

NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage News

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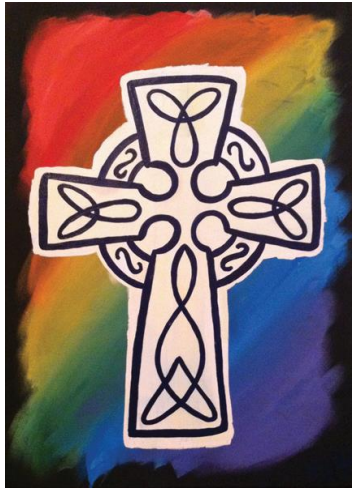
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A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

And from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. John 1:16 NRSV



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this letter, we are eleven days away from the weekend for NCPP #125. By the time you read this, it will be even closer. It is hard to imagine that the weekend is almost upon us. It has been amazing to see how God has worked over the past several months to bring us to this point, and I have no doubt that when the weekend is over, I will be amazed at the things He has done.

It has been a joy to watch this team come together. I felt, from the beginning, that I would have a small team, and I wondered if that would work. At the first team meeting, as we introduced ourselves, I was sure that this was the team that God intended and that each team member was where he or she needed to be. At each subsequent team meeting, as small changes were made, I was and now am sure that we are going into the weekend in just the manner and configuration that God requires. We have an awesome God, and I have an awesome team. I thank God for each of them every day.

For several years, as I have been involved with this Pilgrimage movement, I have thought, “If I am ever rector, my scripture will be _____”, with the blank being filled with different verses at different times, each being an important verse to me at that juncture of my life. However, when I was asked and accepted the role of rector, none of the verses I had thought of before seemed right to me for now. I thought about it and prayed about it, but nothing came to me.

On the second Sunday after Christmas, the lectionary readings included John 1:10-18. While Epiphany was not technically until the next day, I had an epiphany while sitting in the pew. I had already sat through the 8:30 service and was sitting in the 11:00 service when those verses were read. It was the second hearing for me that day, but as I read along with the pew Bible in hand, I heard then what I had not heard just a short while before: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:16) It was right in the middle of the reading, and it hit me like a ton of bricks. Wow!

After church, I came home and pulled out every Bible I have – RSV, NRSV, NIV, King James, NKJ, Good News, The Message, and the Geneva Bible – and read that verse over and over. (To be absolutely truthful, I have a Spanish Bible and a Greek Bible, but I didn't pull those out because I can't understand them.) It was clear to me that that one verse speaks volumes about the Pilgrimage weekend, and it is relevant to every juncture of all of our lives. I pray that we, as the Body of Christ, can cover the guests of the weekend with grace upon grace, just as God has blessed each and every one of us.

I hope that you will take some time to look at the logo for the weekend. Conceptually, I designed it to symbolize various aspects of our lives. The black background represents the world, often dark and bleak. The colorful section covering the "world" represents several things. It is the Body of Christ, full of diversity, many colors and many shades. The edges between the Body and the world are not well defined, but they blend. The colorful section, obviously, is also a rainbow, a well-entrenched symbol of the Pilgrimage-Cursillo movement, but also a symbol of God's promises to his people. At the center of all is the empty cross, the symbol of the risen Christ, reminding us that Christ should be at the center of our lives. To me, symmetry is the symbol of a well-ordered life. If you look at the logo, however, you will see that the outline of the cross is not even and symmetrical. This symbolizes Christ's presence with us even where our lives are not well-ordered, even with our imperfections. I was blessed that my 16-year-old daughter Emmaline painted this logo for me.

I hope that you will pray for our team and our guests. Please come to Send-off and Serenade and Clausura. And especially, please come to the Ultreya on March 29. Too often, the Ultreyas seem to be reunions for the most recent weekend. We are stronger and better off as a Fourth Day community if we all attend.

Ultreya et Suseia. Onward and Upward. God loves you, and so do I.

