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Pray Daily—Ignite!

by Pastor Pete James

“Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?”
Isaiah 43:19

God is doing a new thing at VPC! It’s not simply about new buildings, new organizational structures, new staff or even new ministries. It’s about us! God wants to make us new people by transforming us into his likeness. This new thing is most certainly connected to the work God is doing to renew the

PC(USA), a denomination with a rich heritage that has been in numerical decline for nearly a generation.

In March, I shared a vision with Session for revitalizing our prayer life as a community of people learning to follow Jesus. Inspired by a study of 18th and 19th century spiritual awakenings, this vision calls us to engage together in 90 days of prayer this summer. A team has been working to bring this vision to life in short order.

Imagine what would happen if an entire church community entered into God’s presence in prayer every day this summer. What would this community learn about God and His mission in the world? About themselves? How would this community be changed? What impact would that have on Vienna? On northern Virginia? On the world?

What would happen if that church community invited

other churches to join them? What would happen if churches throughout our denomination committed to daily prayer for 90 days? How would such churches be changed? What impact would they have on our denomination? On the world?

Pray Daily—Ignite!, the framework for our daily prayers, is based on Jesus’ response to his disciples appeal, “Lord, teach us to pray!” From this passage in Luke 11, Jesus teaches us a whole new manner of praying. *Pray Daily—Ignite!* will be available in printed copy, in the Virtual Chapel on VPC’s web site, and on CDs. No matter where you are or what you are doing, you can connect with our church family in daily prayer this summer.

Prayer is sometimes difficult. Like the early disciples, we don’t know how to pray. On Sunday, June 10, our VPC community will gather at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall for teaching on

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prayer and to walk through the *Pray Daily—Ignite!* format.

In addition, a sermon series directed toward answering questions about prayer will be preached this summer. The Psalms, serving as the church's first prayer book, will provide the launch pad for our Sunday sermons. We anticipate how these ancient Psalms will become altogether new for God's people this summer.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 9, we will gather once more in the sanctuary to celebrate, testify to and praise God for what He did during the 90 days of prayer.

God is always on the move calling us, in the words of C.S. Lewis, "to go higher up and further in" to God and his love through fellowship in prayer. Join us in the adventure of Praying Daily this summer!

"Cotton Patch Gospel": June 17

by Kerry Wilkerson, Music Ministries Assistant Director

On June 17, the Christ-Now-Choir will be with us in our morning worship services as well as offer a concert in our sanctuary at 7:00 pm. Their youth choir for 6th-12th graders is an outreach ministry of the First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Texas and is a shining model of a vibrant youth music ministry.

The musical they will be performing at 7:00 pm, "Cotton Patch Gospel", sets the story of Jesus in the state of Georgia. It has humor and the drama of his

life. The music is a blue grass/country/folk blend. They will be accompanied by an ensemble of guitars, bass, fiddle and piano.

First United Methodist Church of Rockwall, Texas is located near Dallas. Their youth choir tours annually as part of their outreach mission. Two of their current members, Barry and Renata Steiner, used to be members at VPC. Their daughter will be participating in this tour.

Meet Our C.M. Summer Interns

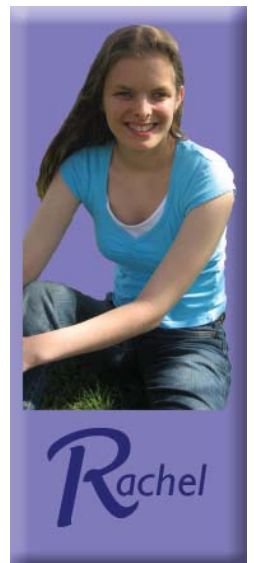
by Daryl Wright, Children's Ministries Assistant Director

Kim Snyder was our Children's Ministries intern last summer, and we are so pleased to have her back!

