Bible School

Evening Bible School is over, and it was a terrific week. We had a large number of children involved in the theater activities led by the Roanoke Children's Theatre. On the last night of Bible School, the adults enjoyed a lively and well-done portrayal of the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus and the Parable of the Sower.

Derek and Amy Starr Redwine did a wonderful job leading the adult Evening Bible School. They took turns teaching the parables, going back and forth, and it felt natural and dialogical. It helped that they had many fresh insights to provide creating quite a bit of conversation following the sessions.

Seeing Amy and Derek give programs with such quality content and poised delivery is a compliment to the congregations in which they were raised in the faith. In case you missed it, that’s a pat on the back to the Second Presbyterian congregation because Amy grew up in the church, did a summer internship here, and went through the Trent Symposium.

The Congregation as Community

In addition to seeing a child of the church help lead a Bible School, I have been struck by so many other ways that our congregation is a true community. I have been moved by the brief “Calls to the Offering” given by members of the church. These personal remarks have reminded me how the existence of our congregation matters in ways I tend to forget or take for granted. Over and over again, I am impressed by the receptions after memorial services where members of the church provide both the food and the service creating an atmosphere of caring hospitality. Staff visitation of those who are sick, grieving, or confined indoors continues, but our congregation is getting known more and more by member visitation. I attend committee meetings and see the commitment, thoughtfulness, and work put in by members who really want their area of church life to be special and make a difference. I have no hesitation in commending Second Presbyterian Church to visitors because of the greatest asset the church has to offer: its members.

A Surprising Thank You

This past week, I received a letter from Ruth Farrell, the coordinator of the PCUSA’s Hunger Pro-
Welcome New Pastor
Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church

gram. She wanted to let us know that Second Presbyterian Church is among the top ten contributors to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund. And do you know where Second Presbyterian is in that list of ten? Yes, we are second!

Following are excerpts from her letter:

We cannot express how grateful we are for your generosity and your ongoing work to end hunger and poverty. . . . Your gift allowed us to fund a new grant to our partner, Sustainable Economies, Investments and Development Initiatives, in Tanzania. This project focuses on 250 women who wanted training in cooperative fish farms to increase protein for their families. . . . I know this global project complements what you are doing locally. Jesus sat at the table with the hungry and poor, and we are grateful for your witness in Virginia in neighborhood ministries and food banks, meals on wheels, after-school and summer lunch/tutoring programs. Presbyterians can imagine a world in which all have enough and we together are working towards that. . . . [We] know that a grant from the Presbyterian Hunger Program does not come from the government or a foundation but comes from real people and families in pews who accompany their gifts with prayers. This connection means so much to our partners and the women and farmers with whom we work. . . . Again, on behalf of the Presbyterian Hunger Program and our partners, I simply want to thank you for your faithful support and your commitment to ending hunger and poverty.

In gratitude,
Ruth Farrell
Coordinator, Presbyterian Hunger Program

Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church Welcomes New Pastor

At a congregational meeting on June 28, Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church called Rev. Andrew C. Whaley to be their Senior Minister. Some of us first got to know Rev. Whaley when he, along with Rev. Elizabeth Link (then Howell), was a participant in the 2012 Kitty Sue Trent Symposium for Newly Ordained Ministers. Three members of that group enlisted three other ministers (two of whom would later attend the symposium themselves) to form the Whining 6 Peer Group, which meets annually for a week of study. They are called the Whining 6 because their first week was held at Whnihig, the home of Jane and Eade Anderson, my father and former Interim Minister of Second Presbyterian.

Rev. Whaley is coming to Roanoke from Jefferson City, TN. His wife, Rebecca, is a financial planning specialist. They have two children; Simon (age 3) and Joanna (6 months). They will begin the Roanoke chapter of their life in August.

