



THE Link

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The news on what's happening in the life of Cameron Presbyterian Church.

Church Women Make Linus Blankets



Rev. Whitney Wilkinson was among the group of Presbyterian Women who spent most of Saturday, January 9 crafting fleece fabric into 'Linus Blankets' for distribution to emergency responders for use in comforting children. Story and more photos on pages 7 & 8

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From your Pastor



Eight Tables

So many of the important moments in life occur around a table.

I encourage you to think back on your life, and of the significant experiences you've had at a table. Perhaps you can remember being fed by your mother at the table as a toddler. Perhaps you remember feeding your mother when she was unable to do so for herself. Maybe it is joyful moments that drift to the surface of your memory of a table, moments of exciting news shared and new life plans dreamed up. Maybe it's what's on the table that you remember: spaghetti Fridays with your family, your grandmother's vegetable soup, your mother's apple pie. And maybe, like this preacher lady, you think of a communion table; that place where familiarity meets a stirring you can't quite explain, in the sacramental beauty of ritual. That table is the core of our identity as followers of Jesus Christ.

This Lent, I invite you on a journey through tables of the New Testament—eight, to be exact. We will experience an orderly table interrupted by a woman with costly perfume, deciding now is the time to anoint Jesus with love (and not after dessert). We will see how those wily Pharisees tried to trick Jesus at a table, and how he left them all agape with his own test of faithfulness. We will hear Jesus' ancient, and yet timely, words about how the kingdom feast God calls us to won't keep until morning, but requires an immediate response.

We will experience the grace and discomfort of that homecoming table the prodigal was welcomed back to, and we will explore clean and unclean eating practices with Peter in the early church of Acts. We will witness the fury of Jesus overturning a table of greed in the temple, and we will gather on Maundy Thursday to remember what the table of remembrance we come to in the Lord's Supper is really all about. And finally, when our journey is complete, and we find our stomachs and souls hungry for the bread of heaven, we will walk alongside those bewildered disciples who recognized our risen Lord when they gathered at a table and broke bread together.

Pull up a chair this Lent, friends. There is plenty of room at the table.

Peace,

Rev. Whitney

Join us at 11 a.m. on Sundays for the
Cameron Presbyterian Church
Lenten sermon series

eight

TABLES

- 2/14 *An Interrupted Table* Luke 7:36-50
- 2/21 *A Testing Table* Luke 14:1-14
- 2/28 *A Timely Table* Luke 14:15-24
- 3/6 *A Table of Forgiveness* Luke 15:1-2, 11-32
- 3/13 *A Wide Table* Acts 11:1-18
- 3/20 (Palm Sunday) *An Overturned Table* Matt. 21:1-17
- 3/24 (Maundy Thursday) *A Passover Table* Luke 22:7-23
- 3/27 (Easter) *An Easter Table* Luke 24:1-35

Join me for a chat about God, faith, church, life...anything at all.



Jane Harbour Ethridge Awarded Honorary Presbyterian Women's Life Membership



Jane Harbour Ethridge received the Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women during the November 6 worship service, in recognition of her many years of service to her community, her family and the church.

A luncheon of homemade soup and sandwiches followed the church service.

The daughter of Hayes and Doris Jean Harbour, Jane is now retired from her distinguished career in education but continues to be active in a wide range of activities, many of them to the benefit of the church. She has served three terms as Elder (1995-1997, 2001-2003 and most recently 2012-2014). She sings in the Sanctuary Choir and plays with the Memorial Chimes group. She has also served as Cameron Presbyterian Church Historian. In past years, as part of the work force at the church's food booth during the Antique Fair, she has reigned as the "hush puppy queen."

Jane and her husband, Billy Ethridge, have three children, Jennifer Anne, Clark and Blair; a daughter in law, Allison, and son in law Brendan, as well as two grandchildren, Savannah and Waylon.

Jane (below at right) was among the church women who gathered for six hours January 9 to craft Linus Blankets in the Fellowship Hall. She is well known for her beautiful one-of-a-kind hand-knitted scarves and hats, which she produces under the label Jane in Stitches.



