

The Clarendon Connection

May 2011 and June 2011

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Clarendon Hill welcomes all people to
our church

Young or old, gay or straight,
Faithful or seeking,
You are welcome to join us on our
shared journey of faith.

We are a small but growing congregation
seeking to serve God, our community,
and our world.

Our resources may be limited, but our
imaginations and desires are not. We are
constantly seeking ways to serve others
and to work for a more just world.

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Sunday Worship

10:00 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10:30a.m. Worship
10:45a.m. Children's education
11:30a.m. Refreshments & fellowship

Communion will be celebrated on
February 6

Minister: Rev. Karl Gustafson
Music Director: John Adams
Saxton: Arnie James

Welcome Spring

Everywhere is the green of new growth,
The amazing sight of the renewal of the earth.
We watch the grass once again emerging from the ground.
We notice the bright green atop the dark green on the pine,
the fir, the hemlock, the spruce, the cedar.
The alder is already in leaf.
The old plum trees blossom, leaf and give forth fruit.

O Lord,
May we today be touched by grace, fascinated and moved by
this your creation, energized by the power of new growth at
work in your world.
May we move beyond viewing this life only through a frame,
but touch it and be touched by it,
Know it and be known by it
Love it and be loved by it

May spring come to us, be in us, and recreate life in us.

In his name.
Amen

--- Chinook Psalter

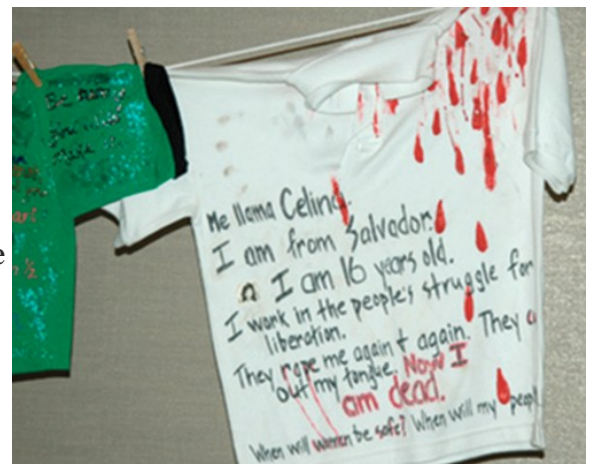
Justice & Peace

Support Legislation to End Violence Against Women

Nearly two weeks ago, women and men of many denominations gathered in Washington, D.C., to participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days (EAD). During EAD, participants learned about issues and skills for advocacy, then visited their congressional representatives to talk about some very important legislation to end violence against women. Click here (www.nccusa.org/womensministry/index.html) to learn more about EAD or go to www.advocacydays.org ! To learn about action you can take to end violence against women, keep reading!

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), originally passed in 1994, was the first federal legislation acknowledging domestic violence as a crime. Since 1994, it has been expanded to cover dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. It provides federal resources for community-coordinated responses to violence against women, including training on these issues. VAWA is up for reauthorization in 2011.

The International Violence Against Women Act (I-VAWA), first introduced in the 110th Congress, has yet to be passed. It passed the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in December 2010 and is to be reintroduced to Congress this year. It would, for the first time, make stopping violence against women and girls a priority in United States diplomacy and foreign aid. The legislation is designed to stop the brutal violence against girls and women that afflicts communities and countries across the globe—domestic violence, rape, acid burnings, so-called honor killings and other gross violations of human rights



Urge your representative and senators to reauthorize and fully fund the Violence Against Women Act and to cosponsor the International Violence Against Women Act when it is reintroduced.

The Presbyterian Office of Public Witness has a few easy ways for you to get involved. Visit <http://capwiz.com/pcusa/issues/alert/?alertid=37529501> to learn more.

Visit www.pcusa.org/phewa/padvn to learn about the Presbyterians Against Domestic Violence Network.

