

March
2016

the guidepost



From the Pastor's desk...

"The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen...'" Luke 24:5

Dear Friends in Christ,

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be about halfway through the 40 days of Lent, moving toward the excitement of Palm Sunday, the solemn meal of Maundy Thursday, the heartbreak of Good Friday, and the joy of Easter. I hope this has been a time of spiritual growth and renewal for you and your family.

One way God helps us grow as Christians is through spiritual practices--corporate worship, group study of scripture in Sunday School and in other settings, church fellowship, mission service, speaking and acting for justice and mercy, and giving of our time, abilities, and money to the church. Jesus himself engaged in numerous spiritual practices, including regular worship, study of scripture, fellowship, speaking and acting for justice and mercy, etc. If our Lord himself took part in spiritual practices, how much more are those practices important for his followers? But it's kind of like lifting weights; if you only do it a couple of times a year, it's hard to improve. You might just get sore, tired, and frustrated. On the other hand, if you do it regularly, you tend to grow and get better at it.

Like many of you, I try to have a daily private devotional time. Most days I take a few minutes to read devotional material and scripture. I give thanks and I pray

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for my family, the church (some of you by name, if you're having a difficult time), the world, and myself. Also, I try to write in a journal, and I usually exercise a few minutes too. It's nothing fancy, and nothing to brag about, but I do commend this pattern to you.

This year I'm "going old school" with devotional materials and using the [*Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer*](#). The prayers and reflections are deep and broad, and I like having a small bonded leather book in my hands. (<http://tinyurl.com/gol22jy>)

Another good resource is [*Listening to Your Life: Daily Meditations with Frederick Buechner*](#). Buechner is a Presbyterian minister and writer. His work is consistently beautiful. (<http://tinyurl.com/zyklvag>)

As an alternative to shallow devotional materials, I really enjoy [*Weavings: A Journal of the Christian Spiritual Life*](#). It's published quarterly by the Upper Room (the same company that produces the Companions in Christ materials) and addresses a different theme with each issue. (<http://weavings.upperroom.org/>)

Finally, I recommend [*Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word*](#). This is a devotional based on excerpts from the *Feasting on the Word* lectionary Bible Commentary Series. The readings are brief, but still meaty. The books follow the lectionary years A, B, and C. We are now in Year C, and the readings in *Daily Feast* are the ones we often use in worship on Sundays. (<http://tinyurl.com/jujbf12>)

As our Lord did, I encourage you to take on a regular, balanced set of spiritual practices. Let me know what happens as you spend some intentional time with God and with the GPPC community of faith.

A few dates to note.

March 6, 4th Sunday in Lent, Holy Communion at both services (trays at 11:00), Clarence Darrow Play at 2:00 p.m.

March 13, 5th Sunday in Lent, Jo preaching, Daylight Saving Time begins

March 20, Palm Sunday, bells and children's music at both services, breakfast between services

March 24, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. with the Lord's Supper

March 25, Good Friday, 12:00 noon, and burning of sins in the courtyard

March 27, Resurrection of the Lord/Easter, One Great Hour of Sharing offering ("a Christian effort to empower, provide water, supply food, and give relief from disasters")

God bless you as you seek to grow as a disciple of Christ and serve the world entrusted to the Church's care.
Peace,
Jeff

Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee is in the process of conducting annual staff evaluations. Positive feedback as well as concerns and suggestions for improvements are welcomed and encouraged for each of our dedicated church staff. Please send your signed, written comments in confidence to Susan Mills (mills.susan56@gmail.com) or Bob McClellan (r1m@iveymclellan.com), chairpersons of the Personnel Committee. You may also place them in the Personnel box in the office. Deadline is Thursday, March 31.

A Note from Jo

“Web” is a word that appears with growing frequency in our modern vocabulary, and I’m not talking about siders’ creations. Things like the world wide web, website, Web MD, and webbed thinking. The web has even come to churches in the form of faith webs.

We heard about faith webs in the testimonies given by our high school seniors on February 21. They named the people who were instrumental in their faith formation— family members, family friends, confirmation mentors, and of course they all named our Christian Educator, Kim Row, who has been a partner of their journey of faith for the last 10 years.

Take a moment and think back to when you were in the 9th grade (age 15). Who would have been in your faith web at that time? Family? Friends? The Sunday school teacher whose steady presence and faith taught you more than even his or her words? The pastor who spoke to you of faith and life and love of Christ? The youth group leader who was able to see beyond the awkwardness of the teenage years and love you for who you are?

No matter what age we are, the importance of faith webs remains. Who is a part of your web today? Whose web might you be a part of?

While the name “faith web” might be new, the concept is not. The disciples had each other (and were lucky enough to have the physical person of Jesus too!). Where would Paul have been without people to support him? Where would we be without Paul? Monasteries and abbeys are built for monks and nuns to live in community.

