

# KGPC ENEWS

Every Member in Ministry: Learning Together



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Brothers and sisters in Christ,

This has been a season of both beginnings and endings in the life of this family of faith. I am filled with thanksgiving and joy for your warm welcome and abundant hospitality that you have extended to me and to my family as we have begun this new season of our lives here in Virginia Beach. In the past month, you have begun a new program year in the mission and ministry of the church. Newly installed ruling elders have begun their call to service and spiritual leadership among you. In this same time, there have also been significant endings in this community's life. You have recently said goodbye to Pastor Randy as his time as your Interim Pastor came to an end. Together we have given witness to the resurrection for two dear saints of this church, marking an end to this earthly life.

We often tend as a culture to celebrate new beginnings with joy, and grieve endings with sorrow. But I find it is much more complex than that. Often new beginnings can be filled with anxiety and uncertainty. And similarly, endings can be joyful and fulfilling. At the beginning of the book of Revelation we read, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty." It is the good news of the gospel, that God holds all of our beginnings and endings and everything in-between.

Many of you may have noticed a term we have been using to describe my pastoral work among you: Bridge Pastor. So, what's a Bridge Pastor? That's a great question. If you go looking in the Book of Order, you won't find it, it's not there. It's not an official title, but I have found it to be a rich metaphor of the work I have been called to do both in my previous congregation and among you. The bridge is a connectational image, that holds together a link to the past, as well as a direction forward for the future. As a Bridge Pastor, I work with the many beginnings and endings in this season of your congregation's life as you move forward on your journey together. I bring a sense of adventure to explore the unknown. I bring courage to ask questions to help you clarify your commitment and direction in how God is calling you. I bring humility to take risks and make mistakes, knowing that we rely on God alone, not simply our own wisdom or achievement.

Finally, consistent with the image, a bridge has a beginning and an end. My time here among you will have an end, as we anticipate the next new beginning of the Pastor your PNC is working to bring before you. I give thanks to God that our journeys have been joined in this time. Whatever the timing of beginnings and endings, God holds us all and leads us on.

Peace,  
Jenny



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## October Birthdays

Melissa Jones (10/1), Elizabeth Hendricks (10/1), Cindy Plater (10/2), Steven Hawley (10/2), Steve Dillon (10/2), John Link (10/3), Cynthia Diton (10/3), Corissa Guttierrez (10/3), Zachary Swain (10/4), Dean Wardell (10/6), Louis Hatfield (10/6), Ruth Salmon (10/7), June Rammell (10/7), Bruce Phelps (10/7), Denise LaSalle (10/7), Alex Noffke (10/7), Kevin LaSalle (10/7), Janice Kirkland (10/8), Taylor Jones (10/10), Dave Jones (10/10), Alex Restrepo (10/10), Jenae Duquette (10/10), Kevin Mooney (10/11), Charley Settlemyer (10/11), Jay Kerr (10/12), Angel Plater (10/12), Mary Balsly (10/13), Chris Andersen (10/14), Meg D'Amato (10/14), Jean Hopper (10/15), Lauren Settlemyer (10/16), Erin Shank Conroy (10/16), Max Bryant (10/16), Jeff Overton (10/17), Laura Seipel (10/18), Claudia Hudgens (10/19), Nick Stone (10/19), Coleman Sharpe (10/19), Molly Jones (10/19), Matthew Goad (10/14), Katie Ontoko (10/27), Jeff Chidester (10/27), Joseph D'Amato (10/27), Kendal Riner (10/28), David Donaldson (10/29), Jim Alley (10/30), Susan Kerr (10/30), Nancy Hall (10/31)

## October Worship Schedule

October 5 – Communion Sunday  
8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
October 12 – 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
October 19 – 8:45 a.m. Contemporary Service; 11 a.m. Traditional Worship

## Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay the bills. Rather, they see financial giving as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry.

Our Consecration Sunday stewardship celebration will be on November 2. On that Sunday, we will commit our share of the financial support we believe God is calling us to give, for the support of our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world. During worship on Consecration Sunday, we will present our *Estimate of Giving* cards in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if they choose not to fill out a card. We will do no home solicitation to ask members to complete a card; instead we ask that you prayerfully consider what your response will be to God's unconditional love.

Following worship on Consecration Sunday, we will join together in the Fellowship Hall for a luncheon to celebrate our love and commitment to God and our renewed focus on His ministry.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in this year's Consecration Sunday events.