The Cameron Presbyterian Church Concert Series
presents
Music from the
**American
Popular
Songbook**
and Beyond!
with Anna Elizabeth Murphy and Paul Murphy
Sunday, February 21 at 4 p.m.
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Christmas Cantata Fills the Church

Every pew was full on Dec. 20 as friends and family joined the congregation to hear “Let the Whole World Sing” by Joel Raney. The cantata featured the Sanctuary Choir, Brass Ensemble with David Seiberling (arranger), flute accompaniment by Marie Riedesel, William Rush on bass guitar and “Silent Night” interpreted through dance by Rev. Whitney and Claire Cameron. Dawn Barber narrated the cantata, which included arrangements of beloved Christmas music such as “Come, Come Emmanuel,” “In the Bleak Midwinter” and “Still, Still, Still.” ■

Cakes and Carols



Cathy McRae was among the congregants who joined Sanctuary Choir members in the parlor after church services December 6 for cupcakes and punch.



Our Concert Series

February 21, 4 p.m. Anna Elizabeth Murphy and Paul Murphy, “Music from the American Popular Songbook --and Beyond” (Gershwin, Ellington, Carmichael and Jobim).

This father/daughter duo will delight you and provide a relaxing and most enjoyable afternoon of voice and piano!

April 10, 4 p.m. “Horns of the Sandhills” will visit Cameron Presbyterian with their dynamic French horn quartet repertoire. We look forward to hearing Kim McGill, Denise Wallace, Bill Pearce and Liz Hasty!

Sanctuary Choir, Easter Cantata, March 20, 5 p.m. “Who Do You Say That I Am” by Lloyd Larson poses the question which is not restricted to first-century citizens. It is a valid question for all who have encountered the story of Jesus down through the ages. It demands a response from all of us today as we again review the biblical recording of Christ’s earthly life and impact upon the lives of those He touched. ■



Come
Join Us!

Session Meeting Highlights

Dec. 15, 2015

• The Session voted to approve a request by Juanita Harbour to Ellen Andrews of Church World Services to speak in the Sanctuary some afternoon or evening in the near future about resettlement of European refugees in North Carolina.

• Terry Kerr reported that the Christian Education Committee will assume responsibility for Youth and Young Adult programs, currently shouldered by the minister. Younger adult church members will be encouraged to join the committee and assume that responsibility.

• The search for a new Church Treasurer concluded after this meeting when Kathy Oldham volunteered; she has since been approved by Session.

• Contracts for all contract workers were approved for the next calendar year, with the exception of the housekeeping contract, while we discern how best to meet our cleaning needs..

• Rev. Wilkinson reported that Elder Training will take place January 16 [this date was later amended to January 23]. Elders will be ordained and installed on January 24.

The next Session meeting will be Tuesday, January 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Try Some Low-Impact Yoga!

Do you want to get a little healthier in the new year? Join our yoga group on Mondays from 1-2 p.m. in the Sunday School classroom. Wear comfortable clothes you can move in, and bring a yoga mat or large towel and a bottle of water. We will use low-impact yoga DVDs as we exercise together.

Join us!



Upcoming Events for Presbyterian Women

The WOC officers will meet February 6 at 11 a.m. at the Dewberry Deli for a planning meeting for 2016.

The Annual Spring Gathering for the women of Coastal Carolina Presbytery will meet April 9 at the First Presbyterian Church in Sanford.



January

Randall Douglas	Jan. 25
Claire Cameron	Jan. 27
Lois Frazelle	Jan. 27

February

Norma Loase	Feb. 1
Barbara Peiker	Feb. 7
Debbie Peele	Feb. 9
Jennifer Ethridge	Feb. 12
Larry Allen	Feb. 13
Lois Hendrickson	Feb. 15
Marilyn Huntress	Feb. 16

March

Summer Hennings	March 1
Tony Keith	March 6
Dean Phillips	March 14
Billie Crigler	March 18
Dickie Barber	March 19
Mike Younts	March 19
Katia Bereznitskaia	March 30

The Link needs your news! Please send items of interest to our church community to Sandy Leiby (sleiby@yahoo.com) or call 910-245-2535.