Last summer, she volunteered to lead the children's mission week and did a wonderful job lining up places for the children to participate in service, from retirement homes to soup kitchens. She also led the drama part of our Vacation Bible school and was outstanding in her role as a daily dramatic storyteller. Kim is a creative, excellent teacher from Michigan, who is in the process of moving to this area to pursue her teaching career.



Rachell Kennelly just finished her college studies at Cedarville University in Ohio, where she majored in Applied Psychology. She has a wealth of experience in working with children who have various disabilities (*i.e.*, as a swimming instructor), has a lot of teaching and camp experience, has written several children's books and is in the process of seeking publication for them. She uses a wheelchair and has very limited vision, and will certainly teach us quite a lot about not allowing limitations to define us!





All-Church Events in June

- **5/6 OTM:** June 1 & 18
- **VPC Community Gathering (Pray Daily—Ignite!):** June 10, 6:30 pm
- **Sunday School Year:** ends June 10
- **PITS Picnic:** June 16 at Glyndon Park
- **“Cotton Patch Gospel”:** June 17, 7 pm
- **Summer Mission Project Commissioning:** June 17
- **Inova Babysitting Course:** June 20, 9 am
- **VPC Book Club:** June 20, 7:30 pm
- **SMPs to Mexico & Virginia:** begin June 24
- **Vacation Bible School II:** June 25-29 at Meadowkirk
- **SMP to Mississippi:** begins June 30

To announce an all-church event here, phone 703.938.9050 ext. 105



Photo: Kim Jackson

Keeping Up With the Changes

by Dick Eagan, Executive Director

The Seven Practices of a Disciple—**Pray Daily, Worship Weekly, Study Diligently, Live Faithfully, Serve Creatively, Give Generously and Witness Boldly**—have been preached and taught for the past couple of years. They are being presented and shared consistently and are truly beginning to integrate into the life of the VPC community.

In this year of renewal, the key focus has been on the first practice, to **Pray Daily**. On June 10, at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall, we are having a churchwide prayer event to kick off a 90-day personal and church community renewal time of prayer. (See Page 1 article.) God has been sharing with us, and we have been working hard to listen. We appreciate everyone making the commitment to participate in this 90-day renewal experience and reporting back in September how God is speaking and answering through prayer.

To support the leadership to **Giving Generously**, the financial giving stewardship ministry, VPC member Catherine Dehoney has again joined the staff to help coordinate our financial giving. These are exciting times of ministry and missions at VPC, and we need to continue to be more effective at coordinating and communicating the financial resources

needed to fulfill the VPC vision and programs. A special thanks to all who have stepped up to the financial giving support of our ministry and missions budget commitments.

To support the leadership of **Witness Boldly**, Elder Ian Wright and the new Evangelism Ministry Team are exploring the staff leadership role and redefining the search process. A new clarification of our local Outreach Ministry is underway. We understand the need to share the Good News of the Gospel. We are beginning to see the results of identifying individuals who model this behavior in their everyday lives and can teach us all to share our joy in our relationships with Jesus Christ.

To support the Deacons and Congregational Care Ministries, the Staff Committee and Session have approved the hiring of an Associate Pastor. A new Pastoral Nominating Committee is being called to do the search and discernment for this position. We originally thought a part-time care pastor and a part-time parish nurse might be a better option but, with the continuing needs of our growing community for pastoral care, the decision to have another full-time associate pastor was affirmed.

Living Faithfully is the practice which encompasses all the other Christ-centered practices of personal development and giving of ourselves to others. We ask for your continued feedback and input on how we can better communicate the ministry and missions life at VPC and how we can support you better to live faithfully on your discipleship journey...and please remember to Pray Daily!

God wants to hear from you, too!



Communications Corner: VPC Photo Directory

by Ronniejean Irvin

Coming this fall: A new Vienna Presbyterian Church photo directory! All VPC members and friends are invited to be included.

All family units who are photographed will receive a free directory and free 8x10 photo. (The purchase of additional photo packages is optional.) An updated roster of VPC friends and members will be included in the directory.

