

Kirk Courier

The Newsletter of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

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The Day of Pentecost - Sunday, May 23

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Act 2:1-4

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UPCOMING WORSHIP

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

May 16, 2010 - Ascension Sunday

"The Good Goodbye"

- Acts 1:1-11
- Psalm 47 or 110
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Luke 24:44-53

Graduation at The College of William & Mary

May 23, 2010 - The Day of Pentecost

- Acts 2:1-21
- Psalm 104:24-35
- Romans 8:14-17
- John 14:8-17, (25-27)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Confirmation and Welcome of New Members

May 30, 2010 - Trinity Sunday

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-36
- Psalm 8

Theology of Delight

June 6, 10th - Ordinary time

"An Invitation to the Banquet"

- Proverbs 9

150th anniversary of the founding of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church

June 13, 2010 - 11th Ordinary Time

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

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

June 20, 2010 - 12th Ordinary Time

- 1 Kings 19:1-15
- Psalm 42 and 43
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39



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Celebrate the "birthday of the Church" on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, by wearing red. This will be a day of special celebration for WPC with Confirmation and reception of new members.

At A Glance

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

May & June Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Cost
May	16	W&M Graduation Weekend		
	24	2:30 p.m. WPC Book Club	Library	
	26	12:00 p.m. PW Birthday Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	\$8.00 a person
June	21	COB Vacation Bible School	Church Office	
		Registration Deadline		

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

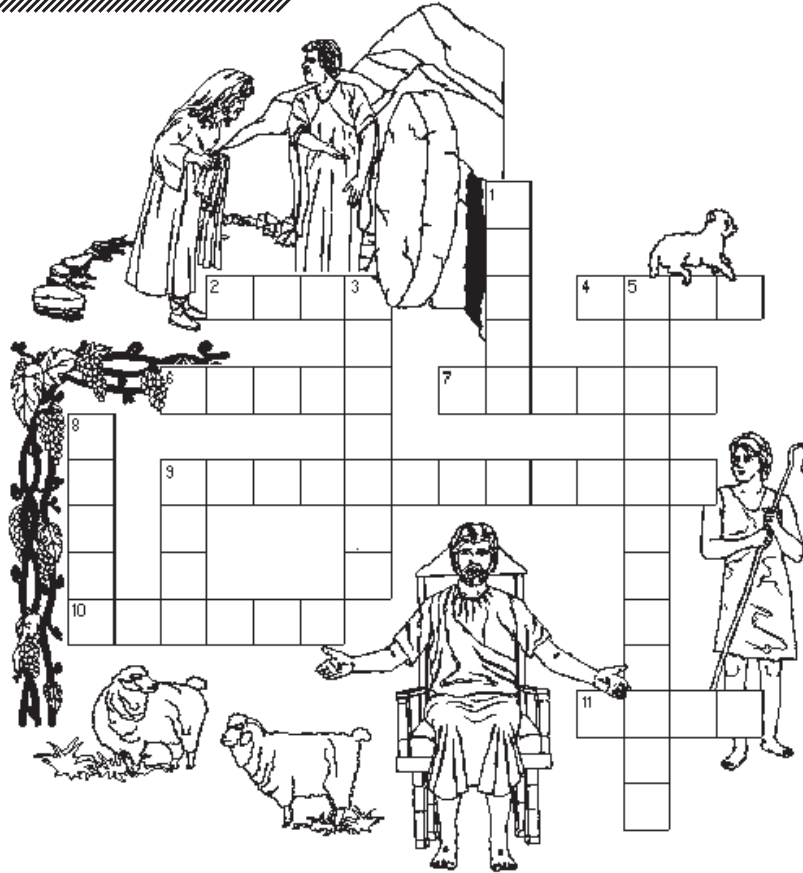
Days	Time	Class/Group	Location	Contact
Sundays	9:30 - 10:30 a.m.	Alpha	Rm 011	
		Fellowship	Rm 009	
		Thoughtful Christian	Rm 010	
		Confirmation	Rm 012	
	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Mid-Hi PYF	Rm 220	Joni Newcomb (229-9908)
	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Senior-Hi PYF	Rm 222	"
Mondays	9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	"Jesus in the Gospels"	Rm 011	Debbie Riley (229-2716)
		<i>(Disciple Second Generation Series)</i>		
		<i>(Completion of Disciple 1-4 is recommended for this 32-week study)</i>		
	12:30 p.m.	Disciple 1 Bible Study	Rm 011	
Tuesdays	10:45 a.m. - Noon	"Christian Believer"	Rm 011	Karen Stanley (229-4235)
		<i>(Disciple Second Generation Series)</i>		
Tuesdays	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Disciple 1		
Tuesdays*	7:00 p.m.	C. S. Lewis Study	Fellowship Hall	Patrick Willson (229-4235)