Charleston

Our nation endured the shock of another mass shooting in June. This one took place on a Wednesday night at a church Bible Study. As Elizabeth Link pointed out on the following Sunday, at the very same time our children portrayed the parable of the sower which we received with joy, the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Charleston, SC, received a stranger with hospitality.

Violence against innocents and ethnic hatred are as condemnable as sins come in scripture. Christians should not get used to the news of mass shootings as if occasional tragedies like this are “the cost of doing business for a democracy.” Whatever we as a country are doing about gun violence isn’t good enough. Despite our shock and outrage, the country has not responded to past tragedies such as those that took place at Virginia Tech and Sandy Hook in ways that have been effective. The FBI reports that U.S. mass shootings (where a shooter kills more than four strangers) have risen sharply. From 2000 to 2006, there were an average of 6.4 annually. From 2007 to 2013, that number almost tripled to 16.4 per year. There are countries in the Caribbean, Central America, the Middle East, and Africa with much higher gun violence than America, but among countries with similar economic and political stability, our country leads in a regrettable way. An article published by the Shorenstein Center of Harvard Kennedy School quotes research that says that homicide rates are 6.9 times higher than in other high-income countries.

God deliver us from tired, myopic talking points and ever those actions may be.

In the Charleston tragedy, there may be immediate issues with the shooter, but racism is at least one systemic cause. I lack words to respond to the forgive- ness offered by survivors to the shooter except to say that I am humbled. I am glad that, so far, instead of inspiring more racial violence as the shooter intended, this incident has inspired movements in South Carolina and other southern states to promote racial harmony.

Any ways that we individually can contribute toward overcoming racism are ways we can honor the dead and live out the Gospel.

Graduation News and Achievements!

Madison Caitlyn Campbell Bloomfield (daughter of Allison and Kevin) graduated from North Cross School as a Global Studies Scholar and a North Cross Ellis Award recipient. She will attend Wake Forest University (Winston-Salem, NC) in the fall.

Anna Kate Draper (daughter of Meredith and John) will attend Ole Miss (University of Mississippi; Oxford, MS) in the fall.

Meg Evert (daughter of Leslie and John) will attend UVA (Charlottesville, VA) in the fall.

Kya Jamison (daughter of Elizabeth and Mark) will attend the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI) next fall.

Heldon Johnsen (son of Robyn and David) will attend Wofford College (Spartanburg, SC) in the fall.

Caroline King (daughter of Kelly and Kenneth) will attend Virginia Western Community College (Roanoke, VA) in the fall.

Ashley Lemon (daughter of Cathy and Tucker) will attend Yale University (New Haven, CT) in the fall.

Katie Miller (daughter of Boo and Joe) will attend the University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC) next fall.

Carter Norbro (daughter of Phyllis and Randy) graduated from Duke University (Durham, NC) with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. She plans on practicing either pediatric or orthopedic physical therapy.

Caroline Nordt (daughter of Leigh Anne and Robert) will attend Georgia Tech (Atlanta, GA) in the fall.

Brad Prescott (son of Catherine and Matt) graduated with honors from Patrick Henry High School. Distin- guished Scholar. Recognized for completing ROTEC courses and obtaining state certification in Automotive Science, he had a GPA greater than 4.0. Recognized for being an Eagle Scout, Brad is an accomplished artist also, especially noted for beautiful illustrations of birds using colored pencils. He will attend Virginia Western Community College (Roanoke, VA) in the fall.

Caitlyn Privott (daughter of Lori and Joe) will attend Virginia Tech (Blacksburg, VA) in the fall.

Max Rebecca (son of Denise and Jim) graduated from North Cross School and will be attending the Uni- versity of South Carolina (Columbia, SC) in the fall.

Taylor Robinson (son of Marybeth and John) graduated in May from Virginia Commonwealth University (Richmond, VA), magna cum laude. He received a B.S. in Anthropology and a B.A. in Cinema. He also earned the Excellence in Anthropology Award and the Dean’s Scholar Award. Taylor lives in Washington, DC, working for the Smithsonian at the Natural History Museum.