**Tom Dillon, Clerk of Session & Commitment Ministry**



- Oct 3 - Family Campout**
- Oct 11 - Pig Roast**
- Oct 18 - Blitz Day**

## **KGPC Annual Pig & Oyster Roast**

**When: Saturday, October 11**

**Where: the Home of Bill Carson 921 Queen Elizabeth Drive, VB 23452**

**Time: 4:00 PM**

**Cost: \$20 per person includes pig roast & all the fixings, oysters, ice tea & lemonade  
(You can bring your own alcohol)**

**In the event of rain, the Pig Roast will be held at church in the Fellowship Hall**

Child care will be provided at church.

Sign up for the pig/oyster roast in The Connection Point immediately after Sunday school or after the 11:00 service on Sunday October 5, or during CHOW, OR sign up with Donna in the office by **Wednesday, October 8.**

**Invite a friend to come!**



## **PNC Report**

Your PNC has continued to work prayerfully and diligently as we seek the Lord's guidance in our quest to identify our next pastor. In the last month we have held 6 interviews, either by phone or in person, and will soon hold more face-to-face and telephone sessions as the Holy Spirit leads us. As was stated in a recent Session meeting, the average search time within the denomination is about 18 months. Please keep your PNC, all pastors who are searching, and particularly the pastor the Lord knows is ours in your prayers. You can reach us at [KGPCPNC@Gmail.com](mailto:KGPCPNC@Gmail.com).

## **Session Notes - 9/22/2014**

Our meeting opened with a devotion and prayer by Elder Julie Seipel, based on the verses of 1 Kings 19, where the prophet Elijah hears God speaking to him in a "still, small voice". Julie reminded us that it is important to find silence in this busy world and in our busy lives, so that we too might listen for and hear that still small voice that God frequently uses when He speaks to us.

The highlight of this meeting was a visit and discussion with Liza Hendricks, Transitional General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia (PEVA), who was invited to visit us to update us on happenings at PEVA, but more importantly to discuss the role and importance of Elders in the Presbyterian Church. She started out this discussion by citing the Old Testament, where the first mention of "elders" is in Exodus when the Lord summons Moses and directs him to bring 70 Elders to Mt Sinai. She reminded us that Ruling Elders (those ordained elders who are serving on Session) are first and foremost spiritual leaders of the congregation. As our Book of Order states, "The Session shall have responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love and witness". As Julie mentioned in the opening devotion, it is easy to become absorbed in the "noise" of the world - in Session's case in the minutiae of the business of the church, and forget that spiritual leadership is Job One.

Session also reviewed and approved a motion from the Worship and Music Ministry to change Pastor Jenny Spivey's contractual arrangement with us to full time (it had originally been set at 30 hours per week). Pastor Jenny's original duties were to provide for worship and preaching, to moderate Session, and provide pastoral care; with her expanded hours she will also focus on Elder Training and on consulting with each Ministry to bring a fresh look at what they do and how they do it.

After reviewing Ministry activities and upcoming events, Session closed with prayer, as it always does, in this instance led by Pastor Jenny.



My dear Church Family:

You are an indescribable blessing to me. Your outpouring of Love has come in so many ways, and over so much time. As I told the story of Sgt. Dad's last weeks, I felt so touched to have your encouraging words and your honor for his service, both to our Lord and to our country. And since his passing, I've been overwhelmed by a veritable avalanche of cards, emails, and calls offering your condolences, love, and prayers. And oh, yes, you sent flowers.

First, we took with us on a visit to Sgt. Dad the Independence Day arrangement that Bill and Linda Chin sent home for me, and he and my mother were so cheered by their patriotic red-white-and-blue colors. Later, my "peace-niks" sent flowers, too, from my Bills (Carson and Sale) and the Spirit of Joe (Giordano).

And just this week, our bereavement committee sent a beautiful hanging plant to cheer me, and it certainly did. I don't know how anyone suffering deep loss walks on without Faith and Church Family. I have all of this, and I am so very thankful for your Love and care. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

**Ginger Dietz**

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 Thank you to the KGPC church family for all the love and support you have shown the Magnussen family. Thank you for everything that every one of you did for Mom, for her memorial service and for the wonderful reception that followed. You all cannot imagine how lucky our family feels to have such a loving and caring church family! Thanks be to God!

**Joyce Fifield & family & Rudy Magnussen**

**Children's Ministry Morsels**

**Sunday School**

- Pre-K – 1<sup>st</sup> grade class in room 121 continues with the “Spark” curriculum which follows the lectionary.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade in room 119 continues “Feasting on the Word” which also follows the lectionary.
- Club 567 in room 118 also uses the “Feasting on the Word” curriculum.