(*This class will meet on May 25 2010.)

Music Notes - New choirs are forming. Interested? Contact one of the directors listed below.

Days	Time	Program	Contact
Tuesdays	9:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Ringers (adult intermediate)	Marilyn Tyrrell (258-4565)
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	4:30 - 5:15 p.m.	Carol Choir (4-6 years of age)	Miriam Foltz (618-210-3025)
	4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Crusader Choir (grades 2-5)	Jim Weaver (220-8096)
	5:30 - 6:00 p.m.	Joy Ringers (grades 2-5)	Jim Weaver (220-8096)
	7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Westminster Ringers (college students)	Norman Elton (293-8346)

CHILDREN'S CORNER



The "I AM" sayings of Jesus Christ

Has anybody ever asked you what you believe about Jesus? Often, people will claim that Jesus was just a good man, or maybe a great teacher... but not the son of God. It is important to know exactly what Jesus taught about Himself. The answers from this crossword puzzle are from the gospel of John, in the Bible. Do the puzzle and find out who Jesus claimed to be!

Across

2. Ruler of a country. (_ _ _ _ , John 18:37) (4)
4. Not false, "I am the _ _ _ _ vine." (John 15:1) (4)
6. Jesus said, "I am the _ _ _ _ _ of Life." (John 6:35,41,48) (5)
7. Greek word for Messiah. (_ _ _ _ _ , John 4:25-26) (6)
9. "The _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ lays down His life for the sheep." (two words, John 10:11) (12)
10. "I am _ _ _ - _ _ _ the truth and the life." (two words, John 14:6) (6)
11. Opposite of death. (_ _ _ _ , John 11:25) (4)

Down

1. Not a lie. (_ _ _ _ _ , John 14:6) (5)
3. God is Christ's Father. Therefore, Jesus is _ _ _ _ - _ _ _ . (two words, John 10:36) (7)
5. Given physical life after death. (_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ , John 11:25) (12)
8. It shines bright in darkness. (_ _ _ _ _ , John 8:12) (5)
9. A place to enter, like a door. (_ _ _ _) (4)

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

2010 Long Range Plan

Long Range Plan for Everyone

The April 17, 2010, officers retreat focused on the future of our church, with the 2010 Long Range Plan (“LRP”) approved by Session at its March meeting comprising a large portion of the agenda. The purpose and vision statements were included in a February Kirk Courier article and the purpose statement appears again below. The LRP contains four basic goals that were derived from the purpose statement and the six Great Ends of the Church, which are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The four LRP goals are:

- Worship that glorifies God, transforming and renewing us in a deepening faith.
- Christian Education that assists and challenges us in our understanding of God’s Word and our response as Christian disciples.

- Outreach that exhibits our faith in Christ and serves the children of God – in our community and the world.
- Christian Fellowship that nurtures and strengthens the common life of the congregation.

It is with these aspirational goals in mind that the programs and activities will be developed and carried out by the various ministries, Deacon missions and other church organizations. Session will provide ongoing oversight of LRP implementation and annually assess the extent to which we are successfully progressing toward our goals.