As Kim works with the confirmands this year, she is encouraging them to think about their faith webs. To think about who has been important in their faith life and why.

The next step of that process is to find where their webs are weak. Do they need more older adults in their webs? Children? Family friends?

That’s where you come in. Each one of you has a story of faith to share, a life of experiences, and a trust in Jesus Christ as Lord. Don’t wait for the confirmands to see you out—seek them out! Invite them to partner with you on a church project: ushering, making coffee, sweeping the columbarium, attending a committee meeting. Share your story over a walk. Go play basketball or video games.

A few weeks ago, the confirmands mapped out their initial faith webs on poster board, and soon Kim will hang them for us all to see. Imagine where your name could go, and make it happen.

Sticky Faith, a book and website dedicated to keeping youth as a part of the church through college and beyond, recommends that youth need at least five people outside their family to be a part of their web. The impact of those five people help youth continue to come to church and stay in church when it’s their decision.

Five isn’t a magic number. In fact, I’d love to see a lot more than five adults connected to each youth. The seniors told us how much smiles, hugs, encouraging words, and demonstrations of lived faith meant in their journeys. Think of yourself as a potential mentor for all of our children and youth. Or even just one. Who knows, you might even find your faith web expanding, too!

Blessings,
Jo

Congregational Nurse

Blood pressure is the force of your blood pushing against the walls of your arteries. Each time your heart beats, it pumps blood into the arteries. Your blood pressure is highest when your heart beats, pumping the blood. This is called systolic pressure. When your heart is at rest, between beats, your blood pressure falls. This is called diastolic pressure.

Your blood pressure reading uses these two numbers. Usually the systolic number comes before or above the diastolic number. A reading of

- 119/79 or lower is normal blood pressure
- 140/90 or higher is high blood pressure
- Between 120 and 139 for the top number, or between 80 and 89 for the bottom number is called prehypertension. Prehypertension means you may end up with high blood pressure, unless you take steps to prevent it.

High blood pressure usually has no symptoms, but it can cause serious problems such as **stroke**, **heart failure**, **heart attack** and **kidney failure**.

You can control high blood pressure through healthy lifestyle habits such as exercise and the **DASH diet** and taking **medicines**, if needed.

NIH: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

EASTER FLOWERS will be available again this year. Forms will be on the table in the Gathering Space soon to sign up to remember or honor someone with an Easter lily. Complete the form and return it with a check to Lisa Boxley's mailbox in the church office.



THE LENTEN BANNERS

Here are some questions to consider as you experience the Lenten worship banners created by the Liturgical Arts Ministry team.

What is the significance to you of the two sets of mirrored banners?

Of what does the variety of colors, fabrics and lengths of the banners remind you?

What are your thoughts about the liturgical color of purple for the season of Lent?

Why are the footprints on the burlap meaningful to you?

REFLECTIONS FROM THOSE WHO CREATED THE BANNERS

The two mirrored images reflect our two worship services at GPPC. While they have different styles of worship, we are alike because we are one family and we are the same in spirit.

Diversity comes to mind when we look at and experience the variety of colors, fabrics textures and lengths of the banners. "The world has many things... the world has many people... the world has many colors...and each of them is different." Joan Walsh Anglund, *What Color is Love*

Purple is the liturgical color for Lent. One often connects purple with royalty. In our denomination, purple was previously used for both Advent and Lent. Now we use blue for Advent and purple for Lent. On the color wheel purple is made of blue and red. Maybe one might think about the blue of Advent and Christ's birth mixed with red and a reminder of Christ's blood which was shed for us brings us to the journey of Lent where we draw closer to God and God's only begotten Son.

The footprints on the rough burlap are a reminder that we journey on a road that is not smooth. Maybe they remind us, as we move forward, Christ is also walking with us.

May these banners inspire and enrich your worship during the season of Lent.

Adult Ed

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Feasting on the Word: This class incorporates the *Feasting on the Word* commentary to explore one of the lectionary passages. Each lesson provides comprehensive, accessible biblical background from four perspectives and invites leaders and learners deeper into the rhythm of the church year.

Led by: Jeff Paschal and Kit Schooley

The Best Old Testament Class: The Survey of the Old Testament class meets in the Westminster Room at 10:00 am on Sundays. The class tells the story of the texts a book at a time so participants will gain a good understanding of the trajectory of the Old Testament and its relevance to the New Testament. The class is fast-paced and fun providing the context for the story as well as the snippets that epitomize the book's messages and content. Here are the remaining classes:

- Histories (Samuel and Kings)
- Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther
- Wisdom Literature
- Major Prophets
- Minor Prophets
- Summary

Join **Craig Nygard** and **Steve Drew** for Sunday School in the Westminster Room and have a look at these important texts.

