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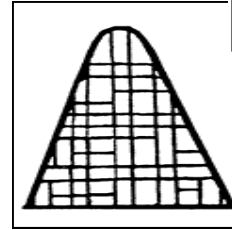
March 16, 2010

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Dr. Joel Alvis, *Interim Pastor*
Albert C. Winn, *Pastor Emeritus*
Paul E. Osborne, *Interim Director of Christian Education*
Clinton T. Miller, *Director of Music Ministry*
Sara Dorrien, *Seminary Intern*
Maria Badre, *Office Manager*

Keep our homebound members in your prayers: **Marge Ware, Melba Murray.**

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North Decatur Communicator

March 16, 2010



Holy Week Awaits!!

Holy Week is marked by the Christian community as the high point of our year. And at NDPC we observe, remember and celebrate these events of faith.

The Sunday before Easter is traditionally called Palm Sunday. But it is also the Sunday to remember that Jesus was betrayed, crucified and died. We will enter the sanctuary with palms and Hosannas! and we will depart reflecting on the week ahead for Jesus and for all of us who follow.

Thursday, April 1 at 7 pm in the sanctuary we will observe communion as a remembrance of the Last Supper. Jesus went to Jerusalem to observe the Passover, the celebration of deliverance for the Hebrews as the angel of death passed over them. Because of this the Egyptian Pharaoh released the people to begin their journey to the Promised Land. For Jesus, the disciples and for us it is a reminder of the way in which deliverance happens.

Friday, April 2 at noon we will join our brothers and sisters from Scott Boulevard Baptist at North Decatur United Methodist Church at 1523 Church Street for a Good Friday service. We will join to listen to the story of the Passion and then share a fellowship meal.

Easter Sunday April 4 we will gather in the Sanctuary at 11 to sing Alleluias and proclaim that **Christ is Risen!** Come and join in this celebration in song, word, prayer and communion!

Holy Week Awaits!!!

Worship in March/April:



March 21 Rev. Joanna Adams preaching
 March 28 Dr. Joel Alvis preaching
Palm Sunday
 April 4 Dr. Joel Alvis preaching
Easter Sunday
 April 11 Sara Dorrien preaching



“Communicator” Schedule

(1st & 3rd weeks of each month)

March 1, 15
 April 5, 19
 May 3, 17

March 28

WORD ABOUT WORSHIP

Tim Merritt

LITURGIST

Sara Dorrien

USHERS

Head Usher: Burt Vardeman

Ushers: Marie & Jason Schoeneberg,
 Martha Shepherd, Gabriel Ramirez

GREETER

Lee Nichols

ACOLYTE

Samantha Repasky



Extended Session March 21

Nursery : Jaime Jones

2-5 Yr Olds: Constantine Family

March 21

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Katie Carol Condon

LITURGIST

Lynne Repasky

USHERS

Head Usher: Burt Vardeman

Ushers: Mary Alice Kemp, Carol Tveit,
 Sherrill Terry, Charlotte Stone Black

GREETER

Debby Miller

ACOLYTE

Alexander Glier

CHURCH

ATTENDANCE: 3/7/10 3/14/10

Sunday School: 88 83

Worship: 182 129

Visitors: 19 3



Extended Session March 28

Nursery : Gay Family

2-5 Yr Olds: Brian & Genia Cayce

Cares & Concerns



Prayer requests & celebrations may be shared with
Carol Tveit by email or phone: carol.j.tveit@gmail.com
 or H:404-289-3868; C:404-617-7765.

Betty McDaniel, sister of Margaret Godfrey, who has stage 4 bone cancer.

Roland McDaniel and his family as he suffers from Alzheimer's disease.

Mike McDaniel and his family (former NDPC members) as they examine treatment options for his inoperable lung cancer.

Jan Johnson, recovering from a successful hip replacement surgery.

Kathy and Charles Matthews as they work with doctors to determine treatment options for Kathy.

NDPC Pastor Nominating Committee: Gail Brown, Gordon French, Pam Joyce, Kathryn Sandifer, and Jason Schoeneberg as they continue their search for a senior pastor for NDPC.

For the family of Kenan Burka (wife, Juliana and children, Rimamskebe, Rimamfxen, Fxafatirimam, Christian, Zion and Glory), a visitor from Nigeria, and the people of Nigeria where religious violence has cost the life of over 500 people in recent weeks.

President Obama and Congress as they work to address the critical issues of our nation during this time of political dissension and discord.

The people of Haiti, Chile, Turkey and Japan as they work in the recovery from recent earthquakes.

NDPC Church Family Members who face the possibility of losing their jobs. Prayers for those who have lost their jobs. We are especially mindful of those among us who serve in public education.

A Nuclear Weapons Free World - prayers for public awareness and public support for the efforts of all nations that have nuclear weapons to commit to taking the steps necessary to remove the possibility of the end of all life from the face of earth.

