



THE SHARON DISCIPLE

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Chapel Renovation Fund Moving On

At the recent Congregation Meeting our church membership approved the necessary renovation and repair to the old Chapel. The outside brick work, the ceiling and walls and carpeting inside all are in dire need of repair and updates.



The whole electrical system has to be replaced for safety and contemporary use. In addition we have approved a rearrangement of the interior seating with some of the pews being retained for worship, as we look forward to less formal Worship Services for the younger members and others. But weddings,

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Changes in Staff

1. Part Time Associate: We are happy to tell you that The Rev. Brant C. Piper, an accomplished minister in Charlotte Presbytery, has agreed to be part of our Staff to replace Ron Nelson, as Ron takes his summer vacation, study leave and sabbatical. Mr. Piper has served a variety of Congregations in our area. He comes from Miami, FL, is a graduate from Duke, Eden Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond.

Brant will be with us in a part time capacity for June, July and August. His primary work will be in pastoral care and assistance, but he will be a participant in Sunday Services and he will be available to meet with various Church officers to help plan and shape their work for the coming Fall. Brant is an experienced Christian Counselor



Rev. Brant Piper

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In Memoriam

George Howie Ashley
May 28, 2009

Donald Tasker Smith
June 5, 2009

Kathryn Baker Lattimore
June 10, 2009

We express our sympathy to George's wife, Lula, their family and friends; to Don's wife, Virginia, their family and friends; to Kitty's family and friends.



We express our sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to Jeanette Trecek in the death of her mother, Dorothy Slate, on April 27, 2009; to Freida Caldwell in the death of her brother, Leroy Wilson, on May 23, 2009, and the death of her sister, Betty Aubrey, on June 7, 2009; to Scarlett Owens in the death of her father, Charles Hicks, on May 26, 2009; to Sallie Alexander in the death of her father, Eugene Averitte, on May 28, 2009; to Ray Shrum, Christine Smith and Thelma Porter in the death of their nephew, Jeffrey Williams, on May 30, 2009; to Mark Hutton in the death of his father, Charles Mark Hutton, on June 9, 2009.

We remember in our prayers

Those discharged from the hospitals: Margaret Thomas, Dewey Adams; *those at home:* Don Presson; all of our homebound members and their families; Frank and Nancy Dimmock, our missionaries in Africa; those in our church and beyond who have lost jobs and are seeking new opportunities; Andrew Clark, nephew of Pat and Jim White, serving in the military overseas.

We congratulate the newlyweds

Congratulations to Chris McGraw and Lindsey Haviland, who were married in the Sanctuary on May 30, 2009, by Rev. Ron Nelson.

Attendance Statistics

May 17, 2009

9:00 a.m. Worship	114
11:00 a.m. Worship	271
Church School	215
Visitors	35

May 24

10:00 a.m. Worship	293
Church School	122
Visitors	23

May 31

10:00 a.m. Worship	336
Church School	134
Visitors	22

June 7

10:00 a.m. Worship	333
Church School	107

June 14

10:00 a.m. Worship	252
Church School	109
Visitors	12

We welcome the newborn babies

Welcome to Andrew Harold Dries and Killian Cooke Dries, twin son and daughter of Andrew and Taylor Dries, born on May 26, 2009.



Thank you

On behalf of Ann's family I would like to express our sincere appreciation for all the encouraging prayers, calls, visits, letters, notes and cards that Ann received during her fight with cancer. Ann treasured every thought and action from the very special and caring congregation of Sharon. I personally wish to thank every one for all the cards and notes of condolence and sympathy from her many friends that we received after Ann passed. It is wonderful to know that she was as treasured a member of Sharon as she treasured Sharon as her place of worship of her Lord and Savior. Sharon Presbyterian Church is a true and faithful reflection of what God calls us to be as part of the Church Universal. I feel most fortunate to be a member of such a wonderful and caring body of Christians.

Yours in Christ
Rock Boyle

**Hunger does not take
a vacation during the
summer**



Because of increased numbers at the Uptown Men's Shelter, we continue to need more food than in previous years for the Sharon meal at the shelters the last Saturday of each month. Please respond to the form in the Sunday bulletin prior to our serving date. Many, many thanks. For more information, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.



Please remember to bring non-perishable food items with you to worship on the second Sunday of the month. The food is taken to Loaves and Fishes Ministry to help feed the hungry of Charlotte. Many of the children out of school for the summer would have very little to eat without the help their family receives from Loaves and Fishes.

Can you help in the church office?

Volunteers are needed for the church office to help with answering the phone, greeting visitors, and handling routine tasks for the church. Morning and afternoon shifts are available, as well as the opportunity to serve as a substitute for someone else. If you would enjoy helping in this way, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.



