

# THE LIMESTONE CHRONICLE

THE NEWSLETTER OF  
LIMESTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE

June 2008

## Dates to Remember

### Sunday, June 1

Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Church School Celebration  
Graduates Honored  
Honduras Mission Team commissioned

### Saturday, June 7

Mission Team leaves for Honduras

### Sunday, June 8

Summer Worship Schedule Begins  
One hour of worship at 10AM  
Church Picnic following Worship  
Blood Pressure Readings Available

### Sunday, June 15

Fathers Day  
Mission Team returns from Honduras

### Saturday, June 21

Dr. Thomas Long speaks at  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church

### July 21-25

Vacation Bible School  
"Rainforest Adventure:  
A Tree Top Bible Blast!"



## Annual Limestone Picnic

June 8, 2008

Enjoy a single, wonderful worship service at 10:00 a.m., followed by our annual congregational photo and then a great picnic with fun and games.

Wear your shorts and bring your lawn chairs and something to share, salad or dessert, and plan for a great time!



## Announcing Some Help with Healthy Living

*Beginning June 8<sup>th</sup> we will be starting a program of Blood Pressure Readings in the Library after the 10 am service.*

Beverly Drake, Beth Twardowski, Kay McLean, or Jean Springer will be available to take your blood pressure. If you are unsure of what your blood pressure is, or just want to have it checked, come to the Library right after the worship service. There will also be material available, for you to take, with information about what your blood pressure should be and what causes high or low readings.

Jean Springer

## THE LIMESTONE CHRONICLE

Published for  
Limestone Presbyterian Church  
3201 Limestone Road  
Wilmington DE 19808-2198  
Phone: (302) 994-5646  
Fax: 302-225-3286  
Editor: Susie Esterly  
e-mail: Limestonepc@comcast.net  
www.LimestonePresbyterian.org  
Pastors: Bruce Gillette & Carolyn Gillette  
Ministers: Every Member of the Church

## **. A Note from the Pastors: *Consider the Lilies of the Field***

We were recently reading a commentary, *Matthew for Today*, and it pointed out that Jesus was a very joyful person. Of course, he had a serious mission to accomplish—bringing God’s salvation to the world-- and large parts of the gospels point to his suffering and death.

Yet if we read the stories about Jesus carefully, we find that many of them express wonderful joy and a deep sense of God’s abiding love.

Jesus enjoyed worship. As a boy, he remained behind in the Temple after his family left, to talk with the Temple leaders. He was at home there. In Luke we read that Jesus went to the synagogue “as was his custom.” Worship brought him joy.

Jesus enjoyed celebrations. He joined his family members and friends for a wedding at Cana. When the party was slowing down, he even turned water into wine. Jesus was often found at dinner parties with all kinds of people. He taught that God’s kingdom is like a wedding feast and a great banquet.

Jesus enjoyed nature. He told parables about the things he saw when he and his followers walked through the countryside. He observed the seeds growing in the fields, the sheep grazing on the hillsides. He said, “Consider the birds of the air... consider the lilies of the field.” He knew that God cared for those little things in creation, and that God cares for us even more.

Jesus enjoyed being with people, including those who were often turned aside by others. He welcomed children, when others tried to send them away. He had long, in depth theological conversations with women, who were considered inferior by the men in society. He welcomed sinners and saw their worth as children of God.

Jesus enjoyed the presence of God in his life. He taught us to pray, “Our Father,” using a intimate word for father that can be translated “Daddy.” He encouraged people to know God as a loving parent. Many times in the gospels, we read stories of Jesus praying—spending time with God who brought him so much joy and peace.

Jesus said, “I came that you might have life and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Jesus knows that our lives are full of challenges, yet he also knows what abundant life we can have, when we are in close relationship with God. He teaches us to obey God not out of obligation, but out of gratitude for all the ways that God has blessed us.

As your pastors, we know that a number of church families are going through difficult times right now—with health concerns, times of grief, family challenges and more. We hope that all our church members and friends feel the support of Limestone Church in both joyful and challenging times; please let us know if we as your pastors can help in any way. At the same time, we hope that this summer, you can follow Jesus’ example in living an abundant life. Find time to worship, to serve others, to enjoy celebrations, to be outdoors, to spend time with family or friends, and to reflect on the bountiful goodness of God who loves you and holds you in the palm of his hand.

Happy summer! See you in worship!

Grace and Peace,  
Carolyn and Bruce Gillette

# Church School News

by Carolyn Gillette



**Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> is Church School Celebration Sunday.** At our 8:45 a.m. worship, children and youth will receive attendance awards, lead in singing Church School songs, and serve as greeters, ushers, and readers. We will also honor Church School teachers and volunteers. At our 11:00 a.m. worship, church youth will help to lead worship. Our Youth Choir will sing at both the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Join us for a Sunday of praising God and celebrating Limestone's Church School.

**Also on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, graduates will be honored** at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. High school and college graduates are encouraged to attend so we can recognize your accomplishments. Please notify the church office if you are graduating.

**On Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, Church School families are invited to join in our Church-Wide Picnic** for all ages following our worship service. There will be lots of fun, food and fellowship, as well as games and activities for the children led by our youth groups.



