

# FRIENDS & FAMILY

News from North Raleigh Presbyterian Church

## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

Dear Members and Friends of NRPC,

Since this will be my last article for *Friends & Family Newsletter*, I want to share some thoughts appropriate for the occasion.

First, I want to thank those who helped me assimilate in my role as Interim Pastor. My call was to help you navigate through this time of change as you prepare to call your next pastor. Together we have re-visited the past, celebrating that which was good, acknowledging that which has encumbered the church in past, and reaffirming a commitment to meet the challenges of a new day as the church ministers in the name of Christ. I thank those who have rolled up their sleeves, compelled, not out of guilt but out of their love for Christ's church. I am grateful for open minds and hearts; for the willingness to see new opportunities and to take new risks. I thank our staff for their fine ministries in the areas of education, music and office management. Kudos to the Mission Task Force who spent the better part of six months compiling information, gathering members together to talk about what really matters in the life of the church; to those Elders who have given themselves to their particular ministries and supported each other as parts of the one body; and to the members who gathered for worship on the Lord's Day to glorify and give thanks to our gracious, living God.

I also want to challenge you to step out in faith, allowing God to use your particular gifts for ministry as you go into your future. Author John Ortberg wrote a book titled, *If You Want to Walk on Water You Have to Step Out of the Boat*. The theme of his book is that growth happens through well thought out risks. The opposite is to stay in the boat, which requires little or no risk. . .but also impedes growth. He writes:

*"There are few things that attract us more than growth. We were made to grow and love to be around growth. We plant gardens; we set aside forest preserves, we wait for the first blade of grass to come up in spring . . . We love to watch newborns grow . . . Think about the excitement of parents whose child says his first word. Yesterday, he could only cry or babble. Today he has joined the ranks of those who speak . . .*

*Consider the sense of fulfillment in the leaders of a company that is expanding, achieving its mission and giving vocational opportunities to men and women who yesterday didn't have any. They are watching the miracle of growth."*

Why would you not want the same for the church? Be intentional about welcoming those who need to hear and experience the good news of God's love. A plant that does not grow is not healthy. A church that does not grow. . . I am not talking primarily about numerical growth. Grow spiritually, grow in the knowledge of a God who came and lived among us, grow in your relationship with God's people. Cherish the community you have here and actively engage in its growth. Step out of the boat as you take the risks that need to be taken, that you may live into your God-given future.

I conclude with the words the Apostle Paul used to open his letter to the Corinthians.

*"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind."*

And may the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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**Vacation Bible School:**  
**Friday, June 24 through Sunday, June 26**  
**“Shake It Up Cafe:**  
**Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe”**

**Place:** Faith Ministries Building

**Date and Time:**

<b>Friday, June 24</b>	5:45 – 8:30 PM
<b>Friday night, June 24</b>	Sleepover for rising 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> graders
<b>Saturday, June 25</b>	9:45 AM – 3:00 PM
<b>Sunday, June 26</b>	8:45 – 10:15 AM

*Children will sing in worship at the 10:30 AM service on June 26.*

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Dear Parents,

We're bringing kitchen fun to the kids at NRPC's Vacation Bible School, *Shake It Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe!* Your children will become chefs-in-training at Shake It Up Café as we discover God's recipe for living.

After a high-energy opening Friday evening, June 24, the chefs will make their way to Kitchen à la King. Interactive Bible lessons will reveal the secret ingredients for living as a follower of God, and your chefs will learn Bible Bite memory verses that will boost their faith long after VBS.

The children will expand what they've learned by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects at Tangy and Tart Arts, singing new music at Wok and Roll Hits, exploring science activities at the Foodology Factory, participating in recreational activities at Spork Sports, and enjoying tasty snacks at the Takeout Treatery.

For more information, contact Stacy Askew (622-8764, [saskew@nc.rr.com](mailto:saskew@nc.rr.com)) or and Marceline Murawski (881-8251, [mbunzey@yahoo.com](mailto:mbunzey@yahoo.com)).