There will be many additional communications regarding the LRP in the Kirk and elsewhere so that everyone can better understand its goals and participate in its implementation. Please prayerfully consider what goals you might set for yourself in support of each of the four LRP goals because the congregation’s individual and collective participation is vital to the fulfillment of our purpose, which is:

“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.”

Stay tuned. ~Penny Pulley & Bob Cox



WPC Cornerstone Dedication
held Sunday, April 25.

Community



Included are WPC members: Martha Jean Howell, COM, and Marge Peterson, Board of Directors, Community Coalition Services

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church Recognized at Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On March 25, 2010, the Community Services Coalition Center, located at 312 Waller Mill Road, celebrated a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open its newly renovated building. This is a comprehensive social services hub offering clients a “one stop” center. Since 1993 the church has contributed over \$20,000 to Community Services Coalition Center formerly known as the Triangle Building. In appreciation of the generosity of the members of the congregation, Williamsburg Presbyterian Church will be recognized as a financial partner with a Plaque that honors major donors.

The mission of the Community Services Coalition seeks to mentor and promote the goals of the nonprofits they house through below market rent; to assure that, with increased opportunities afforded them by the Coalition, they will grow in the services they provide, the numbers they serve, and collaboratively work together to provide our community a comprehensive social services center. The targeted populations served in this project are twofold and equally important:

- The citizens that are underserved in City of Williamsburg, James City County, and York County in need of services provided by the family of Service Providers housed in the Historic Triangle Community Services Coalition Center; and the Service Providers themselves.

Over the years, many people in need have been helped the by the gifts of volunteer time, energy, and resources given in love and concern by the members of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church to the Coalition and the service providers such as Avalon, Big Brothers and Sisters, and FISH. God has taken our offerings and multiplied the impact of the donations many times over to provide help and hope to folks within our community.

2010 Pictorial Directory Update

Our materials were sent to the publishing house last month. We are awaiting the arrival of our preliminary directory so that we can proof it for errors and changes before the final printing.

That's where you can help. We respect your privacy and are aware that some of you may not want your personal information to be published. If you do NOT want your e-mail address, your phone number, or your address to appear in the directory roster, please notify the church receptionist as soon as possible.

Since we did not reach our participation goal of 500 families, we have fewer credits for our directory design. That means we will receive fewer extra directories to last us for the next four years. We saved every credit we could, which meant that we have fewer pages of our congregation in fellowship together at our many events during the years. Sadly, we will be returning many photos you sent us that we cannot publish, just to save pages and credits.

We wish we could personally thank all of you who participated in some fashion during the photo shoots last October and November. You helped pull it all together, by manning the registration desks, answering questions in the office, as well as showing up yourselves to have your photograph taken.

Finally, all of us at WPC owe John Richardson our gratitude, as he is responsible for creating the lay out for our directory. John has devoted countless hours to this project, in spite of his full work schedule and busy lifestyle. When you see John, please thank him for this ministry to us.

FISH Workers Needed

June is our church's month to provide volunteers to work in the FISH Clothing Closet. The work consists of measuring and sizing donated clothing. Each volunteer is asked to work 2-1/2 hours either morning or afternoon on one or more of the five Tuesdays in June. Please sign up for one of the shifts on the sign up sheet in the Reception's Office. You'll find the work rewarding and fun. For further information call Elaine Baker (565-1354).

Faith in Action: WPC Volunteers Continue to Provide Valuable Service to Others

"Dorothy" was suffering from dementia. Most of her speech was incoherent and she was unsteady on her feet. Her husband, "Andy," had his hands full trying to take care of her. For six months, WFIA lined up volunteers to give Andy a weekly break to run errands and get out of the house. The morning after one such visit, Andy called the office to let us know that Dorothy had died. He wanted us to be sure to let the volunteer know that she wouldn't have to come the following week. In a stoic voice he said, "It is so hard to put into words what it has meant to me to have help from your volunteers. Thank you so very much." The rest of the story came out when the volunteer was called to cancel for the following week. She told us that, as a nurse, she knew that Dorothy was dying. She was able to spend time with Andy and his daughter, letting them know what to expect and letting them begin their grief process with her caring, listening ear.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Pat Healy, (229-0638).

