

Dear Friends,

Thank you for welcoming our family to Duluth and Pleasant Hill Presbyterian. We are excited to be back in the South, which puts us closer to family and old friends, and to be part of a thriving church ministry.

Moving with a 2-month-old infant, 2 cats and an apartment full of 3-years of stuff from Maryland to Georgia (an 11 hour drive!) and then unpacking everything is not easy.

But thanks to the APNC, the church staff and members—who helped us move, looked after Katie, provided meals, hosted a breakfast with the youth and their families, set me up in the office, sang Hallelujah choruses and greeted us on Sunday with claps, cheers and smiles—settling into our new surroundings has been less stressful than we anticipated and very enjoyable.

It's been fun to meet so many of you in such a short time after arriving and as your new associate for youth and missions, I look forward to getting to know you better through the ministries and life of the church.

I'm particularly energized by the middle and high school youth's passion to be involved in worship, fellowship and service; and members' deep desire to feed and give a "hand up" to members through mission work in the local community and world.

Come by the church anytime to say "hey!" and to chat. My door is always open. ☺

And be sure to join us Sunday evening at 5:30 pm in Fellowship Hall for the new alternative worship service *Upword* followed by dinner. The adults and youth have put together a wonderful service that will help us continue to explore our faith and listen for how God is acting in our lives.

Peace be with you,
Andy Acton

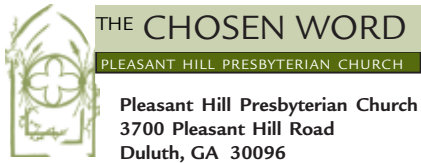
In our thoughts and prayers...

We have received the following requests for prayer:

Bob King; Mike Hayden; Jordon Dozier; Sharon Steingruber's friend, Kathy Selstad (loss of husband); our sympathy to Margo Vuchetich in the loss of her father.

Please remember family and friends in the military:

Sergeant Paul Bourgeois, son of Lee Bourgeois; Steve Goodwin, nephew of Mike and Pam Goodwin; Corporal Shawn D. White, Lt. Chase M. Sasser, and S. R. Jonathan H. Young, grandsons of Ruth W. White.



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from the pastor
Dave Fry



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HELP WANTED

Part-time volunteer assistant web-master. Also we have an opening for a video producer. This is your opportunity to break through with international exposure. (Last year our program received hits from all over the U.S. as well as two foreign countries.) PHPC's got talent!

We're making plans for a second year's version of Electric Stewardship (Considering my summer electricity bills, we might want to call the program "Alternate Sources of Power!") Angie, our webmaster, and Mary, our video producer, are returning to function in those capacities, but we want to offer them some assistance.

We're looking for persons who can edit/produce photos, video clips, and recorded stories from PHPC members and turn them into two minute video presentations for our web site. Excellent on-the-job training and support are offered. If you have ever heard or used the terms "rendering," "content management," "hits," and "sizing," consider yourself qualified.

You'll be the first to hear the unedited version of moving and powerful stories from people you sit near in worship on Sundays. You'll have an opportunity to enhance your skills (or perhaps show off your skills) by working closely with two people who are top professional quality in these areas. The beginning salary matches our highest-paid participants (i.e., zero), but the rewards are...priceless.

Interested? Talk with Brian Ireland, Cathy Campbell, or Dave Fry. Or contact Brian at bireland19@yahoo.com. or Dave at dave@pleasanthillpc.org.

If you have a story about something meaningful to you at PHPC, suggest it for use in this year's productions by contacting the above people...Or if you have a question or subject you'd like to see presented.

POSITION WANTED

One of the new residents of Rainbow Village...But first—do you know about Rainbow Village?

Located in Norcross, but soon moving to Duluth, RV works effectively with homeless families in our communities. Their objective goes far beyond getting parents (usually single moms) and their children into housing. Initially RV provides a safe place to live; then they teach financial management, effective parenting, prevention of domestic violence, and offer after-school care and tutoring for the children. They want their client-families to rise beyond homelessness and beyond "working poor" status to reach the level of independent, self sustaining, stable members of our community, assured that never again will their children have to sleep under a bridge.

The residents who move into RV are already employed. They have steady jobs and good work habits. But it's impossible to support a family on an income of \$9.00 an hour. Committing to the clients for a period of up to a full year, Rainbow Village gives them skills to reach the next level, where maintaining stability can be accomplished.

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SENIOR FRIENDS:

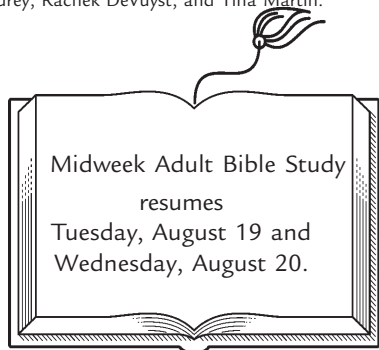
Our group enjoyed a delicious lunch and a fun day together on our recent outing to the Blue Willow Inn. We missed those of you who were not able to join us. We will meet at the church on Tuesday, September 9 for lunch and a rescheduling of our program with the Rev. Fred Whitehurst who, because of a business emergency, had to cancel his program for us at our July meeting. Rev. Whitehurst is an ordained PCUSA minister, teaches Art History at Georgia State University, and serves as Chaplain and Bereavement Coordinator for Trinity Hospice. The program, entitled "The Personality of Landscape Painting" focuses on the appreciation of the many ways landscape may be seen by artist.

