



THE BELL AND THE WELL

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Mission & Witness

What does it mean to say we have a *mission* and *witness*? You have heard those words for years; and yet, do we know what they mean, really?

Our *mission* is what we do on the corners of Park & Smithfield Church Roads. Of all the activities that keep us busy, there is one activity that stands above the rest: we worship God. Worship makes it evident and hopefully obvious we are ONE in Christ. Through our individual relationships, we seek to reveal not only that Christ is risen but Christ is unifying the human race. QHPC is a microcosm of the life of the world and of Christ's unifying presence in the world. Think *peace on earth!* Especially in a day like ours where there is vivid animus among and between peoples and nations, our mission is to let it be known that Christ is doing a new thing, a better thing; Christ is about a new creation, a world where people live in peace and harmony no matter their differences, no matter their uniqueness. In worship we give thanks to God for that new creation. Our mission celebrates our Christ-unity with one another through the ways we spend our time, talent and treasure. A community of faith such as QHPC is a sign of hope. The risen Christ is at work transforming the life of the world. You can see such transformation happening on the corner of Park & Smithfield Church Roads.

Then, there is our *witness*. To use a fancy word, our witness is our *raison d'être*, our reason for being. Each church member is a living sign that Christ is risen! The Kingdom of God is here, right *here* among us and between us! What we do and why we do it, from worship to mission dinners to Preschool classes to Room-in-the-Inn, becomes a response that Christ has overcome evil, no matter today's headlines. We are an outpost of the Kingdom, an illustration that what Jesus proclaims: the Kingdom of God is breaking into the life of the world. What we offer when we worship, live, serve, laugh, weep, and eat together is a witness of that God-activity. We make known that God's people can, indeed, live together and live in *shalom*, the Hebrew word for wholesome relationships. Living unique lives despite differences and disagreements becomes a powerful message not just about us but about what God has accomplished through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

September heralds the beginning of a new church year. We resume our worshipping, our learning, our eating(!), our listening, our serving, our laughing, our weeping, and our being the church of Jesus Christ. By our mission and witness, we invite others in on what we have come to know and believe: *Christ is risen!* His risen presence is making the difference we want not just for ourselves but for all, *all* people. *Glory be to God!*

Faithfully,
Gus Succop, Pastor



News,
Events,
& Happenings
in and around
Quail Holla



Fall Quarter 2014



A New Year Begins!

September kicks off a brand new year and a brand new quarter for Quail Holla. Look for all new themes in all of our ministry areas! Our focus for the year is *Doubting Towards Faith*. Keep your eyes peeled for that!

Small Group: Can I Ask That?

Youth Group: The Break Room and Life Together

If you spend any time thinking about your faith, you're bound to come up with questions: some easy and some hard, some helpful and some troubling. During the fall we will be tackling together some of the hardest questions about the Christian faith and working to equip you with the tools you need to find answers on your own as well.

We're still working on our ambitious summer web series (that might end up being an ongoing web series), so we'll be splitting up our Sundays with filming and our new Youth Group theme: *Life Together*. The Church is not just a building, it's a people and it's been that way for a long, long time. Throughout the fall, we'll be spending

Don't forget that *Small Group* changes back to the some time in the letters that Paul wrote to the various school year time slot (6:45-7:45 pm), and before that there's a delicious Oasis dinner (starting at 6 pm), and should be believing and living and acting so they could be before that there is *After School*: your chance to come over to Quail Holla when classes finish and hang out learn and play what it means to be the Body of Christ! with your friends. See you there!

Church School: Traditions & The Calendar

Fall Quarter Special Events

To start off the fall, we will be diving into *Re:Form Traditions*, a great series that will help us understand what it means to be part of the "Reformed" tradition and how that all came to be. Expect some hilarious videos and interesting discussion to round out the experience. After that we will be taking a look at a specific part of our Reformed tradition: the church calendar and all its holy days and eves and colors and celebrations and songs and customs and their equivalents that have made it into the everyday calendar. Find out what it all means and why we Christians love to remember and to celebrate and to party. Church School meets every Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45 am.

