

Harbor View Highlights



Gathered by God and Gifted by the Holy Spirit, we go into the world to make disciples for Jesus.

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Sunday, October 7 Begin signing up for Fish Fry luncheon on October 28

Sundays, October 14, 21, 29 Stewardship Emphasis Series

October 19 – 21 Youth at Cross Mission in Charlotte, NC

Wednesday, October 17 Fellowship Committee Meeting 6:00 pm

Monday, October 22 Session Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, October 28 Celebration Sunday and Fish Fry
One Service at 11:00 am
Fish Fry at 12:00 pm

Monday, October 29 Vision Team at St. Andrews Presbyterian with Stan Ott



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PASTORS CORNER:



One of the great joys and challenges of the Christian life is perpetually learning. The word “disciple” literally means “learner, and so we are for the rest of our lives. It is simply impossible to outgrow or outlive our need to learn from God. I discover in my daily prayer life that I am forever seeking the Lord’s direction in how I can serve Him better. In what ways can I give of myself to honor Him better? During August, we have recently been invited to reflect on the ways we can grow in offering to God the time and talents He has given us. In all truthfulness, that is some reflecting and self-evaluation and soul-seeking we ought to be doing not only once a year – but regularly from day to day.

During October, we will emphasize another aspect of our growth in Christian discipleship – the stewardship of our finances. Again, this should be an area of our faith that we routinely examine in our lives. Yet, as a congregation it makes sense that we provide at least an annual period to intentionally address this. Don’t worry. I do not intend to browbeat anyone from the pulpit during these important weeks. When it comes to issues related to stewardship, I feel like the apostle Paul when he confessed, “I am chief among sinners.” Yes, I struggle with my own ineptitude and complete failure when it comes to being a steward of those God-given resources in my life. So, all you will hear from me are the words of a fellow-muddler. If you happen to be among those who have such areas of Christian stewardship well in hand and moving forward to greater maturity and practice, then I would love to hear from you and glean the wisdom God has given you. It is always inspiring to hear from you the wonderful ways God has done His work in your lives.

The good news is that God is still teaching me! The Lord has not given up on me, and so I refuse to give up striving to develop a closer relationship with Him as He leads me on. I would risk guessing that the same has proven true for you as well. As the Lord continues to let His resources overflow into our lives, we cannot help but celebrate with thanksgiving the never-ending pouring out of His amazing grace.

So, let these weeks (Oct. 14, 21, 28) together become a time of: 1) personal and community growth as the Lord teaches us; 2) reflecting on our struggles and victories in stewardship; 3) being encouraged and inspired by the personal stories that are shared; and 4) celebrating all that the Lord has done in our lives.

Oh, and don’t forget celebration Sunday is Oct. 28 as we dedicate our financial commitments for 2013, and gather for a celebration meal (Fish Fry after worship).

Learning and growing with you,
Philip

Marriage and Scripture

One of the directives that came out of the General Assembly meeting this summer was that congregations become engaged in education regarding the meaning of marriage. Within the context of the Christian community, that requires a biblical foundation as the locus and focus of any such education.

Marriage is in decline. Census figures reveal that the proportion of U.S. households headed by a married couple has dropped to barely 50 percent—a significant and alarming decrease from 72 percent in 1960.

This trend has a major effect on society. Sociologists know that children and adults are healthier, wealthier, and happier when nurtured within the bonds of a lifelong marriage. A decrease in lasting marriages means an increase in social problems of all sorts.

But what about the church? Many people assume that marriage is a side issue for the church. They could not be more mistaken. Scripture tells us that there is a close connection between marriage and the Gospel. If we misunderstand human marriage, it will be much harder for us to understand the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ.

Marriage, according to Scripture, is designed by God to be an image of his relationship with the church. In places like Jeremiah, Hosea, and Ezekiel in the Old Testament, God reveals himself as the husband of Israel. In the New Testament, Christ is revealed as the bridegroom of the church. Christ's commitment to us is unconditional, total, and everlasting--just as the love between husband and wife is supposed to be.