**Vacation Bible School will be July 21 – 25, 2008.** Children ages three through ten are invited to participate, and youth ages eleven and above are invited to be helpers. The theme of this year's VBS is "Rainforest Adventure," and all of the Bible stories, songs, crafts, and activities are about sharing with others and caring for God's creation. Adult and youth volunteers will help with set-up (the Sunday before VBS begins), music, crafts, games, Bible stories, and mission projects. Call Pastor Carolyn Gillette at 994-5646 if you would like to help with VBS. Registration forms are available in the church office and also at the end of this newsletter.

**Vacation Bible School Craft Supplies Needed:** Please donate your toilet paper rolls and paper towel cardboard rolls, cardboard egg cartons, any clear jars (baby food, spaghetti, mayo, etc.), soda/beer bottle caps (washed), ribbon remnants, and misc. craft supplies you want to recycle to VBS. There will be a box in the narthex for donations. Thank you!



**Camp Johnsonburg Staff from Limestone Church:** Three Limestone youth—John Gillette, Catherine Gillette, and Lauren Connolly, will spend the summer season serving as counselors and/or lifeguards at Camp Johnsonburg. Kay McLean, one of our Christian Education co-chairs and a registered nurse, will volunteer for a week as a camp nurse. Thank you for serving!

**Johnsonburg Church Camp brochures are available in the church office.** Please note that camp **scholarships** are available for church children who would like to attempt camp. Call 994-5646 for more information.



# Honduras Mission Group Leaves on June 7th

by Pastor Carolyn Gillette

Our church's mission trip to Honduras is almost here! Fifteen Limestone Church members and friends will travel to Honduras to spend a week working with PC(USA) mission workers there-- offering a medical clinic (we have three doctors in our group), a sewing project and a construction project. Honduras is one of the poorest and least developed countries in Latin America, with nearly two-thirds of Hondurans living in poverty. Here are ways that you can be a part of this trip.

**Please pray** for those who will be traveling. **Join us on Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at our 11:00 a.m. worship service**, as we commission our mission team that will be leaving the following Saturday. See below to pray for individual travelers on specific days of their trip.

**Purchase BoGo solar flashlights for Honduras.** Contact the church office at 994-5646 for information on donating lights. We still have deluxe lights (2 for \$30) for you to purchase and donate. You may choose to donate both flashlights, or donate one and keep one for your own use at home. Checks, made out to Limestone Presbyterian Church, may be sent to the church at 3201 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. We will take as many as we can in our luggage and we will ship the rest to our partners at Heifer Project in Honduras. Please let us know if you want to keep or donate your second light. The lights also make great gifts. Thank you.



**Thank you** for your contributions of sewing supplies, soccer balls, Spanish children's books, and money. Our mission team will present a monetary gift to Heifer Project in Honduras for their important work. Consider making a donation. Heifer Project provides farm animals and training so Honduran families can become self-sufficient. You may mail your donation (marked "Heifer Project – Honduras") to the church at the address above. Thank you!

## **Please pray for the following mission team participants, during the days they are traveling:**

Saturday, June 7: Please pray for safe travels for the group, and for Frank Lasala, an ER physician.

Sunday, June 8: Please pray for Jeff Long and Bill Balascio, both from the Hanover Street Presbyterian Church.

Monday, June 9: Please pray for Barbara Hoover, one of our deacons, and her sister, Judy Apostolico.

Tuesday, June 10: Please pray for Lee Ann Connolly, an elder at Limestone, and Lauren Connolly, one of our high school youth.

Wednesday, June 11: Please pray for Carolyn Gillette, one of our co-pastors, and Catherine Gillette, one of our high school youth.

Thursday, June 12: Please pray for Chuck Miller, a pediatrician, and his granddaughter (a graduate student), Dana Clasby.

Friday, June 13: Please pray for Pam Zorn, an ER physician who is Chuck Miller's daughter, and Pam's son, Ivan Zorn, a high school student.

Saturday, June 14: Please pray for Andrea Sotomayor of New Castle Presbyterian Church and Justin Greenberg, two grad students in Spanish at the University of Delaware.

Sunday, June 15: Please pray for the people of Honduras we have met and worked with, and safe travels home.

## *Summer Opportunities to Learn and Grow*



*Bible Study*

### *Pastor's Bible Study on Mondays*

You are invited to a Bible study on Monday mornings, 11:00 a.m. to Noon, in our church library. We are looking at the lectionary text; the assigned readings from the Bible for each Sunday (see the readings below).

The discussion is led by the Pastor (Bruce or Carolyn) who will be preaching the next Sunday. You can come weekly or whenever it works for your schedule; no prior Bible study experience is needed. Join us for this time of prayer, study and fellowship together!

### **June 1st/Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group: Spiritual Disciplines for Vacation**

An important summer ritual for many of us is taking a vacation. Time away from jobs, home, commitments, and responsibilities— no matter whether it is a weekend or a week— offers an opportunity for renewal of bodies, minds, and souls. But going on vacation doesn't mean we also have to take a vacation from faith. Because we live in a culture that values quickness, immediate response, a driving pace of life, and constant connection, taking time for renewing the body and soul becomes an increasingly important practice of faith. Summers and vacations offer individuals and families the opportunity to connect with time, Sabbath, and spiritual practices in new ways. This study discusses the importance of valuing different kinds of time in your life and offers practical suggestions for trying a variety of spiritual disciplines during your next time away so that time away from the usual routine doesn't necessarily mean time away from faith. Join us Sunday, June 1st, at 10:00 a.m in the church library for this discussion.

