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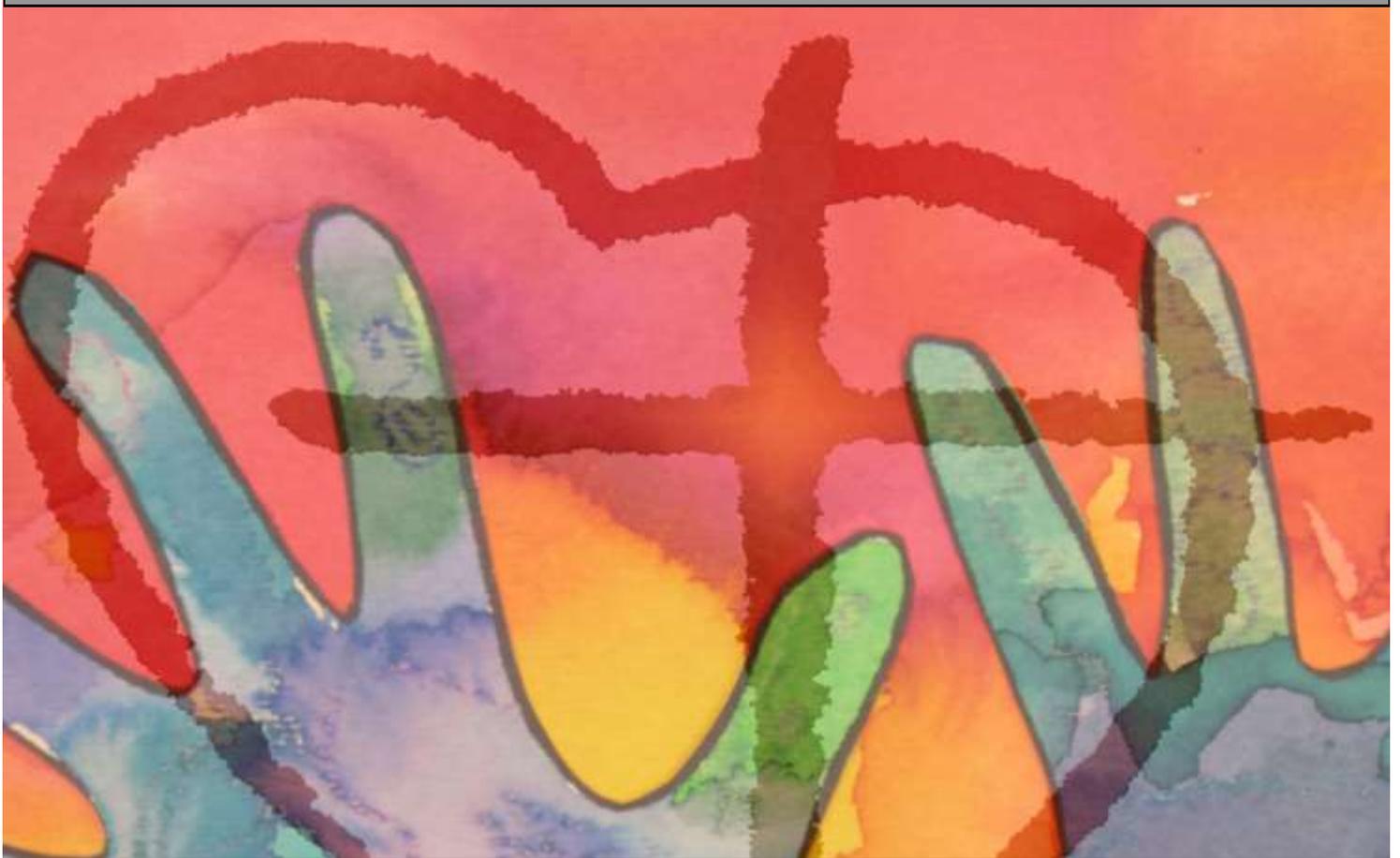
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Lenten Worship



