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Dear Friends,

At this juncture of the calendars, I have been doing my customary year-end looking back and thinking forward in the life of the church. The year now closing has brought its share of good news—the addition of two new program staff members in Nancy Myer and Kate Boswell, the long-awaited capital renovations project, the arrival of a number of wonderful new members, and the strong stewardship campaign with which our year ended, among others.

It has also been a difficult year for us—with all the disruptions, inconveniences, and displacements of the renovation project—and for many of you—the deaths of so many dear ones in these last twelve months, unexpected illnesses, layoffs and job losses that have taken their toll. The community of faith leans on each other in such times, and we work hard to attend to such needs, always wishing we could do more.

Now we begin to turn our thoughts to the year stretching out before us, a year that looks full of grace and promise, as well as full of more construction stress. For the near future, at least, we look forward to being fully staffed. There are some exciting educational offerings in the coming year; a new class of officers will be installed January 4, and New Hope Presbytery will be here to install Kate Boswell on January 11. An array of mission and outreach opportunities is scheduled. It looks like another very good year at University Church.

As noted on page 3 in this edition, after a few months of quiet, we hope to break ground for our new addition in late April or May. Then the cycle of excitement, disruption and dust will begin again. By the time I write this column for next January, I hope the completion of our two-year building program will be in view. For all the *fun* of the experience, it will be a good day when that work is done.

Grateful for the year now behind us, I look forward to the months ahead. I offer you prayers and best wishes for a year full of grace and kindness and peace... and the hope that it will be a year in which you experience a full measure of Christ's accompaniment on your journey.

Peace,

Bob Dunham, Pastor

All of us here at University Presbyterian Church had a wonderful holiday season and end to 2014. As you welcome the new year, please enjoy the special tribute to our members on page 9 of this edition. We're happy to share these special memories with you. May you find peace and joy in 2015!

Our Church Family

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord,” James 5:14.

Due to privacy concerns and HIPAA laws, there are no notifications or lists at any local hospitals or clinics which would inform the church if you are hospitalized, receiving treatment or undergoing surgery.

The UPC congregation and its pastors take seriously the call to pray and be present with those who are in need, so we encourage you, a friend or a family member to let us know if you have scheduled surgery or have been admitted to the hospital. During the week, please call the church office at (919) 929-2102, and over the weekend, please call one of the pastors. Thank you.

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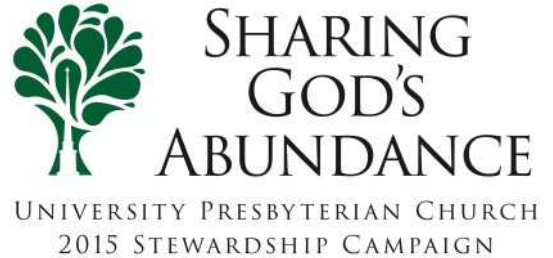
Thank You for Sharing God's Abundance

UPC 2015 Stewardship Campaign

As of December 19, the church had received 379 pledges for 2015 totaling \$1,440,676. Last year's final totals showed 418 pledges for \$1,530,440. In our focus on *Sharing God's Abundance*, it is our earnest hope to increase the number of pledging households for 2015.

To the many we have already heard from, we say a word of deep gratitude for your thoughtful, generous pledges. To those who have yet to respond, we ask that you give prayerful consideration to making a pledge *in the next few days*. The Session meets on January 15, and it would be wonderful to have sufficient pledges in hand to be able to set the 2015 budget. We are not there yet, but hope to be so very soon.

You may place a pledge card in the offering plates on Sunday, pledge online through the "Stewardship" page of the UPC Website at www.upcch.org/info/stewardship.html or email your pledge to Katherine Yager, our Financial Administrator, at finance@upcch.org.



