



The Link

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FAITH'S SONG

The joy of Easter was obvious on your faces and evident in your voices on Sunday morning as we gathered to celebrate Christ's resurrection. How good it was to see individuals and families, guests and long-time members, children, youth, and adults all offering thanksgiving to God for the gift of life through Jesus Christ. It was a harmony of souls, each different, yet all alike in our shared faith.

Thank you for the enthusiasm and support you demonstrated throughout Lent as we focused on the songs that speak to and for our faith. You paid attention to our hymns and the ways they fit into our worship each Sunday. You thought about hymns that have influenced your faith and which carry with them memories that have shaped who you are. You patiently attempted newer hymns, respectfully endured hymns that are not favorites, and happily sang old standards that we do not often enjoy. Moreover, you thought about our worship. You paid attention to what we do, when we do it, and why we do some things and not other things. You noticed that our worship is not simply a collection of parts, but is a unified whole with each element benefitting from and adding to the other aspects of worship.

Not only did you pay attention to individual songs of our faith, you sang your faith. You allowed yourself the opportunity to think about what you believe and why. You considered which words and tunes best express what you believe. You recognized that we hold certain beliefs because of what we think and because of what we feel. You affirmed that faith is a combination of heart and head.

In many ways our faith is like a song. The things we believe, the questions we ponder, and the ways we respond, are like individual notes which, when combined in certain ways, produce a melody that is unique and beautiful. Similarly our congregation is like a series of notes and chords, each distinct, yet together a wonderful composition that is a beautiful song of faith. Thanks be to God!

Jody Wright



WORSHIP AT LAKESIDE

April 27, 2014 – The Second Sunday of Easter

I Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

“A Touch of Faith”

Chancel Choir Anthems:

“O How Amiable” - Vaughan Williams

“For the Beauty of the Earth” - arr. Rutter



CHURCH-WIDE PICNIC

Plan to join us for a church-wide picnic on Sunday, May 4. The fun will begin around 4:00 p.m. with games and activities for the whole family at Frank's Field followed by dinner together at the home of Marty and Bill Kincheloe, 408 Wildwood Avenue. Plan to bring a covered dish and join us for all the fun!

OUR PRAYER CONCERNS

Please remember the following persons who need our prayers and support:

UNC- Chapel Hill Heart Center, 101 Manning Dr, Chapel Hill, NC 27514

June Shearin, Room 3720

At Home:

Ed Astin, 121 Candlewood Road (04)

Clayton Brown (Doris Booth's brother), 2609 Taylor Rd., Chesapeake, VA 23321

Natalie Stewart Cortez, 6410 Lakewood Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75214

Hank Dunham, 1109 Meadow Drive, Townville, SC 29689

Brenda and John Hartness, 1041-I North Jamestown Road, Decatur, GA 30033

Marshall Henry, 409 Mayfair Drive (04)

Phillip Joyner, 1100 Beechwood Drive (03)

Georgia Morris, 1930 Northern Boulevard (04)

Joyce Siler, 3733 Loblolly Drive, (04)

Jim Wiggs, 1441 Rock Creek Drive (04)

Our Members-at-Home

Catherine Cooper, 3313 Amherst Road (04)

Marie Price, 3786 Loblolly Drive (04)

Marjorie Taylor, Golden Living Center, 1000 Western Blvd., Tarboro, NC 27886

Alease Whitford, 1600 Goldrock Road (04)

We offer our sympathy to Jim and Jan Raynor and their family in the death of Jim's sister, Sylvia Wiese, on April 21 in Vader, Washington.

Congratulations to Katherine and Peter Farley in the birth of their daughter, Caroline Harrison, on April 17 in Atlanta, Georgia. Vel and Sam Johnson are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to Sheila and James Long in the birth of their daughter, Cora Ellen, on April 19. C.B. and David Morris are the proud grandparents.

Thank you for the lovely memorial service for Thomas Bishop. The service was very touching and brought comfort to the family. The music of the organ and the choir was beautiful and we deeply appreciate the chicken nuggets provided by the church. Thank you for all your kindness.

With much gratitude, the family of Thomas Bishop

TOPNOTCHERS NEWS

Plan to join us as we travel to Wilson on Tuesday, May 6, for a leisurely stroll through the Wilson Rose Garden to admire their wide variety of beautiful roses.

