

June 2016 Newsletter

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Dear Friends,

In our Presbyterian tradition, we place great emphasis on the sermon – God’s Word preached – and rightly so. Through reading and interpreting the story of God’s activity in the world, our ancestors in the faith, and the gift of grace in Jesus Christ, we learn about our own faith and our responsibility to others. Last week, I heard some of the finest preachers in the church today at the annual Festival of Homiletics in Atlanta, and my spirit was greatly lifted.

As wonderful as it is to hear the Word preached, we also recognize that we must experience the Word “enacted” through the Sacraments. Faith is more than words. God is experienced through all five senses, a great gift to those for whom the ears alone are not enough to take in the majesty of our story. Communion and baptism are no less an expression of the very same blessings of the sermon simply for taking place somewhere instead of the pulpit. Indeed, the fact that they take place in the midst of the congregation itself speaks to how the faith we learn through preaching on Sunday is lived out in the rest of our lives during the rest of the week.

Recently, we’ve been blessed to baptized three of Christ’s disciples, and I hope during the celebration of that Sacrament, you have been able to claim once again the mystery and the blessing of your own baptism through the waters we pour and the Spirit Christ pours out. As we celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper next on June 5, I hope that your taste buds, optic nerves, and fingertips bring you closer to Christ’s body and blood, and the grace to which they give evidence.

Our Book of Order guides our understanding of the administration of the Sacraments and offers special instruction with respect to those who can perhaps appreciate most the sensory nature of the Sacraments: “Baptized children who are being nurtured and instructed in the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response are invited to receive the Lord’s Supper, recognizing that their understanding of participation will vary according to their maturity.”

That Thyatira’s children (and their parents) may be “instructed,” we will be holding a Communicant’s Class on Sunday, June 12 at 11:15 in Fellowship Hall. This will be open to all ages, whether a child is preparing to come to the table for the first time, or a lifelong member would just like to know a little more about what the Sacrament is all about. No signup is necessary. Simply show up to “taste and see that the Lord is good!”

I hope to see you there!

Peace, Stacey

AROUND THE CHURCH

ACTIVITIES, EVENTS, AND HAPPENINGS

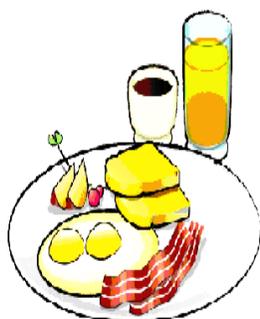
Coming up in June...

- Our worship moves to 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.
- On Sunday, June 12 at 11:15 in Fellowship Hall, Pastor Stacey will lead a Communicant's Class (Communion instruction) for all ages
- On Sunday, June 26, we worship in the Amphitheatre in Sloan Park with a picnic following the service. Please bring food for you and perhaps something to share!

SUMMER SCHEDULE

(June & July)
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9AM
WORSHIP 10AM

Community Breakfast



Thyatira Presbyterian Church

220 White Rd.
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Saturday, June 4, 2016
6:30-9:30am

Cost: Adults - \$6
Children (10 and under) - \$3

All you can eat!

Menu: Eggs, Sausage, Country Ham, Biscuits,
 Gravy, Grits, Coffee, Juice, Milk & Chocolate Milk

Invite A Friend on June 26!

Our "Worship in the Park" on June 26 at 10:00 is a great time to invite a friend to find out more about our church and how God is at work in your friend's life.

Worship in the Park is a great setting for those friends who may be skittish about coming to "church," and also offers a way for a visitor to experience Thyatira's hospitality and fellowship at the meal that will follow the service.

So go ahead, be bold! Invite a friend to join us at Sloan Park on June 26!

SESSION REPORT of MAY 8, 2016

- Session approved the Deacons spending \$2500 to complete the restroom in the Fellowship Hall.
- Session approved the Christian Education Committee's request to have all Sunday School classes meet in the Fellowship Hall on Fifth Sundays.
- Session approved the request of John Lineberry to transfer his membership to Milford Hills Baptist Church.
- Norma Lauder was approved to replace John Lineberry on the Trust Fund Committee.
- Session approved the acceptance for membership of Jada Ware-Guy, Katie Hoffner, Robert Wilkie, Flora Calderón-Steck, and Eric Rouse.
- Session approved the Worship Committee's proposal to remove the front center pew to create additional space in the front. This is a six week trail and will be evaluated at the July/August Session meeting.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 Madisyn Patterson
 4 Brenda Ward
 5 Jimmy Hoffner
 8 Susan Graham
 8 Leigh Anne Wetmore
 14 Charles Sloop
 14 Brayden Beard
 15 Maggie Daniel
 17 Courtney Bell
 17 Cooper Covington
 18 Frank Fuller
 19 Rebecca Morrison
 20 Danielle Deal
 20 Taylor Patterson
 21 Katelynn McKnight
 22 Lydia Richmond
 23 Dot Luther
 25 Raeyven Hobbs
 26 John Sloan
 28 Samuel Hager

Congratulations to Jeremy and Klancy Deal who were married on Saturday, May 14 in Salisbury. Pastor Stacey officiated.

