

NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage News

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Remember: The Closing for Weekend #124 is scheduled to start at 4pm. Be there to welcome the new Pilgrims to the Fourth Day!

A Letter From The Rector

When I look back on the past year since I was asked to be rector, I am truly humbled as to the gift of love, peace and grace that have been bestowed on me. The team came together in such a wonderful way and I have been able to see and feel God's peace all around me. He has guided my every thought and footstep in this process and I know he will continue to do so way beyond this weekend.

When I was asked to be rector, I had reservations, but the reservations were all about me. But, when I thought about it, I changed my perspective and wanted to make sure my decision was based on humbleness and with God's support and not pride, taking me out of the equation. I prayed about it for about 15 mins., after the leadership committee members left, and that was all it took for God to give me my answer. As loud as if I were talking right to you, God's voice spoke to me and said "My Peace I Give You". Thinking that was a verse but not exactly sure, I got up from the position I was in (kneeling in front of the litter box. God speaks to you ANYWHERE) and went directly to the computer. Typing it in, it took me right to, John 14:27, my verse for the weekend. "Peace I leave you, My Peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid" At that moment, I knew God had given his blessing for me to be the rector and that he was going to be there with me all the way.

I feel that this scripture speaks of the gift of "peace" that Jesus left us when he died on the cross. He left us with the reassurance that during the hard times and times of fear and the unknown, he would be there WITH us and FOR us. As the saying goes, "God didn't promise smooth sailing, only a safe landing." But he did give us the "peace" through Jesus Christ to know that during those times of rough sailing he is there by our side, protecting us and guiding us. The peace that Jesus described wasn't the answer for the pageant wish for "world peace". It is the inner peace that only comes from the knowledge that no matter what happens in our lives, we know that God is there holding our hand, walking beside us and offering us a life free from anxiety if we but trust and believe. This is the peace that I pray the team and guests will experience and take home with them this weekend.

I know that God has been with us and will continue to be with us, and the guests, through NCPP #124 weekend and beyond. I ask all 4th day to join us at send-off (Feb. 20th), serenade (Feb. 22nd @ 5:30P), Closures (Feb. 23rd @4p) +/- or Ultreya (March 15th 5:30-9 at Jamestown Presbyterian) and witness God's Peace rain down on the team and guests of NCPP #124. And please don't forget your Palanca, a very special part of the weekend.

Peace be with you my brothers and sisters. God Loves You and So Do I!

Micki Fischer



NC Pilgrimage #124 List of Guests

Name	Church	Town	Sponsor
Tim Blevins	Main Street Methodist	Kernersville	Mike Witt
JoAnn Clifton	Main Street Methodist	Kernersville	Pacie Edwards
Brenda Drewry	Forest Hills Presbyterian	Greensboro	Hilda Courter
Ann Ervin	None at present	King	Steve Green
Karen Foster	Christ UMC	Greensboro	Susan Miller
Kathy Gaines	Guilford Park Presbyterian	Greensboro	Martha Higgins
Kim Gentry	Sojourn Community Church	Greensboro	Ken & Melinda Waegerle
Todd Gentry	Sojourn Community Church	Greensboro	Ken & Melinda Waegerle
Phil Hagen	Unity Presbyterian Church	Woodleaf	Jennie Hemrick
Angelin Ham	Jamestown Presbyterian	Greensboro	Sam & Kathy Gordon
Brent Ham	Jamestown Presbyterian	Greensboro	Sam & Kathy Gordon
Chris Holland	Francisco Presbyterian	Pinnacle	Tracey Collins/Kay Spaugh
Kim Holland	Francisco Presbyterian	Pinnacle	Tracey Collins/Kay Spaugh
Keith Lawson	Snow Hill UMC	Lawsonville	Tracey Collins/Kay Spaugh
Vanessa Le	The Bridge	Greensboro	Reese Driscoll
Leslie Martin	Christ UMC	Greensboro	Lynn Long
Desty McEwan	King Moravian Church	King	Wilma Rogers
Morgan Puckett	Francisco Presbyterian	Westfield	Matt George
Becky Scoggins	Impact Church	Greensboro	Brandi Nicole Johnson
Erin Smith	Jamestown Presbyterian	Jamestown	Jimmy & Kristi Dean
Anna Waldrop	Christ UMC	Greensboro	Paula Hargrove
Brigitte Wall	None at present	Pinnacle	Wilma Rogers

