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## Spring Golf Tournament



The annual spring golf tournament will be Saturday, May 2nd, at Umstead Pines at Willowhaven. This is a "best ball" ("captain's choice") tournament, and all skill levels are welcome. Registration will begin around the first of April. If you have any questions or want to be added to the "interest list", please contact Joe Beavers at [jbeavers@nc.rr.com](mailto:jbeavers@nc.rr.com).

## 2009 CROP Walk

The CROP Hunger Walk ([www.durhamcropwalk.org](http://www.durhamcropwalk.org)) is an annual event to raise funds to feed the hungry around the world. Participants invite friends and family to sponsor them during the Walk. The 2009 CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, March 22, 2009. The "step-off" is at 2:30pm (registration opens at 1:30pm) from Duke Chapel and proceeds through the East Campus of Duke and then through Durham's Walltown neighborhood and then back to Duke Chapel on the West Campus of Duke for a total of just under five miles of walking.



## The Minister's Word

Dear Friends,

I have lived in Durham for nearly seven months now, but I got a whole new insight into this community (and this congregation!) on the night of February 11<sup>th</sup>, when a handful of college guys dressed in slightly different shades of blue attempted to share a few thousand square feet of space for 40 minutes!

I expect that passions will only rise as we head into "March Madness." Meanwhile, this month in the church, we will be living a

far different kind of passion as we begin the season of Lent. During these six weeks, we prepare to once again observe the holy days which remember the crucifixion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The Church has historically observed Lent by preparing new believers for baptism, by welcoming those who have been estranged back into the community, and by engaging in the disciplines of penitence and repentance.

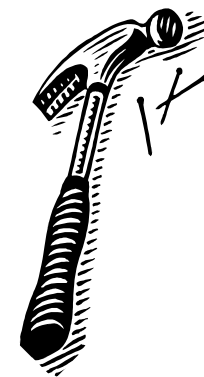
How will you prepare to remember Christ's passion? The forty days of Lent are a great opportunity to try out a new spiritual

discipline. Consider giving something up—complaining, gossiping, or self-deprecation—or taking something on—reading a psalm every day, joining a Sunday School class, or buying fair-trade.

May God guide us as we continue to be a Christian community together. I cannot say it too often or too sincerely: it is such a privilege to serve this congregation.

In Christ, Elizabeth

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team



The tenth TAPC Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team is now being formed. The Orange Grove Camp in Gulfport, Mississippi, housed our first two mission teams in November/December 2005, and we will return there for the upcoming trip. The dates are March 21-28, 2009. If you are interested in being part of Team #10 (or supporting the Team through prayer, donations, etc.), please contact Lynette Williams at 620-5744 or at [Williams\\_la@sprynet.com](mailto:Williams_la@sprynet.com).

## Lenten Study — Sunday School Elective

Consider using the Lenten season to explore and nurture your spiritual life. Elizabeth Michael will lead an elective Sunday School series, "Hungering for God," which will focus on practices of prayer, both ancient and new. Join us in the chapel at 9:45 am on March 22, 29, and April 5. We will study varieties of contemplative prayer and discuss ways to integrate prayer into our everyday lives. Each class will also include time to practice and experience different kinds of prayer. Contact Elizabeth with questions.



## Work Group Volunteers Needed



Can't go to Mississippi with the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team but still want a chance to swing a hammer or wield a paintbrush? Join our work group to help with various projects around the church such as inside painting, changing light bulbs, and other light maintenance work. The group will work under the direction of TAPC's building manager, Martin Davis. If interested, please contact Jim Petrea at [jpetrea@nc.rr.com](mailto:jpetrea@nc.rr.com) or at 477-7634.

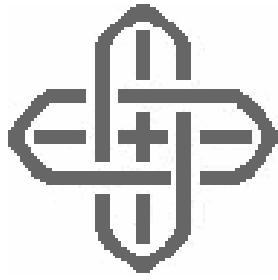
## Prayer Ministry

If you want to participate in praying for the needs of the TAPC church family, please contact Marian Wright at [mwright32@aol](mailto:mwright32@aol) or at 321-2624. We have a phone tree and an e-mail notification to share prayer requests.



