

Kirk Courier

The Newsletter of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

*We gather in the name of Jesus Christ to worship God and by
the power of the Holy Spirit do God's work in the world.*

June/July 2010

Jesus and the 4th of July

We gather 'round to celebrate
On Independence Day
Pay homage to our country
As the children run and play.

With barbeques and picnics
And fireworks in the air
The flag we own is proudly flown
To show how much we care.

The stars and stripes spell freedom
She waves upon the breeze
While bursts of colors can be seen
Above the towering trees.

This is all quite wonderful
We revel in delight
But God above in divine love
Has brought this day to light.

With just a stroke of liberty
A touch of His great hand
He gave democracy to us
And helped this country stand.

The stripes upon our stately flag
Were touched by His sweet grace
Each star of white that shines so bright
Reflects His loving face.

So as you turn to face the flag
For battles that were fought
Be filled with pride for those who died
And freedoms that were bought.

But don't forget to thank the One
That gives the bright display
The reason why we paint the sky
On Independence Day



Jesus and the 4th of July poem
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UPCOMING WORSHIP

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m.

June 27, 2010 - 13th Ordinary Time
Proper 8 (June 26 - July 2)

*"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen."*

The Eighth and Conclusion of a Series of Sermons on The Lord's Prayer

July 4, 2010 - 14th Ordinary

A Day of National Celebration

The Great American Songbook: A Festival of American Hymns

July 11, 2010 - 15th Ordinary

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

"Laughing Through the Prayers"

July 18, 2010 - 16th Ordinary Time

July 25, 2010 - 17th Ordinary Time

August 1, 2010 - 18th Ordinary

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

August 8, 2010 - 19th Ordinary

• Psalm 33

August 15, 2010 - 20th Ordinary

• Psalm 49

August 22, 2010 - 21st Ordinary

• Psalm 71

"All Our Days"

August 29, 2010 - 22nd Ordinary

• Proverbs 31

"Living Like Royalty"

September 5 - 23rd Ordinary Time

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

• Psalm 139

September 12, 2010 24th Ordinary

At A Glance

You will find detailed information about the *At A Glance* activities inside this issue of the Kirk.

June & July Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Cost
July	11	Summer Sunday Celebration	Rm 220	
	18	Food Sunday		
	19-23	9:00 a.m. - 12:00p.m. Vacation Bible School	WPC	

Christian Education - Listed are the regular days, times and locations.

Days	Time	Class/Group	Location	Contact
Sundays	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Alpha	Rm 011	
		Fellowship	Rm 009	
		Thoughtful Christian	Rm 010	
		Confirmation	Rm 012	

Music Notes

Days	Time	Program	Contact
Wednesdays	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Genesis Ringers (adult beginner)	Marilyn Tyrrell (258-4565)
	7:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Jim Weaver (220-8096)
Thursdays	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Ringers (adult intermediate)	Marilyn Tyrrell (258-4565)
	4:30 - 5:15 p.m.	Carol Choir (4-6 years of age)	Lisette Armstrong

Note: Mid-Hi PYF, Senior-Hi PYF, Crusader Choir (grades 2-5), Joy Ringers (grades 2-5) and the Westminster Ringers (college students) are on recess for the summer.

August Kirk Courier

Many of the groups, programs and classes at WPC are either winding down or have ended for the summer. **The August issue of the *Kirk Courier* will be published later in the month of August, with a deadline of Monday, July 26, for mailing on Friday, August 20.** The August issue should include news about all the classes, groups, programs, and events you are planning for your program year beginning this fall. As you begin thinking about the upcoming year, it is not too early to send in information for the church calendar. **All requests for rooms should be sent to Ed Brock, Facility Manager (ebroch@mywpc.org).**

Please note, with the exception of the August issues, effective immediately, the *Kirk Courier* will be mailed on the second Friday of the month instead of the second Thursday of the month.

2010 Long Range Plan

Worship and Christian Fellowship

In this commemorative year as we celebrate the founding of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, the 2010 Long Range Plan (LRP) provides us with the exciting opportunity to continue to build upon our 150-year legacy. Worship and Christian Fellowship are the focus of two of the four goals articulated in the 2010 LRP and are discussed below. The goals relating to Christian Education and Outreach will be discussed in the next issue of the Kirk Courier.

Emphasis on Worship-

The Westminster Catechism begins by affirming that our chief and highest end (goal) is to glorify God and enjoy God forever. The 2010 WPC Long Range Plan (LRP) reflects this in our goal of *Worship that glorifies God, transforming and renewing us in a deepening faith.*

The LRP reminds us of the nature of worship: *Worship is a dialog between God and God's people. God speaks through Bible readings, preaching, and music. The congregation responds in profession, prayer and praise. We offer in worship our very best, that which has appropriate weight and majesty as to honor and glorify God.*

Worship belongs to the whole congregation. Clearly, our pastors and musicians provide the foundation for our worship services, but there is much more. All of us need to do our part, collectively and individually. We have a responsibility to attend worship services regularly, extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to others, and to participate in the worship service in prayer, praise, profession of our faith, and to be receptive, listening to God's voice. Through the weekly dialog of worship, members and non-members alike glorify God and deepen their faith.