FORGOTTEN JESUS
Sundays 8:45 & 11:00

Male Bake-Off 2015 Awards

Cadets' 1st Place	Wild West Cake	Grant Kirkman
Cadets' 2nd Place	Wild Pitch	Patrick Whitehead
Cadets' 3rd Place	Untamed Goodness	Ryan Shaney
Young Bucks' 1st Place	King of the Jungle: We Ain't Lion	Daniel Sauer
Young Bucks' 2nd Place	Maybe Minecraft World	Ben Kirkman
Young Bucks' 3rd Place	Oreo Lasagna	Aidan Schwartz
Young Bucks' 4th Place	Severed Wumpa Arm	Isaac Cravey
Guys' 1st Place	Peanut Butter Chip Brownies	Tom Hardin
Guys' 2nd Place	Uno	Joel Reeves
Guys' 3rd Place	Chocolate Walnut Cookies	Daniel Brooks
Men's 1st Place	Pistachio Pain	Kevin Shortt
Men's 2nd Place	Oscar Wilde About Carrot Cake	Danny Garner
Men's 3rd Place	It's a Wild Wilde Cake	Randy Henderson
Men's 4th Place	Brown Betty Potato Cake	Tim Lowrance
Muy Macho	Severed Wumpa Arm	Isaac Cravey
Honey Badger Don't Care	5 Pepper Wildfire Cookies	Brad Goyer
Football Theme	Deflation Investigation	Stephen Jones
Best Fruit Dessert	Two Wild & Crazy Pies	Mike Kirkman
Best Chocolate Dessert	Oreo Lasagna	Aidan Schwartz
Best Pie	Papa's Pecan Topped Sweet Potato Pie	Keith Menhinick
Best Cookies	Growly Good Gingerbread	Michael Usey
Best Cupcakes	Untamed Goodness	Ryan Shaney
Best Brownies	Brownies Gone Wild	Troy Nettles
Best International Dessert	The Chai Spice Must Flow	Matthew Cravey
Best Frozen Dessert	Wildfire	Wayne Jones
Best C2H60	Wild Turkey Bourbon Brownies	Brad Goyer
Best Looking Dessert	Wildflower	Parker Reeves
Best Tasting Dessert	Beast Mode Strawberry Cheesecake	Jared Webb
Most Creative Dessert	It's All About the Taste, Not the Base	Craig Bowyer
Most Biblical Dessert	Holy Trinity "Car Bomb" Cupcakes	Mike Baumann
Bowl of Wierdness	Pineapple Downside Up Cake	Tom Smith
Judges Award	Wild Pitch	Patrick Whitehead
People's Choice 1st Place	Pistachio Pain	Kevin Shortt
People's Choice 2nd Place	Holy Trinity "Car Bomb" Cupcakes	Mike Baumann
People's Choice 3rd Place (Tied)	Brown Betty Potato Cake Papa's Pecan Topped Sweet Potato Pie	Tim Lowrance Keith Menhinick
Best of Show	The Wild Italian Rumpas	Adam Team





The Children's Committee is collecting candy and small prizes for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The candy should be individually wrapped and *not* chocolate. (It melts!) Please place donations in the side foyer on or before Sunday, March 22.

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S Easter Egg Hunt Sunday March 29

We'll begin after our 11:00 am worship in the Fellowship Hall with a brown-bag lunch. Dessert will be provided. **Then we're off to College Park to hunt eggs and visit with the Easter Bunny.** Bring your lunch, your camera, and **your basket and let's find some eggs!**



Finding God in Babylon
Dr. Richard Vinson
Wednesday Nights
6:30 - 7:30 pm
in Forest Chapel

Green Flamingos

Green Flamingos is a committee for those interested in promoting environmental stewardship and green practices at College Park as a reflection of faith. This group has recently re-convened and will have its next meeting on Sunday, March 22 @ 10 am in the fellowship hall. Please contact Rachel Hutt (rachelshutto@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining this committee. All ages are welcome!

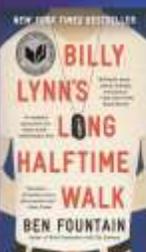


Helping Hands Ministry Team

March 20 is the first day of Spring. YEAHHHH!!! Finally we can start getting back to doing the things we love to do in warm weather: lawn mowing, hedge trimming, gutter cleaning, trash removal, etc. The point is the Helping Hands team wants to hear from you about projects that we can take on that can help our members. We will be expanding on a suggestion presented by Brian Carden recently to compile our own "Angie's List" of handymen (church members or others), electricians, plumbers, etc. that can be a reference source for our members. If requests are outside our level of expertise or manpower, we will be glad to offer advice and direction in tackling the project.

