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All articles should be submitted to Deb Bundesen at deborah.bundesen@carypresbyterian.org

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A Parable of Prayer

from Your Word Is Fire:

The Hasidic Masters on Contemplative Prayer

A father and his son, travelling together in a wagon, came to the edge of a forest. Some bushes, thick with berries, caught the child's eye. "Father," he asked, "may we stop a while so that I can pick some berries?" The father was anxious to complete his journey, but he did not have it in his heart to refuse the boy's request. The wagon was called to a halt, and the son alighted to pick the berries. After a while, the father wanted to continue on his way. But his son had become so engrossed in berry-picking that he could not bring himself to leave the forest. "Son!" cried the father. "We cannot stay here all day! We must continue our journey!" Even the father's pleas were not enough to lure the boy away. What could the father do? Surely he loved his son no less for acting so childishly. He would not think of leaving him behind...but he really did have to get going on his journey.

Finally, he called out: "You may pick your berries for a while longer, but be sure you are still able to find me, for I shall start moving slowly along the road. As you work, call out 'Father, Father!' every few minutes, and I shall answer you. As long as you can hear my voice, know that I am still nearby. But as soon as you can no longer hear my answer, know that you are lost, and run with all your strength to find me!"

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Holy Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

March 20 11:00 a.m. All Together Worship	Passion/Palm Sunday Chancel Choir Cantata: Harvest of Sorrows by Joseph M. Martin
March 24 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae Worship and Communion Remembering the Last Supper
March 25	Good Friday The Sanctuary will be open for prayer and reflection
March 27 7:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.	Easter Sunday Celebrating the Risen Christ! Sunrise Worship Service in the outdoor chapel (In the Sanctuary if inclement weather) All Together Sunday School Egg-stravaganza! Worship in the Sanctuary The Sacrament of Communion will be celebrated at all worship services.

Session Highlights

At its recent meetings Session:

- Approved a motion from the Christian Education Ministry Team to hold a special program for Lent-Geo-Caching for Lent.
- Accepted a registered nurse, Sarah Rodriguez, who will work with Mandy Nester to complete the community health practicum requirement for her Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
- Appointed a Session Strategy Team that will recommend goals and direction for the Session, designed to focus on strengthening and growing CPC.
- Approved members of the Youth Director search team: Leah Burton, Izzy Bradsher, Darlene Donkin, Medora Hix, Jason Riffle and Belinda Weinbrecht.
- Elected the following officers of the CPC Corporation for a one year term: David Bohm, President; Peg Geisbrecht, Vice President; Rhonda Carlile, Clerk; Barbara Carew, Treasurer
- Commissioned and signed a covenant which was developed at the recent Elder retreat that will guide Session members as they live out the vows they took as Ruling Elders.
- Received training from Jerry Slaymaker on Roberts Rules of Order.
- Approved an Audio Recording Project to be called Ties That Bind and led by Caroline Derifaj.
- Elected Su Johnson and Cathy Williams as Elder Commissioners to attend the

New Hope Presbytery meeting to be held at Hudson Memorial in Raleigh on March 5.

Rhonda Carlile, Clerk of Session

If you have questions about any of the items listed above, please contact one of your elders: Leah Burton, Rhonda Carlile, Jeff Clark, Melinda Crouse, Wendy Czika, Caroline Derifaj, Bob Hall, Al Hardie, Justin Hancock, Dee Hatch, Su Johnson, Ben Kadlec, Brandon Keith, Conniesue Oldham, Boyce Oglesby, Scott Patrick, Melanie Phillips, Kecia Simmons, Jennifer Simpson, Jerry Slaymaker, Tom Van Scoyoc or Cathy Williams

Copies of approved session meeting minutes are available by contacting Deb Bundesen at the church office.

***A Quiet Day in Lent
Saturday, March 5,
9:00 a.m.-noon***

In Matthew 11:28-30 we read: "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." (from The Message)



Stop by the church during the morning of March 5 for a few minutes, three hours, or anything in between for rest and renewal in the quietness. You will have the option of reading Lenten passages (or the reading of your choice), doing some simple artwork, walking the labyrinth in the Fellowship Hall or outdoors, or simply sitting with a cup of Fair Trade coffee or tea.

Members of the Spiritual Practices Ministry Team (Jeanne Bolick, Diane Garber, and Becky Hambrick) will be present to help guide you.

Is your "One Great Hour of Sharing" Fish Bank Filling Up?

This offering of our denomination will be received on Palm Sunday, March 20. Funds are designated for assistance with hunger relief, disaster assistance, and self-development of people. We could provide seeds, agricultural assistance, hygiene kits, drill wells to provide clean water, or set up cooperatives and marketing for products produced where transportation is difficult. Fish banks are now available. Envelopes will be in the pews.



Triple F Group

Bob and Deky Hall will report on their trip to Croatia, Bosnia, and Slovenia on Monday, March 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 100. They will bring pictures of some outstandingly different sites.

