

Chapel in the Pines Presbyterian Church
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Easter tide



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YOUR PASTOR'S MUSING



Musing

In light of our Earth Day events this weekend, here's a musing and an article about faith and creation, about dragonflies and pigs, and more.

In hope,
Andrew

Dragonfly Faith

A friend said he felt old, tired, and sad. But the pastor knew this person to be compassionate, wise, and generous. It hurt him to see so good a man feeling so down. He knows all the right things to say, but sometimes someone else's heart just is not in a position to hear. The fact remains: life isn't fair. "Fair is where the ponies are," wrote Anne Lamott.

It helps to get outside and listen to the wind's high song in the tree canopy. In view were also dragonflies, those tiny dinosaurs zipping over lily pads in the pond. Dragonflies have 360-degree vision and can fly in any direction at speeds up to 30 mph. A human would pass out experiencing the equivalent G-force, but we endure and continue, however slowly, toward some possible salvation that we sense is real.

In hope,
Andrew

To read Andrew's article [Go Ask Dad: Louie, Louie \(wral.com\)](http://wral.com) [CLICK HERE!](#)



The following is a message to Earth Care Congregations like we are, from Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns, Presbyterian Hunger Program.

Dear Earth Care Congregation,

First, let me say thank you for your patience as you've waited for news of your certification. I have finished processing your applications, all 331 of them! I wanted to let you know that you have been certified as an Earth Care Congregation for 2024. It's been amazing to read about all the ways in which Presbyterians are being good stewards of creation. I welcome hearing from you during this coming year.

As an Earth Care Congregation, you may use the Earth Care Congregations seal to promote your commitment to earth care on your website, the church newsletter, t-shirts, etc., until the date that the certification expires. You will need to recertify in 2024. I've attached a few versions of the Earth Care Congregation logos to this email should you need them for any announcements, websites or special printings. You may not be able to open the attached .eps version but will be helpful if you are having banners or either items made requiring a high resolution image.

An adaptable press release has been attached here for your church to send to local media if you would like to publicize your Earth Care Congregation certification. Your church can fill in specific information as highlighted or add your own quotes and congregation examples before sending it to local media.

We will be updating the Earth Care Congregations listing and map that can be found online at www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations by the end of the month. I will be emailing your Presbytery later today with the news as well. You can expect to hear from me via email 6 or 7 times throughout the year with updates and reminders but if you have any further questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me at any time.

In 2024 we will again only be sending virtual notifications and certificates. This email will be followed by a second one in the coming weeks from my colleague Jenny Oldham that will have the attachment with your certificate for 2024. If you haven't received this email early April please let me know and we will follow up. We do intend to have these to you in time for Earth Day.

Thank you again for all that you do!

Peace,
Jessica Maudlin (She/Her/Hers)

We **WORSHIP** God with gratitude for the grace given to all people through Jesus Christ.

We **WELCOME** all people into our community of of faith.

We **WITNESS** the love of Christ through our gifts of time, talents, and resources as we grow together in our faith.



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Apr 18 - 25, 2024)

Thursday, April 18

- 10am Crafty Crafters, Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 19

Church Office Closed

Saturday, April 20

Church Office Closed

- 10:30am The Blessing of The Animals, Pavilion
- 2pm The School of Athens Class, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 21

Fourth Sunday of Easter

- 9am Zoom Exploring Together Class
- 9:15am Worship Service, Outdoors (weather permitting, otherwise, in our sanctuary)
- 10:05am Intergenerational Earth Care Activity and Snack, Fellowship Hall
- 11am Worship Service, Indoors & Streaming
- 12noon Online Fellowship, Zoom
- 3pm Younger Youth Group, Fellowship Hall
- 5pm Teen Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

From Your Treasurer

NEW! Sunday, April 28 at 10:10am "between services", please come to the Fellowship Hall as we present the Narrative Budget for 2023 (Our Story, viewed through our Mission) and the POMS Final Report. All are invited. Please click on the green button below to read the Treasurer's Report for March. If you are a member and wish to review the financial reports, please contact Tim, our treasurer by [CLICKING HERE](#) or by phone 910-722-6594.