***Friday night sleepover for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders!***

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## ***VBS Registration for All Ages (children, youth and adults)***

- 1) Registration forms are available in the June 5 bulletin. For the remainder of June, registration forms will be available in the narthex and friendship binders on each pew in the sanctuary.
- 2) Print a form from the NRPC website: [www.nrleighpc.org/VBS2011.pdf](http://www.nrleighpc.org/VBS2011.pdf)
- 3) Register directly online:  
<http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-cafe/NRPCShakeitUpCafe>



## **ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**



***Getting the Word Around:  
Using technology to share the Good News  
(No computer skills needed!!)***

It's a new generation out there folks. We have many ways to get and stay connected: cards and letters using real postage stamps, emails, texting, Twitter (whoever named that?), Facebook, Skype, videos, blogs, and online communities. Even NRPC has weekly emails, monthly newsletters, and a new website.

So how can we, as a caring community of faith, use these new tools to NRPC's advantage to stay connected with one another? That's what we'll explore and share over four sessions.

Are computer skills needed? Not at all. Our support team is there to lead us in learning, even with hands-on practice. No, you can't break a computer by pushing the "wrong" button. But you can expand your own skills and learn a bunch, too.

### **Friday, June 24 – Why We Need to Get the Word Around (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm)**

We kickoff the weekend by discussing how 'getting the word around' has changed in the past few years. How can we share our faith with those who are not Sunday-oriented? What role can the internet play in connecting with friends, those in need, and our community? We have several real-life situations just begging for your comments, discussion, and suggestions.

### **Saturday, June 25 – Getting Connected to Care for Each Other (10:30 am - 12:30 pm)**

Disaster strikes. How did the Baptist Men magically appear to help immediately after Raleigh's tornadoes? What can we learn from that experience to become better connected to our community, especially in times of need? We'll have a case study, and plenty of time for your comments and thoughts. Do you fear computers and the internet? Fear not! This morning we will also learn how many churches and individuals are using Caring Websites to stay connected.

### **Saturday, June 25 – Informing Our Faith (1:00 pm - 3:00pm)**

After lunch, join a theological treasure hunt using multi-media resources. Computer experience is not required! But creativity and curiosity are essential.

### **Sunday, June 26 – Putting the Web to Work for NRPC (9:15 am - 10:15 am)**

Learn about how NRPC is embracing the web. Explore our new website, and how to use it for your benefit. Tell us how to make technology work better as a community of faith.

## ***JUNE 5 IS CELEBRATION SUNDAY!***

Join us as we recognize our college and high school graduates. All are invited for our annual picnic to be held following worship. For our picnic, the Fellowship Team will provide grilled chicken, chips and an ice cream sundae bar. For our youngest members, we'll have chicken nuggets/fingers.

Please bring a dish to share. If your last name begins A-J, please bring side dishes (casseroles such as squash, pineapple, potato, rice, green bean, baked beans, etc.). We will be able to keep casseroles warm until serving time. K-O, please bring bread such as corn muffins, crusty Italian or focaccia. P-S, please bring fruit (fruit salad, sliced watermelon, strawberries, grapes, etc.). And finally, T-Z, please bring salads (tossed, pasta, cole slaw, potato, broccoli, deviled eggs – not fruit salad).



***Games and a bouncin' surprise for the kids!***

***Mark your calendar. You don't want to miss Celebration Sunday!***

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## **OLDER ADULT MINISTRIES**

***Coffee Fellowship on Wednesday, June 15 at 10:30 a.m.***

You are invited to an Older Adult Fellowship Coffee on Wednesday, June 15, in the Faith Ministries Building from 10:30-12:00 while we have a time of fellowship together. If you require transportation or have questions, please call Sam Potter (848-5003) or Debi Collins (847-3738).

### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study – June 8 and 22**

This group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Faith Ministries Building at 10:30 a.m. Bring your Bible and join us as we read and study the Gospel of Matthew. If you have any questions, please contact Helen McBryde at 845-5232.



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## **LOOK FOR OUR NEWLY DESIGNED AND UPDATED WEBSITE**



The Administrative/Communications Ministry Team has organized a technology group to work on completing and launching our newly designed and expanded website. The tech group, chaired by Gary Stephens, and including Margaret Cowan, Mark Daughtrey, Doug Currie and Jim Madson, has been meeting regularly since early April. Launch is planned for this month, just in time for Vacation Bible School.