Each of us should consider what personal goals we can set that will help us achieve our collective goal for worship. Personal worship goals could include serving as an usher or liturgist, participating in the music program, serving on the flower committee, attending services more regularly, engaging in the worship dialog through congregational responses, and inviting others to worship with us. Our church staff will help you in any way they can in this endeavor.

Psalms 100 says it well:

*"Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.*

Know that the Lord is God

It is he that made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations."

We encourage you to read the entire WPC Long Range Plan. A copy is permanently available in the library on the computer table just inside the door.

Christian Fellowship is Essential to Fulfilling Our Purpose-

"...but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..." (I John 1:7)

Fellowship has been essential to life within the Christian community since the origins of the Church, as evidenced by this excerpt from I John. Here at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Christian fellowship is an important part of what attracts many to our congregation and creates our sense of community. The 2010 Long Range Plan ("LRP") reflects the importance of committing ourselves to this community of fellow Christians in the following goal: *Christian Fellowship that nurtures and strengthens the common life of the congregation. God calls us to the Church Universal, which is spread throughout the world in congregations. We support, strengthen, enlighten and sustain each other by worshipping, conversing, serving, eating, and learning together, thus fostering a community of disciples to do God's work in the world.*

One of the foremost objectives of the LRP is to increase member participation in the various missions and activities of WPC. Enhancing the sense of Christian fellowship leads to increased involvement by the congregation – and vice versa. Each of you is encouraged to consider ways in which you can help promote and support this dynamic cycle by practicing greater Christian fellowship at WPC. Ask yourself the question "What can I do to make others in our congregation feel more welcome, appreciated, supported and spiritually fulfilled at WPC?" Hopefully, your answer to that question will lead to actions you can – and will – take to make your experience at WPC and that of others more meaningful. *-Penny Pulley & Bob Cox*

Session in Session

Session in Session is a digest of the session meetings of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. The session meets on 4th Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.. The next meeting of session is June 24 in the Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

At its May 27 meeting, the Session of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church:

- Was called to order with prayer by Moderator Patrick Willson.
- Heard a devotional by Elder Carolyn Weeks related to the Great Commission and the world-wide ministries of the PC(USA).
- Heard a Continuing Education presentation by Pastor Willson regarding Robert's Rules of Order and discussion of motions.
- Approved minutes of the April 22 session meeting and the called session meetings of May 16 and May 23.
- Received into record the minutes of the Board of Deacons meeting of May 13.
- Approved transfer of membership for Bruce and Jennifer Lowekamp to Trinity Presbyterian Church, San Carlos, CA, and a move to Inactive Membership for Bill and Laura Baetz, who have relocated to Pennsylvania.
- Received thank you letters from Community Services Coalition, FISH, Presbyterian Homes & Family Services, and Union-PSCE.
- Sustained the examinations of Deacons Joyce Patterson and Sheila Rost.
- Received written and verbal reports from Pastors Willson, Stanley and McKeithen.

- Approved the Standing Orders for 2010-2011.
- Approved requests for baptism for Margaret Hope Peters, daughter of Brett and Wendy Peters; LaRue Hundt, daughter of Elizabeth Burkey and David Hundt; and Briar Russell Ray, son of Russell and Mabry Ray.
- Received information regarding approved requests for the use of WPC facilities.
- Received a report from the commissioners to the April 24 Presbytery meeting.
- Approved a motion from Resources that a) all memorial fund contributions and bequests not specifically directed by the donor for a different purpose be directed to a fund for the repair/replacement of the roof of the 1992 building, and that b) the Resources Ministry be authorized to contact members with significant unpaid balances on their capital campaign pledges to determine if they would agree to redirect payment of such balances to a fund for the replacement of the roof. Once the roof repair project is completed and paid for, undesignated memorial fund contributions would be redirected to the capital fund.
- Heard updates from the search committees for Organist and for Director of Youth Ministries.
- Adjourned with prayer at 8:20 p.m. with prayer and singing of *The Doxology*.