2015 Stewardship Campaign Chairs

Kelly Ross and Bill Whisenant
Ashley and John Wilson

UPC Stewardship Committee

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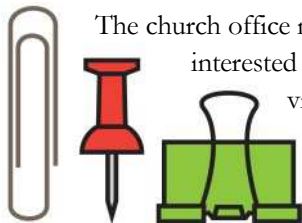
Capital Campaign Construction Update

We are in the punch-list phase of the renovation work on the church. In these last few weeks, contractors have been busy working on the final tasks—installing windows in office doors, connecting water from the street to the sprinkler system, installing magnetically locked doors, installing cabinets, touching up paint—to complete the first part of our overall project. Within the next few weeks, we should all begin to enjoy a hiatus in the noise, dust and inconvenience.

On January 12, following months of advisory board hearings and a November public hearing, the Town Council will finally vote on our Special Use Permit for the new construction. Once that permit has been issued, we will begin the work of getting the specific building permits and approvals to let us begin the next phase, probably in late April or May. That phase will begin with demolition of the church property at 212 East Rosemary Street, the re-routing of Robertson Lane and the preparation of a new church parking lot. Then, the contractor will be able to start the new construction, which will likely continue into 2016.

As updates are available, we will pass them along. Please keep an eye on the bulletin announcements and *Weekly E-News*. To sign up for *Weekly E-News*, visit www.upcch.org and click "Subscribe to E-News" from the bottom of the page.

Church Office Volunteers Needed!



The church office needs volunteers for the first and third Friday afternoon of the month. The shift is 12:30-4:30. If you're interested in this service to the church, you can volunteer for one or both. Responsibilities include welcoming visitors, answering the phone and simple clerical tasks.

If you're available, or if you'd like to volunteer as a substitute instead, please call Shelley Adams at (919) 942-2525. Thank you!

We Celebrate Our New Members

In December, University Presbyterian Church joyfully welcomed the following new members into the life of the church. Please join us in welcoming the newest members of our congregation!

Tracy Woody (Samuel and Carson): Tracy comes to UPC by transfer of her membership from Rumble Memorial Presbyterian Church. Tracy grew up in western North Carolina but lived in New York City and California before her work in the biotech industry led her back to NC. Tracy leads a Presbyterian Women Circle and helps organize the Women's Retreat. She is married to Gene Ostrow, and they have two sons, Sam (8) and Carson



(6). Both Sam and Carson are students at Trinity School of Durham/Chapel Hill.

Charlie Hyland and Kathleen Jasinskas: Kathleen and Charlie come to UPC by reaffirmation of their faith. Kathleen grew up in Kansas City and lived in New York City (where she received her Bachelor of Music from The Juilliard school) before moving to Chapel Hill. Charlie grew up in Binghamton, New York (where both Charlie and Kathleen earned Master of Music degrees at Binghamton University) and lived in New York City before moving to Chapel Hill. Charlie and Kathleen

are both professional singers and members of the UPC Chancel Choir. Kathleen also teaches piano and voice lessons. They are engaged to be married, with plans to do so in October here at UPC.

Becky Binney Woodruff: Becky (pictured with her spouse, UPC member Bob Woodruff) comes to UPC by reaffirmation of her faith. Becky moved to Chapel Hill in 1993 with her two children and has worked as a personal trainer and diving coach. She is currently the Fitness Director at the UNC Faculty-Staff Recreation Association (The Farm). She is also the coordinator and instructor for their diving program.



Welcome, New Members!

Adult Christian Education

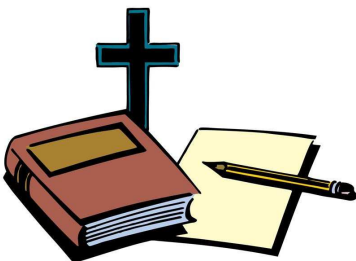
Term 3: January 4 - February 8

All are welcome and encouraged to attend Adult Education classes on Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

Feasting on the Word: This class expands our understanding of the lectionary scripture for each Sunday. This curriculum is coordinated with the children's ministry planning. Facilitator: Bob Dunham. Location: Room 139.

Connections: This class features *Holy Land Revealed* video lectures by Dr. Jodi Magness, an archeologist and religion professor at UNC. Facilitators: Lee and Myrah Scott. Location: Vance Barron Hall. (Approaching Islam has been postponed.)

