

NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage News

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Final Update before! the weekend!

Weekend **#110 Now Has 27** Guests!!! See page 2 for just added (*) !!!

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Remember: The Closing for Weekend # 110 is scheduled to start at 4pm. Be there to welcome the new Pilgrims to the Fourth Day!

A Letter From The Rector

Dear Friends in Christ

As I reflect on the recent celebration of Christ's birth, I am overwhelmed with the power and might of our Lord. We can look at the desolation in our world and be passively sad, or we can serve the world with joy, dedication, and love.

I choose joy, and I am honored to be your Rector for NCPP 110. All team members show this joy and love each time I see them. Our team is filled with a wonderful mix of pilgrims, many serving for the very first time on a team.

The scripture for the weekend is John: 14:6, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." This scripture is one of hope and direction. We all know that to get somewhere, you need a clear map for that journey. This map could not be more succinct and its message is fitting and decisive.

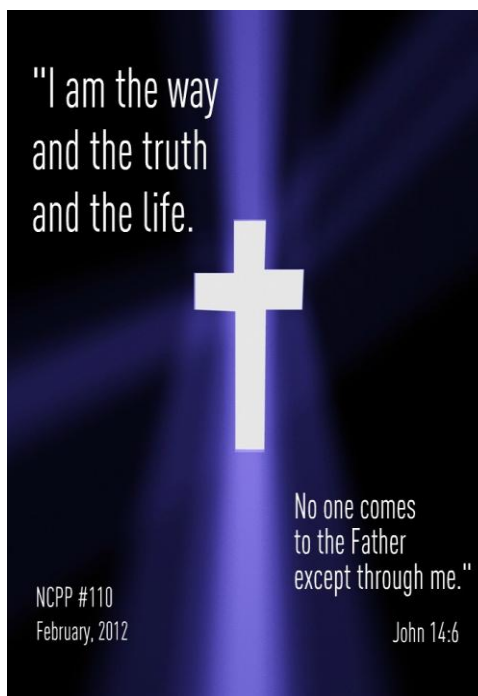
I ask that you sign up for the prayer banner, send palanca, and pray for our guests and our team. This power will be felt on the weekend.

Steve Howell will be leading the serenade. We are having a more "old fashioned" one with a table beating encore! Please join Steve on Saturday night.

Remember the Ultreya on February 25 at Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in High Point, beginning at 5:30PM. We want you there to welcome our new guests to Fourth Day, and to be there for the commissioning of Ann Hooker as Rector for NCPP 113!

Let's all choose to serve Christ in some fashion this weekend!

*In Christ
Mari-Jo Dryden*



NC Pilgrimage #110 List of Guests

| Name | Church | Sponsor |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|
| Eamon Bryant | Sojourn Community, Greensboro, NC | Ken Waegerle |
| Mike Carratello | Westminster Pres, Greensboro, NC | Wilson and Jean Davis |
| Cindy DuLany | Greenwood Pres, Reidsville, NC | Wayne Robertson |
| Susan Furmage | Main Street UMC, Kernersville, NC | Judy Osborne/Caroline Martin |
| Fran Harrington | First Presbyterian, Winston-Salem NC | Carol Taylor |
| Richard Harrington | First Presbyterian, Winston-Salem NC | Carol Taylor |
| Heather Hicks | Highland Park Baptist, Mt. Airy, NC | Carrie Thompson |
| John Hicks | Highland Park Baptist, Mt. Airy, NC | Carrie Thompson |
| Whitney Hill | Southgate Baptist, Thomasville, NC | Beth Rippey |
| Vicki Horner | Main Street UMC, Kernersville, NC | Andrea Blakemore |
| Felicia Jones | Church of God of Prophecy Holiness, High Point | Bo Morgan |
| Cathy King | St. Timothy's UMC, Jamestown, NC | Jennie Maness |
| Jan Melton | Turin UMC, Turin, GA | Beth Valentine |
| Teresa Morgan | Currently seeking home church, Winston Salem | Susan Mueller * |
| Keith Murray | Currently seeking home church, Reidsville, NC | Bo Morgan |
| Vivian Murray | Currently seeking home church, Reidsville, NC | Bo Morgan |
| David O'Neill | Main Street UMC, Kernersville, NC | Patrick Horner |
| Alice Owens | Adams Farm Community, Greensboro, NC | Susan and Sam Bays |
| Haley Rippey | Parkway Presbyterian, Winston Salem, NC | Beth Rippey |
| Lynn Roundtree | First Presbyterian, High Point, NC | Diane Spencer, Joan Burns |
| Melissa Storms | Holy Church of God, Mt. Airy, NC | Carrie Thompson |
| Kathie Szitas | Adams Farm Community, Greensboro, NC | Susan and Sam Bays |
| Beth Todd | Peace UMC, Whiteville, NC | Kat Reese |
| Anne Turnage | Westminster Presbyterian, Greensboro, NC | Mark Brainerd * |
| Jackie Wilson | First Presbyterian, Greensboro, NC | Nancy Coble |
| Mike Witt | Main Street UMC, Kernersville, NC | Chadwick Stamper |
| Dianne Young | Main Street UMC, Kernersville, NC | Caroline Martin |