Picnic Shelter: Tables are Next!

The Park Committee's second fried chicken/BBQ dinner last fall, coupled with a drawing for a quilt handcrafted by Linda Seiberling, raised \$3,400 towards completion of the picnic shelter at the Phillips Memorial Park; the project also received some generous donations. The shelter has since been completed by community volunteers and will be dedicated to Mack Womble on February 7 at 2 p.m.

Mack Womble helped form the Park Committee and worked to plan and implement the initial elements of our park. Mack has hoped to see a picnic shelter for some time and the Park Committee is pleased to realize his vision.

The next goal is to fill the shelter with picnic tables. Donations to Phillips Memorial Park are always welcome and it's also possible to donate dedicated picnic tables, which will have a plaque on them similar to the park benches.

Members of our church who are on the park committee: Mack Womble, Juanita Harbour, Laura and Mike Younts, Bruce and Peggy Phillips and Linda Seiberling. ■



Construction is complete for the picnic shelter, which has a view of the pond and convenient access to the rest rooms. Next step is for picnic tables to be installed.

Lighting of Cameron: A Tradition Renewed



The Lighting of Cameron, a holiday tradition first revived in 2014 with the help of Linda Seiberling, continued in 2015 under the leadership of Sarah Hillmer as 500 paper-bag luminaries were assembled, placed along Main Street and lit.

Carolers led by Mary Rush then sang at homes along the route before enjoying refreshments at the Hillmer home. The lighting and caroling took place December 20.



Our Vision

In response to feedback from our growing and changing congregation, we envision fulfilling our mission by:

- *Enhancing our facilities*
- *Expanding our programs*
- *Attracting and inspiring through worship*
- *Serving faithfully through our missions*

Elders

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Church Women Create, Donate Linus Blankets



Phyllis Frederiksen (left) prepares to measure and cut a length of fleece while project organizer Laura Younts (center) shows Billie Krigler the technique for finishing the fringed edge.

The women of our church chose an outreach project this year that was soft, fuzzy and colorful: making blankets for Project Linus, a national organization with local chapters in every state. The blankets are made of cozy fleece fabric using a simple “no sew” technique that finishes edges with knotted fringe.

Fourteen ladies met in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, January 9 from 9 until 3, stopping only for a brief lunch break to enjoy homemade soup and sandwiches. We had enough donated fleece to make 70 blankets, at an average cost \$10 per blanket. Many workers had bought the fleece themselves and deciding which pattern to purchase—making appropriate choices for boys and girls from infants to teens— was the most fun! We had kittens, trains, bubbles, dinosaurs, cars, fire trucks, Ninja turtles, geometric designs, puppies, rainbows and more.

The measuring, cutting and knotting took time! Just 16 blankets were done by Saturday afternoon. Each of us took at least two fringed blankets to finish knotting at home. An outreach to the congregation provided volunteers to tie knots at home if the fringe was already cut. On Monday afternoon (January 11), a small group processed the remaining fleece and the fringed blankets were bagged and distributed to be finished at home, in hopes of completing the project by January 31.

These blankets will be donated to the Sandhills/Moore County Chapter of Project Linus, which provides blankets to fire departments, sheriffs and emergency rooms to issue as need arises. The blankets will be given to children for comfort and security at a time when they need it most. Cuddly blankets provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need.

--Laura Younts

More photos on p. 8



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Comforting Blankets, Made With Love

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Linda Seiberling (above, in purple shirt) undertook to trim the selvages from all 70 pieces of fleece as the first step in creating the Linus Blankets. The trimmed lengths were then ready for fringing and tying (upper right).

Billie Krigler (right) was elated to display a finished blanket.

Photos by Laura Younts

