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Announcements for the weekly bulletin and the Friday e-Link are always due on Wednesdays at noon. Items for the monthly edition of The Link are always due on the 15th of the month unless you receive notification to the contrary.

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



*Ever-renewing and energizing Creator,
Come, stir in my dormant spiritual limbs.*

*Wake up my tired prayer.
Revive my weary efforts of care.
Sing hope into my discouragement.*

*Wash my dusty, drab attitude
with the cleansing rains of your vision.*

*Go deep to my roots and penetrate my faith
with the vibrancy of your grace.*

*Shake loose the old leftover oak leaves
of my tenacious ego-centeredness.*

Coax joy to sprout from my difficulties.

*Warm the buds of my relationships
so they bloom with healthy love.*

*Clear out my wintered debris
with the wild breeze of your liberating presence.*

Nudge me, woo me, entice me, draw me to you.

*I give you my trust and my gratitude as you
grace me slowly thawing spirit.*

*Light-filled Being, my Joy and my Hope,
let the greening in me begin.*

From *Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems, and Reflections for Every Season* by Joyce Rupp.

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That Easter Day with Joy was Bright!

The clouds and drizzle dimmed, compared to the rejoicing of Easter morning at CPC! Many thanks to all who plotted and planned, tidied and tended the grounds, practiced and made beautiful music, prayed and read, adorned the flower cross, participated in the Eggstravaganza festivities and gathered to celebrate the Risen Christ. It was such a treat to have Dr. Kyle in the house! One Great Hour of Sharing netted \$133.24 from the Fish Banks. An additional thanks to everyone whose generosity in remembering loved ones filled the chancel with the florals of spring and added resources to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Please see the list of honored loved ones below. Now, let us abide in this our joyful Eastertide!

Given in Loving Memory of:

Ben and Eugenia Trammell, Anne Margaret's parents,
by Joey & Anne Margaret Bartholomew
Loved Ones, by Tom & Jeanne Bolick
Charlie Davidson, husband and father, by Marilyn Davidson and Family
Bill and Mozelle Williams, Gwen's parents, by Yates & Gwen Fletcher
Kathy Giesbrecht, daughter, by Peg Giesbrecht
Francis Giesbrecht, husband, by Peg Giesbrecht
Gary Govert, husband, by Ellen Govert
Rev. Bertrand and Janet Hinrichs, Paula's parents, by John & Paula Hansen
Nancy Tombaugh, friend, by Sue Harley
Rita Roberson, friend, by Sue Harley
Alice Lenora McNeely, mother, by Alex & Kim Herring and Family
Ralph McNeely Herring, brother, by Alex & Kim Herring and Family
Jim Hobbs, husband, by Naureen Hobbs
Lucy Honeycutt, Wayne's mother, by Wayne & Fay Honeycutt
Paul and Blanche Chandler, Fay's parents, by Wayne & Fay Honeycutt
Roger L. Johnson, husband, by Susan D. Johnson
Kookil and Okhee Kim, parents, by Harrison Kim
Jinhwa Jeong, wife, by Harrison Kim
John Chulho Awe, grandfather, by Harrison Kim
Loved Ones, by James Kurz
Loved Ones, by Kathy Lindabery
Debra Lowry Johnson, daughter, by Bob & Mary Lou Lowry
Betty Jo Harris, sister-in-law, by Len & Jean Mercer
Nancy Harris, sister-in-law, by Len & Jean Mercer
Our Grandparents, by John & Sheri Mitten
Paul W. Ogle, husband, by Sandy Ogle
William Rackley, Robert's father, by Robert & Honor Rackley
Chloe Rackley, daughter, by Robert & Honor Rackley
Robb Booker, Tom's favorite cousin's son, by Tom & Evie Timney
Mr. & Mrs. C. Anderson Warner, Charles's parents, by Charles & Undine Warner
Dr. & Mrs. Harvey C. Bridges, Undine's parents, by Charles & Undine Warner

Given in Honor of:

Gene and Kitty Bartholomew, Joey's parents,

by Joey & Anne Margaret Bartholomew

Spencer, Gracie, Haley, Hannah, Sarah, Anabelle and Wyatt, their grandchildren,

by George & Penny Burke

Mike, Jen, Mary Alice, Brooke and Charlotte Greer,

by Jen's mother and stepfather, Bill & Pat Criswell

Ragland and Sallie Fletcher, by Yates & Gwen Fletcher

Master Gardener Bob Kellam, by Dick & Dee Hatch

Visiting Family, by Ben & Corinne Kadlec

Matthew and Nathan, our sons, by John & Sheri Mitten

Sean, Melissa and Caleb Timney, our son, daughter-in-law and new grandson,

by Tom & Evie Timney



Sign-up sheets for the Wednesday, April 20, CPC Blood Drive are on the ledge in front of the Fellowship Hall. We need donors as well as Greeters, volunteers for the Canteen, and healthy snacks for the donors. Look for the red balloons THIS SUNDAY, April 3.

