

North Decatur Presbyterian Church  
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**September 20, 2011**

**RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED**

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# Communicator

*A Newsletter of the North Decatur Presbyterian Church*  
[www.ndpc.org](http://www.ndpc.org)

**September 20, 2011**

October 9th is Pride Sunday this year in Atlanta. There's a big parade that ends at Piedmont Park and a festival in the park that afternoon. I've never seen the Atlanta Pride Parade, but if it's anything like the New York version, it's an intriguing mix of inspiring activists and... well, a lot of folks using the day to show their stuff. It's not necessarily what you think of when you think "worship."

But my hope is that a number of you--gay and straight--will head down to the parade after worship on the 9th to walk together. Our congregation believes that there is nothing incompatible with being gay and being Christian. Your presence at the parade is one way for you to publicly acknowledge that belief.

If the parade isn't your speed, I hope you will share in the week's other two "Presbyterian Pride" events:

- Sunday, Oct. 2nd, 4:30pm: Tricia Dykers Koenig of the Covenant Network will be at NDPC for a conversation about the movement for LGBTQ equality in the church today
- Thursday, Oct. 6th: 7pm: A Pride Worship at Morningside Presbyterian Church; a night of celebration and prayer (I have been invited to preach).

Thank you for your continuing witness to the Good News of God's love for all!

*David*

## Worship in Sept/Oct:

Sept. 25	Rev. David Lewicki preaching <i>The Exodus: Between No Life and Death</i>
Oct. 2	Rev. David Lewicki preaching <i>The Exodus: The Abundance of Enough</i>
Oct. 9	Rev. David Lewicki preaching <i>The Exodus: I Fought the Law</i>

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE:

### September 11, 2011

Sunday School:	146
Worship:	227
Visitors:	37

### September 18, 2011

Sunday School:	118
Worship:	207
Visitors:	13

Dear NDPC family,

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful members of NDPC for their gracious "send off" into retirement for me. Thank you for the cards, letters, and emails and particularly for the wonderful reception following my last official Sunday at church. The portion of worship spent recognizing and celebrating my contributions to Christian Education was particularly moving and meaningful, Special thanks to Beth and David for putting the tribute together, to the youth who wrote wonderful things about me and to the knit wits for the beautiful throw knitted for me as a gift to me as I retire to focus on my health.*

*Blessings on all of you. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve NDPC and please know that after a short break, Martha and I will continue our membership there among all you wonderful people.*

*Paul Osborne*

## Pastors' Office Hours:

**David**  
Mondays, 1-5  
Tuesdays, 9:30-12

**Beth**  
Sunday afternoons  
by  
Appointment

You are welcome to drop in during these times or you may schedule an appointment in advance at these times or another convenient time.

Looking forward to seeing you!

### September 25

#### WORD IN WORSHIP

Carolyn French  
LITURGIST

Mary Alice Kemp  
USHERS

Head Usher: Jon Colgrove

Ushers: Burt & Martha Vardeman,  
Cile Vardeman, Dee Raeside

#### GREETER

Anne Hendry

#### ACOLYTE

Macon Sandifer



#### EXTENDED SESSION

##### Nursery

Anna Kershaw & June

1 & 2 Yr Olds

J. Tom & Carol Morgan

3 - 5 Yr Olds

Gabriel Ramirez, Marie Schoeneberg

### October 2

#### WORD IN WORSHIP

Debby Miller  
LITURGIST

TBD

#### USHERS

Head Usher: Jon Colgrove

Ushers: Jane Watt Balsley, Pat Murphy,  
Jonathan & Rebecca Watts Hull

#### GREETER

TBD

#### ACOLYTE

Parker Condon



#### EXTENDED SESSION

##### Nursery

Mary Elizabeth Etheridge

1 & 2 Yr Olds

Susan & Bill Castle

3 - 5 Yr Olds

Ellen Gadberry & Tim Merritt

## CHURCH WISH LIST

We are evaluating our church spaces, how they are used and what furniture or storage we might need after our recent renovation. If any of you have suggestions or needs that you see please contact Debra Robinson (email: [debrar@admbuys.com](mailto:debrar@admbuys.com)) so we can consider these in our next phase of furnishings. In particular those groups that use different areas of the building, if you see a need or know of something that would help your group please share this with us so we can be mindful of the best way to outfit our spaces.

