

April 8, 2015

From the pastors' Heart & Soul

COMING UP

Sunday, April 12

9:30a Deacon Prayer
 9:45a Sunday School
 11:00a Worship
 5:00p Youth Activities

Tuesday, April 14

10:00a Needlers

Wednesday, April 15

5:30p Wednesday Night Supper
 Headlines to Heart
 Speaker: Father Patrick Earl
 "A Conversation about
 Pope Francis"

Thursday, April 16

7:00a Men's Bible Study
 Noon: VSP

April 17-19

Youth Spring Retreat

Sunday, April 19

9:30a Deacon Prayer
 9:45a Sunday School
 11:00a Worship
 12:15p Children's Education Team
 meeting re: upcoming curriculum
 No Youth Activities

Friday, April 24

6:30p Family Fun Night

Save the Date:

September 4-6
 Inter-generational Retreat

Remember in Prayer

John Hall, CMC Main

Sympathy is Extended

to the family of
 Marianne Anderson

Remembering Our Friends at Home

Sarah (Lou) Smith
 198 E. Waterlynn Drive
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I remember when he was born. Amy and I were in seminary, and I made the mistake of announcing to my classmates in "Systematic Theology" that the cutest nephew the world had ever seen had just been born in Clinton, SC. Well, that started a wave of reports and pictures. (Apparently, most of my classmates also had a cutest nephew or niece or cousin!)

A few years later, I was teaching him to water ski. (The Deans don't Bar Mitzvah – but it's not like we don't have our own rites of passage!) Then he joined the Dean Family Singers, baritone section, and often showed up with cello in tow. On Saturday... he's getting married.

Dean Rogers will be the first of the Dean grandchildren to tie the knot, and the family couldn't be any more excited. What an honor that he and Chelsea have invited Amy and me to conduct their service. This destination wedding will be on the SC coast at Debordieu –which, in French, means "the border land of God." And maybe it will be. I don't know a better indicator of God's presence than the rough and tumble, give and take, push and pull of marriage.

With the country's rapidly changing landscape regarding gay marriage, the words "one man, one woman" have become a political football in an increasingly polarizing culture war. Amy and I have shared our thoughts on that subject, so let me use this as an opportunity to say that we also believe in that "one man, one woman" thing! Good marriages make for healthy people, happy children, upstanding citizens, people of faith on whom the Church will continue to rely.

So as ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we will offer to Dean and Chelsea our deepest and best official blessings on Saturday and we will pray for good marriages, faithful partnerships, relationships of commitment and integrity and trust and sacred union – wherever they may be found. God knows, we need more of them!

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P.S. Speaking of building good families... That happens every day in our Child Development Center! And this week, we're also re-building – the much decayed corridor roof on the CDC playground (see picture, left) – more of your Capital Campaign money being put to good use.

Deacon of the Week, Kay Thornburg

Kay Thornburg has been a member at Park Road for 26 years. Kay is part of a multi-generational family here – **Bill** and **Peggy McKeown** are her parents, and she and her husband, **Ken**, have raised both of their daughters here.

Kay has served in many capacities of leadership over these many years from children to youth to pastor search committee to chair of the Diaconate. Kay is a CMA with Novant Health-Bradford Clinic OB/GYN . Her daughter **Ashley** is a recent graduate of NC State, and her daughter **Sarah** is a student at NC State.





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Demonstrating the love of Jesus . . .
On Maundy Thursday, Reid Heaton, Hank Smyth and the other children washed each other's hands as they learned about humility.



"I found a blue one!"
The PRBC and Chin Bethel children rush to find the eggs at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt after worship last Sunday.



Youth News

Next Wednesday April 15, the youth will help in the garden! Please wear your garden clothes!

The Youth Spring Retreat is April 17-19. We are still looking for a male and a female chaperone. Please let me know if you are able to join us!

Youth Italian Night Dinner and Auction

Sunday, May 3, 5:00PM

Get your tickets early!

\$10/Adults, \$5/Seniors and children under 10

**From Headline to Heart: Wednesday April 15
A Conversation about Pope Francis**

Father Patrick Earl of St. Peter's Catholic Church will lead us in a conversation about Pope Francis and how his fresh perspective is changing the Roman Catholic Church.

Join us as Father Pat provides us with an "insider's" view of a Pope who has fascinated and energized both Catholics and non-Catholics.



The Community Garden Beginning its Fifth Year!

Our first hands-on efforts began on Wednesday night with garden leaders **Holly Owens, Steve King, Johnny Doyle, Carrie Torres** and the children.

They worked and played pulling up weeds and leftover carrots and turnips from several beds. A few days later, Misty Moore, Steve King and **Alan Eakes** finished weeding the beds.

On Friday, March 27, **Bill Stewart** constructed a shelf/table in the garden storage building under the watchful eyes of Johnny and Alan. Following this activity, those 3 met with **Russ Dean** who agreed to speak with **Bob Clare** regarding the utilization of grant money to develop a better, more workable watering system. **Bill McKeown** cleaned up the compost bins and assessed the need to repair the 3 bins.

Later the representatives from the team met with **Joey Haynes** regarding the involvement of the youth in our garden activities. Alan has met with Ms. Chrystie and Ms. Heather, teachers of the CDC Sharks Class, who wish to continue their participation.

On Saturday, March 28, Steve King and **Jimmy Niell** tilled all of our planting beds.

Planting will start in the next few weeks. Anyone interested in being on the team should call the church office or contact any current team member.