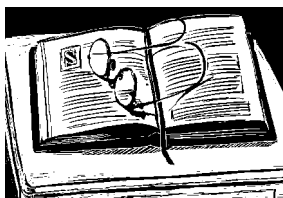


THE ROCK



*Relying on Christ to illuminate our spiritual journey, we offer ourselves to God
Partnering with one another and
Creating ministries of compassion that transform the lives of those in need*



May 4th:

Acts 1:6-14;
Psalm 68:1-35;
1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11;
John 17:1-11

May 11th:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm
104:24-35; 1Corinthians
12:3-13 or Acts 2:1-21;
John 20:19-23 or
John 7:37-39

May 18th:

Genesis 1:1-4; Psalm 8;
2Corinthians 13:11-13;
Matthew 28:16-20

May 25th:

Isaiah 49: 8-16; Psalm
131; 1Corinthians 4:1-5;
Matthew 6:24-34

The Tattler
By Pastor George



Pentecost, perhaps the most overlooked of our high holy days, faces some stiff competition on the church calendar this year. Not only does The Feast of Pentecost coincide with Mother’s Day (May 11), it also comes amidst a month full of programs and activities: our Capital Campaign, the search for a new CE/Youth Director, preparations for Vacation Bible School, and the launching of a new Sunday schedule and “Shorts” course offerings.

Yes, the Spirit seems alive and well at RPC! And while much activity suggests a degree of vitality, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost *precedes* all the exciting initiatives of the early church. At the end of the Gospel of Luke (the prequel to the Book of Acts), Jesus directs the disciples to “stay here in the city [of Jerusalem] until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Which, by the way, is precisely what the disciples do when the day of Pentecost arrives. They are “all together in one place” when a mighty wind “filled the house where they had gathered and divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them.”

Chuck Miller asserts that, “We must be the people of God *before* (emphasis added) we do the work of the people of God.” And like that first gathering of Jesus’ followers, our being the people of God depends on some basic disciplines such as the commitment to be all together in one place (worship) to be filled with God’s Spirit (Bible Study and table fellowship) and to be taught by the Spirit to speak (prayer) Pentecost reflects this priority of being over doing.

Sometimes I liken our busy congregation to an orchestra warming up before a concert. So much noise and commotion! But then the concertmistress strides on stage, all the instruments stop chattering, and every musician tunes to a single note, in anticipation of the conductor taking the podium. Only then can the music truly begin!

*God of Wind and Flame, remind us that we cannot give what we do not have, and that the greatest gift we have is who we are not what we do!
Amen.*

“The Rock” is a newsletter for and about the Rockledge Presbyterian Church



Deadline for articles *hand-written/typed* or *e-mailed to us in Word format* is the *20th of each month*. Articles will be accepted after the 20th but will be published only as room permits. To assure that your article gets in the newsletter please have them to us by the 20th.

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Kim Workman

Richard Waters
Phil Rose
Catherine Shelton
Steve Mercer

Please call the church office:

- **When** a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified
 - **When** your committee or group plans a meeting, so that it can be placed on the church calendar
 - **When** you move, or your phone number is changed, so that it can be changed on the church records
 - **When** there is a new baby in your family
 - **When** there is a death in your family
 - **When** a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence
 - **When** you feel the church can assist you in any way
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THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all who sent cards, called and were so kind since my accident. I especially want to let all of you know how wonderful Sharon Hollenback was. I do not know how I could have continued if it had not been for Sharon and Tom Stauf. They were great!!

Thanks again, BJ Smith

NEW ADDRESSES

Iola Wissore

P.O. Box 222, Red Bud, Illinois 62278

Pete and Sherry Aude

4 Raven Circle, Heath, Texas 75032

SHARING CENTER NEWS.....

Fiesta Brevard will be on May 9, 2008 between 5:30 - 8:30pm. Be a judge for the “best Salsa” of Brevard at the Holiday Inn Ocean Front in Cocoa Beach. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. See BJ Smith for advanced tickets.

It's not too soon to be thinking about playing golf in the annual tournament at the Cocoa Beach Country Club in October. More info coming in the June newsletter

Central Brevard Sharing Center is in desperate need of a new van. The current van, used Daily by the Sharing Center, is over 10 years old and has over 120,000 miles on it. The van is showing its age. In fact, just last week the van broke down again. According to Ed Price, President/CEO of the Sharing Center, “This is the fourth time in the past 9 months that it has needed to be repaired. This last time we literally had to push it off the road. Without a dependable vehicle we will struggle to feed the people that come to us every day in need of a meal or emergency groceries. This vehicle's primary use is to pick up food for our Community Kitchen and Emergency Food Pantry programs. These programs have a huge impact on low income individuals and families here in our community. Currently the Sharing Center has raised \$15,000 toward the purchase of a new van. Scott and Terri Burcham of Merritt Island have issued a \$5,000 “Challenge Grant” to the community to help the Sharing Center purchase a new van now. The Burcham's will match any special van donations made in the next 45 days up to a total of \$5,000. Meeting the “Challenge Grant” will let the Sharing Center buy a new van now.