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Christian Education

Children's Sunday School Classes Begin Summer Recess

The teachers have shared their love, their learning and their faith with the children, and we thank them for their faithful service to Jesus Christ through the education ministry:



3's & 4's: Brittany & Franklin Reames; Langston Symon and Kristin Raines

Kindergarten: Donna Kadlec; Evelyn Sailer

1st & 2nd Grade: Ellen Maurer; Tom Moul; Laura Murray and Allison Harklerod

3rd Grade: Bob Bland; Gini Campbell

4th & 5th Grade: Betty Griffin; Karen Waddill

Mid-Highs: Keith & Sheila Rost

Senior Highs: Erika Phillips; Dan Waddill

Sunday "Supers": Sherrie Chappell; Jane Marioneaux; Ann Schulte; Diane Schwarz; and Barbara Mernin

If you have not yet served on a teaching team and would like to learn more about the opportunities to teach, please talk with Pastor Karen. The 3-person teams have worked well at WPC. We have found that not only do "many hands make light work" but the sharing of ideas and methods makes learning and teaching more meaningful – and fun.

Summer Sunday Celebration Begins July 11

Sunday school will begin a summer celebration class for Kindergarten through Grade 5 on July 11 in Room 220. Mid highs and senior highs are welcome to participate and to serve as teaching assistants. The 3's & 4's are welcome, too, accompanied by a parent who will help them to become accustomed to the classroom setting.

Teachers for the summer class are needed. The sign-up roster is at the 2nd floor commons area. Class sessions will be held on July 11, 18 and 25 and August 8, 15, 22 and 29. July 4 and August 1 are Family Worship Sundays; the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at worship services on July 31 and August 1.

Awesome Adventures: *God's People on the Move* will provide the class with an opportunity to travel with Abram and Sarai as they leave their home and faithfully follow God; hurry with the Israelites as God calls them to leave Egypt; enter the Land of Promise with Joshua; rejoice with the psalmist as the people of God return home; learn a lesson from Proverbs about following the right paths; and hide with Jonah as he tries to escape God's call. New Testament stories include a walk with Jesus the Teacher and Jesus the Healer, learning about Jesus as the Way, and walking with the disciples as they encounter the risen Christ.

Third Graders Receive Bibles

On behalf of the congregation, the Christian Education Ministry presented bibles to members of the 3rd Grade class who participated in the 11:00 worship service on June 13. Members of the class include Madison Choate, Mackenzie Haynie, Emily London, Bryan Murphy, Cora Perelli, Maggie Reames, Nicholas Spear, Kendall Usher, and Truett Wason.

Child-care Assistance Needed

As the school year ends for the William & Mary College students, our need for child care givers on Sunday mornings becomes greater. Please plan to volunteer for an hour or two (or three) on at least one Sunday morning between now and early September. High school students are welcome to volunteer. You may place your name on the schedule by contacting Carrie Smith (cssmith@email.wm.edu).

A copy of Dr. Jane Vann's assessment of the WPC Christian Education ministry has been placed in the Library for review.



Thirteen Youth Participate in Rite of Confirmation

Thirteen members of the Confirmation Class were received by the session as Active Members and participated in the Rite of Confirmation and Commissioning held in 11:00 a.m. worship services on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, and on May 30. Deacons Judith Daniel, Eleanor Knowles, Scott Krogh, Barry Spear, Beth Parziale and Peter Moriarity served as teachers for this year's Confirmation class.

The Deacons who will be teaching the 8th grade confirmation class are Judith Daniel, Barry Spear, Rita Wright, Joyce Patterson, and Linda Thurby-Hay.

Congratulations and welcome to:

Elizabeth James ("Libby") Bland
 Dane Alexander Butler
 Taylor DeLane Harris
 Trudy Michelle Hannah Horsting
 Liza Buffington Jones
 Sarah Kelsey Jurczyk
 Gordon Knapp

Kimberly ("Kimber") Moore
 Kara Michelle Plyler
 Hannah Grace Schwarz
 Lydia Grace Smith
 Hannah Elizabeth Trueblood
 Katherine Alexandra ("Kate") Twiford

Welcome, Sarah Ramsey, Director Youth Ministries

We are excited to welcome Sarah Ramsey to WPC as our full-time Director of Youth Ministries (DYM). She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in Psychology and a concentration in Social Work. Sarah grew up in Columbia, SC, where she attended Seven Oaks Presbyterian Church with her family. She and her husband, Matt, have recently moved into their new house in north Suffolk with their two dogs, Sonnie and Skye.

Sarah and Matt were both active members of their youth groups and have served as youth advisors for the past three years at Seven Oaks. Sarah says that she is overjoyed to have been selected as our DYM and is eager to begin working with the youth. She said, "God has called me to this place, and I'm ready to learn and to meet the challenges that God has set before me." Sarah is looking forward to getting to know all of the youth, their families, and all the members of WPC who love and support them. Sarah added, "I know that we will achieve great things while having tons of fun together!"

