



Waterin' Hole



"Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his staff; water came out abundantly, and the congregation...drank." Numbers 20:11

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My Dear Friends,

"The human heart has so many cran- nies where vanity hides, so many holes where falsehood lurks, is so decked out with deceiving hypocrisy, that it often dupes itself." John Calvin

How many times are you "duped" by the tempting thoughts and sights you face each day? How quickly do your defenses wear down and the Sunday morning pick-me-up fade away? How smoothly have our television shows and entertainment lost all sense of boundaries and couth? John Calvin would say that just below the surface, we are all in great need of repair and renewal. For a computer there is a restart feature, for electronics there is a reset button, for cars there is a major tune-up, for homes there is remodeling, but for you and me what is there? Calvin would say, "reformation". We all need reformation and renewal at regular intervals so

beginning with the celebration of John Calvin's 500th anniversary on July 12th, we will begin a two-week Sunday School class in the sanctuary and a six-week sermon series to just that effect. During this time, we will examine the undeniable cultural forces that we must face, the spiritual practices and disciplines that can give us renewal and ultimately, we will seek to encounter Christ in a new and refreshing way. During the July 19th Sunday School hour, the second

Sunday of the two-part class, I will open the floor for discussion on how Rocky River Presbyterian can provide the resources and encouragement for all of our people. Make plans to be a part of this time of reformation and commit yourself to a season of prayer and self-discernment.



Kyle & Stephanie Hite at graduation at Rockefeller Chapel on the campus of The University of Chicago.



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THIS SUMMER ALL ROADS LEAD TO....



*Join us for Vacation Bible School at Rocky River
July 24-26, 2009, Friday-Saturday-Sunday
6:00 pm Simple Supper in the grove; 6:30-8:30 pm VBS*

*ALL ages (children-adults) will join together to...
Meet Paul and His guard, Brutus;
Visit members of the early church, in a cave!
Try Roman games and foods;
Visit Roman shops in the Marketplace;
Remember that God's love is always with us.*

*You may register on line at www.rockyriver.org
or pick up a registration form in the vestibule.*

For more information contact Rev. Julie.



MISSION & SERVICE MINISTRY REPORT

Our congregation is generous even in tough economic times. It seems we have a heart for mission and helping others. During Lent we asked that members set aside money for the Society of St. Andrew in their fight against hunger in the United States as we used the Lenten devotional booklet the society provided. Those donations amounted to \$439.71.

Local organizations receive donations through our church budget. For the first six months of 2009, the following donations have been made through your offerings: Hickory Ridge High School Bible Teaching Association, \$250; Central Cabarrus High School Bible Teaching Association, \$250; Meals on Wheels, \$500; Community Free Clinic, \$400; Cabarrus Victims Assistance Network (CVAN), \$500; Harrisburg Crisis Assistance Ministry, \$500. Of the budgeted pledge of \$2500 to Habitat for Humanity for the 2009 Faith House in Cabarrus County, we have given \$1500 and will give the remaining amount in increments in July, August and September. We also support denominational benevolences and the Presbyterian Theological Fund through the church budget.

This committee is grateful to the members of our church who make the donations to these organizations possible. Many charitable organizations now have more clients and less money. Without your giving, our church would not be able to help these organizations that help others. In the months ahead, we trust your giving will allow us to meet the remaining pledge donations to these organizations. Thank you.





ROCKY RIVER YOUTH

Carowinds or US Whitewater Center Day Trip

The youth will take a day trip to either Carowinds or the US Whitewater Center in mid-August. The Whitewater center has a zip line and climbing walls in addition to rafting. Let me know which you want to do!

Vacation Bible School

We need youth to help with VBS – especially with nightly dramas. See Kristen or Julie for more information.

Movie Night

We will meet at 7:00 pm at the church for a time of discussion then head over to Concord Mills on Tuesday, July 21, to catch the new Harry Potter movie. The exact time of the showing we will attend will be announced that Sunday.

Miniature Golf & Frisbee at Frank Liske Park

On Tuesday, July 28, the Youth will meet at 7:00 pm at Frank Liske Park for Frisbee, miniature golf and small group time.

