



The Grapevine

I am the vine; and you are the branches. If a man remain in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. – John 15:5

By Rev. James L. Harvey III

July 2009

General Assembly 2009

The 37th General Assembly (GA) of the Presbyterian Church in America was convened last week. The GA is the annual meeting at which Teaching Elders (pastors) and Ruling Elders gather to represent their respective churches and presbyteries. Being a part of a group of Bible believing Christians is a great blessing to EP. If you are blessed by our church, then you are blessed by the PCA whether or not you realize it. The denomination does many things. An incomplete list includes the following: the PCA examines ministers, upholds standards for leadership, provides oversight for local church, provides a court of appeals for individuals wishing to challenge decisions of church discipline, offers regional and national training for pastors and ministry leaders, has a college, a seminary, a very effective college ministry, a bookstore, a very well respected international mission agency, and many other ministries. When people ask me why we are in a denomination, I reply simply by saying it is biblical. What I mean by that is that it is biblical to be connected to other believers in the broader church for accountability, encouragement and discipleship (see Acts 15 as a starting point for study). For more information on the PCA see www.pcanet.org and www.byfaithonline.com (the PCA's excellent online magazine).

EP is a member of the Heritage Presbytery of the PCA. The geographic boundary of Heritage Presbytery is: "All the Delmarva peninsula east of the Susquehanna River, except Kent Island, and including Accomac and Northampton counties in Virginia; and all of Chester county, PA east of Route 41 plus the townships of Elk, New London, Franklin, London, Britain and New Garden, west of 41, and Delaware county, PA west of Ridley Creek (see <http://www.pcaac.org/>

[presbyteries.htm](http://www.pcaac.org/presbyteries.htm)). EP has traditionally had an important role in planting churches within these boundaries. I am currently serving on the Church Planting and Revitalization Committee of our presbytery. There have been (very) preliminary discussions of the need for a church south of Elkton, MD in the Northeast, MD area. The area is growing and there is a need for more good churches that clearly preach the gospel of grace. Perhaps God will use us again in such a work.

Back to General Assembly: this year's General Assembly was in Orlando. As a national conference of over 1000 people, the GA is planned 3-4 years in advance. Some lamented the location choice for 2009. Given the economic situation of our nation and our churches, it did not seem the time to send pastors and elders to Disney World. However, none could have predicted the current situation when the site was chosen.

I have included below a summary of General Assembly by Joel Belz, founder of World Magazine (<http://www.worldmag.com/index.cfm>). This review from www.byfaithonline.com captures the spirit of the assembly well, and is a good window into the life of the broader church and even a few of its leading ministers. Joel Belz has an important connection with EP as well. (The first person to tell our Grapevine editor Kathy Wargo what that connection is will have their name posted in the Grapevine!) Enjoy this piece. I also encourage you to read more at [byfaithonline](http://www.byfaithonline.com) and to make praying for the PCA a priority in your prayer life. Like columns under a bridge, you don't really think about them but you would surely suffer if they gave way when you needed them.

With Much Affection, Pastor Jay

Joel Belz: Closing Comments on the 37th Assembly—June 2009

The evidence is about as solid as it can get: The Presbyterian Church in America is a deeply divided body. And some of us couldn't be more hopeful.

The Thursday afternoon vote on the last day of the PCA's 37th General Assembly was on an important issue—and it was close. While 446 commissioners said in effect that they neither want to change the PCA's exclusion of women from the office of deacon, nor even to talk any more about it, 427 of their fellow-churchmen fell barely short in their effort to extend just such a discussion.

Yet while heavy thunder and late spring rains pounded the Orlando convention center where the PCA met this week, remarkable calm pervaded both the huge auditorium where official business was conducted and the broad hallways where that same business was informally discussed and evaluated. In various quarters of the church, the vigorous disagreement had been ballyhooed for months as a threat at least to the PCA's unity, and maybe even to its existence. But at least in the first few hours after the vote, an uncharacteristic tranquility reigned.

The knockdown, drag-out slugfest predicted for Orlando simply didn't happen. And the body that emerged at the end of the week may prove to be stronger—and maybe less susceptible to future fevers—because of the experience.

