



# THE Link

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

## Church Food Booth Once Again Big Success at Antique Fair

The church's food booth at the May 2 Cameron Antique Fair sold out of barbeque (150 pounds) and baked beans, nearly ran out of slaw and also sold dozens of grilled chicken sandwiches and plates and uncounted bushels of hush puppies fried to perfection by Pastor Whitney Wilkinson and her family. Many of the hungry shoppers who lined up for food in ideal weather were return customers, delighted to find the booth at its traditional spot in the yard of the Phillips house on the corner of Carter Street. Proceeds from the food booth (its organizing committee spearheaded by Bruce Phillips) and from paid parking on church property garnered net proceeds of \$4,044.85, which will be used for Mission and Outreach. More photos on page 3. ■



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## From your Pastor



*“All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”*  
—Julian of Norwich

The other evening, I was enjoying dinner and looked out to see the day turning golden as it does before dusk each night. I decided not to waste the opportunity to enjoy it, and snatched up my weathered blanket for the yard, a book and my fluffy dog. Outside we went, and I spread that blanket in a perfect spot by the woods next to my house, which allows for watching the sun go down behind sentinel-like pine trees. As I sat on what has become one of my favorite patches of this earth, I suddenly realized how long it's been since I did just that: sat placidly on the grass, with no purpose other than being still.

It's amazing how grounded a person can feel while sitting on the ground watching the sun set. You suddenly remember the order of things—that the sun will set, and rise, God willing. That the grass will grow, the trees will sway, the squirrels will race through the yard with frenetic energy. We will breathe in and out, surrounded by it all. And God will be God and we will be God's children, delighted to be barefoot on the green grass for no reason at all other than delight.

As I sat there on that cool April evening, the words of Julian of Norwich drifted into my mind: “All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.” It's always been a phrase that brings me both peace and perplexity. I love the simplicity of it, the sheer optimism imbued in those words. But I have always wondered why my sister Julian, that 14th century English mystic, didn't say that “all manner of things shall be well.” Why the singular thing? Now, I realize I could have employed that fount of all knowledge (Google), but as I sat on that blanket beneath the trees, the idea of picking up my smart phone just seemed terribly wrong. And so I meditated on that singular word, “thing.” Eventually, I decided that maybe Julian was on to something. Perhaps sitting on the grass on a cool April evening, just being with the rest of God's creation, was meant to remind me that all “things” are connected in the end—connected by a Creator who weaves us together with the rest of creation into one beautiful “thing.” I suppose you might more specifically call that “thing” life.

And all manner of thing shall be well. That is what we're all seeking, isn't it? Like the paralyzed man by the pool of

## Marilyn Huntress's Quilt Wins First Prize at Major National Competition



*As one of 39 first-time entries accepted to the American Quilter's Society juried show in Paducah, Kentucky this spring, Marilyn Huntress's quilt took first place. The show featured more than 400 quilts representing 50 states and 12 countries. In addition to her ribbon Marilyn received a cash award, a crystal inscribed vase and a YouTube Quilt Week interview. Her quilt's fabrics were Japanese Taupes and the hand-appliqued quilt took a year and a half to complete. “I am very honored to have won this award,” she says.*

### **Pastor (cont'd)**

Beth-zatha in John 5, trying to make it to the healing waters in time, Jesus asks us the same question he asked him: “Do you wish to be made well?” For some of us it's physical healing; for others it's emotional or spiritual healing. But we all want to be made well.

I was reminded in that moment sitting in my yard that all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. But we have to make room in our lives for wellness. We have to gather together to worship, that the faith of others might bolster our own. We have to serve together, bringing wellness to others, and thus finding our own. We have to break bread together as a church family, being fed by communion with one another and our risen Lord. And we have to take time to just sit on blanket in the yard, watching the pine trees and waning sunlight, remembering that, by God's grace, we are a part of a beautiful, singular thing: life. ■



## Scenes from the Street Fair



Lee Phillips and Leon Keith (above left) manned the chicken grill from 7 a.m. on. Hush puppy squad—Ashley Patranella, Carlos Arreche and Rev. Whitney Wilkinson, above right—conferred on procedure while the oil heated; also helping were Heather Atkins and Jennifer Gentile. Patsy Keith (left) served on the beverage detail while Laura Younts and Shan Chase (right) took orders at the entrance.



Randall Douglas and organizer Bruce Phillips (lower left) caught a rare sit-down while fairgoers enjoyed the food (below right).