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## Children's Ministry News

**A SPECIAL THANKS** to everyone who donated items for our Valentine party on February 8. Our kids assembled 123 goodie bags for the Head Start childcare center, and the teachers at the center were very excited to pass out the bags to the children.

**March 15** - Enjoy the ACC championship game on Sunday, March 15 with some brownies or cookies or cake. The children will host their annual bake sale on March 15 from 9:00-12:30. Bring a baked good to the church that morning or plan to buy one or two to take home. The money earned will go to the Head Start center. Please have all items individually wrapped and priced. We'd like to have goodies ranging in price from 25 cents to \$20.

**March 18** - Marcia Basloe from Smart Start will speak at Wednesday Night Lite about the importance of early childhood education and the relationship the TAPC kids have established with the Head Start preschool.

**April 4** - TAPC Easter Egg Hunt - Join us at 10am for our Easter Egg Hunt (egg hunts for the young children and games/activities for older kids). Bring a sweet treat or salty snack to share.

Please add the following items to your summer calendars:

- New Hope Camp Vacation Church School - June 15 - 19: Registration forms are here! VCS is for ages 4 year olds - rising 6th graders. Youth are needed to work as counselors or activity helpers. Registration forms must be in by April 1 to guarantee a spot for your child. Pick up a form in the Bennett Building or email Sloan for a copy.
- TAPC Preschool Bible School - July 6 - 10: We will hold our Preschool Bible school each morning beginning at 9am. This camp is for children ages 2 years - rising 1st grade. Children rotate through activities of singing, arts and crafts, bible stories, games and snack. Please consider volunteering one or more mornings during this sweet, fun week. Childcare is available for children under 2.

## Youth News

During this season of Lent, the youth will fast in solidarity with those who hunger and walk to feed those who hunger. Ask our youth how God inspired and challenged them during the 30 Hour Famine. Sponsor a young person in this year's Crop Walk and help us alleviate hunger!

**30 Hour Famine**  
Friday, March 13th at 5:00pm to  
Saturday, March 14th at 6:00pm

At Westminster Presbyterian Church, with Trinity Avenue, First Presbyterian, and Mount Bethel Presbyterian Youth Fellowships.

This year we will be serving at The Food Bank of Central and Northeastern North Carolina!! As always, we will break our fast with a community potluck at 6:00pm on Saturday at Westminster.



*Kayt Drummond pauses for a picture in front of the Prayer Labyrinth at the 2008 30 Hour Famine.*

**SAVE THE DATE!** The second Annual Samuel Retreat for High School Youth will be held April 17th through 19th at Camp Rockfish in Fayetteville, North Carolina. We will enjoy community building activities, vocational discernment, fellowship, and prayer!

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 27Feb to 01Mar | Middle School Retreat (New Hope Camp in Chapel Hill)                 |
| 01Mar          | Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall 9:00am to 1:30pm                      |
| 04Mar          | Wednesday Night Lite: Worship  |
| 5-7Mar         | Appointments for photo directory                                     |
| 11Mar          | Wednesday Night Lite: Worship  |
| 13Mar-14Mar    | 30 Hour Famine (youth event at Westminster Presbyterian Church)      |
| 15Mar          | TAPC Kids Bake Sale in the Fellowship Hall                           |
| 18Mar          | Wednesday Night Lite: Speaker will be Marcia Basloe from Smart Start |
| 21Mar-28Mar    | Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team #10 at work in Mississippi     |
| 22Mar          | CROP Hunger Walk (starts at 2:30pm from Duke Chapel)                 |
| 25Mar          | Wednesday Night Lite: Worship  |



### BAKE SALE!!

**Sunday, March 15**

Please see announcement in the Children's Ministry News Section.

### Wednesday Night Lite

Please join us for TAPC's Wednesday night dinners to enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and worship! Dinner is \$5 for ages 11 to adult, \$2 for ages 4 to 10, and free for ages 3 and under (with maximum of \$15 per family). Sign up on the friendship pad or call the church office at 682-3865 if you plan to attend.

