



## Supper Clubs

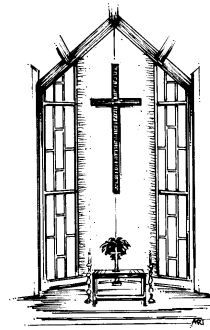
Summer supper clubs are forming. If you would like to be a part of these gatherings, please sign up in the Fellowship Hall.

### TWO SERVICES BEGIN JULY 11

We will worship at 8:30am and 10:30am beginning July 11. Willard Cottrell will play for the 8:30am service and Beverly Chandler or guest musicians will play at 10:30am. Communion will be served at every 8:30am service.

## Baby Shower for Sarah Osborne

On Saturday, July 17, the Presbyterian Women's Group will be hosting a baby shower for Sarah Osborne. Her and John's baby is due the first week of August. All are invited to attend this 11am gathering. For more information, please contact Jennifer England.



## Dessert & Movie Scheduled July 17<sup>th</sup>

Your Mission Committee will be hosting "Dessert and a Movie" on the Martin Lawn on July 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 7:30 pm. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket for an enjoyable evening under the stars watching a kid friendly flick (Movie Title TBA). Homemade desserts, coffee and drinks will be served before the movie. There will also be a raffle for a chance to win a great portable chair from Everywhere Chair. During the movie, popcorn and drinks will be available for purchase for your movie viewing pleasure. Admission will be \$6 per person with a family maximum of \$20. Proceeds will go towards our goal of sponsoring a bed at Nkoma Hospital in Malawi, Africa. In case of rain (heaven forbid!), we will move into the Fellowship Hall. Come one, come all, to the First (in a series, we hope) Dessert and a Movie event!

# Windows

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

## Many Hands Make Light Work

I don't think anybody but Zack and I understand what the undertaking of standing for Moderator has required - wow. As Zack says, "I need some free time!" Free time has been in very short supply!

I want to say that it's been a stretching experience, which I am always glad for - after it's all over. And I want to say it could NOT have been possible without those who have pitched in to make it possible.

First of all, it costs money. Thank you to a few of you who have given me money toward the expenses. Your gifts have taken much of the load off of me personally. The last donation for the campaign came in last Monday when someone came in. Aimee didn't quite recognize her (while her husband waited in the car). But the envelope simply read "Maggie - for your plow handles". Thank you for "hearing" my sermon! Thank you for your help - and I'd love to know who you are.

## Looking Outward

by Rev. Maggie Lauterer



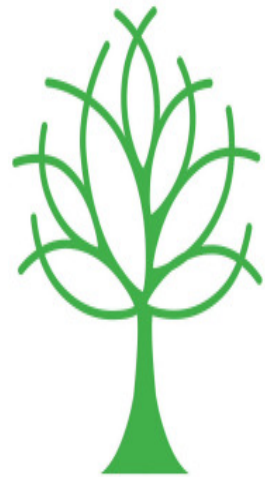
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Then there are the countless hours that Judy Lee, Aimee Tomcho, and Art Anderson have given to create the pieces for the campaign booth. There is no way I could have done what you have provided. Greater gifts I could never receive than your work and support. Thank you.

Then there is my husband, Zack, who has far exceeded my expectations of help. He has been my editor, writer, designer, technical wizard. I thank God for the endless hours he has given for this endeavor.

And lastly, for every hand that was laid on me this past Sunday as I turned my plow toward Minneapolis, I am thankful to God. You are the most wonderful church a pastor could hope for, and I'm going all the way to the General Assembly to tell of what you have done here. The Presbyterians have been gathering for GAs for almost 225 years in this country - and this one - the 219<sup>th</sup> (the meetings are now every two years) - will be very special not only for me but for you as well. No matter what the outcome, I am blessed and I am thankful. God is good - all the time!

## Caring for Creation: Green Your Independence Day



When you fire up the grill this summer, there is an easy and better way to honor the nation we love by protecting and conserving its natural resources. Some 60 million Americans fire up the grill on Independence Day, consuming enough energy - in the form of charcoal, lighter fluid, gas, and electricity - to power 20,000 households a year, and releasing about 225,000 tons of carbon emissions. To reduce your output, opt for an electric or propane grill, both of which are cleaner-burning than units powered by charcoal. If you must use coal, choose briquettes made of invasive tree species, or derived from sustainably managed forests.