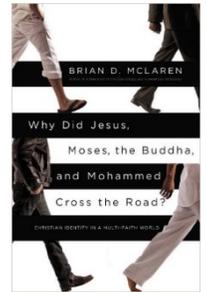
MEN'S BOOK STUDY

All men are invited to join Mark Schumacher at Panera (across the street) from 7-8 a.m. each Wednesday or at the church from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursdays for a time of study. The **Wednesday Morning Group** is reading *Jesus the King*, an interesting thought-provoking look at the gospel of Mark, by Tim Keller. The **Thursday Evening Group** will continue their reading of *Prodigal God* by Tim Keller. Participants can join in anytime—even in the middle of a book!

Participants can either order a book on their own or buy one that the church orders. If you have any question contact Mark Schumacher at

BOOK STUDY COMING IN APRIL

The Justice and Peacemaking COommittee will offer a book study beginning the week of April 17th and running through May. Specific dates and times TBA.



Melanie Rodenbough will lead a discussion of Brian McLaren's 2012 book, *Why Did Jesus, Moses, the Buddha, and Mohammed Cross the Road: Christian Identity in a Multi-Faith World*.

The book is very readable and provides plenty of content for discussion. The subject is very timely, posing questions to us such as: Can we be committed Christians without having to condemn or convert people of other faiths? Is it possible to affirm other religious traditions without watering down our own?

Watch for more information and a sign-up in March, and plan to join us!

Called to Prayer 2016

To whom do you pray? Well obviously the answer to that question is God! What needs to be examined is our image of God. Who we believe God to be is an important part of our exploration of prayer. Do you pray to a loving God or an angry God? A forgiving God or a judgmental God? A God off in the distance or one close by your side? Father, Brother, or Spirit? What name do you use to address God? Does the name change as you pray for different needs?

The goal of prayer is to form a more intimate, life-giving relationship between ourselves and God. Reflect on who God is in your life. Recognize your ideas about God, your experience of God, and the ways you pray to God. Remember that before anything else, God loves you without limits or conditions. This doesn't mean you are without fault. It means God desires to be in a deep, abiding, growing relationship; we were created for communion with God.

The adoration of God in prayer is a mixture of gratitude and reverence and awe. ~Douglas V. Steele

The result of prayer is to discover reasons for loving God. ~Isaac of Syria

Lord, today I rest in your presence. Let your Holy Spirit fall fresh on me. In the lists and projects ahead of me, I will seek You as Jesus did, calling to you as Abba, Father. Hold me, guide me in all I do, especially in communing with You. I am in awe of Your goodness, Lord. In Your name I pray, Amen.

Submitted by Lynn Carey

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

Prayer in the Parlor

The Parlor will be available for a time of prayer each Sunday morning from 10-10:45 a.m. as part of our year-long focus Called to Prayer. There will be a short guided meditation with time for silent reflection and prayer, led by rotating Companions in Christ members.

Prayer in the Sanctuary

The sanctuary will open every Wednesday from 12 noon till 2:00 p.m. for silent prayer and meditation. Take a few minutes from the hustle and bustle of life to spend time with God in the beauty and solitude of our sanctuary.

Thank You's

From **Out of the Garden Project** for a recent gift of \$100.

From **Greensboro Urban Ministry** for a recent gift of \$839.40.

From **Restoration Place Counseling** for a recent gift of \$500.

Wheels4Hope would like to thank Guilford Park Presbyterian Church for your ongoing support in 2015. It's congregations like yours that help us meet our mission of providing affordable, reliable transportation to economically-vulnerable individuals and families in the Triad.

In 2015, Wheels4Hope received 169 donated cars, and 37 of those cars were placed with recipients referred to us from one of our Partner Agencies. One of those donated cars was graciously donated by a member of Guilford Park Presbyterian Church.

Our "Driving Force" Holiday Campaign was a huge success with a goal of 31 cars donations in 31 Days. With your help, we were able to meet and even exceed that goal with a total of 37 cars. In 2016, we have high hopes of receiving 180 car donations and being able to successfully place 48 cars with recipients referred to us.

For information on donating a car or volunteering, please contact Deborah@wheels4hope.org or call 336-355-9130

HELP WANTED

Sound System Operators: Interested in helping with the *sound system desk* in the Guilford Park sanctuary? It is a very important ministry which benefits everyone when it comes to the sense of hearing all the aspects of worship – the sermon, the scripture, the prayers, and the music! Several new workers are needed to be added to the sound desk team. Volunteers will be trained and ready to serve with care. Please contact Rick Cromer if you are interested, or have any questions. Rick can be reached at 336-210-0364, or on-line at rickcromer@triad.rr.com. To all those folks who are serving on this team already, we say "Thank You" for the outstanding job you are doing to help us all hear!