And if "The Great Debate of 2009" didn't occur within the General Assembly itself, a big part of the reason was that two prominent PCA churchmen humbly backed off the chance to dramatize their personal roles. Instead, they deliberately lowered the stakes in what might come to be known as "The Slightly Lesser Debate of 2009." Tim Keller, senior pastor at Redeemer PCA in New York City, and Ligon Duncan, senior pastor of First PCA in Jackson, Miss., simply refused to engage in point-scoring when they spent 90 minutes in front of perhaps 750 listeners (with a third of them sitting on the floor) in a late afternoon side room session. What Duncan and Keller provided instead was a rare, up-close model of modesty and civility, with each seeming determined genuinely to out-nice the other.

To pay such high tribute to those two men shouldn't keep us from noting the parallel leadership exhibited by virtually everyone participating in the debate. The high standards set by Philip Ryken, David Coffin, and E. J. Nusbaum, in particular, should be both studied and mirrored by anyone aspiring to future leadership in our denomination. The quality of argumentation, consistently kept within the context of sweet-spirited and mutual honor, made many rejoice—again—to be part of the PCA.

Not everything at the Orlando assembly made the PCA look good. On the crucial vote over women deacons, 873 teaching

and ruling elders helped shape the church's policy for the years ahead. But something like 1,100 had registered and paid to be part of this important assembly. Where were the other 200 pastors and elders when such critical decisions were being made?

If the overall cost of accommodations and meals for assembly participants didn't set records this year, it must have been close. It was tough to find a passable breakfast for less than \$12—and by one estimate, the collective bill every time commissioners sat down for a meal was at least \$25,000 to \$30,000. The number of commissioner complaints about all that may have set a record as well, and may prompt PCA leaders to explore again new ways to hold such assemblies without nudging the denomination and its local churches toward bankruptcy. The fact that this year's assembly had been scheduled in a relatively plush setting, at a time when so many congregations and denominational programs are struggling financially, added to the embarrassment.

But back to a couple of the many reasons for optimism about the PCA. Skeptics were everywhere a couple of years ago when major revisions were made in assembly operations—placing a major part of the debate within a significantly expanded "Overtures Committee" that would be populated each year by one teaching elder and one ruling elder from each of the PCA's approximately 75 presbyteries. "It'll never work," said the doubters. But these days, seldom is heard a discouraging word about the big changes that occurred two years ago. And for those who wondered whether a 150-member Overtures Committee can fairly represent the larger assembly, note this statistic: This year's recommendation by the Overtures Committee on the issue of women deacons (54-46%) proved to be an almost precisely accurate forecast of how the assembly at large voted (51-49%) when it got the chance.

The bigger question may be this: Why, when the Overtures Committee is perceived as the center of influence these days in the overall assembly operation, were only half of that committee's seats filled by the respective presbytery representatives?

I left home early this week, heading for the assembly here in Orlando, and having sung at our evening worship the night before those familiar hymn lines about the church: "...by schisms rent asunder, by heresies oppressed..." Which, I wondered, would be the case in Orlando? Might we possibly be so careless with our doctrine and our handling of the precious truth of the gospel that some would accuse us of the sin of heresy? Or would we look at things so narrowly that we'd be forced to watch the PCA splinter, a little or even a lot—and be accused of promoting the sin of schism?

The hymn writer wasn't just picking casual, random things that might go wrong in the church. He was pointing to the all-too-real ditches on either side of the road, reminding us not to be distracted from the hard but liberating line of truth.

I think the PCA was blessed to hear that warning this past week in Orlando.

Missions

Paul and Liz Meiners MTW, London, England

The Meiners had a good trip to Spain to the MTW Area Retreat. Paul's seminar on Covenantal Priorities was well attended and several asked for his notes. Liz and their daughter Meg led a seminar on missionary kids and preparing for college. The English class Liz works with is going well. Two Korean ladies have joined a Christianity Explored class and are coming to a weekly storybook Bible group. They come from Buddhist backgrounds. Paul is working on assessing the state of missionary care in MTW Europe to help recognize needs and means of meeting them. They will be in New York City as mentors in MTW's Pre-Field Training for the month of July. It will be a rigorous schedule with new missionary candidates as they live in an ethnic neighborhood, work in an ethnically diverse church, and learn new things from how to learn a new language to working as a team. These couples are going to Bulgaria, England, and Ethiopia. Pray that God uses the Meiners to encourage them in their calling to missions.