Receipts Dated Through May 31 Accepted for the Farm Fresh 123-4 Program

Thanks to all who have brought in their register receipts for the Farm Fresh 123-4 the Community Program. Receipts through the end of this month, May 2010, are eligible. So far we have collected more than 85,000 points! Please help us earn additional free educational equipment by collecting register receipts from Farm Fresh Supermarkets. Don't forget to ask your friends and family for their receipts, too! Please note that this year we only need the bottom portion of the receipt – the section that is below the "CUT HERE" line. Please bring collected receipts to church and place them in the marked box in Fellowship Hall. Thanks again for your help in making the program a success.

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Presbyterian Men



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

The Presbyterian Men will be choosing new members of the Men's Fellowship leadership team and discussing plans for the coming year, with their next breakfast meeting scheduled for October 2, 2010. The current leadership team is led by Harley Stewart with Bob Condon arranging for the programs. Culinary and kitchen expertise is headed up by Bill Thady and Harry Ambrose. Jim Weaver leads the singing. Joe Kadlec is responsible for membership and attendance. Don Darnton and Bob Cropp provide publicity.

Visit the church web site at www.mywpc.org for more information about the Presbyterian Men of WPC.

Presbyterian Women



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

June 2010 Circle Meetings

1st Tuesday - June 1, 2010

Circle 4 Anna 6:00 pm M. Williamson - 137 John Browning

2nd Tuesday - June 8, 2010

Circle 2 Sarah 12:00 pm Luncheon at LeYaca

Circle 10 Priscilla 11:30 am Luncheon at R. Baur -
5600 Boatwright Circle

2nd Wednesday - June 9, 2010

Circle 9 Phoebe 12:00 pm Luncheon TBA

Circle 14 Martha 11:30 am Luncheon TBA

2nd Thursday - June 10, 2010

Circle 7 Elizabeth 10:00 am Luncheon TBA

2nd Monday - June 14, 2010

Circle 3 Miriam 12:00 pm Luncheon at Center Street Grill

The WPC Women's Book Club is reading "Mountains Beyond Mountains" by Pulitzer Prize winner Tracy Kidder. It is the true story of Dr. Paul Farmer's mission to bring healthcare to some of the poorest regions of the world. Join us for an indepth discussion Monday, May 24, at 2:30 p.m. in the church library. Copies are available at the front desk of Books-A-Million on Richmond Road.

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Luncheon

Wednesday, May 26 - 12:00 p.m.

\$8.00 per person

Guest Speaker: Rev. Karen V. Stanley

Topic: Pilgrimage to the Abby at Iona

Reservations for the Birthday Luncheon will be accepted until Friday, May 21. Stop by or call the Church Office (229-4235).

Presbyterian Women's Quilt Auction Benefits Haiti

Thanks to the generous donation of Freda Atkins, three sealed bids of substantial amounts were received to benefit Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to benefit Haiti. The quilt went to Carley and Jim Brubaker.

Carley Brubaker entered a bid on the quilt for Haiti relief due to a long term interest in that nation. She and Jim first visited there 44 years ago from Puerto Rico where they lived and worked at a mission hospital. That trip included a visit to Hospital Albert Schweitzer at Deschappelles. In 1969 she and her husband spent three weeks working as volunteers at a hospital in Grande Riviere du Nord. In addition to patient care, they hiked to a rural school to help deliver health kits to the children. Their oldest daughter had a Haitian college roommate who is currently an ophthalmologist in Port-au-Prince. In the 1990's another daughter also worked at a mission hospital in Limbe, Haiti as a medical student. In addition to the medical work, they had the opportunity to visit La Citadel as well as acquire a number of handcraft items and art pieces still on display in their home. Haiti's needs are ongoing and help from American is essential.