Children and Youth

KIDSJAM

March 4

First Friday Movie and pizza night at the church, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

March 13

Out of the Garden Project, tentative, noon, leave from church

March 20

Kids procession of Palms at each worship service

March 26

Easter Egg Hunt at the church from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring your own basket

For more information on these 3-5 grade fellowship activities, check the children's bulletin board or contact Suzi Shackelford (suzishackelford@gmail.com) to get on the email mailing.

CANDY NEEDED FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

All donations of individually wrapped pieces of candy will be truly appreciated. You can drop donations off in the basket labeled 'candy' in the church gathering space. This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 26.

YOUTH

March 4-6

All youth Ski Trip, leave from the church Friday at 5:00 p.m.

March 8

High School serve at Hot Dish and Hope, meet at GPPC at 5 or First Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m.

March 13

High school and middle school youth fellowship at 5:00 p.m. at church

March 18-19

High School Youth participate in the 30 hour Famine project for Lent, meet at the church Friday at 6pm to Saturday 6:00 p.m.

March 20

Middle school prayer room Lent project. Sign up for different shifts all Sunday

March 26

Youth help with Easter Egg Hunt. Meet at church at 10:30 a.m.

For more information on youth fellowship grades 6-12 please check the youth bulletin board or contact Kim Row (krow@quilfordpark.org) to get on the email reminder and updates list.

Easter Egg Hunt

You are invited to
Guilford Park Presbyterian Church's
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday March 26 at 11 a.m.
2100 Fernwood Drive

Join us for cotton candy and the Easter Bunny! Children through 5th grade will be separated into age groups for hunting eggs. Parent supervision is required. Spectators are welcome. Bring your own baskets!



Fellowship

ALMANAH WOMEN (widow support & fellowship)

Lunch: Wednesday, March 9 at 12:30 p.m. at Café Pasta. Bus leaves GPPC at 12 p.m. **Movie:** Tuesday, March 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

THE GUILFORD TRAVELERS (adult travel group)

are going to the Mass General Store, Winston-Salem, NC on March 16. Leaving the church at 10:00 a.m. Lunch at Sweet Potatoes restaurant. \$5.00 gas donation. See the Fellowship board for more information on our upcoming trips.

GEEZERS' BREAKFAST All men 55+ are invited to join us at Oakcrest Restaurant for good food and fellowship. Get acquainted with others, and enjoy the company of long time friends. Wednesday, March 16 at 8:30 a.m.

PRIMETIMERS Thursday, March 17 at 12 p.m.

Lunch: Contact Ann Shelton at 288-4336 for more information. Cost: \$6 (cash only). A gentle reminder: You will be responsible for the cost of your meal if you do not cancel within 24 hours of the meeting. Please contact the church office if you need to cancel.

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST The Fellowship Committee is hosting the Palm Sunday Breakfast on Sunday, March 20 in the Fellowship Hall. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m. Please be our guests for pancakes, sausage, cereal, fruit, and beverages. We hope you will join us.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED GPPC needs bus drivers for weekday trips for the Almanah Women's monthly luncheons and the Guilford Traveler's monthly trips. Half day, whole day and twice a year overnight trips. You can pick the trip that is right for your schedule. If you are 25 or older please consider helping with this ministry. Contact Lisa Boxley, Church Administrator for more information at 336-288-5452 or lboxley@guilfordpark.org.

SCRAPBOOKING! I am looking to start having some scrapbooking weekends at GPPC. If you are interested contact Ginny Inscore (ginnyinscore@gmail.com or 336-337-2154) to coordinate dates and gage interest.

March Birthdays

- 1 Karen Berg
- 1 Barbara Lumsden
- 4 Aidan Askew
- 5 Wright Archer
- 8 Gary Parker
- 8 Will Hornfeck
- 8 Margaret Ingle
- 9 Ken Clunan
- 11 Doris Mengel
- 11 David Key
- 13 Charlotte Cagle
- 14 Elizabeth Ashworth
- 17 Nicholas Jackson
- 19 Marianne Browning
- 19 Jackson Hill
- 22 Don Bassett
- 24 Covey Clunan
- 24 Becky Stump
- 25 Andrew Spradley
- 26 Robert Hickling
- 28 Don Olson
- 29 Tricia Person
- 30 Nicolette Harrington
- 31 Sue Bassett
- 31 Linda Fitts

Address Changes

Chuck Bailey
7404 Summer Wind Court
Summerfield, NC 27358
336-441-8063

Mission



HOT DISH AND HOPE

(serving food to the homeless)

Tuesday, March 9 at 5:15 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Sign-up sheet is on the Mission board.

Please contact Peter Isakoff at 757-478-3144, peter.isakoff@gmail.com or Leslie Isakoff at leslie.isakoff@gmail.com.

