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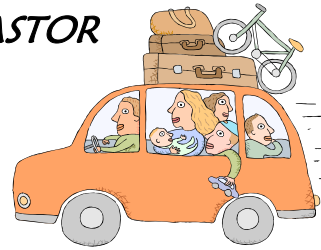
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A NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Traveling Mercies



Ahhhh, summer. That magical time of year when we hit the open road and head for the hills... or the lake... or the golf course... or the beach... or the mountains... or the family reunion... or wherever your favorite retreat may be. Some of us like the adventure of traveling somewhere new, exploring uncharted territory. Others of us prefer the familiarity of long-cherished tradition, reveling in reminiscence and nostalgia. No matter where your travels will take you this summer, I pray God's traveling mercies for you, and I ask for your prayers, as well:

Traveling mercies for your Associate Pastor

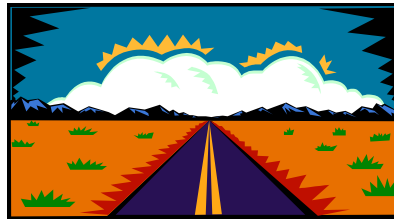
Michael and I don't have any vacation plans for the summer – just a quick trip to Pittsburgh for a friend's wedding in mid-July – but from July 2-10, my travels will take me to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where I have the distinct honor of serving as one of six commissioners from Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We, along with 706 other commissioners from across the nation, will be considering matters of great importance to our denomination: a rewritten Form of Government to replace section "G" of the Book of Order; our stewardship of God's Creation; the definition of marriage; the Israeli/Palestinian conflict; our standards for ordination; and the inclusion of the Belhar Confession in our *Book of Confessions* to name just a few. Please pray for me and my fellow commissioners, that we might be sensitive to

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the movement of the Holy Spirit as we seek to discern God's voice. And please pray for the countless Presbyterians (yourselves included!) who will wait to hear news of the General Assembly. Remember that media coverage of the General Assembly will be incomplete and inadequate at best, and likely will be highly sensationalized. Resist the temptation to put too much stock in any reports you hear on TV or read in the newspaper, and trust that your Associate Pastor will provide you with a full report upon her return!

Traveling mercies for your Pastor

About the same time that I head for Minneapolis, Sam and Lily will be heading for Nashville. This is, of course, a bitter-sweet time for our congregation as we celebrate Sam and Lily's ministry among us these past seven years, and as we send them to a new ministry in Tennessee. Please join us on Sunday, June 27th as we commission them to this new ministry in worship at 9:00 and 11:00, and as we enjoy a time of fellowship with them at a Celebration Dinner at 6:00 p.m. And please pray for them as they embark on this new adventure in a new land.



Traveling mercies for our Congregation

Of course, the beginning of a new journey for Sam and Lily marks the beginning of a new journey for our congregation, as well. At its called meeting on June 14, the Session authorized me to serve as Acting Head of Staff during the interim time. I am honored by your confidence in me, fully committed to serving you to the best of my abilities and by the grace that God gives me, and very, very grateful for your many offers of help, support, and encouragement. I have no doubt that with the strong leadership of our Session and the active participation of our members, God will continue to bless and grow First Presbyterian Church of Moncks Corner, even in this time of transition.

Last night, Michael found this fortune in the cookie that came with his Chinese take-out: "Sometimes travel to new places leads to great transformation." May God lead us as we travel to these new places, and may God transform us into the church God is calling us to be!

Joyfully, Kristin

Celebration Dinner for Sam and Lily

*Please plan to join us on
Sunday, June 27, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
as we celebrate
our years spent with
Sam and Lily.*

*Dinner will be served in the
Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.*

We look forward to your presence.

Congregational Meeting — There will be a congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 4 at 10:45 a.m. to concur with the Pastor in his request that his relationship with First Presbyterian Church be dissolved effective July 2, 2010. We will also be considering a change in terms of call for the associate pastor.

Twentysomethings Supper Club

The Young Adults (post-high school through early 30s) are going out for a night on the town! On Wednesday, June 30th, we will head to Charleston for a Sushi Night at Wasabi (61 State Street, Charleston). Meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. to carpool, or meet us there at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, or to R.S.V.P., contact Katy Bates at 843-708-1101 or katybates08@gmail.com.



JULY

- 2 Zane Wilson
Jerry Stuckey
- 5 Talley Propst
- 7 Glen Devaun
Carol Welch
- 10 Mary Davis
Dillon Infinger
- 12 Owen Murchison
- 13 Kim Matthews
- 15 Russell M. Brown
Sawyer Metts
- 19 JoAnn Bryant
Jay Jordan
- 20 Justin Dalton
Hall Harris
Red Brown
- 21 Kim Murchison
- 23 Greg Welch
- 25 Anna Claire Freeman
- 26 Emma Livingston
- 27 Tony Dunlap
- 28 Mickey Smith
- 30 Andrew Mims
- 31 Donna Davis
Amanda Clarey

Ushers for July

- 9:00 Ann Williams
- 11:00 Doug Bowles (Chairman)
Johnnie Wilkerson
David Baumann
George Svagerko

Children's Church

July — Belinda Stasiak



**American
Red Cross**

Make a Difference....

Give Blood

Tuesday, June 29, 2:00—7:00

Please be someone's hero and donate at our June drive. Remember, Jesus was the first blood donor—*he gave his blood to save us.*

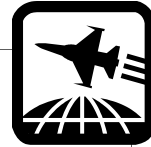
Flowers for July

- July 4 William and Neva Peagler (Rica Gause)
- July 11 Jimmy and Lynne Hammond (Adah Brewer)
- July 18 Doug and Marie Bowles
- July 25 Janet Lucas (Laurie Carter)

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during Matt's recent surgeries. Glad to say he is home now and on the road to recovery!

Thank You, The Dalton Family



Operation Under Cover

U.S. Air Force airmen in a unit stationed in a remote area near Bagdad are in need of sheets for their beds. Ruth Lusk is spear-heading a drive to send as many sets of sheets/pillowcases as possible. One set (2 sheets & 1 pillowcase) costs \$7.50 + tax. Contact Ruth for details or to make a contribution through the end of June. Checks should be made to Presbyterian Women and designated sheets.

VBS 2010

Vacation Bible School was a great success last week. Five energetic college students came from Bethelwoods to work with 50 children through Camp in a Van. Our children experienced bible stories, games, music, crafts, water day and art activities. The program was a great success because of the joint effort of our church and the Bethelwoods staff. Church members supported the program by providing snacks, feeding and entertaining the visiting young people along with daily cleanup and early drop off care. A special thanks goes to Rod and Malinda Murchison for providing housing for all of our teaching guests. Be sure to check out their thank you note posted on the bulletin board outside of Sally's office. They, as well as our children, had a memorable week in God's house. In the love of Jesus Christ, Rhoda Boyd



Hands of Christ — Save the Dates August 3 & 4

This year, we are planning to again have 2 days of distribution, August 3 & 4, at our church and plan to expect 500 children. As always we are counting on your support. There are opportunities to help with Hands of Christ throughout the summer, as we plan our distribution, and as we supply volunteers to help at other distributions in Charleston and Williamsburg Counties. More details and information to follow. Visit www.hoc-sc.org