Gary Stephens has been working on the site extensively with the assistance of Margaret Cowan. We think you will be excited to see all the new changes, and there will be many opportunities to continue to add to and expand our website presence as needed and desired by our members and ministry teams. In fact, members of the technology group will be meeting with each ministry team and other church groups following launch for further input. The group is currently developing a set of operating procedures that the Administrative Team will bring to Session for approval and which will guide us as we use this excellent communications tool in our church work.



## June Sunday School at NRPC – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

### ***June Children/Youth Sunday School:***

**The Nursery** will continue to be offered for children two and younger each Sunday morning at 9:15 am. Please contact Haley Stallworth or Janet Stark for more information.

**Our preschoolers** (ages 3-4) will continue with their Rock Solid class where they will have fun learning about the beginnings of the church when Peter proclaimed, “On this rock I will build my church.” (Matthew 16:18)

**Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> graders** will get a special sneak peek at VBS’s *Shake It Up Cafe* this month at 9:15 with our fearless director, Stacy Askew and assistant director, Marceline Murawski, to discover “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.” (2 Corinthians 5:17a). Join us and our favorite NRPC Youth for games, music, food time with Bible Spices, discovery time, and a special visit from the Apostle Peter!

### ***June Adult Sunday School:***

**Cornerstone** – We will continue the Present Word study of the Old Testament, as we challenge ourselves to find meaningful links between worshipping, learning, and serving in local mission. George Snead is the facilitator of this class.

**Parenting in Faith** – Join our group to discuss boundaries, challenges, and joys of engaging technology with our children. We’ll look at what research findings tell us about children and technology trends, we’ll visit sites together that are great resources for children in their development, and talk about youth and social media. Dave Chamberlin and Janet Stark will guide us through our online discovery that will reinforce faithful parenting practices.

**Pioneer Class** – Our group is in the middle of the book/sermon study: *Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White (thoughts on religion, morality, and politics)* by Adam Hamilton. Join our group in discussions about how we can engage in the process of change and politics that is informed by our faith. Kimberly Wynns is facilitating these discussions each Sunday morning.

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## Confirmation 2011 at NRPC

On June 12, we welcome into the life and membership of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church the following youth who have completed Confirmation Class this year. There will be a reception on the lawn after worship to congratulate these youth. Please join us in celebrating this important milestone in the ministry of these young people: Paul Juneau, Thomas Juneau, Kathryn Mentzel, Cailley Michaud, Sarah Miles, Hunter Murphy, Grace Todd, and Hunter Wynns.



## ***A Special Thank You to my NRPC Church Family***

our gift of the book, *Making Space for the Spirit*, and the Cokesbury gift card to mark my graduation from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond on May 28 touched me greatly. I get to add the ominous acronym, MACE (Masters of Arts in Christian Education) to a very meaningful list of learning experiences that have enriched my life and my ministry.

May 1 marked a year since I was called to be your Director of Christian Education and when I think about the last year we have had together, I can't help smiling at all we have discovered together. Greg Ogden relays a story in his book, *Unfinished Business – Returning the Ministry to the People of God*: "The image that permeates the New Testament understanding of the church and serves as an umbrella for all metaphors is that of the church as the *body of Christ*. I have never heard a better summary of the interdependent nature of the church as the body of Christ than the words of one of the leaders at my former church – We tend to put inordinate pressure on ourselves to be complete, multitalented, thoroughly well-rounded individuals. The trouble comes when we compare the ideal of what we think we should be to our real selves with all our deficiencies in character and limitations in talent... It dawned on him. . . *We don't have it all together, but together, we have it all*" (42).

My friends – it is a privilege to profess to you that I wholeheartedly embrace the notion that together we have it all! With much gratitude, I thank you for inviting me into the faith story of North Raleigh Presbyterian Church and look forward to our future of learning and serving together!

Your partner in ministry – Janet Stark

## **Kids' Club Summer Event!**

The NRPC Kids' Club will meet once over the summer for an outing on July 17. We are finalizing the details, so watch for more information in July's newsletter. Have a great summer and we look forward to seeing you all in worship!