Corn Maze

We'll be headed back out to Country Days Corn Maze again on Sunday October 19 for the maze, a bon fire, and other fall fun! Cost is \$5.

Craft Fair

Help support the Live Nativity by serving at the Craft Fair for a couple hours between 9 am and 4 pm on Saturday October 25.

Fall Retreat

Don't know yet where we'll be going or what we'll be doing, but we'll be doing it with Sharon UMC's youth group on the weekend of November 14-16.

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PW/QHPC NEWS

How wonderful it is to begin *again*. Our Women's Circles will meet for the first time this school year on Tuesday, September 9th. We invite all women of QHPC to attend the Morning or Evening Circle for fellowship, stewardship and Bible Study. The Morning Circle meets at 10:00 am and the Evening Circle meets at 7:00 pm, both in the Betty Lambeth Parlor at church. We will be collecting supplies for the health unit at Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School in September. Child care can be provided with advance notice. Please call Peggy Nelson [704-846-8966](tel:704-846-8966) to make arrangement for child care. For more information on our Bible Study and Missions Projects don't hesitate to speak to Peggy, Nancy Gottschalk, or Gracie Kattenhorn. Or even better, come to a Circle meeting where our purpose will be revealed.

Moderator, Peggy Nelson [704-846-8966](tel:704-846-8966)

*The Presbyterian Women wish to thank **Georgene Sherer** for her faithful leadership as Moderator during the 2013 - 2014 year.*



The installed 2014/2015 Presbyterian Women officers are:

Moderator - Peggy Nelson

Treasurer - Phyllis Brown

Secretary - Cheryl Mims

Missions - Mary Hice

Search - Debbie Ferguson

Morning Circle Leader - Nancy Gottschalk

Morning Bible Study Leader - Jean Bacheldor

Evening Circle Leader - Gracie Kattenhorn

Evening Bible Study Leader - Karolyn Hudson

September Scripture Lessons

The Bible is alive -- it speaks to me; it has feet – it runs after me; it has hands – it lays hold on me.
(Martin Luther)

September 7, 13th Sunday in Pentecost
Dr. Thomas W. Currie III preaching

September 14, 14th Sunday in Pentecost: Exodus 15: 1b-11
Pastor Succop preaching: *Breathlessly Convinced*

September 21, 15th Sunday in Pentecost: Philippians 1: 21-30
Pastor Succop preaching: *It's All God's Fault!*

September 28, 16th Sunday in Pentecost: Matthew 21: 23-32
Pastor Succop preaching: *Who Gave You Permission?*



God's Special Time
Walk #30 -- Sept. 26-28



There are ways to help without attending the walk. We usually think of prayer as one of those ways and that is a great idea! *Please do remember to pray for those participating in the walk and those they are ministering to at Kershaw.*

Another way is to help feed the inmates. Most of the residents have never had anyone ever buy them a meal, especially someone they have never met. You can sponsor a meal for \$5 or a table for \$30. Donations for as many meals as you wish will help them reach their \$3,500 to \$4,500 financial needs for this walk. You will be sent a letter of donation for tax purposes. The purpose of Kairos is to establish strong Christian communities among the populations of correctional institutions. www.kairosprisonministry.org.

**Calling all bakers...
Kairos Cookie Bake is
Sunday, Sept. 21st, after
worship.**



Growing Up in Christ: A Weekend of Spiritual Growth

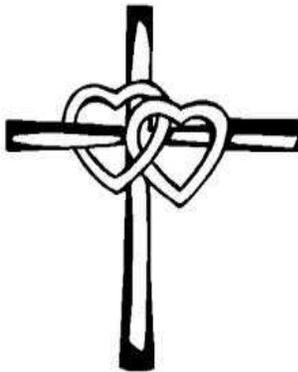
The Emmaus & Presbyterian Pilgrimages

Consider deepening *your* spiritual walk and your love of Christ by participating in either the “Walk to Emmaus” or “The Presbyterian Pilgrimage.”