Edwin C. Saunders (son of Laurie and John) graduated from North Cross School and will attend Hampden-Sydney College (Farmville, VA) in the fall.

Kelly Wheeler (daughter of Martha and Dan) will attend Radford University (Radford, VA) in the fall.

Sara Taylor White (daughter of Carol and Robert) graduated with honors from Pratt Institute in New York on May 15 with a Master’s in Library and Information Science. She recently began working for the Boston Consulting Group in their NYC office.

The Reverend Ann-Henley Saunders (daughter of Laurie and John) accepted a call to the position of As- sociate Pastor for Emerging Generations and Young Adults at First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta (GA).

The congregation voted June 21, 2015, to issue the call, and she starts work July 13. Congratulations to all! You may read her introductory booklet here: http://issuu.com/first- presalt/docs/ahs_book-let_14_for_kia__1_
Remainning in SPC’s 2015 Summer Sermon Series!

July 12 – Moses in the Bulrushes
July 19 – Jonah and the Big Fish
July 26 – Deborah, Judge of Israel
August 2 – The Wedding at Cana
August 9 – (David Henry preaching here)
August 16 – Trent Gets Away at Massanutten Springs (Dr. Bill Klein preaching here)
August 23 – Noah’s Ark
August 30 – Ruth and Naomi

Thanks to everyone who submitted their suggestions for sermon topics for this summer series. We all have favorite Bible stories which have remained with us since childhood. This is a nice opportunity to revisit them, as they now appear through adult eyes.

Morning VBS: July 20-23
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

Register TODAY for this year’s VBS! Children ages 3k-5th grade are invited to join us as we discover how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God. Our 3K and 4K classes are full, so we regret we cannot add any more children in that age range. We will explore scripture and meet people from the Bible who used what they had to produce something amazing, and how we, too, are a part of this ongoing story of faith. Come with your heart, mind, and imagination to participate in the creative life of God!

Our 4th and 5th graders will join in mission work, as they visit area agencies and learn more about caring for God’s creation and our neighbors right here in the Roanoke Valley.

Take a sneak peek at this exciting week (9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon):
Monday: God Calls Moses (Exodus 3:7-12)
Tuesday: Solomon Builds the Temple (1 Chronicles 28:20-21 and II Chronicles 5:1,13)
Wednesday: Four Friends Help (Mark 2:1-12)
Thursday: Healing Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)

Thursday Night VBS Carnival! All are invited to this fun annual event. Gather at 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary for a special VBS presentation. The carnival will immediately follow in the church parking lot.


It is going to be a wonderful week! To register your child online, visit www.spres.org, and look for the link under “Upcoming Events.” If you are interested in volunteering, please contact elizabeth@spres.org. *We are currently collecting empty cylindrical containers (i.e., oatmeal containers, coffee canisters, etc.) for VBS crafts. Please place donations in the coat room. Thank you!
Second Warmly Welcomes the Hobbs and the Croteaus

As the song says . . . “It’s a Family Affair”? This year we welcomed not only Jeff and Christina Croteau but her parents, Jeff and Robin Hobbs, as well. It’s always a joy to see extended families choose Second Presbyterian as their church home where they can grow together in faith.

Christina and Jeff Croteau joined the church on the date of their children’s baptism, December 14, 2014, and were introduced by Cindy Appel. They’re busy parents to two children, Sebastien, 8, and Vincent, 6. Prior to moving to Roanoke they lived in Lebanon, NH. Jeff, a physician with Carillon, is from Maine and has one sister. His past work experiences include accounting and acting. He enjoys golf when his schedule permits, and appreciates Second’s “open-minded congregation and great educational opportunities for the entire family.” Christina enjoys being a mother to her boys. Adding to an already busy schedule, she works part-time as a substitute teacher. Her past work experiences are varied: singing/acting, interior design, teaching, and secretarial work. She enjoys theater, cooking, and would love to go on a mission trip with her family. Christina is already very involved at Second with the Mom’s Group, Family Promise, Children’s Choir, and Destination Imagination.