## **Children's Worship - A Summer of Psalms**

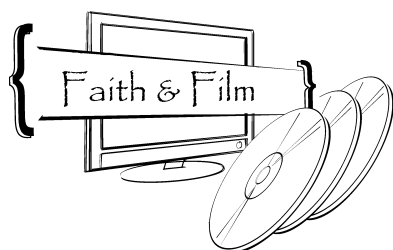
*Children are invited to participate after "Sharing the Faith with our Children" in worship*

	<b>Preschool Children's Chapel: Preschool Class FMB</b>	<b>K-1 Children's Church: Apostles' Playhouse FMB</b>
<b>June 5</b> Psalm 68:1-10	Leader: Maggie Barlow	Leader: Candy Tedrick
<b>June 12</b> Psalm 104:24-34	Leader: Stacy Askew	Communion Sunday: No Children's Church
<b>June 19</b> Psalm 8	Leader: Stephanie Adams	Leader: Amy Brown
<b>June 26</b> Psalm 13	Leader: Stacy Askew	Leader: Candy Tedrick

## NRPC Youth Sundays in June



- June 5:** 9:15 am MS McDs/HS Synago and Starbucks  
10:30 am Graduate Recognition during Worship  
4:00 pm Confirmation Examination with the Session
- June 12:** 9:15 am Youth help lead VBS Sneak Peak Sunday School  
10:30 am Confirmation Sunday and Celebration  
1:30 pm HS Youth depart for Montreat (return June 18 at 2 pm)
- June 19:** 9:15 am Youth help lead VBS Sneak Peek Sunday School  
***Happy Father's Day!***
- June 26:** 9:15 am Youth help lead VBS – SHAKE IT UP!  
11:30 am Youth Lunch Out after worship  
1-2 pm Middle School Massanetta Retreat Meeting for youth and parent  
1-3 pm High School ASP West Virginia Mission Team Meeting for youth and parent
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## Faith and Film

**NRPC Faith and Film kicks off a summer of celebrating how different cultures relate food, faith, and community. We invite you to come feed your mind, soul, and body with us this summer! Faith and Film meets the fourth Thursday of the month from 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

### **June 23: *Images of Jesus through historic film***

Facilitated by Janet Stark

We will deviate for our screen cuisine summer study this month, to whet our appetites for Adult VBS: *Getting the Word Around* (utilizing technology to share and grow our faith). This special film night will be hosted at the home of Michelle and George Snead. Please join us for Mediterranean faire as we look at the congruencies and inconsistencies of how the Jesus we know in Scripture has been portrayed in film. We will view and discuss movie clips from *King of Kings* (1927), *The Greatest Story Ever Told* (1965), *Godspell* (1973), *The Last Temptation of Christ* (1988), and *Son of Man* (2005).

### **July 28: *Big Night* 1996 Rated R**

Facilitated by Janet Stark

In this witty drama, a pair of brothers debate integrity versus compromise as they try to succeed in the restaurant business. Primo and Secondo have journeyed from Italy to New Jersey in the mid-1950s, determined to make a killing with an authentic Italian restaurant, *The Paradise*. But their food is a bit too authentic; Primo may prepare a superb risotto, but most of his customers are wondering why they can't get a bowl of spaghetti and meatballs. The story unfolds as their view of food and business define who they are to be.

### **August 25: *Eat, Drink, Man, Woman* 1994 Unrated**

Facilitated by Janet Stark

Taiwanese Master Chef Chu is a long-time widower who lovingly cooks large Sunday dinners for his three daughters, who view his family meals as too traditional. Each of the three daughters struggles with changing relationships and tension between tradition and modernization.

## Risk Management Team Update

NRPC's Risk Management Team has been busy "partnering" with other ministry areas in developing policies and procedures to promote a safe and secure environment for our church community. Most recently we have met with the following ministry areas: Buildings and Grounds, Christian Education and Member Care.

Just what is the purpose and mission of the risk management team? Our mission statement is as follows.

*To encourage and maintain an effective risk management program for NRPC in order to provide a safe environment for staff, congregation, visitors, guests, church property users and minimize any liability that may result from church-sponsored activities or from the use of our facilities by any outside group.*

God calls us to make our church a safe place for all. This includes protecting our children and other vulnerable persons from any type of abuse, the ability to handle some emergency situations and a facility that is safety prone to prevent accidental injury. God also calls us to create communities of faith where both children and adults grow safe and strong.