BAPTISM: Katherine Richmond was baptized on May 1, 2016. Kate is the daughter of Lydia & Aaron Richmond, and sister to Alex, Jakob and Tucker.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Liberty Commons: Frank Fuller (Rm. 405)
 Nell Fuller (Rm. 406)

Lutheran Home: Mullie Varner
 Rebecca Morrison

C/O George Calhoun: Mary Alice Calhoun

White Oak Manor, Charlotte: Ruby Erwin

At Home: JoAnn Kerr
 Thelma Walton

Also keep in your thoughts and prayers:

- Sue Corneliuson for kidney transplant
- Ruth Albright's sister-in-law, Eloise Morgan, passed away on May 20
- Cam Hall's mother, Patsy Beard, passed away on May 15
- Former member, Mark Harrison, son of Ben & Ola Mae Harrison, passed away on May 16
- Tom Hall's uncle, Tom Foreman of Oak Park, passed away on May 16
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden, has congestive heart failure and is under Hospice Care in West Virginia
- Drema Clemens' sister, Debbie Meadows
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Jeanie Irvin, wife of former member Kevin Irvin and daughter-in-law of Kitty & Tony Harris, is recovering from surgery
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Debbie Edwards' mom and dad, Peggy and Murray, and her mother in law, Margaret
- Debbie Belk, a friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Matt, Desha Carson and family, friend of Corrie Connolly, Asia missionaries
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family who are missionaries



Prayer

*How to do nothing
 and still think you're helping*

We welcomed the following individuals into our church family on May 15th and celebrated with a covered dish lunch.

- Robert Wilkie
- Flora Calderón-Steck
- Katie Hoffner
- Jada Ware-Guy



Summer Sun but Safety First

Not only do we think of June as the beginning of our summer; it is also National Safety Month. "Summer is a great time to enjoy the great outdoors and swim, hike, travel, barbecue, but we also want to steer clear of accidents and injuring," Health and Human Resources Secretary Tommy G. Thompson said. "By taking simple precautions, we can have fun and stay safe at the same time."

Sun and Heat: Studies show that more than a million cases of the most common forms of skin cancer are diagnosed each year, and that even a few serious sunburns can increase your risk of getting skin cancer. How many of you have had at least three sunburns in your life? Please do not feel that skin cancer can't happen to you. Many of you have a parent or grandparent who has had these cancers removed and they are aware that they may face more removals. Great knowledge about the sun and its affects on the skin is known today; everyone should be more aware and take the dangers seriously. This does not mean staying out of the sun completely, but there are some common-sense precautions. Protect yourself during the time of day when the sun's UV (ultraviolet) rays are the strongest-between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm-by wearing long sleeves and pants, and by applying sunscreen and a protect lip balm of SPF 15 or higher. (We often forget that our lips need protection also). Be sure to apply these screens frequently, especially after swimming.

Excessive heat exposure can lead to death. Most heat-related deaths occur in the hot summer months, and the elderly, the very young and people with chronic health problems are most at risk. Because even healthy people can fall victim to summer heat, take the following precautions to reduce your risk.

- Drink plenty of water or other non-alcoholic beverages.
- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothes.
- Reduce strenuous activities on very hot days or leave them until the cooler part of the day.

Water safety: Thousand of Americans drown each year, and thousands more are injured or killed in boating accidents. Drowning is the second leading cause of injury-related deaths for children age 14 and under. Follow these precautions for safe summer fun in the water.

- Always have an adult closely supervise young children any time they are swimming, playing or even bathing in water.
- Never swim alone or in unsupervised locations. Teach your children to always swim with a buddy.
- Never drink alcohol before or while swimming, boating, water skiing, and never drink alcohol while supervising children.
- Learn to swim, as swimming lessons benefit adults and children certainly by the age of four.
- If you have a pool, be sure that you properly maintain the

pool to help prevent the spread of infectious diseases. Never swallow pool, lake or river water.

