



NDPC COMMUNICATOR

October 21, 2015

Happy
Birthday
NDPC

The Birthday Bash is upon us, this coming Sunday, 10/25/15. Many of you will remember the dynamic sermons of former pastor, Rev. Joanna Adams, who will be preaching at the 11:00am service.

Following the worship service will be a fried chicken dinner on the grounds (pray for good weather) catered by Badda Bing (so you know it's good). If you haven't made a reservation, please do so **yesterday** at: rsvp@NDPC.org.

Place mats featuring a photo collage will have you reminiscing about good times together. Children will have an activity time and you can try your hand at Church Trivia. No pie contest, but a wonderful birthday cake.

Live music will be by some of our parishioners plus "Hicks with Picks," the house band for Rock Springs Presbyterian Church specializing in gospel blue grass.

Children will have supervised playtime on the church playground.

We'll have a wonderful celebration together and you can even wear your poodle skirt to go with the 50's theme. Leave the hula hoops at home.

See you Sunday!

Volunteers needed for 60th Birthday Party

We've planned a "no muss - no fuss - just enjoy" birthday party, but we need a few volunteers for small tasks. Please let Fran Mohr know if you can assist with any of the following.

1. **Help Linda Davis set the tables** with placemats/centerpieces.
2. **Help Peter Dickson gather the utensils**, plates, cups, and napkins.
3. **Be on call to help position tables** inside after Church School if David's order for perfect weather gets adjusted and we have to eat solely inside. (The tables and chairs will be delivered at 8am Sunday morning and picked up that afternoon by the vendor.)
4. **Adults (over 18) to be in two tag teams to assist youth with childcare.** Childcare on playground if we're outside and in classroom with toys if we're inside.
5. **Help the Birthday Team clear the tables and straighten up after the event.**
6. **Pray, Light Candles, do Clear-weather Dances for beautiful October weather on 10/25/15.**

Bring your cameras and cell phones. We want lots of candid photos of the day. Thanks in advance for volunteering. Contact Fran Mohr at kfmohr@gmail.com or 404-210-7341.



Worship

October and November are amazing months for worship at NDPC, featuring a month-long celebration of our congregation's 60th birthday.

Sunday, October 25 - 8:30 & 11am; 60th Anniversary Celebration; Joanna Adams, former NDPC pastor, preaching

Sunday, November 1 - 8:30 & 11am; All Saints Day; Holy Communion; congregational meeting following worship

Sunday, November 8 - 8:30 & 11am; Agnes Norfleet, former NDPC pastor, preaching

Contemplative Prayer will meet October 8 at 7pm in the Library and all following Thursdays.

Christian Education

Quiet Please: The students of adult education request we observe silent space in the adult education wing from 9:30 to 10:30am Sundays. All conversations should take place in Fellowship Hall or Pastor's Study, not in the hallways.

Adults can choose from the 3 courses offered in September and October:

- Liberative Theologies (Rev. Tom Are, facilitator) - *Parlor*
- Fit for Faith: Striving Towards Wholly Living –*Large Classroom*. (Rev. Karen H. Webster, PC(USA) pastor, certified Exercise Physiologist, Nutrition Manager, and Master Gardener, facilitator)
- Global Mission 101: Social Justice & Long-Distance Friendships (team facilitation) – *Library*

Weekly Bible Study with Rev. Lewicki every Tuesday, 6-7pm. You are invited to sit with Rev. Lewicki and study the text for the following Sunday's sermon. Each week will begin with some teaching, followed by reflection, group discussion, and prayer. The point of this study is to bring the Bible's stories into your life. Attend every week or only the weeks that work for you. See you on Tuesday!

Season of Commitment 2015

On the heels of your very generous support of the Capital Campaign, you will notice a low key annual Stewardship Campaign this year and a proposed budget for 2016 that reflects modest increases.

Our annual letter, which will include the Time & Talents sheet along with your pledge card, will be mailed this week. If you currently make an annual pledge, we hope that you will be able to maintain your pledge. If you have never pledged, we ask you to start modestly. We will receive your pledges of time, energies, and financial support on Dedication Sunday, **November 8, 2015**.

We are so very fortunate to have a growing, thriving church. With your support NDPC will continue to reach out in ministry and mission and to follow God's call to new places not yet imagined.