Each is a spiritual renewal experience intended to strengthen one’s spiritual life through a weekend of small talks and group activities. Both weekends also seek to encourage members to live and serve intentionally in ways that nurture a “servant’s heart.”



The weekend is wrapped in prayer, meditation, worship and the celebration of Holy Communion. Each experience begins on a Thursday evening



and concludes on Sunday afternoon. Men and women attend separate weekends on the “Walk to Emmaus” while couples may participate on the same “The Presbyterian Pilgrimage.”

Web sites for each are www.ccemmaus.com and www.ncpp.net. If you have questions or feel the Lord nudging you to learn more, speak with Nancy & Renny Marshall, Joan Courn, Ron & Emily Blake, Reid & Le Johnson, Janet Stephens, Linda Patterson, Gus Succop, Sherrie Young or Arliss Whiteside.



PRESCHOOL NEWS



What a great start to the school year! It was very nice to see the return of our many veteran teachers and even a few new fresh faces. The freshly painted hallways are coming alive with name tags and artwork.



Our Book Fair and Open House will take place the week of September 15th. Stop by any morning that week to purchase books for your young friends and relatives. All proceeds support the Preschool in a big way. We will also be open the evening of September 17th at 5:45 p.m.

"A book is a gift you can open again and again."

Garrison Keillor



We are already feeling blessed; nonetheless, I urge you to keep the Preschool staff and children in your prayers for a safe school year!



Friday Friends Ministry

Union Presbyterian Seminary, Charlotte Campus, invites willing members of the QHPC congregation to become part of the seminary's "Friday Friends Ministry." Friday Friends host out of town students for one night per week (usually Friday nights), providing them with a place to stay either on a short term or semester long (12 weeks) basis. At this time, we need accommodations for two male students; one is from Raleigh and the other from Wilmington. If you are willing to consider helping the seminary with this ministry, please contact Susan Griner at [980-636-1700](tel:980-636-1700) or sgriner@upsem.edu.

Copies of the devotional *These Days* are available in the Narthex.



Sept. 21	Kairos Cookie Bake after worship
Sept. 23	Ladies Night Out - Olive Garden
Sept. 26-28	Kairos Walk #30
Oct. 5	Blessing of the Animals
Oct. 11	QHPC Pancake Breakfast
Oct. 18	Fall Beautification Day
Oct. 25	Fall Craft Fair

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All types of pet food are needed: dry and canned food for dogs, cats, puppies and kittens. Open food containers cannot be accepted because the

food is distributed to the public. Smaller bags of 10 pounds or less are preferred because they are easier to store and distribute. There are two barrels in which to place your donation. Upon entering the Narthex one is to the right at the short entrance to the Preschool wing. The other is at the left at the short entrance to the kitchen/administrative wing.

“The Spirit of **CHRIST**
Is the Spirit of **MISSIONS**,
The Nearer We Get To Him,
The More **INTENSELY**
Missionary We **BECOME**.”

~Henry Martyn



All food donations are welcome and should be placed in the “mission manger” outside the Preschool wing. Canned meat, fruits, pasta, oatmeal, grits, cereals, and microwaveable items are always needed. Personal care items such as soap, toothbrushes, and toilet paper are also appreciated. Contact Elizabeth Stone (704-554-1275) for more information. Elizabeth serves with L&F at St. Giles Church.



2015 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Yes, the January 2015 pilgrimage to the Holy Land *is still on*. Despite the current hostilities, plans are still in place to depart as scheduled. Should conditions warrant postponement, ample notice will be given in early fall. If the Lord is nudging you to participate, you need to know two things: an informative brochure is available in the Narthex & church office and the **registration deadline is Sept. 22, 2014**.

Is the Lord calling **you** to make the pilgrimage? Such a trip to the Holy Land is not a tour. It is a *pilgrimage*. That means the Lord calls us to put foot and heart forward to visit places such as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Sea of Galilee, Caesarea, and other locations where our Lord once lived, taught, died, and appeared, once again.

Pick up the informative brochure. Speak with Pastor Succop if you have questions. Speak also to those who have made their pilgrimage: Sherri Young, Janet Stephens, Linda Patterson, and Nancy & Renny Marshall.

