



Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Office Personnel, the Spire and Computer Woes

Our Administrative Assistant, Madison Reynolds moved to Portland, OR, two weeks ago. We have received word that Madison, Jim and the 2 dogs made it to Portland safely, and are enjoying their new community. In the meantime, back here at First Baptist, we have welcomed Debra Gentry as our Temporary Assistant. Many of you have had opportunity to say hello, but if not, please come by or call to say hello. We appreciate all of the work she is doing to help us in this interim phase.

Charles Hunter, chair of the Personnel Committee, has been reviewing the resume and references for a myriad of individuals who have applied for our full time position. Several preliminary interviews have transpired, but we are several weeks away from making a hire.

Less than a week after Madison departed our main office computer malfunctioned and we were computer-less for 10 days. That is the reason we were not able to get a Spire sent your way last week. As you can tell from this email, we have elected to put together an email version of the Spire to get you caught up with the

happenings of the church. Please read this carefully as two significant events (VBS and the annual church picnic) will take place in the next few weeks.

Thanks - Combined Worship Appreciation

Sunday the 15th was a wonderful day to celebrate Pentecost through combined worship and the Progressive Facility Brunch. Many thanks to the worship team for adjustments made to schedules and planning to help make our worship so inspirational. Additional thanks to Steve Potter, Ken Hammann, David Siegenthaler, Oleta Forsee, Esther Rollins and crew for putting together the food for the Progressive facility brunch. This was a terrific way to see the changes in our facility and to walk around and eat – both are good ideas! Thanks to Brenda Rice, David and Lisa Lang, and Jennifer Showalter for the art work created for the Pentecost celebration.

What's Up This Sunday?



Guest speaker this Sunday in both of our worship services will be the Rev. Cathy Rosenholtz, Pastoral Associate at Calvary Episcopal Church here in Columbia. Rev. Rosenholtz grew up in Columbia, in an interfaith Jewish - Lutheran home. Pastor Cathy was educated in the Columbia Public Schools (Russell Elementary, West Junior, and Hickman), graduating in 1983. She received her A.B. in Philosophy and Religion from Harvard-Radcliffe Colleges in 1987 and her Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School in 1991. She attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia from 1992 to 1994, specializing in liturgical studies. Ordained in 1997 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, she served churches in the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA until returning home to Columbia in 2008 to be near her family. Pastor Cathy is currently a doctoral candidate at Mizzou in Communication, with a focus on the public voice of religion in politics, as well as serving in an ecumenical

call as the Pastoral Associate at Calvary Episcopal Church. We welcome her to First Baptist!

Vacation Bible School, June 9-12

Join us for First Baptist's Vacation Bible School- Cave Quest! At Cave Quest, kids



participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all

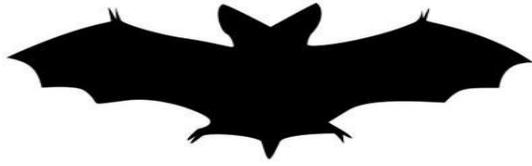
summer long. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us daily for a special time at closing.

How Can You Help?

Our VBS Cave Quest is in need of a few more people to help lead this most exciting exploration. There is still need for a few more volunteers to assist with snacks and registration. If you can help for one night or all four sessions, we'd be grateful to add you to the growing list of volunteers. You may sign up to volunteer at the Cave Quest display in the children's building hallway or contact Yvette Chambers at chambers@fbc-columbia.org.

Stop by the "cave" in the Children's Building hallway to sign up your child, or visit the church website to register online. Volunteers can register online too.

VBS Schedule:



June 9 and 10 from 6-8 pm

June 11 and 12 from 9:15-11:15 am

Church Picnic at Twin Lakes, June 12

All are invited to the annual all-church picnic at the Twin Lakes pavilion on Sunday, June 12 beginning at 3:00pm. Twin Lakes is just off of Chapel Hill road at the bottom of the big hill. Fishing, playground, trail, fun and games – all are available for your enjoyment. At 4 pm, we will hold the annual men's Pepto Bismol bake sale auction to raise money for missions; at 5, we'll eat – meat, drinks, plates, cups and flatware provided. You are asked to bring one of your

finest salads, veggies or deserts to share; at 6, the hotly contested World Championship of Egg Tossing. Randy Wyatt and Ross Kasmann believe they can win again. Hope springs eternal! It's a great time for all and a great time to bring a friend.

Prayer List

These are members who need prayers, praises, concerns, etc. Please lift them up in prayer!

- Vanessa Lopez would like to add her mom to our prayers list: Lazara Murillo is in the hospital and the doctors are trying to determine what's wrong with her.
- Gisela Groiss needs prayers for healing.
- Marjorie & Mary Jo Roberts - Mother and daughter need prayers for severe health concerns.
- Chadwick Walters asks that we pray for his mother Ellen Powell to help with words that she speaks and thoughts that she thinks.
- BJ Watts is in the University Hospital recovering from an accident.

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