Steve and Rita Williams MTW, Auckland, New Zealand

Their denomination hosted a national conference for women although the women couldn't all meet together (due to travel costs, etc). This conference brought Grace Presbyterian Church women together through prayer and encouraging reports of what took place in various locations. Rita enjoyed being involved with the committee and speakers. Steve is heading up the Truth Project in Auckland and other locations in New Zealand. He will travel to the kingdom of Tonga in the South Pacific. He and Rita will be involved in teaching a course at Faith Seminary. It will be the first time that they will be utilizing their book, *Intimate Odyssey*, as a text outside of New Zealand. They responded to an ad in the local paper from a man that said "I believe in God and Jesus Christ, but do not attend church...looking for like-minded people wanting to study the Bible." Steve has met with this man. He and his wife, along with two other couples, seem interested in attending a Bible Study. They will be in the US for Home Missionary Assignment from Nov. 27 -Feb. 24. It is the first time in many years that they will be visiting family at Christmas. They will be raising support. Pray that they will be able to raise \$400 more per month.



Phil and Barb DeHart Undisclosed

Phil experienced a day that few people have had the privilege of experiencing in a lifetime. Ten men were ordained. Together with the organizing pastor, there are eleven to form the first presbytery, resulting in the forming of the Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh. Seven pastors are teaching elders and four are ruling elders. Several more senior leaders never made it this far due to major character issues. They are no longer in the process, which has been emotionally hard for Phil because of the relationships he had with these men. Others should have passed, based on their maturity, but failed due to lack of Bible knowledge. They will continue to study and return for examination. Pray that these men will remain humble in spirit. One of the ordained men is a former small-time pir. A pir is a Muslim Spiritual leader of a mystical type who meditates for the poor and illiterate (there are pirs for the wealthy as well). Some pirs have vast followings and extensive spiritual powers. This gentleman is unassuming and has some difficulty reading. His written exam was barely legible. But he can memorize! The last question he answered on the oral exam brought Phil great joy: Question: "What is 'the new covenant in my blood' declared by Jesus as he administered the Supper?" His answer: "God is giving us the Covenant of Grace." The new leaders wore white trousers to symbolize holiness, dark red tunics for the blood of Christ, green kamarbands for flourishing spiritual growth, cream scarfs for sanctification and green turbans to represent service.

- Jill White

Brunch with Barbara Cross Saturday, July 18 at 9 a.m.

We have the great privilege of having Barbara Cross, member of our church and missionary to England, coming to speak to us on July 18 at Melanie Vinson's home. You won't want to miss hearing her give us an update and a devotional! All who have heard Barbara speak know that this is a treat for us...so please plan to come. Please call Melanie, 286-6559, if you would like to attend. This is the only date Barbara was available on this trip to the U.S. to meet with us.

Ministry
Corner

Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, July 27-31

This summer's theme is **Crocodile Dock-Where Fearless Kids Shine**

God's Light! Register your child online at the church website or at the bulletin board in the church hallway. You can also volunteer to help by signing up on the church website or in the church hallway. It takes many volunteers to make VBS a success and we need you!

We are very thankful for Debbie Freer and her wonderful leadership and enthusiasm for our children! If you haven't seen her "in action," then be sure to walk by Children's Sunday School Opening Exercises any week between 9:30-9:45...or come help at VBS — you can't help but be excited and encouraged! Thanks also to Debbie's husband, Kevin, for his countless hours and late nights, helping with projects that are needed ahead of time to make things run so smoothly at events like Music & Arts, VBS, etc. AND...thanks to her children, Micah, Sam, and Seth, who are able to see "serving the Lord" in action — just like Debbie learned from her parents who have served so faithfully for years.

-KW

Missions Trip to West Virginia July 11-18

Pray for:

- Joshua Knott
- Lothar Jeromin
- Tim Visser
- Adam Plaiss
- Olivia Briscoe
- Chris Breatly
- James New
- Tom Kulesza
- Tim Webster
- Tori Norris
- Ellen Huffman
- Shannon Groth
- Claire Webster
- Klayten Visser
- Brittany Richards
- Kyle Eastman

Thank you for contributing to our missions trip! We exceeded our goal!!