As you can imagine, this is a huge task for a congregation of our size but a necessary one. Establishing a "safe place" is the responsibility of each and every one of us. A few individuals cannot do it alone and everyone's support and understanding is important.

The next meeting of the Risk Team is Monday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Faith Ministries Building. If you have any interests, thoughts or suggestions for this team, please come to one of the meetings or contact any team member. Team members are Candy Tedrick, George Dail, Jamie Gordon, Katie King, Dale Wenniger and Jim Madson.

Let us all love God and be safe.

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## Helping Others through Member Care Meals Ministry

The Member Care Ministry provides meals for persons and families in need at any time. New babies, illness, transitions (moving, etc) or just needing a little help are all times when the meals ministry will happily provide support. Nothing is nicer than a meal already made you can enjoy when times are stressful or challenging.



If you are in need of a meal or meals OR know someone who does, please contact Janet Livengood (847-3795, [jlivengood@nc.rr.com](mailto:jlivengood@nc.rr.com)) or Katie King (847-4185, [kghking@gmail.com](mailto:kghking@gmail.com)).

Also, please contact Janet or Katie if you would like to provide a meal for someone or would help transport already prepared meals to families when needed.

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## Farewell Reception for Ted Churn



A reception will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, June 19, to say farewell to Ted Churn and thank him for his time as our interim pastor as NRPC. The Session, with assistance from the Fellowship Team, will be hosting this event, so just bring yourself, maybe a note of thanks, and lots of smiles and hugs to send Ted off properly for his next endeavor. For additional information, contact Suzy Lippard (848-2104, [suzylippard@gmail.com](mailto:suzylippard@gmail.com)).

## From the Pastor Nominating Committee

With Ted's stay as our interim minister coming to a close, many of you are eager to know where the PNC stands in regard to nominating a candidate for North Raleigh Presbyterian. Since the process began, we have received approximately 140 pastor resumes which each member of the committee has read and evaluated. We have narrowed the possibilities to a short list, and the final candidates have had two interviews, one of which is face-to-face with the committee members. We are a desirable church, and each candidate is strong. Thus we move forward, adhering to Presbytery policies and following their suggestions for the remainder of the process.

Please be assured that each of us considers this a "sacred task" and takes our responsibility very seriously. From the initial once-a-week meetings, which also entailed numerous hours of study and research at home, we increased the intensity during one week recently to four meetings (a total of fifteen hours together). We will continue to proceed carefully until the candidate is chosen and all details have been approved by both our Session and the Presbytery. Please continue to keep our team in your prayers as we seek to both represent our church and discern God's will.

Faithfully,

**The PNC Team:** Jon Wenge, Loffie Jordaan, Kristen Stowe, Michelle Snead, Nancy Chamberlin, Justine Fink, Jerry Thompson



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**Harp! Vocalists! Bagpipes! Vocalists! Clarinets! Flutes!  
Viola! Violin! Did I mention Vocalists????????????**

And that's only a sampling of the wonderful music that you will experience this summer during the worship hour. As usual, our choir will take a break during the months of June, July and August. During this period, our musicians will share their gifts as they glorify God with their own unique talents. Many weeks have already been planned; however, if you have not been contacted and would like to participate, then call Michelle Snead (846-7341) who will fit you into the schedule.

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### Fellowship with Books Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m.



The June Fellowship with Books will meet on Monday, June 20, to discuss the novel, *Ape House* by Sara Gruen. She is also the author of best-selling novel, *Water for Elephants*. The meeting will be at the home of Jennifer Worth (10509 Tree Bark Court) at 7:00 p.m.

**For the summer.** . . Fellowship with Books will be reading *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy. In order to have plenty of time to enjoy reading this classic, the group will not meet in July. The next meeting will be Monday, August 15, at the home of Esther Juneau (416 Emerywood Drive).

## Opportunities to Serve

**Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC** – Saturday, June 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This is a great experience for the whole family. All ages are welcome. Come meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. to carpool. To sign up, contact Stacy Askew (622-8764, saskew@nc.rr.com).