Robin and Jeff Hobbs were warmly welcomed into membership on January 18, 2015, and were introduced by Philip Coulter. Devoted grandparents, they followed Christina and Jeff to Roanoke. Robin and Jeff also have a son, Nathan, who lives in OH with his wife and two children. Jeff has recently retired from Sandvik Mining Company, and his work over the years required moves too numerous to mention! His professional career has been spent in capital equipment sales for the coal mining and timber/forestry industries. In his spare time, Jeff enjoys reading and golf. Robin has enjoyed a career as a Special Education teacher, and is currently employed at Andrew Lewis Middle School in Salem, VA. She lists theater, reading, crafts, and floral design among her many interests.

If you haven’t already had the opportunity to meet this wonderful family, please introduce yourselves. They often attend services together, and we’re so fortunate to have them with us as new members and friends!

Submitted by Ann Lawson

Second Presbyterian children, youth, and adults enjoyed a beautiful week of worship, music-making, and fun at the recent MONTREAT WORSHIP AND MUSIC CONFERENCE, Week II, June 28-July 4. Our children and youth participated in a wide range of performing groups and classes, attended daily worship, and explored the recreation opportunities of Montreat. We thank Millie Anderson for planning and preparing our meals and George Anderson for supporting us with conversation and attendance at worship and performances. A special treat this year was attending the Montreat July 4th Parade!

Submitted by Beth Vaught-Jenkins

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES AROUND! With cell phones and cameras omnipresent, especially now during the summer when many are out and about doing mission work, attending camps/conferences, and visiting people and places with a special tie to Second Presbyterian, we invite you to submit your photos for possible use on the website, in Second Sheet, in bulletins, slide shows, or in other church venues. Not all, but certainly many will be perfect for sharing. There are often many chances to take candid pictures. If you’re a photog, send your photo files attached to an email to this address: photos@spres.org. We will retrieve and review them periodically. Please make sure the subjects in the photo do not mind having their pictures shared (this goes for adults as well as their children). Just ask them! Please include your name and a brief identification or explanation of the subject with your email.

GALS . . . Breaking News!

We are excited and honored to have our own Rev. Elizabeth N.H. Link as the GALS retreat leader this year!! Mark your calendar and plan to join us.

Friday and Saturday, November 6-7, 2015
Alta Mons Retreat Center
Shawsville, Virginia
Registration and further details to follow.

Submitted by Ann Lawson

Family Promise

To our wonderful volunteers, we thank you for welcoming Family Promise families to the Alpha Omega house during our hosting weeks. We appreciate your time, smiles, support, and love for these families in crisis. As always – thank you. We will be serving these families again in late summer and the fall and will be in touch about your volunteer needs. Save the dates:
August 9-16 / November 15-22

Submitted by Lucinda Neal, Shelly Bingham, and Lauren Eilerman

Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to daughter, Leigh Farmer, and to the family and friends of Dr. Harry Robert Yates, Jr., of Richmond, VA, who died June 2, 2015. . . . Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Marilyn “Molly” Mitchell Putnam who died June 9, 2015, at the home of her daughter, Sarah Vaughn, in Greensboro, NC. . . . Sympathy is expressed to Ann Blair Miller and family on the loss of her cousin, Mary Elizabeth Williams Dransfield of Middletown, VA, who died June 10, 2015. . . . Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Nell Boyd Hopkins of Roanoke, VA, who died June 21, 2015.

Baptisms

Katherine Henry Perkins and James Paul (JP) Perkins presented their daughter, Vivian Elizabeth Perkins on June 21, 2015, at the 10:00 a.m. service for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. The presiding elder was Shelley Lyons. . . . Julia Kate Barnett and Brian Barnett presented their son, Fielding Lockard Barnett on June 28, 2015, at the 10:00 a.m. service for the Sacrament of Infant Baptism. The presiding elder was Kathy Gilchrist.