Sarah Hinlicky Wilson explores the connection between God's grace and marriage in her article, "[What's His Is Ours](#)" in the September issue of *Christianity Today*. She asks us to imagine a groom telling his new bride in the limo on the way to the wedding reception:

'Now you realize, my dear,' he begins, 'that, as far as I'm concerned, we can't really say we're married, because I don't know yet what kind of wife you'll turn out to be. I hope for the best, of course. And I'll help you all I can. But only at the end of our lives will I be able to tell if you've lived up to my expectations. If you have--then, and only then, I'll agree that we truly got married today. But if you don't, then as far as I'm concerned we were never married at all. After all, how can I call you my wife if you fail to be a wife to me?'

Or picture the bride in that same limo saying:

'I'm glad you married me. I've always wanted to be married. But mainly what I wanted was the status; I was tired of being a single girl. I'll stick by you and never seek a divorce, so I can go on calling myself married, but don't expect any closeness, friendship or desire from me. I've already gotten everything I want out of you and I've already given everything I intend to give to you.'

They have both misunderstood the meaning of marriage. The groom sees marriage as a measure of good works. If human marriage is not real until we perform enough good works, it leads us to conclude wrongly that Christ's relationship with the church is also about works.

If human marriage is in name only, as the bride in this story understands it, then the church too is the bride of Christ in name only. The relationship is one of "cheap grace," as Dietrich Bonhoeffer put it, and the church remains tragically unchanged by Christ's love.

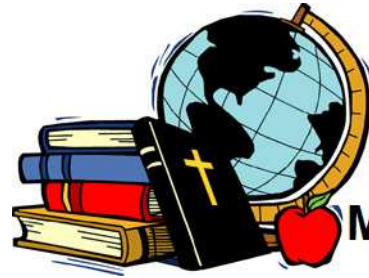
Let's apply that analogy to cohabitation, an increasingly common pattern in our society. (*Cohabiting couples today number over 7 million--up 10 X from 1970.*) *Cohabitation is not "marriage without the paper" as some like to claim. Cohabitation is a "good works" relationship.* Partners continually judge each other's works to decide if the relationship should continue.

Cohabitation is very different from marriage, as God designed it to reflect the image of his own relationship with the church. Christ has chosen the church to be his bride. Period. She *has been united* with him through his action on the cross. He withholds nothing from her. All that belongs to him now belongs to her. All of her sin is now placed on him. She doesn't have to prove herself or make herself worthy. She can't.

The bride (the church) is called to respond to her husband (God) in trust and joy; she is not to treat the new union as superficial and in name only. This new union of trust and dependence is filled with Christ's blessings, and it changes us forever. That's the way marriage is meant to be, and that's the way the Christian life is meant to be.

May the Word of God shed light on all our relationships!

Philip



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Farewell, Greetings, Rejoice, Be Glad, Delight! One Greek word with so many meanings, yet they are all connected. So often we take the idea of rejoicing to be a solely and completely happy term. Yet we can see that as a salutation or a valediction that it brings with it more depth, the depth of distance. It is not just a momentary emotion, but one built around a journey and a larger, longer connection between the parties involved. Thus we are not called to simply celebrate God being God, but to remember the journeys we have been on and the life we share with God. That greeting, that connection of joy, is not because we're promised all we could ever desire, or because God makes us happy and gives us reason to celebrate, but because of all the emotions that have happened in our past within our relationship with God and each other. It is that depth of emotion that causes us to say so many of those terms mentioned at the start of this reflection. We express greetings and farewells that are meaningful with those who know us deeply and with whom we share the depth of experience as well. So much like asking those closest to you to help you when you're in need and worried, we likewise are reminded that it is with a longing deep joy that we speak to God. This communication is like the letters we share with those who we are closest to: full of jokes, stories, memories, and of course with that deep seeded need to tell someone about what is most important to you at the very moment that you are writing them. This is prayer and the joy of our relationship with God. We don't just pray to ask, but in prayer we share our everyday lives as well as the deepest parts of ourselves, and the response is not a check in the mail or somehow everything magically fixed the way we would like it, but just like those letters sent to those who know us best and care for us most in this world, it is peace and love that we receive. It is the peace of feeling close and connected to another. That peace of knowing you are fully known and cared for beyond anything that can be understood. For, at the end of the day, that is Joy.

