

KGPC ENEWS

Every Member in Ministry: Learning Together



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Though our family wall calendar said that Fall began with the equinox on September 23, just in the past week has it begun to feel like the seasons are changing. We know the signs: the crisp chill in the morning air, the darkness encroaching in on afternoon playtime and dinner hour, the turning of the colors and the crunch of the leaves. Now, I admit that fall is beautiful, but I miss the long days of summer, and I prefer heat and bare feet over brisk winds and bundling up. Yet I still find holy majesty in the rhythm of creation, in the cycles of blooming and shedding, waxing and waning, growing and resting.

In the book of Ecclesiastes we read, "for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." (3:1). There are seasons in our lives, as individuals and families, and as a family of faith. For me, this fall season will also bring a new season of ministry as I will begin my service as Associate Chaplain at Westminster-Canterbury later this month. When I first moved here, chaplaincy was not on my radar screen of possibilities. But I have powerfully experienced the moving of the Spirit, as I listened to the voices of the committees and colleagues around me, as I experienced the life of the community at Westminster-Canterbury, and as I searched my own heart. All these signs point to the opening of a new season of ministry, with a rhythm that keeps time with the rhythm of my family life, and one in which I trust God will bring new growth and life.

I am thankful to God for the season of ministry we have shared here at King's Grant Presbyterian Church, and that we will share during the church season of Advent and Christmas. I will miss you, for the relationships and ministry we have shared together have been deep and meaningful, even in this short time. But, I trust that God is opening you to a new season of ministry. The signs of it are already around you, in the new beginnings of baptism and new members, in the reaching out in mission and service to the community around you, in the ongoing discernment of the PNC. Your new season doesn't begin with the new Pastor, that will indeed come, in God's time; the season is already dawning on you! Like all turnings of seasons, there will be changes and endings, but through all the cycles of seasons God is renewing the face of the earth and bringing us new life.

One of my favorite hymns sings beautifully of this promise, "In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise, butterflies will soon be free. In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see." God holds our futures, and God knows the timing that we cannot see. But God has revealed to us this: that in Jesus Christ, our future is always resurrection and new life – and by that hope we venture forward in all seasons of our life.

Jenny Spivey



November Birthdays

Andrea Andersen, Jacqueline Coulborn, Mark Vandever, Marguerite Whitaker, Marianne Doyle, Peggy Rhodes, Susan Bradway, Malachai Phillip, Oliver Hamilton, Michael Camlet, Jack Jennings, Elizabeth Krall, Rebecca Fetter, Lauren Smith, Shannon Smith, Kevin Mooney, Jennifer Detweiler, Craig Barfield, Maha Kubba, Sheri Bashford Coronado, Deane Carroll, Sama Kubba, Jessica Miller, Charles Payne, Lynna Seipel, Kathryn Sheppard, Lillian Flitton, Jacqueline Price, Jerron Smith, Lynne Fetter, Herber Himmelwright, Gwen Harrell, Florence Strange, Carol Bibbs, Abby Farley, Ginger Swartworth, Kim Jones, Carolyn Sale, Sharon Gardner, Caitlin Leonard, Dana Goad, Jackson Reynaldo, Rita Hamilton, Sharon Clark, Kelly Goodwin, Joshua Bailey, Cindy Wilson, Scott Schumacher, Alison Mayo Scott, Christopher Hall, Sarah Clark, Margaret Vadersen, Sydney Settlemyer, Pierre Plater

November Worship Schedule

November 2 - Consecration Sunday ~Communion Sunday
~Single Service 11 a.m.

November 9 – 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

November 16 – 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

November 23 – 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

November 30 – 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

Blitz Day

Saturday, October 18, 2014

HE called and we came!

A heart felt thank you to all who participated on October 18 with our Blitz Day! Thank you to our neighboring church families of Kings Grant Baptist, “Operation Inasmuch”, and Saint Aidan’s Episcopal, and Azalea Baptist Churches that were out in full force during this day. Thank you to each of our project leaders, organizers, and the hundreds who freely gave of their time and energies to make a difference in our community on this day!

Stop Hunger Now event at Kingston ES was a combined effort among our community churches and the NJROTC Unit from Princess Anne High School. On this day hundreds of volunteers packaged more than 61,000 meals that will be delivered to those in need around the world. A special shout out, thank you, goes to Kevin Mooney, Pastor Skip Wallace, and Deacon Dana Van Vliet for all your efforts and support that enabled our church community event to happen.