Christians everywhere as we continue our Lenten journey of self-examination, atonement and the celebration of the renewal of life through the resurrection.

Members of the NDPC serving in the military:

- William Gillespie, deployed in Iraq. His email is: william.w.gillespie@gmail.com
- St. Josh Hughes, USMC, serving in Haiti
- Adam Erickson
- Peter Erickson

Please update your Membership Directory:

Matthews, Charles & Kathryn (Kathy)

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Kathy
Cell Ph: 404-444-4780
Home E-mail: matthewsck@bellsouth.net
Work E-mail: kmatt01@emory.edu

Tea at

Villa International

You are invited to join the volunteers of Villa International Atlanta for Mother's Day Tea on May 8th at 2pm. Indulge yourself with savories and sweets served on fine china with real linens. The tickets are only \$25, which is fully deductible. For more information, please call Villa at 404-633-6783 or speak with Ginny Slack.

March 16 at 9 AM in Room 2-A was the last meeting of the Employment Support Group. It may restart in the future if there are enough people who would like to participate. Contact John or Nelda Hollender, 404.685.8717 or John Pribbenow, 770.723.0461 for more information.

JOB MATCH BOARD



There is a Job Match Bulletin Board downstairs in the Sanctuary Building hallway outside of the pastor's office. All are invited to take a card and list the type of position they are looking for or a position they know is open, with basic contact information.

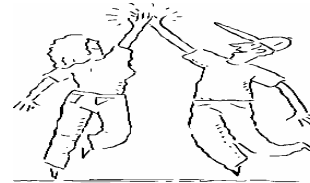
**Youth
CORNER**

March 21
6:30pm-Youth Groups

March 28
6:30pm-Youth Groups

April 4 (Easter Sunday)
No Youth Groups

April 11
No Youth Groups
(Spring Break)



**Book donations Requested for
Clarke County Jail
Library**



Books are needed for the library of the Clarke County Jail. Currently the selection is slim and additional books would be a wonderful resource and blessing. Please donate used or new books (soft cover only) to the jail by placing them in the box outside the church office marked "Books for Clarke County Jail." This request comes from Laura Nieto who will pick up the books and deliver them on her weekly visits with her son William. Thank you!

Dear Friends at North Decatur:

How can words express my profound gratitude for the recognition on Sunday, March 7th during the church service, as well as the reception following worship?

It is simply impossible to let you all know how much I appreciated the kind words, the cards, the flowers, the shawl and the most-treasured Memory Album presented to me during the reception. It was over-whelming and enjoyed so very much!

Thank you for entrusting your children to my care for these many years. I will treasure the time always.

Love and lollipops,
"Miss Martha"



**Sunday, April 4,
Easter Sunday, we
can make a generous,
even sacrificial gift to
ONE GREAT HOUR OF
SHARING. Together
our gifts bring life
necessities to disaster survivors
throughout the world, help refugees
build new futures, and aid
impoverished communities to develop
dependable livelihoods and secure
sources of food and water.**



*By sharing your resources through
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING, you
can change lives!*

Women Together



"GAME NIGHT"

Women Together will meet at Kent Leslie's (839 N Superior Ave, Decatur) on March 25th for "Game Night". Please bring a favorite game to play and teach other people.

Thursday, March 25th, 6:30 pm.

\$10-a glass of wine and dinner.



No Reservation Needed

Just show up!

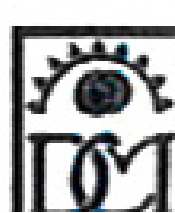
DEAM Food Drive

Next Collection:

April 4

Please support the ministry of DEAM by bringing in food items on the first Sunday of each month.

You can drop off your donations outside the church office or in the narthex before worship.



Attention Senior Adults

Please join us for our next Senior Lunch on April 6th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. As you may know, we were snowed out on March 3, so Decatur Cooperative Ministries has graciously agreed to come back and present their program on the wonderful work they do.

This will replace the "Getting to Know You" program originally planned.

If you do not normally attend and would like to hear this program, please call Pat Camp at (404) 634-7267 for a reservation.

Hagar's House

Our week to serve is coming up Sunday, March 21st.

We need both cooks and servers. Please be sure to sign up on the poster board in the Narthex.

Contact:
Roberta Goldbaugh
at
770-617-7002
rgoldbaugh@bellsouth.net

Thank you!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ATTENTION: THERE WILL BE NO ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEETINGS ON EASTER SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 4TH

Adult Education Offerings Late Spring

Sundays at 9:30 A.M. April 11—May 23



Liturgical Writing Group

Join the Liturgical Writers Group to find your own writing voice through interesting and challenging exercises, then apply your skills to the craft of liturgy and your spiritual memoirs. In preparation, click <http://www.pcusa.org/oga/constitution.htm> and take a look at the PCUSA's Book of Confessions and the mid-section of the Book of Order, called Directory for Worship.