With gratitude,
Roberta Goldbaugh, Stewardship Committee Chair

Community Fellowship

Oyster Roast & Low Country Boil, Saturday, November 7, 4:00-7:00PM: The Brogan/Ellis family is hosting a backyard Oyster Roast and Low Country Boil on November 7. Tickets are \$25, for all you can eat Oysters, shrimp and sides. Bring a guitar for pickin'. Children are welcome. There will be hot dogs for roasting and a backyard of fun: chickens, trampolines, zip lines. Dinner will be served from 4-7pm, but the festivities will continue until the fire goes out. The money raised will go to support youth missions. Please RSVP to Linda Ellis by Nov. 1 at lindaellis37@yahoo.com. Please indicate whether you will be eating oysters, shrimp, hot dogs or any combination of

the above.

Sages Meeting Date for November Has Changed to Monday, November 9 due to DeKalb County election polling on Tuesday, Nov. 3 in the Fellowship Hall. Please watch the Communicator for details about the program and how to make reservations. For questions, please contact Barbara Jung, 404/286-7514 or barbarajung@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast will meet **Tuesday, November 10 from 7-8am in the church Fellowship Hall**. The cost is \$2 and gets you a hearty breakfast and bottomless coffee. Questions? Contact Jack Kittle, jack@ndpc.org

Book Group meets **Thursday, November 12**. Carl Parlato hosts "The Boys in the Boat" by Daniel Day Brown. Carl's address: 431 Kirk Rd, Decatur; 404-432-5142. Contact Kip Duchon, gkduchon@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

Thirsty Thursday Women's gathering is Thursday, November 19, 6:30pm at the home of Linda Curry, 201 W Ponce de Leon Ave #509. Bring a light appetizer to share and an appetite for thoughtful conversation. RSVP to: decaturcur@aol.com

Service & Mission

Thank you to our NDPC congregation for being faithful in donating quarters to the Homeless Laundry Ministry. We begin our 3rd year in October, we have made good friends with our Memorial Drive PC partners, spread goodwill and kept a clean closet filled with clothing for Mercy Church street folks in the process.

We continue to invite drop in volunteers. Come for fellowship, bring a reflection to share and provide a work of mercy. Our seasons are as follows:

1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6-8pm @ the Medlock Laundry (across from NDPC)

OCT 7 - DEC 16 2015 (FALL)

JAN 6 - MAR 16 2016 (WINTER)

APR 6 - JUN 15 2016 (SPRING)

JUL 6 - SEPT 21 2016 (SUMMER)

If you would like to be added to the volunteer list the following roles will gladly be of assistance:

--Leading in a devotion that you wish to share

--Bringing the envelope of quarters and detergents collected from the previous week.

--Sending out the reminder e-mail to the group the weekend before Week 1 & 3 monthly.

Please contact Lynne Repasky [404 680-9816](tel:4046809816) (lynne_repasky@yahoo.com) to get better informed.

Movie and Dinner Night Out! Sunday Evening, October 25th: Please join us for a night of learning, eating, and discussion at the final night of the Palestinian Film Festival on October 25, at Central Presbyterian Church. A group will meet at the NDPC parking lot at 4:30pm and will return by 9:15pm. We will see two movies, *In the Image* and *The Wanted 18*, and enjoy a Palestinian meal in between. Cost for the evening is \$20 for adults; \$15 for Students. Please contact beckyevans@mindspring.com if you want to carpool or meet us at Central, and she will make your reservation for you! For more information, please see: <http://jhjip.org/>

NDPC has a thriving mission partnership with the Eco Villages of Haiti. The Eco Villages, begun in 2011, provide a solution for Port-au-Prince refugees displaced by the 2010 earthquake. Our Haitian partner organization, the Papaye Peasant Movement (MPP), is a 40 year old grassroots agricultural movement that empowers small farmer groups, like the Eco Village residents, by teaching sustainable, organic methods of agriculture.

Members of NDPC and other local churches are helping to build a school for children in the area. In the month of October, our goal is to raise \$9,000, which will help us meet our overall goal of \$90,000. With a small effort from each person who reads this, you can put us over the top and get the school funded!

We are not asking you to contribute financially (but will not discourage you). We would like for you to share this meaningful cause with your family and friends via email or social media to help broaden our base of support. You can do this by sharing the following...

- Website (created by our own Carolyn French) - <http://www.haitiecovillageschool.org>
- Like and then Share posts from our Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Haiti-EcoVillage-School-279311442266651/>
- Send a personal email on behalf of the organization (see attached for suggested text). Make any changes you need so that it fits you.

