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# Rainbow Reachout

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

## Acts 16:5 Initiative

*Mary Johns*

I continue to be excited about the *Acts 16:5 Initiative* being considered by our Session. As I mentioned last month, *vision* is seeing what God wants to do through us. Acts 16:5 is an opportunity to clearly define our vision as we glorify God, make disciples, and meet human need. It could provide a support structure for us as we align our ministries to achieve our vision, by reshaping existing ministries and designing new ones responsive to the needs around us. It could help us move into the transformational future God has for us.

I recently participated in a presbytery workshop exploring next steps with the Acts 16:5 Initiative led by *Stan Ott*, President of the Vital Churches Institute. Stan has written a book, which I hope will be studied and discussed by our session in the months ahead, *Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church*. I would like to briefly outline these shifts so you can begin to think about how they might enrich our lives together at New Covenant:

*Shifts concerning vision and expectation:*

- **from** our present expectations for our congregation's future **to** the high expectation that God has a vital future for New Covenant
- **from** simply running programs **to** implementing a vision for ministry
- **from** a maintenance mentality **to** a sustaining and advancing vision

*Shifts concerning ministry to people:*

- **from** an emphasis on friendliness **to** a ministry of friendliness and hospitality
- **from** assuming discipleship **to** developing discipleship
- **from** a primary emphasis on the communal life of the church **to** a balanced emphasis on the communal and missional life of the church

*Shifts concerning congregational program:*

- **from** an unchanging worship format **to** a ministry of worship and music responsive to the variety of needs present in the congregation and the community you are trying to reach

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- **from** primarily audience-oriented programming (such as worship services, classes) **to** a balance of audience-oriented ministry and face-to-face ministry (such as small groups, one-to-one spiritual direction)
  - **from** adding new people to established groups **to** adding new groups
- Shifts concerning the practice of leadership:*
- **from** a “leader-deploying” ministry **to** a “leader-developing” ministry, from committees to ministry teams
  - **from** a controlling leadership **to** a permission-giving leadership
  - **from** a pastor-centered/officer-centered ministry **to** a shared ministry among pastor, officers, and congregation

I hope these possibilities are intriguing and exciting to you as we continue to think and pray together for God’s leading.

Grace and Joy!  
Mary †

## Just Eating? A New Small Group Study and Discussion

All interested adults are invited to join us on **Sunday, June 27, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.** as we begin a study and

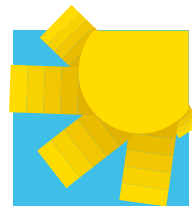
discussion group around *Just Eating? Practicing our Faith at the Table.* Bobbi Hudson and Mary Johns are coordinating this study, which will meet once a month.

Drawing on Jesus’ story and the rituals of the Christian faith, we will examine four aspects of our lives with food: the health of our bodies; the access others have to food; the health of the earth, which our food choices influence; and the ways we use food to extend hospitality and enrich relationships. Please join us. Friends are welcome! †

## Elder of the Month

June – Ann Wilkins  
July – Cheriene McCall †

## Summer Sun Safety



Spring has sprung! The signs of the season are all around us, like all of the different birds making new homes, and the flowers blooming. (Thank goodness most of the pollen is gone!) And just a few nights ago, I saw two bunnies playing “tag” with each other. What a cute sight!

Now that we all are out and about, we need to think about sun safety. In one respect, it is good for you to enjoy the outdoors, absorbing some of that Vitamin D which is vital for strong bones. However, too much sun can cause concern.

Everyone needs to use a sunscreen to protect himself from the harmful rays. The sunscreen should be water-resistant with at least 30 SPF. The higher the SPF rate, the more protection you get from the ultraviolet rays. When you apply sunscreen, don’t forget about putting it on the top of your ears, on all of those “thinning heads of hair,” the back of your neck, and of course, your face, chest, arms and legs. And if you are at the beach, working in the yard, or swimming at the neighborhood pool, your sunscreen needs to be reapplied every 40 minutes.

So remember, when enjoying the outdoors wear a hat, slap on the sunscreen, reapply when necessary, and have FUN! Happy summer! †

## Nurture and Outreach News

Thanks to all of the afternoon visitors for *Leon Johnson*. He has so enjoyed catching up with old friends and being with others. *Gail Morrison*, Leon’s daughter, is so thankful for our visits with her daddy. On **May 1<sup>st</sup>**, Leon turned 93 years young! Many friends and neighbors stopped by to wish him well. He looked great out under the shade trees and the celebration was enjoyed by all! If anyone would like to be a visitor, please let *Judy Lee* know and she will contact you.

The grocery cart was overflowing once again.

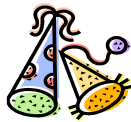
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Thanks to the *Chesterfield Community Chorus*, which filled the cart to overflowing. *Jim Warren* was kind enough to make the delivery this month. Those food and personal items are so needed at the *St. Augustine's Food Pantry*. If everyone would just bring one item to place in the basket, we would be able to make a delivery each month!

