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## From Ed's desk

Dear Friends,

Sometimes we go for weeks, even months at a time without facing the death of a church member. But then we have a week like we've just had, as we've grieved the loss of two folks who have been central to our life together.

I'm writing this note on the evening following the service for Lisa Ham, where more than 1000 people came to worship, to support the Ham and Permar families, to grieve together. It was a fitting service for a child of this church who served whenever asked, and who offered her best self to the glory of God.

Lisa provided a wonderful example of how we are to invest our time, talent and resources to further the work of the church. Her absence will be felt in so many areas, and we will honor her memory as we look for ways to offer our own best selves to further the mission of the church she loved.

And almost before we can catch our breath, we begin planning a service for Betty Jordan, who died early Sunday morning. I

first met Betty when I came to be examined for admittance into New Hope Presbytery, as she was on the examinations committee. Soon after my arrival to FPC, it became obvious why she was on that committee, for I came to know her as a wise and very capable student (and teacher) of the Bible. She was instrumental in helping us establish the Disciple Bible Study program, reflecting her commitment that our faith is deepened as we commit ourselves to disciplined, faithful study of God's word.

Betty and Paul have provided quiet, faithful leadership here for so many years, in so many areas of ministry. So many Bible students have learned so much from her, so many faith journeys have been enriched.

Two women who helped shape the character of this church, by offering their gifts to God. An example for the rest of us, don't you think?

Grace and peace,  
Ed

## For Presbyterian Men . . . and women!

Her name is Monyia...pronounced "MohnYAY." When she was in JobStart, I called her the "Grand Maunier!" She has a bubbly personality, and is now living independently and supporting herself. Was our JobStart class any help to her? What did it mean to have a mentor (many of whom are First Pres members)? And just how tough is it for an ex-offender to get a job, rent an apartment, and make the giant readjustment back into society as a contributing member?

In addition to Monyia, Kenneth Royster, Superintendent of Raleigh Correctional Center for Women, will also join us. It's a unique opportunity to learn if our ministry has had positive effects, and what is most needed now.

Come Monday, March 8, to the Presbyterian Men dinner (**women guests are especially invited for this special program**). Dinner is \$6 and is served at 6. The program concludes about 7:15. Your questions will be answered about this ministry in which we have been significantly invested.

Please make a reservation so our volunteer chefs can prepare plenty of food by calling the church office, 821-5750, to reserve a place.

- Bob Inskeep, Board Member, Presbyterian Prison Ministry

## Order an Easter lily



The Sanctuary Sub-committee of the Worship, Music and Communion Committee plans to decorate the Sanctuary and various places around the church with Easter lilies on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to participate, please fill out one of the forms in the rack across from the Vanguard Class or from your Church School Class or circle. Forms must be completed and turned in to the church office by March 21. The cost of each lily is \$12.

## Mission Yearbooks are in the library

*The 2010 Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study*, a daily devotional book for missions, is in your church library. Each page features a mission topic, a brief description of the mission, a prayer and the daily lectionary readings.

We also have the children's edition, which is an excellent personal devotional guide for those in grades 3-6 to help them learn more about the Presbyterian Church. Every Church School teacher and every child should have a copy. Check it out!

## Kudos for our pastor

The Sprunt Lectures at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond began in 1911, and have featured world-renowned scholars. On the second day, (Tuesday, May 4) the ministers and others in attendance gather down the street at Ginter Park Presbyterian for worship. The minister selected to preach before that austere group this year is none other than Dr. Ed McLeod (class of '85).

Ed was also recently named the alumni representative on the board of trustees.

## WIHN families come March 14-21

FPC supports the Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network by providing assistance to homeless families who need services until they are able to support themselves. FPC hosts families four weeks during the year, providing food, shelter and support while they transition to self-sufficiency.

Church School classes and members help set up living spaces, provide and serve supper, fellowship with the families and transport them to and from the WIHN center on Method Road.

We need volunteers, especially for overnight hosts and van drivers. Light blue information brochures are in the literature rack by the church library. Sign up through your Church School class; call Don Becom, 880-8494; or call the church office, 821-5750. If you call after hours, just leave a message for the WIHN committee.