Thanks!

## Congregational Meeting



**Sunday, September 25**

after worship  
in the Sanctuary

Purpose:

To elect the new 2014 Elders

## D.E.A.M. FOOD DRIVE

Next Collection:  
**October 2**

The Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry is an important ministry for residents of Decatur. They provide assistance with clothing, food,

rent, utilities or housing. Please support the ministry of DEAM by bringing in food items on the first Sunday of each month. You can drop off your donations outside the church office or in the narthex before worship.

## “Communicator” Schedule

(1st & 3rd weeks of each month)

Sept	6, 20
Oct	4, 18
Nov	1, 15, 29

## FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE



**9:30 Church School**


**10:30 Coffee Break & Fellowship**

**11:00 Worship**

## For Your Information

- Statements of giving through August available upon request from Jack Kittle ([jlkittle@bellsouth.net](mailto:jlkittle@bellsouth.net)). Please indicate if you would like a pdf file emailed or a printed copy.
- NDPC has youth group for 6, 7, and 8th graders and for high schoolers on Sunday nights. We have fun while engaging in recreation, mission, study and faith development. For more information and to be placed on the email list for regular announcements, contact Virginia Pribbenow, 404-281-7933 or Dena Stockton, 404-343-3075 for Middle School news and Mandy Sandifer, 404-289-5505 for Senior High news.



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## HARVEST MOON PARTY - SEPT 24

Make plans to celebrate the fall harvest with Earth Covenant Ministry, Saturday, September 24 from 5:30-8:30pm, at its first annual Harvest Moon Party. We'll dine under the stars, enjoy a freshly prepared local organic meal and tap our feet to the rhythms of the Bluegrass Bonanza Band. The co-housing Community of East Lake Commons in Decatur is hosting us. Plan to stroll along the pathways through this eco-village that includes a small organic farm (<http://www.eastlakecommons.org/>). Come to learn more about co-housing and intentional neighborhoods. Come to celebrate and support Earth Covenant Ministry's work in Metro Atlanta. Come to connect with new and old friends on the earth-honoring faith journey. Dinner tickets are \$30/person; \$55/couple; \$75/ Family 4-pack. For tickets, contact ECM at 678/362-7639 or [RSVP@earthcovenantministry.org](mailto:RSVP@earthcovenantministry.org).

"Earth Covenant Ministry...Presbyterians for a Greener Atlanta"



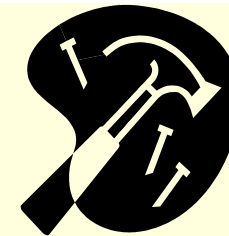
## "If I HAD A HAMMER"

We'll be using our hammers and other tools this fall in New Orleans.

However, you don't even need a hammer as the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provides all the tools. You really don't even need any special skills. There is work for everyone.

It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know members of NDPC whom you might not know well, to contribute something worthwhile to the Katrina community and to have fun. The dates are Oct. 16-22. The cost is \$120 for the week. (Some scholarship money is available)

Please try to join us. Contact Anne Sayre ([asayre@bellsouth.net](mailto:asayre@bellsouth.net)) or call the church office.



**Save the Date !**  
**Saturday, September 24th**  
5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Decatur Family YMCA

Mark your calendars for September 24 from 5PM – 8PM for DCM's annual fundraiser – the Garden of Eatin'. Enjoy a Taste of Decatur as area restaurants offer samplings of their fares and shop our silent auction for some great bargains on area services and merchandise. Tickets are available from Jason Schoeneberg or Roberta Goldbaugh. Prices: individual ticket \$25, couple \$40, family pass \$55 (two adults, two children), individual child \$10 (children under 2 are admitted free). We hope to see you there!

## Cares & Concerns



Prayer requests & celebrations may be shared with **Carol Tveit** by email or phone: [carol.j.tveit@gmail.com](mailto:carol.j.tveit@gmail.com) or H:404-289-3868; C:404-617-7765.