Faith Issues in Literature: Featuring Barbara Brown Taylor's book, *Home By Another Way*, this class will explore Taylor's sermons through the church calendar. Facilitators: Kelly Ross and Kate Fiedler Boswell. Location: Terrace Room.



Family Matters - Building Moral Intelligence: This class features the book *The Seven Essential Virtues that Teach Kids to Do the Right Thing*, by bestselling author, Michele Borba. These virtues are empathy, conscience, self-control, respect, kindness, tolerance and fairness. Gain a new understanding of moral intelligence for our children through the study of this indispensable book for parents and grandparents. The author confronts the front-page crisis we now face in our country regarding youth violence, alienation, self-destructive behavior, cold-heartedness, lack of compassion, insensitivity, intolerance and the breakdown of values. We will understand, evaluate and inspire our children (or grandchildren) with the seven essential virtues which comprise moral intelligence. Facilitator: Jim Schultz. Location: Stephen Ministry Room.

Choir News

2015 Youth Choir Dinner Theatre Production

Cotton Patch Gospel

the greatest story ever retold

Book by Tom Key and Russell Treyz

Music and lyrics by Harry Chapin

February 5, 6 and 7, 2015

The musical, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, is based on the book *The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John* by Clarence Jordan. This musical retells the life of Jesus as if in modern-day, rural Georgia. Though the setting and the styling of the language greatly differs from the original telling of the Gospels, the message stays true to the historical recording in the book of Matthew. Rich in humor and unsparing in their earthiness, Clarence’s translations and lectures “explode in our ears the mighty ideas which transformed the early disciples and enabled them to turn their world upside down.” (Dallas Lee, Introduction to *The Cotton Patch Evidence*). The lively blue grass music will keep your toe tapping, and the quick lyrics will touch your heart. Join us as our youth lead us in the “Greatest Story Ever Retold!”



Tickets will be on sale Sunday, January 18, Sunday, January 25, and Sunday, February 1, between worship services and following the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the church office.



This year, our first show on Thursday night, February 5, will be **FREE**. No meal is served at this performance.

Performances on Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, will be catered by Diane Dodge of *Home on the Range Catering*. Tickets for adults will cost \$15 and tickets for children 10 years and under will cost \$10.

The Big Fat Gap Bluegrass Band (pictured) will be accompanying the Youth Choir for *Cotton Patch Gospel*. Don’t miss it!

Choirs Sing in Worship!

The Junior Choir will sing on January 11 at 11:00 a.m. worship

The Children’s Choir will sing on January 25 at 11:00 a.m. worship.



We are looking forward to another great year with the choirs at UPC.

Happy 2015!

*With Love,
Beth and Tom*

For more information about UPC choirs, contact Beth Auman Visser, Director of Children’s and Youth Choirs, at (919) 929-2102 or visser@upcch.org.

New Mission Co-Workers

The Global Outreach Committee is pleased to announce our new mission co-workers beginning in January 2015: The Rev. Dr. Karla Koll, Mission co-worker in Costa Rica since 2013 (previously in Guatemala) serving at the Latin American Biblical University (UBL); The Rev. Jo Ella Holman, mission co-worker serving the Caribbean; and two new mission co-workers in the Middle East (you are welcome to ask John Rogers or members of the Global Outreach Committee about our new co-workers, but for safety reasons due to unrest in the Middle East, we are unable to print anything about these partners).

Below are personal words to the University Presbyterian Church congregation from Dr. Karla Koll and The Rev. Jo Ella Holman.

A Letter from Dr. Karla Koll:

Greetings in this Advent season from Costa Rica.

I was delighted to receive your note with the news that UPC has decided to add ongoing financial support to the myriad of ways the church already supports me in mission. I am very grateful. Be assured that I will be praying for UPC. I would welcome any group that would like to come to Costa Rica at some point. The Latin American Biblical University has many years of experience in hosting groups and part of my work as the professor of mission is to organize the study



tours. As Latin America's oldest democracy and also as a country without an army, Costa Rica offers a unique place to look at what makes for peace co-existence. Ecological issues are on the forefront of concerns here as well as climate change provokes more severe weather events. We at the Latin American Biblical University are glad to share about how theology is being done in Latin America today. Our graduates are involved in

transformative ministries here in Costa Rica and elsewhere.

