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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

Worship at CPC

June 5

- All Together Worship at 11:00 a.m.
- Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion
- Honoring Senior High Graduates
- All Church Picnic

June 12

- **10:00 a.m. - SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS**

"The Link" will not be produced for the months of July and August; however, the weekly e-Links will continue.

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**Cary Presbyterian Church
2016 High School Graduates**
(in alphabetical order)

Will Atkins

Northwood High School

Son of Kevin and Shawn Atkins

Will is currently undecided as to where he will be attending school in the fall.

Rachel Campbell

Green Hope High School

Daughter of John and Beth Campbell

Rachel will be attending the University of North Carolina Wilmington and majoring in Marine Biology. Rachel has been accepted into the Leadership Learning/Living Community.

Jack Henry

Green Hope High School

Son of Free and Julie Henry

Jack plans to attend Wake Tech Community College next year and then transfer to a four-year college.

He plans to pursue a Business degree.

Sarah Korkes

Green Hope High School

Daughter of Mary Korkes

Sarah will be attending North Carolina State University as an Engineering First Year - Computer Science intent major. Sarah is a National Merit Scholar.

Martin Phillips

Apex High School

Son of Scott and Melanie Phillips

Martin will be attending the University of North Carolina Asheville, majoring in Communications with a Music minor.

Martin has been accepted into the Music Department and will be a tenor in the chorus.

Catherine Powers

Green Hope High School

Daughter of Jon and Debra Powers

Catherine graduated from Green Hope High School on December 18, 2015.

She graduated from the Aveda Institute on June 1 and plans to travel and look for a job this summer.

**Bennett Steidinger
Cary High School**

Daughter of Kevin and Ruth Steidinger
Bennett will be attending the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill,
and her major is currently undecided.
Bennett has been accepted into the Honors College at UNC Chapel Hill.

**Carson Steidinger
Cary High School**

Daughter of Kevin and Ruth Steidinger
Carson will be attending Meredith College, studying Pre-Law.
Carson earned a Merit Scholarship to Meredith College.

Other Graduates

Annie Carew, daughter of Chip and Barbara Carew, graduated May 7 from Clemson University with a B.S. in Environmental and Natural Resources Conservation Biology Concentration. Annie will attend the University of Maryland in the Marine-Estuarine Environmental Sciences Graduate Program.

Matthew J. Clark, son of Jeff and Carolyn Clark, graduated May 14 with Honors from Colorado State University in Fort Collins, CO with a BA in International Studies with a Minor in Russian Language.

Tyler Kay Litke, daughter of Lisa Neal, graduated with honors from UNC Chapel Hill on May 8. She majored in History with a minor in American Studies. Tyler is taking a gap year to apply to PhD programs in History.

Sarah Morton, daughter of Rod and Sally Morton, graduated from UNC Chapel Hill on May 8 with a B.S. in Biology. She also graduated as a Buckley Public Service Scholar.

Morgan Spencer, daughter of Michael and Michele Spencer, graduated from Davidson College on May 16 with a BS in Mathematics and Minor in Economics. Morgan will attend graduate school at NCSU in pursuit of a Master of Science in Analytics.

Andrew Kent Whitlock, grandson of Stella Whitlock, will graduate from Hopewell High School, Charlotte, NC, June 11 and will attend UNC-Greensboro.

Benton Louis Reed, grandson of Stella Whitlock, graduated from Clemson University in December 2015 with an engineering degree and is now working for General Electric.

Edward Zhoe, who attended CPC while he was an exchange student staying with the Callis family, is graduating from Wake Forest University with degree in Computer Science and Business. Wake Forest offered Edward a full ride for his Masters along with a stipend.

***Session Highlights
May 25, 2016***

At its recent meetings, Session:

- Received an update from the Youth Director Search Team. Applications have been a bit slow to come in, but one interview is scheduled for this week.
- Heard the statements of faith from the confirmand class of 2016 and with joy and thanksgiving approved all for membership at Cary Presbyterian Church.

