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Rainbow Reachout

Our mission is to faithfully serve Christ through worship, study, outreach and ministry.

What Our Church Building Says About Us

Many of you know I recently made a presentation at the Presbytery of the James “Small Church Gathering” at Camp Hanover. Pastors from four small churches in the presbytery made presentations.

Steve Hodges from Providence Forge described how he dealt with conflict in his congregation and the renewal its resolution brought to the congregation. *Nancy Summerlin* from Brett-Reed Memorial spoke specifically about how her congregation has changed and grown in the 2 ½ years since she has been there. *Sandy Shaner* described how a morning hymn-sing helped Salem Church reach out to its community. I described five different models for doing mission by collaborating with other churches.

I was particularly interested in what *Nancy Summerlin* said because that congregation is the same size as New Covenant.

Some of the things she said really got me thinking. Her experiences at *Brett-Reed*

Memorial led her to the following conclusion:

*That the love a congregation has for its buildings and grounds shows the love it has for its members and its capacity to love **new members**. It also is exciting and builds energy for more mission and outreach.*

How would this concept impact the way we care for our building?

- Would it mean painting the narthex and hanging the shields? **(done)** (There is more to be done in the narthex to complete its facelift—see *Debbie Spillman* for details)
- Would it mean putting out fresh mulch and placing flowers by the doorway? **(done)**
- Would it mean repaving the cracked walkway leading into the building?
- Would it mean giving the whole building a fresh coat of paint? (Paint colors were chosen by the same designer who designed the narthex and who did these consultations free of charge)
- Would it mean changing out the light fixtures so they comply with the new light bulb requirements?
- Would it mean putting aside money so when the compressor on the heat/AC unit dies we

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don't have to raise the money to fix it?

- Would it mean going through the nursery and children's Sunday school rooms and disposing of things we are no longer using? (Now, I have taken to meddlin'!)

God has so richly blessed us with a lovely building and grounds for us to use and enjoy. We are such a warm and loving family of faith. Wouldn't it be great to show that to the rest of the community? Interested in showing your love in this way? See members of the Stewardship and Administration Division: *Bobbi Hudson, Gabe Harrah; Clay Spillman; Jerry McCall; or Ed Martin.*

Tune in again for another installment of "What Felecia Learned at the Presbytery of the James Small Church Gathering." †

Education Division News

Youth Sunday school is being put on hold for a while with much regret. Please check your bulletin weekly for updates. Thank you very much to those who agreed to lead our youth.

Adult Sunday school has resumed. This fall we are listening to a CD lecture and discussing it afterwards. The topic: The Theology of St.

Augustine. Please come join us at **9:30 a.m. each Sunday.** This topic continues through the end of December.

Our next **Family Fun Night** is after the holidays. Please check your bulletins for the date. †

New Covenant Presbyterian Women

Please join the NCPW circles for fellowship and Bible study. *The Rebekah Circle* meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Bring your lunch. Dessert is provided. *The Ruth Circle* meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments are provided. The Bible study this year is "Confessing the Beatitudes." We also have a mission project each month.

The POJ PW Fall Gathering was held on **November 5** at Chester Presbyterian Church. †

Parish Nurse Letter

Greetings! Fall has arrived and with it comes cooler weather, and unfortunately, cold and flu season. The most effective ways to prevent the spread of flu and cold germs are get a yearly flu immunization and to wash your hands. We were fortunate to have IVNA visit our church on **October 30, 2011** after worship to vaccinate our members. What a great service they provide to us!

Hand washing questions answered:

For how long do I need to wash? Wash at least 20 seconds or the time it takes to sing the ABC song twice.

Why is hand washing so important? It's not just the soap and water, but the actual movement of your hands rubbing together. This friction and the water rinsing off the soap that removes the germs.

What about coughing and sneezing? Did you know that when an individual sneezes, the droplets can travel up to **3 feet**?! The easiest way to keep those droplets from traveling is to sneeze into a tissue, your collar, or shoulder. Of course, don't leave the tissues lying around.



Make sure you throw them away in the trash can.

Education is also a key factor in preventing the spread of colds and flu. Start early and teach your children and grandchildren these simple tasks.

Hope everyone has a wonderful holiday with family and friends, and if you are traveling, save travels! *Judy* †

Nurture and Outreach

The Student of the Month Luncheon for Meadowbrook High School was held on **September 30, 2011.** About

70 people attended, including five faculty members. The menu consisted of fresh made hoagies from Martin's, home baked cookies from the Women of the Church, chips and lemonade.

Many church members were involved in all phases of the luncheon: *Felecia Douglass; Jim and Ann Warren; Ann Wilkins; Debbie and Clay Spillman; Cheriene McCall; Milly Martin; and Judy and Bob Lee.*

The tables sported The Meadowbrook High School colors (Blue and Gold tablecloths courtesy of *Ann Wilkins*.) and were piled high with school supplies (thanks *Judy Lee*.) Students took home any school supplies they needed, and extra food. (They are teenagers, after all)

Eric Douglass spoke to them on the importance of education. The students enjoyed themselves and said "Thanks" for the luncheon and school supplies. NCPC was the first to host this Student of the Month luncheon. **Martin's Grocery Store very kindly** gave us \$75.00 in gift cards to help defray to cost of the three foot long hoagies. Stop by the deli to thank the manager, *Michelle Lewis*.