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**

- Children's Church during the 11:00 A.M. service in room 120 where children focus on New Testament lessons and the way Jesus teaches us to live our lives.
- CHOW Classes continue through Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The children will use the “Abundant Orchard: Where Faith Grows and Hungry People Are Fed” curriculum. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. 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.
- Club 567 Adventure is a new program for our 5th, 6th & 7th graders. In September the club went zip lining and had s'mores around a fire, and in October we will help the community on Blitz Day (October 18<sup>th</sup>). Get involved, so you can see what else we have planned!

**Trunk or Treat**

- During CHOW on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. HELP NEEDED! Sign up in the Connection Point to decorate your vehicle and hand out treats and coins for the St. Andrew's Society, sign up to help with games, or sign up to attend this fun evening of costumes, merriment, and fellowship. You won't want to miss this **BOOtastic** night!

**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.

**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 October 7 at 6:30 in the evening.

## **Bethlehem Walk 2014**

The spirit of sharing the Christmas story is contagious. This year not only St. Nicholas Catholic Church, but St. Aiden's Episcopal Church as well, will be joining our congregation in presenting the gift of the **Bethlehem Walk** to our community. **Bethlehem Walk 2014** will be on **Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. Sharing the good news is a common goal for our churches. Have you been wanting to test your sword-wielding skills as a Roman Guard, or thinking you might look scholarly as a Wiseman or imagining that you would be good at running a shop in the town of Bethlehem? The sign-ups will begin soon so you could be just a signature away from fulfilling something on your bucket-list! **No roles are reserved!** If you haven't been a part before of this opportunity to bring life to the scripture as a gift for our community, then this should be the year you **move out of the pew and into the streets of Bethlehem**. Try it...you'll like it! There are many leadership jobs just waiting for you. Sign-up sheets will be in the Connection Point. Our next meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please catch the spirit (Holy Spirit, that is) and join us as we gear up for this wonderful opportunity to share the story of Christ with our community.



### **Upcoming PYF Events**

- Sunday, October 5 noon-1 p.m. Pumpkin planning @ church...lunch provided!
- Sunday, October 12 Out of Darkness follow up... 5:30-7:30 with dinner... parents welcome too!
- Saturday, October 18 Outside These Walls Blitz Day... meet at church at 8:30 am
- Sunday, October 19 no PYF
- Sunday, October 26 "Pumpkining"...5:30-7:00 @ church...need parent drivers
- Wednesday, October 29 "Trunk or Treat" @ church 5:30-7:00...wear a costume!

Mark your calendars for a marvelous Makemie Woods retreat November 21-23. (Details to come)

**Parents of College Kids:** Please email Julie Seipel ([mseipel@aol.com](mailto:mseipel@aol.com)) with your child's college email and snail mail address.

### **Calling All Local College-aged Students/PYA**

**We will be having 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.**



**CIRCLES:** KGPC has three 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. The books will be available and donations to help cover the costs are welcome. You can also get this book on your electronic devices through Amazon.

**LYDIA CIRCLE:** The October meeting will be at the home of Donna Hoberg, 824 Coverdale Lane, VB, 486-7689. The lesson will be on Chapter 2, Peter, and will be led by Vivian Phelps. Please call Lorraine Jordana if you need a ride.

**EVE CIRCLE:** meets at 7:15 p.m. at church in the Connection Point. We will be discussing the disciple James this month under the guidance of Sandy Christenson.

**ELIZABETH CIRCLE:** This is the morning Circle and meets at 100 a.m. in the Parlor.

## Adult Ministry Update

### Small Group Studies

#### **Kerygma**

Join us Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Parlor as we explore a 6-week 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 6:30 a.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. NO meeting October 2nd due to early school dismissal.

#### **BOOK CLUB**

This group meets the last Tuesday of the month. Join us Tuesday, October 28th for our discussion on the book "Boys in the Boat" by Daniel James Brown. Contact Julie Seipel if you need a book. All are welcome.

## KGPC Family Campout

**Join us for a campout on the church grounds. We will fellowship, have s'mores and sing campfire songs. If you aren't into 'camping', bring your camping chair and join us for a few hours.**

**When:** Friday, Oct. 3rd. Setup around 6:30 PM  
**What to bring:** Tent, Sleeping Bags, Camping Chairs and S'more Sticks

**Who:** ALL are invited..bring a friend!!

**For more information, contact Jacque Camlet or Becky Otto**

## **Take a Chance on a Quilt**

The handmade quilt “Flying Geese” (74 x 93 1/2 inches) is finished after 4 years of hard work by the devoted quilting group. It will be displayed in the Parlor on Sunday, Oct. 12, 19 & 26 following the 8:45 and 11 worship services. You can purchase raffle tickets during those times. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the proceeds will be donated to the mission program in our church known as “Outside These Walls”. The drawing will be held on November 2, at the Consecration Sunday luncheon. You do not have to be present to win.