Carlton Mansfield,

Rector, NCPP #125

NCPP #125 GUEST LIST

Name	Town	Church	Sponsor
Robin Hill	Parkton, NC	Parkton Presbyterian	Rob & Linda Price
Bob Hill	Parkton, NC	Parkton Presbyterian	Rob & Linda Price
Marcie Williams	Hope Mills, NC	Fayetteville Community	Scott & Avery Cameron
Marie Landry	Fayetteville, NC	True Gospel Deliverance	Judy Philbrook
Sue Hicks	Hope Mills, NC	Arran Lake Baptist	Susan Nalls
Liz Williamson	Cary, NC	Apex United Methodist	Heath Williamson
Lynette Johnston	Cary, NC	St. Andrew the Apostle	Heath Williamson
Kaitlin Monroe	Cary, NC	Old Laurel Hill Pres.	Charles & Pam Monroe
Patricia Guarneri	Zebulon, NC	Amelia Christian	Nancy Adams
Kasey Caplan	Sanford, NC	Pocket Presbyterian	Bob Beachler
David Caplan	Sanford, NC	Pocket Presbyterian	Bob Beachler
Alyson Hodgkin	Fayetteville, NC	Highland Presbyterian	Pam Falter
Pam Sealey	Parkton, NC	Parkton Presbyterian	Rob & Linda Price
Brian Barber	Fayetteville, NC	Village Baptist	Tommy Williamson
Bob Currie, Jr.	Lumberton, NC	First Presbyterian	Larry Pittman
Brian Gaskell	Fayetteville, NC	Hay Street Methodist	Mary Horne
Carolyn Lowry	Apex, NC	Cornerstone Presbyterian	Gina Davison
Kiersti McCrea	Charleston, SC	Central Presbyterian	Candace McCrea
William Bissell	Florence, SC	New Spring	Jackie Bissell
Karen Menz	Hope Mills, NC	Manna Church	Scott Jayne
Paul Menz	Hope Mills, NC	Manna Church	Scott Jayne
Sharon (Shay) Collins	Garner, NC	Ernest Myatt Pres.	Sid Collins
Vaughn (Emery) Johnson	Cary, NC	Cary Presbyterian	Su Johnson
Gretchen Squires Best	Cary, NC	Cornerstone Presbyterian	Gina Davison
Kristi (Kris) Walden	Fayetteville, NC	Westminster Presbyterian	Rick McDuffie
Melissa Markham	Lumberton, NC		

AT A GLANCE : NCPP#125 SCHEDULE

Information for NCPP #125 - March 13-16, 2014

Send Off: Thursday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Serenade: Saturday, March 15 at 5:30 p.m. (Covered Dish at Gym)

NCPP#125 TEAM LIST

Rector – Carlton Mansfield

Observing Rector – Pam Monroe
 Head Cha (Asst. Rector) – John Brisson
 E-Cha – Ed Gibson

Pastors

Rick McDuffie (Head)
 Geron Gambill
 John Kerr

Music

Alicia Mansfield
 Les Noble
 Rodney Oxendine
 Larry Pittman

Escort

John Langham
 Marcia Plyler

Professors

Ideals – Walt Neal
 Laity – Mira Kenney
 Piety – Kelly Williamson
 Study – Jamie Britt
 Action – Lew Nance
 Leaders – Jason Link
 Environment – Su Johnson
 C. Community- Steve Taylor
 Silent – Jean Daniels
 Silent - Mary Home

Special Assignment

Guinn Nexsen

Outside

Debbie Shipp (Head)
 Beth Cleveland
 Sean Donnelly
 John Matlack
 Candy McCrea

Palanca

Alicia Page (Head)
 Deb Dicerson-Feilner
 Wanda Paylor

Rollo Room

Shari Link (Head)
 Jackie Bissell
 Lisa Buckner
 Sawn France
 Jennifer Matlack
 Jud Morton
 Kim Noble
 Jane Page

Kitchen

Tommy Williamson (Head)
 Sid Collins
 Gina Davison
 Leigh Ellyn Hall
 Ann Lewis
 Charles Monroe
 Alyson Nance
 Tim Page

Chapel

Barbara Carter (Head)
 Dan Gallagher
 Donna Walters

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Called to Leadership

Recently, my Sunday School class lesson was from James 2:14-26 with the focus on James 2:26 "As the body without spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead." As I wrestled with this wisdom, I had two main thoughts: 1) my actions and deeds should demonstrate my faith, so what is my faith? And 2) it is amazing how faithful the Pilgrimage movement is to this word.