Rocky River Youth Schedule:

July 7: Youth Group at 7:00 pm (church)

July 11-18: Youth Mission Trip

July 21: Youth Group at 7:00 pm – and then to see Harry Potter

July 24-26: Vacation Bible School

July 28: Youth Group at 7:00 pm - Meet at the Miniature Golf at Frank Liske Park

August 2: Pool Party at 4:00 pm – Kristen's House

August 4: Youth Group at 7:00 pm (church)

For more information or questions, please contact Kristen! Keep up to date with youth events on the web:

<http://onefaith24.blogspot.com> You can reach her by email: Kristenesloan@gmail.com or cell phone (440) 223-1036.

SCOUTS NEWS

Troop 83 has had a busy spring. The Troop camped at Camp Grimes in February, where twenty of our Boy Scouts earned their Indian Lore Merit Badge. In March, the Troop participated in the Concord District Camporee that was held at Camp Cabarrus. The troop took home a Blue Ribbon for their outstanding participation in the weekend activities. In April, we took a one-day trip to Goldsboro for the annual "Wings over Wayne" Air Show at the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base. The highlight of the show was the performance by the Navy Blue Angels. In May, we camped at Camp Raven Knob near Mt. Airy. On Saturday of the weekend we traveled from Raven Knob to Fosters Falls, Virginia where we biked a portion of the New River Trail.

We have a fun-packed summer planned. At the end of June we will be camping at Morrow Mountain State Park and canoeing on Lake Tillery. We will have our week long summer camp experience at Camp Barnhardt in July. We are planning to close out the summer with a trip to Camp Grimes in McDowell County in August for a fun-packed weekend of swimming, boating and climbing.

Glenn Jones was the recipient of the District Award of Merit at the recent Concord District Awards gathering. The District Award of Merit is the highest recognition a Scouting District can bestow on a Scouter for service to the Boy Scouting and Venturing Programs. Glenn served as the Scoutmaster for Troop 83 for over five years and has served as the Advisor for the Crew 83 Venturing Program for several years.





KYLE'S CREATION STOLE

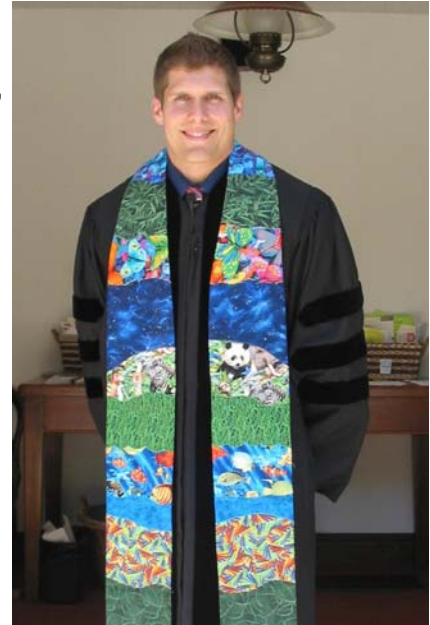
In honor of Kyle Hite receiving his Doctor of Ministry degree in May, the Session decided to select a gift on behalf of the congregation. The Creation stole he has been wearing recently was given to Kyle at the church picnic on June 6. The stole was designed and made by Olivia Ebsary of Snyder, New York. Each stole is made when ordered so this one was specifically made for Kyle.

Ms. Ebsary shared this information about the stole and its symbolism.

"The first Creation stole was a design that several of us created a number of years ago for a group of pastors and lay people from the Presbytery of Western New York for their journey to our sister Presbytery, Wynberg Presbytery in South Africa. They took several stoles with them to give to pastors there in South Africa.

"The newest design (for Kyle) has all the elements of creation
...from darkness covering the abyss,
the formless void and wasteland,
God said 'let there be light'
the waters, and earth, fish in the seas and birds in the air.

"Every creeping and crawling thing,
plants and vegetation.
It is a busy stole and so must have been Creation!! And lastly to find
humanity, gaze in the mirror for God has done marvelous things!!"



Take a good look at the stole and follow Ms. Ebsary's description from the bottom to the top. The different elements she mentions may not be in the exact order but you will find God's creation as you look at this colorful stole.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY—OUR CHURCH'S INVOLVEMENT

Construction has begun on the Cabarrus County Habitat for Humanity Faith House. This will be the home of Jeri Jones and her four children. Our congregation is scheduled to work one Saturday in July, and we will be doing inside trim work. Volunteers are welcomed. You do not have to be an experienced carpenter. There will be several on site to help you learn and to be a part of getting this house ready for the Jones family. David Murray is our coordinator. See him for details and questions. These workdays bring our congregation together and leave those who work with a great sense of helping others.