Gifts to Sharon Presbyterian Church

In honor of:

Dr. Richard Cromie, by Rock Boyle and family
Harriet Smith, by Dorothy Deck

In memory of:

Kitty Lattimore, by William and Isabelle Stanford

Don Smith, by William and Isabelle Stanford, Kaye DuMond, Joseph and Rebecca Lentz, Margaret Bishop, James Quinn, Marvin Veto, Patrick Kelley, Parker Puttinbaugh, Bill Cummings, Peggy Crowder

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Marguerite Allee, Mary Keith, Jeannie Satterfield and Billie Delaney, William and Isabelle Stanford, Betty Moore, Circle 4, Mary Snellings, Eloise Rushforth, Randy and Jenny Pusser, Scotty McElhaney, Linda and Tom Skinner, Dorothy Deck

Ann Boyle, by Dwight and Linda Wagoner, Eloise Rushforth, David and Miriam Wilson, GlaxoSmithKline, Robert and Courtney Ward, Randy and Jenny Pusser, Linda and Tom Skinner

Alice Hanna, Patsy Ernest, Bill Deck, Dianne Deck, by Dorothy Deck

Brennie Alexander, by Dottie Bamburg, Christian Fellowship SS Class, Richard and Peggy Graham, Mary Ruth Gibson, Jean Carter, Jeannie Satterfield and Billie Delaney, Norma Mallory

L. B. Wilson, by Richard and Peggy Graham, Dottie Bamburg, Jeannie Satterfield and Billie Delanie, Christian Fellowship SS Class, Norma Mallory

Betty Aubrey, by Jeannie Satterfield, Richard and Peggy Graham, Christian Fellowship SS Class

Eugene Averitte, by Randy and Jenny Pusser, Scotty McElhaney

Experiencing the love and compassion of Jesus Christ

by Rev. Brant Piper, *Temporary Part-Time Associate Pastor*

I am the church, you are the Church, we are the church together...

We call the church “Our Family,” and this analogy speaks of one of our deepest longings as members within the church, to be truly known and accepted by others. Because we are followers of Jesus Christ, we want to work together to create a place in which all people experience the love and compassion of Jesus Christ. We want to create that new community wherein people encounter such trust and concern that they dare to reveal their true selves.

Creating that kind of community is an impossible task were it not for the Spirit of Christ that has been set loose in the church. Through that Spirit we are brought into communion with Christ, the one who transforms us and makes us whole.

This summer I will be working mainly with the Congregational Nurturing Team in helping it respond more effectively to the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the people of this congregation. I have already made it clear to the members of this team that I want to help them with their skills for being present with others when they do their visits. I would offer the same invitation to anyone who might be interested in exploring their sense of call to serve the church in this way and who wants some guidance in sharpening their caring skills.

I also will be teaching a Sunday morning class on Active Listening on June 28 and July 12. The place for this class has yet to be set. In this class we will explore how to listen to someone, and just as

importantly, how to communicate it back so that the other knows that you are really listening. This class will be open to anyone who wants to participate.

On Sunday, July 12, the Visitation Team will be meeting from 4-5:30 for training and to provide mutual support for one another. Please RSVP to Brant at brant@sharonpcusa.org. This will be followed up by another

meeting on Sunday, August 9, for more training and team building. If you are on the Visitation Team you will want to participate in both of these events as we promise to you that they will empower you to be more effective in communicating the love of God in Christ to each one you visit.

I will be available at Sharon Church on Sundays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays.

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baptisms and of course smaller funeral and memorial services will once again be conducted there. We have also included sound and video possibilities in worship, as well as a new organ and other chancel improvements.

At this point Sharon Church is in need of the funds to complete these necessary changes. We do not envision a massive capital funds drive, but we are encouraging those of you who have historical interest and attachment to the old Church, and/or in the revisions which will make the whole space more useful in the future, to consider prayerfully a gift to the work.

We all are aware that things financially are uncertain for many, but this work has been postponed for a couple of years as the Session found a way to compromise the varied interests of the membership, and it is past time that we have to move ahead. Members of the Vision Ministry with Dr. Cromie as staff liaison would be pleased to talk with you.

Thanks and God bless you.



Congratulations Communicants

Nine rising third graders were introduced to the meaning and significance of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 7, at an educational event. The following children participated in the event: Virginia Addis, Darby Buchanan, Laney Clodfelter, Lucy Koeniger, Caroline McGinn, Alexander Nelli, Todd Rose, Christina Stanifer, and Adam Tibbals.

The Communicants rotated through four learning centers (Remembering, Forgiveness, Community, and Thanksgiving) to explore "the significance of the invitation to the Table and the meaning of their response" to the invitation to receive the Lord's Supper. Communicants also visited the Sacristy for a hands-on experience of the elements, the implements, and the people involved in the preparation for Communion.