The WPC Book Group invited an expert on Islamic culture, Pastor Selden Harris of King's Grant Presbyterian Church, to speak about Islam. He is pictured here with Pastor Patrick J. Willson, and other attendees.

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 May 27 in the Fellowship Hall. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

At its April 22 meeting, the Session of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church:

- Was called to order with prayer by Moderator Patrick Willson.
- Heard a Continuing Education presentation by Pastor Willson regarding “oversight,” based on New Testament references and early church history.
- Approved of minutes of the March 25 Stated Session Meeting.
- Received into record the minutes of the April 8 Board of Deacons meeting.
- Received an update from the PC (USA) Board of Pensions informing the church of changes to the current plan and “thank you” letters from LINK and Port for our support and from ANERA for our financial support.

- Sustained the examinations of elders- and deacons-elect.
- Received written and verbal reports from pastors and staff.
- Reviewed the recent Officer’s Retreat and were reminded of the importance for officers and congregation members to adopt personal goals in relation to the LRP goals for worship, Christian education, fellowship and service.
- Approved a motion from Christian Outreach that Miriam Foltz be allowed to raise funds for her service as a Young Adult Volunteer of the PC(USA) for 2010-2011.
- Approved elder committee assignments for 2010-2011.
- Commended the “retiring” elders from the Class of 2010 for their service in the Church of Jesus Christ and heard individual thanks from the moderator.
- Adjourned at 9:15 p.m. with singing the Doxology.



The Cornerstone in Place.

TOUCHNOTES



The family of Bill Davies send our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Pastoral and Music Staffs for the beautiful service “A Witness to the Resurrection and Thanksgiving for the Life of William Reinhardt Davies.”

More credit is due for our wonderful Deacons who handled all the Reception details following the Service in Fellowship Hall. The tables with flowers, the delicious array of cookies, punch bowl and all the requests to arrange for a Power Point presentation by Bill’s son, Philip. What a talented group. Thank you, thank you! I am so grateful to be a member of such a loving, caring Church family. -Nancy Davies

- Congratulations to Jillian O’Hare, sophomore at Bruton and an officer in PYF, whose one act play “*Oliver and Olivia*,” has been chosen as a New Voices for the Theater winner. Jillian’s play was selected from over 200 entries in a statewide competition through the schools English departments. As a winner, Jillian will participate in the two week New Voices Residency program at VCU this summer. The residency involves workshopping her play with the Playwright-in-Residence and other guest artists for the first week of the program. The second week is production week, where she will be given a professional director, stage managers and actors, and will present her play as part of the 21st annual Festival of New Works at the SPARC black box theatre. The plays will then be presented on July 2 and 3.

Jillian’s play, “*Oliver and Olivia*,” is about a girl and her grandpa who has Alzheimer’s.



PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICEMEMBERS

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

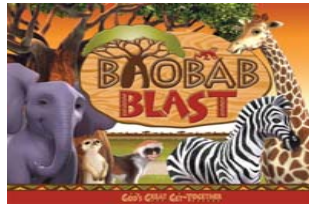
Our congregation has several individuals we would specifically like you to remember:

- *CPT Amanda Riffer*, 101st Airborne, deployed to Afghanistan May 1
- *1st LT Justin Trowbridge*, sustained a shoulder injury while deployed to Afghanistan.

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

Deadline for Vacation Bible School Summer 2010 Approaching

The registration deadline for Vacation Bible School is **Monday, June 21**. Registrations will not be accepted after this date. VBS will be held the week of July 19-23, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to noon.



If there are any questions, please contact Elizabeth Padgett (elizbp07@gmail.com) (757-345-2993).

Unscheduled Office Closing

We have been notified by Dominion Virginia Power Company that electrical power to the church buildings will be turned off all day on Friday, May 21, 2010, while Dominion conducts maintenance in the area. **As a result, the Church Office will be closed on Friday, May 21.**

Parking

Please be aware that cars parked at Mama Mia's Pizza & Deli on Prince George Street are subject to being towed. On separate occasions two cars were recently towed from this parking area during Sunday morning worship services.

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