Our Blitzers from KGPC and Azalea Baptist Church ventured out into Samaritan House, Seton Youth Street Program, and Kings Grant Elementary School properties to do yard work, landscaping, and painting. Our Bethlehem Walk team worked diligently for most of the afternoon altering, ironing, and preparing the dozens of costumes needed for this very special event. All efforts were supported by a Fellowship breakfast, lunch, snacks, refreshments and other goodies. Another special shout out to goes to Pastor Brian Barnes of Azalea Baptist Church and his team of Blitzers!

On a bulletin board in the hall of our church lies a poster that says, “Where did you see God today?” The answer is simple, on Saturday it was evident from your smiles, laughter, fellowship, sweat, and energies expended, HE was visible in each of you! To God be the glory!

Quilters seeking Crafty People

To all crafty people of KGPC- Please consider joining us on Mondays from 9:30 - Noon as we meet to work on a quilt for KGPC. No prior quilting experience needed and, even if you don't quilt, just join us while you work on knitting or any other craft you enjoy. Hope to see you Monday's at 9:30 a.m. Any questions? - call Betty Chidester at 572-2501

GUESS WHO WON THE QUILT ON NOVEMBER 2ND!!!

At the conclusion of the Consecration Luncheon the quilters held a drawing for the winner of the quilt "Flying Geese". Sara McNulty drew the ticket and the winner was Paul Chidester. The winner was present along with his family.

The Quilters had chosen a group to receive the proceeds of \$650.00 from the raffle ticket sale and it is "Outside These Walls", a mission within our church. This money will be given to that fund for their use in local mission projects.

The Quilters want to thank everyone who purchased a raffle ticket. They have already started on the next quilt and hope to have it ready to be raffled off in 2 1/2 to 3 years. They only quilt one day a week but have added a couple of quilters so this project should move along faster. We also want to thank Mr. Roy Phelps for printing the raffle tickets.

THE QUILTERS



PNC Report

Your PNC has been working prayerfully and diligently as we seek the Lord's guidance in our discernment to identify and call our next pastor. In the last few months we have held numerous interviews by phone and in person as the Holy Spirit has led us. While we continue to review Pastor Information Forms, which are provided by the PCUSA's Church Leadership Connection office, we have been led to a very small group of prospective candidates. Please continue to pray for your PNC, all pastors who are searching, all churches which are searching and particularly the pastor the Lord knows is ours. You can reach us at KGPCPNC@Gmail.com.

The logo for PNC, consisting of the letters 'PNC' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

Session Notes - 10/27/2014

We had one of the most enjoyable experiences we can have in a Session meeting, the introduction and acceptance of new members! Eric and Tina Cope, and their daughter Cheyenne have been visiting just a short while with us at worship and CHOW, but they have dived right in and are quite active in a number of our events and ministries, including signing up to participate in our Bethlehem Walk just before our Session meeting. We welcome the Copes and are happy to see how eager they are to participate.

Pastor Jenny has been visiting Ministry meetings and asking questions designed to get us thinking about what we do and more importantly why we do it. She provided a report on those conversations and asked all of us on Session to think about why we do what we do - what is our purpose in ministry, as a Session and as a Church. We will continue to explore this with her in future ministry and Session meetings.

Finally, we spent considerable time discussing the issues around same-sex marriage, starting with reading and discussing Bible passages (Leviticus and Corinthians). The discussion was extensive and also included comments about the purpose and traditions of marriage. As a Session we are committed to continuing to explore these issues. We are planning on having a Session retreat specifically to participate in a two hour PCUSA Study on Christian Marriage, a shortened version of the study currently being facilitated by Julie Seipel in the Kerygma class. Session was also given "homework" to prepare for our next meeting, where we will continue to explore the Bible's words on the topic.

Tom Dillon
Clerk of Session



To the Kairos Support Team at Kings Grant: Thank you for all your love and support. Because of your love, prayers, and YES the cookies, forty-two men experienced your agape love. We of the Team carried your love and support to the men both on the week-end and in the Housing Units. Thank you for all that you do so that we may carry the light of CHRIST into a dark place. May GOD bless you.

Joe Baden

Dear Church Family:

We wish to express our sincerest thanks to all of you for your many expressions of sympathy at the time of Jim's dad's passing in September. Your cards, calls, visits and the gorgeous huge yellow mum are all reminders of Christ's love through you. We are most grateful to be a part of KGPC and experience such wonderful relationships as these. Thanks for being there,

Jim and Gay Aridas

Children's Ministry Morsels

Sunday School : Pre-K – 1st grade Sunday School in room 121 ; 2nd – 4th grade Sunday School in room 119; Club 567 in room 118
Each class meets from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m., and all are invited to attend. As all classes follow the lectionary, don't forget to start a wonderful discussion during lunch or dinner about what your entire family learned at church on any given Sunday. Join us soon!