Each child met with a team of three Elders to discuss the insights and understandings gained during their visits to the learning centers and the Sacristy. The Session approved the Communicants to receive Communion and set the date of August 2, 2009, for recognition and first Communion for these Communicants.

Special thanks are due Tom Skinner, Delbra Davis, Gene Manning, Lisa Moore, and Lee Shrum for making this educational event a meaningful experience for this class of Communicants.

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and serves part time with the Samaritan Counseling Center.

Please welcome Brant to Sharon and make him feel at home. His wife Leslie is an Associate minister at the First Presbyterian Church of Concord. They have two children: Emily and Cam.

2. Director of Christian

Education: With the departure of Rev. Michael Koch, who became the pastor at Pleasant Grove Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, the Administration Ministry decided to rethink the need and roles of three ordained ministers at Sharon. The



Summer Sunday School offered for children and youth

Children's Sunday School will continue to meet this summer in Room 5 of the Education Building for Bible stories, prayer and games. Middle and high school youth will meet in Room 2 of the Education Building. Children's Summer Sunday School will continue until Rally Day on August 23. If you would like to volunteer to help with children's Sunday School, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. For questions, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

Session agreed to petition the Presbytery that we not have a third ordained minister at Sharon. For the time being, at least until a new pastor is called, the Church Session voted that the work in Christian Education could be accomplished with a part time DCE who will oversee and assist the Christian Education Ministry in its work.

The CE Ministry, assisted by Administration, is seeking a part time person to help with the actual work this summer and also to assist with planning for the Autumn. If you have suggestions or comments, please send them along to these committees or to Dr. Cromie in the office. It is a time of change as we seek a new Senior minister. But all the signs point forward. God bless you.

3. **Secretarial Assistance:** with the departure of our Receptionist a few months ago, the office work has increased for our Administrative Assistant Jane Crutchfield. Much of the routine has been turned over to volunteers who have done an outstanding job keeping the ship afloat. We thank them all.

However, the Church Session has directed that we hire a part-time secretary and assistant, with a new job description, to make sure there is consistency in the workings of our Church Office. We have already listed the position in the appropriate places. The candidates are plentiful. Once Administration works out details of job descriptions, we will move on to offer the position.

Please pray for the work of Administration Ministry, and contact them with your ideas and comments. Thank you.



July Birthdays

- 1 Nancy Gifford, Susan Snippen, Bea Stroupe
- 2 Tom Kirkpatrick, Erin Sattizahn
- 3 Jim Harrill, Beth Setser, Sherrill Suiter, Lauren Wall
- 4 Rock Boyle, Nadine Ellsworth-Moran, Heather Morgan, Angie Packer
- 5 Becky Edwards, Chloe Mann
- 6 Amanda Ash, Kyle Dilsworth, Bob Harris, Leigh Hawkins, Donnie Hinson, Edward Smith
- 7 McKenna Gifford, Laney McBride
- 8 Charles Lockwood, Hatley McArthur, Beverly Pierce, Jeannie Satterfield, Sue Thrower
- 9 Cameron Collins, Claire Crocker, David Wilson
- 10 Ray Cannon, Andrew Kromer
- 11 Martha Jane Thomas
- 12 Chase Brockman, Doug Crocker, Rachael Knepp
- 13 Peggy Brenneis, Margaret Foard, Charles Murray
- 15 Flo Ladd, Bob Utsman
- 16 Jackson Clark, Will Mann, Mike Wilson
- 17 Penny Harpootlian, Erin McManus, Max Perry, Scott Sattizahn, Margaret Stanford
- 18 Larry Auten, Sarah Hirschy, Dannah Stephens
- 19 Dot Deck, Thelma Porter
- 21 Lawson McArthur
- 22 Nancy Corley, Brian Dillard, David Hollifield, Reta LeFeber, Anita Shaw, Paige West
- 23 Rebecca Foard, Carol Howie
- 24 Randy Pusser, Bob Stultz

- 25 Henry Halvorsen, Carolyn Hutton, Kathy Micheau
- 26 Meghan Burk, Carol Furr, Susan Milkey
- 27 Bob Cottom, Sarah Moffat
- 28 Kristin McNeill, Rebecka Nelli
- 29 Lillian Cochell, Lee Kromer, Harrison Smith
- 30 Kelly Frankman, Brian Parker, Don Raper, Audrey Young
- 31 Lindsay Appleton, Courtney Evans, Pam Hawes, Doris Johnson, John Mallard

July Anniversaries

- 6 Ralph and Sylvia Moore
- 7 Leon and Sara Jamison
- 8 Dan and Cathy Hines
Skip and Janat Schramm
- 9 William and Isabelle Stanford
- 15 Marc and Marianne Baur
Stephen and Kristen Esposito
- 16 Ron and Carolyn Ledford
- 17 Charles and Mary Jo Alley
- 19 Tom and Martha Fedell
- 20 Joel and Nancy McIntyre
- 21 U.S. and Marguerite Allee
- 24 David and Nancy Halvorsen
- 25 Merwyn and Bev Johnson
- 26 Trevor and Ashley Crocker
- 31 Joe and Chris Price

Finance Office hours

The Finance Office is open on Wednesday mornings. If you have any questions for Scottie Trapp, she can be reached then at 704-553-0869, or by email anytime, scottie@sharonpcusa.org.