- Please continue your prayers of healing and comfort for: *Peter, Steven, Tom, William Studstill, Margaret Grace, Cheryl Gepp and Jim Laney.*
- Prayers for *Laura Jernigan* and family as they grieve the loss of her father.
- Prayers for *Ella Brown*(Thailand) and *Karman Duchon*(Guatemala) who are serving as volunteers. God grant them enriching and safe experiences in their respective journeys.
- Prayers for those living with chronic illness and disability and their caregivers. God lift them up and sustain them with courage, strength and patience.
- *NDPC Director of Christian Education Search Committee:* Carol Morgan, Linda Davis, John Sandifer, Hannah Brown, Jessie Bond, and Chuck Cass.
- *NDPC Members serving in the military:* William Gillespie, Josh Hughes, Adam Erickson, Peter Erickson, Taylor Stevens and Michael Moore.
- *Winn House and Blackman House families* as they grow toward financial stability and independence.
- *Women and children of Hagar's House* and all those looking for safety and shelter.
- *Street Grace*, a coalition of 55 churches and social service organizations, in its work to end child sex trafficking on the streets of Atlanta.
- People who are *immigrants* as they search for life and dignity.
- Prayers for all who inhabit this earth which nourishes us and makes all life possible. God give us ears to hear and eyes to see ways in which we can truly care for creation.
- *The homeless men and women* who live on our streets.
- *AIDS Atlanta, its staff and those living with HIV/AIDS.*
- *Our President, Congress and those who lead us,* may they seek justice, walk humbly and honor the basic human rights of all whom they serve.
- People in the Middle East, especially Libya, Syria, Egypt, Tunisia and all those who struggle to have a voice in whom will govern them and how they will be governed.
- People in Vermont, Connecticut and those states suffering from the devastation of Hurricane Irene.

## Celebrations !

- The Interfaith gathering of 9/11/11 and NDPC's participation in a day of remembrance and outreach from a variety of faith expressions at the Decatur Hotel and Conference Center. Prayers that this event is the beginning of a move toward greater understanding, hope and peace in a world desperately in need of all.
- The baptism of *James Lewis Aiken.*



**Please Save the Date!**



NDPC Birthday Party  
**Sunday, October 23rd**  
(immediately following worship)

*Lunch, Music and Fall Fun for All!*

We'll also celebrate One Year of having David and Beth as our Pastors!

## Druid Hills Dinner

NDPC will serve dinner to 60+ guests at Druid Hills on Sunday afternoon, October 16, from 4:00 - 5:30.

Our menu will be Chili, green salad, cornbread by Woody and dessert by Ginny. If you would like to participate in preparing any of these foods, please reply to this email or give us a call.



If you can join us in singing and serving on October 16th, please let us know that also.

Thanks for your continuing support of this Feast.

Peace,  
*Carl and Cheryl Parlato*  
404.983.0459

**SAVE THE DATE!**

-Alternative Gift Market-  
**Saturday, December 3**  
10am-3pm  
(Fellowship Hall)

# First Friday Fellowships at NDPC



**October 7 and November 4**  
between 5pm and 8pm

Relax, touch base, chill out, visit.  
All ages invited!  
(no childcare)

Light supper provided  
(no charge)

Food

Fun

Fellowship

Hang out and enjoy some time at the end of the busy week to "be" together!

*Watch for details on the website and/or announcements in worship*

# Junior High

# Calendar

**Sept. 25:**

6:30pm: Youth Group  
Group building games.

**Oct. 2:**

5:30pm: Practice for Christmas Musical begins  
6:30pm: Youth Group

**Oct. 7-9 (Friday-Sunday):**

Jr. High Retreat at Calvin Center

**Oct. 9:** TBA

**Oct. 16:**

Jr. High Group to be Greeters & Ushers in 11AM worship.  
5:30pm: Christmas Musical Rehearsal  
6:30pm: Youth Group

**Oct. 23:**

4:00pm: Youth Group will meet at church for mini service project  
5:30pm: Christmas Musical Rehearsal  
6:30pm: Youth Group

**Oct. 30:**

Come in costume - prizes will be given  
5:30pm: Christmas Musical Rehearsal  
6:30pm: Youth Group



# Senior High

# Calendar

**Sept. 25:**

6:30pm: Youth Group  
Art Night - bring magazines & 3 of your favorite songs to share.