Children's Church is held during the 11:00 a.m. service in room 120. Children focus on New Testament lessons and the way Jesus teaches us to live our lives.

CHOW: Classes continue through Wednesday, November 12th. The children will use the "Abundant Orchard: Where Faith Grows and Hungry People Are Fed" curriculum. Dinner begins at 5:30 and classes begin at 6:15. Dinner is \$4 a person, with a family cap of \$15. Please remember to sign up for dinner in the Connection Point by the Monday before each CHOW session to help us plan for dinner. Kitchen help is needed.

Advent: Mark your calendars now for all of the lessons we have planned during this "most wonderful time of the year." Just follow the star, and you can't miss what lies ahead.

Club 567 Adventure Program is a new program for our 5th, 6th & 7th graders. In October the club helped with landscaping at King's Grant Elementary School and with the Stop Hunger Now meal packing event on Blitz Day, October 18th. The PYFs are planning a laser tag and pizza fun fest for the club on November 16th. Get involved, so you can see what else we have planned!

Eva: We continue to sponsor Eva in Malawi, so please consider a birthday donation in your child's name. What a special way to honor your child and support Eva.

Samaritan's Purse's "Operation Christmas Child": We are still looking for families to create their own boxes, donations of items for the boxes, or donations to cover the \$7.00 shipping cost for each of the boxes. Remember if you choose to create your own box, you choose the gender and age range, and then you fill the box with appropriate items and joy. All boxes and donations are due by Sunday, November 16th.

VBS 2015: Do you have ideas about how to improve VBS? Have you ever thought about helping or stepping up into a bigger role with VBS? Well, now is the time to make your voice heard! Contact Becky Otto at rotto2@cox.net with your ideas and questions.

Children's Ministry Team: We love our KGPC children and youth and are excited about serving them. We also recognize that our ministry team benefits greatly by brainstorming ideas when we meet. If you have an idea you would like to share with us, please contact Becky Otto or feel free to attend our ministry meetings. Our next meeting will be on 11/3 at 6:30 in the evening.

Bethlehem Walk 2014

Time to dust off those sandals, saddle up the camel and pack up the supplies for your trip to Bethlehem to register for the census. The sign-up sheets are posted in the Connection Point. There's a job for you...yes, YOU...you could be one of the people preparing for telling the story (construction, set design, making soup, baking cookies), one of the people in costume in the story (speaking and non-speaking parts available), or one of the people behind the scenes (costumes, kitchen helper, fellowship hall greeter, clean-up crew). How timely for this chance to sign up to come hand in hand as we approach our Commitment season. Make a commitment this the year to join in participating in this unique and meaningful gift that we give to the community. Don't miss being a part of telling the most important story ever told.

Next planning meeting is November 13th 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for training and costume fitting for shop volunteers, shepherds, ticket takers and front hall greeters.

Any questions? Contact Laurie Duquette – 962-2778, Mike Farley – 620-2643.

P.S. Men, start those beards growing!



PYF

Sunday, Nov. 2nd: Tile Night @ church, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 9th: Lunch (depart at noon) & shop for Christmas Child gift boxes; bring \$11; return to church at 2

Sunday, Nov. 16: Laser Quest with Club 567 (cost \$16) watch for time & details

Friday, Nov. 21- Sunday, Nov. 23: Makemie Woods retreat) (NO PYF Sunday night)

Sunday, Nov. 30 NO PYF Happy Thanksgiving!

CLUB 567: Join the PYF for 2 games of Laser Tag and pizza on Sunday, Nov. 16. Watch emails for details!

Calling All Local College-aged Students/PYA

College students home for Thanksgiving PLEASE come and join us and catch up with your friends while you are home! We have a Sunday School class for our PYA's (Presbyterian Young Adults) on Sunday mornings in room 118 during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45). Join us as we examine how God calls us to deal with issues that face Young Adults in the world today!



Women's CIRCLES: Every Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Circles are open to all women of the church and will all be studying the same book. This year we will delve into the lives of Jesus' disciples in the book **The Thirteen Disciples** by J. Ellsworth Kalas..

