

# Windows

Serving Burnsville First Presbyterian Church And Its Community Of Believers - April 2010

## We Are Marching in the Light of God!



Our children sang a 20th century South African tune on Palm Sunday (translated to Siyahamba in Zulu) while waving and distributing palm fronds to the congregation.



## Happy Easter!

## Mission Trip to West Virginia Report

On Sunday evening, March 21<sup>st</sup>, we pulled into a gravel parking lot at a small church in Kopperston, WV. Carol and Stinson McCroskey met us and introduced us to the rest of the group, 15 of us in all. We didn't know what to expect, except that we were to rebuild homes damaged in floods almost a year ago. Soon we were settled into our rooms and then gathered for dinner. Already, a sense of community and purpose was beginning to form. And so the week began. In the days that followed we worked together with a man named Roscoe on his gutted trailer. We built an 8'x8' well house and worked in the mud digging a 200' ditch and laying pipe and wire to the trailer. We put down plywood underlayment on the floors and nailed trim on the walls. We laughed and talked as we worked and got to know each other better. At night, we cooked and cleaned, told stories and joked about the day, sang songs accompanied by a banjo, had devotions, played cards, and even had a "night out" at the Magic Mart. It was a great week, completely different than our normal lives in a very good way.

Mary Sheldon and Jim Ludwig



# Hospitality on Tap

# Looking Outward

In our church, have you noticed how important the Coffee Hour is to us as a community? I want to thank those of you who understand that the only way the Coffee Hour after Worship can be successful is have, first of all coffee (and a cool beverage) and a snack. You do that by putting your name on the list for Hosts. You are some of my most appreciated people. You and I know that that time has become our family hour - catching up and visiting friends.

by Rev. Maggie  
Lauterer



Graphic by Art Anderson

But it's also something else very important. When folks are visiting us and they are invited to come to the Fellowship Hall, they need to be welcomed and included. They usually get a big smile, offer of a beverage and a snack from the host at the counter, but where does it go for the stranger from there?

I want to tell you what happened to Zack and me when we were on vacation not long ago. We went to the coast in late fall (after the summer beach folks had gone home), and the days before Sunday, we looked for a church for Sunday worship. We found a nice looking PCUSA church not far from where we were staying. We drove by to make sure we knew the time of worship and on Sunday, we arrived on time.

The ushers at the door were more pre-occupied with a story they were sharing than us visitors, but we accepted that as surely an exceptional moment. We attended worship - and in the greeting time, we were ignored by everyone except an older man two pews in front of us. He waved from afar. Surely things were going to warm up -

After worship, we were invited for the coffee hour in the fellowship hall. We decided we wanted to meet some of the people there. We walked into a large room where everyone had already gotten their drinks and snacks and were busy with one another. We went to the refreshment table and waited until someone finally came with two cups of lemonade.

Then we walked to the middle of the room which was empty of furniture and people. We were fairly obvious, we thought. Surely someone would notice us standing there - but you know, nobody spoke to us.

It was awkward. But we decided to give it time - still nobody came to say "Hi there - my name is \_\_\_\_ - what's your name? We're glad you're here." Nope. Nothing.

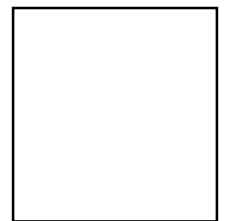
Since then, I have had a great fear that anyone would come into our fellowship hall and not be greeted and included.

When Jesus said, "I was hungry and you fed me," I don't think he was just talking about food. We are all hungry to be included. As Stan Ott says, we want to "be with".

Many thanks to you who take time and energy to host the coffee hour, and thanks to all of you who look out for strangers and bring them into the fold. If that stranger is looking for a church, you have just welcomed them home.

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# Rooted in God's Word and Lands

A Celebration of the Earth That Nourishes Us

## CALENDAR

Thank you to our dedicated  
**Christian Education  
Volunteers**

for the month of April. We appreciate your time, energy  
and commitment!

Youth Group:

Lanny & Allyson Heidenfelder

Wednesday Church School:

Joe Habertier; Britt Kaufmann, Willard Cottrell,  
Amanda Martin, Anne Phillips, Karen Watkins, Jodi  
Antinori, Laura Watrous, Amy Sheele

Worship Prep Sunday School:

Saskia Etheridge

Preschool Sunday School:

Amy Sheele

Noon Bible Study:

Rev. Maggie Lauterer

Wednesday Night Fellowship:

Pat Skinner, Rev. Lauterer

## The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society Spring Tour April 9-10

The North Carolina Presbyterian Historical Society  
will hold its Spring Tour in Montreat, Black Mountain, and  
Swannanoa on Friday and Saturday, April 9-10. Highlights

include a behind-the-scenes tour  
of the new Presbyterian  
Historical Center at Montreat  
and visits to Montreat and  
Warren Wilson colleges, as  
well as churches in Montreat,  
Black Mountain, and  
Swannanoa—one of which is the  
oldest church and cemetery  
west of the Blue Ridge.



Registration is \$26. More information and registration  
forms are available at the website, [www.ncphsociety.org](http://www.ncphsociety.org),  
or contact Program Chairman Tony Brewer at 919-776-  
8091.

## Kids Carnival



Zachariah Malas enjoyed the slide at last year's Kids Carnival!

The end-of-year celebration for the  
children who attended Wednesday Church School  
is coming soon! Tentative date of this event is  
May 26. We would like to put together a  
planning committee of all individuals who would  
like to help make this day a success. You may do  
as little or as much as you would like! For more  
information, please call Aimee at 682.4789.

## With Spring Comes New Beginnings!

By Rev. Maggie Lauterer

As your pastor, I am so pleased that we have a  
wonderful group of folks who have worshiped with us, some  
for a while and some for a short time, who feel called to become  
members of our church. We are thankful to have you come  
into that special relationship with all of us who call Burnsville  
FPC our home church. Those who have signed up for the  
membership class already are Jon and Rachel Chandler, Leah  
Ray, Mary Horton, Mike and Lori Osada, Laura Watrous,  
Rhonda and Rob LeMarr, Stacy Mae Denny, and Karyn  
Laughrun.

Do you need to add your name too?

The classes for these members-to-be will be at 9:15  
on April 18, 25, and May 2 downstairs in the Alma Sullivan  
Library.

I look forward to my time with you.

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Youth Group will resume on April 18 at the  
new time from 6 - 7 pm (formerly 5 - 6 pm).