In response to the first thought, I realized that I believe that God is with me, he will allow me to lead till I fail and let him lead, there is nothing God cannot lead me through, and God provides richly. What is there to fear with God on our side? One thing for sure, you can't outspend God because he provides plentifully.

For the second thought, we spend the first part of a weekend teaching that God is with us and waits for our "yes." Then, with our hearts and minds focused on God our actions will provide a balanced life, i.e. 3-legged stool. The later part of a weekend and all of our 4th day life is about leadership. We are called to lead our own lives, lead our families, lead our prayer groups, lead our circles of friends, lead our church, lead our community, and lead all of the world through our actions which demonstrate our faith. Just like Abraham in James 2:22 "...and his faith was made complete by what he did."

As the new Moderator for the Eastern Council, I encourage you to step up and serve in leadership roles. The world is in desperate need of God's love and God wants to use your hands, feet, and voice for delivery. Please help out on a weekend through fourth day activities of providing Palanca, setting up and taking down camp, attending the Serenade, Clausura and Ultreya, and most importantly, creating and maintaining reunion groups for new Pilgrims.

Please let me or anyone on council know how we can assist you in your leadership for Christ.

In faithful service,
Roger Worthington
919.333.7238

EASTERN COUNCIL

Moderator	Roger Worthington
Vice Moderator	Kim Lloyd
Secretary	Sara McDonald
Leaders	TBD
Registrar	Pam Falter
Fourth Day/Reunion Group	Steve & Mareva Taylor
Newsletter/Outreach	Jennifer Matlack
Palanca	Larry Pittman
Serenade	Mike & Valen Fowler
Operations	David Spangler
Pastor	John Langham
Ultreya	Jud Morton

SERENADE REMINDER:

Remember there is a serenade Saturday night at 5:30 pm. We will meet in the gym past the playground on the left from camp. Please come fellowship with us, bring a food item to share, and sing for the guests. **Please remember to wear your crosses and name tags.** We have been reminded by our rector that there may be some guests who know none of us and vice versa. Serenade is not the time for hugging, talking to, touching or showing special attention to individual guests. It is simply our gift to all of them!

CLAUSURA REMINDER:

DATE: Sunday, March 16th

TIME: 4PM

Come to Camp Dixie! Support the team!

Welcome the new Pilgrims to the Fourth Day!

N CPP MEMOS

Please sign-up for Prayer Banner! Instructions have CHANGED!

Those who have signed up to pray for upcoming weekends will no longer automatically be sent a list of team members and guests to use during your prayer time.

In order to receive a list you must login on the website (www.prayerbanner.org) and click on the **BLUE** box "Email me a list of current staff and participants" either at the top or bottom of the time slots. After doing so you should receive an email with a list of guests and team members.

The email you will receive will say "Below you will find the preliminary participant and staff lists for writing palanca. Please also consider writing a few extra for any last minute additions."

If you have any questions, please contact:

Teresa McGraw, Piedmont Leadership Council, Palanca @ tmcgraw2@triad.rr.com

THINKING ABOUT SPONSORING A GUEST?

The lifeblood of the Pilgrimage movement is new guests. For the movement to survive, we need each of you to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider guests to sponsor for each and every weekend. Everyone has questions about what's involved with a weekend but please tell your potential guests that the reason you do not want to share everything with him/her is so the special surprises will actually be a surprise! Please do tell them there will be talks by lay leaders and clergy, small and large group activities, as well as worship, singing, and sharing. If you can remember back to the Total Security in the 4th Day talk on your weekend, we're asked not to mention activities such as the Service for Wholeness and Healing, Prayer Banner, Serenade, etc. so they will remain a special surprise to the guests.

Your responsibilities to the guests you sponsor should include providing or arranging transportation to and from camp for the weekend as well as the Ultreya, arranging for (and delivering to camp) the special palanca from family and friends, and attending the Serenade. Please do not deliver your guest to camp on an empty stomach since the weekend begins after the dinner hour.