SIGN UP!



Please help fund the construction
of CPC's new street sign!

- Beginning Sunday, April 10, we will have information about our new street sign available on the website and at the "SIGN UP" table before and after worship.
- We will accept donations via check, cash or credit card to help fund the estimated \$12,000 sign construction costs .
- Be sure to watch the video of the bourbon bottle story - coming soon on the church website!
- A \$100 contribution is suggested; any amount is appreciated.
- Questions? Contact "SIGN UP" team members Al Hardie, Len Clark, Tia Van Scoyoc or Barbara Carew.

***The Memorials and Endowment Committee
Announces its Grant Cycle for 2016
Application Deadline is June 13, 2016***

Is there a mission- or faith-based activity you are passionate about, but it is not yet sponsored through the CPC budget? If so, a grant issued by the Memorials and Endowment Team is a great way to obtain capital needed to foster such a project. The purpose of an M&E grant is to provide resources to support faith-based initiatives. These initiatives must align with the overall purpose of the Endowment Fund, which is to provide opportunities for members to support the benevolent, educational, and mission work of the whole church.

The grants are one-time, non-recurring gifts and are not intended to replace existing budgets or support ongoing projects. Any CPC member may apply. Not sure if a certain initiative falls within the parameters of the grant guidelines? Please contact one of the committee members with this or any other questions regarding the application process. The committee members are Brian Short, Team Lead, Donna Adkins, Jim Bowdish, Barbara Carew, Ben Kadlec and Meredith McGill.

The application deadline is Monday, June 13 and approved grants will be announced by August 1, with funds disbursed by September 1 or as needed thereafter. Grant applications as well as policy guidelines are located in the church office and online at www.carypresbyterian.org.

Triple F Group

Triple F Group will go to brunch at IHOP on Monday, April 4, at 9:30 a.m. and then carpool to the Veteran's Freedom Park on North Harrison Avenue, Cary.

Steve Shay will lead the April 18 program, showing the 70th Anniversary of D Day, June 2014 at Normandy Cemetery. It reviews the invasion, the march through Belgium, Battle of the Bulge, and into Berlin. Come join us at 10:00 a.m. in Room 100.

Thanks to Bob and Deyk Hall for their interesting presentation on Bosnia, Croatia, and Slovenia on March 7.



Cool Books Club

The Cool Books Club will meet on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht, 200 Summerwinds Dr., Cary. Our chosen book for April is *Uncommon Gratitude: Alleluia for All That Is* by Joan Chittister and Rowan Williams. Chittister was a Benedictine Sister for twelve years, has advanced degrees from Notre Dame and Penn State, and has written and spoken on many topics such as women in the church and society, human rights, religion and spirituality, peace and justice and many more. Williams also has a stellar career in the Catholic faith, including serving for ten years as Archbishop of Canterbury. This particular book focuses on the many opportunities life offers, both good and bad, in which we are called to offer praise to God. If you are interested in joining us for our discussion, please call Peg at 919-859-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456.



Attention Graduates!

If you or a loved one will soon be graduating, we would like to recognize that achievement by honoring you/them in an upcoming newsletter. Please contact Office Manager Deb Bundesen by May 15 at deborah.bundesen@carypresbyterian.org.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Vacation Bible School "Surf Shack" Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love

Remember that the Lord is great and awesome.
Nehemiah 4:14b
June 26 - 30 early evenings

Registration will begin towards the end of April for children age 4 - rising 5th graders. Watch for it!

Adults and teens: sign up NOW to be guides, station leaders, snack providers, assembly leader, or general helpers by contacting Director Jen Pierce at jenpierce@nc.rr.com or Medora Hix at medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org.



MISSIONS



Esperanza Mission Trip

Would you like to get away to the cool of the mountains this July? Then go with us to Guatemala with our Esperanza mission ministry. The trip will be July 19-26, Tuesday to Tuesday. You'll have the pleasure of spending time with our covenant partners in the Iglesia Presbyteriana Monte Scion in Nimasac. We're especially interested in having building engineers or educators on this trip, two foci for possible next projects. We stay in good hotels and eat well. And finally, with potential scholarships from our Mission Ministry, the costs are relatively low: only about \$600 for the week. For more information or to sign up, contact Medora Hix, Debbie Fritz, or Beth Cleveland.