LYDIA CIRCLE: The Lydia Circle met Tues, Oct14th at the home of Donna Hoberg. Vivian led the lesson on the disciple Peter and there was much discussion about the life of this disciple and his part in spreading Christianity. Linda Chin provided a great dessert and Janice Johnson led us in prayer. The next meeting will be held at the home of Lorraine Jordana on Nov. 11th at 7:30 p.m. and our study will be led by Janice Johnson on the disciple James, the Unfulfilled Leader. Please call Lorraine at 486-6507 if anyone needs a ride.

EVE CIRCLE: will meet on Tues, Nov. 11 at 7:15 p.m. in the Connection Point at church. Our next chapter is "James, The Unfulfilled Leader" and the discussion will be led by Linda Miller. Our desserter will be Carol Bibbs.

ELIZABETH CIRCLE: We are happy to introduce a big change to the Elizabeth Circle. Since there are three members now residing at First Colonial Inn, a retirement center on First Colonial Rd, we thought it might be a good idea to see if we might hold our monthly meetings there. The management wholeheartedly agreed and we had our first meeting there in Oct. What a spiritual and joyous time we had, studying and sharing some thoughts on the Apostle Peter. All are welcomed to be a member of the Elizabeth Circle. Just contact Georgia Jones, Julie Seipel or Sherry Hatfield. You will need a circle study book in order to participate in the discussion each month, and we can always get more of them. Our next meeting is Tues., Nov. 11 at 10:00 a.m. For more info, contact Sherry at 340-4293 or Email: musicsinger@cox.net.

Adult Ministry Update

Small Group Studies

Kerygma

Join us Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Parlor as we explore a study called "Christian Marriage in the PCUSA". You can download the study at: <http://images.acswebnetworks.com/1/2067/6Weekchristianmarriagestudy.pdf> Bring your coffee & join our dynamic discussion! There is always room for more opinions!

Lunch Bunch

This small group meets Mondays at 12:30 in the conference room. Bring your lunch and unravel the wisdom we find in the Bible and each other.

Men's Breakfast

Come and enjoy a hot homemade breakfast with the men of the church. This group gathers in the Fellowship Hall every Wednesday morning at 6:30a.m.

Wednesday Night Women's Study

This group meets most Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Open to all women of the church.

Moms Group

Open to moms of all ages, this group meets on Thursdays at 1 p.m. Come share the joys of motherhood with other KGPC moms. Babysitting is provided.

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: November 18, Russian Winter by Daphne Kaloty; January 27, Pale Blue Eyes by Louis Bayard; February 24, Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd; March 31, Last Train to Istanbul by Ayse Kulin. Let Julie Seipel know if you need a book. Grab a good read today!



Dec 5-7 Bethlehem Walk

Congregational care

Pig Roast Fun: The pig and oyster roast at Bill Carson's home on October 11 was a finger-lickin good time! If anyone left hungry, it was not due to a lack of food. There were oysters aplenty, and the barbecue was tasty and with just the right amount of southern tangy sauce. The best part of the day, however, was the sharing of good Christian fellowship.

GOLDEN GUYS & GALS: The Golden Guys & Gals met Wednesday, October 15th for a potluck luncheon followed by a program given by Janet Phelps concerning music as the soul of worship and how musical selections are an integral part of the worship service. She shared information about the music selected for the new Presbyterian hymnal. THERE WILL NOT BE a meeting in November but our Christmas Holiday Luncheon at the Ramada, Mahi's, will be held December 10th at 12:00 p.m. There will be sign-up sheets in the church office and the cost will be announced soon.

The Copes

Erik, Tina and Cheyenne

Erik was born and grew up in Norfolk. He was raised in the Catholic church and attended Catholic schools. He has lived in Virginia Beach for 17 years. He is employed by Denny's. He loves computer games.

Tina is really Christina but prefers to be called Tina. She works as a receiving manager at Off Broadway Shoe Warehouse. She also grew up in Norfolk. She has lived in Virginia Beach for 27 years. Tina loves to run, watch old movies and to laugh! Tina has already jumped in to help with the 5-6-7 Club, (that should provide her a lot of opportunity for laughter).

Cheyenne is a bouncy and cheerful 10 year old who goes to Kingston Elementary. Cheyenne loves to sing and is already active in the 5-6-7 Club. She loves to swim and to play on her computer. She also loves to help with younger children and special needs children. Cheyenne has already served joyfully as one of our Cookie Cherubs.

The Copes also have Tina's mother, Cheryl and her brother, BJ, living with them. The Copes have joined quickly into our church family activities. They have expressed that they are happy to be a part of this Christian Community. And we are happy to have them.