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## Search for New Music Director Nears Completion

Of the ten applicants, three have been chosen as candidates for the new music director position at First Presbyterian Church Burnsville. These are Jessica Siple, whom you heard at the worship service on June 13, Derrick Everhart, and Carrie Stewart. Ms. Siple lives in Jonesboro, TN and is currently the children's choir director in a church in Winston-Salem, NC. She is an accomplished organist and has worked as a Christian educator. Ms. Stewart has been a church pianist for 14 years and is currently living in Spruce Pine, NC. Mr. Everhart received his BA from Mars Hill College in 2008 and is currently living in Asheville and performing as a substitute church musician in 5 counties in western North Carolina in addition to being a member of the flute section of Asheville Community Band. Mr. Everhart and Ms. Stewart have both been asked to come and play for us on a Sunday in July.

## Wednesday Night Fellowship Discussions Continue in July



Wednesday Night Fellowship continues to meet for a potluck at 5:30pm followed by discussion of "Living the Questions: Challenges Facing Progressive Christians". LtQ2 is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity.



### Congratulations

to Proctor and Ingebord Martin on the birth of their grandson Lucas Arthur James Bule. He was born on June 1, 2010 and is currently living in England.

## Four Join Our Church



We thank God for the four new members who joined our church on June 20, 2010. They are **Michael and Lori Osada** (far left and middle, pictured with daughter Sienna), **Joey Gurl** (right), and **Chris Gabriel** (not pictured). We look forward to your continued presence in our church family.

## Lanny Heidenfelder Elected as Newest Elder

We thank God for calling Lanny Heidenfelder to serve as one of our Elders - someone who takes on the obligation to be a leader of our church, to set an example with his life and faith, and to do the hard work that is required of a Session member.

Lanny served as an Elder in the church in Raleigh from which he transferred, so he understands the responsibility he has taken. The weight of the many hands laid on him (on the Sunday morning he was installed) probably reminded him of that.



We are also thankful that Lanny has discerned that he is called to take on the responsibility of Clerk of Session. Margie Lang has been a blessing to serve as Clerk until now. Thank you, dear Margie.

God has mightily blessed us with fine Elders in this church through the years.

## Bob McFerren Graduates from Laity School

We are proud to announce that Bob McFerren has completed the study for the Presbytery of Western North Carolina School of Laity. This two year program includes study of church history, theology, spirituality, and other seminary-like classes taught by professors now living in the area. Classes are held on Saturdays.

Bob Ayala of the Newdale Presbyterian Church completed along with Bob and other students from across the presbytery.

Jennifer England of our church is now attending the School of Laity.

Bob McFerren, who has served as an Elder, is now eligible to be a Commissioned Lay Pastor, should he choose to be called to serve a small church in the area.



## VBS 2010 - RENEW: THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

by Suzanne Gavenus



Our VBS kids learned to "Grow in Faith" by helping local charities and learning how to grow plants to feed themselves and the hungry.

This year we had 26 children ages 4-12, 5 teenage "shepherds" and 10 adult/young adult leaders who were involved with our VBS! Throughout the week we studied about Jesus' message of the sower and how to nurture our relationship with Christ, our community and creation. We learned we must make conscious decisions about our soil (foundation), our fertilizer and how we tend our crops (relationships with God, people, animals and the earth), how we handle or deal with

thorns and rocky ground (challenges in our lives) and what the benefits of the crops that we harvest are (stronger faith, relationships, healthy bodies and environments and being good stewards of our earth and all the creation God bestowed upon us.)

As part of the curriculum and through the creativity of the VBS team, our children were directly a part of the following missions for their community:

- \* they planted two trees on church grounds
- \* they learned about and created mulch
- \* they tried new foods from different parts of the world
- \* they had fun playing new games
- \* they learned about themselves and how they fit in with the heavenly and earthly world
- \* they brought in donations and learned about the mission of Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center, Reconciliation House, Family Violence Coalition and Yancey House
- \* they planted different seeds each evening to take home, grow and hopefully use in their own kitchens, maybe even to make a pizza! The seed were: oregano, sweet basil, red pepper, best boy tomato, and onion.
- \* they took a field trip twice to DigIn, the local organic, community garden that grows food to feed our local hungry people. They planted beans in pots to take home and nurture then brought them back to the garden to plant. This fall, as a part of the Wednesday Church School, the children will go back and help pick the beans and talk more about how their good works are helping others.



On June 30, they contributed their bean starts to Burnsville Community Garden.