BLOOD DRIVE

You're somebody's type! Donate blood! Save lives! Blood Drive March 31st from 3-7 PM. Please sign up on the mission board to donate blood or provide snacks/beverages. If it's been a while since you donated, please come try again. We need new donors! If you have any questions please contact Sandy Scherzer at 336-686-5294 or storgirl@gmail.com.

INTERACTIVE RESOURCE CENTER

The Interactive Resource Center (IRC) is an innovative day resource center for people experiencing homeless or trying to keep from becoming homeless in Guilford County. We provide a bag lunch on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month to the IRC patrons who are currently enrolled in job training classes. There is a sign-up sheet on the Mission board each month. Please call Marti Randall at 336-854-3385 with any questions.



March Mission Madness!

The road to the final four March mission opportunities begins here at Guilford Park. Let's get ready to help our fellow teammates win big by giving back to our community. Score!



The #1 Seed is the **Red Cross Blood Drive** being held on March 31st from 3-7 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Our team captain, Sandy Scherzer needs as many players as possible to sign up to give blood or contribute snacks/drinks on game day. Sign up on the mission board or contact Sandy Scherzer (storgirl@gmail.com/336-686-5294) for more information

The #2 Seed is **Hot, Dish, and Hope** where the whole squad can be involved in serving a meal to the hungry on March 8th. Practice begins at 5:15 p.m. in Mullin Life Center of First Presbyterian Church on Elm Street. Please sign up ahead of game day on mission board or contact one of the team managers Leslie & Peter Isakoff (leslieisakoff@gmail.com/256-303-5324 or peterisakoff@gmail.com/757-478-3144) for further details.

The #3 Seed is our own **Guilford Park Guys**, who scrimmage for an hour of basketball, share a meal prepared by its fans, and then attend a small support group designed to mentor these young men on the playing field of life. They will huddle up each Thursday evening in March with support groups meeting on 10th and 24th. Led by Head Coach Mike Sasser, this group of teens counts on the support of our congregation. If you are interested in cheering them on, please contact Mike (sassers3@aol.com/336-708-0062). Go GPG!

The #4 Seed is helping to prepare and serve a bag lunch for patrons of **IRC** (Interactive Resource Center) who are currently enrolled in job training classes. Tip off is March 15th and regular season play is scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Please add yourself to the roster on the mission board. Coach Marti Randall (marti.randall@yahoo.com/336-854-3385) calls the plays for this team of GPPC volunteers.

The Mission Committee needs you to help make this March a slam dunk! Contact Ed Hendricks (eghendricks@gmail.com/ 336-908-5841) or any member of the committee to become a team player.

Financial Update

WEEKLY GIVING

Date: 1/3/16

Pledges-General Fund	\$7,861.00
Non-Pledge Gift	\$485.00
Church School	\$3.64
Loose Offering	\$110.00
Memorial Fund	\$25.00

Date: 1/10/16

Pledges-General Fund	\$10,103.25
Non-Pledge Gift	\$235.00
Church School	\$11.55
Loose Offering	\$174.10
Non-Member Gift	\$10.00

Date: 1/17/16

Pledges-General Fund	\$5,703.00
Non-Pledge Gift	\$265.00
Loose Offering	\$118.83
Pennies For Hunger	\$97.00

Date: 1/24/16

Snow Day

Pledges-General Fund	\$3,350.00
Non-Pledge Gift	\$100.00
Pennies For Hunger	\$102.00

Date: 1/31/16

Pledges-General Fund	\$14,135.00
Non-Pledge Gift	\$560.00
Deacons' Fund	\$483.48
Memorial Fund	\$25.00
Non-Member Gift	\$350.00

FINANCIAL UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 31, 2015

We Pledged To Give	\$44,101.67
We Actually Gave	<u>41,152.25</u>
Money Spent	\$44,203.10
Money Received	<u>43,735.24</u>
	(\$467.86)



PLEDGE ONLINE

Give to GPPC online. We have a PayPal button on our website. There, you can make your regular pledge payment, memorials, contributions, and any other gifts. You may set up a regular recurring amount, or make a one-time gift. PayPal lets you use all major credit cards, or you may use your PayPal account if you already have one, or create one if you don't. Check it out!

Instant Church Directory App

Any member of Guilford Park Presbyterian Church can download, print, and/or view the membership directory at the touch of a button! The GPPC church photo and information directory (Church Directory) may now be accessed more securely from your computer by going to the following website: **INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY.**

Once at this site, you will be instructed to enter your email address (as listed in the church's directory) and create your own password. You will continue to use your email address as your user name and your chosen password for future access to our Church Directory. If you forget your password, just click on the "Forgot password?" link and instructions will be sent to you via email.

You may download and view the current directory from an iPhone, iPad, Android or Kindle Fire. **You must have your email listed with the church directory.** If you do not have your email listed or are unsure if your email is listed, please contact Lisa Boxley at 288-5452.