Information, Dates and Times for NCPP #110 - February 9 - 12, 2012
 Emergency Contact for #110 - Jennie Maness - 336 362-9344
 Send Off: Thursday, February, 9 at 6:30 p.m.
 Serenade: Saturday, February, 11 at 5:30 p.m. (Covered Dish)
 Closing: Sunday, February 12 at 4:00 pm (Please note the time change!)
 Ultreya: Saturday, February 25, 5:30 - 9:00pm, Forest Hills Presbyterian
 Church, 836 West Lexington Road, High Point 336 883-4239

NC Pilgrimage #110 Team

Rector

Mari-Jo Dryden

Observing Rector

Ann Hooker

Head Cha

Mary Pat Reese

Pastors

Head – Jennie Hemrick

Peter Smith

Sue Moore

Speakers

Ideals – Richard McKinney

Grace Given – Peter Smith

Laity – Mike Skultety

Grace Rec'd – Jennie

Hemrick

Piety – Susan Wardlaw

Study – Donna Howell

Sacraments – Sue Moore

Action – Beth Valentine

Leaders – Lauren Eberle

Obstacles to Grace – Jennie

Hemrick

Environment – Wayne

Robertson

Community – Mike

Pendletonn

Life in Grace – Peter Smith

Total Security – Mari-Jo

Dryden

Special Cha

Beth Rippey

Fourth Day Coordinator

Jennie Maness

Table Facilitators

Martha Albertson

Carol Bray

Carol Fulton

Larry Hooker

Pat Kennedy

Phillip Reese

Pat Turner

Kitchen

Head – Pat Pate

Rose Fleming

Becky Groom

Rhonda McIlwain

Carl Phillips

Erin Rippey

Calvin Hester

Anna Robinson

Palanca

Head – Pat Hall

Debbie Green

Sylvia Hayes

Cindi Maynard

Mike Maynard

Outside

Head – Joe Fleming

Janice Freeman

Yvonne Funk

Jim Reid

Jean Payne

Mike Pendleton

Rick Purcell

Rollo Room

Head – Michelle Wilburn

Charles McClendon

Pat Horner

Ed Cooke

Adam Eberle

Larry Freeman

Nancy Purcell

Kat Reese

Carol Taylor

Bill Wardlaw

Escort

Head – Caroline Martin

Steve Wall

Alesia Pendleton

Lori Johnson

Music

Head – Amanda Burns

Micki Fischer

David Gibson

David Matherly

Frank Stewart

Bo Morgan

Ken Waegerle

Chapel

Head – Chip Todd

Katherine Bayliff

Susan Bays

Jo Johnson

Gail Elledge

Helen Phillips

Faye Robinson

Kelly Rodriguez

A Note From The Editor

Do you remember the Pilgrimage definition of the 'environment'? *Places, institutions and people we can influence for Christ.* We are called to bring Christ's love into those places, institutions and people where it is lacking. We are reminded that we need to study the environment, pray and listen, and decide upon a plan of action, depending on the Christian virtues of faith, hope, love and humility.

