



From Our Files . . .

TRUST

Robert Mohler used to illustrate confidence with the story of two scientists who were on a field trip in the mountains where they discovered a baby eagle in a nest on a crag below them.

They very much wanted the eaglet. They tied a strong rope to a heavy wicker basket that was large enough to hold a mountain lad who was serving as their guide.

The plan was to lower the boy in the basket to the nest, for him to get the eaglet, and then to hoist the boy and the bird backup. But the boy steadfastly refused to go. Even when the scientists offered him a week's pay for the one day, he declined.

Finally, the scientist in despair said, "Do you have any suggestions as to how we can get this bird?" The mountain lad said, "Sure, I'll go down there for nothin' if you'll get my dad to hold the rope.

from *Look What We found!*

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:30 am – Sunday School

Gathering

9:45 am – Sunday School Classes

11:00 am – Morning Worship

USHERS

Feb. 5: Lucian Robinson & Drew Taylor

Feb. 12: Joe & Kay Hunnings

Feb. 19: Steve Cole &

Emmanuel Frimpong

Feb 26: Hancock Family

NURSERY

Feb. 5: Emmanuel Frimpong

Feb. 12: Lisa Garcia

Feb. 19: Drew Taylor

Feb. 26: Nedra Underwood

FLOWERS

Feb. 5: Hunnings

Feb. 12: COMMUNION

Feb. 19: Jane Jones

Feb. 26: Marsha Bowen

OFFICERS ON CALL

Jan. 29-Feb. 4: Doug Garnett-Deakin

540-818-3098 (cell)

Feb. 5 – 11: Emily Davis

540-392-1750 (cell)

Feb. 12 – 18: Mary Rhodes

541-760-2028 (cell)

Feb. 19 - 25: Joanne Pearson

540-961-5602 (home)

Feb. 26- Mar. 3: Jane Jones

540-400-2531 (cell)

LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 5: Isa. 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11,20c
1 Cor. 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

Feb. 19: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Cor. 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Feb. 12: 2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Cor. 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45

Feb. 26: Gen. 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

FAIR TRADE COFFEE- Through the Presbyterian Coffee Project you can help small farmers of Latin America, Africa and Asia build pride, independence and a better future by purchasing coffee through a fair trade organization called Equal Exchange. A variety of items are for sale the 1st Sunday of every month in the Narthex. Let's help these farmers help themselves by supporting this worthwhile project!

COME TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

All ages are welcome! Coffee, juice, doughnuts at 9:30, classes begin at 9:45 am.

Adult Christian Forum class, Sundays, 9:45 am:

Adult Traditional Bible Study, Sundays, 9:55 am. Lucian Robinson, Teacher.
This class continues the study of Hebrews.

Lent 2012 Chime Choir Rehearsals will begin in Mid Feb.

9-9:30AM Each Sunday

Feb 19th-April 1st, 2012

Specifics and Upcoming Spring Hand Chiming Opportunities:

- Sunday Morning Rehearsal Schedule: **Feb 19th-April 1st;** 9-9:30 AM
- Ringing Opportunities:
 - a Lenten anthem which we will ring weekly (Feb 26th-April 1st),
 - (optional) a processional on Palm Sunday and an Easter selection if enough ringers will be in town and we have sufficient rehearsal time to prepare.
- We are an inclusive, intergenerational choir-we welcome music readers and also non-readers; and children 4th grade and above.
- We are always in need of substitutes since we ring each Sunday in Lent so please consider being a substitute ringer if you can not commit to ringing every Sunday.

For more info and to **sign up to ring during Lent**, please contact Liz Allen lizallen@vt.edu or Ann Marie Conner seconner@usit.net. We look forward to another wonderful Chiming Season.

Yours in *Christ's Song*,
Liz Allen, Hand Chime Choir Director

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS !

- 2 Bob Martin
- 3 Jean Robeson
- 5 Eli Taylor
- 8 Maria Conner
- 11 Carol Antonio
- 12 Joe Lineweaver
- 15 Rachel Ann Morrow
- 18 Brooks Fullen
Patty Thompson
- 19 Quinn Hull
- 21 Jean Vines
- 22 Liz Allen
Daniel Harper
Rhoda Hurst
- 23 Kim Adel
- 28 Marsha Bowen



If your birthday is not listed here, you probably have not given it to us. We want to have everyone's birthday on file. Please give us a call at the church office and tell us the date of your birthday. We promise not to ask the year!

DATES TO REMEMBER IN FEBRUARY

Feb.

- 1 Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 5 **Souper Bowl of Caring** (Bring cans of soup or dollars to put in the soup pots)
Fellowship Sunday
- 8 Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 9 Women's Bible Study. 1:30 pm
- 12 9:30 am – Coffee & Doughnuts; 9:45 am – Sunday School; 11:00 am – Worship –
Sacrament of the Lords Supper, 2 Cents-A-Meal Offering, Committees to meet after church
- 15 **FEAST, 5:00 pm**
Choir Practice, 7:30 pm
- 18 **Presbytery Meeting, Blacksburg Presbyterian Church**
- 19 **Session Meeting following worship**
- 20 **President's Day** (Church Office Closed)
- 21 Men's Group Dinner, 6:00 pm
- 22 **Ash Wednesday**
Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
- 26 **1st Sunday in Lent**
- 29 Choir Practice, 7:30 pm

“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” – Sunday, February 5, 2012

Souper Bowl of Caring is youth across the nation working to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

On Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. They give 100% of their donation directly to the local hunger relief charity of their choice (the Interfaith Food Pantry). In 2011, more than 260,000 youth participated in Souper Bowl of Caring, collecting more than \$9.5 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. That’s a total of more than \$81 million collected since the movement began in 1990! This year’s goal is to empower 275,000 young people to collect \$11 million for charities in their communities. Help us grow this movement and tackle hunger in America!