### *Tuesday Evening Bible Study*

This Bible Study will meet on Tuesday night, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Library and finish the study of the Book of Acts. This will be the last meeting until September. BYOB (Bring your own Bible) All are Welcome! Wes Wardell

### *Wednesday Evening Discussions*

Join us each Wednesday evening in June from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for great fellowship and wonderful times of learning. June's topics will include a discussion on the wind power proposal off the Delaware coast and Judaism. Most Christians are aware that our faith is grounded in the Jewish faith. What we call the Old Testament is really the Scripture for the Jews. Many of us have Jewish friends and are respectful of their faith. But do we really know how they live their faith? What are the different groups of Jews, what holidays do they celebrate, how are we similar, and what do we learn from them?

### *Sunday Evening Book Group*

The Book Group meets the first and third Sundays of the month at 7PM in the Library. They will be reading "The New Earth" by Eckhart Tolle.

### *June Lectionary*

#### **June 1 (9th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24; 8:14-19  
Psalm 46:1-11  
Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 (29-31)  
Matthew 7:21-29

#### **June 8 (10th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

#### **June 15 (11th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Genesis 18:1-15 (21:1-7)  
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19  
Romans 5:1-8  
Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

#### **June 22 (12th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

#### **June 29 (13th Sunday in Ordinary Time)**

Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13:1-6  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

# Youth at Limestone

## LIMESTONE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP JUNE

### SCHEDULE 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade

June 1<sup>st</sup> – YG Meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> – Youth will be helping with  
games at the Church Picnic  
Karen Cratz 368-5630

## SENIOR HIGHS!

End of the Year Schedule

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 7-8:30PM End of the Year  
party, bring a snack to share

Have a great Summer!!! We will start back  
up in September. Do not forget about  
Vacation Bible School for those who will be  
around.

Jill Cilmi at 302-753-9610 or  
Jill2013@comcast.net

## Limestone Celebrates Graduates

### High School Graduates

**Lauren Bermingham** is graduating from  
A.I.duPont High School. Lauren will be  
attend the University of Delaware in the fall.

**Thomas Koriakin** is graduating from A.I.  
duPont High School and will attend the  
University of Delaware in the fall.

**If you have a family member graduating, please let us know so we can congratulate them too. Call the church office at 994-5646.**



### College Graduates

**Albert J. Conley IV** (Albie) graduated from  
Wesley College on May 3, 2008, with a  
Bachelor of Arts Degree in History/Education.

## Church-wide Fun Time at Blue Rocks Baseball Game on June 27th

We will have a church-wide fellowship time attending the Wilmington Blue Rocks on -  
Friday, June 27th, at 7:00 p.m. Please place the following sign-up in the offering plate  
on Sunday or call the church office (994-5646) or email limestonepc@comcast.net by  
Saturday noon, June 21st. Jacoby Ellsbury Bobblehead giveaway to the first 1,000  
fans, courtesy of the *News Journal*. It's also a Family Faith night at Frawley. You have  
the option of staying for a special post-game faith-based speaker and Christian band  
"Sum of One" performance (no extra admission for faith night events). Tickets at a  
group rate are a bargain, only \$7.00, for reserved seating with free parking. Carpooling  
is available from the Limestone parking lot. Join us for this fun evening!



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# Limestone Presbyterian Women

## Circle Notes

Women's Circles



**Deborah Circle** will meet on Wednesday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., in the Library. They will work on clothing sale tags and have lunch at the church after their June meeting. Gail DeAngelo (892-9707) is the circle leader. Babysitting provided.

**Esther Circle** will meet for lunch on Tuesday, June 10, at the Grill at Deerfield in Newark. Time to be determined. Ruth Smith (668-5997) is the Circle Leader

**Judith Circle** will meet on Wednesday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room for a Potluck Supper. Bobbi Van Pelt (737-9161) is the Circle Leader.

**Please Note:** There will be no circle meetings in July and August. When we resume in September, the new Bible study will be *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor.*

**Ladies, you are welcome to join any of the Circles at any time.**

## Presbyterian Women Dates to Remember:

**June 13-15<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - Synod Summer Gathering, Massanetta Springs, VA

**September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008** - Fall Gathering, "Caring for God's Creation" at First Presbyterian Church of Newark

**October 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>** - Children's Clothing Sale

**October 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>** - Men's and Women's Ministries trip to New Windsor

**April 24-26, 2009** - Annual Spring Retreat, Brighton Suites, Rehoboth DE

**July 11-15, 2009** - Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, Louisville, KY



## Retreat Weekend in Rehoboth April 25-27, 2008

As usual, Limestone Presbyterian Women were well represented at New Castle Presbytery's retreat at Brighton Suites in Rehoboth with 11 ladies in attendance. The weather cooperated, and great workshops and music by Linda Wardell inspired us. Associate Pastor Jody Tualofai of White Clay Presbyterian Church in Newark was the keynote speaker. She also provided us with thought-provoking Bible study.