I am looking forward to how this relationship develops. Thank you all again.

*Blessings,
Karla Koll*

To learn more about Dr. Karla Koll, we invite you to visit www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/koll-karla-ann

A Letter from The Rev. Jo Ella Holman:

Dear University Presbyterian Church,

I am deeply moved and grateful for this demonstration of solidarity and love. Thank you, thank you, thank you to you and to the whole UPC Global Outreach Committee! I appreciate the financial support and your prayers and words of encouragement.



You might join me in prayer for a number of ministry initiatives in which I am currently engaged as well as for the people and churches of the Caribbean. Please pray for ongoing work to normalize relations between the U.S. and Cuba; for a new initiative in the Dominican Republic for a holistic, community health ministry for physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health; for a first-time-ever joint course with a group of Cuban and U.S. seminarians on missiology that will take place in January; and for ongoing ministries in Haiti with a variety of partners.

As you may remember, it was through University Church's ministry that I became a Presbyterian, just out of UNC, and I shall be forever grateful to this congregation for giving me a church home in those early years. My participation in the PC(USA) as a lay member and later as a teaching elder has been a joy to me and I have never regretted that move. My son was baptized in your sanctuary and my husband's memorial service was held there. Please receive my thanks for your ministry, one that has blessed my life in so many ways.

I look forward to seeing you when I am next in NC—and to have yet another reason to be back on "the Hill!" Once again, I thank you for this very good news and for the support in so many ways that it represents.

*Wishing you many blessings,
Jo Ella*

To learn more about Jo Ella and her ministry, please visit www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/holman-jo-ella

Save These Dates in 2015!

Middle School DC Service Trip: March 29 - April 1, 2015

Montreat Youth Conference: June 14 - 20, 2015

Montreat Music and Worship Conference: June 21 - 27, 2015

Vacation Bible School: *Message Received: Hearing God's Call.* June 29 - July 3, 2015

Appalachia Service Project: July 12 - 18, 2015



Presbyterian Youth Connection (PYC)

January is a great time to join in the fun, fellowship and faith development at Presbyterian Youth Connection! We meet each Sunday starting at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. After dinner (bring \$5 to help with the cost of food), we enjoy a program and time for sharing our joys and concerns with one another. Pick-up is in the UPC parking lot at 8 p.m. PYC is for any youth in 6th-12th grades. Email Kim McNeill, Staff Associate for Youth Ministries, at kim@upcch.org with any questions or to get more information about this incredible group.

January Calendar

Sunday, January 4: Family Dinner in the Fellowship Hall and Worship in the Sanctuary

Sunday, January 11: Bible Trivia with UUMC; Deadline to RSVP for the February 16 Middle School Service Day with Raleigh Youth Mission (cost is \$25).

Sunday, January 18: Many Individuals, One in Christ: How can we work toward being one in Christ even when we all believe a little differently? Middle School DC Service Trip fee due (\$200); Confirmation Retreat Fee Due (\$50).

Tuesday, January 20: Teacher workday - Service day with TABLE.

Sunday, January 25: Parables of Grace: What do those often cryptic parables tell us about the role grace should play in our lives? How can we show grace to one another each day?

Saturday, January 31: Confirmation Day Retreat with mentors at UPC, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Stay in touch with all things PYC. Be sure you're receiving the weekly PYC email from Kim. It will tell you all you need to know for the coming week. And sign up for text reminders, too! Text "@UPCP" to (919) 267-2577 and you'll be signed up to receive last minute reminders about PYC. We also invite youth and parents to follow us on Twitter @UPCPYC. Go to <https://twitter.com/upcpyc>.

For the Parents of Young Presbyterians and Their Children

Now that the Christmas season is behind us and the new year has arrived, we have a wonderful opportunity to practice gratitude. For young children, the idea of writing thank you notes can seem like a daunting task. To help our children see just how fun and important writing thank you notes can be, we are going to host a thank you note writing party on Sunday, January 11.



Children AND parents should attend. Please bring with you a list of the gifts received and from whom you received each gift. If you have special stationery that you would like to use, please bring that, as well. We will provide plain paper, stickers, crayons and markers, as well as some instruction as to why and how to write thank you notes. Younger children will be encouraged to create meaningful pictures with stickers and crayons, while older children will learn the basic elements of a sincere thank you note.

2nd-5th graders will meet from 3:30-4:10 p.m. Preschool-2nd graders will meet from 4:15-4:55 p.m. Both groups will meet on Sunday, January 11, in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Kara Aycock, PYPs Coordinator, at PYPs@upcch.org.

Session Digest

The Session had a busy December meeting, beginning with the examination of the 2017 Classes of Elders and Deacons whom we approved for ordination and installation on January 4, 2015. The Session also:

- listened to a devotion by Nancy Oates reflecting on her time on the Session and the importance of her Session colleagues in her faith journey—listening carefully, seeking truth, encouraging each other. Proverbs 11:14 and James 1:19 were read;
- approved the pastoral housing allowances for 2014;
- approved a request from the Youth Choir to hold a benefit concert on May 3, 2015 along with the UUMC Youth Choir with proceeds going to TABLE;
- received a report from the Building Committee, noting that the internal renovations are almost complete and will be finished soon;
- approved the wedding of Grayson Street and Traci Parnell (non-members) on December 20, 2014 and the wedding of Don Hunter and Lew Lampiris (UPC members) on March 28, 2015;
- noted the Town Council was quite positive on our proposed expansion plans at the November 17, 2014 public hearing. The Council will vote on our request at their January 12, 2015 meeting. When the proper permits are acquired, probably in early spring, the next step will be demolition of the house at 212 E. Rosemary Street;
- appointed Lee Ann Buck to serve as a member of the Educator Certification Committee for Nancy Myer as she progresses through the certification process in the PC(USA);
- approved changes in our missionary support as recommended by the Outreach Committee as a result of missionary retirements and relocations. UPC will now be providing support to Jo Ella Holman in the Caribbean, Karla Koll in Costa Rica and two missionaries in the Middle East (see page 6); and
- reviewed the stewardship results presented by John Wilson and discussed the importance of participation at every level by the church community.

We are also looking forward to the installation of Kate Fiedler Boswell on January 11, 2015!

~Mary Ellen Olson, *Clerk of Session*

Thank You to Everyone Who Made This Christmas Season at UPC Truly Special



Presbyterian Campus Ministry: Fall Semester

This fall has been a busy one at PCM! We hosted twelve Thursday night programs and fellowship meals where more than 480 total plates were served over the course of the semester. We had about 90 people in attendance at our first homecoming alumni event at Maple View. We had three retreats, including the leadership team, Montreat fall and our Lilly "Guide My Feet" program to the Virginia mountains, where a total of 50 attended. Four interns served at four of our six partner churches, and we had four partner church visits for worship services and a concert. We had four board meetings, nine student leadership team meetings, three dinners at my and Trina's home and four small groups that totaled over 30 gatherings between them where students studied, prayed, ate and laughed together.

We're thrilled to say that we had over 90 in attendance at our annual Thanksgiving dinner, and our vibrant music team met weekly and led us in Thursday night music and worship. PCM cooked and served six meals at the Interfaith Community Shelter, volunteered at Anathoth Community Garden and served a meal to friends at the Ronald McDonald House. Plus, eleven of our students signed up for our 2015 spring break mission trip to DOOR's Denver location, and they've already been meeting and raising money this fall. Over one hundred hands have held our daughter, Cate, and countless students have spent many hours at our campus ministry center where rich community is being developed.