On **Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, a special offering was collected to help the *Daughters of Zelophehad*, or DOZ, as known to many. The work of DOZ started in 1999 and thus far has helped 35 mothers and 50 children. These ladies and their families have been able to live in safe, transitional housing, take workshops to improve their life skills, have parenting classes, and financial awareness classes. I know these ladies and all who work with The Daughters appreciate all the help the community provides. †

## June and July Birthdays



- Jun 06 *Chris Matthews*
- Jun 06 *Jerry McCall*
- Jun 07 *Byrd Harris*
- Jun 07 *Wallace Moore*
- Jun 08 *Paula Harris*
- Jun 12 *Christy Pritchard*
- Jun 12 *Cadban Proctor*
- Jun 13 *Lora Anderson*
- Jun 17 *Ataah Azah*
- Jun 17 *Pete Bostic*

- Jun 17 *Jim Warren*
- Jun 25 *Norine Stillman*
- Jun 26 *Zach Young*
- Jun 26 *Alice Puckett*
- Jun 28 *Joseph Barone*
- Jul 05 *Kristin Luck Simpson*
- Jul 05 *Beverly Schulz*
- Jul 06 *Debbie Young*
- Jul 08 *William Koogler*
- Jul 10 *Larry Derrenbacker*
- Jul 10 *Chelsea Matthews*
- Jul 13 *Nancy Lee Bare*
- Jul 15 *Tracy Koogler*
- Jul 15 *Debbie Spillman*
- Jul 18 *Colleen McCall*
- Jul 19 *Martha Harris*
- Jul 19 *Adam Schulz*
- Jul 23 *Dorothy Robinson*
- Jul 31 *Cindy Luck*
- Jul 31 *Megan Luck*
- Jul 31 *Adriene Proctor*

Happy birthday to those born in June and July! We apologize if we missed it. If you or a family member has a birthday in April and it's not on the list, please let *Lorraine Winckelhoffer* or *Mary Johns* know! †

### Vacation Bible School

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When: June 12, July 17  
and August 14

Time: 10:00 a.m.  
to 1:00 p.m.

Where: New Covenant

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## June and July Nursery Caregivers

- Jun 06 *Cherlene McCall*
  - Jun 13 *Alice Puckett*
  - Jun 20 *Shirley Reed*
  - Jun 27 *Paula Harris*
  - Jul 04 *Ed Martin*
  - Jul 11 *Judy Lee*
  - Jul 18 *Anne McDonnell*
  - Jul 25 *Debbie Spillman*
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## June and July Liturgists

- Jun 06 *Steve Gallion*
- Jun 13 *Ann Wilkins*
- Jun 20 *Jim Warren*
- Jun 27 *Connie Goodman*
- Jul 04 *Jean Derrenbacker*
- Jul 11 *Men's Sunday*
- Jul 18 *Jim Warren*
- Jul 25 *Ann Wilkins*

## Communion

### Preparation and Serving

#### June 6

**Prepare and Serve:** *Steve Gallion*

**Serve:** *Cherlene McCall, Larry Klebert, and Jean Derrenbacker*

#### July 4

**Prepare and Serve:**

*Cherlene McCall*  
**Serve:** *Phil Stillman, Clay Spillman, and Ann Wilkins*

# June, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>9:30 am – 1:00 pm</b>  <b>Friendship Café every Monday through Thursday in June</b></p>		1	2	3	4	5  8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast
6  9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 12:15 p.m. Worship Division 6:30 p.m. Choir practice	7	8	9	10	11	12  10:00 a.m. – 1 p.m. Vacation Bible School
13  CCHASM Offering 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Education and Evangelism Division	14  <b>Flag Day</b>	15  Presbytery of the James meeting at Chase City	16	17	18	19
20  <b>Father's Day</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 6:00 p.m. Stewardship & Administration Division	21  <b>Summer begins</b>  7:00 p.m. Session Meeting	22	23	24	25	26
27  9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Nurture & Outreach Division 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m. Youth fellowship 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. <i>Just Eating?</i> Study/discussion 6:30 p.m. Choir practice	28	29	30			

# July, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>9:30 am – 1:00 pm</i>  <b>Friendship Café every Monday through Thursday in July</b></p>				1	2	3 8:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast  PCUSA General Assembly begins
4 <b>Independence Day</b> Art Williams preaching 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion 12:15 p.m. Worship Division	5	6	7	8	9	10  PCUSA General Assembly ends
11 <b>Men's Sunday</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Education & Evangelism Division	12	13	14	15	16 <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!</b>	17 10:00 am – 1 p.m. Vacation Bible School
18 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 11:00 A.M. Worship 12:30 – 2 p.m. Youth Fellowship 6:00 p.m. Admin. & Stewardship	19 7:00 p.m. Session meeting	20	21	22	23	24
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