To download the app, search for "Instant Church Directory" in the Apple App Store, Google Play, or Amazon Appstore, or click on this link:

<http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com/app>

Tap on the app to open it. You will be prompted to enter the email address listed with GPPC directory. *Instant Church Directory will email you a password (at the email address registered with the GPPC directory that you enter into the app prompt) once the app is opened.*

Enter password you received from Instant Church Directory via email. The directory will appear. After you are finished viewing the app and close it, you should not need to reenter the password again. The next time you open the app, it should automatically display the current directory.

Racial Equity and Justice

The Justice & Peacemaking Committee has been attending a series of conversations held on the first Monday of the month at Congregational United Church of Christ. The series is called "Doing Our Work: 2015 Series on Race, Racial Inequity and Our Future in Greensboro." We continue this month to summarize these conversations.

Session 3, December 7, 2015: Race and Wealth

In the third session of the Doing Our Work Series, economics Professors Larry Morse (NC A&T) and Bob Williams (Guilford College) discussed the history of race and wealth in America, growing income inequality and how wealth in America is systemically designed to benefit a certain class of people. They noted that "wealth" does not refer to wealthy families but refers to an average inheritance in white families of around \$250,000 in money and property, and also includes the education which is often the greatest inheritance given their children.

The early history of European settlement of North America established a pattern of wealth (primarily in the form of property) being taken from or denied to people of color - noting that the Indian Removal Act, the Homestead Act 1862, property disposition in the aftermath of the Mexican American War, slavery and the plantation economies all reflect policies designed to benefit whites at the expense of people of color. Those who protested were criminalized.

The 1930s gave us the Social Security Act, the NLR Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act, 3 major pieces of legislation that on their surface were racially benign. But they served disproportionately to help whites, with clauses that said, for example, "These laws do not apply to agriculture or domestic work," denying 67% of blacks access to their protection and benefit. They allowed for more white people to own homes, get an education and begin building wealth for the next generation. The GI bill, also on its face race neutral, in fact did little to help black soldiers because there were so few colleges to which blacks could apply in the Jim Crow era. The practice of red lining kept blacks from getting home loans in many areas. 98% of VA and FHA loans went to whites from 1946 - 1962. Today the racial wealth gap is getting wider. Even when blacks are paid equally to whites, the generational discrepancy in family wealth and education means black families are behind whites with little chance of catching up. Many black professionals "pay it backward," helping support older members of their families in need, rather than accumulating wealth for the next generation as whites do. Even in a time of race neutral policies, wealth equals power and is generally a high priority for

protection by our laws and law enforcement. Video available here: <https://vimeo.com/148692712>

Session 4: February 1, 2016: Race and Education

This fourth installment of the "Doing Our Work Series" was an interesting, though somewhat troubling, discussion about the state of public education and the impact that race has played and continues to play upon the quality of education being offered to and received by our children. The session was led by Dr. Misty Williams, Executive Director of Induction and Professional Development for Guilford County Schools; Dr. Julie Burke, Chair of Education Studies at Guilford College; and Wanda Hunter, a Core Organizer for Organizing Against Racism (OAR), based in Chapel Hill.

A common issue addressed by these three presenters was the so-called "achievement gap" observed among students of different racial groups throughout the course of students' education from kindergarten through high school graduation. That gap is very small to non-existent as children enter the public school system, but widens substantially by the Fourth Grade and continues to expand into the High School years. The existence / impact of racial bias upon standardized tests, course offerings, college prep v. vocational "tracks," and school imposed discipline (it has been documented that black students are disciplined more harshly for the exact same behavior) was also discussed.

Our school systems face many challenges providing quality education to today's students and tomorrow's leaders. The OAR group shared good progress in the Chapel Hill area schools in raising awareness of the role race plays in education. Read more about Ms. Hunter's advocacy work here: "Why Racial Equity Matters to White Folks Too," <http://tinyurl.com/jx2yz94>

We can pray for and be supportive of our teachers, school administrators, and school boards that they might be successful in taking on these challenges, as the education and development of our young people hangs in the balance.

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CLARENCE DARROW: A ONE-MAN PLAY

== COMING TO GUILFORD PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ==



JOIN US FOR A DRAMATIZATION OF THE LIFE OF FAMED LAWYER CLARENCE DARROW

Through local actor and teacher John Robinson, you will hear tales from Darrow's long career as a lawyer involved in some of the most celebrated cases in American history. His passionate quest for social justice for - in his own words - "the poor, the weak, and the weary" echoes the struggle for justice in contemporary America, making this a thought-provoking and relevant presentation for our time. Robinson brings to life the passionate, funny, philosophical, proud and prophetic spirit of Clarence Darrow in this play by David Rintels, based on the Irving Stone biography, "Clarence Darrow for the Defense".