Food Safety: Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues and picnics; however, food-related illnesses can ruin what was meant to be a wonderful time. The CDC estimates that more than 76 million Americans get sick from food-related illness every year. Protect yourself, family and friends in these ways:

- Cook meat, poultry and seafood thoroughly. Use a meat thermometer to be sure that your grilled meat is done.
- Don't cross-contaminate one food with another. Wash your hands, utensils and cutting board after they have been in contact with raw meat or poultry.
- Bacteria can grow quickly at room temperature, so refrigerate leftover foods promptly.
- Wash product thoroughly to remove all dirt or spray which has been used on these, and discard the outermost leaves of a head of lettuce or cabbage.

Tick Bites and Mosquitoes: Tick bites are responsible for a variety of illnesses including Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever. These diseases can be very serious so it is very important to protect yourself. Mosquitoes frequent area of entrapped, still water so be sure that you try to eliminate these from your environment. New information seems to be coming out each day about the dangers which can come from some mosquitoes.

- Wear long sleeves and long pants and tuck pants into socks when walking in areas where ticks may be found.
- Use a tick/bug repellent.
- Use tick repellent for your pets.
- Staying in the center of paths, keeping away from overgrown areas and not sitting directly on the ground will help.
- Perform checks for ticks on all family members.
- Learn the signs of tick-related illnesses.
- Call your doctor if you feel someone has been exposed and are showing signs of illness.
- Treat bites with appropriate ointment.
- Avoid bug-friendly hours between dusk and dawn.
- Scented soaps, perfumes, and hair spray and even drinking beer may attract mosquitoes and other bugs.
- Use a EPA approved repellent if you are going to be exposed.

Bees, Wasps, and other stinging insects: These may be minor irritations for some while they are seriously dangerous for others. Always attend to stings, watching for redness and swelling.

- If possible, remove the stinger first by using a straight-edge object (credit card, flat-edged knife)
- Wash area with soap and water, and apply ice.
- If you are allergic, or notice any unusual redness, swelling or any other atypical reaction seek medical help.

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Congratulations 2016 Graduates

Mooresville HS
Raeyven Hobbs

North Rowan HS
Brandon White

South Rowan HS
Miranda Belk

West Rowan HS
Sam Hager
CJ Ingram
Jonathan Luther
Claudia Patterson
Victoria Patterson

College Graduates
Mary McCachren
UNC Wilmington

*If we have missed someone,
please call the church office.*

Summer Sun but Safety First—continued from pg. 5

Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac: These plants can cause great discomfort and even serious problems if handled incorrectly. Follow these rules to protect yourself.

It's the oil from the leaves of these plants that causes potential allergic reactions.

Wear protective clothing to help decrease any potential exposure.

Learn how to recognize what is a poisonous plant and avoid these (these can be easily found on internet).

Avoid bushy overgrown areas where these can be hidden.

If you feel that you might have been exposed, you should shower or bath as quickly as possible, or at least wash all exposed areas with warm soapy water.

Remember that it is not only touching the plant that should be avoided, inhaling the smoke when the plant is burned can also be dangerous.

Quick Reminders: Many of our summer activities carry their own quick list of things we should and should not do. Often we know the safety requirements, but for whatever reason we ignore them. Tragic accidents can happen when we are careless or thoughtless.

Never leave a child or a pet in an enclosed car. It takes little time for temperatures to rise to dangerous heights.

Life jackets save lives, not only lives of those who cannot swim. Anyone can get in trouble in certain situations in the water. These are often neglected because they are seen as less comfortable or inconvenient, but they save lives.

All-terrain vehicles are not just for summer fun, but they may be enjoyed more in the summer. There are specific safety rules which should be followed. The person using these vehicles should have completed a hands-on training course. Most safety experts feel that those who are too young to have a driver's license are too young to operate an off-road vehicle. Remember double riding can make an ATV more unstable and hard to control.

Fireworks are enjoyed especially on July 4 and New Year's, but they are used to celebrate at other times as well. These sources of beauty can also be sources of burns, scars, and even loss of limbs if not handled properly. Do not use the fireworks which are meant for professionals at a home celebration. These are regulated in North Carolina for the safety of its citizens. Many of us know people who go to South Carolina to get some of those not allowed in our state. They might have enjoyed these for years, but the potential for a serious accident is great.

