

Coastal Carolina and PC (USA) Anniversaries



As our denomination has celebrated her 25th anniversary as the reunited PC(USA) and we recognize the 20th anniversary of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, we have much to celebrate! Therefore, we want to identify more of our lay leaders who have been involved in advancing the cause of Christ through their devotion and leadership in the local congregation and larger church family.

These outstanding servants will be honored at the **Saturday, October 3rd Presbytery meeting at the Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center.** First Presbyterian, along with 12 other area churches will be hosting this special event. Please join us on October 3rd as we celebrate both anniversaries of our church and honor one person from each congregation who deserves our gratitude and admiration. *Everyone is invited.* (additional information will be provided during the month as the Agenda is completed)

To My Fellow Presbyterians,

Thank you so much for the care and love you have shown me during this stressful time of my total hip replacement. The food has been abundant and excellent. We still have great cooks in the church and the response has made me more grateful each day to be a part of this body of Christian friends.

I wish to tell some very, very special friends, who have helped me with my special needs, how truly thankful for their love and the attention that they have given me during the last month: Sallie Chapin, Roy Cashion, Layne Wright and Hope Knight. You were an answer to my prayers and may God bless you.

Love to All,
Velner Jones



SHEPHERD'S CORNER

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 13:20

Treasurer's Report

July 2009

	<u>Jan-July 2009</u>	<u>Jan-July 2008</u>
Income		
Operating Income	244,494	267,584
Total Income	244,494	267,584
Expense		
Witness	15,676	17,858
Administration	138,873	136,970
Property	98,385	126,386
Worship	1,851	4,205
Christian Education	7,783	5,205
Congregational Care	1,632	1,800
New Membership	128	0
Stewardship	452	645
Building Loan Payment	7,395	17,631
New Vehicle	<u>21,287</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses	293,460	310,699
Net Income	(48,966)	(43,115)

NOTE

Our congregation's special offerings through July were:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
One Great Hour	874	1,282
Pennies for Hunger	1,016	1,266
Pentecost	375	479
Blanket Fund	935	0

The family of Martha Taylor appreciates all of the kindnesses shown to her during the last few years. She enjoyed the cards and visits from everyone. Thank you for the sympathy extended to us since her death. A special thank you to Circles #4 and #7 for all of the good food that you prepared. We will always be grateful.

Sincerely,
Jane Sloan Baker

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the many thoughts and prayers and hundreds of cards sent to me after the death of my husband, Kenan Williams and my son Lawrence Wood. Thank you especially to the members of Circle #1 and other ladies who helped with the reception following Kenan's service.

God Bless You,
Lib Williams

The Helping Hand Clinic

507 N. Steele Street
Sanford, NC 27330

The Helping Hand Clinic exists to lift low income, medically uninsured patients, who are chronically ill, back onto their feet by providing top quality medical, diagnostic, and pharmaceutical care at no charge to the patients.

Services are customized to treat people with chronic, debilitating illnesses, by ensuring the patients see the same doctor on each visit. The in-house pharmacist ensures that the proper medi-

tions are provided. Because of this type of intensive care, people with chronic diseases are often able to get into jobs with health coverage.

Note that the clinic will take prescription medicines that are outdated or no longer needed and will dispose of them properly. Please be environmentally friendly and **DO NOT DISPOSE OF MEDICINES IN THE SEWER SYSTEM.**

First Presbyterian provides \$1,200 per year to support this worthy cause. Donations can be mailed to the address above.

Witness & Benevolence Committee

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY & PEACEMAKING OFFERING

Be with us on October 4th as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and receive the Peacemaking Offering. This day we join with Christians around the world to celebrate the Unity we find at the Table of the Lord. On that day we will receive the Peacemaking Offering.

The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. Here are some of the ways Presbyterians use to work for justice and peace:

- Support a free health clinic for the uninsured.
- Operate a local crisis intervention service for survivors of domestic violence in a rural area
- Support a local organization providing services for people with HIV/AIDS
- Work with organizations to help veterans transition back to civilian life

Giving to the Peacemaking Offering is one way to join with others to work for peace not only around the globe but in our backyards. Our congregation will use 25% of the Offering for peacemaking activities in our community.

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Breadbasket & HAVEN Needs

Breadbasket - liquid bleach

HAVEN - powder laundry detergent

For the month of September the Witness & Benevolence Committee will be collecting these items. Please bring the listed items and place them in the collection boxes located in the reception area of the church office.

MOSQUITO NET PROJECT

While working in our yard or chatting with a neighbor outdoors in the evening, has a pesky mosquito taken a bite on your arm or leg? Very irritating, right? Imagine living in Thailand, Burma, Laos or Cambodia where a mosquito bite can cause malaria or dengue fever. Mosquito bites kill more human beings than any other creature. Every year more than one million people die from malaria as a result of mosquito bites.

A mosquito net hung over a bed can make a difference between life and death. These nets cost \$10 and are distributed through Church World Service. On Sunday, September 13th an envelope will be in your church bulletin to receive contributions. Remember each \$10 will purchase one net. Prayerfully consider giving to this worthy cause.

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