If you cannot work on site, there are other ways to get involved. Louise Murray will be organizing food for snacks and lunch for those who are working at the build site. She will need members to provide this food and, perhaps, help with delivery to the house. Contact her with questions and to volunteer. Also, we need monetary donations. Our congregation has pledged \$4000 to help with the expense of building this house which includes the \$2500 in the church budget which is being paid in monthly increments through September. This means as a congregation we need to contribute the additional \$1500. To make a donation, you should make checks to the church and on the memo line indicate Habitat for Humanity.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

We had an excellent turnout for our last blood drive (May 5). Of the 51 people who came to donate blood, the Red Cross collected 39 productive units. We had two first-time donors from Rocky River—Karen Wells and Teresa Fisher. Both were determined to give. One was afraid of the needles and the other had been advised not to try again after two previous attempts.

Thank you to all donors (22 from Rocky River), all volunteers and those providing refreshments (including the Morning Circle). Many people had a part in the Blood Drive's success!

Our next drive will be in December.





Infant Nursery:

- July 5 – Alice Williams & Linda Clark
- July 12 – Julia Ennis & Lesa Catoe
- July 19 – Becky Graham & Gina Graham
- July 26 – Substitute Needed & Teresa Fisher

Toddler Nursery:

- July 5 – Chris & Magan Bechtol & Megan Burr
- July 12 – Traci Bird, Pam McCachren & Blake Childers
- July 19 – Anne & Frank Emmerich & Kelle Mott
- July 26 – Kevin & Allison Harris & Kaysea Campbell

“A TIME FOR CHILDREN”

- July 5 - Jerry Clark
- July 12 - Krista Eason
- July 19 - Robin Hartsell
- July 26 - Harriette Jakiela

CIRCLE MEETINGS

The Morning Circle will meet Tuesday, July 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mary Morrison Classroom at the church. Louise Murray will lead the Bible study for lesson nine.

The Evening Circle will meet Tuesday, July 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the home of LeeAnn Parker. Visitors and new members are always welcome at each of the Presbyterian Women's Circle meetings.

THANK YOU

Tony Larson would like to thank the congregation of Rocky River Presbyterian Church for their nurture and support. He graduated from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond with a Master of Divinity, and will be ordained on Sunday, August 23, at Williamsburg Presbyterian Church in Williamsburg, VA. If anyone is interested in attending the ceremony, details can be obtained from Libby Sigmon.

- July 1 - Wednesday Night Fellowship - Potluck
- July 4 - Independence Day
- July 5 - 5¢-A-Meal Offering
- July 7 - Circle Meetings
- July 11 - Youth Mission Trip
- July 12 - Communion
- July 12 - Session Meeting
- July 19 - Congregational Meeting
- July 24 - VBS
- July 25 - VBS
- July 26 - VBS



Wednesday Night Fellowship

During July, Wednesday Night Fellowships will only be held the 1st Wednesday of the month. It will be "potluck." Everyone is invited to bring casseroles, meats, salads and desserts. We will resume our regular schedule of every Wednesday in August.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- July 1 Matthew Sciascia
- July 1 Michael Sciascia
- July 2 Teresa Williams
- July 3 Pam McCachren
- July 4 Skip Cook
- July 4 Ed Watson
- July 4 Sarah Bird
- July 6 Maggie Shepard
- July 8 Craig Taylor
- July 8 Waylyn Reynolds
- July 8 Abigail Sue Watson
- July 13 Presley Horton
- July 15 Shaun Scott
- July 15 Rex Carriker
- July 16 Katie Biggers
- July 16 Weston Reynolds
- July 18 Joan Hoff
- July 18 Owen Harris
- July 21 Linda Clark
- July 24 Christa Bunting
- July 26 Magan Bechtol
- July 28 Heather Linker



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Please remember in prayer...
Jared Barbee; Jim Barbee, neighbor of the Funks; Louise & Bob Carter; Tom Donnelly Family; Mary Frances Howie; Lucy Linker; Mary Jane McCachren; Billy McDonald, Sr. and Teresa Williams. The prayer requests will be updated each month. Please call the church office to have your prayer requests included.