"PURCHASED FOR HIS PURPOSE" 2009 THEME

Wednesday evenings in July & August - Join us at White Clay Creek State Park. Bring a picnic dinner and enjoy the music and chatting with friends at EP!

July 18 - Brunch with Barbara Cross - Brunch at Melanie Vinson's house, with an update and devotional from Barbara Cross, missionary to England.

July 27-31 - Vacation Bible School

August 26 - WICNIC - 10:30-noon

Picnic for all women in the church where plans for the Fall will be presented. Check August Grapevine and church bulletin for more details.

September 9 - Women In the Church Bible Study begins for the fall, as well as other Wednesday Family Night activities.

October 9-10 - Women In the Church Retreat

Ruth Auffarth is our speaker. This is a follow-up on last Spring's "All Terrain Trusting" program (although attending that is not a pre-requisite!). Be watching for retreat brochures!



Christmas House Tour

Mark your calendar for this year's EP House Tour on **December 11, 2009**. If you would like to open your home for the tour, please contact Melanie Vinson for details.

The Amazing Blue Zones Centenarians

In October 1999, Gianni Pes, a medical statistician, delivered a paper to a very skeptical audience at the international longevity conference in Montpellier, France. His subject was the Baragia region of Sardinia (island off mainland Italy) where he claimed his research had uncovered a statistically significant number of men and women living to the age of 100.

Dr. Michel Poulain, a Belgium demographer, doubted what he was hearing and decided to travel to Sardinia and personally check out Pes' claims. In forty municipalities, he examined the birth and death records of all those born between 1880 and 1900 before finally becoming convinced that Pes' calculations were accurate.

Then, taking out his pen he drew blue circles on a map around the areas with the most long-lived people. This simple act evolved into the term, *Blue Zones*, which demographers now use to designate the pockets on earth where an unusually large number of individuals live well beyond the normal average age span.

Now enter American explorer, Dan Buettner, the founder of Quest Network, Inc., who during his travels had developed an interest in demographics and longevity. He organized a Quest team composed of scientists, writers, video producers, photographers, and translators and launched an extensive seven year study of four *Blue Zones*: Barbagia region of Sardinia, Okinawa, Loma Linda, California, and the Nicoya Peninsula of Costa Rica.

The team traveled not once but many times to each of the four areas conducting interviews, examining religious and civil records, analyzing DNA, and collecting volumes of information on everything imaginable: diet, exercise, climate, health care, family relationships, you name it, seeking to find commonalities to explain why more people in these

seemingly disparate communities lived longer healthier lives than those in other areas of the world.

Their findings were not only intriguing but in some instances unexpected. Genes, they determined, had far less to do with healthy longevity than many imagine. All their data indicated that no more than 25% of longevity can be attributed to "good genes." Of far more importance, they concluded, was lifestyle.

As expected, diet and exercise played a crucial role. All *Blue Zone* centenarians in the study ate diets light on meats and heavy on plants. Yet, no two of the groups ate the same mixture of these components.

Exercise for three of the groups centered around natural movement associated with work and basic daily living while in Loma Linda, it revolved around long walks, stationary bikes, and other daily exercise regimens.

Indeed, the only totally identical trait these *Blue Zoners* possessed was a sense of purpose—a reason to get up in the morning. And this sense of purpose was focused not on the centenarians themselves but on service to others and their own families.

101 year old Don Fastigo of Costa Rica, accompanied by his grandson and great-grandson, boards an old rickety Greyhound without air conditioning every Saturday morning to ride to Santa Cruz for market day. There he searches out the most perfect red peppers and plantains. Then he trudges half a mile to his favorite butcher where he has two one-liter bottles filled with liquefied lard and buys two slabs of pork. His next stop is a general store where he purchases sweet corn bread, telling the clerk it is for his 79 year old son since, "It's his favorite."

Back in the village he goes to his son's home to deliver the bread where he is greeted by five generations of his family. Then he returns home, takes the ingredients he has gathered, and makes soup. The following morning he and his family will go to church



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and then gather to dine on his soup. This same routine has been a weekly occurrence for forty years. It is the highlight of Don Fastigo's week as well as the highlight of the entire family's week, though some do admit they wouldn't mind having a change of menu every so often.

