



Presbytery of New Harmony

Nurturing Churches and People



THIS WEEK IN NEW HARMONY

April 16, 2008

(If a headline is a link, please click it for more information)

Camp Pee Dee gearing up for summer

Looking for a place to hold a session retreat, adult or youth outing? This could be it. Cabins 9-12 have been completely remodeled, with cabin 10 being handicapped accessible. The kitchen in this pod is brand new and handicapped accessible. The pod will accommodate 40 people.

The second "Fixin' Up Camp Pee Dee Day" was Saturday, April 5. Nearly 30 people, including some Methodist showed up on this rainy day.



The new Equestrian Center Office is open and in use. Allison Summey, Equestrian Director, is getting additional publicity for her good work in therapeutic equine in the Marlboro Herald Advocate. A six acre field will be fertilized and planted by April 18, enabling hay to be grown for the equestrian program.

Camp Pee Dee will soon be ELECTRONIC by utilizing on-line registration and Pay Pal for online payments. Camper registrations are coming in. Staff is being hired. Visit www.camppeedee.org for information on summer camps, positions available and camper registration information.

"Come See Columbia Day" at Columbia Theological Seminary

On April 17, Columbia Theological Seminary hosted "Come See Columbia Day." Grant recipients, chosen by the seminary faculty, met with those in attendance from the two sponsoring synods, South Atlantic and Living Waters. At the Wednesday evening dinner, the recipients told "wonderful stories" of what the money had meant to them and their families.

Four to five grants are awarded to Master of Divinity students by the Presbyterian Women of the two synods each year. One grant is awarded to a Doctor of Ministry student to assist with further study. These grants may be used for any needs of the students.

During the Thursday morning worship, conducted by the grant recipients, new officers for the Columbia Friendship Circle were installed. Elizabeth J. (B. J.) Kerr, from the Bishopville Presbyterian Church, was installed as secretary/historian. Columbia Friendship Circle officers rotate each year until a person has served in each office.

Calendar April 16, 2008 April

- 16, Cheraw area Min./Ed. lunch, El Sheriff's, 12 pm.
- 17, P.A.D.D. Board, Presbytery office, 1 pm.
- 19, General Assembly Commissioner Training, Southeastern Freight , Columbia, 10:30 am.
- 19, Presbyterian Women Annual Gathering, Fraser Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sumter, 9:30 am.
- 21, Finance Committee, Presbytery office, 10 am.
- 21, Mission Division, Presbytery office, 4:30 pm.
- 22, Administrative Council, Presbytery office, 5 pm.
- 23, Local area Min./Ed. lunch, Red Bone Alley, 12 pm.
- 29, Education & Nurture Division, Presbytery office, 4:30 pm.

Prayer Concerns (as requested)

- Sandy Eaton, educator, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Surfside, in the death of her father, Robert Kees.
- The family of Elder Neil Duncan McLaurin, and the Carolina Presbyterian Church, in his recent death.
- The Rev. Cody Watson, Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, and his colleagues, currently traveling to India.

If you have a prayer request, please email it to netanyia@newharmonypres.org.

After a luncheon, C.F.C. members enjoyed touring the campus and the newly established historical library, once housed in Montreat. [information provided by B. J. Kerr]

Rural Life Sunday, April 27

Presbyterians are being encouraged to celebrate Rural Life Sunday, April 27. This annual observance will pay tribute to rural churches, farmers, and ranchers. Churches are encouraged to learn about the issues facing rural communities and congregations. Churches large and small are encouraged to learn about one another and strive to be mutually supportive. [see the [complete article](#) by Evan Silverstein, PNS]

"It's Neat to be in Montreat"

Church Professional, have you ever wondered why youth love Montreat. Here is your chance to find out.

On June 1-6 and July 13-19, church professionals are invited to come experience Montreat during a youth conference. Leaders will have the opportunity to see a youth conference in action, hike, swim, play tennis, golf nearby, or visit nearby attractions. Participants will be housed in the relaxing Assembly Inn and their first morning breakfast is included. The rate for these visits is \$55.00 per night. Contact Helen, (800)572-2257, Ext. 314 or helens@montreat.org.

Montreat is still accepting reservations for many of the summer conferences. Take this opportunity to experience a Montreat Conference. Visit www.montreat.org for details.

Board of Pensions creates member advocate post

In order to assist member with navigation through the complexities of third party providers, such as health care, the Board of Pensions has established the post of Member Advocate. Ms. Annette Donald, who has been with the Board of Pension many years, will fill the post. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

Form of Government Task Force update

The Form of Government (FOG) Task Force in its monthly update stated that they are responding to invitations to visit and interpret their report.

A hard copy of the report has been mailed to each congregation. It is also available at www.pcusa.org/formofgovernment. Recently it was made available on PC-biz, the updated electronic system for commissioners, advisory delegates, and others to access GA business before, during, and after the General Assembly. It may be accessed at www.pc-biz.org. Those attending the General Assembly are invited to attend the FOG presentations on June 20, 7:30-9:00 pm and June 22, 3:30-5:00 pm.

Pastoral Letter & Study Guide for "The Church and Homosexuality"

Cliff Kirkpatrick, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, following a directive from the 217th General Assembly, has written a letter to PC (USA) congregations to accompany a study guide on policy statements and recommendations from the 1978 report, "The Church and Homosexuality." The letter from Cliff Kirkpatrick may be found at [pastoral letter](#). The study guide was written by the Office of Theology and Worship and is posted at www.pcusa.org/theologyandworship.

New Harmony Churches

(praying for two each week)

Latta Presbyterian Church

First Presbyterian Church, Loris

Mission Yearbook

(next six days of prayer from the Mission Yearbook)

+ Taiwan/Fiji

+ Vanuatu

+ Australia/New Zealand

+ University of Dubuque Theological Seminary

+ The Synod of Lincoln Trails

+ Earth Day

+ The Presbytery of Black Hawk

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Events of Interest & Employment Opportunities

Click on [Presbytery](#) and [Church/Synod/GA](#) to find events of interest.

Click on [Employment Opportunities](#) to find educator, musician, and other employment opportunities. Educator Position at Johns Island is a new listing.

Adobe Version of "This Week" available at [adobe version](#). Need adobe reader. Visit [adobe](#).

Information Needed

If you have had an event at your church you would like to report or have an upcoming event to publicize in the Presbytery of New Harmony, send the information to avery@newharmonyypres.org. Publicity of an upcoming event should be sent two weeks prior to the event.

Presbytery of New Harmony

Contact us at office@newharmonyypres.org or (877) 662-8411.

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-6p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8:30-12:30, Friday.

(Executives are in the office Mondays-Thursdays.)

Contact the [Presbytery Staff](#).