The retreat in 2009 is again scheduled at the Brighton Suites for the weekend of April 24-26. Mark your calendars. Come and join us for a spirit-filled time with many fun things to do. We hope to see you there.

Dell McGeachie

# Limestone Men's Ministry

## Band of Brothers – No man left behind

### Synod of Mid Atlantic Presbyterian Men - 2008 Fellowship and Conference

The Annual Synod Men's Conference will be held on July 18, 19 & 20 at Massanetta Springs in Harrisonburg, VA. This year's Conference has a great line up of speakers and activities. For example:

**Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo** is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University in St Davids, Pennsylvania. Founder and President of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education (EAPE), Dr. Campolo has worked to create, nurture and support programs for "at risk" children in cities across North America, and has helped to establish schools and universities in several developing countries.

**Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Cannon** is senior Pastor of the C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. Rev Cannon has served as the Associate Pastor of the North Eastern Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC, and currently serves as the President of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus of the PC (USA). Jerry is no stranger to the Limestone Men. He was our speaker at our 2007 Communion Breakfast.

**Dr. Young Ho Lee** practices medicine at the Christian Family Care, Inc in Tacoma, Washington. Dr Lee was instrumental in the development of the *Manna Mission* project to build a general hospital in Rasun City, North Korea. The hospital is 50,000 sq. feet in size and will have 80 beds and 2 operating rooms. He was also instrumental in building two new buildings in the TB center plus two additional wards.

**Rev. George Goodman** graduated from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, NC and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He became pastor of the C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC and served until 1990. He is currently Associate Presbyter for Presbytery of the Peaks in Lynchburg, VA.

**Jocelyn Thompson** is Music director at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. She has led our music at Massanetta in past years and will be returning in 2008 to lift us up spiritually with music as only she can.

### Saturday afternoon free time highlights

**Eric Rice-Johnston** will be playing the bag pipe for all to enjoy. **Randy Smith** will be leading the annual Shenandoah Valley "**Historic Scenic Tour**". Cost of the tour is \$25.00 per person. For more information contact him directly at RandySmith789@comcast.net **Mike Liddle** will be leading a **Tubing Excursion** for the first time at the Men's Conference. For more information contact him directly at MikeLiddle@cox.net **Stan Huie** will be leading a **Cross Country Bike Excursion** for the first time ever at the Men's Conference. For more information contact Stan directly at Stan@Huies.net **Annual Golf Tournament**. Add \$45.00 for green fee. Contact Floyd Gilbert at fgretired@cox.net for more information. **Appalachian Trail hike in Shenandoah National Park. Challenge Course** led by Massanetta Springs Staff on Massanetta Springs site.

As I said, the 2008 Conference promises to be one of our best ever... If you are interested in attending, or just need more information, please contact me at 302-239-9319.

**"Therefore, if any one is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17**

Sincerely, Ron Crick, Limestone Presbyterian Church Men's Ministry Leader

### Limestone Men's Ministry      Calendar of Events

June 4	Steering Committee	Ron Crick	Limestone Library 7:00pm
June 14	June monthly meeting	Jay Grant	DelCastle Inn 8:00am
July 12	July monthly meeting Picnic breakfast + develop 2007/2008 schedule	Gary Bell with Jay Grant, Ron Crick & Wes Wardell	Brandywine Springs 8:00am
July 18, 19 & 20	2008 Mid Atlantic Synod Presbyterian Men's Conference	Ron Crick Conference Chair	Massanetta Springs Harrisonburg, VA
August	No monthly meeting		

# Food Closet



Your Donations are Needed  
and  
Don't Forget Your  
Zingos and Acme Sales Slips!  
**They Make a Difference!**

## Emmanuel Room

We are always in need of Cookie Bakers, Turkey Cookers and Food Servers!

Contact Kris Taylor  
302-834-3526  
for information.

## *The Comfort Shawl Knitting Ministry*

The next meeting of the Comfort Shawl Ministry will be on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. in the church library. If you knit or crochet or want to learn how come and join us and see what we're about.

You would be interested to know that we have received several donations so that I have bought extra yarn or you could be reimbursed for yarn you have bought. I'll bring some of the yarn to the meeting so you can have a look. Any questions - just give me a call at 731-0515. Ann Thomas



## Deacons' Corner

Board of Deacons Officers for 2008  
Moderator-Kris Taylor,  
Vice-Moderator-Mike Casale,  
Treasurer-Mike DeAngelo,  
Secretary-Carolyn Allen.

Your Board of Deacons continues to be grateful for donations from the congregation through the Deacon envelopes. We thank you on behalf of those whose lives are helped through your generosity.

Emmanuel Dining Room served 191 adults and children on April 24, 2008. Thanks to those who prepare and serve the meal along with cookie and turkey bakers.

Limestone Food Closet provided food for 45 adults and 32 children by distributing 34 grocery bags along with food and gas certificates. One idea on how you may contribute to Limestone's food closet (from the book the Deacons are studying—"Our Day to End Poverty-24 Ways You Can Make a Difference") is to buy just one additional item each time you shop and put it aside—or take advantage of those sales of multiple items. When your donation box or bag is full, drop it off at Church.

Limestone will be hosting an Urban Promise training session on July 6th. This ministry for at-risk youth has been supported by our church for many years. A potluck dinner at 5 p.m. will be followed by a brief worship service. More information on how you may participate in what will be a fun evening will be provided.