Among other duties, Sarah will be responsible for planning and implementing PYF events, mid-high and senior high retreats, mission trips, and support for the leadership team. As the DYM, she will add a new level of enthusiasm and bring new ideas for fellowship, bible studies, and relational ministry to strengthen and support our youth in their journeys of faith. As well as welcoming Sarah to our youth ministry, we are looking forward to inviting new youth sponsors, volunteers, and supporters to join her in enhancing our youth programs. *- The Christian Education Ministry*

Community

A Word from Our Pastor

For the past two years I have enjoyed teaching an evening class the second and fourth Tuesday nights of each month. Last year a valiant and patient group worked their way through C. S. Lewis; the year before that, Shirley Guthrie's *Christian Doctrine*.

Faith and science will be the topic of next year's class. We will be investigating the origins of the universe and the diversity of life on this earth, and we will ask questions of what all this means. Can we still speak of "God acting" and of life after death? Must science and religion be antagonists?

For our studies we will be using Keith Ward's *The Big Questions in Science and Religion*, a book both wise and witty. Dr. Ward's area of expertise is philosophy and philosophical theology, and has been very much involved in conversations about the relationship of scientific knowledge and religious knowing. I spent a week in Oxford in 2009 at the Theology Summer School and found him a delightful teacher.

If you would like to join us for this study please let us know by signing up in the receptionist's office on the main floor of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. Once you have signed up we will order you a copy of the study book (\$14.49) and when we know how many plan to attend, we will let you know where we will meet.

I'm looking forward to another year of fascinating Tuesday night conversations.

Sincerely,
Patrick

Christian Commitment in Today's World-



Vacation Bible School Summer 2010
July 19 - 23
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - Noon

A New Summer Study

The Alpha Adult Sunday School class invites you to our study for the summer, which is just beginning. The weekly lessons in June, July, and August will look at Paul's letters to the Thessalonians and to the Philippians, especially examining texts that explore what Paul was saying about the nature, foundation, and marks of Christian commitment. Some subjects seem every bit as relevant to us in the 21st century as they were when Paul first wrote about them more than 2000 years ago; this is certainly such a topic. It promises to be an exciting study.

The Alpha Class meets each Sunday morning at 9:30 in room 11 on the lower level of the church, just below Stevenson hall. The classes are led by a rotating team of teachers who emphasize discussion and sharing. Although the lessons follow a theme, each week's study stands alone, so the occasional excuse for not attending, "I'll have to miss while I'm on vacation, so I won't come at all," doesn't apply. Join us to explore commitment as Christians, for a Sunday, a month, or forever. Coffee is available.

Food Sunday is July 18

The demand for emergency food assistance continues to run high as many of our fellow citizens are suffering from under- or unemployment. You can help needy people in our community by donating non-perishable food items for the Fish Food Pantry on Food Sunday. Especially needed at this time are canned meats and other main dish items, canned fruits and vegetables, cereals, pork and beans, tea, and dry milk. Please leave your donation bags in the hallway near the parking lot entrance.

All-Church Picnic to be held September 26

Remember to save September 26th for our annual All-Church Potluck Picnic. It will be held again this year in Waller Mill Park, shelter number 3. This annual event is always fun, so mark your calendars for Christian fellowship and good food! Remember: September 26, 2010, from 4:00 to 7:00 at Waller Mill Park, shelter number 3. Sign up in September. We look forward to seeing you there!

BACK By Popular Demand!

Discover Our Library

We are getting ready for a new year in the Church Library. Looking for something to read this summer? Come see what we have on our shelves. Besides all the obvious Biblical References and Commentaries to help in the studies, we also have a wide assortment of fiction books, some in large print, devotionals, books addressing health issues and other studies. For the art lover, our collection has a vast assortment of art books with great illustrations. For youth, the children's section is extensive with books to appeal to a child as well as a special shelf geared toward teens. For the archaeology buff, we now have a subscription to the *Biblical Archaeology* magazine.

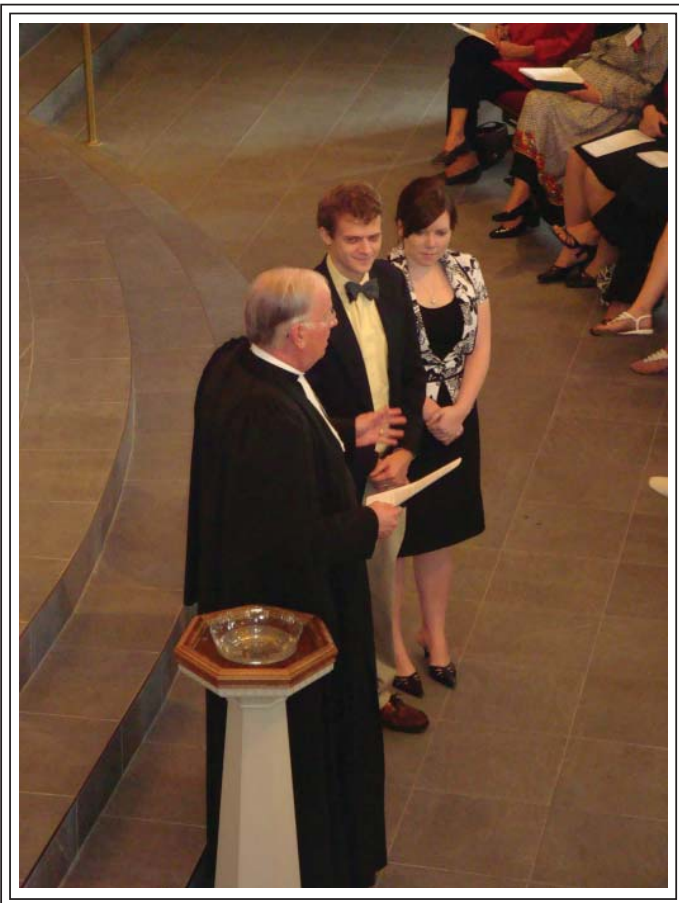
A special section will be set aside for the Horizons Bible Study for the PW Circles. This year the study is *Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today*.