In Okinawa, Gonzei Shinzato at 102 is a highly regarded personage in her small town. When younger she worked in the mountains barefoot cutting firewood to sell. On one such occasion she came upon a woman who had been bitten by a poisonous snake. She quickly tore a strip from her dress to use as a tourniquet, lifted the woman onto her back and carried her four and a half miles to the sea. Then, helping the woman into a boat, she rowed her to a near-by village. The woman lived. Gonzei is four and a half feet tall and weighs 85 pounds and was 62 at the time of this incident!

Today she tends her vegetable garden which she harvests three times a year and watches baseball games on TV. But the truly bright spots in her life now center around her grandchildren's visits and late each afternoon when her neighbors drop in to chat.

Marie Angelica Sale of Sardinia was widowed at 54 and moved in with a daughter. She helped with housework, cooking, and caring for her grandchildren which included knitting clothes for them until the age of 100. At 102 she remains vitally interested in all 13 of her grandchildren (she has four daughters). She prays for them, sometimes gives them money, and urges them to get a good education.

100 year old Marge Jettson, resident of Loma Linda, CA was a woman who didn't waste time. She would only agree to an interview with Dan Buettner if he would come along and help with her volunteer work. So, at 9:00 a.m. Dan found himself speeding down the San Bernardino Freeway in Marge's rootbeer-colored Cadillac Seville, toward the home of a woman on welfare, to deliver recyclable bottles to be redeemed for cash.

As Marge and Dan chatted, she revealed that from childhood she had always wanted to aid others. She had become an RN, worked to help put her husband through medical school and together, during their 77 years of marriage, they had dedicated themselves to helping others. Now widowed, she

continued her volunteer work as an active member of the 9,000 Adventists of the Loma Linda area.

The *Blue Zone* centenarians' dedication to service to others gives us, as Christians, much to ponder as we remember how often Jesus in His teaching ministry drew His disciples outside their own culture in order for them to better understand their relationship to God and their fellow human beings. "I have not found such great faith even in Israel," Jesus said, not of a Jewish religious leader but about a conqueror of the Jews, a Roman centurion (Luke 7:9). He rewarded a Canaanite woman for her faith and persistence in pleading for the healing of her child. "Woman, you have great faith. Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. (Mt. 13:28)

And of course, when debating with a Jewish law expert on the meaning of who, according to Biblical law, is to be considered a neighbor, Jesus, as He often did, told a simple little story to explain a profound truth. In this story, a Samaritan had aided a robbery victim he had encountered while journeying from Jerusalem to Jericho whereas a priest and a Levite had earlier passed by without offering any assistance whatsoever.

"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" Jesus challenged the expert.

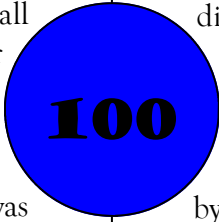
"The one who had mercy on him," came the immediate response.

"Go and do likewise," Jesus said (Luke 30:25-37). End of discussion.

Time and again during His teaching ministry, Jesus emphasized that "loving your neighbor as yourself" is a universal mandate from God. It applies to children (it was a child who gave his lunch to Jesus to feed a multitude, John 6:8-9), centenarians, and all those age groups in between. Every act of mercy is pleasing to God and serves as an example to all to, "Go and do likewise."

Source for this article is: *The Blue Zones* by Dan Buettner. Copyright 2008.

- Jeanne Jenkins



Session Communicator

In Pastor Jay Harvey's absence, the June 8, 2009 Session Meeting was called to order by Pastor Joshua Knott with opening prayer offered by Bill Vinson. Devotion was then led by Pastor Joshua Knott.

Business followed with approval of the Minutes of the meeting of May 11, 2009. There followed the report of Clerk of the Session, Todd Metzler, as well as the report from Roy Chadwick, Carl Hilbert and Todd Metzler who represented EP at the May 12, 2009 Heritage Presbytery Meeting. In particular, they noted challenges facing other churches in our Presbytery, and Carl Hilbert led discussion regarding the need for Ruling Elders and Pastors to focus on renewed energy within the Presbytery. Don Jones then presented the Diaconate Report noting the new security system now in place. Committee reports

followed from Bill Vinson (Shepherding), David Rose (Missions), Wayne Brearly (Campus Ministries), Benjamin Harding (Music), Roy Chadwick (for Bruce Cole - Finance), Dennis Dietrich (Administration), David Halley (Outreach) and the Staff Report (Worship) by Joshua Knott in Pastor Harvey's absence.