If you are "over 55" or just enjoy being with those who are, we invite you to join us for our monthly Senior Friends meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. If you don't receive a call from one of our regular telephone callers, please call or email Carolyn Schmid to express your interest in the group (770-985-2938; clschmid@att.net).

THANKS SO MUCH to everyone who taught our children and youth in summer Church School: Beth Kaman, Shannon Sligar, Erik Mjorud, Marcia Thiel, Roger Sligar, Greg Thurlow, Beth Kaman, Jeff Owen, David Hudson, Carolyn Armstrong, Shannon Hudson, Shannon Dodd, Deb LoPresti, Shawn Badinger, Robert Armstrong, Colin Ching, Gina Kallgren, Sharon Steingruber, Dave Huffman, Ted Kallgren, David Steingruber, Mary Geil, Laura Ide, Dana Eastabrooks, Scott Lewis, Gary Ide, Jeff Eastabrooks, Ric Paterson, Shawn Kroneneberger, Bernie Kida, Rachel Paterson, Donna Wells, Melba Kida, Julie Kirouac, Tonya Borders, Justin Kirouac, Becky Zinn, Laurie Schlosser, Leslie Kunkel, Laura Freese, Sarah Freese, Jennifer Lindskoog, Doug Griswold, Margo Vuchetich, Jeff Milway, Leigh Ann Griswold, Sara Woolley, Meg Watkins, Shannon Scott, Martha Griffin, Dawn Richerson, Quintin Watkins, Florence Milway, Anna Brown, Dave Moore, Christy Moore, LeAnn Kurey, Ray Kurey, Racheck DeVuyst, and Tina Martin.

Dear PHPC Family,

Once again you have been the hands of Christ for Keith and me as we dealt with yet another surgery and recovery. Thank you so much for your cards, phone calls, flowers, meals and prayers. They sustained and encouraged us tremendously. I am most grateful for a full recovery and look forward to enjoying good health for a long time. God bless you for your faithfulness to us. In Christ,
Gail Funderburk



Article from Dave continued:

Now, back to our opening line: One of the new residents of Rainbow Village currently holds a job (at \$9.00/hr—no benefits). She's an excellent employee. She's also a certified, qualified, experienced forklift operator. (Instead of teaching her to drive a car, her dad taught her a skill uncommon for a girl. He figured she could teach herself to drive a car.) She's seeking a job that requires that skill.

During your next coffee break, go back to you company's warehouse. If you see a forklift sitting idle, find the warehouse manager and tell him/her that you know just the person. Then call Rainbow Village (770)446-3800 and ask for Mary Jane, the RV caseworker.

In fact, next time your company is looking for a quality staff member, consider Rainbow Village to be an excellent employment pool.

Then go to sleep that night with a smile on your face, knowing you've helped an entire family make a major break-through towards living their dream.

Coming Up at PHPC

ATTENTION third graders and parents: Bring your lunch to "Finding Our Way Through the Bible," Sunday, August 17 at 12 noon.

Fall Church School Kick-Off for all ages is Sunday, August 17 at 9:40. All children and youth begin the morning in their respective classrooms. Adults meet in the sanctuary.

FIRST GRADERS AND PARENTS: "Get Ready! Get Set! Worship" is Sunday, August 24 immediately following the Children's Sermon and Sunday, Sept. 7 at 12 noon.

High School Youth Matters

- An overnight lake event is coming August 15-16! Watch for details!
- West Virginia Mission trippers meet Sunday, August 24, 12 noon to put the final touches on the slide show.
- We **WILL NOT** serve breakfast at First Presbyterian on the fifth Sunday of August.



Middle School Youth

PLACE: Sugarloaf Country Club Sports Center
DATE: Sunday, August 24, 2008
TIME: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
FOOD: Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Church Calendar

To schedule events on the church calendar telephone or email Diane Dayton [770.497.0233 or diane@pleasanthillpc.org].

- Sunday, August 17**
8:30a Worship
9:40a Church School/Kick-Off
11:00a Worship
12:00p Third Graders/Parents
Finding our Way Through the Bible
5:30p UPWORD! (Alternative Worship)
7:00p Session Meeting
- Monday, August 18**
7:00p Women's AA
7:00p Boy Scouts/Kick-off
- Tuesday, August 19**
8:00p Women's AA
- Wednesday, August 20**
- Thursday, August 21**
7:00p Women's AA
- Friday, August 22**
8:00p Adult Children of Alcoholics
- Saturday, August 23**
10:00a Women's AA
- Sunday, August 24**
8:30a Worship Service
9:40a Church School
11:00a Worship Service
11:15a Get Ready! Get Set! Worship!
1:00p Middle School Pool Party
5:30p Post-Graduate Parenting
- Monday, August 25**
7:00p Women's AA
7:00p Cub Scout Pack 421
7:00p Boy Scout Leaders
- Tuesday, August 26**
8:00p Women's AA
- Wednesday, August 27**
- Thursday, August 28**
7:00p Women's AA
- Friday, August 29**
8:00p Adult Children of Alcoholics
- Saturday, August 30**
10:00a Women's AA

Women of PHPC - Upcoming Events

- September 6** *Mini Retreat at lake house*
October 6 *Planning your Funeral:* This may sound depressing but it will actually be a time of laughter and insight and reflection as we learn together about how to honor our lives. Led by Holly Tickle.
November 2 *Make it, Bake it, Take it* - Make a craft, bake something and take home lots of goodies. Lots of fun and fellowship.
December 7 *Calming the Soul Before Christmas* - Worship Service for Women