# Helping Others

**Helen Wright Center Bingo Night** – On Friday, June 17, at 7:00 PM, we will be heading downtown to put on this popular activity for the ladies. Consider donating prizes for the bingo winners such as books, scarves, lotions, candles, picture frames, and stuffed animals. A collection box for the Helen Wright Center is in the Outreach closet in the Faith Ministries Building and mark your donation: "Prizes for Bingo." If you would like to join us that evening, contact Linda McKinney (845-7882, zsazsa151@aol.com).

**Latin American Mission Trip** – The Outreach Team is exploring the possibility of offering in the summer of 2012 a one-week mission trip sponsored by PC(USA) to a country in Latin America. The itinerary is done by PC(USA) and participants can be involved in just fellowship or a combination of fellowship and physical work, thus making it easy for more people to participate. The cost run around \$1,000 plus airfare and the minimum age is 16. If you are interested or have questions, please contact John Murawski (jgmurawski@yahoo.com).

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## Last Month's Activities

**Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC** – On May 4, three of our finest volunteers, Melissa Taylor, Pam Homolya, and Stacy Askew dug through "green goo" to salvage cucumbers. Then sorted red potatoes, which wasn't nearly as messy. It's always lots of fun and we invite you to join us on our next volunteer day, June 18. (More information under "Opportunities to Serve.")

**Disaster Relief** – Over the past two months, our world, near and far, has experienced once-in-a-lifetime natural disasters. As a result, NRPC members have donated over \$2,300 to help victims of Japan's earthquake and tsunami and \$2,500 to help those affected by the tornados that hit Raleigh in April. We have also been able to bring two carloads of supplies to the Inter-Faith Food Shuttle for dissemination to those displaced by the tornados. Thanks to everyone who has and continues to help in this way. The collection box for supplies will remain in the narthex during June as the needs of these people still exist.

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## Collection Focus for June: Inter-Faith Food Shuttle

Due to the continued need of those people whose homes were ruined by the April tornadoes, NRPC's collection focus will stay squarely on this mission. Your donated items can go in the box in the narthex. Food items most needed are fresh produce, dry goods (rice, beans, flour, sugar, grits, oatmeal), 100% juice in large bottles or individual containers, canned meats (tuna, chicken), cereal, healthy snack items, and water in jugs or bottles.



**Book Drive in Support of Raleigh Rescue Mission** – Help our neighbors affected by the tornadoes in the Raleigh area get back to reading with any gently used books for all ages that you no longer need. We have received over 100 books so far. A donation box is available in the Outreach Closet in the Faith Ministries Building through the end of June. This book drive is organized by Julia Stowe, an NRPC 4<sup>th</sup> grader, to support others in need through the Raleigh Rescue Mission. For more information, contact Kristen Stowe (870-5721, loudlibrarian1@gmail.com).

## ***A Brush with Kindness Campaign***



- Who: 15 to 20 NRPC volunteers each of two days  
What: Cleaning up/sprucing up many individual homes in the neighborhood  
When: Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM each day.  
Working for half a day is fine if that is all one can manage.  
Where: Long Acres neighborhood in southeast Raleigh (directions and more info to follow)  
Why: Because ALL of us are God's children and some need help!!!  
How: By the sweat of our collective brow!!!

In the interest of expanding our outreach opportunities, our church is serving as a sponsor organization for a Habitat for Humanity Program named "A Brush with Kindness." It is a very innovative project taking place at an old neighborhood in the downtown area which is known as Long Acres. The project involves not just the Habitat organization but also the City of Raleigh through its Community Development Department, as well as a diverse group of other partner organizations such as Resources for Seniors, the YMCA, St. Augustine's College and private businesses. The aim is to create a permanent and positive change for the Long Acres neighborhood which has existed for over 50 years and has recently experienced early symptoms of decline. We accomplish this by giving many of the homes there a fresh coat of paint (or paint accenting!), dusting off of the cobwebs, and sprucing up of the yard. Later in the fall, a number of new Habitat Homes will be built in the neighborhood as well.

The program was addressed recently in a "Minute for Mission" during the Sunday worship service. This program is distinct and apart from the normal Habitat for Humanity projects we have participated in over the past 10 or so years. (We will be doing that again beginning this fall.) PRIMARILY, the difference is that this activity requires NO special skill set and is designed such that anyone who cares to make a difference can do so. There is NO able bodied motivated person who cannot participate – which is one of the reasons we decided to get behind the initiative. Activities will include general clean-up, light painting, sprucing up home and yards, sweeping, raking and such. NOT to say that those who happen to possess a defined skill aren't also welcome. They are. Also, though it will be in the middle of summer, many of the individual homes receiving attention will be air-conditioned.