Congratulations to the Class of 2009!

Sharon Church's high school seniors were honored at the worship service on June 7. Colton Ash, Abby Harrill, Anna Jolly, Timothy Nowaczewski, Jonathan Parker, Ellis Pickens, Katheryn Ross, Scott Sattizahn, Jason Setser and Joseph Shealy enjoyed a lovely breakfast and were presented with Bibles. Graduates unable to be present were Anne Marie Altschul and Darcy Wade. Our prayers and best wishes go with our graduates as they complete high school and prepare to attend college.



Be a Vacation Bible School COOKIE VOLUNTEER!

We will need lots of cookies for the children to enjoy at snack time during Vacation Bible School this summer, June 22 – 26. It takes about 25 dozen cookies every day to feed our special agents! Sugar and chocolate chip cookies seem to be the children's favorites – and please, **no peanut butter**. Please deliver the cookies to the kitchen and mark them "VBS." For questions, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869.

'Thank you' to our SPY High School Leaders

by Brittany Stanford



This past year has been a struggle for our youth group and God has without a doubt been testing our faith. Starting with the loss of Rashale, we were forced to turn to each other. Shortly after that, our mission trip to Belize was cancelled and we lost our youth pastor and friend, Mike Koch, to another church. When we all were hurt and confused, you forced us to turn to God for help. On behalf of the High School SPY group, I would like to thank each and every one of you – Todd Pickens, Josh Auten, Katie Lee, Courtney Evans, David Barker, Randy Butler, Tim Brown, Dee Smart, and Megan Talley – for every Sunday morning lesson, every Sunday night dinner and games, every late night phone call when we've had a bad day, every Christmas party, mission trip, lunch after Church and sleepover. God has put each and every one of you in our lives for a reason and we are truly blessed to have you to turn to. God's light shines through you and it is obvious in

the way our youth group has learned to live and love in God's name. From the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for all the time and effort you put into our lives.

We love you!

Remember in prayer those going on the Mission Trip

The participants and advisors of the Sharon Presbyterian Youth seek your prayers as they prepare for their mission trip to Bridgeton, New Jersey, on July 10 – 19. The youth and leaders will be making repairs to the homes of Bridgeton residents who are not able physically to do the repairs or who cannot afford them.

"The Shack" now available

Have you been waiting to read the new book, "The Shack"? The library committee has purchased a hardback copy as well as a set of CDs for the book, and they are available for checkout from the Adult Library located in the Chapel Annex.

SPY Skiers – mark your calendars!

The 2010 SPY Ski Trip is scheduled for January 29 – 31. More information will follow at the Youth Kick-Off to be held on August 30.

The Mission of Sharon

Presbyterian Church is to celebrate God's love and His gift of salvation through Jesus Christ and to proclaim these truths to each other and the world through the worship of God, the teaching and nurture of our congregation, and the outreach of our church to the community and to the world.



Summer Choir beginning

The choir invites you to join them during the summer in our Summer Choir. Membership in the church is not required...just a love and devotion to singing. Starting Sunday, June 21, and going through the month of July, all you have to do is come to a short rehearsal at 9:30 before worship and we will sing through an easy anthem for that worship service. After the choir sings in worship, the choir will move down to sit in the congregation. The choir will welcome you with open arms – just show up or talk to David Mayo if God is guiding you to help and lead in this way, david@sharonpcusa.org, 704-553-0869.

Join us on our next Annual Western North Carolina Mission Trip

Our church is scheduled to work with the “Step by Step Ministries” in Clyde, North Carolina, during our Fall Mission Trip to Western North Carolina. Their mission is to assist low income, elderly and disabled people with home repairs. In the past we have painted, built two decks, installed insulation, prepared sheetrock for priming, etc. Any level of skill is helpful! We will leave Thursday afternoon, September 10, and return early Sunday afternoon, September 13. An organizational meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 6 of the CLAB. For more information, please contact the church office, 704-553-0869. The Ministry of World Service invites you to participate!



Last year's crew replaced crumbling front steps for a family



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Scottie Trapp, *Fin. Secretary*

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