



### A Note from Phil



The first week of July, I attended the American Guild of Organists National Convention in Washington D.C. It was a week filled with exciting concerts, lectures, seminars, and classes on all aspects of playing the organ and the worship service.

On the 4th, I listened to two concerts featuring nine 'rising stars' in the organ world. Three of them study at Oberlin here in Ohio. They played some of the most difficult repertoire in the organ literature and played it beautifully.

Monday was opening convocation at the National Cathedral, followed by bus rides to various churches within the D.C. area. Later that morning, I attended Paul Jacob's organ recital which was brilliantly performed from memory. He is head of the organ department at Julliard. In the afternoon I attended two seminars, one on building a Church Concert series and the other on the literature of the Post-Classical French organ. Later that afternoon I attended a Taizé service near the hotel. The day concluded with a concert back at the National Cathedral.

Tuesday brought a Hymn Fest at the National City Christian Church by the organist from St. John the Divine in New York. This was followed by a beautiful concert up the street of early 19th century romantic organ literature. The afternoon brought a class on the Taizé service followed that evening by a concert in the chapel at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. David Higgs, from the Eastman school played a phenomenal program to a packed and standing room only chapel.

Wednesday I attended two services. One was by Shiloh Baptist Church which was an African-American service. This was followed by another service at Calvary Baptist Church which was led by members of the Children's Chorus of Washington. More concerts followed at St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Foundry United Methodist.

Thursday was an early morning with a concert by James David Christie of early music played on the ornate and beautiful crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Mr. Christie is the head of the organ department at Oberlin. The afternoon concluded with a lecture

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**July 20, 2010**

### Worship Schedule

#### Saturday Worship

5 p.m.

#### Sunday Worship

8 a.m. Chapel

10 a.m. Sanctuary

#### Fellowship

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.



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### Blessed Good-bye to Marguerite Snyder

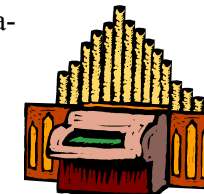
Lovely Marguerite Snyder passed away on Monday, July 19th. Visitation will be held at McPeck-Hoekstra Funeral Home on Thursday, July 22nd, from 6-8 p.m. The funeral service will also be held at McPeck-Hoekstra Funeral Home on Friday, July 23rd at 10 a.m. Marguerite had been an active member at First Presbyterian Church since 1951. She will be greatly missed by her church family.



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followed by a regional meeting of organists in the local five state radius: Ohio: Kentucky, Illinois, Michigan, and Indiana. The final closing concert took place back at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

It was a wonderful and educational week allowing me to really delve into literature I hadn't known. It was also a great opportunity to connect with Directors of Music from all over the country and compare notes and learn from each other as well as all the concerts and presentations.



Thank you for giving me this opportunity and I look forward to sharing the wealth of music I heard over the past week.

All the best,

*Philip*

### Music Theory Classes Being Offered

I will be offering classes on the fundamentals of reading and understanding how music is put together.

The classes will convene on Thursday evenings from 7-8pm throughout the month of August. Take this opportunity to learn the note names, note values, how chords are put together and how composers manipulate chords to write hymns. No experience reading music is required.



See you soon! *Philip*

### Thank You

I would like to express my thanks for all the prayers, visits and many ways people have given me encouragement during my illness. You are such a special congregation.

Thanks so much, *Nancy Wille*

### Deacon Parish Care - Parish Personals

Prayers of sympathy for the family of **Marguerite Snyder** who passed away on Monday. Continued prayers for **Nancy Buell** (mother of Ellen Clark), **Rick Burgoon** (son of Ruth), **John Campbell**, **Rachel Cooper**, **Peg Dekker**, **Joyce Fleitz**, and the **LoRaso Family**.



### Prayer Requests

Please contact **Jennie Richards**, our Prayer Chain Coordinator, at 587-0417 or email to: [pnrichrds@roadrunner.com](mailto:pnrichrds@roadrunner.com) if you would like your prayer request sent to the Circle of Prayer.



### Report from the 219th General Assembly 2010



The 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) met in Minneapolis July 3-10. I attended as an observer and heard much of the debate of the plenary sessions. Jim Wilson, former Stated Clerk of our Presbytery (Scioto Valley) and Moderator of the Advisory Committee on the Constitution for this G.A., gave a wonderful presentation after church last Sunday which described the work of the Assembly. Here's my version.