Your contributions provided the following assistance for the period April 21-May 18, 2008.

Lodging	\$495
Utilities	715

Carolyn Allen

## *Births*

**Molly Kate Mathew**, daughter of Mathew and Sally and granddaughter of Tom and Sareena Mathew, was born May 10, 2008 in Oklahoma.

## *Marriages*

**Donald Scholes and Alexis Cooper** were married at Limestone on April 26, 2008.

## *Deaths*

Olwen Forbes died April 22, 2008 in Solon, Ohio at age 90.

George William "Bill" Hoover, husband of Barbara died April 27, 2008 in Wilmington, at age 75.

Charlotte Rehrig, mother of deacon Kris Taylor, died May 1, 2008 in Newark, Delaware at age 74.

Marsha Mazza, wife of Carl Mazza, died May 12, 2008 at age 55.

## *In Memory*

Gifts have been given in memory of Olwen Forbes by Mary Kimball and US Chemical & Plastics of Massillon, Ohio.

A gift has been given in memory of Bill Hoover by Pauline M. Kozikowski.

Gifts have been given in memory of Charlotte Rehrig by

Mr. & Mrs. David C. Allen  
Mr. & Mrs. Alan Bates  
Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bock  
Mrs. Christine Drake  
Marianne S. Fleming  
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hontz  
Mr. Carroll Humphrey  
Mary Kimball  
Pauline M. Kozikowski  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Olinchak  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Osgood  
Mary-Ellin Parsons  
Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence C. Rehrig  
Bill Sebok  
Mr. & Mrs. Denis Shaffer  
Anita C. Thomas  
Nancy C. Zippe



Welcome  
Our *New*  
Members

Limestone has recently welcomed the following new members:

Faye Taylor

Bethany Twardowski

Ted and Kathy Elder III

## *June Birthdays*

6/01 Kyle Lentz, Matthew & Robert McLean

6/02 Zach Martin

6/03 Jay Jones, Annette Schaumann,  
Gena Timmer

6/04 Dorine Houston

6/05 Anne Zippe Camilli, Michelle Streifhau

6/06 Gail Bobish, Caroline & Emily Putscher

6/07 Tracy Kuhns, Walter Peters, Faye Taylor

6/09 Donna Leckie, Frank McMillian,  
Ryan Steckline

6/10 Holly Schaeffer, Brad Wickersham

6/11 Jay Bak

6/14 Brittany Dean, Woody Eveland

6/15 Matthew Kinney, Doug Tipton

6/16 Jay Weber

6/17 John Chromy

6/18 Peggy Marsico, Yvonne Tipton

6/19 Debra Bermingham, Joseph Bermingham  
Eric Eveland, Leah Jonczyk

6/20 Lee Ann Connolly, Caroline Koriakin,  
Kevin Mercado

6/21 Kyle Scott, David Smith

6/22 Emma & Joseph DeAngelo, Abigail Steele

6/23 Lauren Connolly, Cynthia Jarom

6/24 Helen Chandler, Ron Freeman

6/25 Graham Rich, Wayne Warner

6/27 Morita Greist

6/28 Stephen Barthlow

6/29 Clayton Powell, Betty Smith,  
Mary Verbanas

6/30 Sarah Marshall, Jacob Watts

# Letters to Limestone

Muchas Gracias!

Heartfelt thanks to the members of Limestone Presbyterian Church who have been praying for my healing after two stray dogs attacked me in front of my house this past February. It really touched my heart to receive your card and see all those signatures.

I was filled with nostalgia as I read through the Palm Sunday bulletin and recalled many happy memories of past activities at Limestone before I came to live here in Mexico.

More than six weeks have passed now since the attack and I am almost completely healed. Fortunately neither of the two dogs was rabid and I did not need to receive the series of injections to prevent rabies. The bites on my hands and legs are little pink marks now and I am finally able to bend my right knee. I am still having some discomfort with the two herniated disks in my back, and I'm scheduled to have a procedure next week to inject a substance between the disks to relieve the pain.

It is truly a blessing to know that my church family in Delaware has been praying for me while I have been healing. Thank you for your prayers! God Bless you!

Janice Weber Vara

Dear Friends/Family,

Please spread the word that I am teaching piano and voice lessons this summer. I would like to add new students! My phone number is: 302-368-8834

Thanks! Kelly Kline



## Computer Club at Limestone

(PC's only)

Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1-3PM,  
in the Library

Join us for fun, fellowship,  
and lots of computer tips!

Visit the Computer Club website at:  
<http://computerclublimestone.home.comcast.net>

## Literacy Volunteers Serving Adults Northern Delaware, Inc.

May 6, 2008

Dear Friend:

On behalf of the staff and volunteer tutors, I would like to thank you for your kind hospitality shown to us during the April Tutor Training sessions held at your church. The staff was very accommodating and helpful. We continue to appreciate your support in granting us space to meet for training and also for tutoring.

Again thank you,  
Cynthia E. Shermeyer, Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for all the prayers for my husband. I will remember your kindness always.