We, along with a number of other volunteer organizations, will be responsible for providing 15-20 volunteers each day on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18. The on-site activity will begin at 8:00 AM and run till 4:00 PM. While we would like to have people volunteer for the whole day, we will work with folks who can only come for half a day too. We will be working on a number of homes each day. The homeowners participating will have gone through an application process leading to their selection.

This may seem like an ambitious undertaking, but we feel like because the range of people who can be easily involved is so great, that we won't have any trouble getting the volunteers needed. Young adults age 16 and up can participate with a signed parental consent form. We strongly encourage parent/child activity. Friends are also welcome, even encouraged, to come to help out as well.

Please contact Bob Lippard (848-2104, [blippard@druckerandfalk.com](mailto:blippard@druckerandfalk.com)) with your interest and the time you will be able to work. He will be contacting folks individually in the coming days to line up our team. Stay on the lookout for more information as we move closer to the date.



***GROWING GIFTS at NRPC –  
A Summer Sunday School  
Celebration of our Unique Gifts  
and Oneness in God's Spirit***

- July 3** Bring Bible Stories to Life with Clay Animation/Digital Photography - Janet Stark
- July 10** Unfolding Christ's Love through the Art of Books - Kristen Stowe
- July 17** Crocheting Care Ministry - Kimberly Wynns
- July 24** Suburban Bee Keeping - Dick Christensen
- July 31** NRPC Youth - Summer Trip Sharing/Energizers
- Aug 7** Worship and Movement - Liturgical Dance  
Emily Stark with Logan Livingston (Hollie Currie)
- Aug 14** Grow Your Own Fruit Orchard - John Murawski
- Aug 21** Assessing Your Spiritual Gifts - Janet Stark
- Aug 28** Your Calling, Your Ministry (Using your gifts to serve and love) - Janet Stark

**HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES**

- James Ayscue** -- Millbrook High School
- Emma Daughtrey** – Broughton High School
- Eric Michaud** – Leesville Road High School
- Kaitlin Slack** – Millbrook High School
- Tyler Stark** – Wakefield High School
- Taylor Whitley** – Leesville Road High School



We will be recognizing our graduates  
in worship on Sunday, June 5.

**COLLEGE GRADUATES**

- Josh Dove** – UNC School of the Arts – School of Filmmaking with a major in film production

**POST-GRADUATES**

- Janet Stark** from Union Presbyterian Seminary with a Masters Degree in Christian Education

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT AMENDMENT 10-A**

Please take note on the facing page of the “Frequently Asked Questions” regarding the recent passage of Amendment 10-A, which occurred in May. This amendment gives the responsibility for who can be ordained back to the local ordaining bodies of the church (the Presbytery and Session), which is in keeping with the historic principles of church order. Information for further resources is listed at the conclusion.

**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**Amendment 10-A and ordination standards**  
**Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**What has happened?**

In July 2010, the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved a proposed amendment (10-A) to the *Book of Order*, part of the PC(USA) Constitution, regarding ordination standards. As with all constitutional changes, Amendment 10-A required ratification by a majority (87) of the PC(USA)'s 173 presbyteries (regional bodies) for it to become part of the *Book of Order*. While the Office of the General Assembly awaits official tallies, it appears that the minimum number of 87 presbyteries will be reached the week of May 9.

**What will change?**

The following provision that is currently in the *Book of Order* (G-6.0106b) will be changed:

*Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.*

The new language (Amendment 10-A) will read:

*Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G- 14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.*

**What does this mean?**

- Ordaining bodies continue to retain the right and responsibility to determine their own memberships. A congregation continues to elect their deacons and elders and the session examines them for suitability of office. Likewise, presbyteries examine individuals for suitability to be ordained as ministers of the Word and Sacrament.
- A person in a same-gender relationship can be considered for ordination as deacon, elder, or Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
- All other churchwide standards for ordination remain unchanged. (There was never a prohibition against a person being ordained based on sexual orientation, as long as that person was celibate.)