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH - 2:00 PM

**Guilford Park Presbyterian Church
2100 Fernwood Avenue, Greensboro**

- *Arrive early to be seated by 2:00*
- *There will be a brief intermission, with complimentary refreshments.*
- *Nursery/child care will be provided.*



HONORING BOB HERRON

Bob Herron was a long time member of Guilford Park Presbyterian Church and devoted much time and energy in his work caring and advocating for the poor and marginalized as he did in his volunteer work with Bread for the World. In his honor and memory, his friend and guest actor John Robinson, in collaboration with Guilford Park Presbyterian Church and its Justice and Peacemaking Committee, will be collecting a love offering for Bread for the World.

Serving in Worship

March 6, 2016

9:00 Ushers: Sandy Scherzer and Donna Barrier

9:00 Communion Preparer: Barbara Sasser

9:00 Communion Servers: Ed Cheshire, Kay Cheshire, Karen Hornfeck, Gary Stephenson

9:00 Sound System: Gray Amick

9:00 Liturgist: Mark Gordon

11:00 Ushers: John Parker, Ryan Morgan, Kit Schooley, Brandon Inscore, John Shackelford

11:00 Liturgist: Marge Cromer

11:00 Communion Servers: EB Taylor, David Taylor, Ed Hendricks, Jaime Hendricks, Ralph Lawrence, Jane Lawrence, Helen Shaw, Van Shaw, Bo Rodenbough

11:00 Sound System: Rick Cromer

Home Communion Servers: Judy Campbell (Lois Crabtree), Charles Purdie (Abe Jones), Sarah Arnett (Peg Lukens), Karen Berg (Rose Sharpe), Tim Peck (Loa Morris), Judy Herron (Libby Dunn)

Opening/Closing: Gene Campbell, Paul Aycock

Bread Delivery: Melody and Mike Bivona

March 13, 2016

9:00 Ushers: Ed and Peggy Kinard

9:00 Sound System: Don Yelton

9:00 Liturgist: Afendra Wyatt

11:00 Ushers: Jay Jones, Doug Campbell, Bo Rodenbough, Steve Dixon, Ed Bonkemeyer

11:00 Sound System: Dylan Lewellyn

11:00 Liturgist: Anthony McLean

Opening/Closing: Gray Amick, AB Kimel

Bread Delivery: Don and Pat Yelton

March 20, 2016

9:00 Ushers: Don and Pat Yelton

9:00 Sound System: Michael Boulton

9:00 Liturgist: Ashlyn McClellan

11:00 Ushers: Hallie Smith, Skip Bailey, Becky Stump, Buddy Milks, Beth Milks, Susan Thomas

11:00 Sound System: Gene Campbell

11:00 Liturgist: Peter Isakoff

Opening/Closing: Kregg Kinnear, Tim Peck

Bread Delivery: Karen and Scott Berg

March 27, 2016

9:00 Ushers: Joe and Marianne Browning

9:00 Sound System: Steve Drew

9:00 Liturgist: Donna Schumacher

11:00 Ushers: Steve Sandercock, Scott Moore, Jukka Kayhko, Kenny Thompson, Ralph Lawrence