Sincerely,

*Doris Bogucki and Family*

## Urban Promise Sunday Pot Luck Dinner & Worship - Sunday, July 6

Limestone is hosting a Sunday Program for the staff and workgroups of URBAN PROMISE. We will be providing a pot luck dinner from 5 pm to 6 pm followed by a short worship service led by our Pastors with music by Living Water. Limestone has supported URBAN PROMISE most recently with our Pentecost offering.

Please help us welcome these dedicated young people by bringing food to share: Pasta salads, vegetable salads, fruit, spaghetti, baked beans, chips, pretzels, punch, dessert or your own specialty. We expect to have 50 people.

Join us and share fellowship, food and worship.

**Call Deacon Barbara Hoover with any  
questions - 998-3090**



## ***Join Us for an Evening with***

**“One of the 12 most effective preachers in the English speaking world”**

# **Dr. Thomas G. Long**



In a survey of clergy of all denominations by Baylor University, Dr Long was listed as one of the 12 most effective preachers in the English speaking world, ranking with Billy Graham, James Forbes of Riverside Church in New York, Barbara Brown Taylor, and William Willimon.

Dr. Long is the author of over a dozen books including *The Witness of Preaching; Testimony: Talking Ourselves into Being Christian;* commentaries on the Gospel of Matthew and the Letter to the Hebrews.

Dr. Long is Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Atlanta. Dr. Long has previously served on the teaching staff at Princeton (where he taught Pastors Bruce & Carolyn Gillette), Columbia, and Erskine Theological Seminaries.

## ***“The Church at the Four Corners”***

An Introduction to the Four Gospels by a Gifted Preacher & Bible Teacher

Saturday, June 21, (mark your calendars now) 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803  
Carpooling will be available from the Limestone Presbyterian Church parking lot

This event benefits the work of the Interfaith Resource Center in Wilmington, Delaware that provides educational materials for churches throughout Delaware. Pastor Bruce Gillette serves on Interfaith Resource Center’s Board of Directors. Additional information about IRC is available at [www.interfaithresourcecenter.com](http://www.interfaithresourcecenter.com) \$10 tickets will be available at the Limestone Presbyterian Church office.

***June's Presbyterian General Assembly of Special Interest for Limestone Presbyterians***  
***Tom Mathew serves as a Committee Vice-Moderator and Carl Mazza Seeks to be GA Moderator***

*This June, our Presbyterian national governing body meeting will be of special interest to Limestone Presbyterians. Limestone elder Tom Mathew will be serving as the vice-Moderator for the Assembly Committee on Church Growth and Christian Education. Long-time Limestone friend Carl Mazza is seeking to be the GA Moderator. On Saturday night, June 21st, (starting at 10:00 p.m. EST) you can watch Carl and the other candidates answer questions and then one of them be elected on live video online at [www.pcusa.org/ga218](http://www.pcusa.org/ga218) You can also read print news stories there. Daily VoiceLine summaries are available at 1-800-872-3283. The following is a Presbyterian News Service article about this meeting.*

**LOUISVILLE** — Though a number of recurring social justice concerns will be on the docket — Middle East peace, abortion, the Iraq war, and others— the agenda of the 218th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seems top-heavy with issues related to the internal life of the 2.3 million-member denomination.

Those issues include the election of two top officers — the moderator and stated clerk — as well as a proposed revision of the PC(USA)'s *Form of Government* and steps toward greater cooperation among the myriad Presbyterian groups engaged in mission around the world. Ordination standards and the role of gays and lesbians in church life and governance will also be considered.

More than 3,500 people are expected to attend the June 21-28 Assembly in San Jose, CA, including 752 voting “commissioners,” an equal number of ministers and elders elected by their presbyteries (regional governing bodies). There are 173 presbyteries in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

The General Assembly meets biennially and is the highest governing body of the church. This year's Assembly will also be asked to adopt a 2009-12 Mission Work Plan, a detailed blueprint for the work of the church at the national and international level for the next four years, and General Assembly Mission Budgets of \$110.3 million for 2009 and \$107.6 million for 2010.

The budgets foresee no further staff cuts at the church's Presbyterian Center in Louisville, restoration of an office of Environmental Ministry that was eliminated two years ago in a budget and staff reduction, and the first increase in the number of overseas mission workers in 50 years — from the current 196 to 215 in 2009 and 220 in 2010.

For the first time in 12 years the church will elect a new stated clerk, the PC(USA)'s top ecclesiastical officer. A search committee has nominated the Rev. Gradye Parsons to succeed the Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick, who has opted not to seek a fourth four-year term. For the past eight years Parsons has served as one of Kirkpatrick's top deputies. One other candidate has announced his intention to stand for election — the Rev. Ed Koster, who is currently the stated clerk of Detroit Presbytery.

Four candidates have been endorsed for moderator of the General Assembly — **the Rev. Carl Mazza of New Castle Presbytery**; the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow of San Francisco Presbytery; Elder Roger Shoemaker of Homestead Presbytery; and the Rev. Bill Teng of National Capital Presbytery. The moderator presides over the General Assembly meeting and then serves as the chief interpreter of the Assembly and the church's work for the ensuing two years.