## MLK Children's Chorus Rocks the Church in April 19 Concert



“You Presbyterians are known as the ‘Frozen Chosen’ and we are here to thawy’all out!” announced Randy Shepard, music director at Hood Chapel AME Zion Church—and the MLK Children’s Chorus that he directed in a high-energy concert April 19 at Cameron Presbyterian Church did just that. The entire audience clapped to the beat as the young singers, ranging in age from 4 to 18, rocked the sanctuary with spirituals and anthems. Adult singers from Hood Chapel, special guest Bobby Hinton, Randy Shepard at the piano, Stan Hoffman on the saxophone and William Wheeler at the keyboard made the mix even more powerful.

The Hood Chapel youth choir is affiliated with the Raleigh based MLK All-Children’s Choir, founded by Bruce Lightner and Randy Shepard in December 1984 as a way in which the youth of the local community could participate in the first national birthday celebration for Dr. King. The Choir has grown steadily and is now widely considered one of the best youth choirs in the nation.

The 130-voice Raleigh ensemble is made up of children of multiple races and creeds, ranging from 5 to 18 years old. One of the major focuses of the choir is to promote, through experience, the value of positive race relations and to promote recognition and appreciation for all ethnic groups. ■

*from Music Director (cont’d)*

along with Mary Rush, piano. Food and friendly chatter will follow in Fellowship Hall. Regular worship will begin at 11 a.m.

**Summer Sundays:** We’ll hear solos and ensembles from the choir, congregation and community who will share some of their favorite worship music with us.

—Mary Rush, Music Director ■



Our memorial Hand Chimes made their debut on Palm Sunday with a special introit arrangement of “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.” Thanks to all who participated! Of course, there is always room for more ringers! Come! Being able to read music is not a requirement. Please join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. to discover how you can participate.

Special music in the coming weeks will include:

**Mother’s Day, May 10:** All women from the congregation and choir will sing during the anthem time.

**May 17:** Trombone trio comprised of Josie Franklin, Helena Hendrick, and David Seiberling.

**Sunday, June 7, 9:30 a.m.:** The Sanctuary Choir invites you to an informal gospel music time as they conclude the regular choir season that morning. Larry Allen and Rick Welsh will provide accompaniments



Come  
Join Us!

## Adult Sunday School

The Adult Sunday School class meets on Sunday morning from 9:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m .

When the new school year begins in September, the class members decide what they want to study. Ideas come from members and also from the chair of Christian Education, who suggest topics from *The Thoughtful Christian* (maintained by the Presbyterian Publishing Corp, an agency of the Presbyterian Church USA). The class uses many of the downloadable studies which are available and also uses series of lessons from "Being Reformed: Faith seeking Understanding," Biblically based mini courses that provide adults an understanding of the Reformed faith. This too is published by the Presbyterian Publishing Corp.

Class members volunteer to teach classes. Following are the sessions for the rest of May.

**May 10**—Women of the Bible

**May 17**—Great Themes of the Bible

**May 24**—Baptism 101

**May 31**—Preparation for Fall Sunday school

**Vacation** until the first Sunday after Labor Day ■

## Church Women Support Free Care Clinic

The Women of the Church have chosen to support The Moore Free Care Clinic in Southern Pines as a project this year. The Moore Free Care Clinic provides high-quality, preventive and specialty health care to limited-income people living in Moore County who are uninsured and can't afford access to health care. Please help us by making a donation to the clinic. (Make checks to Women of Cameron Presbyterian (WOC) with Moore Free Care Clinic on the memo line.) You can join Linda Seiberling by volunteering at the clinic. She helps at the Front Desk on Tuesday mornings.

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



Rev. Whitney Wilkinson's mother, Bonnie Wilkinson (right) ,attended the Presbyterian Women's May 5 meeting in the church. Bonnie drove with Rev. Wilkinson's father, Bill Wilkinson, from Texas, arriving in time for the Antique Fair and staying for a week-plus of visiting..



### May

Cathy McRae	5-9
Hannah McRae	5-9
Peggy Phillips	5-11
Phyllis Frederiksen	5-13
Teri Harvey	5-15
Louise Danley	5-16
Lynda Thomas	5-17
Billy Ethridge	5-19
Ashley Phillips	5-19
Bruce Phillips	5-20
Rose Cooper	5-23
Clinton Peele	5-30
Carlyle Edmundson	5-31

### June

Sharon Bettini	6-6
Michael Thomas	6-6
Christie Allen	6-8
Hunter Mac Chase	6-24
Youlia Bereznitskaia	6-26
Natalie Hendrickson	6-26

### July

Earl Harbour	7-3
Leon Keith	7-3
Joe Nelson	7-11



## Phillips Park Project Progresses

A fundraiser in late March that benefited The Park Committee's efforts to improve Phillips Park facilities raised approximately \$900 that will go towards construction of a picnic shelter. Committee members are now focused on working with local builders, researching options for materials and a style of construction that will result in a shelter in keeping with the overall appearance of the park.