**Thank You,  
The Quilting Group  
Vivian Costilow, Ellen Hill,  
Miyoko Hurt,  
Lorraine Jordana & Margaret  
Vaderson**



## **GOLDEN GUYS & GALS**

The senior adult fellowship ministry - The Golden Guys & Gals - held their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, September 17th in the Fellowship Hall with a pot luck luncheon. Rev. Jennifer (Jenny) Spivey was the guest and provided information about her background and family, including the fact that both of her parents are Presbyterian Ministers and her husband is also an ordained minister. We went to the sanctuary and enjoyed the historical video produced for the KGPC 50th anniversary. It brought back fond memories of so many old friends. The next meeting will be on October 15th with a pot luck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Our program speaker will be Janet Phelps who will share her love of church music as the soul of worship and share information about our new Presbyterian hymnal so that we may become more acquainted with it. It should be a very interesting program you won't want to miss. Plan to attend and bring both a dish to share and a friend on October 15<sup>th</sup> at noon.

The Golden Guys & Gals gatherings are the third Wednesday of the month. Watch for more detailed information about plans for the remainder of our gatherings this church year, but note that we will reduce the number of events from nine to six in order to provide interesting programs on subjects of interest to our senior members. Here is a preview:

- October pot luck lunch with Janet Phelps
- No Guys & Gals event in November
- Annual December Holiday luncheon at the beachfront
- No event in January
- February a fun-filled activity event
- No event in March
- April we plan to have church member, Jim Dietz, a career railroad executive, remind us why we have such “A Fascination with Trains” and provide an informed perspective about present day and future rail passenger transportation in the U.S.
- May will be a group outing to the newly renovated and expanded Chrysler Museum in Norfolk, followed by lunch at the museum.

If this year's plan sounds like fun, plan to join us even if you aren't sure

## Outside These Walls Ministry

Join us on October 18, 2014

### Outside These Walls Ministry Blitz Day & Stop Hunger NOW Food Packing

HE calls us and we come..... No job too small or large, we came; students of all ages, adults of all ages, church members, friends, neighbors, anyone who feels a need to contribute their talents, expertise, helping hands, encouragement, time, sweat, and most heartening of all their Fellowship.... Session has tasked our Outside These Walls Ministry to go out into our community to do mission. To minister to those in need by deeds, service and providing helping hands where needed..... We call these local mission ventures BLITZ DAY's.

Jesus said, "When you serve others.... You serve me." Matthew 25:40

JOIN US on Saturday, October 18, 2014..... Whatever your talents, gifts, and interests are; if you want to get involved, lend a helping hand, have a specific skill to share, or simply want to join in the fellowship.....For more information email Brian Miller at [brian.miller@vbschools.com](mailto:brian.miller@vbschools.com) or call 332-0959. Invite friends, family, anyone to join us!

Volunteers are needed to paint, clean, do yard work, landscape, prep food, transportation, take pictures and provide fellowship at the following work sites;

#### Blitz Day Kickoff

- 7:30 AM - Breakfast in the KGPC Fellowship Hall, work assignments, fellowship, & prayer
- 8:30AM - Depart to work sites

#### Blitzing a Samaritan House property

- 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM - Inside & out, cleaning, painting, loading a dumpster with old furniture, landscaping, yard work, demolition & restoration

#### Blitzing Kings Grant ES

- 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM - Landscaping school exterior

#### Blitzing Seton House adult housing home (Azalea Baptist Team)

- 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM - Landscaping home exterior

It is IMPORTANT that volunteers sign-up @ KGPC'S Connection Point or contact Brian Miller directly by E-mail or phone. Work assignments, identifying equipment needs, materials, ordering-preparing food & refreshments needs have to be finalized as soon as possible. This is truly a community event! Volunteers from KGPC, Kings Grant Baptist, St Aidan's Episcopal, Azalea Baptist, Kings Grant ES students/parents, and Princess Anne HS teachers/students will be working in the community on this day.

Stop Hunger Now Food Packing Event Contact Kevin Mooney for more information. Sign-ups for Food Packing will be in the Connection Point.

- 12:30 PM to 4:30 PM food packaging event tentatively set for Kingston Elementary School. Our Goal is to package 30,000 meals.
- Morning packing hours 9-12, to be done by KGPC & St. Aidan's.

Please keep this program, its volunteers, people and organizations that we will be working with in your prayers. Also, please prayerfully consider sharing the talents that God has given you on this day of community service in His name. To God be the glory!

**Brian Miller and Kevin Mooney**

## King's Grant Presbyterian Church Ministries