**Process:** GA meets every two years with elder and minister commissioners elected from the 174 Presbyteries. After worshipping together and electing a Moderator, delegates break into pre-assigned committees to sort through the roughly 250 overtures, reports, recommendations, referrals and resolutions that come to them. The committees, having read pertinent material ahead of GA, hear from advocates and resource people who wish to speak, then debate and vote on recommendations to the whole assembly (plenary debate). Some decisions may be made by the Assembly, but changes to the Book of Order and Book of Confessions go to the Presbyteries for ratification or rejection.

**Content:** This year's GA included a number of significant decisions:

- Moderator Cynthia Bolbach, Elder member of the National Capital Presbytery, was elected Moderator of the Assembly, and The Rev. Landon Whitsitt was elected Vice-Moderator. Together they led the Assembly efficiently, calmly, and effectively.
- The Belhar Confession of the South African Reformed Church was approved to include in our Book of Confessions, but must also be approved by two-thirds of the Presbyteries AND the next General Assembly before inclusion. This Confession provides a strong word of God's justice and reconciliation.
- Ordination Standards were addressed once again. GA recommended replacing the language of G-6.0106b from the Book of Order. The section currently requires candidates for ordination to live in fidelity in marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness. The new language reads: "Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life. The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation. Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates." This change must be approved by a majority of Presbyteries to amend the Book of Order.



- Marriage and Civil Unions were the focus of one of the Committees, which sent both a majority and minority report to the plenary. The Assembly opted to send both documents to Presbyteries and Sessions for study. Eleven other items of business were 'answered' by the report, in effect closing any debate on permitting clergy to officiate at same-sex unions, even in states where such unions are recognized as equivalent to marriage. In separate action, the Assembly urged the Board of Pensions to extend equal spousal and dependent benefits to same-gender domestic partners as it does to married plan members.
- Israel/Palestine and Jewish-Christian Relations The Assembly sent back a report on Jewish-Christian Relations to Louisville's Offices of Interfaith Relations and Theology and Worship, seeking broader input from the Middle East Presbyterian Caucus and other relevant groups. In a related decision, the Assembly approved a new policy paper on Israel and Palestine after the Assembly Committee edited it to provide a stronger, unequivocal statement of support for Israel's right to exist within secure and internationally recognized borders. It calls for an immediate cessation of all violence from all sides, an end to Israel's occupation of Palestinian territories, and a limit of the blockade of Gaza. The Assembly also took up work began at earlier Assemblies, addressing our investments in corporations which produce, sell, and profit from equipment sold to Israel for non-peaceful purposes. While other corporations have responded to the concerns of the PC(USA), Caterpillar received special attention for being unresponsive.
- The Revised Form of Government was approved, pending ratification by a majority of Presbyteries. This action would change the "Form of Government" portion of the Book of Order from a manual of operations to more of a constitutional document, leaving great latitude for individual Presbyteries and sessions to do their work as led by God. If approved by the Presbyteries, this would create the greatest change in the Book of Order since reunion of the Northern and Southern churches in the early 1980s.
- Commission on Middle Governing Bodies A 21-member commission will be formed to address the role of synods and presbyteries. A commission has the full authority to act on behalf of the Assembly. The commission will develop models of effective governing bodies, and, at the request of presbyteries or synods, work with them to realign, organize, divide, or combine existing judicatories; any changes will need. Approval of a two-thirds majority of the affected bodies. The commission will also prepare a report to the 2010 General Assembly with any recommended changes to the Book of Order.

For more information, check out the website of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org). If you would like a copy of Jim's report, please contact the church office.

~ Karen



Youth and Children's Ministries

One Pure and Holy Passion

Give me one pure and holy passion
Give me one magnificent obsession
Give me one glorious ambition for my life
To know and follow hard after You.

Thom Lamb, Lori Lamb, Sam Lowell, and I sang these words with over 150 teenagers, worshiping with them daily at the 2010 LOGOS Conference, held in Radford, Virginia.

Teens and adults come back to Conference year after year to reunite, meet new people, and share this common desire "to know and follow hard after our Lord."

Look Out Nashville...Here We Come!

Jack Burriss, Brittany Gagne, and I will team up with Ben Jones to lead our Senior High youth as we travel to Nashville July 25- July 31. We will join forces with PDA to help "muck out" and restore homes that were damaged by the flood this spring.



Due to the work trip, there will be...

- NO AGAPE JULY 25 and AUGUST 1
NO GIRL'S GET-A-WAY on JULY 27th
NO MOM'S GROUP FOR OLDER CHILDREN (1st-3rd) on JULY 30th



Fall Programs

If you feel a desire to work with youth and children, in any capacity, please contact Ellen or Elder Carlo LoRaso. We welcome you to this ministry.

