

**In our thoughts and prayers...**

**We have received the following requests for prayer:** Steve Dean; Meg Su-Reed; Kay Strickland's friend, Karen & family; Margot Ashley's neighbor, Rosemary; Shannon Hudson's friend, Allen Kolb.

**We extend our sincere sympathy to** Roger Sligar and family in the loss of his mother; Angela Bednarczyk and family in the loss of her step-father; and Linda Murphy and family in the loss of her mother.

**Please remember family and friends in the military:**

Staff Sergeant Paul Bourgeois, son of Lee Bourgeois; Steve Goodwin, nephew of Mike and Pam Goodwin; Cpt. Chase M. Sasser & Hosp. Apprentice Jonathan H. Young, grandsons of Ruth W. White; David Webster; Maj. David & Maj. Cindi King, son & daughter-in-law of Mary Don and Bob King; Devin Sanders, son of Terry & Laura Sanders.

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**The Blessings Continue...along with a BIG victory!**

**You are invited to join the Yebra family in the celebration of Spencer's High School Graduation!**

**186 McElhannon Rd SW, Bethlehem, GA 30620**

**Saturday, May 26, 4p til the cows come home!**

**RSVP & Directions: 770-367-8421 or myebra1@gmail.com**



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Steve Dean, Director of Music**



**May 13, 2012**

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***Connecting faith with everyday life***

from the pastor  
**Dave Fry**



We've just completed a four-sermon series on "Sirius Faith: Music that Feeds Your Life and Soul". Frankly, Andy and I thought it would be a catchy way to encourage worship attendance in the Sundays following Easter. We were stunned at how enthusiastically you responded. The music that wraps itself around your world powerfully affects your life. Pay attention to what good music of all types offers you and you will likely find yourself more aware of God's presence in your world.

Music is out there, and it's a potent spiritual resource available to enrich your life.

Here's another resource that can infuse some life into your days: generosity. Acts of generosity can help you connect to other people; they can relieve stress from the daily worries of your life; they can open you up to encounters with the sacred. Best of all, generosity has a ripple effect. It will be passed on to other people, other families, even strangers.

In the days of all-pervasive social media, many of us are becoming more and more isolated thanks to long commutes in our cars, private entertainment on MP3 players, or telecommuting from home. Generosity offers a way to enhance our connections to others. It makes us part of a community.

That's because generosity requires at least two participants—a giver and a receiver, *both* of whom benefit from the act of giving. And generosity is not available only to the top 1% of the wealthy and powerful. Nor is receiving reserved for the weak, frail, or poverty-stricken. Anybody can play either role. When we do, we are revolutionaries against the constant mantra of "consume" and "take" that our culture shouts at us. Generosity helps replace the narrow perspective of "me" with an expansive "we."

Try it. Look for ways to be unexpectedly generous. Decide to put something in the offering plate every time it's passed to you. Offer two minutes of undivided attention to a child, or to anyone who seems like they could use it. Say a genuine "thank you" ten times a day to a member of your family.

No matter what the balance of your bank account or the scope of your abilities, all of us have something to give. All of us can find our lives richer by giving and receiving from others.

**RAINBOW VILLAGE DINNER** at PHPC is this Tuesday, May 15th! We are in need of some volunteers to help purchase/prepare part of the meal for about 30-40 guests, as well as some folks to come serve it that night from 5:30-7:00. Funds are available in the church budget to reimburse you for the cost. This is a great outreach service opportunity for families! If you can help, please call or email Cully Veal at 770-330-7261, [gccveal@earthlink.net](mailto:gccveal@earthlink.net).

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**June is volunteer month at The Hands of Christ Duluth Co-op.**

A couple of volunteers are needed each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 to 2.

The work will consist of unpacking and stocking donations made to the Co-op as well as packing individual food orders for the clients and checking "good through" dates on the donations as well as sorting hanging clothes in our NEW THRIFT STORE! which is directly downstairs from the Co-op. If you would like to help the Co-op out **With these needs please send me an email at [jwintle@oasis-cs.com](mailto:jwintle@oasis-cs.com) or you can call my cell (678) 431-0130.** I will be glad to discuss the details.

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**Are you ready to go BACK TO THE BEACH?** Registration is ongoing for Vacation Bible School, which will be held from June 18-21 (9 a.m.-noon) and is open to children ages 3 (by Sept. 1, 2011) through completed fourth-graders. Youth who have completed fifth grade and up are invited to attend as helpers. Look for registration forms in the breezeway. We also need adult volunteers. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents during this amazing week, please contact Michelle Wilson ([mjnwilson@comcast.net](mailto:mjnwilson@comcast.net)) or Julie Kirouac ([kirouacj@bellsouth.net](mailto:kirouacj@bellsouth.net)). Be sure and invite your friends and neighbors! This is a good opportunity to share PHPC with someone new!

