



The Clarendon Connection

July 2011 and August 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

9:30 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10:00a.m. Worship
10:15a.m. Children's education
11:00a.m. Refreshments & fellowship

Communion will be celebrated on
February 6

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

Lessons From Nature

Earth teach me stillness

As the grasses are stilled with light.

Earth teach me suffering

As old stones suffer with memory.

Earth teach me humility

As blossoms are humble with beginning.

Earth teach me caring

As the mother who secures her young.

Earth teach me courage

As the tree which stands all alone.

Earth teach me limitation

As the ant which crawls on the ground.

Earth teach me freedom

As the eagle which soars in the sky.

Earth teach me resignation

As the leaves which die in the fall.

Earth teach me regeneration

As the seed which rises in the spring.

Earth teach me to forget myself

As melted snow forgets its life.

Earth teach me to remember kindness

As dry fields weep with rain.

- The Ute of North America

Justice & Peace

CEDAW

In 1979, the United Nations adopted a treaty commonly known as CEDAW, or the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. This treaty was designed to address the major issues facing women worldwide, including human trafficking, education, employment, and economic and social agency. The treaty was signed by then-President Carter in 1980, but was never ratified by the United States, which would require a two-thirds majority vote of the senate. This may not seem so outrageous, until we learn that the only other UN member states that have not ratified CEDAW are Iran, Sudan, Somalia and three small Pacific island nations (Nauru, Palau and Tonga). Why is it still important for the United States to ratify this treaty, adopted by the UN more than 30 years ago? For one, it would support women and girls around the world. As we learn more about justice and peace issues that affect women around the world, we can forget that there is still a lot of work to be done in our own backyard. We know that domestic violence is as real and prevalent a problem here as anywhere else. We know that women are still paid less in the United States than men in the same positions with the same qualifications. We know that in the United States the maternal mortality rate is among the highest of all the industrialized nations. And we know that countless women, children and men are trafficked through this country every year. The time has come to take a stand.

What Does Our Church Say?

Acting on a recommendation from the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC), the 219th General Assembly (2010) directed the Office of the Stated Clerk to send a letter to the president and Congress calling on the United States government to ratify, without reservations, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. In their rationale, ACWC wrote The U.S. failure to ratify the treaty signals an unwillingness to commit to the standards of just treatment for women spelled out by the document. As a denomination committed to struggling against sexism, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has explicitly articulated in the Articles of Agreement (Section 5.6) its commitment to work against gender-based discrimination. It was appropriate, then, that the 199th General Assembly (1987) asked that the U.S. ratify CEDAW. With the thirtieth anniversary of the adoption of CEDAW in December 2009, attention was again drawn to the failure of the U.S. to ratify this international treaty and commit the country to these global standards for women's rights. The Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC) requests that the PC(USA) reaffirm its commitment to gender equality and to continue its prophetic mission for justice by submitting a renewed request to the U.S. government for the ratification of CEDAW.*

What Does the Bible Say?

In the story of the Levite and the concubine, the Levite says: "Has such a thing ever happened since the day that the Israelites came up from the land of Egypt until this day? Consider it, take counsel, and speak out."

—Judges 19:30b (NRSv)

Read through Judges, Chapter 19, then consider the following questions on your own, or in a group.

- How do you feel as you read this story? Name the particular emotions you feel.
- Who and/or what is to blame for the rape and murder of the concubine?
- At the end of Judges 19, the Levite is so angry about what has happened that he sends a piece of the concubine's body to each of the tribes, asking the people if they have ever seen "such a thing." We know, of course, that this story is happening all the Levite concludes Judges 19 by urging the people to "consider [the rape, abuse and death of the concubine], take counsel, and speak out." In the text, the Levite's words ignite a war between the tribes. What responses does God call us to in this time and place? How could legislation like CEDAW affect the systems of power we named above?

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

Horizons Bible Study

The next Bible Study meeting will be on Friday October 14 at 3:30 pm. We will be studying “Confessing the Beatitudes” . All are welcome

Mission trip to MATE (Mission at the Eastward)

Mission at the Eastward

A group of us from Clarendon Hill will be going on a work camp at Mission at the Eastward in Maine from July 16 –22nd. We thank you so much for all your generous support to help with our expenses: we have raised \$2,264.45 so far. If you haven’t yet had a chance to donate and would like to help us, please feel free to put an envelope in the offering plate at worship on July 3rd or July 10th. Even if you can’t donate money, we would very much like to have your prayers for a successful trip for us!

If this is the first time you are hearing about our trip, and are interested in joining us (you can come for a day, or two, or the whole week!) please contact Ellen Schemerhorn (ellends@verizon.net).

Summer Worship Hours

Please remember that our summer worship hour time will change from 10:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. beginning on Sunday, July 3rd. The last Sunday for our 10:00 a.m. worship time is on Sunday, August 28th. We will resume our 10:30 a.m. time on Sunday, September 4th.

Date	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Mission	Greeter	Nursery
7/3/11 Communion	Arce/Fish	C. Milanesi	Winchester	Cavano	Allen
7/10/11	Allen/Rhoads	Rantisi	Beran	Milanesi	V. Donovan
7/17/11	Herzigs	Liberace	Cavano	Allen	Schemerhorn
7/24/11	Donovan	Cavano	Auger	Auger	S. Donovan
7/31/11	Santiagos	Winchester	Jirmanus	V. Donovan	Gustafson
8/7/11 Communion	Augers	S. Donovan	Liberace	Schemerhorn	Allen
8/14/11	Milanesi/Kumpa	Beran	Milanesi	Kumpa	V. Donovan
8/21/11	Gustafson/Cavano	Jirmanus	Allen	Liberace	Schemerhorn
8/28/11	Schemerhorn	P. Auger	Schemerhorn	Cavano	S. Donovan
9/4/11 Communion	Camelio/Braga	Schemerhorn	S. Donovan	Milanesi	Gustafson
9/11/11	Arce/Fish	D. Santiago	V. Donovan	Allen	Allen
9/18/11	Allen/Rhoads	J. Auger	Kumpa	Auger	V. Donovan
9/25/11	Herzigs	Allen	Camelio	V. Donovan	Schemerhorn
10/2/11 Communion	Donovan	S. Chambers	Winchester	Schemerhorn	S. Donovan
10/9/11	Santiagos	C. Milanesi	Beran	Kumpa	Gustafson
10/16/11	Augers	Rantisi	Cavano	Liberace	Allen
10/23/11	Milanesi/Kumpa	Liberace	Auger	Cavano	V. Donovan
10/30/11	Gustafson/Cavano	Cavano	Jirmanus	Milanesi	Schemerhorn
11/6/11 Communion	Schemerhorn	W. Chambers	Liberace	Allen	S. Donovan
11/13/11	Camelio/Braga	S. Donovan	Milanesi	Auger	Gustafson
11/20/11	Arce/Fish	Beran	Allen	V. Donovan	Allen
11/27/11	Allen/Rhoads	Jirmanus	Schemerhorn	Schemerhorn	V. Donovan
12/4/11 Communion	Herzigs	P. Auger	S. Donovan	Kumpa	Schemerhorn
12/11/11	Donovan	Schemerhorn	V. Donovan	Liberace	S. Donovan
12/18/11	Santiago	D. Santiago	Kumpa	Cavano	Gustafson
12/25/11 Christmas	Augers	J. Auger	Camelio	Milanesi	Allen

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) OR ELLEN SCHEMERHORN (ELLEND@VERIZON.NET).

Clarendon Hill Coffee Hour Instructions

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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