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH](#)

YOUR QUARTERLY FINANCIAL GIVING STATEMENT TO THE CHURCH

WILL BE EMAILED TO YOU BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK FROM THE CHURCH'S ACCOUNTANT, JANET ASKEW. PLEASE CHECK YOUR JUNK AND SPAM FOLDERS IF YOU HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN 2024 AND DON'T SEE IT IN YOUR INBOX BY THEN.



Monday, April 22

Office Hours 9am-noon

- 1pm Ferrington Hour at the Belted Goat
- 5:30pm Presbyterian String Band Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Contemplative Worship, Sanctuary
- 7pm Session Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, April 23

Office Hours 9am-noon

- 10am Women's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 11:15am InFocus Photograph Group Meeting, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 24

Office Hours 9am-noon

- 6pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 25

Office Hours 9am-noon

- 9am Men's Fellowship, Belted Goat at Ferrington
- 2pm Mountain Dulcimer Group Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall
- 6pm Thirst Quenchers

Regular Church Office Hours

Teresa's Hours: Mon-Thu 9-12

Andrew's Hours: by appointment

Our master calendar can be found on our website as well. If you see something on this calendar that should be corrected, please let Teresa know so she can edit the church's master calendar.

This Week!!

Session Notes

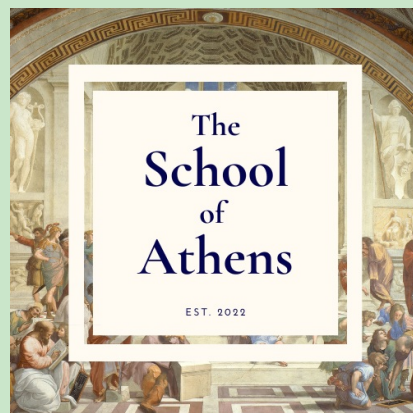
To read the Session Digest from the March 22, 2024 Called Session Meeting, [CLICK HERE](#).

To read the Minutes from the February 11, 2024 Congregational Meeting, [CLICK HERE](#).

Mission News, Events & Volunteer Opportunities

NEW! To read Susie Smith's latest article titled "Why We Support World Central Kitchen", [CLICK HERE](#).

Community Events



Two Remaining Saturdays
April 20, 27
2 to 4 pm
CITP Fellowship Hall

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sat. April 20th

10:30-Noon

Chapel in the Pines

Presbyterian Church

Outdoor Pavilion

Please bring your pets on leashes or in carriers for their safety.



Who wants to have their fur baby blessed by Rev. Ginny? Come on over with them and get them blessed 10:30am April 20! (Please make sure they are on their leashes or in carriers for their safety. And non-fur babies like goldfish, alligators and lizards are welcome too!)



Virgil's *The Aeneid* is a Latin epic poem, a national foundation story of the origin of Rome. It was written 30 to 19 BCE during the reign of Emperor Augustus.

The class will examine themes of *The Aeneid* including: fate, the gods and divine intervention, piety, duty, homelessness, wandering, mission / purpose in life, and self-deferred gratification.

Join us for great conversation as we explore this enduring classic, discover why the story is still engaging, its themes are still relevant today, and which at the same time, cause us to look inward.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE SCHOOL OF ATHENS'S PROGRAM



This special concert is a benefit concert providing scholarships to local high school students wishing to pursue further studies in music. There will be some CIPF folks singing in the concert!

Come join us between services from 10:05-10:45am in the Fellowship Hall for an intergenerational Earth Care Activity and Snack THIS Sunday April 21! Let's do our part to help save our planet!

CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE
This Monday at 6:30pm
All are welcome!



Our Contemplative Service is at 6:30 Monday evening. Hope to see you there!

Special Interest



NEW! Do you care about the environment and connect your experience of faith to nature? If so,

CHATHAM INFOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT
Through May 2024



Chatham InFocus Photography Exhibit

Please stop by the Fellowship Hall and enjoy the group's newest work. The exhibit will be on display throughout the month of May.

A reception will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 1-3pm. Please come and invite your friends and neighbors!



