

# Northside News



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## From the Pastor

This week we heard the sad news that Solon and Leah are moving to Louisville, Kentucky in August. We are going to miss this talented couple we have come to love. Our youth will especially miss them. They are consistent, prepared, mature and kind leaders.

As we met Sunday with parents, I was impressed by the way this news was received. We told Solon: "We're not mad. We understand, and we're happy for you." We told Solon, "We are grateful for you." We prayed and offered our blessings.

I believe Solon and Leah's presence here as been a sign that God has given and will give us everything we need to fulfill our calling in this place. In the days ahead it will be important to remember that God has given us everything we need to faithfully fulfill our calling. I do not know who will be our next youth minister, or how long it will take to find one, but I do know that we have what we need in this moment to minister to, with, and alongside our youth and their families.

When I say that God has given us everything we need, I mean to comfort you and challenge you. I hope you will not be anxious or fearful, which is always a temptation in times of change. But I also want to challenge you not to wait until we find someone to continue being the church. You can do this in the interim, however long that lasts – you have what it takes.

Let Solon and Leah's wonderful presence with us be a sign that the Spirit of God is at work among us. Be encouraged and challenged by that to be the people of God in this place and time.

Peace,  
Stan

## Campers and Chaperones Passport 2010

### Campers:

Brock Nolan  
Grant Gilliam  
Brantley Meaders  
Joseph Meadors  
Mary Louise Meadors  
Morgan Young  
Will Nations  
Sam Gearhart  
Matthew Tucker  
Wesley Harkins  
Eilish Callender  
Jeffrey Johnston  
James Johnson

### Chaperones:

Sheila Wagner  
Kitty Brogan  
Craig Young  
Stan Wilson  
Solon Smith

## Community Garden News

We now have four families from around Clinton who are participating in two different community gardens in our church's back yard. Come on out and help if you're interested. Our next booth at the Olde Towne Market will be June 26. We would appreciate volunteers and especially donations of produce! We sold 6 gallons of blueberries.

## Dear Northside Family

It is with deep regret that I inform you that Leah and I will be leaving Northside at the end of July. We will be moving to Louisville, KY, where Leah will be attending law school, and I will be doing a chaplaincy residency.

Northside has been an enormous blessing to Leah and me, and we only hope that we have been the same to all of you as well. We have come to appreciate just how special Northside is, and have counted ourselves as fortunate to be a part of such a unique Christian fellowship.

The most difficult aspect about making a decision to move, has been that we have already grown so attached to all of you, and have come to see Northside as our church home. Working with the youth here has been an honor, and they have been a huge blessing to us. We have learned so much of from the young people at Northside. They are compassionate and bright, and have affection for one another and their church. They as well as the rest of the Northside congregation have demonstrated a Christ like example that we strive to emulate.

Thank you so much for this opportunity.

God Bless,  
Solon

## Special Offering July 4

On Sunday July 4, we will be joining a great number of churches across Clinton in receiving a special offering for our upcoming Habitat for Humanity house construction. We are trying to build a house this fall. A lot has been cleared for construction. First United Methodist has taken the lead on this year's house, and Northside and Parkway Baptist have also given generously along with other churches. But we are still many thousand dollars away from having enough to build our next house.

This offering will be above and beyond our General Fund offering, so do not cease to give to the General Fund that day! But it is an important chance for us to continue to sustain this important ministry.

## One Book – One Parish – One Summer

Here's an idea from our friends at Church of the Creator: Let's all read one book this summer and then get together to discuss it. Based on the popular 'One Book One City' and 'Big Read' programs, the National One Book + One Parish + One Summer 2010 event is designed to help America's parishes of all denominations (or no denomination) experience a spiritually deeper summer and stay connected by reading one great book together. David Miller has volunteered to lead our discussion of the book, *Forgiving Ararat* by Gita Nazareth in which a young lawyer dies unexpectedly and, arriving in heaven, learns she's been chosen to join the elite lawyers who prosecute and defend souls at the Final Judgment. Already being compared to books like *The Shack*, *Life of Pi*, *The Secret Life of Bees* and *The Lovely Bones*, *Forgiving Ararat* is a miraculous and mesmerizing novel about life, death, healing, justice, forgiveness, and what it means to be both human and Divine. In other words, it is the perfect summer 2010 novel. Sign up if you want a copy (we might be able to get a group discount) or just get a copy and start reading. The discussion night will be announced later in the summer. Good reading!