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**The road construction** on Pleasant Hill Road seems to change daily so we want to give you a warning about what might happen. If you arrive and see that our main entrance is blocked, please drive to Park Bluff Lane and turn left. (The traffic light at Park Bluff Lane is just east of the church.) If you take the first left, you will drive into the back parking lot of the church. You may park there or proceed to the front of the church and turn left into the parking lot.

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**Caring for Aging Parents** meets Sunday, May 27th at 5:30p (the 4th Sunday of the month) in the Bride's Room. This is a support group for adults who are caring for their parents in the aging process.

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**Save the date! Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 service** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual after church cook out. The men of the church will be firing up the grills and cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. The fellowship committee will be providing everything else needed to have a delicious lunch and lots of fun for all. Bring a blanket or chairs and your appetite!

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**A Stitch and a Prayer:** We meet the first Wednesday morning of each month to work on Prayer Shawls and Cancer Caps for members and non-members recovering from illnesses. Knowing how to knit or crochet is not required. The next meeting will be June 6th from 10-11:30a in the Bride's Room. Yarn and crochet needles will be available or you can bring your own.

Please contact Diane Warren at 770-595-9781.

**NEW CHURCH PROTECTION POLICY ADOPTED FOR OUR CHILDREN AND VOLUNTEERS**

The Christian Education committee recently completed a significant revision to our church's policy dedicated to the protection of our children and of our volunteers who work with our children. It is founded on PHPC's desire to be a welcoming and safe environment for all of God's children and particularly those entrusted to our care.

From the preamble to the policy: "Jesus showed a deep compassion for children and a strong value of children. Children are more than future adults; they are even now an example of faith for the rest of us. Thus, Jesus welcomed and blessed them... Our task as a community of faith is to demonstrate that we can be trustworthy; we can be a place where children are not betrayed; and where the value of children and adults sharing life and faith together is treasured".

The new protection policy continues the safeguards and procedures that we have used in the past to ensure that both our children and the volunteers with them are not placed in situations of mistrust or danger. Added to the new policy is the additional safeguard which allows the church to perform a criminal background check on all staff and volunteers who work in positions of authority or long-term supervision of our children, such as church school teachers, youth group advisors, covenant partners, etc. Those involved in short-term activities with children, such as extended session volunteers, or VBS helpers, will not be required to submit to a background check, but will continue to abide with the policy by signifying their acceptance of its procedures.

The committee submitted and received session approval of the new policy at the stated February meeting. The new policy will begin its implementation with the current staff and with the recruitment of teachers for the upcoming church year. A copy of the new Child/Volunteer Protection Policy can be found on the PHPC website at [www.pleasanthillpc.org/protect.htm](http://www.pleasanthillpc.org/protect.htm).

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**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBS MISSION PROJECT**

If you're not able to volunteer at Vacation Bible School June 18-21, we could still use your help! Donations are needed for health kits, which will be assembled by children attending VBS to be given to children who have lived through a disaster. Each health kit contains:

- hand towel
- washcloth
- comb
- metal nail file or nail clipper
- bar of soap (bath size)
- toothbrush
- tube of toothpaste (4-7 oz)
- band-aids

If you are able to donate any of these items, please place them in the collection box in the breezeway by the VBS registration table. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Kirouac ([kirouacj@bellsouth.net](mailto:kirouacj@bellsouth.net)) or Michelle Wilson ([mjnwilson@comcast.net](mailto:mjnwilson@comcast.net)).

**Church Calendar**

To schedule events on the church calendar, telephone or email Diane Dayton  
**770.497.0233** or  
[diane@pleasanthillpc.org](mailto:diane@pleasanthillpc.org).

**Sunday, May 13**

8:30a Worship  
9:40a Church School  
11:00a Worship

**Monday, May 14**

10:00a Small Group Meeting  
6:00p Toastmasters International, SFH  
7:00p Women's AA, A96

**Tuesday, May 15**

6:00p Rainbow Village Dinner  
7:00p Women's AA, A96

**Wednesday, May 16**

6:15p Handbells  
7:15p Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, May 17**

7:00a Wylldlife, FH  
5:30p Brownies/Girl Scouts, A102  
6:00p Rainbow Village Dinner  
6:30p Women's Small Group, SFH  
7:00p Women's AA, A96

**Friday, May 18**

**Saturday, May 19**

10:00a Women's AA, A96

**Sunday, May 20**

8:30a Worship/Spring Concert  
9:40a Church School  
11:00a Worship/Confirmation/Spring Concert

**Monday, May 21**

10:00a Small Group Meeting  
10:00a Senior Friends  
6:00p Toastmasters International, SFH  
7:00p Women's AA, A96

**Tuesday, May 22**

6:00p Rainbow Village Dinner  
7:00p Women's AA, A96

**Wednesday, May 23**

9:30a Networking Group, A102  
6:15p Handbells  
7:15p Chancel Choir Rehearsal