With a fall semester like this, we hope to enter spring 2015 with a lot of momentum! Already, more than 30 students are planning to participate in the Montreat College Conference, *Peace Bound*, from January 2 - 5. We can't wait! A special thank you to everyone who supports PCM and our students.

~ John Rogers, *Associate Pastor for Campus Ministry*

Presbyterian Campus Ministry (PCM) offers programming for undergraduate, graduate and professional students and welcomes new participants at any time. The programming is supported by the outreach of University Presbyterian Church. For more information, visit the Website at www.uncpcm.com or contact John Rogers at jrogers@upcch.org.



Global Outreach News: Watch, Wait and Act

"And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." ~ Luke 2:8

Advent is a time when we watch for and await the coming of Jesus. However, like the shepherds in the fields, our vocations continue as we wait. One of the highlights of the Advent season at UPC is the Alternative Gift Market, offering each of us a chance to honor friends and family at Christmas with gifts that help people in need in the U.S. and around the world. This event allows us to partner with folks who are at work at many vocations around the world, helping them bring food to the hungry, healing to the sick and encouragement to those who are troubled.

Alternative Market 2014 was another outstanding success, thanks to the generosity of 67 families and individuals. We raised more than **\$17,300** for the thirty-eight organizations on the shopping list! We're especially excited about the help provided to some of our church's long-term partners, where we were able to pair funds raised in the Alternative Market with money from the Global Outreach Project Fund. For example, the \$2,200 you provided to Family Health Ministries will let them stock the new Carmelle Voltaire Maternal Health Center

in Haiti with 40 maternal delivery kits and 44 infant bassinets. Your \$2,300 will provide 166 weeks of tuition for needy students at the Latin Patriarchate School in Zababdeh in Palestine. The Ministry of Hope Crisis nursery in Lesotho will be able to pay the salaries of two nannies for a year with your \$2,100. Duplan School, in a town above Wings of Hope in Haiti will use your \$3,600 to provide hot lunches for 40 students for a year and pay the salaries of two teachers for the year. Your donations will help the Good Samaritan Committee of the Syrian Presbyterian Church in Beirut pay tuition for 45 children who are refugees from the war in Syria.

This is not simply a one-year effort: our congregation is in this for the long run. This year's Alternative Market receipts meant that since 2001, we have raised more than **\$232,000** for our partners! God is at work in so many ways around the world, and your generous donations will help move this work forward in the holiday season and long afterward.

~ Mark Peifer, *Global Outreach*

Local Outreach News: Friends of Orange County Social Services

University Presbyterian Church supports FRIENDS through contributions from the Local Outreach Committee, as well as contributions from the Alternative Gifts Program. Their projects include Emergency Assistance, a Backpack and School Supplies program, Community Toy Chest, a Summer program for at-risk youth, Foster Kids' Christmas, Cribs and Car seats and layettes for newborns.

Greetings to all of you at University Presbyterian Church! Since your congregation has been so supportive of FRIENDS of the Orange County Department of Social Services, I thought you might like to learn a little more about our organization.

FRIENDS was organized and became a non-profit 501(c) (3) organization in 1992. It was started and incorporated by five women who came together because they knew there were many families who were clients of the Department of Social Services (DSS) who needed help that was beyond the scope of what DSS could offer them. They found families living without power and water, people sleeping on the floor without furniture, without working appliances, without proper clothing and without sufficient food to feed their families. These circumstances led Bonnie Davis, Shirley Marshall, Chris Nutter, Jean Nuzum and Judy Stewart to start FRIENDS. We were then, as we are now, an all volunteer organization.

Since then, FRIENDS has been working to combat the situations that make families feel insecure. Most of those we help are hard working people who find it difficult to make ends meet. Did you know that minimum wage workers who miss not a single hour of their forty-hour work week take home \$921 per month after taxes? Paying rent and utility bills, buying

groceries, paying insurance and medical bills can be a daunting task for many of our neighbors. An unexpected situation, such as an illness or a car repair, can leave folks deciding between feeding their family and keeping the lights on.