THE MEN'S BREAKFAST

Rumor has it that Thursday, October 18 at 8:00 a.m. is the Men's Breakfast at the Boulevard Diner on Maybank Highway. You know the drill-be there or be square! Perhaps the *Sloppy Cow* where *SkiBo's* was will have breakfast so that we can give it a try next time.



THE BRIDGE GROUP will meet Monday, October 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Damascus. Bob McKay will be the host for October.



THE BOOK CLUB will meet Sunday, October 21 at 3:30 p.m. in Damascus. The selection for October is *Unbroken* by Laura Hildebrand with Anne John as the discussion leader. New members and guests (male and female) are always welcome. For more info call Anne John.



Flower Calendar

Oct. 7	Communion
Oct. 14	Charlie & Ruth Hiers
Oct. 21	Charles & Kay Truluck
Oct. 28	Eric & Linda Stewart



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Oct. 7	Basil & Linda Youngblood
Oct. 14	Tracy Conner
Oct. 21	Robert & Nancy Parnelle
Oct. 28	Fish Fry-One Service, no coffee

Children's Message



Oct. 7	John Stewart
Oct. 14	Sue Mathews
Oct. 21	Ann Ronayne
Oct. 28	Philip West



OCTOBER GREETERS

9am

Oct. 7 Gwen Wright
 Oct. 14 Cathy & Emily Chihocky
 Oct. 21 Chad, Missy,
 Katie & Ashley Atwater

11am

Oct. 7 Susan Behrends
 Oct. 14 Dannie Manning
 Oct. 21 John & Cookie Rodgers
 October 28 – single service at 11:00am
 Larry & Nancy Grant



NURSERY SCHEDULE

9am

Oct. 7 Cathy Chihocky
 Oct. 14 Amy Bonnett
 Oct. 21 Jennie Roberson
 Oct. 28 Single Service

11am

Oct. 7 Gail Truluck
 Oct. 14 Lucille Royall
 Oct. 21 Bess Burkhardt
 Oct. 28 Jennifer Wilson
 (Single Service)

PARENTS PLEASE remember to label all diaper bags, sip cups, etc. that you bring with your child to the crib room.

“The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life, and in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt.”
 --Frederick Buechner



THIS MONTH'S birthdays

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Brian Dantzler
 3rd Nancy Parnelle
 3rd Eric Stewart
 3rd Maggie Wirth
 6th Kay Truluck
 7th Camilla Hays
 9th Cookie Rodgers
 9th Stephanie Scholz
 10th Zach Chessman
 11th Laurel Hays
 13th Judy Chitwood
 13th Barbara Spence
 16th Edna Delsignore
 16th Sheryl Johnson
 19th Debbie Johnson
 20th Sara Margaret Woods
 22nd Reece Wilber
 23rd Lane Copeland
 25th Dee Dee White
 26th Audrey Scholz
 26th Katrina Thomas
 26th Samuel Sloane
 28th Penny Massey
 28th Josie Stewart
 29th Adam Webber
 31st Bob Davison
 31st Andrew Ronayne

If your birthday is shown incorrectly or omitted, please notify the office.