A Form of Government Task Force (FOGTF), created by the 217th General Assembly (2006) is bringing its recommendations for a revised PC(USA) polity to the Assembly. The FOGTF proposal substitutes a new section entitled “Foundations of Presbyterian Polity” for the current Chapters I-IV of “The Book of Order” and consolidates and simplifies the remaining Chapters V-XVIII into six chapters. Its intent is to transform Presbyterian polity from a “regulatory” to a “missional” model.

In addition to a few proposed amendments to the new document, overtures (resolutions) from 20 presbyteries seek a two-year delay to allow time for studying the proposal more carefully. With more and more congregations, presbyteries and other groups engaging directly in world mission, Assembly commissioners will learn what has been done in response to a request from the 2006

Assembly that ways be found to enhance cooperation and collaboration among all Presbyterians in the global arena. A Jan. 16-18 consultation in Dallas entitled “[Renewed Call to Presbyterian Mission in the World! A Dialogue for Our Shared Future](#),” brought together leaders from the PC(USA)’s World Mission office and a host of other Presbyterian-related groups that do mission. The gathering produced a shared set of core values, practices and mission strategies — “[An Invitation to Expanding Partnership in God’s Mission](#)” — that has been endorsed by virtually every mission-related group in the PC(USA).

Ordination standards and the role of gays and lesbians in the church will again be front-and-center. The 2004 Assembly deferred action on the issue until after a Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity and Purity of the Church (PUP) attempted to address it along with a number of divisive issues confronting the PC(USA).

The task force’s report, which was adopted by the 2006 Assembly, urged intentional dialogue and mutual forbearance between various factions in the church. On the issue of ordination of sexually active gays and lesbians, the report included an “authoritative interpretation” of the constitution calling for a return to the historic practice of “scrupling.” It said candidates for ordination could declare their conscientious objection (or “scruple”) to any portion of the church’s Constitution, and the ordaining body would then determine if the scruple disqualified them from ordination.

Traditionalists called the authoritative interpretation a license for presbyteries to ordain gays and lesbians. But church courts subsequently ruled that declaring a scruple does not grant license to disobey behavioral mandates in *The Book of Order* — particularly G-6.0106b, which requires church officers to practice “fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman or chastity in singleness.”

Ten presbyteries have submitted overtures calling for the rescinding or modification of all or part of the PUP report, and 12 presbyteries are calling for amending G-6.0106b or removing it from the Constitution. Another nine presbyteries are calling for the Office of the Stated Clerk to develop or collect effective models for examining candidates for ordination.

Among the social/political issues on the docket for the 218th General Assembly:

*Social Creed:* A new ecumenical Social Creed was requested by the 2004 General Assembly to mark the centennial of the original Social Creed of 1908, which addressed working conditions, child labor and workers’ rights in the wake of the Industrial Revolution. The new creed, which is also being considered by the member churches of the National Council of Churches, adds global economic and environmental concerns to the issues raised by the 1908 document.

*Social policy:* The Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy will bring eight papers to the Assembly addressing such issues as Iraq, homelessness, the church’s continuing response to the post-Hurricane Katrina Gulf Coast, pay equity for women, the church’s ministry with those with serious mental illness, energy and global warming, and voting rights and electoral reform.

*Iraq:* Overtures from 12 presbyteries on the Iraq war call for actions ranging from U.S. withdrawal of troops to greater humanitarian outreach to the war’s victims;

*Middle East:* Overtures on the Middle East from 16 presbyteries address issues ranging from encouraging Presbyterians to travel to Israel-Palestine to see conditions for themselves, to renewed calls for divestment, to greater efforts to foster interfaith dialogue.

*Same-sex relationships:* Two presbyteries have submitted overtures calling for a change in the church’s constitutional definition of marriage to include same-sex couples, and two presbyteries are calling for the church to support equal rights for same-sex families.

*Abortion:* Three overtures have been submitted by two presbyteries, seeking greater balance in funding and advocacy on the abortion question and annual reporting by the Board of Pensions on its “relief of conscience” program, which assures that medical plan dues paid by churches opposed to abortion will not be used to pay for abortions.

For the first time, two of the Assembly’s 17 committees will dispense with customary parliamentary business and will be charged with doing “generative thinking.” One will examine proposed revisions to the PC(USA)’s *Directory for Worship*. The other will take a comprehensive look at the denomination’s ministry with youth and youth participation in the church.

**Limestone Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware**

**June 2008**

*Invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers  
to our **June** times of worship, learning,  
fellowship and service*