On the journey, Ellen



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Upcoming Deadlines for the Messenger!
Fridays at 12 Noon
July 30th and Aug 13th

Daily Psalm Readings
July 21st - Aug 3rd

Table with 2 columns: Day and Psalm. Rows include Wednesday (Psalm 132, 1), Thursday (Psalm 26, 16), Friday (Psalm 25, 142), Saturday (Psalm 125, 138), Sunday (Psalm 117, 81), Monday (Psalm 82, 97), Tuesday (Psalm 102, 30).

Calendar Highlights & Events

- Each Monday at 6:58 a.m., Men's Bible Study.
Each Friday Morning at 10 a.m., Mom's Group.
Tuesday, July 20th - July 27th, Mission trip to Montana de Luz.
Saturday, July 24th at 8 AM, Barnabas Breakfast.
Saturday, July 25th, Agape Mission Trip to Nashville, TN.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>1</b> <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Worship</b> 2 PM Kendal Worship	<b>2 Messenger</b> 6:58 AM Men's Bible Study 10:30 AM Library Committee	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:30 AM Quilters Group 9:30 AM Craft Group 10 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Worship Planning	<b>5</b> 8 AM Meditation Group  7 PM Music Theory 8 PM AA & Alanon Meetings	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM Quilters Group 10 AM Mom's Group	<b>7</b> 9 AM – 2 PM Blood Drive  <b>5 PM Worship Service</b> 6:30 PM AA Open Discussion 8 PM AA Meeting
<b>8</b> <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Worship</b>  6 PM Agape	<b>9</b> 6:58 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM PW Coordinating Team	<b>10</b>  3:30 PM Caregivers Toolbox  7 PM Properties Committee	<b>11</b> 9:30 AM Quilters Group 9:30 AM Craft Group 10 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Worship Planning  6:30 PM SM Supervision 7 PM Nominating Committee	<b>12</b> 8 AM Meditation Group 11:30 AM Membership Ministries Meeting  12 Noon Taureans Group  7 PM Music Theory 8 PM AA & Alanon Meetings	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM Quilters Group 10 AM Mom's Group  12 Noon Messenger Deadline	<b>14</b>  <b>No Worship Service</b> (Great Granville Picnic)  6:30 PM AA Open Discussion 8 PM AA Meeting
<b>15</b> <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Worship</b>  6 PM Agape	<b>16 Messenger</b> 6:58 AM Men's Bible Study	<b>17</b> 12 PM Gran. Fellowship Luncheon  7 PM Adult Education 7 PM Mission Committee 7 PM Worship & Music 7 PM YCM Committee 7:30 PM Land Trust	<b>18</b> 9:30 AM Quilters Group 9:30 AM Craft Group 10 AM Staff Meeting 10:15 AM SharonBrook Communion 10:30 AM Worship Planning  4 PM Finance Committee 4:30 PM Legal Aid Clinic	<b>19</b> 8 AM Meditation Group  7 PM Music Theory 8 PM AA & Alanon Meetings	<b>20</b> 9:30 AM Quilters Group 10 AM Mom's Group	<b>21</b> 8 – 9 AM Barnabas Breakfast  3 PM All Church Picnic and <b>Worship Service</b> at Klinks  6:30 PM AA Open Discussion 8 PM AA Meeting
<b>22</b> <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Worship</b> 11 AM SS Teacher Training 1 PM Confirmation Parents Mtg.  6 PM Agape	<b>23</b> 6:58 AM Men's Bible Study  7 PM Festivo Bells	<b>24</b>  7 PM Session	<b>25 Granville Schools Start</b> 9:30 AM Quilters Group 9:30 AM Craft Group 10 AM Staff Meeting 10:30 AM Worship Planning  6:30 PM SM Supervision 7 PM Nominating Committee	<b>26</b> 8 AM Meditation Group  7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM AA & Alanon Meetings	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM Quilters Group 10 AM Mom's Group  12 Noon Messenger Deadline	<b>28</b>  <b>5 PM Worship Service</b> 6:30 PM AA Open Discussion 8 PM AA Meeting
<b>29</b> <b>8 &amp; 10 AM Worship</b>  2 PM Agape Leader Retreat 2 PM Youth Choir Party at the Hires  5 PM Save Our Steeple (SOS) Fundraiser	<b>30 Messenger</b> 6:58 AM Men's Bible Study  7 PM Festivo Bells	<b>31</b>	<h1>August 2010</h1> 