Thank you! -Lin Wormley and the Haiti Partnership of NDPC

Duffel Bags Needed At El Refugio: We have received a request from our partners in the El Refugio ministry at the Stewart Detention Center in Lumpkin County, Ga., for a new supply of duffel bags and basic clothing for the men who are being deported from there. Our partners at Koinonia report that because of a policy change, the number of detainees held there has increased to 1800 and the pace of deportation has picked up so that many more bags filled with clothing are needed. We encourage everyone to search your closets, contact your friends and your local low-cost store to find "zippable" bags and articles of clothing specified below and to bring those treasures to the church El Refugio box under the stairs near Amanda's office. Clothing needs are: Men's shoes (7-9), socks, underwear, undershirts, and 32" waist pants. We request that the donated items be in good condition. For more information, contact Joe or Kathryn Sandifer re bags and Bert or Karen Weaver re clothing needs.

Continue to bring your **DEAM cereal donations**. Leave your cereal donations in the narthex each week when you come to church. Thanks for your participation in this important ministry.

Congregational Meeting and Elder Bios

A Congregational Meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 1, 2015**, following the 11 a.m. worship service for the following stated purpose: To receive the report of the Elder Nominating Committee presenting the following slate:

- six members to be nominated and serve as Elders of NDPC as the Class of 2018,
- one member to serve as Youth Elder of NDPC for a period of one year, and
- one member to serve as Elder of NDPC for a two-year term to fill the vacancy created by the death of an Elder in the Class of 2017.

The moderator also will take nominations from the floor and then an election will be held for six elders for a term of three years, one elder to serve for a period of two years and a youth elder to serve for a period of one year beginning in January 2016.

Ginny Bowen has been a member of NDPC for almost two years, returning to the Presbyterian church after 30 years 'away' as a Lutheran. She was raised in Chapin, South Carolina, and went to the University of Georgia for undergraduate. She met her husband, Jesse, while working for UGA, and they married in 2007. They spent 7 years in Baltimore, Maryland, while Ginny was in graduate school at Johns Hopkins. She joined the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service in 2013, and they made their way back down South, settling into Medlock Park to be near Jack's school. Luckily for her, they stumbled across NDPC while walking the neighborhood and decided to give it a try. It was the first and last church they 'explored' in Decatur...a perfect fit. Ginny is excited to be raising her two children, Jack (4) and Abby (1), in a church that teaches about a

loving and gracious God and about the inherent beauty of Creation and all God's children. She enjoys the way NDPC encourages her to think more deeply about her actions and whether they contribute to a more just world. She likes traveling, watching Georgia football, and eating dessert first.

John Brogan Ellis is glad to be presented with the opportunity of serving on the session as a youth elder. He has been a member of NDPC for over a year now, and loves our community. Outside of church, he is an aspiring visual artist and avid guitar player, as well as a student journalist at Decatur High School. He looks forward to bettering our community in any way he can.

Pam Joyce has been part of the North Decatur family for over ten years. Most of her service has been in the area of children and youth: Christmas pageants, extended session, vacation bible school and senior high youth group. She has also participated in adult mission trips to Guatemala and New Orleans, served on the Pastor Nominating Committee and volunteered for numerous activities including Salt Shakers, the Pride Parade, Handbell Choir, Hagar's House, church retreats, and the Druid Hills dinner. Pam and her wife Jill consider NDPC an integral part of their lives and continually seek ways to have fun, grow spiritually, be challenged by, and serve the church.

David Markham is the husband of Rev. Beverly Markham (PCUSA) and father of Audrey and Ben. He grew up in Marietta and was educated at Emory University. Over the last 18 years or so, the Markham's have lived in Virginia, North Carolina, and Texas, and they returned to Georgia almost three years ago. David previously served as an elder at the First Presbyterian Churches of Durham, NC and Dallas, TX. When the Markham's moved back to Georgia, it did not take them long to choose NDPC as their church home. David is an Emory cardiologist with broad interests in literature and poetry. He collects rare books and enjoys most sports, including hiking and fishing. Another long-term interest has been traveling to Haiti, where he visits the towns of Ft. Liberté and Deschapelles, the home of Hôpital Albert Schweitzer. The entire family recently had a wonderful trip to the rural area of Deschapelles, where they enjoyed practicing their Creole, working with friends in the community, and trying traditional Haitian cuisine. David looks forward to getting to know more folks in the church and serving the church and community with great enthusiasm.