Pages are planned for VPC deployed military and for others unable to be photographed. Please contact Bill Steinbach, 703.938.3106 or banjo9cq@cox.net, to make arrangements for

submission of your photos for these pages. (Digital photos are preferred; a copyright release is required.)

Family units will be photographed by appointment. Online signups for appointments will begin on June 18 via www.viennapres.org/directory. Also, signup sheets will be available June 24, July 1 and July 8 in the Gathering Space preceding the Great Hall, and in the 2nd floor church office during normal office hours.

The Olan Mills Photography Studio will be set up July 31–Aug. 11 in rooms 203, 204 and 205. Their photography

schedule will be as follows:

July 31–Aug. 3

3:00–9:30 pm

Aug. 4

10:00 am–5:00 pm

Aug. 6–10

3:00–9:30 pm

Aug. 11

10:00 am–5:00 pm

A limited number of make-up dates will be scheduled for September.

Questions may be referred to Andi Wallace, 703.560.3749 or adwallace@cox.net, or Bryan Troutman, 703.790.5270 or BTroutman@cox.net.

Different Parts and Different Hearts

by John Fischer, with edits by Barb Jones, Volunteer Coordinator

Why do we all have different passions? So that everything that's supposed to get done will get done.

Sometimes we get overwhelmed, because we are constantly exposed to people with various passions for service, and when they represent their cause, they are so committed to their ministry that we feel guilty for not sharing their zeal.

We are bombarded every day with messages from passionate people beating the drum for their cause. The same thing sometimes happens in our church. Sometimes we feel guilt because we don't have the same passion as the last person who talked about missions, the homeless, marriage or singleness, Haiti, evangelism, the military; the list goes on. What we forget is that there are so many needs because there are so many of us to meet them. We aren't supposed to get our bell rung by every appeal that comes by. We are a body made up of different parts and different

hearts; we don't all have to be moved by the same issues and needs.

This is where the concept and the practical nature of spiritual gifts come together. There is a variety of gifts and there is a variety of ministries, but the same Lord working in all and through all. No one has to do everything; no one can. It is up to us to find out where we fit and what God put us here to do. You will find that you can be just as passionate about something because it's your thing. This is the way it's supposed to be.

Doesn't this just make you marvel at the wisdom of God? He's designed us all with different abilities and interests so that we are not only good at what we do, we do not have to feel bad about what we aren't good at. When we all do our part in the Body of Christ, everyone gets a job, everyone gets honored, and everyone's important. That's the way it's supposed to be.



It Takes a Village

Each June, we attempt to recognize the cadre of faithful servants who gave their time and talents during the academic year by participating in children's Sunday School ministry, worship ministry, children's music ministry, childcare ministry, VPC Preschool ministry, and ministries such as 5/6 OTM. There are many others who have served Children's Ministries in some capacity; we apologize in advance for any names inadvertently omitted.

Astrid Adam, Laura Alexander, Regina Allegra, Becky Allen, Tina Allen, Michelle Alzola, Beth and Emily Anderson, Beth Anspach, Amy Aukema, Christina Awad, Laura Bachmann, Beverly Barr, Rhoda Barrett, Ray Beck, Valerie Berg, Jeanne Bingham, Kathleen Bingham, Jim Bird, Margaret Bitzinger, Susie Bonvouloir, Alice Borelli, Carey Bragaw, Hale Brickhouse, Gina and Rob Buhrman, Jessica and Randall Burleson, Ellie Cammer, Sandy Cappiello, Christina Carlson, Barbara Carter, Carolyn Carter, Mary Carter, Sandy Casey, Janice and Jodi Chappell, Roger Christ, Karen Christoffersen, Susan Christopher, Marsha Coe, Linda Colbert, Cynthia Cook, June Cook, Gwynne Corridon, Kathryn Costner, Karen Covell, Bob Cerie, Beth and Erin Crowder, Wendy Culberson, Laurie Curtin, Jan Dabroski, John and Nancy Davidovich, Christa Davidson, Catherine Dehoney, Barbara Denmon, Pat and Steve Dirkse, Jane Dittig, Anna Whiston-Donaldson, Bonnie Downs, Julie Drake, Mai Duckworth, Doug Duenkel, Beth Duff, Zuzana Duncan, Dana Dyson, Cheryl Eagan, Elizabeth Eck, Liz Eldridge, Joan Ervine, Jackie Fahmy, Kathy Fast, Melissa Franks, Laura Freeman, Kim Freund, Jeff Fritz, Beth Gearhart, Lisa Gibb, Joan Gifford, Alena Gilmore, Kelly Gould, Steve and Laura Curry-Greene, Lori Gulakowski, Sheila Gutshall, Sally Haines, Alesia and Laura Hambel, Chris