BACK By Popular Demand!

Jesus said "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." We have an opportunity to reach out to some of the 1 billion plus people that suffer from hunger. Williamsburg Presbyterian will be hosting a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event on Saturday September 25, 2010 from 1pm - 3pm in Stevenson Hall. This inter-denominational, multi-generational event is an immensely fun, hands-on, and rewarding experience for anyone of any age. The assembly process combines rice, soy, dehydrated vegetables and a flavoring mix including 21 essential vitamins and minerals into small meal packages. These meal packages are sent around the world to people suffering from severe hunger. The food stores easily, transports quickly and has a shelf-life of five years.

We need your involvement to help provide both fundraising and volunteers. Each meal costs 25 cents and our goal is to package 40,000 meals. We will be asking area churches to participate with us and as a collective group our goal will be to raise \$10,000 and have 200 volunteers from across our historic triangle church community to package those meals.

If you want to contribute to fundraising, place a check made out to WPC in the offering plate and designate Stop Hunger Now on the memo line. If you want more information or want to sign up to volunteer, contact Deidre Lenderking (dmlender@cox.net) (757-229-2018).



On behalf of the congregation at the May 23rd worship service, Pastor Willson extends warm thanks and well wishes to Nelson and Jessica Reveley for their participation at WPC during Nelson's yearlong internship.

In Our Sesquicentennial, We Set Goals with Eternal Value

*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Psalm 111:1*

Any of us might claim that the world has changed considerably during our lifetimes and we would be right, but our founders could not possibly have foreseen that the world was about encounter more dramatic change than at any other period in history. When the new congregation called, Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, began its spiritual journey in June of 1860, Lincoln was a presidential candidate, Edison's light bulb had not



been invented, slavery was a southern disgrace, and women were not allowed to vote.

As we think about how to celebrate the legacy of our congregation, we should remember the founders who dreamed of this church home, and what they prioritized because it has enduring significance. They envisioned a place for Christians to worship, learn, enjoy fellowship, and provide aid to those less fortunate than themselves. Because of the eternal value of these goals, we continue to use them as our guiding principles, reaffirmed in the 2010 Long Range Plan.

It is amazing this church survived its infancy. By 1861, the south was fully immersed in a brutal Civil War, and in 1862, the city of Williamsburg became occupied Union territory. The College of William and Mary shut down, and the Wren Chapel was used as a hospital for injured Union soldiers. But our forbearers must have believed God was calling them into service, because they persevered, creating a solid footing for today's church that has endured many challenges and continues to thrive.

Given that our founders obviously took their responsibility to the church very seriously, we pause in this reflective moment to consider what our legacy will be for future generations. In this commemorative year, we will continue on the transformational journey of faith, just like they did. Individually and collectively we follow the pathways set down by our founders, and we continue to clear the way for others to find their destiny through Christ.

We look a lot different now than we did 150 years ago, "but the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations" (Psalms 33:11). Our future lies in the commitment we ourselves make to this place so that our future, in many ways as uncertain for us as it was for our founders in 1860, will be a journey made with confidence that our future is in God's hands.

As we commit ourselves again to the goals of our forbearers, our sesquicentennial will be a wonderful year to honor our past and build for our future!

Pictured above is the Williamsburg and York River Presbyterian Church



Helping Hands Make a Successful Cornerston Dedication

The Williamsburg Presbyterian Church held a Dedication Ceremony for the cornerstone on Sunday, April 25, 2010. Thank you to the members who made the celebration a success--Jane and Harley Stewart, Mannie Houston, Chris Basic, Kay Brix, Sarah and Wendell Alcorn, Nancy and Graham Rose and members of the fourteen Church Circles who brought food for the event. Thanks, also to Jim Weaver, Choir Director and the choir members who sang "Amazing Grace." The other staff who helped with the ceremony were Daniel Walker and Ed Brock.