I want to share with you (starting on page 5) a number of stories originating right within our own Fourth Day Community, about those who have taken bold steps to reach out and change their environments. Some of these actions have resulted in large undertakings; some have blossomed quietly in the background. Some have taken years to develop and most are still experiencing growth and adjustment as the world responds to monumental changes that affect each of us. There are many such stories of individuals who have taken on projects, both long range and short range that have had a positive impact on their environments. Please take a few minutes and read these incredible stories.

Bill Wardlaw - San Francisco Men's Cursillo #14, January, 1969

Piedmont Conference

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| Moderator | Russ McNeal |
| Secretary | Mary Pat Reese |
| Vice Moderator | Rose Gaiser |
| Pastor Representatives | Jim Rissmiller, Mark Brainerd |
| Leadership Committee | Tom Hamlin, Caroline Martin, Jennie Maness |
| Registrar | Rick and Nancy Purcell |
| Palanca | Cindi and Mike Maynard |
| Serenade | Gene and Frankie Taylor |
| Fourth Day | Micki Fischer |
| Reunion | Jim Mason |
| Operations | Shuford Wall |
| Newsletter | Bill Wardlaw |
| Outreach | Wayne Robertson |
| Music | Mari Jo Dryden |
| Documentation | Jennie Maness |

Many thanks to our past moderator Alesia Pendleton, Lori Johnson our past Conference Secretary, Pat Turner who has faithfully served as Registrar and Russ McNeal for moving from Vice-moderator to Moderator and to all who have agreed to offer another year of service on the Leadership Conference, as well as Mary Pat Reese, Rose Gaiser, Rick and Nancy Purcell filling in for those whose terms have expired. (New Members)

What's Happening?

Children of Zion Outreach

The daughter of **Carol Fulton** (NCP # 46) would come home from school and talk to her mom about her encounters with teenage moms and their babies. Carol felt the strong urge to try to do something to help these young mothers learn good parenting skills and to stay in school. Thus '**Children of Zion Outreach**' got underway in Carol's home with three teenage moms and one teenage father. Over the years, Carol's vision grew and expanded into the local recreation centers and neighborhoods. Urged by the police department, she took her mission into an area with high-risk youth and gangs.

The number of homeless young people caused her to get involved with the **Homeless Council**. COZ (Children of Zion) is now providing three separate ministries; the teen parents, the at-risk youth and the poor and/or homeless. Her long range goal is to establish an '**Elizabeth's House**' for homeless teen-aged moms. Carol notes that the Biblical Elizabeth was the first recorded individual to provide shelter for the teen-aged mom 'Mary'. For at-risk youth, she envisions a self-run center with an adult advisory board. This would be called the '**Construction Zone**'.

Carol asks for our prayers to help continue this work, noting that it was 'given birth' through prayer and through prayer has grown and flourished. She also knows that monetary assistance is needed to continue to help feed, clothe and take these young people on field trips and retreats. Baby supply items are in constant need. And volunteers are needed. Carol invites you to check out her website – cozoutreachministry.org. It's full of information!

Out of the Garden Project

Don and Kristy Milholin's children attend an elementary school in Greensboro that has a large number of children receiving free or reduced cost lunches and breakfasts. Concerned that these children and their families were not getting proper meals during the weekend, Don (NCP # 11) and Kristy (NCP # 9) in 2009 began offering food to ten children. Soon other parents offered their help. One volunteer established a 501c3 non-profit status for them. In 2010, they added two more schools and by the end of the 2011 school year they were serving 22 Guilford County Schools, providing over 330 bags of food every Friday.

Don, Kristy and their volunteers currently serve 31 schools, including two high schools and three middle schools, distributing **two and a half tons** of food **every week** to over 600 students for them to take home Friday afternoons in their backpacks. One in four children in North Carolina is at risk of hunger.