Church Women United
Chapel Hill-Carrboro Unit

May Friendship Day and Luncheon
Saturday May 4, 10:00 A.M.-12 Noon
First Baptist Church
106 N. Roberson Street, Chapel Hill
Program offered by Church of the Holy Family

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Suzanne Parker Miller
Executive Director of Pastors for North Carolina Children

"Loving Our Neighbors:
Why We Need to Support Our Public Schools"

*Please bring finger foods for our
Friendship Day Luncheon, as you are able.*

Offerings will include Fellowship of the Least Coin

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED MEETING

May 4, Church Women United will be meeting at First Baptist Church. The speaker will be The Rev'd Suzanne Parker Miller, the founder and executive director of Pastors of NC Children, an organization made up of ministers, educators, parents and others who believe strongly in the importance of public school education. The mission of the organization is Mobilizing Faith Communities to advocate for Public Education. Please feel free to click on

“Wild Church” is for you!

May 2 from 1 to 4 pm

This is NOT your “typical” online meeting! Read this message from the director below, then reach out to Andrew if you are interested in participating!

Hello Wild Hearts!

I am looking forward to sharing about Wild Church and eco-spirituality together on May 2, and hearing about your interest or calling. What has the earth and spirit been calling forth in you? This will be a participatory mini-retreat rather than a webinar where I am the only one speaking. While I will share for part of the time (and may have some slides), it will also be conversational and include you.

Here are a few things to know beforehand:

- Please bring a small stone with you from your watershed
- Please be situated in a space where you can be uninterrupted and fully present (if at all possible!)
- We will be leaving our screens for 45 minutes to participate in a 'wandering' where we will all go outside wherever we are to be led by nature to listen and respond to the sacred conversations going on around us all the time.
- There will be different movements of our time together: Learn about the Wild Church Network and what we mean by 'wild church.' Learn some eco-spiritual practices. Time for a wandering (core to every wild church). And time for sharing and questions.

Bring your full self, your questions, your open seeking hearts.

Valerie Luna Serrels, Director
Wild Church Network

the pink button below and print out the flyer and pass it out to friends who might want to attend with you.

[CLICK HERE TO GET TO A PDF VERSION TO PRINT THE FLYER](#)

Weekly Reminders

FELLOWSHIP ZOOM WITH US!!!



ONLINE WORSHIPPERS!

If you're worshipping with us virtually, we would love to connect with you and help you connect with others after the service. Please join this Zoom meeting by clicking on the purple button below immediately following the 11am worship service for a time of fellowship and conversation.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE ONLINE ZOOM AFTER 11AM WORSHIP](#)

In Case You Missed it...



INFORMATION SESSIONS ON ANDREW'S UPCOMING SABBATICAL!



NEW! If you missed Andrew's Information Session last week on his upcoming Sabbatical, click on the red button below to watch the recording of it.

CLICK HERE TO WATCH ANDREW'S INFORMATIONAL SESSION ABOUT HIS SABBATICAL

Youth Events/News



Adult Vocal & Bells!



WEEKLY CHOIR REHEARSALS!
Handbell Choir Wednesdays at 6pm
(contact: Katherine Brekke)
Adult Choir Wednesdays at 7:30pm
(contact: Jeremy Nabors)



Ferrington Hour is back at the Belted Goat - Mondays, 1pm! All are welcome!

Mondays at 1pm, join us at the Belted Goat, Ferrington Village for an hour of fun and fellowship. You do not have to live in Ferrington Village to join us. All are welcome!



The Women's Study Group gets together every week in the Fellowship

NEW! This Sunday 4/21, our youth groups will be meet together from 3-5pm to work jointly on a project with the Cub Scouts to help improve our walking trail!

Next Sunday, 4/28, our middle and high school youth group members will be meeting with other youth at New Hope Camp which means we will not have our regular youth group meetings at CITP on that date.

We look forward to creating more special memories with our youth groups!

Contact: [Joelle Brummitt-Yale](#)

Hall's conference room on Tuesdays at 10am. They have guest speakers, discuss books, poetry and share in wonderful fellowship together. The group is reading Consider the Birds.

All women are welcome!

Contact: [Marcia Ladd](#)



Until next week...
GRACE & PEACE

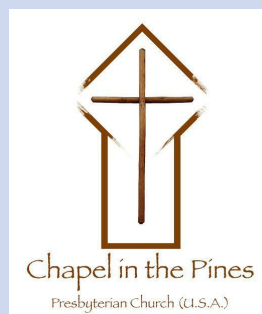
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