11:00 Sound System: Steve Sandercock

11:00 Liturgist: Jason Beale

Opening/Closing: Frank Wyatt, Joe Gray

March 2016 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 PM Children's Choir (K-1st) 5:00 PM Creative Bible Study w/ Childcare L 5:30 PM Children's Choir (2nd-5th) 5:30 PM Handbells	1 8:30 AM Treasurers-Library 10:00 AM Simple Gifts W2 1:00 PM Gathering Space L 7:00 PM AA (FH)	2 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Cong RN - L 7:00 PM YES Practice 7:30 PM NA (FH)	3 7:00 AM Men's Book Study-- Panera 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel S 12:00 PM Prayer in the Sanctuary 6:30 PM Congregational Care L 6:45 PM Worship W1 7:00 PM Children & Youth 7:00 PM Property W2	4 9:30 AM Prayerful Yoga W 6:00 PM Guilford Guys FH 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study L 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	5 5:30 PM KidsJam Movie Night	6 9:00 AM Session Retreat- Off Site
7 Souper Bowl of Caring 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Family Sunday School FH 10:00 AM Prayer in the Parlor 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM Confirmation Retreat YL 12:00 PM PW Retreat W 3:00 PM Girl Scouts W, PreK 5:00 PM Children's Choir (K-1st) 5:00 PM Creative Bible Study w/ Childcare L 5:30 PM Children's Choir (2nd-5th) 5:30 PM Handbells	8 GUM Dinner 8:30 AM Treasurers-Library 10:00 AM Simple Gifts W2 7:00 PM AA (FH)	9 9:00 AM Presbytery (FPC GSO) 10:00 AM Circle #3 W 10:00 AM Cong RN - L 1:00 PM Preschool Staff W 5:15 PM Hot Dish & Hope 6:00 PM Personnel 7:00 PM YES Practice 7:30 PM NA (FH)	10 7:00 AM Men's Book Study-- Panera 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Prayer in the Sanctuary 12:30 PM Almanah Lunch 6:00 PM Wonderful Wednesday W 6:30 PM Mission Mtg W1 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service	11 9:30 AM Prayerful Yoga W 6:00 PM Guilford Guys FH 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study L 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	12	13 Joan Gardner Funeral
14 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Family Sunday School FH 10:00 AM Prayer in the Parlor 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Annual Meeting S 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 5:00 PM Children's Choir (K-1st) 5:00 PM Creative Bible Study w/ Childcare L 5:30 PM Children's Choir (2nd-5th) 5:30 PM Handbells	15 Guideposts Articles Due 8:30 AM Treasurers-Library 10:00 AM Simple Gifts W2 7:00 PM AA (FH)	16 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Cong RN - L 10:00 AM IRC 6:00 PM Personnel L 7:00 PM YES Practice 7:30 PM NA (FH)	17 7:00 AM Men's Book Study-- Panera 8:30 AM Geezers' Breakfast 10:00 AM Guilford Travelers 11:30 AM Community Ventures L 12:00 PM Prayer in the Sanctuary 6:30 PM Adult Ed L 6:45 PM Membership Com W2 6:45 PM Worship W1	18 9:30 AM Prayerful Yoga W 12:00 PM Prime Timers W 6:00 PM Guilford Guys FH 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	19 6:00 PM St. Andrews' Vestry W	20 8:30 AM St. Andrews' Vestry W
21 High School Youth Service 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Family Sunday School FH 10:00 AM Prayer in the Parlor 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 3:00 PM Girl Scouts W, PreK 3:30 PM Finance Mtg L 5:00 PM Children's Choir (K-1st) 5:00 PM Session W 5:30 PM Children's Choir (2nd-5th) 5:30 PM Handbells	22 8:30 AM Treasurers-Library 9:00 AM Auction Mtg W1 10:00 AM Simple Gifts W2 1:00 PM Gathering Space L 7:00 PM AA (FH) 7:00 PM PW CT Meeting L	23 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Cong RN - L 1:00 PM Almanah Movie P 7:00 PM YES Practice 7:30 PM NA (FH)	24 7:00 AM Men's Book Study-- Panera 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel S 12:00 PM Prayer in the Sanctuary	25 9:30 AM Prayerful Yoga W 6:00 PM Guilford Guys FH 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study L 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	26	27 1:00 PM Winter Jam
28 9:00 AM Contemporary Worship 10:00 AM Family Sunday School FH 10:00 AM Prayer in the Parlor 10:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 12:00 PM Inter Faith Tour 12:30 PM Justice & Peacemaking L 6:00 PM Chili Cook-Off F	29 8:30 AM Treasurers-Library 10:00 AM Simple Gifts W2 7:00 PM AA (FH)	1 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 10:00 AM Cong RN - L 11:00 AM Olson Funeral 7:00 PM YES Practice 7:30 PM NA (FH)	2 7:00 AM Men's Book Study-- Panera 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel S 11:30 AM Community Ventures L 12:00 PM Prayer in the Sanctuary 6:30 PM Congregational Care L 7:00 PM Children & Youth 7:00 PM Property W	3 9:30 AM Prayerful Yoga W 6:00 PM Guilford Guys FH 6:30 PM Men's Bible Study L 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	4 5:30 PM Kids Jam Movie Night	5 6:00 AM Youth Ski Trip 2:00 PM Clarence Darrow Prep FL, W, K

Session Highlights: January 17, 2016

- Began work on SMART goals.
- Agreed to start plans for a 70th anniversary commemoration for GPPC in 2018 and convened a small group to begin work on this.
- Set a special offering for Habitat for Humanity.
- Accepted a request that we house a college group mission trip March 6-12.
- Received Amanda Ismail and Sally Beck into membership, Amanda by transfer of letter from First Presbyterian, Eden, NC, and Sally by transfer of letter from Congregational UCC in Greensboro, NC.
- Approved (pending approval by Salem Presbytery) the Rev. Dr. Fred Beck as a Parish Associate.
- Adopted a GPPC gift reception policy.
- Approved (1) the use of GPPC for a discussion of community policing, (2) hosting of an “Ask a Muslim” conversation at GPPC, and (3) a movie screening about climate change at GPPC.

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ATTENDANCE

	9:00	11:00
February 7	98	127
February 14	80	125
February 21	76	152

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The **March** Guidepost deadline is **MONDAY, MARCH 15**. Please submit articles to Lisa Boxley at lboxley@guilfordpark.org.

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