Please help the Sharing Center get this new van now by sending your tax-deductable donation to –The Central Brevard Sharing Center., P.O. Box 3363, Cocoa, FL 32924-3363. You can also make a contribution on-line by visiting our website at sharingcenter.org. Contact Dave Brubaker of the Sharing Center at (321) 631-0306 if you have any questions.

TIME FOR PEACE.....

The Peace Columns are written in memory of Ruth Smith, a loving and caring advocate for Peace

For over a century prayer has been the heart of the Unity program. They are ambassadors of peace as they radiate love and goodwill to all people. We too can become ambassadors of peace, as we radiate love and goodwill to all. The following is a quote from a prayer on the website of the Presbyterian Peace Program: *God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, let hatred be turned to love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, -- so that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.* Irene Ney

NEW CHURCH AUTODIALER.....

Did you know that RPC now has a new telephone messaging system called an autodialer? It will be used to automatically notify our church members of important events using personalized messages created by our Communication Committee. You will be receiving autodialer messages on your home telephone with important church events like our Capital Campaign or other important events that were not able to be listed in the Sunday Worship Service bulletin. This exciting new technology will allow us to better communicate late breaking news to our church members. We will be testing this autodialer system in the next few weeks and would appreciate any feedback from you on how you like it and what types of messages you would like to receive. Please contact the Church Office or Kimberly Prosser of the Communication Committee with your feedback on this new autodialer capability. Thank you.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.....

I would like to thank our Chaos Elective Leaders for the month of April. Dave Kramer led games and Debbie Lugar taught the children art techniques. We appreciate the time they spent with our children.

The only other item I need to report about this month is the severe need for leaders of our Children's Church time each Sunday. Children's Church occurs after the "Time of Wonder" with Pastor George. The children, ages 4-9 retreat to room four for a Bible lesson and activity time until the end of the church service. If you are able to pick one Sunday a month to help foster the Christian faith in our young children, please contact me as soon as possible.

God Bless,
CanDe Waters
rpcecoord@bellsouth.net or 631-5459 or 635-8108

An Invitation

You are invited to read the Bible in a very personal way on Wednesday evenings in the Pastor's study between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Christ, in sending the [people] to the scriptures, sent them, not merely to read them, but carefully to search and ponder them. And did he not say, "Read the scriptures," but "Search the scriptures."

. . . Their meaning is not expressed superficially or set forth in their literal sense, but, like a treasure, lies buried at a great depth. And those who seek for hidden things will not be able to find the object of their search if they do not seek carefully and painstakingly.

- St. John Chrysostom

If you would like more information contact the Pastor, Nancy Wingo, or Linda Britton.

RPC TIME AND TALENT STEWARD OF THE MONTH



Have you turned in your Stewardship 2008 Time and Talent Commitment form? Drop boxes are located in the Narthex, South Hallway, and Church Office.

Each month we spotlight one of our wonderful church members who volunteered for the most church related activities on their Stewardship Time and Talent Commitment form.

..... CONGRATULATIONS TO PAM HIGGINS

Just a few of the activities that she has volunteered her Time and Talents include the following:

- serves on F.I.T. committee
- helps with Vacation Bible School
- serves on Capital Campaign Small Group Gathering committee
- helps with Youth Group



These, along with *many* other important Talents, make Pam our "Steward of the Month".

.... A special "THANK YOU" to Pam for her wonderful Stewardship

YOU'RE INVITED

Please join the Rose family in celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary

of Philip and Della Rose!



The reception will be held in Calvin Hall at Rockledge Presbyterian Church



on June 14th, 2008 at 1:00 p.m.

Please RSVP to Bill and Linda Rose at 631-9582 by June 1.

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction Sunday May 4 RPC Youth Fundraiser

Come and bring your appetite and your checkbook!

Spaghetti Dinner

You will have your choice of spaghetti or Caesar Salad.
Tickets are on sale in the hallway before and after church.



Silent Auction

The silent auction items will be available for bidding starting at 5:30pm in Calvin Hall on Sunday, May 4th. Bidding will close immediately following the dinner. **Some of the items up for bidding include a beautiful handmade quilt, a custom designed beaded watch band (by a Key West artist), gift certificates, babysitting by Sara, and 2 baskets of digital camera software.** There will be many more items, so come and get yourself a great deal, have some fun and help the youth go to Montreat.