Team members: Wayne Jones, Tim Lowrance, Donna Gregory, Caryanne Story-Bunce, Joel Rieves, Sterling Suddarth, Jenny Ward-Sutherland, Jerry Elkins, Kevin Short, Mike Kirkman, and Ronnie Brannon.

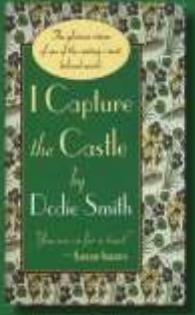
Mostly Men's Occasional Book Club




Next Meeting
Monday March 9, 6:30 pm
Sticks & Stones

WOMEN OF VALOR

Next Book Discussion
Tuesday March 10th, 7 pm
Scuppermong Books



My Baptismal Statement

College Park Church has been a part of my life since I was born. I grew up going to Sunday school, singing in **children's choir and going to passport youth camp.** The kids I grew up with here I still consider good friends today. Stephen, Alex, Marty, Anna, Sarah and Kevin have always been there for me like brothers and sisters. My sister Katie has been not just a sister, but, also a good friend. After Lin became our leader, we started Club **Jesus' and that really brought out my goofy, dependable, great sense of humor! Now, I've added, Caryanne, Kate and Hayatt** among my list of special people in my church family. Throughout my years of growing up in this church there are many adults that have also had a positive impact on my life. People like Juanita, the Rogers, the Burkheads and Dan and Mildred (just to name a few). They have always been interested in how I was doing in a loving, caring way.

As most of you know, I was diagnosed with epilepsy at the age of 11. Through the years, I have tried just about every seizure medication developed, but, continue to experience several seizures every week. 4½ years ago I underwent surgery that I hoped would reduce my seizures and help me to go back to school and get to some kind of normal life. This surgery was disappointing because the surgeon was unable to proceed with tissue removal because of the difficult location of my seizure focus. Since that time, I have been waiting for the FDA approval of a new device that my doctor recommended as the next step. Last fall the device was FINALLY approved, but, I continue to wait for the hospital to adopt that method of treatment. These past 4½ years have felt like being on a roller coaster ride with frustration, hope and disappointment. Through all these ups and downs, I have always felt God being there for me and my faith in him has just grown stronger. I believe my patience in this situation has been due to God being there for me and holding me up and keeping my head up (even when my parents were losing their patience with the slow progress!). Living with a disability has helped me to **understand other people's difficulties and problems.** For instance, my dad and Uncle Mike have both gone through cancer the last 2 years and I can really relate to the faith needed to get them through. My heart and love have been with them throughout their treatments.

My family has always been so supportive and never giving up hope that someday I will have a life free of seizures. I know that my Nanny and aunts, uncles and cousins are praying for me every day. Even my grandparents that have passed away, I feel like they are looking down on me and thinking of me. My Uncle Jack (the crazy younger brother of my crazy mother) has become more than just an uncle, but, also a very good friend. We go golfing as much as we can and he treats me like a bud. My best friend outside of my church friends, Joseph Watterson, has been there for me since middle school and is like a brother to me. Even though he got married last year he still makes time to drop over and play some video games and hang out. Without the love and support of all these people in my life, I don't know

how I would cope with my situation. I'm thankful for them all and for this church in my life.

I believe my decision to be baptized today is not just my decision to follow and live more like Jesus. It is more than that, too. It is also my decision to respond to the love of God who has been with me through these difficult years living with epilepsy and to respond to the love of all of you here who have cared for and supported me, my parents and Katie. To me, baptism is one of the ways that I join more closely with this community of people who has raised me and who is my family of faith. **You have taught me so much about God's love through your love.** I one day hope to write a book about all I have been through and about my faith, hope and strength in God. I know in my heart and mind that through this baptism (and hopefully, a successful brain surgery not too far down the road) I will experience a rebirth of myself.

