



Transformation Times

Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302

June 2008

Congratulations 2009 Graduates!

Amy Anderson, daughter & step-daughter of Mark and Angela Anderson, graduates from North Stafford High School in Stafford, VA on June 14. She will be attending Northern Virginia Community College in the fall.

Claudia Andre graduated from George Mason Law School on May 17. She is preparing to take the Pennsylvania Bar exam.

Jason Andre graduated from Howard Medical School on May 10 and starts his surgery residency in June at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia.

Erik Eckerson, son of Connie Hansen and Dave Eckerson, graduated from James Madison University on May 3 with a degree in business.

Genevieve Griffin, daughter of Debbie and Wade Griffin graduates on June 19, 2008 from Washington and Lee High School. This fall, she'll be a freshman at the University of New Hampshire where she plans to study environmental science and take advantage of the study abroad programs.

Jay Lyon will graduate from Wakefield High School on June 19, 2008. He is the son of Jan Edmiston and Fred Lyon, and will attend The College of William and Mary this fall.

Jennifer Minin, daughter of April and Lee Minin graduated *cum laude* from North Carolina State University with a B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering.

Also: Congratulations to **Amanda Eckerson**, daughter of Dave Eckerson and Connie Hansen who won a Fulbright Scholarship in April. She will be doing social justice theatre in South America in 2009.

Congratulations to **Morgan Henry**, son of Melanie Hansen and stepson of Gary Hughes who won "Best Documentary Photograph" at the recent Congressional Arts Competition an annual event sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives. Morgan's winning photograph was taken in Haiti where he was one of our mission team workers last October. He is a rising senior at Wakefield High School in Arlington.

June Worship Schedule

June 1

Sermon: Making a Name for Ourselves

Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9

The ordination & installation of officers;
The Lord's Supper

June 8

Sermon: First Century Facebook

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-9

The Baptism of Ryan David Stickers

June 15 – Fathers' Day

Sermon: How Do We Talk to God?

Scripture: Matthew 6:7-15

June 22

Sermon: Eloquent

Scripture: Exodus 4:1-17

June 29

Sermon: 21 Days

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus for President is coming up on June 27. Register at <http://www.JesusforPresident.org>

Session Highlights

May 19, 2008 Meeting

The following actions were taken by the Session at their stated May meeting:

- Examined newly elected officers.
- Approved request from Presbyterian Women to hold an ice cream social on a Saturday in July.
- Approved the templates for the articles of incorporation and corporation bylaws provided by the presbytery.
- Moved to endorse the application of a 2009 Lilly Grant for Clergy National Renewal Program, which, if won, would mean that we would receive over \$43,000 to fund a time of study, rest, and reflection for the pastor and congregation in the summer of 2009. Those writing the grant were John Giglio, Matt Pritchard, Melanie Hansen, Brooke Hatfield, and Jan Edmiston. Brooke Hatfield attended the meeting to share information and answer questions.
- Received report from Matt Pritchard for Discipleship Ministries which included information about the new Church Management System, the 21 Day Challenge Prayer book, and meetings with local ministers and others.
- Received report from Treasurer Darlene Johnson reflecting a shortfall in our giving and an excess in spending. We should have received 33.3% of our total giving by this time in the year but only 27.3% has been donated. Also our spending is an average of 6% over our monthly income. Note to members and friends: please keep your pledges current. (Thank you and bless you.)
- Discussed new staffing possibilities and agreed to vote on staffing options at the June meeting.

We are blessed with great officers and we will miss the ministry on Session of David Hoover who rotates off this board at the end of the month. Thank you David!

Next stated Session Meeting: Monday, June 23 at 7:00 pm.

New Officers Ordained on June 1

We celebrated the service of new officers on June 1 as new elders & deacons were ordained and installed.

To the office of elder: **David Foster** and **Mark Anderson**, with **Alison Shorter Lawrence** and **Angela Huebner** being re-installed. To the office of deacon: **Amber Lempke** and **Wendy Dawson**, with **Ben Dawson** and **Bonnie Nasr** being re-installed. Also **Richard Johnson** will begin another term as a trustee.

We are grateful for the ministry of **David Hoover** who completed his term on Session as an elder and to **Susan Fiscus** whose term as a deacon has ended. Susan served as Moderator of the Deacons for the past two years.

From the Pastor: Speaking of God . . .

Religion is one of those top three topics to avoid in polite conversation, and yet, it's everywhere in our culture:

- A new TV show called *Eli Stone* is about a man who believes God is telling him to take care of certain people who cross his path.
- A recent episode of *Desperate Housewives* featured one agnostic character going to church and trying to talk about faith with her Presbyterian friend.
- Bestsellers include "one woman's search for everything" (including God) and the story of one man's redemption after betraying a childhood friend in Afghanistan.
- The presidential candidates focused an entire forum on faith issues, hosted by CNN in April.

So . . . how do we talk about our faith? Quietly? Clumsily? Unabashedly? How do we communicate what we believe to the world? What language do we use to speak to or about God? This is the focus of the 11:00 sermons in June, and it is my hope that we will grow closer to God and to each other as we worship together.

Peace,
Jan Edmiston

Treasurer's Report

An update on the current financial status of Fairlington Presbyterian Church. As of April 30, 2008:

Operating expenses for the church - \$107,103.87

Operating income covering the same period – \$86,940.43

Present deficit - (\$20,163.44)

Information that you may find useful:

49 members and non-members have paid \$30 to help us pay our dues per member to the Presbytery. We have received almost \$13,000 in building use fees in the first four months of the year. Our budget has \$30,000 in that line item, so we have received over 42% of the amount expected. We are down by 5% in pledges and in loose offerings. We are spending slightly more than anticipated for the four month period.

Celebrations

Birthdays

Wes Mitchell	06/03
Sarah Murdaugh	06/06
Stephanie Joshi	06/09
Ashwin Joshi	06/09
Julie Rutherford	06/11
Cameron Davidson	06/13
Rob Emard	06/14
Sydney Payne	06/15
Mark Anderson	06/16
Ben Dawson	06/17
Linus Luki	06/21
Mildred Rosenberger	06/22
Bill Bauman	06/24
Rob Reynolds	06/24
Pam Oyugi	06/26
Katie Rowley	06/26
Richard Johnson	06/28

Anniversaries

Sarah & Bill Bauman	06/14
David & Emily Foster	06/14
Gustavo Gonzalez	
& Karen Long	06/15
Thomas & Valerie Hollis	06/16
Randy & Leslie Dragon	06/18
Mike & Alison Trimble	06/22
William &	
Audrey Johnson	06/24
Barbara & Dan Krabill	06/25
Brian & Molly Douglas	06/28

Vacation Bible School 2008!

July 28 - August 1.

For more information visit www.fpcusa.org. Register your kids today!



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Elders

Mark Anderson

David Foster

Angela Huebner

Stephanie Joshi

Darlene Johnson

Alison Shorter Lawrence

Michael Lempke

Elaine Marini

David Stickers

Patricia Guenther, Clerk

Trustees

Joseph Andy

Richard Johnson

David Siegrist

Deacons

Ben Dawson

Wendy Dawson

Chris Hatfield

Sungil Kopf

Vernette Kukolich

Amber Lempke

Bonnie Nasr

Helene Patterson

June Pickard

Alison Trimble

Charlotte Ross

Mission Coordinator

Ginny Wilkins

Music Coordinator

Chris Hatfield

Director of Choirs

Chris Hatfield

Organist

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Worship Coordinator

Nursery Staff

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Open

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