Please keep our new college freshman in prayer as they adjust to their new worlds! :

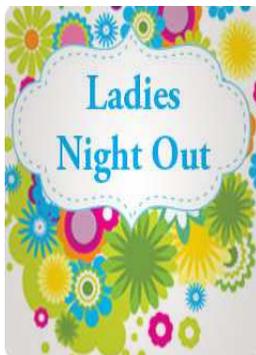
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Culowhee NC 28723

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Please join us for a delicious Italian dinner at Olive Garden (9421 Pineville Matthews Rd.). New Members, you are invited, especially. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

Please make your reservation by calling: Carol Crumbley ([704-542-6273](tel:704-542-6273)) by September 19th.

September

Marg Davis	September 1
Becky Cheney	September 3
Richard Anthony	September 4
Allen Smith	September 6
Paige Bartholomew	September 8
Carter Hice	September 14
Katie Baker	September 15
Pat Bell	September 17
Hailey Lilliott	September 17
Joan Cobourn	September 18
Lucile Cole	September 20
Bruce Baysinger	September 21
Betty Olmstead	September 24
Marybet Hudson	September 26
Chris Washam	September 26
Walker Owens	September 27
Nancy Gottschalk	September 28
Taylor Hudson	September 29



A Community Conversation: September 21

Rich Bonnell, Clerk of the Session

What is a *Community Conversation*? A *Community Conversation* is a Session convened conversation. The Session holds a *Community Conversation* to facilitate faithful, transparent and effective communication between the Session and congregation. Oftentimes, each conversation will have no specific agenda, although one subject may prevail. I serve as moderator.



The congregation is invited to bring to the conversation questions, comments, complaints, and compliments. When necessary, the Session may convene a *Community Conversation* at a specific time to impart timely information. Each conversation is convened after worship, lasts about an hour, and is held in the Sanctuary. The next *Community Conversation* on September 21 is an open forum to share opinions about Christian marriage in light of the General Assembly's proposed amendment to re-define marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman to a relationship between two people. The last *Conversation* in 2014 will be held on December 21.

Gifts were received from the following members and friends of Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church.

In honor of her eldest grandchild, Brent's birthday
Nancy Gottschalk

In memory of Fletcher Stone
Elizabeth Stone

**New email address?
New mailing address?
New phone number?**

Please notify Ministry Assistant, Liz Hamby (liz@qhpc.org; 704-554-5714) of your changes.

September Ushers

Lee, Phyllis, and Brian Dempsey
 Angie & Kayla Clark
 Reid & Le Johnson

Usher Coordinators: Allen Smith & Steve Nelson

Please note: If a portion of your giving is meant specifically for *Renovation Debt Retirement*, please indicate your intent on your check. Thank you!



Thank you!

Thank you for remaining current with your pledged giving! If you have not yet made a pledge for 2014, pledge forms are available in

July 2014 Financial Report

July Tithes and Offerings	\$26,695
YTD Tithes and Offerings	\$209,017
YTD Budget for Tithes & Offerings:	\$187,505
YTD Actual Tithes & Offerings vs. Budget	+\$ 21,512

YTD Total Church & Preschool Actual Revenues (offerings + other revenues) versus Expenses: + \$37,394

Holy Communion will be Sunday,
 October 5, World Communion



**October Newsletter
 Articles/Information**

Deadline for Articles:
Friday, Sept 12th



Submit your articles to
qhpcnewsletter@gmail.com

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 CHURCH WEBSITE
 AT**

www.qhpc.org



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Presbyterian Church

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Session		
Class of 2014	Class of 2015	Class of 2016
Rich Bonnell, Clerk Reid Johnson Waldo Miller Bill Navarro Janet Stephens	Jan Federal Sherrie Young Stephanie Burns	Marybet Hudson Scott Kusel Pettus Lilliott Grace Mitchell
Moderator: Gus Succop, Pastor		

Quail Hollow Presbyterian Church (USA)

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Learning Hour 9:45 a.m.
11 a.m. Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday—Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 to 1:00 p.m.

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