Leaders: Wade Medlock and Kelly Craigmile

The Den

Presbyterian Global Mission

Engage in Global Mission through a study of the book by Don C. Richter, Mission Trips that Matter: Embodied Faith for the Sake of the World (2008)! The class will also draw on Bob Leslie's own considerable experience from many mission trips to Guatemala, Cuba, Nicaragua, and most recently, Colombia.

Leader: Bob Leslie

The Parlor

Issues and Faith

The focus of this book club format class will be to read and discuss the book, "Leaving Church" by Barbara Brown Taylor, about her call to a small church in north Georgia, and then finding that she feels the need to leave the pulpit.

Leaders: Terry Hughey, Sandi Payne and John Pribbenow.

The A.A. Room

Save the Dates!

May 23: Last Sundae School Pot Luck and Ice Cream Social - come celebrate the end of our school year by honoring our Sunday school teachers and high school graduates with a pot luck lunch and a build your own ice cream sundae bar!

May 30: Summer worship schedule begins at 10:00. Receptions in the courtyard after worship during the summer months.

June 7-11: Vacation Bible School

June 12: Fun on the Farm at Kent and Bob Leslie's farm - bring a dish to an old fashioned cookout with options to hike Kennesaw Mountain, play tennis, fish, swim or shoot the breeze.

August 21-22: RETREAT at Clemson Outdoor Center - Watch for details to come!

Children and Youth Choir Spring Schedule 2010

Rehearsal are Sundays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars with the following dates for rehearsals and Sundays we will participate in Worship.

Sunday, March 21 - Rehearsal - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 28 – Sing in Worship (Palm Sunday) – 10:30 a.m. Rehearsal

Sunday, April 11 - Rehearsal - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 18 - Rehearsal - 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 25 – Sing in Worship (Creation Care) – 10:30 a.m. Rehearsal

Clint Miller (clint@ndpc.org)

Community Good Friday service

Sharing in the Passion of Christ through scripture, music and payers at North Decatur United Methodist Church, 1523 Church Street at NOON on April 2.

Community meal before and after the service.

VBS—The Living Waters of the World. June 7-11
9:00 am to 12 noon

Registration Form for VBS 2010

Name Of Child _____ Age in June _____

Contact information:

Address _____

Phone Numbers: Home _____ Cell _____

Email _____

Please place this form in Paul Osborne's mail box by April 1, 2010. You will receive a confirmation of your registration if you meet the registration deadline.

Directors: Linda Davis and Paul Osborne



NDPC CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 16

- All Day Special Election (Fellowship Hall)
- 9:00 a.m. Employment Support Group (2-A)
- 6:30 p.m. La Leche League (2-B)
- 6:30 p.m. Woody's Watercolor Group (Den)
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells (Choir Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Support Group (Ed Bldg)

Wednesday, March 17

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. PNC Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:30 p.m. Balcony Choir (Choir Room)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 18

- 9:00 a.m. Prayers for Peace (Wesley Woods)
- 10:00 a.m. Knit Wits (Parlor)
- 12:00 p.m. Joining Hands Committee (Parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Storytelling Cluster Group (Parlor)

Friday, March 19

- Church Office Closed
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 20

- No Meetings Scheduled

Sunday, March 21

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break & Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Nicaragua Trip Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:00 p.m. Session Meeting (Parlor)
- 5:30 p.m. Children & Youth Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 22

- 4:45 p.m. Girl Scout Troop-Ruby Hollender (Ed. Bldg)
- 7:00 p.m. Peace & Justice Committee (Parlor)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 23

- 6:30 p.m. Woody's Watercolor Group (Den)
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells (Choir Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra Rehearsal (Sanctuary, 2-A)
- 7:00 p.m. Support Group (Ed Bldg)

NDPC CALENDAR (continued)

Wednesday, March 24

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. PNC Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:30 p.m. Balcony Choir (Choir Room)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Prayers for Peace (Wesley Woods)
- 10:00 a.m. Knit Wits (Parlor)
- 6:30 p.m. *Women Together* (Kent Leslie's home)
- 7:00 p.m. Liturgical Writers Group (Den)

Friday, March 26

- Church Office Closed
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Saturday, March 27

- 12:00 a.m. Peachtree Handspinners Guild (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, March 28

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break & Fellowship
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, March 29

- 6:30 p.m. MANA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Tuesday, March 30

- 6:30 p.m. Woody's Watercolor Group (Den)
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells (Choir Room)
- 7:00 p.m. Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Support Group (Ed Bldg)

Wednesday, March 31

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. PNC Meeting (Parlor)
- 7:30 p.m. Balcony Choir (Choir Room)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

Thursday, April 1

- 9:00 a.m. Prayers for Peace (Wesley Woods)
- 10:00 a.m. Knit Wits (Parlor)
- 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Sanctuary)

Friday, April 2

- Church Office Closed
- 12:00 p.m. Community Good Friday Service (North Decatur United Methodist Church)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting