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Heaven Calls Home An Angel

It is with deep sadness that Immanuel relays the loss of Eunice “Roberta” Lott. Roberta passed away unexpectedly on March 20, 2017. She had been her chipper, joking self the day before in worship and fellowship.

Roberta was born on July 18, 1945 in Newport News, VA. She married Robert Long and they were blessed with two children – Rodney and Lisa. During her 40+ years in Anchorage, Roberta had a long career in education with the Anchorage School District. Her roles included that of elementary school teacher, principal, and

a district level education administrator. Even after retirement Roberta continued her work in education by teaching, supervising, and mentoring pre-service teachers. She had a true heart for children and teaching was more than a career; it was a calling. Roberta was known for her clever quips and sense of humor. She was a long time member of Immanuel and contributed in many ways. Roberta was an avid reader and traveler and her latest travel took her on a Caribbean cruise to Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Barbados, St. Kitts, St. Lucia, St. Martaans. Roberta is survived by her two children, Rodney and Lisa Long; seven grandchildren: Takeva Bester, Ramone Long, Demonzell Hastings, Shymara Jones,

Nevaeh Long, Nia Hastings, and Gabriel Suzuki, two sisters, Brenda White and Anne Williams, as well as host of nieces and nephews. Two of her sisters, Miriam White and Linda Mills, preceded her in death. . A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 4:30 p.m. at Immanuel.

In lieu of flowers or food, the family asks that donations in the memory of Eunice Roberta Lott be made to Living Waters Community Development Program, PO Box 30160, Kennesaw, GA 441085.



Art and I met Roberta, Robert, Paula and Richard at church on Christmas Eve of 1974. We had just arrived in Anchorage and Art picked that church because he already knew and liked Hal Banks. Since we met them that night, all four of us have remained best of friends despite the changes in their families through the years. Those four were our very first friends in the city of Anchorage. In the late 70’s I was substitute teaching for the Anchorage School District and learned a lot about teaching in elementary grades as I subbed for Roberta many times when she was at Fairview. I had lots of questions, actually being a high school math teacher, and she was always good about talking to me in the evening and answering my questions. When I asked about particular students and how to handle certain things with them, she could always help so it was better the next day! She was a wonderful person and will be missed!! Joanne Potts

Roberta took piano lessons from me for a couple of years when I was living downtown on H St. She was so much fun to teach. Of course, we would get side-tracked into talking about other interesting things. What I remember so much about Roberta was her sense of humor, her quipping, always ready to lift you up and fill your heart with laughter. She was a gift. Arlene Lidbergh-Jasper

Eunice Roberta Lott
1945-2017
A blessing in friendship; always lifting our hearts with laughter.
Pictured above with Laurence Evina Zeh

“My Dear friend Roberta, you were not just a friend but a sister. Your friendship blessed me in our days of joy and laughter, in time of trouble or sadness. Thank you for being a friend. You will be missed forever.” Laurence Evina Zeh



Caribbean Cruise November 2016
Laurence; Roberta; & Paula

1 Corinthians 15:42-44 It is the same way with the resurrection of the dead. Our earthly bodies are planted in the ground when we die, but they will be raised to live forever. Our bodies are buried in brokenness, but they will be raised in glory. They are buried in weakness, but they will be raised in strength. They are buried as natural human bodies, but they will be raised as spiritual bodies. For just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.

Immanuel & World Lose a Legend



**Dr. John J. Carey
1931-2017**



Dr. John Carey, passed away peacefully on March 2, 2017, in Durham, NC at the age of 85. John was born and raised in Fort Wayne, IN and graduated from Duke in 1953. While at Duke, John was a champion athlete, scholar and community servant. He then attended Yale Divinity School and received his B.D. and S.T.M. degrees; returning to Duke for his Ph.D. John was a founder of the North American Paul Tillich Society, a member of the American Academy of Religion and a 20 year consultant to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He began his career as the University Chaplain at Catawba College in NC then moved on to Florida State University where he spent the next 26 years in positions including University Chaplain, Professor of Religion, Dean of Students, Vice President for Student Affairs, Chair of the Department of Religion, and Director of Graduate Studies in Religion. From 1986 to 1999 John served in numerous academic capacities in NC, FL and GA including Warren Wilson College, Florida Southern College, and Agnes Scott College from whence he retired. Even so, there's

no stopping a champion. In 2000, John accepted a post-retirement calling to serve as Interim Pastor of Immanuel but also taught for the Philosophy Department at UAA. We were blessed to have him serve Immanuel numerous times through 2009. As an ordained minister of the PCUSA, John chaired the Presbyterian Committee on Human Sexuality from 1988-1991, an experience which resulted in appearances on Good Morning America and Nightline. He helped, mentored and encouraged hundreds of students and colleagues over the course of his career, and inspired hundreds more with his passionate dedication and leadership in the areas of peace studies, women's issues and the rights and dignity due to gay and lesbian people. John is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary Charlotte McCall; his sister, Mary Louise Whitmore; five daughters, Sarah Kathryn Carey (Chad Hunsaker), Marylynn Carey, Beth Ann

Carey, Joanna Carey Cleveland (Sam Cleveland), and Jessica Carey Graham (Jason Graham); five grandchildren; and his first wife and long-time friend, Sally Stanback. A Celebration of Life will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Tallahassee, FL on April 22, 2017, and at Immanuel on June 3, 2017. The family encourages all those who loved and cared about Rev. Dr. John J. Carey to honor him by acting with kindness, compassion and humility to all. Please also consider a donation to an organization that works for the causes that mattered most to him, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, Doctors Without Borders and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). John's complete obituary can be seen at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/adn/obituary>.

"For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" - Romans 6:5

In God, All Things Are Possible

Here’s an organization and opportunity that might interest you and doesn’t require any resources except a few minutes of your time every day or as often as you can make: praying for children around the world. Faces of Children is an intercessory prayer organization started by Carrie McKean at 1st. Presbyterian in Midland, TX.

Vision: We envision a world where no child is overlooked or forgotten; a world where all children know they are precious.

Mission: We mobilize the church to meet the needs of children through intercessory prayer and tangible acts of love and service, showing all children their inherent value and the unconditional love of God.

Why: In this world where children are forced to make bricks, taught to be terrorists and fall victim to trafficking and other forms of evil, as Christians we are not powerless. Faces of Children is a ministry of First Presbyterian Church, Midland, Texas. We envision a world where no child is overlooked or forgotten; a

world where all children know they are precious. The ministry mobilizes the church to meet the needs of children through intercessory prayer and tangible acts of love and service, showing all children their inherent value and the unconditional love of God. Through partnering with FPC ministries and other churches and organizations, we can help children pray for children and educate adults and youth on the plight of children in the world. Let’s say yes to the opportunity to join the divine adventure and mobilize the Body of Christ to deepen prayer and action for vulnerable children.

You can view their website at: www.facesofchildren.net



Food & Fellowship Schedule– April, May, June

Soup

4/2: Weavers
 4/9: Kimpton
 4/16 Easter: Elders & Deacons
 4/23: Sharon Arlian
 4/30: Elizabeth Amber
 5/7: Joanne Potts
 5/14: Haldane-Anderson
 5/21: Candace Arlian

Continental Breakfast

5/28: Sharon Arlian
 6/4: Herb, Nes, & Arlene
 6/11: Candace Arlian
 6/18:
 6/25:

Cookies

4/2: Weavers
 4/9: Kimpton
 4/16 Easter: Elders & Deacons
 4/23: Candace Arlian
 4/30: Beth Van Order
 5/7: Joanne Potts
 5/14: Haldane-Anderson
 5/21: Patti Collins



Clean-Up

4/2: Amber
 4/9: Weavers
 4/16
 4/23: Sharon & Candace
 4/30: Beth Van Order
 5/7: Weavers
 5/14: Haldane-Anderson
 5/21: Elizabeth Amber
 5/28:
 6/4:
 6/11:
 6/18:
 6/25: Elizabeth Amber



Presbyterian Youth Group of Anchorage

Mark Your Calendar! Trinity, 1st Pres., Immanuel, and Anchor 7th–12th grade youth meet Sundays 1:30-3:30 p.m. Meetings involve, games, Bible study, and snack.

Sun. April 2: Youth Group at Trinity Presbyterian Church

Sun. April 9: Pretzel Making Sunday during Youth Group at First Presbyterian Church

Sun. April 16: Easter Sunday (No Youth Group)

Sun. April 23: Youth Group at First Presbyterian Church

Sun. April 30: Youth Group Outing (5th Sunday event)

Sun. May 7: Youth Group at Trinity

Sun. May 14: Mother's Day (No Youth Group)

Sun. May 21: Youth Group Picnic/Bonfire at Lindemuth's with Westminster College

Other Dates to Put on Your Calendar

May 30-June 2: VBS Prep Days at First Presbyterian Church (youth are always good helpers in getting ready for VBS)

June 5-9: VBS at First Presbyterian Church (youth are very important to the success of our VBS as you serve as group leaders for the children and are mentors for them during the week.

July 9-15: PCUSA Youth Group from First

Presbyterian (Vancouver, WA) staying at Immanuel Presbyterian Church. Our youth group will help with hosting them.

TBA: Mission Trip for High school youth to Anaktuvik Pass (still waiting on dates that will work for the church in Anaktuvik Pass)

****** The Youth Group is doing some planning for the summer. If you would like to host the youth at your cabin this summer or plan an outing (all day, evening, or overnight) please let us know so we can get it on the calendar. We would really enjoy as many families as possible planning some kind of evening activity or longer for the youth to provide a variety of activities this summer.



It Takes a Village to Raise a Child...

Please help us fill the gaps!

	Children	Youth (6th - 12th grade)
April 2	Lazarus, Come Out: Sandy Haldane	Boundless Love: Mark Anderson
9	Heading to Easter: Sandy Haldane	Joyful Sunday: Mark Anderson
16	No Sunday School	No Sunday School
23	Peace be With You: Sara Johnston	Believing Without Seeing: Sharon Arlian
30	On the Road: Laurence Zeh	An Emotional Day: _____
May 7	The Good Shepherd: _____	Ground of our Trust: _____
14	The Way, the Truth, the Life: Sara Johnston	Jesus the Way: _____
21	Creator God: Sandy & Cole	Knowing God: Mark Anderson

Our 2016 Stats

Every year PCUSA churches are asked to submit a variety of reports to PCUSA. Here are some of our stats at the end of 2016.

Voting Members: 41 (lost 7, gained 5 members in 2016)

13 members are 26-45 years old

4 members are 46-55 years old

6 members are 56-65 years old

18 members are older than 66.

5 members are Black
 1 member is African American
 3 members are Native American
 32 members are White

9 congregants have a disability

Average Adult Attendance at Worship is 30

23 children, birth to 5th grade attend Christian Education (CE) events
 4 youth attend CE events
 1 young adult attends CE events

25 adults attend CE events (25 & older)
 CE events not only include Sunday School and Adult Forum but also Men's and Women's Night Out, Women's Meet Up, etc.

1 Child & 1 Adult were Baptized in 2016

It is because all PCUSA churches are to submit these and other statistics annually, that we take attendance at worship, Sunday School, and Adult Forum. The only question we asked of members in 2016 was age range. We make an "educated guess" on race/ethnicity, disability, attendance at events, etc. Thank you for your cooperation!



In-And-About April & May



An Easter Carol

By Phillip Brooks

Tomb, thou shalt not hold Him longer;
Death is strong, but Life is stronger,
Stronger than the dark, the light,
Stronger than the wrong, the right,
Faith and Hope triumphant say
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

While the patient earth lies waking
Till the morning shall be breaking,
Shuddering 'neath the burden dread
of her Master, cold and dead --
Hark! she hears the Angels say
Christ will rise on Easter Day.

Up and down our lives obedient
Walk dear Christ, with footsteps radiant,
Till those garden lives shall be
Fair with duties done for Thee
And our thankful spirits say,
Christ arose on Easter Day.

And when sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from Heavenly fountains.
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say
Christ has risen on Easter Day.



In celebration of Easter on April 16th – please consider bringing an Easter Lily, Tulips, Daffodils, or other beautiful spring flowers to brighten the Sanctuary.



April 2: 5th Sunday of Lent &
1-3pm: Session leadership
retreat

April 5, 7:15pm: Choir rehearsal

April 9: Palm Sunday

April 12, 6pm: Ladies' Night Out at
TBD

April 13: Maundy Thursday
6pm: potluck followed by Tenebrae
worship and communion

April 14: Good Friday

April 16: Easter, No Sunday
School or Adult Forum
11am Worship, One Great
Hour of Sharing Offering

April 17, 6:30pm: Men's Night Out
at TBD

April 18, 6:30 pm: Session Meet-
ing

April 19, 7:15pm: Choir rehearsal

April 23: "Alleluia" Hymn Sing dur-
ing worship
Mission committee meeting
after worship

May 4: National Day of Prayer

May 5: Friendship Day

May 7: Older Adult Week & Wills
Emphasis

May 13: Fair Trade Day

May 14: Mother's Day & Deacon's
Offering

May 21: Presbyterian Heritage Sun-
day
Last Day of Sunday School &
Adult Forum for the Summer

May 25: Ascension of the Lord Day

May 28: Summer Worship Schedule
begins at 10:00 a.m. &
Continental Breakfast begins at
9:30 a.m.
Disability Inclusion Sunday

From Your Board of Deacons

This is just a reminder that your four Deacons are Gale Smoke, Rozann Kimpton, Patti Collins and Sarah Weaver. We each have care lists to better serve you, but feel free to contact any of us.

Two future events we will help facilitate are the Maundy Thursday potluck held on April 13th at six o'clock. This is a wonder-

ful time for fellowship accompanied by a short service led by the pastor which provides Communion. So, please bring a dish and join us. The second event is a memorial service for our past pastor John Carey who sadly passed away recently. John was our interim pastor at two different times. This service will be

held on June 3rd and the particulars of the service will be provided as we get closer to the date.

The Deacons work can never be entirely planned since life's events are not totally predictable as you all know. But we are there to serve you and the four of us feel privileged to hold these positions.

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We believe that all people are children of God and affirm the worth and dignity of all races, ethnicities, ages, abilities, genders and sexual orientations. Recognizing that we are an increasingly diverse culture and that there are differences among us, we make a commitment to lovingly accept our diversity, as did Christ, with respect, compassion and understanding. We welcome all people into the full life and ministry of this church.

Thank You...

...To everyone who has signed up to either donate \$75.00 for cleaning our building or to do the cleaning themselves. Your donation of time or money is immensely helpful to offset our budget shortfall this year. God Bless each and every one of you who has been so generous in many ways!

Also thank you to those of you who are "key holders" who generously contributed funds to offset the expense of re-keying the entrances to Immanuel.

Unfortunately there will be other expenses coming, for which we may ask assistance. For example—did

you notice some of the ceiling panels missing above the coat rack out side of the fellowship hall? We have old, deteriorating plumbing and heating pipes and as expected they are beginning to leak. Because the entire heating and plumbing system needs to be shut down and drained in order for 2 plumbers to repair the leak, we may be asking you to dig deep once again into your pockets to assist with the \$2000+ cost of doing this repair. We'll keep you posted....

We know we ask a lot of all of you. We are so thankful that God has blessed us with your generosity and that he has blessed you with such abundance to share. *The Session*



Damian MacInness-Green 5/8

Gracie Ashworthy 5/9

Ruben Silva 5/9

Lily Weaver 5/16

Mary Charlotte McCall 5/17

Josh Collins 5/17

Sara Johnston 5/22

Victoria Netanus Grubbs
5/25

Beth Van Order 5/29

Yaya's Yum Yums

Supporting healthy chickens

for healthy children

in Larabanga, Ghana.

*Baked with love & brought to you in
the Fellowship Hall by
Ms. Natalya J. Coulson*



Prayer Requests



The family of Roberta Lott, grieving her unexpected passing

Mary Charlotte McCall & family
grieving the loss of John Carey

Barbe Neeson who is facing possible back surgery and in the meantime challenged with mobility difficulties

Judy Knott who lost husband
Richard