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MEADOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MESSENGER

Dear Meadows Presbyterian Church Family,

It has been a busy start to the summer here.

Vacation Bible School

I understand that close to 35 elementary age children (plus another 30 or more volunteer leaders and adults) kicked off the summer here in fine style during this year's **Vacation Bible School**. Their theme was "Son World Adventure Park" and the kids were encouraged to choose Jesus Christ. Many thanks to **Mike Weiglein and Kaki Payne and all the leaders** who have so faithfully and energetically ministered to our young ones this past week!

Meadows Summer Trips

As I write this Mike, three leaders and 15 middle school students are in Cleveland, TN for this year's **Great Escape**. This trip has been a yearly event over the last four years and one which has meant a great deal to many of our youth. Please be in prayer for them as they return to "real life" that the gospel seeds sown during their time away would take root and grow over the course of their lives.

Additionally, Abigail and Tim McConnell are making the final preparations for leading our team of 11 to **Nyeri, Kenya** this month. Please continue to be in prayer for all the many details of that trip.

Lastly, our **Senior High Mission Trip to Jackson, MS** will leave July 26th. At last count, this team will include close to 30 students.

New Members

A warm welcome to many new members over the last month or so. Please reach out and welcome **Paul and Sally Hunter**, who come by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church Charlottesville. Also **Bruce and Meg Barclay and their children John and Liz, Walt and Linda Weaver, Tom Hill, Louise Petrossian, Betty Steinke, Sherrie Pleasants, Steve and Rebekah Saunders, and Doug and Diana Zanzot** all united with our church in May. Thanks be to God! It is a joy to welcome these new friends in Christ among us.

Closing Thoughts

Paul wrote to the Thessalonian Church about his gratitude for God's work within them, "We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3.

The Goodrich family, old and young, gives great thanks to God for all the kindnesses extended to us over these last five years of ministry together here!

Grace and Peace,
Tom

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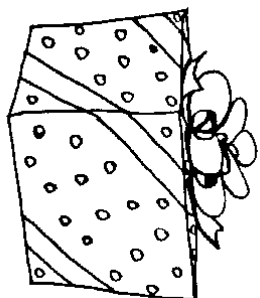
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A MINISTRY COMMITTED TO PASSION FOR CHRIST,
COMPASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER,
AND
GOD'S WORD FOR ALL

Ron Richey	7/1
Matthew Thayer	7/3
Beanie Crispens	7/5
Josh Taylor	7/5
Tom McCormick	7/12
Norm Pearson	7/13
Bobbie Cohen	7/17
Timothy Doyle	7/19
Joe Teague	7/20
Nancy Fischer	7/22
Jeremy Greller	7/22
Cathy Teague	7/22
Kendall Cox	7/23
Larry Massie	7/24
Sally Mathis	7/24
Eileen Knick	7/26
Jenny Ballard	7/27
Mary Seay	7/28
Bitzy Yancey	7/28

July



Session Highlights July 2008

1. Accepted with joy into Meadows membership:
 - Elizabeth Ann Barclay by transfer letter from United Methodist Church, Charlottesville, VA, she resides with her parents in Charlottesville.
 - Paul and Sally Hunter by transfer letter from First Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, VA. They reside in Earlysville, VA.
 2. In August, a new audio sound system will be installed in the sanctuary.
 3. Approved a service of immersion baptism at 5:30 PM on September 7.
 4. Approved the Bridge Ministry conducting the service on August 10 with a luncheon following under the auspices of the Outreach Committee.
 5. Kaki Payne, Vacation Bible School director, reported that 35 children attended June 16-20 with 21 6th graders and above assisting. This was an excellent group that enjoyed the time together.
 6. Heard the report that Wycliffe Bible Translator employee Vivian Mathews has retired and is now living in a retirement home.
 7. Received a report that Gus Hamre and Irene Hagerty completed the 2007 financial report with no irregularities. Suggestions of procedural changes will be investigated. Many thanks to Gus and Irene for their dedicated work.
 8. Approved Hospice Bereavement Support group using the facility for training in July, August and September.
 9. Approved the District 1 mission team using the Fellowship Hall on August 24 for a meeting.
 10. The Cross, taken down for roof repairs, is being investigated as to whether it is viable to go back on the roof. This will be reported later.
 11. Tim McConnell reported that he starts work with the Center for Christian Study, Charlottesville, where he will be Director of Graduate Studies, working primarily with the Darden Business School and The Law School. The Center looks forward to a closer connection with Meadows in conjunction with Tim's work. Tim and his family will continue to worship at Meadows.
- Clerk of the Session, Bill Stackhouse