Note:

If you would like to contribute an item for the auction please contact Janice Everson or Liz Batista or drop it by CanDe Waters' office. We do need at least a description of these items by Wednesday, April 30.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers are needed – Please call Sue Mann for information at 452-9559



MAY 2008



- 1 6:30pm RPS Board (L)
- 2 7:00pm AA (K)
- 3 10:00am Small Group Gathering (P)



- Sun 4** McClelland Baptism
12:00-12:30pm Confirmation Class; 5:30pm Youth Spaghetti Dinner(C)

- 5 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
- 6 6:30pm C.E. (L); 7:00pm AA (K)
- 7 10:30am PW Officer Installation and Luncheon
5:30pm Chaos; 5:30pm Bell choir; 6:30pm Lectio Divina; 7:30pm Choir
- 8 1:00pm Small Group Gathering (P)
- 9 11:00am RPS Mother's Day Tea; 7:00pm AA (K)
- 10 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)



- Sun 11** **Pentecost; Capital Campaign Dedication Sunday**
12 9:30am Project Day (C); 5:00pm Corp. Adm. (L); 5:45pm Scouts (C)



- 6:30pm IPN; 7:00pm Abigail Circle
- 13 7:00pm Session (L); 7:00pm AA (K)
- 14 12:15pm RPS Teacher Appreciation Lunch; 5:30 Chaos; 5:30pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Lectio Divina; 7:30pm Choir
- 16 7:00pm AA (K)
- 17 6:00-9:00pm Spina Bifida (C)



- Sun 18** Youth Breakfast
19 5:45pm Scouts (C); 6:30pm IPN
- 20 10:00am Mary Martha (L); 6:30pm Social Concern (L); 7:00pm AA (K)
7:30pm Ruth Circle

- 21 10:00am Esther; 5:30pm Chaos (C); 6:30pm Lectio Divina; 7:30pm Choir
- 23 7:00pm AA (K); 7:30pm Children's Choir Concert (Sharon Maslin)
- 24 8:00am Men's Fellowship (RCC)

- Sun 25**
26 **Office Closed/ Memorial Day; 6:30 IPN**



- 27 6:30pm Worship (L); 7:00pm Trustees (C); 7:00pm Deacons (P); 7:00pm AA (K)
- 28 10:00am Ruby Wednesday (P); 5:30pm Chaos; 5:30pm Bell Choir;
6:30pm Lectio Divina; 7:30pm Choir
- 29 6:30pm RPS End of the Year Program (S) & (C)
- 30 7:00pm AA (K)

SOCIAL CONCERNS.....



Two Cents A Meal Sunday, May 25



Two cents a meal seems like such a small amount when we learn that:

- One in 10 people in the U.S. lives in a household that experiences hunger or the risk of hunger;
- 3.1% of U.S. households frequently skip meals or eat too little, sometimes going without food for a whole day;
- 1/5 of American food, an estimated 130 lbs. per person ends up in landfills. Forty-nine million people could be fed with our wasted food.

Remember the loaves and fish that Jesus blessed and the food satisfied a multitude! Our two cents or the grand total of \$11 for one half of the year will be blessed and multiplied through the ministry of PATH, part of the work of the Central Florida Presbytery.

Be a living part of the partnership of prayer, understanding, and gifts. Bring your two cents a meal or \$11 to worship on Sunday, May 25. It seems like such a small amount to mean so much.

- Linda Britton for *Social Concerns*

WATER AEROBICS

This class meets Tuesday and Thursday from 7:00 - 8:00 PM at Rockledge High School pool. It will run from June through August. You do not need to know how to swim and it is for ages 10 to 110. I have done this class for over 5 years and love it! Register in person at Brevard County Parks and Recreation Center on Florida Ave, east of Cocoa United Methodist Church. Cost is \$16 for 4 weeks (8 sessions). For further information, contact Catherine Shelton at 631-7275. See you there!!!!!!!

MY SAFE FLORIDA HOME

My Safe Florida Home is a program for lower income individuals and families to assist in the strengthening of your home for hurricane readiness. It can help reinforce garage doors, install shutters, hurricane strapping, bracing for homes with gable roofs, create a secondary roof barrier and/or improve the strength of the roof.

There are eligibility guidelines:

- You must own your home which must be a single family dwelling.
- The assessed value of the home must be under \$300,000.
- You must meet guidelines for household family income, for example;
 - 1 person = \$30,600
 - 2 people = \$34,950

To obtain further information or register for the program, please call 211 Brevard at 211 or 632-6688. Your information will be obtained and a 211 Brevard Supervisor will call within 2 working days to confirm the information. Your information is then forwarded to the Brevard Long Term Recovery Unit, who will contact you within 7 to 10 business days. My Safe Florida inspectors will then contact you to schedule inspections and assess the need for services. Strengthening your home may result in a lower insurance premium on your homeowners insurance as well as peace of mind.

