



# WINDOWS

ON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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06-27-10

## Vacation Bible School/ 2010

"Sonquest: Rainforest"  
July 19-21

Now registering children, as well as adult volunteers for this great week of ministry!

Forms available . . .

- weekdays in the church office
- Sundays on the table in the "Fellowship Hallway"

*For more information, call the church office or VBS Director Lilly Osborne.*

### Presbyterian Women Celebration on July 13

It's First Presbyterian's turn to host the annual area-wide celebration, which will be **Tuesday, July 13, 2010.**

Registration 10:30

Program 11:00

Lunch to follow

Come and enjoy the program and fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

## Presbytery Task Force Seeks Input on Mission Priorities

The Holston Presbytery Council has appointed a task force to review the vision and mission of the presbytery and determine which programs, ministries, and committee activities are most relevant and vital in fulfilling our vision and mission.

The task force is composed of the Rev. Louis Imsande, the Rev. Gary Kelly, the Rev. George Rolling, the Rev. Dan Donaldson, Rebecca Nunley (First Church, Elizabethton), Wilse Bishop (Colonial Heights Church), and **Beth Flannagan** (First Church, Bristol).

At the June 5, 2010 stated presbytery meeting, small groups were asked to discuss three questions:

- What do you see as the three most important ministries of the Presbytery?
- What is your vision for the Presbytery? 5 years? 10 years?
- What is the greatest opportunity that the Presbytery is overlooking?
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The Task Force also solicits your comments, which may be shared with the Council Task Force on Mission Priorities, at [holstontaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:holstontaskforce@gmail.com). The Task Force will bring recommendations to the August 30 Presbytery Council meeting.

## Music Program News

**Barter Theatre update:** Just a reminder that the Feys would love to get group tickets for the **July 15 matinee** of the musical "Annie." Group tickets are \$26 for adults and \$16 for students. Please call us at church by **July 2** – leave a message on our voice mail if we're not here – and let us know how many adult and student tickets you would like.

**Choir Anthem:** This Sunday's anthem is an arrangement, by Hal Hopson, of a chorus by Henry Purcell (1659-1695), using the text of Psalm 100:1-3. Hal says of this piece "[*Sing for Joy*] is based on the chorus, "Come, Ye Sons of Art" from Queen Mary's Birthday Ode by Henry Purcell. The contagious lilt of the music throughout is sheer joy. This musical quality reinforces the equally joyful new text which begins 'Sing for joy, all earth, sing for joy.'"

**Soloists:** While the Sanctuary Choir has a few Sundays off, soloists will provide music leadership for the 11:00 service. Through mid-July: July 11 – Nancy & Randy Cook; July 18 – Amy Oblinger

**Montreat:** The following students will leave this Sunday, along with the Feys, to attend the Worship & Music Conference at Montreat, NC – please keep all in your prayers: Alison Looney, Blake Looney, Maleah Newton, Madison Ratliff, and Torey Bates Samuel.



-Vicki & Steve

## *Library News from Bill Wade*

### **They Don't Call Us Synod of Living Waters for Nothing**

If you are like me you don't give much attention to the reliability and quality of our municipal water system. We simply take it for granted. We smile approvingly when those periodic reports assure us of the high quality of our water, and if there are rare disruptions of service because of a broken main we fret until the water is flowing again. Will it be minutes? Will it be hours?

But we are also aware that a significant portion of the world's population – perhaps 40% according to some authorities – lacks access to clean water. Their water source harbors dangerous parasites and pathogens that are life threatening, particularly to children under the age of five. When we hear about such places we sometimes declare, "Somebody ought to do something about that."

And the response is – "We have!" Yes, Presbyterians in our own Synod of Living Waters have taken on a major mission effort to provide safe, clean water in many regions of the world. A recent issue of Windows outlined the program, which has been adopted by our Session, and the purpose of this review is to recommend an excellent and appealing companion DVD – Clean Water for All of God's Children - which has just been placed in our church library.

Here's how this program works. Volunteers are enlisted to participate and attend a brief training session at "Clean Water University" where they practice group dynamics, acquire the latest scientific information about water purity and its importance, and are given specific instruction on assembling and operating a simple water purification system developed for use in remote areas. Then a schedule will be arranged for the team to travel to some distant part of the world where the local people have requested installation of one of these purification systems.

The example shown in this video is a small village on the Yucatán peninsula of southern Mexico. The team is divided into two parts. One group focuses on instructing local citizens about general practices of hygiene in the use of water, while another installs the purification equipment and sees that the inhabitants of the village are thoroughly taught how to use and maintain it. In the video you'll see how delighted the local people are to have a dependable source of clean water and what it means to their life style. And, as you can imagine, neighboring villages soon want to know how they can get this water, and so the enterprise expands in an ever widening circle. And it can bring a direct and lasting benefit of fellowship between our church and Presbyterian congregations scattered elsewhere around the globe. Already participants are coming forward here at First Church to attend "Clean Water University." Others may wish to participate financially. This is a wonderful mission outreach. Watch the video and you may find yourself inspired to join a team or participate in other ways. We'll make our membership in the Synod of Living Waters more than just a name!

## This Week in Worship

**June 27** Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Scriptures:** Luke 9:51-62

**Sermon:** "Excuses, Excuses" by Dr. David Welch

**Hymns:** *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*  
*Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*  
*Guide My Feet*

**Anthem:** *Sing for Joy*

### 8:30 a.m. Worship

Led by the Praise Team  
Fellowship Hall

### 11:00 a.m. Worship

Led by the Sanctuary Choir  
Sanctuary

## Congratulations!

Cheers to **Conor Haaser**, Troop 3's newest Eagle Scout! Conor received this award at a Court of Honor on Saturday, June 19.



## Mowing Teams

This Week: June 28-July 2

**J.B. Madison**

**Blaine Hunigan**

Next Week: July 5-9

**Wes Buckles**

**Aaron Brooks**

## In Our Prayers

**Cathy Andersen**

*Please pick up a "Pray for One Another" list at church*

## Birthday Prayer Fellowship

June 27	Scott Rasnic Robert Havlik Kaye Crutchfield Wyatt Gross
June 28	Rick Moore Chase McCall
June 30	Peggy O'Dell
July 1	Nancy Hoffer Abby Corder
July 3	Elizabeth Harkleroad Evelyn Grace Edwards
July 4	Martha Burnett
July 5	Lisette Wallen
July 6	Kay Wiseman
July 7	Barbara Duncan Jack Sitgreaves Mac McElroy
July 8	Mike Hutton
July 9	Harold Rutherford
July 10	Jan Eads Matt Whisnant

## Our Mission

As disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
we are a community of believers,  
called by God to glorify and serve God  
through worship and witness.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,  
we reach out to share  
God's saving love and grace  
with people in Bristol  
and throughout the world.

## Happening This Week (and Next!)

### Sunday, June 27

8:30 am Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

### Monday, June 28

7:00 pm Session Meeting

### Tuesday, June 29

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
10:00 am Prayer Group  
7:30 pm Troop 3 Scouts

### Thursday, July 1

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
5:00 pm Building & Grounds Committee

### Sunday, July 4

8:30 am Worship, Fellowship Hall  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

### Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, July 6

9:00 am Staff Meeting  
10:00 am Prayer Group  
7:30 pm Troop 3 Scouts

### Thursday, July 8

7:00 am Men's Bible Study  
8:30 am Meals on Wheels