Weekend Information for NCPP # 124 – February 20 – 23, 2014

Emergency Contact : Jennie Maness – 336-294-2218

Send Off: Thursday February 20, 2014 6:30 pm

Serenade: Saturday February 22, 2104 5:30 pm – Covered Dish

Closing: Sunday February 23, 2014 4:00 pm

Ultreya: Saturday March 15, 2014 5:30 – 9:00 pm Jamestown Presbyterian Church

NC Pilgrimage #117 Team

Rector

Micki Fischer

Head Cha

Alesia Pendleton

Observing Rector

Hugh Black

Pastors

Head – Jennie Hemrick

Ray Mims

Sue Moore

Doug Brinkley

Speakers

Ideals – Mike Witt

Grace Given – Ray Mims

Laity – Doug Wentz

Grace Rec'd – Jennie Hemrick

Piety – Kelly Rodriguez

Study – Fred Werstlein

Sacraments – Sue Moore

Action – Brandi Johnson

Leaders – Vicky Horner

Obstacles – Doug Brinkley

Environment – Sam Bays

CCIA – Cindy Gray

Life in Grace – Jennie Hemrick

Total Security – Micki Fischer

Escort

Head – Susan Bays

Kaye Spaugh

Mike Coltrane

Rollo Room

Head – Melinda Thomas

Wilma Rogers

Betty Smith

Frankie Taylor

Kathy Burnette

Andrea Blakemore

Randy Dwelling

Jo Johnson

Reese Driscoll

Table Facilitators

Head – Susan Miller

Rick Purcell

Martha Higgins

Wayne Robertson

Ruth Pendleton

Susan Lulham

Kitchen

Head – Mike Pendleton

Jim Reid

Betty McCray

Jim Gonsiewski

Sam Gordon

Kathy Gordon

Andra Grundman

Carlie Desjardins

Pat Hall

Cam Tally

Steve Green

Bruce Jessup

Palanca

Head – Robin Gonsiewski

Vivian Rodriguez

Trudy Delling

Denise Wentz

Loretta Coltrane

Ron Eberhardt

Music

Head – Sam Bays

Steve Howell

Joe Walker

Mandy Burns

Krista Hannah

Frank Stewart

Kristi Dean

Devon O'Conner

Chapel

Head – Russ McNeal

Josie Haithcox

Donna Howell

Nancy Purcell

Tom Cooper

Chris Bagwell

Outside

Head – Scott Greene

Angie Hancock

Wayne McCray

Gidget Lawson

Tracey Collins

Tina Crew

Patrick Horner

Pacie Edwards

Mike Witt

Emma Blaylock

Steve Wall

Jimmy Dean

Fourth Day Coordinator

Jennie Maness

Photo/E-cha

Scott Greene

Special Cha

Gene Taylor

A Note From The Editor

Paying it Forward

Do you remember when you attended your Cursillo/Pilgrimage weekend as a guest? For some it was just a couple of months ago, and for others it was upwards of 25 years ago. There is one thing all of us have in common with our weekend experience and that is we were all sponsored by a friend or spouse or other family member who had already attended a similar weekend. Because of the experience that person had when they went as a guest, they wanted to make sure we had a chance to have the same grace-filled experience.