**Oct. 2:**

6:30pm: Youth Group  
Pride Week Program

**Oct. 8 (Saturday):**

Youth Group Camping/Hiking Trip

**Oct. 9:**

Youth Group Camping/Hiking Trip

**Oct. 16:**

6:30pm: Youth Group  
With David & Beth

**Oct. 23:**

6:30pm: Youth Group  
Brainstorm ideas for Alternative Gift Market

**Oct. 30:**

6:30pm: Youth Group  
Visit Haunted House



Hear Ye, Hear Ye . . .

# Villa International Atlanta

presents its

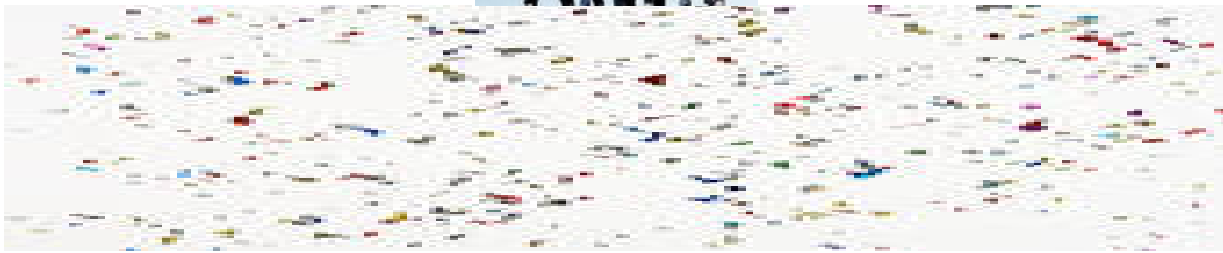
# Second International Smorgasbord Dinner 2011

at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church  
Saturday October 29 5 to 8 pm

## Villa needs your help now --

- o Invite your friends to buy tickets (\$50 each).
- o Become a patron -- \$500 will put you in bright lights for this event (and will get you 4 tickets).
- o Prepare and serve your favorite international dish (enough for 50 small sample servings). Contact Deirdre Holler (770/982-8586) or Alison Mawle (404-325-2620) if you wish to prepare and serve a food contribution for this event.
- o Volunteer to help at the event this year.
- o Be looking for items for a special limited silent auction. Twenty (20) items max. will be selected for auction. Contact Ken Herrmann (404/377-8601) regarding your auction contributions (deadline for items being submitted is October 1st).  
Services, restaurant gift cards, home hosted dinners, entertainment tickets, vacation offerings, and art work all make great auction items.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR OCTOBER 29**  
**AND GET READY TO CONTRIBUTE**



## Inquirer's Class

Join the NDPC family!

Our next Inquirer's Class will be held Saturday morning September 24th, 9am-noon in the church parlor. Those who wish to join the church will be welcomed in worship on Sunday the 25th.

Contact Rev. Lewicki (david@ndpc.org) to indicate your interest.

## Forum on Immigration

Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 PM  
Trinity Presbyterian Church

3003 Howell Mill Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30327

Please join members of the Peace and Justice Committee as we attend the **Forum on Immigration**, Thursday, September 22nd., 7:00 P.M. at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Moderated by Rep Elly Dobbs, panel members include Hon. Charles Kuck, Immigration Attorney, Dr. Marie Friedmann Marquardt, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Jerry Gonzalez, Executive Dir., Assoc. of Latino Elected Officials, Charles Hall, Executive Dir., GA Fruit & Vegetable Growers Assoc

Members of the Peace and Justice Committee will carpool from NDPC, leaving at 6:00 P.M. for this event. Contact Charlotte Stone-Black [stone.charlotte@gmail.com](mailto:stone.charlotte@gmail.com) if you need a ride, and we'll include you on our list.

**TUTORS  
NEEDED  
NOW!**

## Tutors and Mentors Needed for Outreach Program

The Partnership Ministry of  
First Presbyterian Church of

Atlanta and Hillside Presbyterian Church of Decatur is looking for volunteers willing to donate one hour per week (Wednesdays 2:30-3:30pm). Be a tutor and mentor for an elementary age student during the 2011-2012 school year. The program is ideal for high school and college students looking to earn community service hours or retirees who are looking for a meaningful way to share their gifts and wisdom with a younger generation.