A special thank you to Pastor Willison who led us in the Dedication of the Cornerstone:
FAITH FOR TODAY - VISION FOR TOMORROW 2006.

The church continues its presence in Colonial Williamsburg, serving the students and faculty of the College of William and Mary, the community of members and visitors and the global world.



Presbyterian Men



Presbyterian Men's Monthly Fellowship Breakfast Suspended until October 2, 2010

Presbyterian men's breakfast and bible study will meet on Wednesday, July 14th and August 11th, at 7:00 a.m. in Stevenson Hall. The time was chosen to support men who must go to work later in the morning. We will continue our study of the Gospel according to Luke and his Acts of the Apostles. All men of the church and their guests are invited.

Please let Rob Brown (robb@rlb2.com) know so that we can have enough bacon and eggs.

Presbyterian Women



Presbyterian Women's Upcoming Study Groups

The Circles of Presbyterian Women are study groups that meet monthly from September through May to learn more about The Bible and enjoy the fellowship of other women. This year Presbyterian Women will study the book of Revelation.

Different Circles meet on different days and at different times. Some Circles meet in members homes and some meet at the church. All interested Presbyterian Women are invited to visit a circle and meet the other members. If you are interested in attending a Circle meeting please contact the co-moderators of Presbyterian Women or the membership chairpersons. We will help you connect with a Circle that fits your schedule so you can arrange to visit that Circle. Karen Annoni (565-7272) and Donna Kadlec (345-2587) serve as co-moderators and Terri Harris (229-1906) and Barbara Finley (221-0301) serve as membership co-chairs.



Top row, left to right:
*Terri Harris, Judy
Gienger, Barbara Finley,
Karen Annoni, Linda
Pratt, Judith Daniel, Jane
Stewart*

Front row, left to right:
*Ruth Cobb, Linda
Adamchak, Bobbie
Garver, Donna Kadlec*

Not present: *Laura
Dickerson, Joyce
Darnton, and Joyce
Mahon.*

PW Newly Installed Officers for the year 2010-11

WPC in Pictures



As a Community Service Project, Cub Scout Pack 107 spread mulch June 1 at WPC Playground



Members enjoying fellowship and refreshments at the Cornerstone Dedication.

TOUCHNOTES



The WPC Family extends their deepest Christian sympathy to:

- the family of *Sarah Hutchison*
- *Audrey Perry* at the loss of her husband, Bill.

Thank you Williamsburg Presbyterian for your wonderful support, both financial and spiritual, for my upcoming year of service through the PC(USA) program the Young Adult Volunteers! I am at home in O'Fallon, IL, this summer so unfortunately I cannot extend my sincere gratitude to you in person. I will be keeping a blog during my time in Belfast; the link is <http://themermurs.blogspot.com/>. Please journey with me as you read my posts about my experiences, and please continue to keep me in your thoughts and prayers throughout this next year! Many thanks again! In grace and peace, *Miriam Foltz*



The proverb “many hands make light work” is certainly true at WPC! Preparation for our delightful June 6 Coffee Hour launching WPC’s sesquicentennial and dedicating Stevenson Hall required many hands. We would like to thank everyone for attending, and also the many ‘cheerful givers’ who helped prepare for the special event: all of our staff, but particularly Ed Brock, Daniel Walker, Vanessa Gamble and Laura Edwards; our parishioners Byron Adams, Betsy Anderson, Ruth Baur, Ginny Dittman, Phil Johnson, Betty and Louise LeBron, Marty MacDonald, Margaret McMillen, Maxine and Roger Millirons, Beth Parziale, Penny Pulley, John Richardson, Carol Sorensen, Beth Stabler, David Tyrrell, Holly Yohe and all of Circle 8; each of our Pastors for their leadership, particularly Patrick Willson; and last but not least, the children’s choir and their Choir Director Jim Weaver for leading us in a refrain of “Jesus Loves Me.” *The Planning Committee*

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their precious time to help with the church pictorial directory. Without you, it would not have been a success. Peace, *Erika Phillips*

Dear WPC church,

Thank you for your email.

Our son was able to attend your church these last 3 years while he attended the law school at William and Mary and we had the privilege of worshipping along with him when we visited as well as last weekend when he graduated. We are so grateful to God and your congregation for your faithful preaching of God’s word. God continue to bless you as you continue to serve your community and the W&M students.

Sincerely,

Tom and Denise Ryerson

Note - this letter was the reply from a standard email that is sent to visitors who attend service as WPC.



The Stevenson Family

My family and I were so moved and are so appreciative of the celebration and dedication of Stevenson Hall. Our heartfelt thanks to all the church family for that honor given to Neil. He always considered “fellowship” of the utmost importance! Thank you so very much.