Jason Hensley

Baby Sign Language Classes

Who: Parents & babies (age 0-2 years).

What: Classes will include songs with signs; signs for the home; emotions; nature; animals; colors; family; basic needs; and more.

When: Saturdays 10—10:50 am, beginning Saturday March 21.

Where: College Park Church

Cost: \$30/class.

For more information contact: Rachel Briley
336-339-4052, Rachel@abcsignwithme.com



Three Nickels Campaign

Three Nickels began in 2009 as a way for our congregation to help people living and dying in extreme poverty around the world. Each year our goal is to have 100 families or individuals pledge to give just \$52, which works out to about 3 nickels a day (give or take). College **Park's Missions Committee selects three or four** ministries or programs located outside the U.S. to support with that money.

This year, one of the programs we've chosen is an organization called Next Generation Nepal, which if you read Little Princes by Conor Grennan may be familiar to you. I'll give you all a little background on Conor's story. He is from the US, and around the time he turned 30 he decided to take a trip around the world. To ease his conscience and avoid judgmental looks from others, he decided to dedicate two of those twelve months to

volunteering in an orphanage in Nepal. Long story short, after his two months there and his trip around **the world, he couldn't forget those children at the Little Princes Orphanage** and no longer thought of volunteering there as a way to pick up girls when he told the story back at home.

After several return trips to Nepal, which was in the **mid 2010's ravaged by uprisings and political upheaval**, Conor discovered something that would change his life: the orphans he had grown to care for were not actually orphans.

During the war in Nepal, Maoist soldiers would invade remote villages and take children to be recruited for their army. Families were torn apart against their will and children were forced to be soldiers. As if this were not bad enough, there was a worse evil at work.

Imagine that you are the parents of a child who you knew would be taken by Maoists when they inevitably came. One day a man visits your village and tells you that he can take your children into the safer part of Nepal to give them a proper education and keep them from the Maoist recruiters. One such man entered the villages of the children in the Little Princes orphanage. He took them all, demanded payment for them from their parents, and then sold them as child laborers.

Conor Grennan, the founder of Next Generation **Nepal, has made it his life's work to help trafficked children and reunite these children with their families.** Next Generation Nepal has several houses in which the children (some of whom are truly orphans) can stay until Conor or someone on his team can locate their families. These trips into the remote mountains of Nepal can take weeks, and are especially dangerous in the winter. It is a small organization with limited funding. To give you an idea of how we can help, I found some sample costs on their website:

\$53 pays for one child's immediate medical treatment after they have been rescued from child traffickers.

\$434 pays to search for the family of a trafficked child in remote locations of Nepal.

\$456 pays for one child to go to school locally for one year.

\$1327 pays for one child to be fed and cared for in the transitional home for one year.

To make your pledge to Three Nickels, simply tear off the pledge form from your bulletin, fill it out, and drop it in the offering plate or donation box. Then make your pledge donations weekly, monthly, in a single payment—**whatever works for you. If you're a College Park member, your box of giving envelopes includes two Three Nickels envelopes. If you're not a College Park member, we welcome you also to participate and make a difference in these children's lives.**

Hayley Turner
March 1, 2015

Three Nickels Campaign

College Park's Three Nickels program began in 2009 for two reasons:

- College Park members agreed with Michael Usey that we should do more to help people living and dying in extreme poverty around the world.
- We believed that our congregation could be a witness to Greensboro that all of us can do a little more.

The yearly goal of our Three Nickels fund is to have 100 College Park families or individuals pledge to give at least \$1 per week, which equals 15¢ (three nickels) per day. The money donated is then given to ministries that operate outside North America, have been **suggested by church members, and College Park's Missions Committee** has found to be trustworthy and **efficiently run. In the past five years we've supported** Heifer International, Pennies for Peace, Haiti earthquake relief, Watering Malawi, Soles 4 Souls, Food for the Poor, Micro loans for villages in Northern Thailand, Operation Smile, and other worthy programs.