Since that first Cursillo weekend in the spring of 1990, there have been more than 3,000 people who have attended one of these special weekends. I remember vividly when my wife and I attended NCPMC #17 in March, 1996. We were sponsored by some very close friends. They picked us up in Greensboro and transported us to the middle of nowhere, better known as Camp Dixie, between Fayetteville and Elizabethtown. They fed us dinner on the way, came back for the serenade, got in touch with family and friends to get palanca letters, and were there for the closing ... after which they drove us back to Greensboro. When we returned home, they made sure we got into a reunion group. They were not serving on the team that weekend, but they made many sacrifices on our behalf – all in the name of Christian love.

In recent years, it appears that more focus has been on encouraging the team members to make sure the guest list is as full as it possibly can be for a weekend. While it is okay for team members to sponsor guests, I feel like the team has already given a lot of themselves by agreeing to serve, giving up three Saturdays in preparation for the weekend, getting the camp ready on Thursday for all the guests ... and the weekend hasn't even started yet. Wouldn't it be great if the rest of us helped out the team by shifting the focus of sponsoring guests back to the larger 4th Day community and letting the team focus on serving God and His guests that come for the Pilgrimage weekend? By doing that, we can all feel like we are "serving" with Pilgrimage on a weekend ... and there are seven of them throughout the year. Paying it forward really does make a difference.

Lenwood Collins
North Carolina Presbyterian Mixed Cursillo #17
Registrar, Piedmont Council

Piedmont Conference

Moderator	Rose Gaiser
Secretary	Pat Hall
Vice Moderator	Mary Jo Dryden
Pastor Representatives	Jim Rissmiller, Jennie Hemrick
Leadership Committee	Mike Pendleton, Bill Wardlaw, Jennie Maness
Registrar	Lenwood Collins
Palanca	Teresa McGraw
Serenade	Vicki Horner
Fourth Day	Micki Fischer
Reunion	Open
Operations	Jim Reid, Tom Callicut
Newsletter	Scott Greene
Outreach	Wayne Robertson
Music	Open
Documentation	Alesia Pendleton

What's Happening?

The Documentation Committee continues to prepare Head Cha manuals for each of the weekend service groups. Finished and in use at this time are prototype Rollo Room Head Cha and Chapel Head Cha manuals.

When was the last time that you verified your personal information on the NCPP website on-line directory? Telephone numbers, e-mail addresses, names, etc. do change and out-of-date information makes it difficult to get hold of you!

Here are links to the national newsletter.

http://www.ncpilgrimage.org/newsletters_etc/2014February.pdf &
http://www.ncpilgrimage.org/fourth_newsletter

Coming Events

NCPP #125	March 13-16, 2014	Camp Dixie	Carlton Mansfield
NCPP # 126	April 3-6, 2014	Camp Harrison	Jody Kerns
NCPP # 127	May 15-18, 2014	Camp Hanes	Hugh Black
NCPP #128	September 2014	Camp Harrison	Rocky Hoffner
NCPP # 129	October 9-12, 2014	Camp Hanes	Jeane Batten
NCPP # 130	November 2014	Camp Dixie	TBA

ULTREYA

***Bring a covered dish (salad, main dish, or desert) 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 celebrate the commissioning of the rector for weekend #126!
(That would be Hugh Black!)***

When?

Saturday, March 15, 2014

5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

WOW!

Where?

Jamestown Presbyterian Church

Map to Camp Hanes

YMCA Camp Hanes Road Map

Driving Direction to Camp Hanes

Take US 52 North out of Winston- Salem, North Carolina to the King/Tobaccoville Exit (Exit 123).

At the top of the ramp, turn right toward King.

Go 2.1 miles to Brown Road. Look for the green YMCA Camp Hanes sign. Turn left onto Brown Road and go 2.2 miles until it ends.

Turn right onto Chestnut Grove Road. Go 0.6 miles and turn left onto YMCA Camp Hanes Road. Once again, look for the green Camp Hanes sign.

Stay on YMCA Road for 3.6 miles.

Camp Hanes Road will be on your left just past the lighted Camp Hanes sign. Turn onto Camp Hanes Road and follow it into camp.

Welcome to YMCA Camp Hanes
1225 Camp Hanes Road
King, NC 27021
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