- Received a report from the Personnel and Administration Team that Kyle's flexible re-entry plan has been adjusted. Kyle plans to work 25 hours per week through the end of July, subject to his health.
- In recognition of Rev. Lori Pistor's actual schedule, approved her compensation to be increased to reflect full time status from her start date in February through the end of July.
- Received an update from Buildings and Grounds that the fund raising goal for the new sign had been achieved.
- Approved a motion from the Health Ministry Team to hold a mental first aid class.
- Approved a motion from the Missions Team to sell t-shirts to support the Food, Friends & Fun summer program.
- Approved a request from Laura Campbell to transfer her membership to Mount Carmel Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, NC.
- Approved a request from Leann Lofaro to transfer her membership to Baird's Creek Presbyterian Church in Vilas, NC.
- Approved the following statement in response to the current social, moral, and ethical debates in our world and community:

The Session of Cary Presbyterian Church, affirming and responding to God's grace, believes Christians are called to be open minded, generous in spirit, and inclusive of ALL peoples, regardless of age, race, religion, class, gender, ability, or sexual orientation. We celebrate and welcome diverse opinions that are shared in love, recognizing our common bond is our desire to be more like Jesus. As leaders for our congregation, we commit to engaging the larger community in discussing and responding to the broad issues that affect society and welcome all who wish to join us as we seek to live out our Christian faith.

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.



All Church Picnic

The all-church Sunday School Picnic is after worship next Sunday, June 5. Please bring a side dish or dessert and \$3 per person for hotdogs/hamburgers. Cake will be provided to honor our High School graduates.

"Open Choir" Opportunities

Ed Yasick would like to extend an opportunity to the entire congregation to join us for some "open choir" opportunities this summer. All it will require of you is to meet in the choir room 20 minutes before each service and sing that particular morning. The music will be familiar enough to learn and sing that morning. The first opportunity is Sunday, June 12, when we will be singing *Worship the Lord* by Michael Sharp. The other two opportunities in June will be the 19th and 26th. Look in future e-Links for more "open choir" Sundays later in the summer. Come and make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

The Memorials and Endowment Committee Grant Cycle for 2016

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

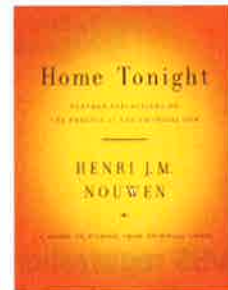
Triple F Group has enjoyed recent programs by Amy Bardi on "Clothed in Hope," a sewing program for women in Zambia, and by Parish Nurse Mandy Nester on the "Five Wishes" booklet (along with a Jeopardy game on Advanced Directives by Barbara Turner).

We will close out our regular meetings for the summer after the June 6 picnic at Bond Park.

We plan to meet for brunch at 9:30 a.m. at IHOP on July 18 and August 15. Come join us!

Cool Books Club

The Cool Books Club will meet on Tuesday, June 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Ellen Cline, 107 Carmel Ct., Cary. We will be discussing Henri Nouwen's Home Tonight: Further Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The book is available for purchase online or on loan from the Wake County Libraries.



The following is a synopsis from Amazon:

Home Tonight follows the path of Henri Nouwen's spiritual homecoming. More than three years prior to writing his great classic, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, Nouwen suffered a personal breakdown, followed by a time of healing solitude when he encountered Rembrandt's famous painting. Within his solitude he reflected on and identified with the parable's characters and experienced profound and inspiring life lessons.

This captivating book was created from never-before-published materials that formed the basis of the small workshop inspired by Nouwen's intimate encounter with Rembrandt's painting. Readers are led to welcome their unique Belovedness through practices of "spiritual listening," journaling, and communing with God, thus connecting personally with the unique, unconditional love of the One who created them. Home Tonight is a practical guide for the inner journey home.

If interested in joining our discussion, please call Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456.



Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming back to CPC! Are you curious to know what the Bible says about money? Do you feel you're running in place when it comes to your finances - or stuck because of debt? Have you wondered how it would feel to give more? We all need a plan for our money. Financial Peace University is that plan! FPU teaches

God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Classes begin Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 102 and meet for 1 1/2 hours each week through August 18 (nine weeks). We are happy to accommodate summer vacation schedules. Sign up at the table in the Narthex, at <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/locations/class/1020692> or by emailing the church office (deborah.bundesen@carypresbyterian.org). A membership kit is required and available for \$93. Please contact Dennis Bohm with any course questions at dennis.bohm@gmail.com.

Brought to you by your Generosity Team.
Look for additional exciting course offerings this fall!

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 Continues

VBS registration continues through June 12 for both children and helpers who are youth and adults. See the table in the Narthex.

MISSIONS

ASP

It's ASP time again! Our team of 38 youth and adults is leaving on Sunday, June 26 for a week in West Virginia. Members and friends of CPC have been very supportive of this "wonder-filled" mission that puts God's hands and heart in the world. This is CPC's 26th consecutive year, and together we have helped improve the lives of many in Appalachia by making their homes "Warmer, Safer, and Drier." As always, we need your help. What can YOU do?