This "**Out of the Garden Project**" receives donations of food and money from

individuals and organizations that want to help make a difference in these children's lives. Don and Kristy are seeking donations and volunteer help to shop, pack bags and deliver the bags to the schools. Please take a few minutes to visit their website www.OutoftheGardenProject.org or call Don and Kristi at 336-430-6070.

Connected in Hope Foundation

Each day thousands of women and young girls leave their homes in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and climb two thousand feet up Mount Entoto to collect eucalyptus branches from the forest floor. They tie the wood into bundles almost two feet in diameter and 5 to 6 feet long. The women then carry these bundles weighing 75 to 80 pounds the 10 miles down the mountainside to sell the firewood to the markets of Addis Ababa for less than a dollar. They all lack the education and financial resources necessary to make income alternatives a reality. One third of these women wood carriers are between the ages of 10 and 19.

Pam (NCP #85) and **Ron Simpson** (NCP #85) traveled to Ethiopia in 2009 when their daughter adopted their seven-month old Ethiopian grandchild, Joseph. They immediately developed a deep love and respect for the people of Ethiopia, and a compelling desire to give back to this beautiful land and its people.

Subsequent trips to Ethiopia brought them face-to-face with the women wood carriers. They learned about the tremendous challenges facing the women in their efforts to provide even the most basic needs of food and shelter. The experience left Ron and Pam forever changed and committed.

Connected in Hope Foundation was incorporated in North Carolina and received its official 501c3 nonprofit status in early 2010. Alternative, predictable and sustainable income sources were identified after lengthy conversations with the women wood carriers.

Today, sixty former fuel wood carriers are weaving beautiful scarves and baskets that Connected in Hope Foundation (CHF) has introduced to global markets. Beginning by selling on-line they were soon coordinating sales in the US, Kenya, Italy and Brussels. The women's income quadrupled! CHF pays the weavers up front for their products, reinvesting the proceeds from sales into programs that benefit the women and their families.

For more information, Pam and Ron urge you to visit their website (www.connectedinhope.org) or their blog (www.connectedinhope.com). They ask for your prayers as they seek God's guidance and wisdom, energy, creativity, perseverance and discernment to follow His plan. Sign up for their newsletter (on the website) and follow their activities on Facebook and Twitter, purchase a hand-woven scarf or basket by calling Pam (336 643-2768) or visiting their on-line store at www.store.connectedinhope.com. They also are looking for clubs organizations or groups that would be interested in a program about Connected in Hope and the work being done in Ethiopia.

Potter's House Community Center

Children of men incarcerated at the Forsyth County Correctional Center were having difficulty in school as well as integrating socially. **John Young** (NCP 11) saw this as a prison chaplain and in 1966, he and his wife **Pansy** (NCP 11) opened their home to twenty children who came from single parent homes, parents were incarcerated, children living with grandparents of great-grandparents, parents who abused drugs or who's parent(s) were deceased. These children, they found, were starved for love and attention.

John devised a program directed at meeting their needs, and at the end of ten weeks, they saw improvement in the children's behavior and academic skills. But still other needs waited to be addressed; needs not even envisioned. Many grandparents were not able physically or financially to make sure they were accessing the resources available within the public school system that address the child's academic or social problem. John and Pansy began assisting the parents and guardians. Other crisis still loomed. Employment problems, housing, lack of medical attention, teen pregnancy, lack of mentoring, low levels of education and more...

In 1998, John and Pansy felt God's leading them to work in one of the poorest neighborhoods in Winston-Salem. They were moved by Luke 10 to become 'innkeepers for the Lord' and by Jeremiah 18 to call their refuge '**Potter's House**' where God is able to reconcile broken lives. As time went on, they saw improvement in the neighborhood: abandoned properties were removed, un-cared for vacant lots, poor street maintenance, crime and other ills of the neighborhood were addressed

The zoning office of Winston-Salem was concerned with the use of the property that housed Potter's House and John and Pansy were required to close that location. Though the programs offered by Potter's House still exist, their efforts have been stifled by the lack of a facility. They have since purchased property near their original location on which they will construct a new '**Potter's House Community Center**'. They have an architectural plan and a contractor. The building will have a multi-purpose room seating 90 people, a commercial kitchen, a computer lab and classroom space. They need to raise funds to begin the construction.