In 2015, our Three Nickels fund will:

- Support Doctors without Borders in its work to stem the spread of Ebola and prepare for future outbreaks
- Aid Next Generation Nepal in its mission to rescue, rehabilitate and reconnect trafficked and exploited children with their families
- **Provide clean, sustainable drinking water to rural communities through Watering Malawi**

In order to have money to send to these programs, we need your support. Simply fill out a Three Nickels pledge form and place it in a Tessera offering box, in an 11 am worship service offering plate, or return it to the church office. Help fight poverty around the world by giving just three nickels a day.



Fighting Poverty Around The World With Just 3 Nickels a Day

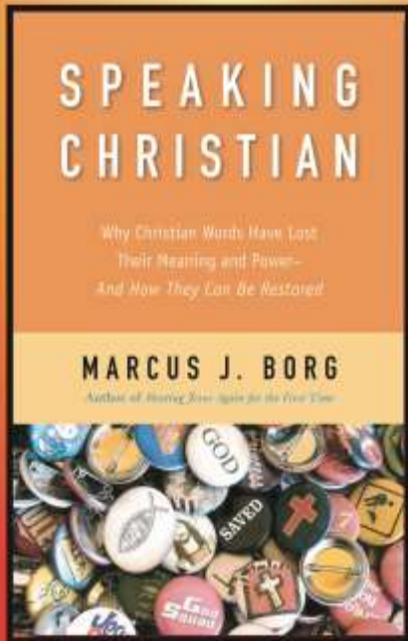
I _____
pledge to help fight poverty around the world by giving at least One Dollar per Week. I understand that this pledge is above and beyond my normal giving. I would like to make my donation as follows:

- Single 2015 payment of \$52.00
- Weekly payments of \$1.00
- I'd like to give more: \$ _____ (specify amount)

Signature _____

Be sure to write "Three Nickels" on your check memo line or giving envelope.

New God & Books Class



Congratulations

Lee Carter and Jeff Valentine are engaged. Their wedding date is March 21, 2015.

Emmanuel Day Carnish was born to Debbie & David Carnish; Address: 1015 Regan St., Mt. Joy, PA 17552

Brian & Deanna Miller are expecting their second child in August.

Lin & Caryanne Story-Bunce are expecting a baby boy toward the end of March.

Thank You

Dear College Park Family,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for for being so kind, gracious and loving to all of our family during the passing of our wonderful Mother, Peggy Glenn Leonard. Thank you for the cards, phone calls, memorial contributions, and kind words at her memorial. Mom was a very special lady whom we will miss greatly.

She loved her church family and spoke fondly of everyone there. We feel like we know you in just listening to her. Praise The Lord for a great church home. We will reunite with her someday and what a glorious day that will be.

In Christ's love,

Nancy Leonard-Smith, Jay Leonard, Brian Leonard, and John Leonard

Financials

Financial Update General Budget Offering Update

January Total:	\$14,504
Needed Each Month:	<u>\$26,197</u>
Difference:	-\$11,693

February Total:	\$22,744
Needed Each Month:	<u>\$26,197</u>
Difference:	-\$3,453

“A Big Thank You” to the CPBC leaders and children of Outrageous Outreach for the “nice surprise” left on our front porch before Christmas. When we returned home from shopping that day, there were so many goodies, (I **don't dare try to mention them all**), especially the poinsettia (beautiful). All the many goodies were just great. A special thanks for the personal handmade card by one of the children. What a blessing! We were very sad to have missed the kids. I heard other Seniors say how **much they enjoyed them. I'm sure they join me in my “Big Thank You!”**

The Withers



Capital Campaign “Access for All”

Financial Report as of 3.1.15:

Pledges Needed: \$827,000

Pledges To Date: \$752,000

Total Giving to Date: \$589,289

Expenses to date for first two projects: \$440,000

Cash balance available for next two projects:
\$149,289

Donations needed through 2016 to complete the final two projects: \$237,711

Chapel Renovation Scheduled for Summer/Fall 2015

BUMPER

JUMPERS

Children's Jump Party

Come have a jumpin' good time on Sunday, March 8 at 12:15 pm at Bumper Jumpers, 4217 High Point Road. Pizza will be provided for kids and grown-ups. Admission is \$5 per child with a 1-lb. bag of dried beans to donate to GUM. Contact Rachel Kirkman with any questions. (336-294-3059).