If you or someone you know is interested in being a tutor or mentor, Please contact Rev. Connie Lee, at 404-228-7741 or 404-289-3092 or by e-mail at [fpc\\_hillside@bellsouth.net](mailto:fpc_hillside@bellsouth.net).

## Call for Sunday School books

Do you have *Listening for God*, Vol. 1 languishing on your shelf that you'd be willing to donate to NDPC's library?



We need as many copies as we can round up for NDPC's adult Sunday School in the late fall.

Please contact Sherrill Terry.  
Or, 404-663-4566.

Thank you!

## Music this Fall at NDPC!!!

Have you ever wanted to play more than just your radio? Do you want to sing more than just in your shower? We need your voice! Feel you can't sing? We need ringers for the handbell choir. We need instrumentalists to enhance our worship. WE NEED YOU! Come be a part of a great team sharing musical, laughter and stories as we work together to serve our worshipping community.

**Balcony Choir** - rehearsals Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00pm

**Handbell Choir** - rehearsals Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm

**Children and Youth Music** - contact Clint now to participate in the Children and Youth Christmas Musical!! (clint@ndpc.org)



## Women Together

Women Together will meet on the second Tuesday of each month for the 2011-2012 school year.

We will get organized on Tuesday, October 11.

### MEETINGS 2011-2012:

October 11- organization

Nov 8- author Amanda Gable, *The Confederate General Rides North*, will discuss her new novel.

Dec. 13- Greedy Santa Party at Claire Baldwin's Clifton Towers, Koffer room, dessert.

Jan. 10- The Mysteries of Easter Island- a joint production of Kent, Cheryl, Martha and others.

Feb. 14- favorite books.

March 13- Women's Stories.

Late April- a party at Kent's farm in Marietta All are welcome.

Supper at 6:30

\$10 for supper and a glass of wine

Reservations are not necessary

Kent Leslie  
404-321-4084  
[kleslie@igc.org](mailto:kleslie@igc.org)

Public Policy Advocacy Partnership of  
the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta  
invites you to a

# Public Policy Advocacy Resource Fair

## Saturday, October 29, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Decatur Presbyterian Church, 205 Sycamore Street, Decatur, GA

There will be three workshops to outline and discuss issues coming up in the 2012 Georgia Assembly.

**Issues Affecting Women and Children**  
**Issues Affecting Low Income Persons**  
**Issues Affecting the Environment**

Presenters from

Interfaith Children's Movement; Voices for Georgia's Children; Atlanta Community Food Bank; Greenlaw; Georgia Water Coalition; Georgia Capitol Solutions (healthcare, insurance)  
Georgia Budget and Policy Institute

**Legislative Panel composed of**  
**Rep. Stacey Abrams, House Minority Leader**  
**Sen. Steve Henson, Senate Minority Leader**  
**Rep. Ed Lindsey, House Majority Whip**  
**Rep. Wendell Willard, Chair - House Judiciary Committee**  
**Moderator - Shelley Senterfitt, Family Law Attorney and Advocate**

No fee to register, but there will be a charge for lunch (approx \$10)