-Diane and family



PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE MEMBERS

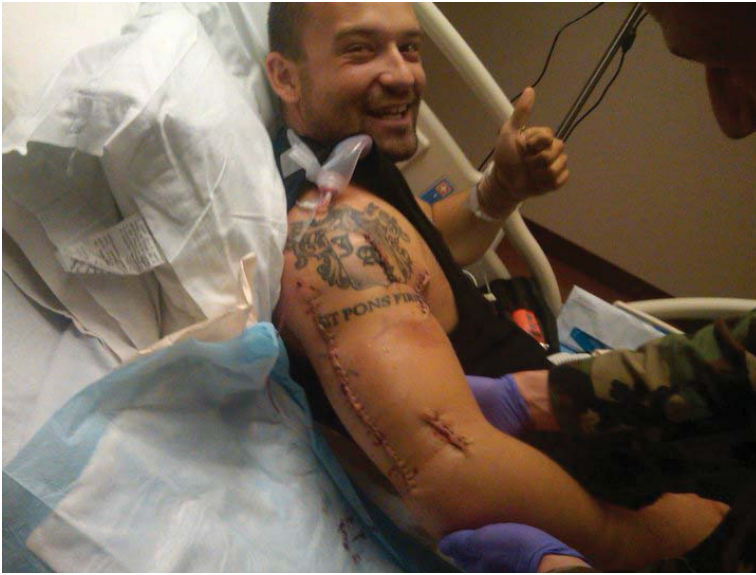
Please continue to keep the soldiers who are fighting for our freedom, and their families who anxiously await their safe return, in your thoughts and prayers.

Our congregation has several individuals we would specifically like you to remember:

- *Herrick Johnson*, son of George and Suzanne, a recent W&M grad who will leave at the end of June for Fort Lewis, Washington and an Army commission.

If you have someone you would like us to keep in our prayers, please contact Teri Dillingham (229-4235) (tdillingham@mywpc.org).

Update on 1st Lt. Justin Trowbridge, U. S. Marine



As you have probably heard, the 24-year-old son of WPC members Angela Burnley and Dale and Christine Trowbridge received a gunshot wound May 8th during a firefight in Afghanistan. First Lieutenant Justin Trowbridge grew up here in WPC, and many are understandably concerned about his condition.

Justin has undergone three surgeries and has recently been transported to Camp Pendleton Naval Hospital in California for further treatment. His parents and his brother Adam, former Marine, had a wonderful reunion with him in California. Justin is currently released from the hospital and is now under the loving care of his fiancée Laura. His prognosis is 3 to 6 months for complete healing and 6 months to 1 year for return to whatever ultimately becomes his final outcome. The healing

process will depend on his soft tissue condition. Until he gets further along in the healing process and physical therapy, his final degree of recovery is uncertain.

Justin has expressed a strong desire to work with the Marine Corps wounded warriors, so that he can be there for wounded Marines such as himself. It was other Marines who have been the best medicine for him. He has talked a lot and that is good. He continues to move forward. He is keeping up with his guys in Afghanistan and he asks us to pray for our service men and women, especially our 3/1 (Third Battalion, First Marines) in Afghanistan.

While Justin is recuperating state-side, he is concerned for his unit that is still “at the tip of the spear” in Afghanistan. Justin has sent information about what items are most needed by the troops in Afghanistan where Justin recently served. The items below would be appreciated by the troops along with things that help to combat the bugs and heat:

White calf length athletic socks - (Justin’s note about the socks reads, “LOTS. You patrol thru a lot of canals/ditches. Socks get ruined. You use these a few times and trash them.”)

Canned food - (More comments from Justin: “They can make fires and cook. Canned chicken and ramen is delicious. MRE’s are their only other food.”)

Justin recommends using the flat rate boxes: “They’re great.” The items may be shipped directly to the address below:

1st Lt Mark Saville/1st Lt Tye Adams
3rd BN 1st MAR Wpns Co.
Unit 40240
FPO AP 96427-0240

If you mention Justin’s name, Ty will be happy to distribute care packages on Justin’s behalf. You may also contribute to a group shipment that will be mailed on July 28. Items may be placed in the box in Stevenson Hall.

Some members have asked for Justin’s address:

Justin Trowbridge
220 W Canada #3
San Clemente, CA 92672

Justin continues to improve every day especially in spirit. Justin’s mother, Angela says: “Justin has felt the love, prayers and good thoughts you have all sent to him and we are all very grateful. Your prayers and support mean the most!”