Flowers

On June 7, the flowers at the Picnic Sun- day worship service were given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jim Settles by the family. . . . On June 14, the Sanctuary flowers were given to the glory of God by Susan and Bill Blaylock in loving memory of their parents, Louise and Dick Wright and Frances and Frank Blaylock. . . . On June 21, the Father’s Day flowers were given by Alan Patterson in memory of his father, Robert R. Patterson, and by Judy Dickin- son in memory of her father, James O. Beckner. . . . On June 28, the Sanctuary flowers were given to the glory of God by Sue and John Boyle in celebration of their 52nd anniversary.
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Youth and Young Adults

Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia

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We are so thankful!

YO U T H C L U B AN D SE N IO R H IG H S

LAKE DAY on Saturday, July 25

Join us for a 2PC youth offering during the summertime. Thank you!

We can swim beachfront with lifeguards. They have a picnic area, a children’s area, and a trouser! He drove our church minibus, slept in a church van, and served those who are sick, struggling, vulnerable, or homeless. As the program states, they broadened our ideas about service, poverty, equality, and urban life. Our minds were broadened about what church can be. We broadened our hearts and our spirits. We made a commitment to be more loving, more accepting, and more understanding. Read more about our week of service and the impressions it has left on our lives and others on the youth blog at: Our Senior High mission trip was a week-long adventure that will leave an impact for a lifetime! Six youth and two youth advisors traveled to Pennsylvania to participate with The Youth Initiative at Broad Street Ministry. We stayed on-site in the beautiful church in the heart of Philadelphia and were immersed in urban service. We served meals, prepared food, volunteered with churches and service organizations to serve those who are sick, struggling, vulnerable, or homeless. As the program states, they broadened our ideas about service, poverty, equality, and urban life. Our minds were broadened about what church can be. We broadened our hearts and our spirits. We made a commitment to be more loving, more accepting, and more understanding. Read more about our week of service and the impressions it has left on our lives and others on the youth blog at: http://www.secondpresyouthministry.blogspot.com.

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- Robert and Carol Killinger
- R.E. Pooley, Huddleston, VA
- Lloyd G. Lazarus
- Josie and Frank Hyre
- George and Millie Anderson
In memory of Mary Stuart and Harry Yates by:
- Kathy and Steve Clayton
- Marge Clayton
In memory of Nell Hopkins by:
- Robert Thomas; Henrico, VA
- Carole Berglund
- Rebecca and Phillip Boggs
- Virginia Blain
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- Ada Peterman
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Preschool Endowment Fund
In memory of Nell Hopkins by:
- Olivia Graham

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In memory of Nell Hopkins by:
- Anonymous

Second Fund
In memory of Molly Putnam and Nell Hopkins by:
- Sara Airheart

Help Fund
In memory of Molly Putnam by:
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Church Library Book Donation
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- PW Circle 1

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We sincerely regret any errors or omissions in this list. Please contact Phil Boggs in the church office at 343-3659 to help us get it corrected. Contributions received and/or recorded after month’s end will be included in next month’s list.

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Thank you to Two-Cents-A-Meal Helpers
We appreciate the families and children who help gather the Two-Cents-A-Meal offering each month. On June 28, Trevor, Carson, and Garrett Waters (sons of Cindy and Mark Waters) helped at the 8:45 a.m. service. At 10:00 a.m., the Nichols family (Sally and Larry Nichols, with their son Bennett) helped at the 10:00 a.m. service.
Women and men both filled our Fellowship Hall for a week-long creative workshop in June, sponsored by The Studio School; faculty member Vera Dickerson was on hand. Guest instructor Linda Kemp of Ontario (pictured in inset), is internationally recognized for her unique contemporary watercolors. Read more: www.lindakemp.com.