It should be noted that prayers were requested for the Mission Conference planned for October, and praise and thanksgiving for the success of the spring music concert with concert cellist Kangho Lee and Benjamin Harding.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Wayne Brearly. The next regular meeting of the Session will be Monday, July 13, 2009.

- Doug Pollock

The Deacon's Bench

Several items from last month's officers meeting deserve to be shared with the congregation. In lieu of reviewing a single, overwhelmingly important issue, the following business was noteworthy.

Pastor Knott shared with us some thoughts that came to him as he was studying Isaiah 40. We were reminded that, as we minister, we are building the Kingdom, not our own reputations. We are able to do what we do by His grace alone. His name and His church will endure - we will not. We were urged to develop a "masculine spirituality" which reflects Christ's love for us and which will enable us to serve as we ought. His comments were another example of how EPC has been blessed through the years with Godly leadership - men who love the Lord and God's people and who are devoted to sound preaching and teaching. We are very fortunate.

Several committee reports were noteworthy as well. The Facilities Committee summarized the damage that was done to the FLC roof during the severe weather we faced in early June. The fence between the picnic grove and the homes in Chanterelle was also damaged, and the cost of repairing that damage had not yet been determined. Another unusual event involves the nesting of a substantial number of starlings in the wall of the FLC just under the roofline. It has been suggested that we wait

until the nesting season is over, then spray, patch and install some sort of sound system to discourage future nesting. We appreciate the fact that our committee is able to deal successfully with a variety of issues!

The Tuition Assistance Committee announced that two (2) requests have been received from the congregation for assistance beginning with the start of the 2009-2010 school year. As many schools offer an "early" payment option, we are grateful for learning of these needs in a timely fashion.

The Local Projects Committee has no viable projects planned with The Sunday Breakfast Mission this summer. We are not terminating our relationship with SBM, but realize that they are in the midst of a major expansion/construction effort at this time and that access to their location will be difficult if not impossible for the short term. Instead, we may cooperate with another local ministry - perhaps All Nations Fellowship or A Door of Hope.

Finally, please be aware that, at the Communion Service scheduled for July 5, a slight change will be made in the elements: gluten-free bread will be used.

Thank you for your continued support of the Diaconate and our efforts to be of service. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

- Dave Simpson

Thank you for a wonderful week of Music & Arts Camp this past week! We had 80 participants and over 40 teachers and helpers throughout the week. Out of 80 participants, 32 were not from our church! The children were able to carry on the theme of "Goin' on Vacation" with choir, art, drama, hand chimes, music exploration, daily projects like making kites, tie dying shirts, a drawing lesson, sand castles, and making yo-yos. They were also able to work on two craft projects, a tile mosaic and a picture puzzle, throughout the week and experience presentations each day like strings, chalk art, hand bells, brass, and the organ. Thanks to all the teachers and helpers who made this week possible!

Thank you also to those who gave scholarship money to the camp. Due to your generosity you were able to send 8 children to camp! Thank you!



1 - The Pre-K class working on their picture puzzle. They love to glue and paint!
 2 - Cathy Patnovic giving an art lesson.
 3-4 - The Metzler boys and Micah Freer handing out candy to the men on Father's Day.



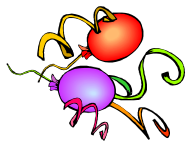
5 - Amy Beattie leading one of the choir rehearsals. Amy, Benjamin, and Kristen Wargo—thanks for leading and playing the piano for the choir!
 6 - Thanks to the many helpers of Junior Church! This past week the helpers put on a skit describing the story of Jacob and Esau.



7 - Judy Visser working alongside Jason Byrne while he works on his mosaic project.
 8 - Jeremy Byrne working on his 3-D postcard project in Sammi Madanat's class.
 9 - Jo Ann DeHeer assisting camper Jeremy Byrne while he makes his daily project.
 10 - Cynthia Sawaya demonstrating the bells to the children at the closing presentation.