One of the teachers remarked how important this event was to one student in particular. He is an 18 year old sophomore. Success such as this is rare for him. He was so proud to be invited. His mother called **and** emailed

his teacher to say how much she appreciated this opportunity for her son. We hope it is a turning point in his life.

We were proud to serve our community and thank everyone who made it possible. ✝

The Chesterfield County Choral Society's Winter Concert is scheduled for **December 11, 2011, 3:00 p.m.**, at New Covenant Presbyterian Church

All are welcome!
Bring your friends!

Chesterfield, Colonial Heights Christmas Mother Program

This year, NCPC is sponsoring a family of four children, ages 2, 6, 9 and 11. We provide a new outfit for each child: a pair of pants and a shirt, underwear, shoes and a new coat. Each child gets a new toy and a gift card goes to the family. Non-perishable food for the family's Christmas dinner is also being collected.

The gift wishes are due back by to the church on **November 20th**. Each gift should be



new, wrapped, and labeled with the family's number and the child's name. Please remember to attach a gift receipt so that the mother may exchange the gift if needed.

We continue to collect for the McGuire V.A. Hospital. Items needed include: magazines, books, tapes, hygiene items, and clean, used clothing. New clothing items needed include: underwear, undershirts and socks.

Please bring all donations to the Parish Nurse office. Our special helpers, *Shirley and Don Reed*, deliver the items to the hospital. As always, a big "thank you" to both of them!

Thanks to the NCPC family for supporting all of these mission opportunities. Have an idea for a worthy project? Contact a division member: *Judy Lee, Cheriene McCall, Milly Martin* or *Gwen Paulson*. ✝

Communion Preparation and Serving

November 06

Prepare & Serve: *Clay Spillman*

Serve: *Jean*

Derrenbacker, Judy Lee, Bobbi Hudson



December 04

Prepare & Serve: *Ann Wilkins*

Serve: *Steve Gallion, Gabe*

Harrab, Cheriene McCall ✝

November and December Nursery Attendants

Nov 06 *Alan Taggart*
 Nov 13 *Lorraine Winckelhofer*
 Nov 20 *Gina Aldaz*
 Dec 04 *Curtis Spitler*
 Dec 11 *Arkie Snyder*
 Dec 18 *Evelyn Klebert*
 Dec 25 *All children in worship*



November and December Birthdays

Nov 02 *Evelyn Klebert*
Ellen Young
 Nov 09 *Marie Moore*
 Nov 12 *Jean Derrenbacher*
 Nov 14 *Ben Miller*
 Nov 19 *Gilly Bland*
Keith Clopton

 Nov 22 *Patrick McDonnell*
Robbie Proctor
 Nov 25 *Ed Martin*
 Nov 29 *Brennen Proctor*
 Dec 01 *Phil Stillman*
 Dec 11 *Reagan Proctor*
 Dec 14 *Marsha Paulson*
Bob Winckelhofer
Fidelis Zemkwe

 Dec 17 *Charlotte Boze*
 Dec 20 *Jackson Schulz*
 Dec 31 *Maggie Smith*
Marie Stewart



Honoring Our Veterans

On **November 6, 2011**, all veterans in attendance at worship were recognized for their contributions to our country. Thank you to all active and retired military personnel for all you do and have done to keep our country free and safe. †

Update on NCPC Member, Fred Wakefield

Because of his declining health, *Fred Wakefield* has moved to an assisted living facility in Virginia Beach that is close to his son. Mail for Fred may be sent c/o his son, *Alan Wakefield*, at 500 Cedar Lane, Virginia Beach, VA, 23452. Fred's phone number is 757-284-4851.

Fred sends his love to everyone at NCPC. †

Hanging of the Greens

After the worship service on **November 20th**, we are decorating the church for Christmas and "hanging the greens." Lunch is being provided by the Stewardship and Administration Division, so please join us and bring some greens from home. †

Season of Advent

Advent begins on **November 27** and Advent booklets have been ordered. The following people are liturgists for those weeks and are responsible for lighting the Advent wreath. Thanks to all of you for fulfilling this need for the church.

Nov 27 *TBD*
 Dec 04 *Michelle Paulson and family*
 Dec 11 *TBD*
 Dec 18 *Rory Sturm and family*
 Dec 24 *Jean Derrenbacher and family*
 Dec 25 *Ed and Milly Martin*



The Mitten Tree

Sunday, **December 11** is our annual Mitten Tree Sunday! Please bring gloves, socks and hats to decorate the tree.

All items collected are taken to local area schools, and St.



Augustine's church to be distributed the needy. †

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			6	7	8	9
<p><i>Veteran's Sunday</i></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship and Communion 12:15 p.m. Worship Division</p>	6	7	8	9	10	11
				12		13
			14	15	16	17
<p>9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Education and Evangelism Divisions</p>			18	19	20	21
			22	23	24	25
<p><i>Stewardship Sunday</i></p> <p>9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Stewardship & Administration Division</p>	20	21	22	23	24	25
			26	27	28	29
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8:30 a.m.
Men's Breakfast

7:30 p.m. Choir Practice

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12:30 p.m.
Rebekah Circle

7:00 p.m.
Ruth Circle

7:00 p.m. Christmas
Eve Service

MERRY CHRISTMAS!