preaching of the Word.

As our congregation continues to grow in the Word, and to seek God's guidance on our path, it is important to ask, as Chris asked us at this meeting, "Where is our Macedonia?" "Who is our Lydia?" Where will we travel to preach the Word and who will we convert to Christ? Session will be working hard on these questions over the next year!

To help with that work, Session elected Bill Hudgens as next Clerk of Session, who will officially take over that role on July 1. However, Bill, Chris and I will be working with the Ruling Elders to call Moderators to serve our Ministry teams; some of the current Moderators will stay in place while others will either rotate off Session or switch to other roles. Please pray for all of us as we seek to discern the best roles for each Ruling Elder.

We also examined and approved the four new Ruling Elders (Bob Bibbs, Joyce Fifield, Debbie Sharpe and Suzy Farley) who will also officially start their new roles July 1. Unofficially, they are already contributing, and will continue to do so as Session has a retreat on May 30 to begin a process of discernment around a new model for church governance. We've all been assigned a book to read prior to May 30, "Winning on Purpose" to get our creative juices flowing as we discuss fundamental shifts in our governance culture. This process will continue over the next year and at various times will involve the College of Elders, the entire congregation, small groups and of course throughout it all. Feel free to ask questions of me or any Session members.

Tom Dillon, Clerk of Session.

VBS is right around the corner

Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid!

VBS is July 13-17, 9 am to noon

You won't want to miss it this year as we travel back to Nazareth.

Please contact Marie Garrenton or Sue Mooney for more information.