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9 NIV)

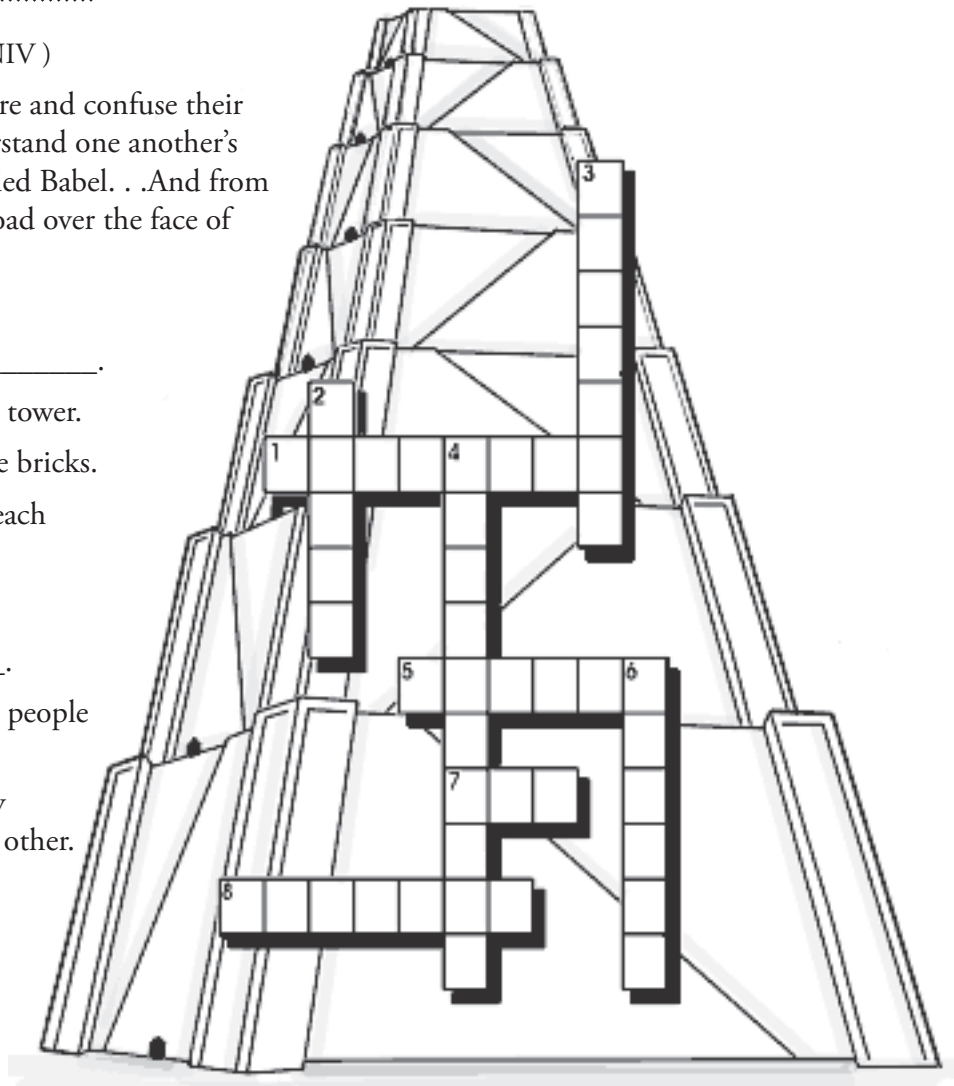
The LORD said, let Us go down there and confuse their language so that they may not understand one another's speech. . . Therefore its name was called Babel. . . And from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of the whole earth.

Across:

- The people spoke one _____.
- _____ were used to build the tower.
- _____ was used as mortar for the bricks.
- The people wanted the tower to reach up to the _____.

Down:

- The tower was called _____.
- God wanted to _____ the people all over the earth.
- God confused their speech so they could not _____ each other.
- The tower was built on the plain of _____.



Puzzle solution will be in the next issue of the Kirk Courier.

The "I AM" sayings of Jesus Christ puzzle solution

Across

- Ruler of a country. (KING , John 18:37)
- Not false, "I am the TRUE vine." (John 15:1)
- Jesus said, "I am the BREAD of Life." (John 6:35,41,48)
- Greek word for Messiah. (CHRIST, John 4:25-26)
- "The GOOD SHEPHERD lays down His life for the sheep." (two words, John 10:11)
- "I am THE WAY the truth and the life." (two words, John 14:6)
- Opposite of death. (LIFE , John 11:25)

Down

- Not a lie. (TRUTH, John 14:6)
- God is Christ's Father. Therefore, Jesus is GOD'S SON. (two words, John 10:36)
- Given physical life after death. (RESURRECTION , John 11:25)
- It shines bright in darkness. (LIGHT, John 8:12)
- A place to enter, like a door. (GATE)

**Wanted: Dinner 8 Program
Coordinator**

Christian Nurture is looking for a coordinator for Dinner 8 Program for 2010-2011. To volunteer or for more information, contact Janet Wallington (253-1306).

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