From the Desk of Danielle Oakes

- Newsletter Deadline for the August newsletter will be Monday, July 28th and will be assembled and mailed on Thursday, July 31st.
- Weekly Deadline for the Bulletins will be every Wednesday.
- Items intended for the Newsletter or Bulletin are preferred via email or written.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

OLLI (JILL) Classes begin
September 8th
Fall 2008 Catalogs are available in the
Fellowship Hall

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute encourages senior adults to pursue continued education. In a stimulating environment, members may acquire new knowledge, explore ideas, exercise creativity and share interests. The new OLLI catalogs are located on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

Details and registration information for classes:
www.olliuva.org
434-923-3600

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 6	10 am	Traditional Worship with Lord's Supper
July 13	10 am	Contemporary Worship
July 20	10 am	Traditional Worship <i>Commissioning of Senior High Mission Team High School Mission Trip to Jackson, MS (July 26-Aug 2)</i>
July 27	10 am	Contemporary Worship
August 3	10 am	Traditional Worship with Lord's Supper
August 10	10 am	Contemporary Worship
August 17	10 am	Traditional Worship
August 24	10 am	Contemporary Worship
August 31	10 am	Traditional Worship

Habitat for Humanity seeks Office Volunteers three and one-half hour shifts once a week. Assets include some computer and organizational skills, good phone voice, common sense and a smile.
Ask for Laurie at 434-293-9066 or lcurtin@cvillehabitat.org.

MEADOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

	05/31/08	Budget	May	Year to Date	Remaining	Percent Spent
REVENUE						
Pledges, Envelopes		\$376,678.00	24,835.46	208,263.01	168,414.99	55.29%
Loose Plate		40,000.00	\$2,759.68	\$14,537.67	\$25,462.33	36.34%
Building Use		16,000.00	0.00	200.00	15,800.00	1.25%
Interest Income		10,000.00	279.38	5,065.73	4,934.27	50.66%
TOTAL REVENUE		\$442,678.00	27,874.52	228,066.41	214,611.59	51.52%
CHRISTIAN OUTREACH		\$62,050.00	\$5,800.00	\$24,261.42	\$37,788.58	39.10%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION		19,650.00	1,248.44	2,210.06	17,439.94	11.25%
WORSHIP		5,750.00	131.51	1,805.49	3,944.51	31.40%
FELLOWSHIP		2,400.00	213.31	1,201.13	1,198.87	50.05%
FACILITIES		106,716.00	18,390.54	58,186.65	48,529.35	54.52%
OFFICE ADMINISTRATION		18,550.00	1,707.45	7,837.88	10,712.12	42.25%
NURTURE MATERIALS		8,500.00	1,079.92	1,698.21	6,801.79	19.98%
NEW MEMBER		2,150.00	142.60	620.95	1,529.05	28.88%
PERSONNEL		281,034.00	23,510.68	114,206.93	166,827.07	40.64%
TOTAL BUDGET		\$506,800.00	\$52,224.45	\$212,028.72	\$294,771.28	41.84%
TOTAL REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		(\$64,122.00)	(\$24,349.93)	\$16,037.69		

Women's Corner



Ten reasons to become involved in Meadows Presbyterian Women:

1. Use your time in meaningful ways
2. Become better acquainted with other women of the Meadows Church family
3. Meet new people and make new friends
4. Learn marketable skills, gain valuable experiences and share these with others
5. Transfer your Christian belief into action
6. Discover new outlets for creative expression and feel a sense of accomplishment
7. Gain a sense of making a contribution to the lives of others
8. Enjoy the fellowship and fun of working with others for a common purpose
9. Grow and develop personally as a Christian woman and disciple of Christ
10. Be challenged by Christ's call to be servant leaders

As we take a summer break from our women's activities, I encourage each Meadows woman to consider over the next couple of months how she might like to become more involved with Meadows Presbyterian Women. What activities would you like to see happen and in what direction would you like to see our women go? Is there a particular mission project, either local or global, you would like to see us participate in?

Over the summer we will explore how we can expand our knitting into a vital ministry. If you have any suggestions, please contact anyone on our coordinating team.

If you are new to Meadows and would like to know more about what our women do, pick up a brochure from the table in the narthex or call Linda Powell, 977-7357. Have a great summer!

Who Benefits from Stephen Ministry?

Everybody benefits from Stephen Ministry. Those receiving care from Stephen Ministers benefit because they receive prayer and support throughout the crisis they face. Stephen Ministers benefit through the spiritual growth they experience from being involved in meaningful ministry. Our pastor benefits because caring ministry at Meadows is expanded, and fewer people will slip through the cracks. Most of all you benefit from the knowledge that special care is available to you should you need it. In addition, you now have a place where you can refer a friend, neighbor, coworker, relative, or anyone else you know who is going through a difficult time so that they can receive special care when they need it most. Stephen Ministry makes Meadows a much more caring place!



For more information, contact Rev. Tom Goodrich, Claire Zilmer, or DreneDeGood

Christian Outreach News

Men of Bridge Ministry to worship at Meadows- August 10th

The Christian Outreach Committee will be hosting men from the Bridge Ministry at our worship service on August 10th. The worship service will be followed with a time of fellowship and a luncheon. We welcome all to this annual event. More details will be forthcoming in the August newsletter and Sunday bulletins.

Salvation Army Dinner: An Opportunity to serve the community

On the fourth Tuesday night of each month Meadows provides a hot meal to about 125 men, women and children in our community who are without homes and would not have the pleasure of a hot meal if it were not provided for them.

Volunteers are needed to continue this important ministry of this church.

There are many ways you can help.

Servers- Arrive at the Salvation Army headquarters downtown about 5 PM. Prepare/heat the food, serve food beginning about 6 PM. We are finished by 6:45 at the latest and the best is there is no clean up as the staff does that.

Shoppers- The food is purchased at Sam's Club. Would you be willing to make a trip every couple of months to shop and make sure our shelves are full?

Transporter of food- Arrive at the church about 4:30. Pack your car and make sure all food is downtown by 5 PM.

Coordinator- It would be very helpful to have someone who is willing to coordinate the servers, shoppers and transporter of food. That person would make sure volunteers and food is available and that every thing comes together. This is really not an involved job and would take *at the max a couple of hours per month. You do not have to do all of the above yourselves.* This job is a ministry that needs gift of asking others and delegating.

If you would consider being a volunteer for any of the above descriptions, please contact Kathy Floyd @434-979-9515 or per e-mail at katlfloyd@aol.com.

Vivian Matthews retires from Wycliffe Ministries

The Christian Outreach Committee recently received communication from Wycliffe informing us of the retirement of Vivian Matthews. Vivian served the Lord for the past 15 years in Brazil and later in Waxhaw N.C. Meadows has assisted us in the funding of this ministry for much of this time.

Jim Smotherman, Personnel Administrator of Wycliffe writes:

... Vivian is happy that the Lord has blessed her financially. She believes her resources will provide ample retirement income.

Therefore, she encourages you to continue supporting Bible translation through other channels.

... Please join us in prayer for Vivian as she makes this major transition. Thank you again for the part you have had in her ministry possible and for the progress that has meant in providing God's Word in the languages of the overlooked peoples of the world.

