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Fingerprints of God:
 Recognizing God's Touch on Your Life

Beginning **Tuesday, September 23**, we will begin a new Bible Study. Join us for this six week study of the very and often palpable touch of God on each of our lives. This Bible study is open to women of all ages. Friends are also welcome to join us. We will meet at the church in the Odds and Ends classroom, located upstairs in the main building. Would an evening study fit your schedule better? If there is enough interest, we will also offer an evening study. A book and workbook are required for this study. The cost is \$18.00. If you would like to be a part of this study, please let Shasta know by **Wednesday, September 10th**. A check or cash for the workbook is due on this date as well.



Welcome to our New Members

Doug, Carol, Logan and Andi Draughn
 Deborah Friedman
 Cliff and Mandy Isaacs

Congratulations to Cole Younger for being placed on the Dean's Honor List for Spring 2008 at Berea College!

Tweenagers/Adult Ministry Upcoming Events

Friday, September 19: Pizza, Games and Socializing; 7:00-9:00 at Ted and Gloria King's house

October (date to be announced): Dinner and Show; We will head to the Andy Griffith Playhouse to see fellow church members in "One Flew Over the Coo-Coo's Nest"

Saturday, November 1: Wake Forest/Duke Football Game
 Time TBA



Hello to Everyone at FPC of Mt Airy,

Many of you know me, but for those who don't, my name is "CJ" Karcanes and my wife, Bettee and I are relative newcomers to the FPC family. Besides the openness and friendship that we have found in this wonderful church family, we are overwhelmed by the beautiful music and depth of talent that we have experienced over the past year. And that is the reason for this letter.



Several weeks ago I remarked to Bob & Lydia Taylor, our assigned *first buddies*, that "with all the talented music makers at First Presbyterian Church, I am surprised that we don't have a Bell Choir". I must admit that I wasn't surprised to learn that there used to be one and that the bells are still available. Since I had played in a Bell Choir for a couple of years when I lived in New Haven CT many years ago, I naturally began asking more about the FPC Bell Choir. I have spoken to our Music Director, Sandy Beam and the director of the Bell Choir, Mark Merritt and asked if the choir could be restarted.

What I'm going to say next shouldn't come as a surprise to any of you. Both Sandy and Mark were very much in favor of re-establishing the Bell Choir but they are very busy with other musical projects at the current time. I have volunteered to handle the administrative chores of recruiting bell ringers, scheduling rehearsals, copying music, and generally looking after things if Mark would lead us again and if Sandy would guide us by suggesting musical pieces to coincide with his other musical programs.

So, here it comes folks, how many of you out there would like to join me in the Bell Choir? I'm sure that some of you are already saying things like, "I don't know how to read music" or "I don't have time for attending rehearsals". Please don't dismiss this idea too quickly. I know that many of you love the music at First Presbyterian Church, because you have said so. Well, the reason the music is so good is because "you" make it. Oh, sure, we occasionally have "guest artists", but more often than not, "we" are the music makers. And the Bell Choir is another opportunity for us to "ring" out our faith. (pun intended) You don't have to read music to ring hand bells, and I propose to hold regular rehearsals in conjunction with other church activities.

If joining the Bell Choir interests you, please fill out one of the forms (found in the upstairs foyer) and drop it into the collection plate next Sunday or see C. J. Karcanes.

FROM THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE

For several months now, a committee of eight members of the congregation has been exploring the need for capital improvements to our church property. This committee was authorized by the Session and they have been kept up to date on the progress of the list of improvements. At present, we are looking at the urgent need to update our heating and air-conditioning units that serve the Sanctuary and the Education Building built in the 1950s. They are presently served by an oil-fired steam boiler for heat, and some or no air-conditioning. With winter coming, and a warning that we will not be able to afford oil to keep the boiler operating, we have sought proposals for a new energy-efficient heat pump system to cover both areas, and for the replacement of the old metal roll-out windows with energy efficient units similar to the ones in the Fellowship Hall. The cost of these two improvements will be covered by funds received from two bequests from estates of church members which were designated for capital improvements. Our recommendation to the Session will be to proceed with these projects as soon as possible and complete them before cold weather. The other projects include: paving the parking lots, renovating the old Education building floors, ceilings and walls, adding a unisex bathroom near the old kitchen area, and beautification of the Courtyard area with improved access and possibly a columbarium. Fuller Architecture in Mocksville will be assisting with the planning and design. A capital campaign will be needed in the future to help with funding as the projects are accepted, but at present, there is money in hand designated for this purpose to pay for the HVAC and windows. Your prayerful consideration for the work of this committee and the future of your church property will be greatly appreciated.

David Beal, Capital Campaign Exploratory Committee Chairperson