On March 21, Medora Hix and friends will provide information on CPC's Guatemalan "Esperanza" mission. Exciting things are happening!

The "Five Wishes" program will be rescheduled, due to our wintry mix weather on February 15.



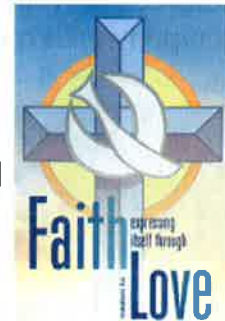
Loaves and Fishes

The Loaves and Fishes "Lifting Minds and Hearts" breakfast and program will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 7:30-9:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Memorial Hall, 112 S. Hargett Street, Raleigh. Guest Speaker will be News & Observer Columnist Barry Saunders.

Tickets are \$30 per person; to reserve a seat, email admin@LAFChildren.org or call 919-231-4687. Come hear the Loaves and Fishes story.

North Carolina Presbyterian Spring Pilgrimage, March 10-13

Experience a weekend of Christian sharing and living as you travel your journey in faith. The goal of Pilgrimage is to encourage Christians, to help them grow in their lives of faith and increase both their awareness of grace and desire to serve Christ in the church and the world. Grace and growth are combined in an unique, energetic, and fun way. For more information, contact Su Johnson su-johnson@nc.rr.com.



Christian Education

Milestones in March - Two different Milestones are being offered and celebrated this month.

1. Driver's License Milestone for high schoolers who recently took this step or those who anticipate it in 2016, on Sunday, March 13. The Driver's License Milestone class (mandatory) is for parents and youth alike during Sunday School that morning (at 9:45 a.m.), followed by a time of recognition and gifting in the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This has become a meaningful event in the life of the church.
2. Prayer Milestone for First Graders will be offered March 13 and 20, with a recognition on Sunday, May 1. Also for parents and children, this two week class will be offered during Faith Journey Sunday school.

Getting Ready to Launch "CPC Faith Formation 24-7 Website!"

This website is the go-to place to connect with many resources available for faith formation any time during the day or night, sitting in a carpool line or sitting in bed at the end of a long day. The Christian Education Ministry has been considering this and Director of Christian Education, Medora Hix, has been working on this for more than a year. After the "Welcome" page, there are pages for Adult Faith Formation, Parents and Families (with connecting pages for Parents of Young Children and Parents of Teens), a Kids page, and a Teens page. We're just tweaking the last things to get it ready to publish. Watch for more information about a kick-off soon.

Special Easter Sunday School



This year on Easter Sunday, our tradition of an intergenerational Sunday School continues with another version of an "Egg-stravaganza." There will be several Easter egg hunts or activities going on: decorating "He is Risen" eggs and filling them to give away to others, a Scripture egg hunt, and this year's version of the Resurrection Egg Hunt. The traditional Flower Cross will be decorated with fresh flowers that congregants bring in. Please bring finger foods to share. All this at 9:45 a.m., nestled between the glorious worship services on Easter.



Hello, Cary Presbyterian Church Family! Are you interested in a summer opportunity for your preschooler and rising Kindergartner? Cary Presbyterian Preschool is offering two weeks of summer camp this year! This will be a wonderful opportunity for your child to play and grow and experience lots of fun activities within the church.

Session 1: A Week At The Beach (June 20-24)

Session 2: Summer Olympics Fun (July 18-22)

Camp will take place Monday - Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. You will bring a lunch each day. The cost per week is \$110. Children who have completed 3's or 4's Preschool classes are eligible. Preschool families, church members and friends are all welcome to attend! For more information and registration packets, please email angie.keith@carypresbyterian.org or call 919-469-2229.

\$Financial Update\$

We report with great joy and thanksgiving the following gifts received during the five weeks ending February 28, 2016:

- Gifts of \$220 to the minister's discretionary fund
- Special offering gifts of \$382 to Church World Service Blanket Fund
- Gifts of \$100 to One Great Hour of Sharing
- Gifts of \$178 to the Parish Nurse fund in memory of Jim Hobbs
- Gift of \$20 to Esperanza, our Guatemala mission
- Donations of items to our Medical Equipment Loan Closet

As of Sunday, February 28, we are two months into the new year. On average over the last five years, we have received 16.3% of our planned giving by the end of February. This year, we have received 15.4% of our planned giving, so we are slightly behind where we typically are.

We are truly grateful to all who have shared God's treasure, regardless of how large or small. All of your gifts are truly appreciated.



The family of Mickey Waller wishes to thank all the wonderful CPC members, friends and Deacons who recently helped unpack her storage shed and share her items with families in our community. A special thank you to Tom Stuart and Mandy Nester.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

We are currently experiencing computer problems which make the birthday and anniversary information unavailable. The IT Team is working to restore the system. Thank you for your patience.

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