EP Family Birthdays—July 2009

			1 Nancy Chadwick Sam Freer Ellen Huffman Ben Larson Todd Metzler	2 Paul Mallary Megan Nairn	3 Meggen Briscoe Michelle Visser	4 Lily Albright Larry Melvin Gail Merrill
5 Abby Rose	6 Nancy Blevins Lothar Jeromin	7 Kevin Borbyl Ernestine Harrison	8 Carl Frederick	9 Jim Thomas	10	11 Pat Hayes Betty Himes
12	13 Pat DeLeon	14	15	16	17 Matthew Jenkins	18 Irene Gerri Paul Morris Dennis Sheely
19 Kami Visser	20 Samuel Hayes Charlotte Melvin Judy Visser	21 Wes Clayton Mary Beth Lewis	22	23 Siobhan Brown	24 Donald Charles Paul Strimple	25
26 Barbara Carey Josh Greer Stephen Larson Scott McCann Cathy Patnovic	27	28 Lydia Glover Sherry Jamieson Margo Palsgrove Amy Schultz	29 Lowell Gray Marjorie Pedrotti Karen Sheely	30 Joe Brown	31	

- CHURCH NEWS -

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dahlia Grace Kluver, daughter of Jason and Daria, was born on June 3. Dahlia weighed 8 lb, 4 oz and was 22-1/2" long. Congratulations!

Brian and Connie Farquhar are pleased to announce the birth of their second grandchild. Connor William Farquhar was born to Brandon and Rebecca Farquhar on June 9. Connor weighed 8 lb, 2 oz and was 20" long.

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to:

...Dean Nairn and his family on the death of his father, Charlie, on May 24.

...The family of Gary Crane, who died on June 18, A memorial service will be held on July 1 at 1 pm at EP Church.

...Dot Griffin and her family on the death of her mother on June 24.

NEWS...

- Mimi Irwin and Carol Mangano will be participating in an art exhibit called "From Longwood to Provence" sponsored by Cecil County Arts Council on August 8-9, 2009, noon to 6 p.m. at Chesapeake City Town Hall, 108 Bohemia Avenue, Chesapeake City, MD.
- Rick and Wendy Gray are very appreciative of the help they receive from many at EP...help with therapy for Chase, words of encouragement when you see them, and your prayers for them. Chase is showing some improvement from the patterning!
- **Sunday Breakfast Mission**—There is an ongoing need for meat for the evening meals. As you can imagine, feeding over 300 men, women, and children each night requires lots of everything! Meat is frequently in short supply. Please put your donations in the freezer in the kitchen. Thanks so much! - Margaret Bowen and Pat Hayes
- Email kathywargo@aol.com if you have news for the Grapevine!

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| 1 Nancy Gruetjen | 10 Veikko Havu | 21 Tyler & Danae Hollenbach |
| 2 Jared & Susan Guckenberger,
Matt, Will, Chris | 11 Reeves & Shirley Hawks | 22 Dan Hough |
| 3 Howard & Jeanne Guthrie | 12 Tom & Pat Hayes | 23 Barry & Amy Huffman, Ellen |
| 4 Robert & Mary Hall | 13 TJ & KyongA Hayes,
Jack, Julia, Isabella,
Samuel | 24 Naomi Hufnell |
| 5 David & Laura Halley, Elise,
Jenna | 14 Susan Hegedus | 25 Norm & Gayle Hyett |
| 6 Benjamin & Marji Harding,
Karsten | 15 Ray & Eileen Herb | 26 Gene & Mimi Irwin |
| 7 Ernestine Harrison | 16 Bill & Elaine Herd | 27 Ricky & Yanik Iskandar,
Andrew |
| 8 Carl & Rita Harvey | 17 John Herring | 28 Roger & Sherry Jamieson |
| 9 Jay & Melody Harvey, Tabitha,
Jacob, Mary Faith, Susanna | 18 Carl & Betty Hilbert | 29 David & Margaret Jenkins |
| | 19 Betty Himes | 30 Jeanne Jenkins |
| | 20 Robert & Mutia Hite,
Alfie, Joshua, Grace | 31 Matthew Jenkins |