Afterward, we will enjoy lunch at one of our favorite spots—Something Different Café. We will leave the church at 10:00 a.m. and should return by 2:00 p.m. Please join us on this fun trip. Please call the church office to sign up.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY WITH THE BASSETT CENTER

All first through fifth graders are invited to join us this Sunday, April 27, as we celebrate spring birthdays with the children from the Bassett Center. We will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and travel to the Bowling Center for games, a party, and pizza. We will return to the church by 7:00 p.m. Please bring \$10.00 for bowling and supper. Call the church office to sign up.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children in Kindergarten–5th grade are invited to leave worship during the second hymn this Sunday to participate in Children's Church. Leslie and Matt Paszek will lead our children on Sunday.

YOUTH NEWS

We will have our last regular schedule of choirs, dinner and SNL this Sunday night. Registration forms for Gatekeepers Workcamp, scheduled for July 6-11, are in the mail this week. Please return them to the church office no later than May 28.

Please mark your calendars for our car wash on May 3, the end of year cookout on May 4, and Youth and Graduate Sunday on May 18. Elizabeth

HOLY WEEK, HOLY WORK

As Steve Ramos, the director of Fresh Youth Initiatives (FYI), and I followed the youth into the train station last Wednesday, our conversation shifted from the group's earlier reflections on our four days together to things we both had waiting for us now that their visit was ending. Gathered on the labyrinth that morning, both our guests and members of the Lakeside family had used words like "amazing," "life-changing," "appreciation," "joy," "friendship," and "family" to describe our time together. Now Steve and I were like old friends chatting about FYI's remaining spring break activities and the upcoming worship and prayer services on Lakeside's calendar. I commented that after all the fun, it was time to turn my attention back to Holy Week. He responded, "What we have been doing this week is holy work."

FYI's visit certainly changed the work and the mood of this Holy Week for many of us. Nearly 50 members of the Lakeside family opened your homes, delayed vacations, took time off work, or gave generously to make this visit possible. While our usual Holy Week routine may be filled with quiet reflection, fervent prayer, and moving worship experiences, this year's Holy Week was marked by middle school jokes, hands dirty with the black soil of the Conetoe garden, the warm sunshine and cold water of Lake Gaston, and learning phrases in Spanish. We worshiped, worked, played, talked, laughed, and ate (A LOT) together. We asked questions of one another when we couldn't understand something that was said. We introduced them to fine Southern cuisine while they taught us Latin dances. They learned about life in rural North Carolina and we were able to see our hometown through fresh eyes while appreciating a culture so different from our own. No, it was not the typical work of Holy Week, but it was holy work indeed. Thanks be to God! Elizabeth

MUSIC NOTES

I have received many emails and personal expressions of thanks from members of our congregation for the music from our children's choirs, youth choir, Lakeside Ringers and Chancel Choir. Thank you to all who serve so faithfully. This Lenten series on singing has been particularly meaningful to me, and it is my hope that together we continue to sing with abandon and joy. I pray that music may inspire us, that it may serve God's loving purpose, and that it may move us not merely to delight and enjoyment but to experience God's love, joy, justice and peace. Amy

GRADUATE INFORMATION NEEDED

If a family member graduated from college in December or will graduate from high school or college this spring, please contact the church office by May 13 so that we may recognize them in *The Link* and during our Graduate Recognition Service on May 18. We need full names, school, degree, and future plans.

SUNDAY AT LAKESIDE

Deacon Greeters - Jill Ward and Matt Paszek
 Ushers - Group I, Grady Pittman, Captain
 Acolyte - Madi Adkins; Crucifer - Hunter Cuthrell
 Nursery - Craig and Tavener Parker; Extended Session - Trevor Lane
 Audio Booth Volunteer - Don Raper

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Thursday, April 24

12:00 p.m. Meditation Group, Parlor
 6:30 p.m. Circle M, Mario's Restaurant

Sunday, April 27

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship, Education Building Foyer
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. Children Depart for Bowling Party
 5:00 p.m. Preschool Storytime
 5:00 p.m. Youth Choir and Handbells
 5:45 p.m. Dinner for Preschoolers
 6:00 p.m. Dinner for Youth
 6:15 p.m. Preschool Music and Activities
 6:30 p.m. SNL
 7:00 p.m. Diaconate, Conference Room

Tuesday, April 29

7:00 p.m. Adult Study Group, Conference Room

Wednesday, April 30

10:00 a.m. Adult Book Study, Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 16 WEEKS

2014 Missions and Ministry Budget: \$633,375

	Week	YTD
Budget Goal	\$12,180	\$194,880
Receipts April 20	\$14,425	\$169,929
Variance	+\$2,245	-\$24,951