

The Tempo **“Our Musical Pulse”**

Chancel Choir

The “Summer Stretch”, June, July, and August, is upon us. If you are interested in singing with the Chancel Choir this summer or becoming a regular member, please make that interest known.

Our Summer rehearsal schedule includes some rehearsal relaxation time. The Chancel Choir will have Wednesday rehearsals on June 3 and 24, and on August 5, 12, 19, and 26.

The Chancel Choir will be in the choir loft for each of our eleven o’clock rehearsals this summer. That means the choir will have pre-service rehearsals each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. On June 21 and on July 19 the pre-service rehearsals will begin thirty minutes earlier at 10:00 a.m.

There are three *Solo Sundays* in our *Summer Stretch* Schedule, June 14, July 26, and August 16. In June you will hear Janet Fentress play handbells in place of the Anthem.

Sanctuary Ringers

I appreciate the work of the ringers who have been involved in the Sanctuary Ringers this past year. We have had all positions filled for the entire season. Our final events of this 08-09 season included ringing in worship on May 31 and the Family Cook-out at Smith and Gael Chaney’s lake home. On May 31 Carrie Buffkin substituted for Janet Fentress.

Regular rehearsals will resume this next September. Anyone who is interested in learning to ring handbells should see Mr. Chapman and arrange for coaching sessions.

Happy Anniversary

Two members of our music staff celebrated anniversaries on May 1. Our organist, Cynthia Dobrinski celebrated her eighth and our Adult Music Director, Bob Chapman, his thirteenth. Congratulations!

Children and Youth Music

Betsy Haskins

First of all, I want to thank all the supportive parents and grandparents for making this year a great one! You are the ones that make music class happen for your child, by the fact that you see the value of music in your child’s life early on!

Orff finished up in style on Mother’s Day. Our combined bell group did a great job on Chris Tomlin’s piece *Forever*. I appreciate my older ringers being willing to step in and help get the job done. Our anthems went well and were well received. We always appreciate Beth Chapman’s talents in being such a masterful accompanist. Thank you so much Beth!

Kindermusik I musicians had a wonderful picnic celebration. These children were special group for me. There was so much enthusiasm and energy: it was palpable.

Music Together will continue throughout the summer. We will be meeting any week that works for most of our group. If you would like to join us, or know someone who would like to do so, please let me know and I will get the schedule to them.

Cantabile Ringers will be ringing in June! This group is so special, I know you will enjoy their musical contributions to worship.

I am working on summer plans for our drama camps which will be in August. I will send out details in the Music Newsletter. If you would like to receive this, just let me know.

On a personal note, May has been just wonderful. We all attended Edmund's law school graduation in Florida on May 16th. It was so moving to see this special son attain a goal for which he has worked so hard!!

And.....as I write this, our new GRANDSON COOPER EMERY HASKINS is on the way!! God has blessed us indeed.

Happy summer with relaxation and joy!!

Betsy

Contemporary Service

Betsy Haskins

As you know, we had our first year anniversary last month. That is a very exciting milestone for our church! We look forward to many, many more.

If you have not worshipped early on a summer morning, our Praise Band invites you to come and join in all aspects of the service. This is a participation in word and song time wherein we praise and worship with our hearts, minds and voices as one.

Further, if you would like to lend your talents, please give me a call. I will be so happy to explain the particulars.

We will meet each Sunday this summer, with Gathering music at 8:35 am and Praise music at 8:45 am.

We look forward to joining with you in worship!

Betsy

.....*Sunday School Update*

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank everyone who helped teach the Sunday School classes this year. The children and youth classes have been led by Bonnie Price, Ashby Pinkard, JoAnne Sanders, Janet Fentress, Teri Ferguson, Suzan Kirby, Anne Peterson, and Doc Altizer. The Adult Classes were led by Randy Stevens, Jean Linker, Lang Mauck, Gael Chaney, Carolyn Franck, Nancy Davis, Victoria Esarey, Duke Ferrell, Gene Stanley, and Will Franck. Again, our thanks to all of you who are willing to share your time and talent with our church family.

The final classes for the spring session will be May 31. The Sunday School Classes for children and the youth will resume on Rally Day, September 13. The combined Adult Summer Sunday School Class will meet during June, July and August (13 weeks) to study the Book of Revelation. In addition to the Bible, we will be guided by the text and video, *Breaking the Code: Understanding The Book of Revelation*, by noted New Testament scholar, Dr. Bruce M. Metzger, *Breaking the Code* serves as a key for understanding the powerful and puzzling book of the Bible from the first century of the Christian era.

The class will meet on **Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:40**, in the Session Room, and will be taught by Rusty Reaser and Randy Stevens. We invite everyone to join us!

Congratulations to our 2009 Graduates

Martinsville High School

Keystone National High School

Laura Caroline Buffkin
Allyn Ann Campbell
Elizabeth Lester Chapman
Taylor Stephen Johnson
Alison Bailey Parker
Troy Lee Rakes

Carlisle School

William Waid Lester

Keystone National High School

Patrick King Edgerton

College Graduates

Caitlin Mahoney, University of Virginia
Dyer Rothrock, University of Georgia,
Athens, GA
Carter Ferrell, BA in Business and
Economics. Wofford College, Spartanburg,
SC
Kenzie Rakes, BA in Finance, Wofford
College, Spartanburg, SC

IN MEMORIAM

Henry Cook Reed
July 25, 1914 – May 20, 2009

Lyell A. Knighton
June 26, 1919 – May 20, 2009

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Henry Cook Reed on his death in Martinsville. Henry, a member of First Presbyterian since June 24, 1928, joined the Church Triumphant on May 20, 2009. Henry was the son of Charles Reed, a former minister of our church. A Memorial Service is scheduled in the sanctuary on **Saturday, June 13, at 11:00 a.m.** A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Lyell A. Knighton on his death in Martinsville. Lyell, a member of First Presbyterian since December 2, 1951, joined the Church Triumphant on May 20, 2009.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Dick, Susan, Mary, Martha and Maggie Pilson and Bill and Cindy Nease and family on the death of Dick and Cindy's father, Curtis Pilson, May 20, 2009, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The Session has called the congregation to meet on Sunday, June 14, at the close of the 11:00 a.m. worship service. At this time, the congregation will consider and vote on the following three purposes for the meeting:

(1) elect the 2009-10 Officer

Nominating Committee;

(2) vote on the Session's recommendation to reduce the number of elders nominated and elected from eight to six (beginning with the Class of 2012);

(3) approve changing the pastor's terms of call with a 3% raise retroactive to January 1, 2009.

Memorial Donations

Tatum Fund

Allison H. Vaughan

General Memorial Fund

In memory of Norma Cumberledge by her Bridge Club

In memory of Walker Shank by Mr. and Mrs. George Harris