FRIENDS works closely with the social workers of the Department of Social Services who make requests on behalf of their clients in crisis situations. These include emergency rent and utility payments, thrift store vouchers for clothing, household furnishings, emergency pharmacy expenses, camp scholarships, cribs and car seats for infants. In addition, we fill hundreds of backpacks with school supplies in the fall, rescue and distribute thousands of pounds of food from local grocery stores and the NC Food Bank and see to it that holiday gifts are provided for every child in foster care in Orange County.

FRIENDS funding sources include membership dues, donations and local grants. We invite you to check out our website at www.friendsoforangecountydss.org. Please send us your suggestions and join our cause. Thank you for your ongoing support of FRIENDS. You allow us to continue our efforts to support the Orange County Department of Social Services in their work to meet the ever growing needs of our community.

~ Pat Garavaglia, Board President

News from New Hope Camp and Conference Center

Happy New Year! 2015 has arrived and the staff at New Hope Camp and Conference Center is already thinking about the fun-filled summer camps for the 2015 season. Camp registration has begun! The new brochure and registration form are available online at www.newhopecccc.org.

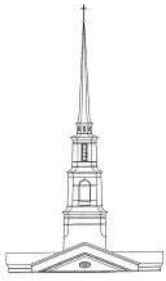
This summer, the camp will have a new Teen Camp for rising 10th - 12th graders. For one week, we will take our teens on an adventure they will never forget. They will enjoy a three night trip to the mountains of Western North Carolina for zip-lining and white water rafting. In addition, we have added a High School Crew program for rising 10th graders. The staff are looking forward to seeing some new faces and saying hello once again to our returning campers. Of course we have campers all year with our afterschool and Intersession programs. Visit our Website for more information about all our programs.

We are now accepting applications for our summer positions: Counselors and Lifeguards. The new summer staff application is online at www.newhopecccc.org/summer-staff-opportunities.

Please consider a donation to our camp scholarship fund. There is a great need for children of lower income families to experience a week of summer camp. Some of the children that come here have had little opportunity in their lives to enjoy nature and to play and learn in a safe and open environment. Your donation would help make summer camp a possibility for a child who may have only dreamed of attending.

We'd also like to remind you that the New Hope Silent Auction Fundraiser is only a few months away. Now is the time to start thinking about any items that you were planning to make to donate to this event!

~ Suzanne Blankfard, Summer Camp Registrar



*We welcome all
faculty, students,
newcomers
and
visitors.*

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University Presbyterian Church is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. On Sunday mornings, worship services are held at 8:30 and 11:00 and Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Children of all ages are welcomed and cherished by this congregation. Childcare for infants through kindergartners is provided on Sunday mornings by our paid sitters and parent volunteers.

The Sanctuary is wheelchair accessible. Handicapped parking spaces are available, and a parking assistant will be available to help you out of your car. Assistive hearing devices and large-print bulletins and hymnals are available during worship. Office hours: Monday—Friday 8:30-4:30. Call (919) 929-2102 for more information. Learn more about our programs from the church Website (www.upcch.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/upcch).



Montreat Worship and Music Conference June 21 - 27, 2015

This year's Montreat Worship and Music Conference theme is *You are My Beloved: Baptism to Transfiguration*. All active UPC Choir members (rising fourth graders to graduating seniors) are invited to attend this excellent music conference and experience the joy of being together in fellowship at Montreat!



Join us as we take a journey through the time after Epiphany, from the Baptism of the Lord to Transfiguration. Daily offerings of worship and Bible study; choral, handbell and instrumental music, as well as visual art and drama, will draw us into community with each other as we delve into the riches of these seasons of the church year, all in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina.



The Conference fees are as follows: Young Adult (age 18 - 21): \$259; Senior High (rising grades 10th - 12th): \$260; Middler (rising grades 7th - 9th): \$260; Child (rising grades 4th - 6th): \$258. **Registration is due by Sunday, February 8.**

If you would like to explore the class offering for this summer in more detail, please visit www.presbysmusic.org/montreat.html. For more information, contact Beth Auman Visser at visser@upcch.org or (919) 929-2102 ext. 118. See you at Montreat!