YOU'RE INVITED

PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN
 NEW ENGLAND

*REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR
 PRESENCE*

AT THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION OF

Karen Linette Fleming
to
Ministry as a
Teaching Elder

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21ST, 2012
3:00 PM

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
180 YORK STREET
YORK, MAINE

DESSERT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW



LUNCH BUNCH

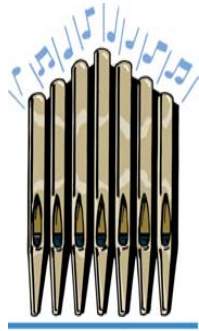
Fall is a good time to head to the country! The Lunch Bunch will be going to *The Tomato Shed*, at 842 Main Road on John's

Island on Tuesday, October 2. Meet at the church at 11:15 to car pool, we will leave from the church at 11:30. Please RSVP to Saradell Danzler @ 795-9214 or give her a call if you have any questions. Bon Appetit!



*I love the house where you live,
 O Lord, the place
 where your glory dwells.*

Psalm 26:8, NIV



ORGAN CONCERT

Jack Cleghorn will present an organ concert on the St. Luke's Recital Series. The concert will be held on Tuesday, October 30th at 12:15 pm at St. Luke's Chapel, MUSC. The concert will feature music by Bruhns, Bach, Mendelssohn and Walcha.

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Dear Members of Harbor View Church,

If I had ever forgotten the deep ties of 40 years to this church, it has brought home in over-whelming fashion.

The cards, visits, calls and wonderful food were just amazing.

Philip was at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital when the surgeon repaired my broken ankle. His prayers and yours are deeply appreciated and major in my recovery.

Thanks for the Life's Lesson in caring for others.

Joan Loy & family

Dear Harbor View family,

I want to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to my "Harbor View Presbyterian Church Family." I learned long ago in my Marine Corps officer training that as a Marine I had only two missions. The first was to accomplish any tasks assigned. The second was to take care of fellow Marines. My Harbor View Church family went above and beyond that expectation. I could not have asked for anything more than I received from Dr. West, Linda, and Loretta. In addition I would like to express sincere heartfelt thanks to the church and this stretches church wide for the many cards, calls, hugs, and visits. Your love supported me during the journey that I continue to walk. Psalms 91:15 says "They will call on me and I will answer them, I will be with them in trouble."

Thanks for being with me! I will always remember the love and support.

Semper Fi
Hugh Donnan



God's Vision, Our Calling!

"Honoring God, Growing Together, Caring for Others,
Transforming the World"
Through Faithful Financial Stewardship



**Celebrate Harbor View Presbyterian Church's
44th Birthday and Commitment Sunday
October 28, 2012**

Congregational Fish Fry in the Gym following 11:00 single Worship Service

Name: _____

Number Attending: _____

**Please RSVP to the church office or
complete this insert and return it to the church.**

**KEEP THEM
IN YOUR PRAYERS**



Church Members

John McKnight, *home*

Mary DeWitt, *home*

Joan Loy, *home*

Doris Rollins, *home*

Sue Turner, *home*

Daisy Welch, *home*

Rosemarie DeGroot, *home*

Bill Hantske, *home*

Charles Truluck, *home*

Friends and Relatives

Killough White, *father of Chip White*

Julie Moon, *sister of Beverly O'Brien*
(8/26)

Kathy Barden, *niece of Bob Davison* (8/19)

Liz Amelia, *friend of Aubrey Plum* (8/2)

Rita, Anita, Karen, Nicole and Emily,
friends of Aubrey Plum (8/2)

Alba Schaefer, *friend of Cathy Chihocky*
(7/24)

Kevin Duke, *cousin of Tracy Conner* (7/24)

Janice Flynn, *friend of Becky Linnville*
(7/24)

Christian Moravek, *step-grandson of Edna Grant* (4/15)

And Also Remember . . .

Aylene Wright, *Presbyterian Village*

Helen Obermiller, *Summit Place of Daniel Island*

And Also Deployed . .

NO ONE – PRAISE GOD!!!!

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9:30 – 10:15 Christian Nurture
10:15 – 10:30 Fellowship
10:30 – 11:30 Worship

***Harbor View Presbyterian Church is a community of faith seeking to transform the world
-by honoring God,
-growing together as followers of Jesus Christ,
-and caring for others in our daily lives.***

Guests Welcome - Staffed Nursery Provided
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