"I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me—you did it to me." *Matthew 25:40, The Message*

## PW March Circle meetings

Monday, March 1

#10 6:15 p.m. 709 Nellane Dr, Garner/Scottie and Tom Hogg

Monday, March 8

- #1 10:00 a.m. FPC/Penick Room/Carol Allen, Toccoa Mayhew, Mary Ray
- #2 10:30 a.m. 528 Marlowe Rd/Dot Hoover
- #3 10:30 a.m. 2016 Englewood Dr, Apex/Pamela Keene
- #4 10:45 a.m. Memorial Hall/Bobbie Holder
- #5 5:30 p.m. Memorial Hall/Mary Jo Littlewood, Betsy Shiels
- #6 6:00 p.m. Glenaire/Private Dining Room

Tuesday, March 9

- #7 10:30 a.m. 6108 Tipping Cir/Katherine Wilson
- #8 6:30 p.m. 2602 Cooleemee Dr/Bradley Kraemer, Frances McClain, Priscilla McRee

Sunday, March 14

- #9 5:30 p.m. FPC/Penick Room/Hope Carmichael, Ruth Jacobs, Mary Martin, Krissy Wainwright

## Lectionary

March 7:

- Isaiah 55:1-9
- Psalms 63:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9

March 14:

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalms 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

## Pastor on Call

March 6-7:

Bob Inskeep, 218-5414

March 13-14:

Ed McLeod, 782-7119

## This week's opportunities

<b>Sunday (3/7)</b>	All Church Retreat 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Inskeep 9:45 a.m. Church School; Confirmation 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Inskeep 5:30 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study	<b>Wednesday (3/10)</b> 6:30 a.m. Early Birds/Bob Inskeep Noon Service/Virginia Ward 12:30 p.m. Lunch 5:30 p.m. Youth & Young Adult Committee 6:00 p.m. HS Bible Study/outside 7:00 p.m. Committees meet 7:45 p.m. Handbells	<b>Saturday (3/13)</b> 9:00 a.m. MS/HS basketball tournament
<b>Monday (3/8)</b>	Circles meet 6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Men	<b>Thursday (3/11)</b> 9:30 a.m. Adult bridge 6:00 p.m. MS/HS basketball tournament 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>Sunday (3/14)</b> Wake Interfaith Week 2:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/McLeod 9:45 a.m. Church School; Confirmation; Inquirers 11:00 a.m. Worship/McLeod Noon All church Variety Show and lunch/FPC Youth 5:00 p.m. Chapel Choir; Pathfinders 5:30 p.m. Disciple II Bible Study; Pathfinders supper 6:00 p.m. Youth supper 6:30 p.m. Youth meeting 6:45 p.m. Children's Choir
<b>Tuesday (3/9)</b>	Circles meet 10:00 a.m. Children's Ministry Committee 10:30 a.m. Squires 5:15 p.m. HS Youth/Men's shelter 6:00 p.m. Adult basketball 7:00 p.m. Christian Believer Bible Study	<b>Friday (3/12)</b> 6:00 p.m. MS/HS basketball tournament	

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### Church Leadership

Judy Rogers, Clerk of Session  
Kathy Sommerfeld, Moderator, Board of Deacons

## The Church Register

### Deaths

Elisabeth Hayes Permar Ham,  
February 24. Lisa's FPC family includes husband, Bruce; daughters, Bailey, Lucy Powell, and Annie; parents, David and Ann Permar; sister, Sallie, and brother, Hayes.  
Elizabeth Wardlaw Jordan,  
February 28. Betty's husband is FPC member, Paul.

### Inactive Roll (February 24)

Dianna Jessup Downey, at her request.

## The Bulletin Board

### Congratulations to . . .

Julia Elizabeth Thomas, who received a BS in Nursing from UNC/CH and passed state boards to become a Registered Nurse.

Wanda Stein and her grandson, Joshua Brown. Joshua, who lives in Connecticut, has received a National Merit Scholarship (full, 4-year) to UNC/CH.

## Two Adult Fellowship trips are planned

The first trip is on Friday, March 19, to Chapel Hill. We'll eat at Top of the Hill Restaurant and then shop at Southern Seasons. Cost of this trip is \$5/person for the van plus the cost of your lunch. We will leave the church promptly at 10:30 a.m.

This is the first announcement of another trip we'll be making May 25-27, to Lancaster, PA, and the Amish Country. We'll be taking a Holiday Tour Bus, and the trip will include two nights' lodging at a Holiday Inn Express. Your cost also will include a home-cooked meal in an

Amish home, one dinner theater, a train ride with lunch in the dining car, a two-hour tour of the Amish Country, and a ticket to the new play, *Joseph*.

Cost of the trip per person is \$599/single occupancy and \$499/double occupancy. A deposit of \$100 is due now. Make checks to FPC and mail to Emily Catching, 101 Lakeway Ct., Cary, NC, 27511. The balance will be due by May 1.

Call the church, 821-5750, to make your reservation. If you have questions about either trip, please call Emalyne Catching, 460-2898, or Glenn Rose, 772-2667.

## Gifts of stock

If you gifted stock to the church in January, and have not heard from Bonnie Hoots about it, please call her, 821-5750, x 105. We have proceeds that cannot be identified.