To register or for more information, contact Karen Turney,  
kt2654@gmail.com

*(see schedule on next page)*

## **Public Policy Advocacy Resource Fair** **October 29, 2011** **Decatur Presbyterian Church**

<u>8:30 - 9:00 a.m.</u>	Coffee Time
<u>9:00 - 9:10 a.m.</u>	Opening Prayer, Welcome
<u>9:10 - 10:00 a.m.</u>	Workshop - Issues Affecting Women and Children
	<u>Presenters:</u> Pamela Perkins - Interfaith Children's Movement Polly McKinney - Voices for Georgia's Children Alan Essig - Georgia Budget and Policy Institute (budget overview)
<u>10:00 - 10:10 a.m.</u>	Break
<u>10:10 - 11:00 a.m.</u>	Workshop - Issues Affecting Low Income Persons
	<u>Presenters:</u> Laura Lester - Atlanta Community Food Bank Andy Lord - Georgia Capitol Solutions (healthcare, insurance) Alan Essig - GBPI (budget overview)
<u>11:00 - 11:10 a.m.</u>	Break
<u>11:10 - noon</u>	Workshop - Issues Affecting Environment
	<u>Presenters:</u> Justine Thompson - GreenLaw Gil Rogers - Georgia Water Coalition Alan Essig - GBPI (budget overview)
<u>noon - 12:30 p.m.</u>	Lunch
<u>12:30 - 1:45 p.m.</u>	Legislative Panel
	Moderator - Shelley Senterfitt <u>Panel members</u> Rep. Stacey Abrams Sen. Steve Henson Rep. Ed Lindsey Rep. Wendell Willard
<u>1:45 - 2:00 p.m.</u>	Closing

## Carol Bedsole's Cookbook

Cathy Bedsole has allowed us to offer a copy of her copy of her Mom's book to anyone who might want a copy. If you would like to receive an e-mail attachment of it please send your request to: [jecvelasco@att.net](mailto:jecvelasco@att.net).

Then if you would like to make a small donation, please make it to: NDPC-Druid Hills Community Ministry-Bedsole.

Peace, *Juanita Velasco*



### FALL, 2011 ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS:

Sundays, 9:30-10:30AM

#### Sept. 4-Oct. 23:

*Steadfast Hope: The Palestinians Quest for Just Peace*

Leaders: Becky Evans, Mary Smarr, Joanne Nurss, Mary Elizabeth Etheridge

Location: Den

*Listening for Earth's Gospel*

Leaders: Rev. Bill Brown, Schaap Freeman, Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley

Location: Bridge Room

#### Sept. 4-Dec. 18:

*Conversations in Christian Faith*

Leaders: Rev. David Lewicki, Terry Hughey, Rev. Joe Sandifer

Location: Parlor

*Celebrate*  
PRESBYTERIAN PRIDE in ATLANTA, 2011

**Sunday, October 2, 4:30PM**  
North Decatur Presbyterian Church  
*"Where Does Christ's Church Go From Here?"*

**Thursday, October 6, 7PM**  
Morningside Presbyterian Church  
*Community Worship*

**Sunday, October 9, 1PM**  
Marta Civic Center Station  
*Pride Parade*

## SNEAKERS NEEDED!!



Friends,

We need sneaker donations for a new twice-a-week P.E./recreation program for the refugee girls who attend the Global Village School (GVS) which is located at (but not affiliated with) the Decatur Presbyterian Church. GVS is a unique school for adolescent refugee girls who came to the U.S. with English skills too low for them to succeed in public schools. It is a wonderful place, and if you'd like to learn more, check out their website at: <http://globalvillage.typepad.com/global-village-school/>

We will be using the field at Decatur First Baptist as our play space. None of the girls have appropriate footwear so I'm looking for sneaker donations. We need 25 pairs of sneakers, sizes 3.0 - 7.5. We don't need new sneakers, but they need to be in decent shape because the girls will be doing a lot of running, jumping, etc.

Thank you for considering my request!

*Bobby King*

**Please respond by Oct. 1 to:**  
**[bobbyaking48@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbyaking48@yahoo.com)**

## Decatur Cooperative Ministry SEPTEMBER, 2011

### NEEDS FOR IN-KIND DONATIONS

- 2 36" Mini Blinds
- 1 Coffee Pot
- 3 Area Rugs (red, blue or mustard color)
- 1 Small kids table with 2 chairs
- Large Multi-sheet Paper Shredder
- A 6FT Oriental Screen / Partition
- Rain Ponchos
- 5 Alarm Clocks
- Stackable Washer & Dryer
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Bleach
- Powder Laundry Detergent
- 13 & 55 gallon size Trash bags
- Non-perishable food items



Please call Sue at 404.377.5365, option 6, to schedule a pickup or delivery time for these donations. Thank You!



Are those "free" 2011 calendars starting to overflow your mailbox?

Would you like to pass them on to other people who don't get them, and can't afford to buy one? Remember, the extras can be used by *Initiative for Affordable Housing*.