Donations for this project can be sent to Cameron Town Hall, PO Box 248, Cameron, NC 28326. Please note your donation is for Phillips Memorial Park.

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.

## Mission & Outreach Budget

Money raised for Mission and Outreach, such as the proceeds from the church food booth and parking at the Cameron Antique Fair, goes to support these efforts:

- Our summer Youth and Young Adult mission trip to work with Mercy Community Church in Atlanta, an inner-city church made up entirely of people affected by homelessness. We worship with them, do Bible study together, learn their stories, prepare and share food together on the streets of Atlanta. It's a powerful, life-changing experience for all involved.
- Mission to Cameron, where we help with home repairs and winterizing for Cameron-area folks each fall.
- Sandhills Coalition: An ecumenical non-profit helping those facing poverty in Moore County.
- Back-Pack Pals: A program giving children school supplies.
- Cameron Elementary School: help with books, supplies and special projects and trips.
- Girl Scouts: a donation to the troop that meets in our church each Monday evening.

## Presbyterian Women Install Officers, Dedicate Offering

The Women of Cameron Presbyterian Church met May 5 to install officers for 2015-2017 and dedicate a Birthday Offering .

Officers for the coming two years will be:

- Juanita Harbour, Moderator
- Dawn Barber, Vice-Moderator
- Laura Younts, Secretary
- Carol Thomas, Treasurer
- Phyllis Frederiksen, Historian
- Cathy McRae, Publicity/Publications
- Linda Seiberling, Special Giving
- Kay Kelly, Search Committee Chair.

Billie Crigler and Dolris Jean Harbour will be Day Circle Leaders; Dawn Barber will be Evening Circle Leader.

The Women's 2015 Birthday Offering was dedicated to replacing the Bethesda Christian Community Center in Barranquilla, Columbia and the Community of St. Therese of Lisieux, a nonprofit two-year residential community serving women seeking to learn a new way of life in Memphis, Tennessee.

## 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

### Class of 2015

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## Strawberry Nutella Brownies

By Whitney Wilkinson

This is a recipe for a lovely picnic in a park on a sunny Saturday afternoon. In fact, that's exactly what I made these rich, decadent brownies for: a fun park potluck. I'll admit I was proud of how these brownies turned out (and of how quickly they got snatched up from the dessert table). Putting them in individual little muffin liners makes them picnic-perfect for a quick bite between frisbee tosses.

### Strawberry Nutella Brownies

- makes about 2 dozen small brownies.

5 ounces dark chocolate chips  
2 tablespoons cocoa powder  
1 stick salted butter, cut into small pieces  
1 cup white sugar  
¾ cup flour  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
3 whole eggs, at room temperature  
½ cup nutella (chocolate hazelnut spread)  
12 small strawberries, halved  
24 regular-sized muffin liners

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter an 8-inch square pan and line the bottom with parchment paper (it's easiest to cut the parchment in a rectangle that fits along the bottom and also has about 2 inches above that on two sides, so you can simply pull the brownies out of the pan after baked). Melt the chocolate chips and butter in a large metal bowl over a pan of simmering water, stirring constantly, and remove from the heat when almost all the chocolate is melted. This is called a "double boiler" method, and the chocolate and butter will melt very fast, in about 30 seconds. Once off the heat, stir in the cocoa powder and sugar. Whisk in vanilla and eggs, one at a time, whisking well between each addition. Finally, add flour and stir until combined. Pour into lined pan and bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 25-30 minutes. Remove and let cool 15 minutes, then lift out the brownies from the pan and cool another hour. Evenly spread with nutella. Cut into 25 little squares by cutting into five even rows and then across them 4 times. Place half of a strawberry on the top of each and put into a muffin liner. You'll notice there's a 25th brownie left over that most definitely needs tasted by you (for quality control purposes, of course).



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## A Trip to Banff, Alberta

Dave and Linda Seiberling recently traveled to scenic Banff (Alberta, western Canada) and this is a tiny sample of the gorgeous photos David shared on his Facebook page. Above, Banff with Cascade Mountain as a backdrop; above right, Dave and Linda, dressed for snowy terrain; right, a sulphur spring in a basin at the bottom of a cave in Cave and Basin National Park..