To learn more: www.souperbowl.org/resource

Contact: Souper Bowl of Caring, PO Box 23224, Columbia, SC 29224

E: soup@souperbowl.org P 800-358-SOUP (7687) F 803-419-7244

THE WOMEN OF NORTHSIDE are meeting again this year on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm. **They will be meeting this month on February 9th.** They are studying the Beatitudes, *“Confessing the Beatitudes”*. Rev. Linda is leading the study again this year. All women are encouraged to attend!

THE MEN’S DINNER GROUP will meet on **Tuesday night, Feb. 21st at 6:00 pm.**

If you plan to attend, please sign the signup sheet located in the Narthex or contact Harvey Sowers at 382-3114. Plan to bring \$5.00 to cover cost of food. Hope all men will be able to attend.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, January 29th: 5-7:30 pm – Youth Group Meeting that will include dinner, games, fellowship and planning. We will discuss a winter lock-in, youth service and a summer mission trip.

On Sunday, Feb. 5th, Souper Bowl of Caring - We ask that you bring cans of soup or dollars to put in our soup pots which the youth will be collecting on that Sunday to help alleviate hunger in our community. All soup and dollars will go to our local Interfaith Food Bank. Your help will be appreciated!

June 24-28 are the dates for this year’s **Vacation Bible School.**

The theme is “Gallatic Blast”. Mark your calendars now!

Mardi Gras is the theme for the next **FEAST** on Wednesday, February 15 at 5:00 pm. We will sing together and make masks. There will be activities to learn more about how to prepare for Lent. And, there will be a “King Cake” for dessert! This is for all ages so please come and bring a friend.

A congregational Lenten Booklet is being compiled by the Christian Education Committee. We want a page from you – a Bible verse, a poem, a drawing, a memory, an Easter tradition, a Lenten/Easter recipe...Please put this on a half sheet of paper and return to the church office by **February 5.**

Session Notes

The annual officers’ retreat and stated session meeting was held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Ruling Elders and Deacons (current, outgoing and newly elected) all met during the morning, while the afternoon session was required only for current members of the session, and new members could attend if they wished. Major matters taken up were:

- Celebration of Worship and Communion. Reflection on the image of the Church as described in a number of scripture passages from the New Testament and what those passages meant for Northside and its leaders today.
- Recognition and gratitude to Retiring Officers. Incoming Officers shared their faith journeys and statements of faith. Examination and approval of Officer Candidates for ordination and installation.
- Assignment of committee chairs/members and discussion and changes to committee job descriptions. Approved new By-Laws for Northside. Discussed policies and procedures that need to be developed. Made additions and changes to the 2012 Schedule of calendar events.
- Approval of minutes of December 18th Stated Session Meeting, Electronic Vote by Session on January 9th and Annual Congregational Meeting on January 15th. These will be posted in the narthex.
- Approval of Communion dates, Session meeting dates and Special Offering dates throughout the year. Approved motion clarifying Rev. Linda’s housing loan balance as of January 21, 2012 and when the loan would be due.
- Elect Marilyn Rio as church treasurer for 2012. Elect Jane Jones as Clerk of Session for 2012.
- Joys and Concerns were shared and prayers were offered.

Joanne Pearson, Outgoing Clerk of Session

Report of Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting was held following the morning worship service on Sunday January 15, 2012 with Reverend Linda Dickerson as moderator. The purpose of the meeting was the following:

1. To receive the Annual Report to the congregation from the Pastor, Parish Associate and the various committees of the church.
2. To receive the 2012 budget for the church.
3. To vote on terms of call for the Pastor for 2012.
4. To elect four members from the congregation to the Nominating Committee.

Annual Reports and 2012 Budget

Copies of the Northside Presbyterian Church Annual Report 2011 were distributed to all in attendance. Chairs of committees were thanked for their service in that role.

Paul Ruszler, chair of the Finance and Facilities Committee, presented the 2012 budget. He indicated that there was a 5% increase in the budget this year over the previous year, with an increase of 2% in the salaries of all staff members. He indicated that for 2011 money received was 102% of that which had been pledged. This was due in part to people who responded to the challenge of tithing for a month.

Terms of Call

Rev. Kathy Carpenter assumed the role of moderator for Rev. Dickerson.

The Terms of Call for the minister for 2012 were presented by Rich Rio for Doug Garnett-Deakin, chair of the Stewardship Campaign.

There is an increase in salary of 2% for the minister, with no other changes from last year. Rich Rio made the motion that there be unanimous positive support for this change in salary. The voice vote was unanimous.

Election of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee which functions during the late summer and early fall is composed of two ruling elders, one deacon, and four members from the congregation. The elders on the committee this year will be Doug Garnett-Deakin and Joanne Pearson and the deacon will be David Baker. The four members of the congregation who were elected by acclamation were the following:

- Caryl Grey
- Martha Taylor
- Joe Hunnings
- Sue Bentley

Check Us Out...

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