Most if not all of the information in this article is familiar to us, but each year lives are lost and serious injuries occur because we ignore safety rules for fun or convenience sake. This summer, play it safe and stay healthy.

*The greatest gift
I ever had
came from God
I call him Dad*

JUNE SCHEDULES

Greeters: Keith Vaughan, Jimmy Hoffner, Claudia Patterson

Ushers: Jay Bates, Ted Fuller, Charlie King, Melissa Kluttz, Ben Watts

Liturgists

5—Janet Lambert
12—Joyce Caldwell
19—Flora Calderón Steck
26—Phares Sechler

Nursery

5—Corrie Connolly, Cindy Connolly, Courtney Bell
12—Laurel Harcum, Ben & Mariah Watts, Klancy Deal
19—Beth Bates, Michelle Patterson, Selena Bell
26—Linda Rogers, Janet Lambert, Alice Sloop



Nursery News...

We are so thankful to have so many young children at worship with us each Sunday. Because of this blessing, we have had to re-work the way the nursery will work during worship each Sunday. Beginning June 5, we will divide the children according to age/size during worship. This is for the safety of all children and will allow the nursery volunteers to give more attention to the children in each room.

- There will be a nursery volunteer in each room for the entire worship service.
- The babies will meet in the nursery upstairs. This room has age-appropriate toys, seats, a changing table, etc. It is a safe environment for younger, less independent children.
- The older children will meet in the preschool classroom downstairs. This room is the first door on the right past the adult bathrooms. This room has age appropriate toys, as well as a restroom for children who are potty trained. It is not a requirement for children to be potty trained to go in this room.
- There will be a third volunteer who will stay in worship until after the Time for Young Disciples. This person will bring the children who have been in worship to the appropriate nursery room. Whichever room has more of a need is where the floater will stay.
- Parents will need to use their discretion as to which nursery (babies or big kids) their child should attend.
- There may be occasions in which a fourth person is needed. If this is the case, the floater will walk to the sanctuary to ask another, unscheduled nursery volunteer to come help. The nursery schedule will be sent by email to each nursery volunteer. Please make sure that your spot is covered if you are unable to be at church on the Sunday that you are scheduled. The schedule will also be printed weekly in the bulletin. Thank you so much, parents, for bringing your children to church each week. Also, a huge thanks to all who have volunteered to help in the nursery on Sundays.

Sincerely, Abby Covington, Nursery Coordinator

Minutes of the Presbyterian Women's Meeting

May 21, 2016

The meeting was opened with devotions given by Carol King. Eleven women attended the meeting with the following discussions:

- Planned the meal for the Mt. Ulla High School Class of 1944 Reunion.
- Made plans for advertising the Community Breakfast, which will be held on June 4, 2016 from 6:30 until 9:30am.
- Flora Calderón-Steck volunteered to become the Cluster Coordinator for Salem Presbytery Presbyterian Women. Our church represents Cluster 5.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Sharon Deal.

Melissa Kluttz, PW Secretary

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2016-17 PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

This past month, we had two children (one in each of the 3 and the 4 year old classrooms) withdraw. And, we still have several openings in the 2 year old class. If you know of someone who would be interested in our preschool, please have them contact the church office. Preschool begins the day after Labor Day, Sept. 6.

It's so hard to believe that our school year is coming to an end. This month has gone so fast. The little ones made flowers for Mother's Day and summer pictures. They continue to go over ABC's and counting to 20. They've done really well with learning their shapes and recognizing the names. They enjoyed outdoor play days and our end of the year class party. They presented their end of year program and they all did so good. Thank you for sending them to preschool and sharing them with us! Hope everyone has a safe and blessed summer!!

For the month of May, the children made gifts for their moms for Mother's Day. They made a coconut tree decorated with letters to go with the story, "Chica, Chica Boom Boom." The week ended with a Luau — dancing the limbo and playing a game of pass the coconut plus a special snack. For the end of year program the children sang songs from the past year. I would like to take this time to thank all the families for bringing your children to preschool at Thyatira. Sharon and I have enjoyed working with your children. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.

It's hard to believe this year has come to a close. The children have grown and blossomed in so many ways. Congratulations to our graduates: Finn Basinger, Aiden Best, Hope Bostian, Robin Diederich, Audrey Faggart, Ronan Henriksen, Ansley Hoffner, Emma Houghton, Blake Looney, Jakob Richmond, Alex Stubblefield and Tinley Summitt. God's blessing to them as they begin their next adventure at "Big School!" Have a wonderful summer!