Presbyterian Coffee Project

Orders for Equal Exchange coffee and tea are taken on the first Sunday of each month, during coffee hour, for delivery on the 2nd Sunday. Part of the proceeds goes to the hunger and self-development mission projects of the Presbyterian Church, USA. Due to increased coffee costs, there has been another slight price increase effective April 1.

Questions or need some coffee or tea? Contact Katherine at kath.gustavson@gmail.com

Flea Market

May 14 from 10 am-2 pm with the Nave Gallery. Your help is needed!!!!

1. Donate gently used items. (Sorry, no computers, printers, TVs, large furniture items or plastic toys)
Items can be brought to church on Sunday, May 8, Thursday May 12 or Friday May 13.
2. Help the day of the sale: sign up for a 2 hour shift. If the weather is nice, we hope to have several tables out front if we have enough workers.
3. Help with clean up: from 2 to 4 pm, help box up any remaining items and transport them as needed.

Horizons Bible Study

The next Bible Study meeting will be on Friday May 13 at 3:30 pm. We will be studying The Book of Revelation. All are welcome

Mission trip to MATE (Mission at the Eastward)

July 17-22

Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church

For a number of years, several churches in the Presbytery of Boston have joined together to send 20 plus volunteers for a week in the summer to provide housing rehabilitation work with Mission at the Eastward in Central Maine. This year Clarendon Hill is joining in the project: we are looking both for volunteers to go up to Maine and for financial assistance to cover the cost of the trip, which includes money for building supplies as well as food and lodging costs.

What is Mission at the Eastward?

Mission at the Eastward was organized in 1954 by the National Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church. The founding purpose of the Mission was to provide a Christian witness to rural communities in West Central Maine. The Christian witness took two forms: organizing congregations in underserved communities and providing social outreach. MATE continues to build on its witness to rural Maine communities by working through eight congregations as a cooperative parish and supporting ministries to local communities, including the North Parish Housing Ministry.

What does the North Parish Housing Ministry do?

The North Parish Housing Ministry provides housing rehabilitation for people living in sub-standard homes in the Franklin County area of Central Maine. Work groups travel from all over the eastern seaboard to spend a week in ministry to low income, elderly and disabled families who, without assistance with labor and/or materials, would be unable to make needed repairs and maintenance to their homes.

Painting, roof repairs, porches, steps, ramps and simple interior and exterior repair are likely projects. Wherever possible, homeowners and families participate in the work and its cost. Work groups help with the cost of materials through the funds they donate when they register to do a work camp.

Many of the volunteers take vacation time to do this. Work groups begin arriving in mid to late June, and stay through the first week in August.

Where do work groups stay and eat?

The work group stays in dorm rooms (no AC, bring a fan) at the University of Maine in Farmington. Meals are done at a nearby church. The group is responsible for its own food and we already have a couple of people who have volunteered to cook the dinners. We will bring donated food for breakfasts, and will make our own bag lunches before we head out to a work site each day.

Do I have to go for the whole week?

No, you can go for just several days. In order to organize the projects, if you can only come for 2 or 3 days, it is best that it be at the beginning of the week.

Why are you fundraising?

We would like everyone in the congregation to be able to participate in this project, even if they can't come up and help hammer nails or wield a paint brush. There is a MATE fee of \$195 per participant to cover materials and supplies. It would be great if we could raise these funds from the congregation.

Housing runs about \$120 per person for the week and food expenses in the past have run about \$40 per person. Our congregation will be asked to make some specific food donations, such as breakfast items and baked goods.

If you would like more information on the mission trip, please contact Ellen (ellends@verizon.net) or Sarah (ferggie4@aol.com).

