

The Banner

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Points of interest:

- **Pentecost Sunday**
May 23—Todd Hobbie
 Genesis 11:1-9
- **Cantate and Jubilate**
 are reminded that they will sing on Sunday, May 23, at the 11 a.m. service, rehearsing at 10 a.m. in the Choir Room. There will be no more afternoon rehearsals until Sept. 12! Have a great summer!
- **Todd's Bible Study**
 will meet on Wed., May 26, at 6:30 p.m. This will be the last meeting until the fall.
- **Ice Cream Social**
 On Sunday, June 6, beginning at 4:00 p.m. we will gather on the front lawn of the Fellowship House for an old-fashioned ice cream social! Please bring chairs or a blanket to sit on, we will provide the ice cream!
- The **Banner** will be published every two weeks this summer.
Publication dates:
June 9, 23, July 7, 21, Aug. 4, 18. Please submit articles to Debra Moss at debramos@ctc.net

RECAP OF 2010 CHURCH RETREAT

Well, another wonderful weekend has passed at Montreat with almost 100 of our church members in attendance. When arriving at Montreat we had the most beautiful weather, the sun glistening across the lake at Assembly Inn and you could almost hear a little of the water swiftly passing down the creek above the children's excitement.

The program for the weekend was "Ancient Wisdom, Modern Times" and it seemed that there was quite a bit of energy in the room while Todd discussed his "Bible Blitz." We had additional breakouts and time for study and reflection as well as free time in the afternoon to pursue personal interests such as fishing, hiking, shopping or study.

Although we were not quite as blessed on Saturday evening for our bonfire, (as one person said "We needed a more effective weather prayer") we had the most wonderful time as all of us gathered around the fireplace in the lobby of Assembly Inn and listened quietly to Donna Knorr's unbelievable storytelling abilities. And yes we cannot forget the smores!

After a few days in Montreat the weekend was complete with a wonderful Sunday service thanking our Lord for all of his blessings. Everyone departed relaxed, refreshed and energized.

We said our goodbyes to all of our new found friends and rejuvenated friendships as we started our journey back to Concord.

Next year's retreat will sure to be another great time with our friends, family and God so watch for information to save the date!

—Lynn Neal

CALLING ALL GARDENERS! SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2010

Did you know that Wesbury Plaza Apartments, at 200 Bishop Lane in Concord, was sponsored by Central United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and All Saints Episcopal Church 25 years ago as a retirement community for local residents, some of whom need financial assistance? Recently, Central UMC has spearheaded a Community Garden initiative at the complex and would like the three churches to partner again to start a small community garden for the residents.

Already, a small piece of land has been plowed, trees cut and sawed for timber for four 6'x8' raised beds, weeds cleared and the dirt improved. Aaron Newton, of our church family, is creating a long range master plan for the entire garden.

On Saturday, June 5, we will be cutting down some trees, plowing the ground for a larger garden next year, and setting up a small, metal storage shed. Central UMC has some workers lined up but would love to have some assistance from All Saints Episcopalian and First Presbyterian. What they need are strong backs at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Please contact Aaron Newton (704-782-0101) if you are interested in volunteering.

JEEPERS, CREEPERS, WHERE'D YOU GET THOSE PEEPERS?

Those of us of a certain age are now humming the old Foster Grant commercial jingle! While sunglasses (Foster Grant or other brand) are important to protect your eyes, there are additional steps you can take to protect your "peepers". For most repair projects and activities around the home, standard ANSI-approved protective eyewear will be sufficient. Sports eye protection should meet the specific requirements of that sport (as established by the sport's governing body and/or the American Society for Testing and Materials.) Likewise, any time you are around bright lights, fire or dangerous chemicals, guard your eyes with appropriate eyewear.

Other good vision habits include: Always read under bright lights, avoid cigarettes and second-hand smoke, and discard old mascara to avoid introduction of dangerous bacteria into the eye area.

According to a survey by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, more than 40 percent of eye injuries are caused by projects and activities in the home (home repairs, yardwork, cleaning and cooking) and another 40 percent of eye injuries are sports-related.

Don't forget the eyeglasses donation drive being held at First Presbyterian during the month of May. All glasses are accepted including reading, prescription and sunglasses.

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Return Service Requested



*Another year has come and gone
So many smiles so many hugs....
So much love!*

**Please join us for First Kids Graduation
“Songs of the Season”**

**Thursday, May 27, 9:30 a.m.
Rec Hall, Education Bldg
For the M-F Four-Year-Class and
Transitional Kindergarten Class**

**Friday, May 28, 9:30 a.m.
Rec Hall, Education Bldg
For the MWF Fours**

Courtyard Reception (to follow each class)

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 23

8:45 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship—Confirmation Service
12:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Reception
2:45 p.m. Middle and High School Youth

TUESDAY, MAY 25

12:15 p.m. First Kids Staff Luncheon
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

6:30 p.m. Todd's Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

THURSDAY, MAY 27

9:30 a.m. First Kids Preschool Graduation
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 3

FRIDAY, MAY 28

9:30 a.m. First Kids Preschool Graduation

CHURCH REPORT

Sunday, May 16, 2010

8:45 a.m.— 96 11:00 a.m.— 231

Baptism—Theodore Douglas “Teddy” Peterson, son of Benjamin and Porter Peterson was baptized on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

Hospital—Ed Danks, CMC-NorthEast

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP—MAY 23

May 23rd will be our LAST regular Sunday night youth fellowship meeting until the fall. To celebrate the close of another school year, we will be participating in a Low Ropes Challenge at UNCC from 2:45 p.m.—5:00 p.m. Both middle and high school youth will meet at the church at 2:45 p.m. and leave for UNCC. An *optional* \$10 donation can also be brought to help pay for the cost of the event. Call Ben Acton with any questions you may have.

COOPERATIVE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Is Pleased to Introduce

The Mothers and Children Housing Ministry

Opening July 2010

You are invited to a Housewarming Drop-In

Saturday, June 5, 2010

2:00—4:00 p.m.

24 Spring Street, Concord

New or like-new furnishings and supplies are needed!

For a list of items needed or for more information, please call 704-786-4709, ext. 18
or email info@cooperativeministry.com

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Closed Friday

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