If after prayer your guest agrees to attend the weekend, a complete guest application should be mailed to the Registrar in the appropriate NCPP conference. The MOST

CURRENT Registrar is listed on the sponsor application to be found on the ncpilgrimage.org website. If you use an old form that's OK but please send it to the Registrar listed on the most current form. A guest is NOT considered to be registered without 1) a completed guest application, 2) a completed sponsor application, and 3) partial payment. While it is great to get the medical form with the application also, the medical form can be completed and turned in anytime before the weekend begins. The movement does not intend for the fees to keep anyone from attending a weekend; therefore, financial aid is available. However, since we all should be good stewards of the movement's funds, please do not freely offer this aid unless there truly is a need. Please ask your guest if they are able to pay at least a portion of their fees and discuss the situation with the Registrar or the Head Cha for the weekend if financial aid is required. If everyone is a good steward, the movement will not only survive but also thrive!

If God has been placing potential guests on your heart, just ask them and he will clear the path for both the guests and you. Remember it is OK and even preferable to ask your 4th day buddies to assist in the sponsor responsibilities. The future weekends and dates are listed on thencpilgrimage.org website along with other information you might need!

God loves sponsors and so do we!

Lenwood Collins, Pam Falter, Rocky and Cindi Hoffner
NCPD Registrars

Not Getting Your Newsletter?

If you know of someone who is not getting the NCPD newsletter via e-mail, you might ask them to check their **spam filter**. They may have set it to not accept e-mail for any number of reasons. There is nothing that can be done from the sending end to get past these filters. Thus our Pilgrims who have spam filters set to screen out junk or bulk mail are most likely not getting the newsletter. Please contact Jim Mason if you have continued difficulty in receiving newsletters or prayer/praise as result of the spam.

Pilgrims can always access the NCPD web site **ncpilgrimage.org** and go to the "Fourth Day Community" pull-down and select "Newsletters". Newsletters are listed there by weekend number and may be opened by clicking on the Rector's name.

While visiting web site please click on the link titled online directory and view your personal information and make sure ALL your important contact information is current.

UPCOMING WEEKENDS

NCPP	Dates	Place	Rector
<u>2014</u>			
NCPP # 124	February 20 – 23, 2014	Camp Hanes	Micki Fischer
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	Pam Monroe

ULTREYA

Ultreya (more commonly spelled *ultreia*) is a word derived from the ancient Galician language that is difficult to translate exactly. It comes from the Latin word *ultra*, which means “beyond” or “on the far side of”. *Ultreia* means something like “Walk further!”, “Walk higher!”, “Onward!” or “Walk on!”. It was used as a word of encouragement in medieval Spain between pilgrims on the road. One pilgrim would greet another with “ultreia” (“onward”) and the other would respond, “et suseia” (“and upward”). It was the medieval equivalent of that mantra of the 1970’s, “Keep on Trucking.” “*Ultreia*” can still be found scribbled as graffiti on the various pilgrimage routes in Spain today. “Onward and upward”: great words of encouragement for pilgrims on the road.

In our Pilgrimage movement, as you know, we use the word *Ultreya* to mean a gathering of the Fourth Day community. Most are held in relation to a particular Pilgrimage weekend. As a community, I want to encourage us to be more active in attending *Ultreyas* as a way of strengthening the Fourth Day. We should make an effort to attend every *Ultreya*, regardless of whether we served on team or sponsored a guest for the preceding weekend. God intends that we should live in fellowship, and what better way than by spending an evening of food, song, worship and communion?

Ultreia et Suseia! Onward and Upward! Keep on Trucking! Hope to see you at the next *Ultreya*. Our next rector Pam Monroe will also be commissioned at this *Ultreya*.

When? ***Saturday, March 29***
 5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where? ***First Presbyterian Church***
 1003 N. Chestnut Street
 Lumberton, NC 28358

Questions? Call Jud Morton at (910) 624-4519

CAMP DIXIE MAP

FROM POINTS NORTH:

I-95 S to Hwy 87 S (Exit 46)
 Take Hwy 87 S towards Elizabethtown for 14-15 miles
 Go approximately 1 mile past the Dupont Plant Entrance
 Turn right onto Bladen Union Church Road (the next paved right)
 Camp Dixie will be on your left

FROM POINTS SOUTH:

I-95 N to Hwy 20 E (St. Pauls Exit)
 Continue through St. Pauls, past the landfill and Rocco Farms Plant
 Cross a little bridge at Gallberry Swamp and then cross the county line
 Take the next left onto Pages Lake Road
 Continue for approximately 2 miles
 Camp Dixie will be on the right