- Pray - for our team, the ASP staff and the families we will serve.
- Purchase "stock" to help underwrite participant fees, travel expenses and construction supplies. Please visit the stock sale tables before and after worship on June 5 and 12 or drop your check in the offering plate. You can also go online to www.carypresbyterian.org/aspstock and make a credit card donation.
- Donate an item from our snack and drink wish list. The youth have requested healthier snacks this year. You can support us by picking up a \$5 "Snack Card for Fresh Fruit" at one of the stock sale tables. We still need lots of water and sports drinks to keep us going as we do our daily work...but we are requesting that we start with less on the front end and buy more as we need it in WV. So cash is very helpful.

Thank you to our faith community who prays for the team as we travel and do God's work in the world. Thank you to the individual donors who are able and willing to support this mission financially. Thank you to the CPC leaders and ASP staffers who work countless hours to make these trips happen. And thanks be to God for guiding us to His work and will through this "wonder-filled ministry."

Food, Friends & Fun



As part of our Food, Friends & Fun summer mission program, we are selling our CPC t-shirts. Three new colors are available. The back of the shirt will include the new logo for Food, Friends & Fun, in addition to the other missions we support with our time and talents. Proceeds will be used to defray of the cost of the Food, Friends & Fun mission program. Click [HERE](#) for an order form. **Please submit payment with your order.** Mark your check "T-Shirt" (payable to Cary Presbyterian Church) and place it in an envelope in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. **All orders must be received in the church office no later than June 12.**

Thanks to all who have committed to help. There are still opportunities to assist on a "come as you can" basis so don't hesitate. If you miss the orientation potluck at Greenwood Forest Baptist on June 1, watch for notice of an in-house orientation the first week of June.

PRESCHOOL



Know anyone looking for a great preschool program? Cary Presbyterian Preschool has openings in the 4's, 2's and Playgroup classes. For the 2016-17 school year, we are offering \$25 for referrals that result in someone registering for a class. Please contact Angie Keith at angie.keith@carypresbyterian.org for more information.

GENEROSITY

\$Financial Update\$

We report with great joy and thanksgiving the following gifts received during the four weeks ending May 22, 2016:

- Gift of \$58 for the Minister's Discretionary fund
- Gift of \$200 to the Parish Nurse fund
- New church-wide Wireless Access Points
- Additional Sign Up! gifts of \$5,655 for a total of \$10,695 for the construction of the new CPC street sign
- ASP stock sale gifts of \$365
- Upgrades to the CPC server
- Gifts to the Camp Albemarle scholarship fund of \$104
- Memorial gift of \$1,000 in memory of Lewis Ort
- The summer annuals in our front gardens

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.

COMING SOON

July and August

Sitting at God's Table on Interfaith Dialog: August 14, 6:30 p.m.

This specially produced feature length documentary is a dialog with five local church leaders discussing questions from the point of view of their faiths (Muslim, Jewish, Episcopal, Baptist, and Roman Catholic). Successfully shown at several area churches, we are pleased to be able to bring it to you for viewing and discussion. We are hoping to have Ellen Shepard, filmmaker, present. You can watch a trailer about the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXU4sWa8MVU>. This program will be helpful in preparation for the following event.

Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies: This fall, we will be inviting the members of the mosque associated with the Institute of Islamic and Turkish Studies to come for a meal and program to encourage positive interfaith relations. This program will be helpful in preparation for that event.

The 2016 Esperanza Mission Fundraiser: "Salsa Fiesta" Dinner with Latin dance demonstrations and participation: Saturday, August 27, 5:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale August 1. Save the date now! Include your family and friends. Last year we raised \$3,200 - let's top that this year.

NOW is the time to consider serving as a teacher, shepherd, or leader in Christian education classes for all ages. Many options for service are available, including:

- Preschool class teachers for either Toddler/Two's and Young Threes, or Ages Older Threes through Kindergarten
- Elementary age workshop teachers (arts, drama, computer, etc), or age group shepherds
- Middle School teachers
- Adult class leaders for Christ, Coffee, Conversation topics or 3B Class co-leaders
- Milestone class leaders for children and parents, ordinarily 1-3 week sessions

To sign up, ask questions or learn more, please contact Director of Christian Education, Medora Hix, medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org; 919-467-8700.



Thank You

The 2016 ASP work team had a team building work day at CPC on May 14. The project was the refurbishing of the two bridges from the upper parking lot. The smaller of the two bridges was a temporary bridge for a long time and needed almost a total rebuild. The finished product is an engineering marvel! On behalf of Buildings and Grounds Team at CPC we would like to thank the ASP team and wish them much success on the mission trip in June. Special thanks to Henry Gibbs, Jake Sugg, Geoff Bula, Matt Donkin, Ian Dunbar and

all the ASP team. Please feel free to "cross that bridge when you come to it" whenever you can.



June 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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