## Schedule of Congregant Leadership for Sunday Worship Services

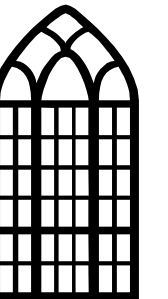
| Date  | Communion   | Counters   | Closing                       | Acolyte Parent          | Ushers/Greeters   |
|-------|---|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 01Mar | 9:00am<br>Chris & Cathy Perry<br>11:00am<br>Arthur Rogers is elder in charge of communion | Bill Telford (Lead)<br>Al Joyner<br>Marie Grauerholz         | Kirsten Berlin<br>(383-2828)  | Maxwells                | 9:00am<br>Volunteers needed!<br><br>11:00am<br>Volunteers needed! |
| 08Mar | 9:00am<br>Carol & Chris Leach   | Jeff Hendriks (Lead)<br>Todd Barbour<br>Jeff Williams        | Dan Richards<br>(493-6458)    | Hendriks<br>(477-1075)  |   |
| 15Mar | 9:00am<br>Suzy Ward   | Susan Ross (Lead)<br>Tom Hadzor<br>Anders Hall               | Mary Gunderson<br>(933-5570)  | Berry<br>(620-6731)     |   |
| 22Mar | 9:00am<br>Edith Boon  | Joe Beavers (Lead)<br>Duffy McDonald<br>Kirk West            | Brent Blaylock<br>(493-8309)  | Barringer<br>(620-0331) |   |
| 29Mar | 9:00am<br>Marie Grauerholz<br>11:00am<br>Steve Yova is elder in charge of communion       | Chris Leach (Lead)<br>Stan Stasiewicz<br>Judy May            | Arland Eyle<br>(489-0235)     | Bilden<br>(309-9279)    | 9:00am<br>Volunteers needed!<br><br>11:00am<br>Volunteers needed! |
| 05Apr | 9:00am<br>Chris & Cathy Perry   | Jim Petrea (Lead)<br>Susan Peak<br>Arthur Rogers             | Mandy Barringer<br>(620-0331) | Stockburger             |   |
| 12Apr | 9:00am<br>Carol & Chris Leach   | Jim Petrea (Lead)<br>Jim VanderWeide<br>Gail VanderWeide     | David Thaxton<br>(477-5241)   | Lockwood<br>(477-6883)  |   |
| 19Apr | 9:00am<br>Suzy Ward   | Len Stockburger (Lead)<br>Wendy Hoffman<br>Bobby Stockburger | Judy May<br>(383-2342)        | Rogers<br>(493-9586)    |   |
| 26Apr | 9:00am<br>Edith Boon  | Chris Perry (Lead)<br>Noell Tillett<br>Cathy Perry           | Jo Deckard<br>(471-4598)      | Drummond<br>(477-9818)  |   |

## SANCTUARY GUILD

If you wish to place an Easter Lily in the church in memory or in honor of a loved one, please call the church office or pick up an order form in the Narthex. The deadline for getting orders in to the church is March 31.

If you are interested in serving on the Sanctuary Guild or if you are interested in placing flowers in the chapel and sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please call Gerda Medley at 383-7621.

March volunteers: Debbie Blaylock & Ann Kirkland. Thanks to January volunteers Judy May & Edith Boon.



## TAPC Weekday School

It's time to register for the 2009-2010 school year at TAPC Weekday School. The Weekday School is a half-day preschool with classes for two year olds through five year olds. Registration information and applications are available on the TAPC website. For more information, please contact Weekday School director Lori Hardin at 919-530-8163 or at lhardin@trinityave.org.

## New Photo Directories

It's time for a new photo directory of TAPC members! Since our last photo directory, nearly 200 folks have joined our family of faith. If you have not yet signed up for a photo session, please do so now by calling the church office. We really want to have your wonderful faces included in the directory! Photo session dates will be February 26th, 27th, 28th, and March 5th, 6th, 7th.