Please bring your calendars to NDPC and put them in the box in the new collecting place under the stairs in the Connector.

--Ginny Slack

## ELDER NOMINEES-CLASS OF 2014

**Glenda Clay** grew up attending Methodist or Baptist churches as her army father moved the family around the country. She never considered any church her home, though, until she and Ben Green joined NDPC in 1999 shortly before they married. Since then her strongest commitment to service has been with Hagar's House. She signed up to be a dinner volunteer when NDPC first started bringing meals and has since then been volunteering to help mothers, children, and servers two or three times a month for nearly ten years. Glenda's other long time commitment has been to the Bell Choir; she is proof that a knowledge of music is unnecessary, you just need to count! She has used her theatre background to help create and perform in various skits for the congregation and one summer of VBS. A recently retired English teacher, Glenda enjoys substituting because she still delights in working with teenagers. Her family in the Atlanta area include her two stepdaughters and son-in-law—Susanna, Jenny, and Rob—and one very spoiled granddaughter, Maddy.

**Linda Bryant Curry** was born and raised in Newport News, Virginia, the oldest of 5 children. She graduated from the College of William and Mary and Emory University. For almost 30 years Linda was a practicing real estate transactions attorney, retiring last January. She now works part time as the UrbanPlan Coordinator for the Atlanta District Council of the Urban Land Institute coordinating the UrbanPlan program at Georgia Tech, Emory and several Atlanta area high schools. She also is a volunteer tutor and mentor at the Global Village School. Linda has been married to Haywood Curry for 30 years and they have 3 grown children, Bart, Sarah and Ross. Next May they will welcome John Stephenson as their son-in-law when he and Sarah are married at NDPC. Linda and Haywood were formerly members of Hillside Presbyterian Church where they both served as elders and Linda served as Clerk of Session. She and Haywood were privileged to serve communion at the merger of churches creating Presbyterian Church (USA) in Atlanta in 1983. They have been members of NDPC for more than 15 years. Linda has served on various committees while a member of NDPC including a search committee, an elder nominating committee, the Stewardship Committee, the Community Life Committee and as co-chair of the Pipe Organ Committee.

**Carly Evans** I have grown up surrounded by NDPC, my church family, beginning as one of Martha's tiny little babies, so I've been here all my life. I officially became a member after I went through confirmation in my 8th grade year, 2008. I have participated in many church retreats, loving to get away from my hectic Atlanta life, and many more mission trips, typically with the youth. Outside of church, I am a very busy person. I play soccer and run cross country and am in some very demanding classes in school (junior year now, at Druid Hills High School). I have been inspired by many wonderful people in my religious life including NDPC's very own Pam Joyce. I am still developing in my faith, as we all always will be.

**Gordon French** and Carolyn joined NDPC in 1983, attracted to the church's peace & justice ministry and the opportunity for Christian education for their children. He has served two terms on session and on two pastor nominating committees. He has done the many things one would expect from so many years in the church: church school teacher, usher, liturgist, confirmand mentor, and member of numerous committees. He has been part of the Druid Hills Community Dinner team for 28 years and is currently serving on the Lang Range Planning Committee. Gordon retired this spring. The Frenches live in Lilburn. They spice their lives with a large extended family, including 4 grandchildren, travel and a taste for ethnic foods acquired from living in India, Peru, Haiti, and Puerto Rico. (continued)

*(Elder Bios - Class of 2014 continued)*

**Doug Reynics** became a member of North Decatur Presbyterian Church in 1996, shortly before the birth of his daughter, Claire. My professional career includes owning Douglas Fir Plants, a small indoor plant maintenance company. I also own a small business, Merci Marci, specializing in artisan batches of jams and jellies. I have been active in the life and ministry of NDPC by teaching for 6 years, working in the nursery for 5 years and assisting on many committees including worship, social and was a one term member of session that ended in 2011. I am active in a variety of civic and cultural organizations including cooking for Initiative for Affordable Housing as well as assisting philanthropically with the American Cancer Society. I enjoy living in Stone Mountain with my wife Nancy, our daughter Claire and our two dogs.