Please take a few minutes and check out the website at www.pottershousewsnc.org.

Peacehaven Community Farm

Buck Cochran (NCP # XXX) has long had an interest in people with disabilities and the ministry of L'Arche communities that provide a space to pair residents with assistants. Buck and his wife Cathy (NCP # XXX) are parents of a child with special needs and have experienced the joys, heartaches, the quest for a 'fix', and the awe and wonder of having someone they love with intellectual disabilities become all they were meant to be.

With another couple they began the search that in 2007 led them to what is now called **Peacehaven Farm** in Whitsett, North Carolina. They set out with the desire for Peacehaven to be a healing place for those with disabilities and their families. With that in mind, Peacehaven Farm was created to celebrate people with intellectual and physical disabilities – not to simply *accommodate* them. On a farm everyone is needed and everyone can contribute. Peacehaven residents will soon live in homes and share meals with other community members around a dining room table.

Placed in a beautiful setting of rolling, wooded hills with lakefront access, Peacehaven is immediately identifiable by the large white barn with the Peacehaven logo located just off Highway 61 a mile and a half south of I-40/85. The farm produces organic vegetables, beef, pork, eggs, chicken and wool.

Peacehaven Farm is a non-profit incorporated in the state of North Carolina as a 501c3. The needs of Peacehaven change from time to time and season to season. Please take a few minutes to visit their website at www.peacehavenfarm.org for more information, volunteer opportunities, directions, and much, much more.

Know a Pilgrimage friend that is not receiving the notice that the NCPP Pilgrimage Newsletter is available on the NCPP web-site? If so, please let me know their name and e-mail address so that this information may be updated in the web-site data base. E-mail me at wwardlaw@att.net or call me at 336 852-0447. Bill Wardlaw

Do you have somebody in mind who you believe would benefit from the Pilgrimage experience but you are not sure how to go about sponsoring them for a weekend? If you are unsure or need some help, call Rick or Nancy Purcell for information. Rick and Nancy are the Piedmont registrars and will be able to answer your questions and can be reached at skywarrior@live.com.

Do you know of a church that would be interested in knowing more about NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage? Wayne Robertson is the Leadership Council's Outreach representative and would be glad to set up a meeting with them. Wayne can be reached at 336 342-1524 or greenwood@netzero.com.

Are you or someone you know having trouble finding or starting a reunion group? Call or e-mail Jim Mason. Jim is the Reunion representative on the Piedmont Leadership Council. Jim can be reached at MasonJim@aol.com.

Have any ideas for future newsletters? Give me a call at 336 852-0447 or e-mail me at wwardlaw@att.net.

Coming Events

| Event | Date | Location | Rector - Leader/s |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| NCPP #110 | February 9-12, 2012 | Camp Hanes | Mari-Jo Dryden |
| NCPP #111 | March 15-18, 2012 | Camp Dixie | Jo Nance |
| NCPP #112 | April 12-15, 2012 | Camp Harrison | Scott Carr |
| NCPP #113 | May 17-20, 2012 | Camp Hanes | Ann Hooker |
| NCPP #114 | September 20-22, 2012 | Camp Harrison | Hal Hester |
| NCPP #115 | October 11-14, 2011 | Camp Hanes | Doug Brinkley |

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012
5:30 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church
 836 West Lexington Avenue
 High Point, NC 27262
 336 883-4237

Bring a covered dish (salad, main dish, or dessert) and join us as we greet the new Pilgrims! Hear about their weekend. See old friends and meet new ones! Join in singing and worship and the commissioning of the rector for weekend #113!

Remember our new Ultreya format! The Rector For NCPP #113 will be commissioned at the Ultreya! Bring a friend!

Map to Camp Hanes