Date	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Mission	Greeter	Nursery
4/24/11 Easter	Milanesi/Kumpa	Liberace	Jirmanus	Auger	Gustafson
5/1/11 Communion	Camelio/Braga	Cavano	Liberace	V. Donovan	Allen
5/8/11	Santiago	Winchester	Milanesi	Schemerhorn	V. Donovan
5/15/11	Gustafson/Cavano	S. Donovan	Allen	Kumpa	Schemerhorn
5/22/11	Arce/Fish	Beran	Schemerhorn	Liberace	S. Donovan
5/29/11	Allen/Rhoads	Jirmanus	S. Donovan	Cavano	Gustafson
6/5/11 Communion	Schemerhorn	P. Auger	V. Donovan	Milanesi	Allen
6/12/11	Donovan	Schemerhorn	Kumpa	Auger	V. Donovan
6/12/11	Santiago	Allen	Camelio	V. Donovan	Schemerhorn
6/19/11	Augers	J. Auger	Winchester	Schemerhorn	S. Donovan
6/26/11	Milanesi/Kumpa	D. Santiago	Beran	Kumpa	Gustafson

REVISED CHURCH ASSIGNMENTS

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FILL YOUR COMMITMENT, PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO SWITCH WITH SOMEONE. TO BE ADDED TO THIS LIST, PLEASE CONTACT VAL DONOVAN. (MABEL312@AOL.COM)

Instructions for how to "do" coffee hour. We hope that these are helpful! If you have any suggestions for changes, edits, or comments, please contact Ellen. (You can speak with her after a service or contact her by email (ellends@verizon.net.) Thanks to all of you who help to make our coffee hours so warm and welcoming!

- 1. Coffee/Tea – please prepare 1 pot of caffeinated coffee and one pot of decaf. You may set the coffee pots up before the service, or leave before the end of the service to prepare them. It’s best to leave a little before the end of the service to turn the pots on so the coffee is ready when folks come downstairs. The coffee is in the door of the freezer. The coffee filters are on the counter behind where the coffee pots are located. $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cup of coffee should go in each filter. There are one cup measures, either on the counter, or in the kitchen cabinets. Please plug one coffee pot in to the wall plug, and the extension cord in to the other wall plug. Plug the second coffee pot in to the extension cord. Make sure you turn the extension cord to “On” by flipping the switch. The tea pot is usually on the table on opposite side of the room from the coffee pot. Fill it with fresh water, and plug it in. (Plug is on the floor baseboard.) Turn it on. Please bring cream, half and half and/or milk for the coffee. These can be placed on the tray with the sugar. Make sure there are clean spoons for folks to use to stir in their sugar and/or dairy product.**
- 2. Please bring some type of cold beverage for those who may not want coffee or tea. Any kind of fruit juice or just water is fine. (We tend to stay away from soda.) The cups for cold beverages are usually in the first glass fronted cupboard in the kitchen.**
- 3. Place plates and the container with plastic ware on the table. Extra plates, cups, and plastic ware are in the first cupboard underneath the front counter.**
- 4. Feel free to bring whatever you like for coffee hour. Please be aware that we have church members with SEVERE allergies to nuts, so please do not bring anything with nuts. (If you have to bring something with nuts, please mark it.) You may make/bake things to bring or buy them. If you buy items, please note that those with severe nut allergies will check the labels to be sure that they are safe to consume. If you make them, it’s helpful to list the ingredients. When purchasing things, please note that even if they do not contain nuts, they may be made in a facility that processes nuts. Our members with nut allergies cannot eat those products that are made in facilities that process nuts. A few things that are nut safe (although always check the labels, as sometimes the ingredients used to make items change): Smart Food, Pirate Booty, Goldfish (Pepperidge Farm.) Sweets are trickier, as most aren’t safe, but if you find one, please bring it! Some things that are always popular: hummus and pita (bread or crackers), fruit, bagels and cream cheese, cheese and crackers, salsa and corn chips, veggies and dip, cookies, pastries, doughnuts, sweet/quick bread.**
- 5. After coffee hour is over with, please wash the coffee cups, coffee maker items and any other items that have been used (spoons, plates, cutting boards, knives, etc.). Dry them, and put them away. (Dish towels should be on the front counter.) Please wipe off the counters (both in the kitchen and where the coffee pots, cups and cold beverages are) and wipe down the plastic tablecloths on the food tables. Please sweep the area around the food tables.**
- 6. If you have any questions about anything, feel free to ask!**

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