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Communion & Baptism Church School Celebration Graduates Honored 8:45AM Worship 10AM Church School 11AM Worship Honduras Mission Team commissioned HS End of Year Party 7PM Book Group	2 11AM Lectionary Study	3	4 9:30AM Women's Coordinating Team  7PM Adult Discussion Group  7PM Men's Fellowship Steering Committee	5	6 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Movie at Limestone: "National Treasure: Book of Secrets"  8PM AA	7 Honduras Mission Trip June 7 - 15  9:30AM AA 9:30AM Alanon
8 Summer Schedule 10AM Worship Church Picnic following Worship	9 11AM Lectionary 10:30AM Stephen Ministry 1:30PM Stephen Ministry	10 Esther Circle out for Lunch Deadline for July Chronicle Articles  7PM Bible Study	11 9:15AM Deborah Circle Meeting & Lunch 6:30PM Judith Circle Pot Luck Supper 7PM Adult Discussion	12 9AM Historical & Archive Committee	13 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Movie at Limestone: "The Great Debaters"  8PM AA	14 8AM Men's Ministry DelCastle Inn 9:30AM AA 9:30AM Alanon
15 <b>Fathers Day</b> 10AM Worship Summer Church School 11AM Deacons Meet 7PM Book Group	16 11AM Lectionary Study	17	18 7PM Adult Discussion Group	19	20 7:00 p.m. Friday Night Movie at Limestone: "The Spiderwick Chronicles"  8PM AA	21 9:30AM AA 9:30AM Alanon 1PM Computer Club 7PM Dr. Thomas Long speaks at Aldersgate United Methodist Ch.
22 10AM Worship Summer Church School	23 11AM Lectionary Study 6PM Christian Education Committee	24 Emmanuel Dining Room <i>Chronicle</i> Collated	25 1PM Prayer Shawl 7PM Adult Discussion Group	26	27 Church-Wide Trip to the Blue Rocks  8PM AA	28 9:30AM AA 9:30AM Alanon
29 10AM Worship Summer Church School	30 11AM Lectionary Study	<b>Upcoming Events</b> July 21-25 Vacation Bible School				

# Update on about Limestone's Roof and Solar Project

The bad news is that your roof has had a leak and your roof is 23 years old. The good news is this roof is not on your home. The bad news is this roof is on your church home. The good news is that you do not have to pay for the new roof by yourself, but can share this unbudgeted expense (probably about \$50,000) with over 600 friends who are your fellow church members. We hope everyone, including you, can help with this needed project.

The Session of the Limestone Presbyterian Church voted unanimously at its May meeting to approve a new roof for the church building and the installation of solar panels on the southern sanctuary roof. The decision was based on ten months of study and discussion. We hope all church members and friends will contribute toward the roof-solar project.

1) **No buckets at Limestone:** One of the best high schools in the area currently has a leaky roof resulting in the teachers and students having to walk around buckets that are collecting water leaking through the damaged roof. Limestone's roof was put on 23 years ago and we want to avoid any buckets at our church. We hope most of the church roof is in good shape, but we have already had some problems that needed to be patched (evidence of the leaks can be seen in the stairwell ceiling by the choir room). We want to replace the roof before any more damage is done so we can save needless additional expenses. Five roofers have been contacted for bids.

We hope to finalize a roof contract in the coming week and have a new church roof on soon.

2) **Bad News and Good News for God's World:** The Bible tells us when God finished creating the world that it was very good (Genesis 1:31), and that we are created to take care of it (Genesis 1:26), and that the earth belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). All major Christian denominations now understand the Bible is teaching us to better care for God's creation. There is well-founded concern about the world's worsening condition and its impact on future generations. The 2007 Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)'s latest report says we all need to be taking positive actions now. Solar panels are one way we can make the world better now for us, as well as for our children and grandchildren, for everyone. After careful analysis by some top engineers (Limestone Presbyterians and one Episcopal friend) and our church treasurer, we have concluded that solar panels on the sanctuary roof will gradually pay for themselves over a ten year period with help from a state grant. We welcome your financial support of this project.

Please place your tax-deductible, special gift for the Limestone Presbyterian Church's roof and solar project in the offering plate or mail it to the church at 3201 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808.

**Thank you!**

## Summer Movies at Limestone

A summer movie series each Friday night, starting at 7:00 p.m., is being planned for Limestone. Karen Cratz, one of Limestone's gifted youth workers, is coordinating it. Join us for these new movies (popcorn provided):

**June 6th: National Treasure: Book of Secrets:** Treasure hunter Benjamin Franklin Gates looks to discover the truth behind the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, by uncovering the mystery within the 18 pages missing from assassin John Wilkes Booth's diary.

**June 13th: The Great Debaters:** Inspired by a true story, "The Great Debaters" chronicles the journey of Professor Melvin Tolson (played by Denzel Washington), a brilliant but volatile debate team coach who uses the power of words to shape a group of underdog students from a small African American college in the deep south into a historically elite debate team.

**June 20th: The Spiderwick Chronicles** A fantasy adventure for the child in all of us, peculiar things start to happen the moment the Grace family (Jared, his twin brother Simon, sister Mallory and their mom) leave New York and move into the secluded old house owned by their great, great uncle Arthur Spiderwick.

**June 27th: Church-wide Trip to the Blue Rocks Baseball Game and Christian Rock Concert preempts this movie night; look for more Friday night movies in July.**



# Vacation Bible School Registration

## “Rainforest Adventure: A Tree Top Bible Blast!”

Children ages 3 through 10 years old

Monday, July 21 – Friday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon

Suggested donation is \$10.00 per child / \$25.00 per family maximum;

Checks may be made payable to Limestone Presbyterian Church and designated “VBS.”

All children are welcome to attend whether or not their families make a donation.

Child’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

**Age Information:**

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Last School Grade Completed \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical Information/Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact - Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Dismissal Information**

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS each day

\_\_\_\_\_

Photo Release: Can your child be photographed and the picture (without a name) appear in church news articles in print and on the Internet? (Circle one) Yes No

Other Information (church use only)



Are parents helping with VBS \_\_\_\_\_ If so, in which area \_\_\_\_\_