**Jason Schoeneberg** and his family have been members of North Decatur Presbyterian Church since 2002. He has been active supporting the church's mission to assist our homeless neighbors in the Decatur area. He volunteers serving dinner at Hagar's House. He has served as a board member and chairperson of Decatur Cooperative Ministry, working with others in the church to secure the Blackmon Drive house and renovate the Winn House for use as transitional housing. He served on the 2010 Pastor Nominating Committee Jason works as a mechanical engineer developing strollers and travel systems for Graco Children's Products.

**Sherrill Terry:** Worship and being in a community of faith are very important to me. When I was a preteen, my family joined Young Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Anderson, SC, a step in the right direction from the fundamentalist church where we belonged. The ARP denomination led me to Erskine College and a degree in English, French and Secondary Education. My marriage to a fellow student lasted 27 years and taught me about the family life of a Presbyterian minister and seminary professor. In 1980, I was ordained and served as a ruling elder at Atlanta's Central Presbyterian, and later at Nassau Presbyterian in Princeton, NJ, and at Atlanta's Rock Spring Presbyterian. In 1996, my long-time friend Wade Medlock and I married. We happily share our blended family, including five granddaughters. I loved my work at Princeton University's Student Volunteers Council, the Atlanta Community Food Bank, Clarkston Community Garden, Refugee Sewing Society, and Morningside Presbyterian Church. Wade and I joined NDPC in 2004. Alice Hickcox's class on "Doubt" drew me into Sunday School; then it was an upward spiral to Liturgical Writers, Knit Wits, volunteering at Ritzy Rags, and serving on the Adult Christian Education and Evangelism committees. At NDPC, I can be myself: to worship in creative ways, to sing and clap with gusto, to share prayer concerns, to renew commitments to each another and to that "intersection of faith and life." I am deeply honored to be nominated and pray for wisdom, a capacity for understanding and learning, and boldness in my faith as our church and denomination change.

## NDPC CALENDAR

### Tuesday, September 20

- 9:00 a.m. Presbytery Meeting (McDonough)
- 6:30 p.m. La Leche League (2-B)
- 6:45 p.m. Woody's Watercolor Group (Den)
- 7:00 p.m. Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Support Group (Ed Bldg)

### Wednesday, September 21

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Evangelism Committee (Parlor)
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir (Music Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Balcony Choir (Music Room)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Thursday, September 22

- 9:00 a.m. Prayers for Peace (Wesley Woods)
- 10:00 a.m. Knit Wits

### Friday, September 23

- Church Office Closed
- 8:30 a.m. Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Saturday, September 24

- 9:00 a.m. Inquirer's Class (Parlor)
- 10:30 a.m. Girl Scout Troop-*Ruby Hollender* (Ed. Bldg)
- 12:00 p.m. Peachtree Handspinners Guild (Fellowship Hall)

### Sunday, September 25

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:00 a.m. Session Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 a.m. Balcony Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, September 26

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Peace & Justice Committee (A.G. Rhodes)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Tuesday, September 27

- 6:45 p.m. Woody's Watercolor Group (Den)
- 7:00 p.m. Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Support Group (Ed Bldg)

## NDPC CALENDAR *(continued)*

### Wednesday, September 28

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir (Music Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Balcony Choir (Music Room)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Thursday, September 29

- 9:00 a.m. Prayers for Peace (Wesley Woods)
- 10:00 a.m. Knit Wits (Parlor)

### Friday, September 30

- Church Office Closed
- 8:30 a.m. Senior Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Saturday, October 1

- No Scheduled Meetings

### Sunday, October 2

- 9:30 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Balcony Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break & Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 5:30 p.m. Musical Rehearsal (Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Groups (Fellowship Hall)

### Monday, October 3

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Tuesday, October 4

- 12:00 p.m. Senior Lunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:45 p.m. Woody's Watercolor Group (Den)
- 7:00 p.m. Atlanta Philharmonic Orchestra Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Support Group (Ed Bldg)

### Wednesday, October 5

- 8:30 a.m. Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir (Music Room)
- 7:30 p.m. Balcony Choir (Music Room)
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting

### Thursday, October 6

- 9:00 a.m. Prayers for Peace (Wesley Woods)
- 10:00 a.m. Knit Wits
- 5:00 p.m. Lovett School Group Overnight (Sr. High Room)