Serving Neighbors Here in Cary

Cary Presbyterian has been invited to partner with the Kirk of Kildaire Presbyterian Church (KoK) and Greenwood Forest Baptist Church (GFBC) to offer a summer program called Food, Friends, and Fun. It started last year to address the needs of the Wrenn Drive community, which is largely Hispanic, when school is out for the summer. The two churches have been providing assistance throughout the traditional school year. In the summer the children have no meals prepared for them as they did in school, no monies for camps or recreation, and no way to practice their English, which is vital to their success in school. The program is also extended to moms who want to learn and/or practice their English or learn other skills to help them succeed in North American culture.

The program runs for two hours a week for ten weeks from mid-June through mid-August. CPC is being asked to provide the program on Wednesdays; KoK offers it on Tuesdays and GFBC on Thursdays. The program runs from 10:00 a.m. until noon, although the bus goes out earlier to pick up the children and moms to have them at church on time. The children rotate through three stations: reading, physical activity and games, and arts and crafts. The morning concludes with lunch being served, and sometimes families can take home a bag of groceries (sponsored by Dorcas Ministries).

What does it take so that CPC can be a part of this important, very local, ministry: people to serve in a variety of capacities, as group shepherds (adult and teen per group, with about eight groups), game leaders, craft leaders, food fixers, and bus drivers, and folks to interact with the moms, perhaps by offering knitting lessons, cooking lessons, English lessons, etc., and possibly, child-care providers. The program has a Director for planning.

The really special part of the program is that it is flexible and open to adaptation and allows for people to volunteer for only one of the days or all of the days. It also encourages our CPC members to get involved as a whole family, as interaction between the church and the community members is very important. Volunteers may be stay-at-home moms or dads with children (children of volunteers are welcome and encouraged to attend the program!), school teachers, youth needing volunteer hours for graduation or service or just because they want to help, people who have flexible work hours and can take off a morning, etc.

The Mission Team would like to be a part of this, but it's up to the whole congregation. We're going to take the month of April to enlist helpers. If, at the end of the month, we have enough interest to offer a CPC Food, Friends, & Fun day, then we'll happily proceed! We hope you can help us be a true neighbor to the community that lives only blocks away, on the other side of Maynard.

PRESCHOOL



Cary Presbyterian Preschool is looking for volunteers for our **Playground Workday**. We will meet on the playground on Saturday, April 9, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. We'll be raking, sweeping, weeding, painting and doing some cement patch work. Wear old clothes and bring some gloves. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please email angie.keith@carypresbyterian.org or call the preschool office at 919-469-2229 to let us know if you can come. Thank you for supporting the preschool and keeping the playground beautiful for all the children.

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Cary Presbyterian Preschool will host their annual **"Making Preschool Possible" scholarship fundraiser and Pizza Night** on April 12. We would love to have some youth help as pizza servers on the 12th or share a talent with the preschoolers. Contact Angie at angie.keith@carypresbyterian.org.

The baskets for the fundraiser will be available for the congregation to see and make a special donation towards on April 10 after both services. If you have goods or services that you would like to donate, please contact Angie. Thank you for all of your support!

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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.

GENEROSITY

\$Financial Update\$

We report with great joy and thanksgiving the following gifts received during the four weeks ending March 27, 2016:

- The lovely Easter lilies and spring flowers that decorated our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday
- Special offering gifts of \$120 to Church World Service Blanket Fund
- One Great Hour of Sharing gifts of \$1,019
- Gifts of \$50 to the Parish Nurse fund in memory of Jim Hobbs
- Gift of \$329 to purchase a new headset microphone for worship
- Gifts of \$150 to the Parish Nurse fund
- Gifts of pine straw and mulch to beautify our grounds for Easter.

As of Sunday, March 27, we are one quarter into 2016. On average over the last five years, we have received 25.5% of our planned giving by the end of March. This year, we have received 24.3% of our planned giving, so we are slightly behind where we typically are at this point.

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.



Thank you for all the prayers, calls and visits. Each has meant a lot to me. I would appreciate your continued prayers as my physical condition will be ongoing. I greatly miss being at CPC each Sunday.

Love, Estelle Cameron



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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