You may contact Catherine Shelton at 631-7275 if you have any questions.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB IS FORMING!

Do you love to read? We're forming a Book Club for adults for the summer. We will read one book a month and discuss it together one evening during the month. The Book Club will meet in the Church Parlor. Participants will be asked to volunteer to lead the book discussions. If you are interested in participating, please contact Cheryl Carson at 636-0811.

The books that have been chosen for summer reading are:



June ***The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd (ISBN 0-14-200174-0)**
Discussion: Tuesday, June 17 - 7:00 p.m.

“Set in South Carolina in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees* tells the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily’s fierce-hearted black “stand-in mother,” Rosaleen, insults three of the deepest racists in town, Lily decides to spring them both free. They escape to Tiburon, South Carolina—a town that holds the secret to her mother’s past. Taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters, Lily is introduced to their mesmerizing world of bees and honey, and the Black Madonna.” (from the cover description)

July ***The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini**
Discussion: Tuesday, July 15 - 7:00 p.m.

“On one level, *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini is the story of two boys in Afghanistan and Afghan immigrants in America. It is a story set in a culture that has become of increasing interest to Americans since the September 11, 2001 attacks. On this level, it provides a good way for people to learn more about Afghan history and culture in the context of story.

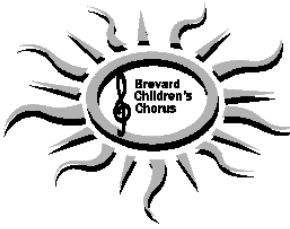
Looking at *The Kite Runner* as a story about culture, however, misses what the book is really about. This is a novel about humanity. This is a story about friendship, loyalty, cruelty, longing for acceptance, redemption and survival. The core story could be set in any culture because it deals with issues that are universal.

The Kite Runner looks at how the main character, Amir, deals with a secret in his past and how that secret shaped who he became. It tells of Amir's childhood friendship with Hassan, his relationship with his father and growing up in a privileged place in society.” (Book review by Erin Collazo Miller, About.com)

August ***The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant (ISBN 0-312-19551-6)**
Discussion: Tuesday, August 19 - 7:00 p.m.

“Her Name is Dinah. In the Bible, her life is only hinted at in a brief and violent detour within the more familiar chapters about her father, Jacob, and his dozen sons in the Book of Genesis.

Told in Dinah’s voice, this novel reveals the traditions and turmoil of ancient womanhood—the world of the red tent. It begins with the story of her mothers—Leah, Rachel, Zilpah, and Bilhah—the four wives of Jacob. They love Dinah and give her gifts that are to sustain her through a hard-working youth, a calling to midwifery, and a new home in a foreign land. Dinah’s story reaches out from a remarkable period of early history and creates an intimate, immediate connection.” (from the book cover description)



(Melbourne, FL) April 11, 2008 -- Sharon Maslin has been selected to conduct the 130-voice Girls Children's Choir at the Young Voices Festival on Sunday, May 3rd on the campus of Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. Maslin is the founder and conductor of the Brevard Children's Chorus as well as choral director at Space Coast Jr/Sr High School in Port St. John.

The Young Voices Festival provides an opportunity for 4th-9th grade Alabama students to perform advanced choral literature under the direction of nationally recognized music educators like Sharon Maslin. Sponsored by the Alabama chapter of the American Choral Directors Association, the festival has been held every spring since 1993 on the campus of Auburn University. Maslin was chosen over other national educators to conduct sacred and secular choral music selections in Hebrew and English, as well as folk songs by southern composer, Stephen Foster.

An accomplished pianist, Mrs. Maslin has over 25 years experience leading children's choirs. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Samford University in Alabama as well as a Master of Church Music degree from Southern Seminary. Maslin has taught choral music in Brevard County schools for over 10 years.

Sharon and her husband Mark Maslin have been attending RPC regularly. Mark sings solos with the choir occasionally and Sharon holds a concert here in May each year. Congratulations Sharon!



Sharon Maslin rehearses with members of the Brevard Children's Chorus

About the Brevard Children's Chorus

The non-profit Brevard Children's Chorus provides talented singers in grades 5-9 an opportunity to learn and perform quality choral music. Begun in 2004, the mission of the organization is to teach and develop musically talented children who aspire to the highest levels of choral artistry.

WELCOME BACK, CHERYL! At its April Stated Meeting, the Session approved Cheryl Carson to serve as part time (20 hrs/week) Interim Christian Education Director. Cheryl will work alongside CanDe Waters, our current CE Director, until early June and then assume the Christian Education Director responsibilities through the summer months. Meanwhile, the CE/Youth Director Search Committee will continue to seek a candidate to fill this position on a full time, permanent basis.

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