Mary Nevil moved to Decatur from upstate New York in 1990 to work as a Presbyterian Volunteer in Mission for *Seeds Magazine*, a periodical focused on the causes of hunger and homelessness. She soon discovered NDPC and joined with her daughter, Liz. After leaving *Seeds*, she worked for 4 years as NDPC's office manager, as well as serving 2 terms as an elder. Mary chaired the Community Ministry Committee, working with the congregation to enhance our support for Initiative for Affordable Housing, making over the Winn House, and collaborating with other congregations to house families arriving in Atlanta after Hurricane Katrina. Mary retired last year after a 20 year career as an elementary school library media specialist. She currently serves on the Creation Care Committee. An avid birder, she regularly volunteers at Atlanta Audubon and maintains NDPC's wildlife sanctuary.

Sallie Owens grew up attending NDPC with her family, Jack Kittle, Annie Godfrey, Andrew and James Godfrey-Kittle. She loves the close community, welcoming spirit, and commitment to service found at NDPC. In recent years, Sallie has served as an advisor for the high school youth group, chaperoned summer trips to Montreat, and served as a confirmation partner. Sallie works at the Emory School of Medicine and Primary Care Clinics as a data analyst, working on operations and quality improvement projects. She lives in Medlock Park with her husband, Taylor Owens. In her free time

she enjoys Georgia Tech football, reading, spending time outdoors and traveling.

Dena Stockton has been a member of NDPC for the past 11 or 12 years. She has two children, Orié and Annabelle, ages 17 and 14 years. Annabelle was baptized at NDPC by Agnes Norfleet. When Dena and her husband Meck began visiting churches in Decatur, they started with the "pretty" ones and as a last resort they visited "that weird looking one" and of course found their home. About 10 years ago, under the leadership of Eric Dillenbeck, Dena began working with the Youth Groups and she currently hangs with the fabulous Middle School gang. Also, in order to assure her children got the Sunday School experience, she taught grades 2-5 for sevenish years. She has loved every minute of the time she has shared with the youth of this church. They have taught her so much, and never cease to amaze her with their intelligence, honesty, and willingness to let her be a part of their lives.

Bob Way has been a member of NDPC since 2011. He is a native Georgian and, for the past 30 years, a resident of DeKalb County. Bob is a member of the NDPC Handbell Choir and currently sits on the committee charged with running the recently completed and successful "Green and Growing" Capital Campaign. Bob has also spent time on both the Adult Education and Evangelism committees in addition to serving as a Shepard to the 3rd – 5th Grade Sunday School Class. Professionally, Bob is a Talent Acquisition Manager at UCB, a global biopharmaceutical company with US Headquarters in Smyrna. He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and an avid college football fan. Go Dawgs!

For Your Information

We welcome new members who joined 10/18/15: *Revs. Jerry & Caroline Coling, Ellen Herbert and Rev. Rick Neale, Billy Flood, and Jane Howe.*

Goodness in the Garden! Sunday, October 25, 4:30pm. Join members of the Creation Care team for a light appetizer and help us prepare the garden for fall. Seeds will be available for you to plant at home, too. If you can't join us this time, keep watch for upcoming garden socials and learning opportunities! Contact Jennifer Ayres to learn more about the NDPC garden and how you can be involved!

jennifer.r.ayres@gmail.com

Join Wendy Farley on a Yoga and Meditation retreat in Sewanee, TN on November 6-8. For details click [here](#), or go to the NDPC website and click on 'Resources' and 'Retreat Flyer'.

If you are wondering how you are doing on your 2015 pledge, you will be pleased to know that statements of giving through September 30 are available upon request to jack@ndpc.org

Parking Considerations: All NDPCers..... If you can, please help us reserve the spaces around Retreat Nail Studio in Medlock Plaza for their customers and staff on Sundays. Thank you.

If you would like to meet at the church, weekday or weekend, please remember to reserve a room with Maria in the Church office (maria@ndpc.org)

This week's volunteers

Sunday, October 25

8:30AM Worship

Head Usher: Roberta Goldbaugh

Usher: Anne Hendry

11:00AM Worship

Liturgist: TBD

Word In Worship: Carol Tveit
Acolytes: Charlie Leonard
Head Usher: Ben Green
Ushers: Kathleen Allen, Sally Owens, Mary Alice Kemp, Bill Kaiser
Sanctuary Flowers: Dee Raeside & Carol Morgan
Greeters: Ben Green, Joan Edgerton
Extended Session
Nursery: Sherrill Terry
Age 2-3: Andrew Godfrey Kittle, Briana Patterson
Age 4-6: Martha Osborne, Anna Kershaw
Sunday, 10:30am, Coffee Fellowship Host(s):
TBD

Calendar Highlights

Sunday, October 25 - NDPC's 60th birthday celebration, Rev. Joanna Adams, preaching
Sunday, November 8 - Grounded in the past, growing toward the future; Rev. Agnes
Norfleet, preaching