Vivian has retired to Wesley Pines Retirement Community in Lumberton, NC.

From the Heart

Tom and church family,
Thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness during our difficult time. Your support and love were very much appreciated and evident during the prayer service you hosted at your church. We will never forget how wonderful your love and support are to us. God Speed, Michele & Clint Aichs



Thanks to all for your prayers, calls & cards in support of our family during the recent crisis of Taylor's accident.

On May 17th, our oldest grandson was a passenger in a Motor Vehicle Accident. We panicked at the news. He was ejected through the sunroof and landed 30 ft. from the vehicle. Miraculously he lived and was air transported to Norfolk General Hospital. We nervously talked about a way to help him on this sad day. Updated news from his parents gave us hope that his injuries may not be life threatening and shortly thereafter I was in route to be with them. He was being transferred to the trauma unit after spending hours in the E.R. just as I arrived. From that time he was cared for in the best way by skilled doctors, nurses and ancillary caregivers. A collapsed lung, fractured shoulder, ribs and multiple skin lacerations caused severe pain. The excellent care and management over the next 3 days was a perfect example of compassion & love. He was taken to the operating room on 5/19, where glass, gravel and dirt were removed from his upper body under general anesthesia. Four days later he had the chest tube removed and was discharged to recover at home with his mom, dad and younger brother.

One month has passed and Taylor is doing well. He is suffering in pain from the shoulder injury and continues to remove glass fragments from his chest. His patience is being tested, however, he is proof that the body is very forgiving and healing occurs slowly.

The wake-up call was heart breaking and continued prayers for his mental/physical recovery are appreciated. Taylor Maxwell Harper is a precious person whose life was spared without using a seat belt. Thanks be to God! Larry and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. In Christ, Kitty Pettit

With Many Thanks

SARA-Voices of Hope and Healing: On behalf of SARA staff, I'd like to thank you for supporting SARA's annual vigil through the donation of your flowers! Sincerely, Lindsey Strickland

Youth & Children's Ministries



Greetings from

Son World Adventure Park,

where everyone is on a great adventure!!!!

We had a fantastic week with 35 children and many countless volunteers. Thank you for praying for us and for donating the many needed items that helped to make this week a huge success. I want to thank some special people who were there during the week teaching and leading.



Scenery: Tom and Jennie Wilson, Maggie, Sarah and Lauren Payne, Skye White, Matt Anderson, Rachel Hopkins, Anna Goodrich, Caroline Goodrich, Sarah Burris, Joe Burris, Emma and Kathy McCutcheon, Shannon Wilson, Megan Dierolf, Elise Mollica and Katie Taylor

Crafts: Nancy Grimes, Sarah Burris, Rebekah Saunders, Maggie Payne and Elise Mollica

Pre School: Gloria Stackhouse, Diane Burris, Lauren Payne

Bible: Nancy Goodrich, Mary Spencer

Snacks: Jana Powers, Anne Hobson, Mary Seay

Music: Kris Bonham, Emily Cohen, Cindy Frazier

Recreation: Mike Weiglein, Tucker Poe, Matthew Cummings, Jeremy Greller

Teen Leaders: Drew Carpenter, Joe Burris, Skye White, Amber Maxa, Cason Spencer, Kirsten Bonham, Sally Mathis, Shannon Wilson, Josh Taylor, Robbie Taylor, Rachel Hopkins, Matt Anderson, Megan Dierolf and David Widder-Varjeghi

If I have forgotten to mention someone that was helping, I am sorry, but am truly thankful that you were there!!!!

Choose today whom you will serve...but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord.

Peace be with you,

Kaki

The Deep

Summer Bible Studies in July

Middle School Bible Study - Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm

High School Bible Study - Tuesdays 7:30-9:00 pm

High School Mission Trip to Jackson, Mississippi July 26th-August 2nd
Please be in prayer for the youth and leaders.