Announcements

Youth Activities

All youth 6th-12th grade are welcome to join!
5:30 pm - Youth Handbells; 6:15 pm - Youth Choir;
7:00 pm - Youth Dinner; 7:30—8:30—Club Jesús.

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30-6:15 pm Dinner
6:15 pm Prayer & Announcements
Preschool: (ages 3 yrs old)
6:15-6:45 pm Angel Choir (Choir Room 304)
6:45-7:30 pm Toddler Room with Childcare in Preschool Room 104
Children: (Grades 1 - 5)
6:00-6:30 pm Tone Chimes, Sanctuary
6:30-7:00 pm Choir, Room 304
Adult & Youth:
6:30-7:30 pm Adult Handbells
6:30-7:30 pm Bible Study
7:30-8:30 pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room, 3rd Floor)
* Childcare is provided in room 104 from 6:15—8 pm.

Women of Valor

Please join the Women of Valor book club for a discussion of *I Capture the Castle* by Dodie Smith on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm at Scuppernong Books. *I Capture the Castle* is a charming coming-of-age story and an often overlooked classic by the author of *101 Dalmations*. Don't miss out on this discussion!

Cook Saturdays

There will be 2 more Saturdays to cook in advance for Wed. night dinners. The dates are: March 21 (cooking for April); April 18 (cooking for May). Meet at the church at 11 am. It should take about 2 hours to prepare meals for 4 weeks. A total of 8 people are needed for each prep day. We also need a volunteer to prepare the Wed. March 18 meal (**Shepherd's Pie**). Please RSVP Alison Schwartz if you can help: arhschwartz@triad.rr.com, phone: 210-0362



Senior Wheels Fundraiser 2015

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner FUNDRAISER will be Friday March 27, 2015 at Christ United Methodist Church, 410 N. Holden Rd. (next to Sternberger School) 5:30—7:30 pm. Eat in or take out. Tickets: \$8.00 adults, \$3.00 children (6-12). Salad, dessert & drink included. There will be door prizes and specialty baskets will be available for auction. Bidding will end at 7 pm. Proceeds will support the Senior Wheels Medical Transportation Program for Senior Adults. See Betty Withers for tickets.



March GUM Donation: Dried Beans (1-lb or larger)

Place donations in the wicker basket in the side foyer entrance (beside the bookshelves).



ZUMBA® Classes

Thursday nights 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$5.00.



Support Backpack Beginnings & Daisy Troop 2877!

The 12 kindergarteners whose troop meets at **College Park** are **collecting items for Backpack Beginnings'** comfort backpacks for abused/neglected, foster, homeless and refugee children. Your donations of toothbrushes (individually packaged), toothpaste (full size), shampoo (full size), playing cards, lip balm and 2-pocket folders will be greatly appreciated. Items will be collected until Sunday, March 22. Deposit in boxes located at the side door, in the chapel and main sanctuary. Thank you for helping our girls learn about caring for others in our community!



Clothing for Kids

Peck Elementary School's Clothing Closet is in need of some clothes which are given to children and their families free of charge. Please check your closets and send any of the following: Boys & Girls Pants--children's sizes 5-12
Winter Coats--children's sizes small-large (5-14)
A Clothing Box will be placed near the nursery for collection and the clothes will be taken to Peck by church members. Thank you for continuing to support the children in need at Peck Elementary!



Online giving

You can now give your College Park offering or donation online. Just click the "give online" button on the home page of www.CollegeParkChurch.com to go to the secure FaithStreet app. Then enter your credit card or bank account info. It's a great option especially if you are traveling or during the Sunday morning offering if you forget your check or cash!

Holy Week Prayer Stations

The Prayer Team seeks individuals and groups to create prayer stations for the Holy Week prayer walk in the sanctuary. If you attended last year, you know how meaningful the stations can be. The Prayer Team will provide support and monitoring. Please contact Lin or Mark Fleming, Prayer Team leader, mofleming1301@yahoo.com.