## From the Wellness Committee

Dietary fiber (bulk, roughage) is a necessary part of daily nutrition absorbing water into the gastro-intestinal tract, reducing pressure inside the colon, and easing elimination. Fiber is necessary to both prevent and treat many health problems. Most people take in 15-20 grams of dietary fiber per day, when 30-40 grams is best. Sources include: certain whole tortillas, black beans, miller's bran, green peas, squash, corn, sweet potatoes, avocado, and artichokes. It is important to drink at least 6-8 cups of water a day when on a high fiber diet.

## A Note of Thanks

Thanks to everyone who brought items for our stewardship for the earth program. We have an over-abundance of great "trash," so we don't need any more right now. But if you can, please continue to save some of your interesting odds and ends. We will let you know when we will be collecting again.

## Meet Me at Luigi's

Love Italian food? Love theatre? Love the NBC Youth Group? Then you'll love Meet Me at Luigi's! Join the youth for an interactive dinner theatre at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19 in the fellowship hall. E-mail Solon Smith for ticket information at [mrsolonbsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsolonbsmith@yahoo.com). Proceeds will go toward Passport Youth Camp expenses and a donation to The 4 C's.

## A Look Ahead

June 19	Youth Dinner Theater
July 5	Church Office Closed
July 11-17	Youth Passport Camp

## Extended Session

<b>June 20</b>	
Infants	Mary Etta Carner
Toddlers	Ricky Nations
Preschool	John Meadors
<b>June 27</b>	
Infants	Frances Chisolm
Toddlers	Mary Ann Greene
Preschool	Buddy Wagner

## Sunday School for Babies

June 20	Lesa Meaders
June 27	Deborah Fry

## Caregiving Concerns

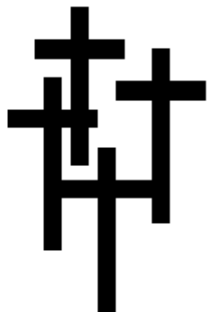
Nancy Hancock  
Charles Moore, father of Ed Moore, recovering from surgery  
Betty Gordon Watson, sister of Emily Fokeladeh  
Roy Williams, grandfather of Graham Carner,  
recovering from a head injury after a fall

## On-Going Caregiving Concerns

Helen Breedlove, aunt of Jackie Wright  
Ellen Brewer, recovering from surgery  
Evelyn Brewer, mother of David Parks  
Shirley Campbell, sister of Jo Ann Pope  
Howard Cohen at home, dialysis  
Callie Cole, in a coma, friend of Sara Campbell  
Jamie Franks, daughter of Lynda Cook,  
Marjorie Gore  
Becky Harrison, aunt of Beth Dickinson  
Clarissa Hickman, friend of Edith Kennedy  
Carolyn Hisaw, wife of Tony Hisaw  
Mrs. Abby Jones, at The Orchard in Ridgeland  
Lake Jones, moving to Seattle  
Tommie Myers, uncle of Mary Etta Carner  
Ruth Parker, daughter-in-law of Lynda Cook  
Clayton Powers  
Bernice Rook, charter member, leukemia  
Linda Stark, sister-in-law of Bill Stark  
Margaret Stephens, John Marquez' sister  
Bill Strum, receiving chemotherapy  
Sue Thayer  
Merle Thomas  
Freddie Weeks, cancer, friend of Graham Carner  
Johne Williams, mother of Roxie Parks

## Members at Home

Clyde and Wilma Hemphill  
Mrs. Margaret Hensley  
Chrys Ray



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