**What's next?**

Amendment 10-A will take effect on July 10, 2011 (one year after the adjournment of the last assembly). Already, the change has energized many conversations at all levels across the PC(USA) about how we can best enable the gifts of those called to service in Christ's church and have mutual respect for each other's integrity. In addition, sessions and presbyteries will review their processes for examination.

**For more detailed information and additional resources:** <http://oga.pcusa.org>

Includes links to:            Pastoral letter to congregations of the PC(USA) – also in Spanish and Korean  
   Liturgical resources – also in Spanish and Korean  
   Advisory Opinion #24 – also in Spanish and Korean  
   Various video podcasts – including one in Spanish and one in Korean



## FINANCE REVIEW – April 2011

	Month Actual	Budget	Year-to-date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>				
Members - Pledged	34,231.50	15,712.00	101,500.41	79,673.00
Members - Non Pledged	2,130.00	1,250.00	7,543.00	5,000.00
Loose Offering	1,510.77	1,500.00	10,456.18	6,000.00
Other Contributions	368.29	50.00	11,053.02	9,200.00
Interest Income	27.20	458.33	927.40	1,833.32
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>38,267.76</b>	<b>18,970.33</b>	<b>131,480.01</b>	<b>101,706.32</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>				
Personnel	17,493.99	17,470.40	67,692.82	69,881.60
Administrative Expenses	398.04	887.51	3,227.43	3,150.04
Financing	6,210.57	6,210.25	23,850.29	23,175.00
Benevolences	5,045.00	4,239.00	13,276.23	17,589.00
Worship	(85.60)	150.00	419.64	1,080.00
Christian Education	737.10	741.66	3,910.35	2,966.64
Buildings & Grounds	3,362.85	3,851.67	14,599.83	15,506.68
Member Care	5.49	50.00	46.52	50.00
Member Development	0.00	200.00	11.98	300.00
Fellowship	265.17	208.34	629.73	833.36
Other Expenses	0.00	0.00	340.59	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>33,432.61</b>	<b>34,008.83</b>	<b>128,005.41</b>	<b>134,532.32</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>	<b><u>\$4,835.15</u></b>	<b><u>(\$15,038.50)</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,474.60</u></b>	<b><u>(\$32,826.00)</u></b>

Dear NRPC Family,

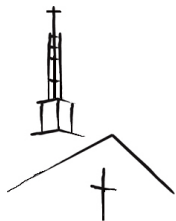
Words are inadequate vessels for conveying our heartfelt appreciation for the love and prayerful concern shown us during the several weeks Bettylou has been slowly recuperating from congestive heart failure. We have been blessed by your calls, card and visits and well-fed by our own NRPC gourmet cooks.

Special thanks to Ted Churn for his prayers, calls, hospital and home visits; to the Member Care Team and to all those individuals who prepared meals for us; to those who kept tabs on us by telephone; and in other words, to all who helped get Bettylou back on her feet and relieved Samuel of a bit of KP duty! How grateful we are to be a part of such a loving and outgoing Christian family!

*Love and blessings, Bettylou & Samuel Brown*

### SPRINGMOOR DRIVERS

<b>June 5</b>	Lee Mabry	<b>June 12</b>	Samuel Brown
<b>June 19</b>	Sharron Hambleton	<b>June 26</b>	John & Diana Minor



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## JUNE 2011

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### JUNE BIRTHDAYS



1	Doug Currie	10	Gwen Ratchford	21	Debbie King
1	Sandra Dail	12	Pam Homolya	22	Dominic Lawrence
1	Peggy Todd	13	Krista Allen	23	Ruth Brandau
2	Mike Lawrence	13	Jeff Stowe	23	Susan Walters
3	Heather Cruickshanks	14	Alena Freer	25	Maddox Morgan
5	George Dail	14	Ursula Hitchcock	26	Nancy Bible
7	Irene Baughman	14	Jane Pitcher	26	Susan Wilkat
7	Donna Fitzpatrick	15	Louis Brandau	27	Jordan Carter
8	Roger Askew	16	Sam Potter	27	Bella Gray Morgan
8	Sybil Hogan	16	Blanche Wenge	28	John Allen
9	Bryan Worth	19	Mike Morgan	29	Susanne Martin
		20	Candy Tedrick	30	Angela Sharer