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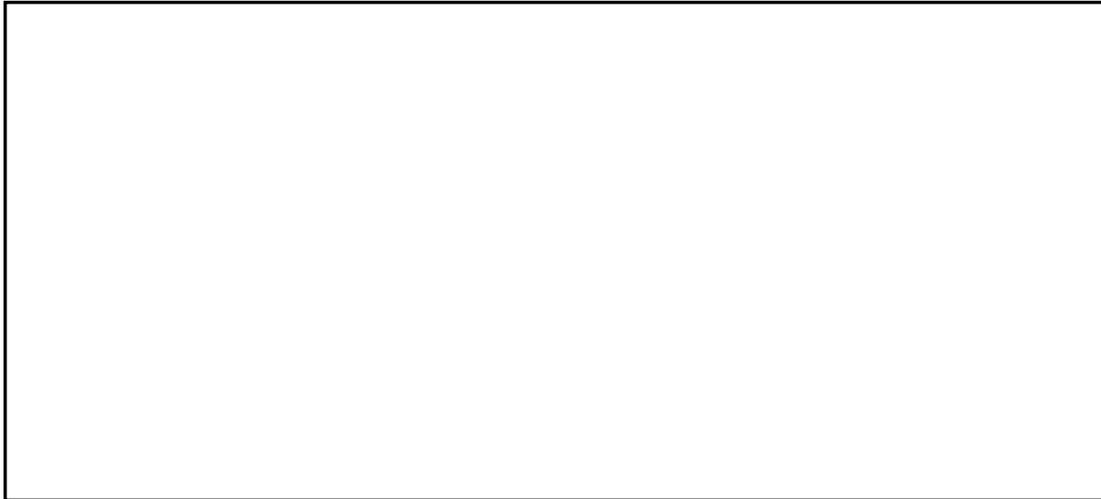
Do you want to go to New York City this summer? Apartment is available again this year with dates in July and August and some other holiday weekends. Close to Times Square and Broadway. Contact Angela Brady-Fleming by phone: 336-501-0270, text, or Email: fleming1301@yahoo.com



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Return Service Requested



Looking Ahead-March

- 4 Wednesday Night Activities 5:30 pm
- 5 AI-Anon 10 am, FH
Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 6 AI-Anon Noon, FH
- 8 Sunday Services
Krishnan Daisy Troop 3:30 pm, Parlor
- 9 McIntyre Girl Scouts 6:30 pm, FH
- 10 Herbenick Girl Scouts 6:30 pm, FH
- 11 Wednesday Night Activities 5:30 pm
Business Meeting
- 12 AI-Anon 10 am, FH
Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 13 AI-Anon Noon, FH
- 15 Sunday Services
Krishnan Daisy Troop 3:30 pm, Parlor
- 16 Girl Scouts-McIntyre 6:30 pm, FH
- 17 STLF-dinner & overnight in FH
Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm, Parlor
PFLAG 7:30 pm, FH
- 18 Wednesday Night Activities
- 19 AI-Anon 10 am, FH
Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 20 AI-Anon Noon, FH
- 21 Cook Day 11 am, FH
Baby Sign Language Class, 10 am
Carter-Valentine Wedding 5 pm
- 22 Sunday Services
Krishnan Daisy Troop 3:30 pm, Parlor
- 23 Girl Scouts-McIntyre 6:30 pm, FH
- 24 Girl Scouts-Herbenick 6:30 pm, FH
- 25 Wednesday Night Activities
- 26 AI-Anon 10 am, FH
Pendergraft Meeting 5:30 pm, FH
Zumba 6 pm, FH
- 27 AI-Anon Noon, FH
Sr. Wheels Fund Raiser
- 28 Baby Sign Language Class 10 am

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2015 Total Food Donations = 49 Pounds

Every Member a Minister

DiAnne Borders, Professor Extraordinaire
Phyllis Calvert, Treasurer
Susan Finley, Handbell Director
Rydell Harrison, Minister of Music & Worship
Darlene Johnson, Sexton
Keith A. Menhinick, Wake Forest Pastoral Intern
David Soyars, Organist
Ralph & Tammy Stocks, Missionaries
Lin Story-Bunce, Associate Minister
Andrea Turner, Deacon Chair
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