and Elizabeth Hammond, Steve Hauber, Eleanor Hay, Kim Hayes, John Hermle, Kathy Herndon, Karen Hilger, Avice Hill, Susan Thompson-Hoel, Barbara Holmes, Sharon Sloane-Hornseth, Nancy Hughes, Nancy and Tim Icke, Gabriela Inchauste, Ronniejean Irvin, Cassie Jackson, Kim Jackson, Taylor Jackson, Heather Jacobs, Christina Jones, Geyer Jones, Sarah Jones, Kyle Julian, Sara Kane, Linda Kemple, Sarah Killion, Julie and Tessa Kim, Barbara Kneeland, Julie Knight, Denise Knox, Robin Kolko, Kristin Krisko, Megan Kritsky, Julia Kuykendall, Amanda Lawing, Glenn and Robin LeTourneau, Betty Little, Rita Lockwood, Ginny Lorenc, Mark Lucky, Catja Mahr, Eric and Jenn and Quinlan Maggio, Maddie Main, Laura Marling, Jennifer McAndrew, Emily McCall, Marie McElroy, Deanne McGranahan, Andrew and Sandi McLauchlin, Beckie Michalski, Marina Mikhael, Pat Miller, Michael Mitchell, Don and Janine Mohl, Nancy Mohl, Amy and Tim Moore, Gay Murga, Mervat Naser, Helene Oliver, Cindy Parker, Emmy and Wood Parker, Brian and Sonja Peake, Steve and Wendy Pearson, Leann Peterson, Diane Phillips, Judy Pistilli, Michelle Polchow, Kay Preece, Lynn Ramsburg, Pam Rao, Christine Remy, Beth and Kyle Rice, Amy Richards, Kristin Romero, Carolyn Root, Allie Rosenbluth, Kristin and Scott Rothrock, John Rust, Elaine and Vincent Ryan, Joan

Sansone, Blanton and JaneAnn Satterfield, Carla Schnell, Brad and Gretchen Schofield, Sonya Secor, Stephanie Sefcik, Pam Sellars, AnnMarie Seybold, Ray and Rebecca Shepard, Elizabeth and Pat Sheridan, Becca Shick, Katherine Hall Simon, Jean Simpson, Susan Skaggs, Curt and Laura Bair Smith, Howard Springsteen, Sheila Steele, Cookie Sticinski, Anne Stuntz, Jim Swago, Danielle Talamantes, Lee Taylor, Mary Beth Taylor, Suzanne Tewell, Grace Thomas, Jeannie Thomas, Joni Thomas, Maureen Thomas, Nancy Thomas, Rachel and Scott Thompson, Minh Towner, Kim Tracz, Beth Turley, Caron Turner, Diane Hoekstra Tuttle, Bonny Tynch, Donna Updegrove, Pam Waldron, Jenny Wang, Claire Watson, Gerri Webb, Beth and Rick Webster, Susan Whittle, Bill and Carolyn Windle, Dawn Winkler, Don and Sharon Winstead, Mary Woolner, Dan and Grace Wright, Daryl Wright, Susan Wright, Anna Wu, Patty Yoder, Jade Zaharoff, Cindy Zhang, Jennifer Zicht.

Children's Ministries expresses its heartfelt appreciation to all. As you can see, it takes MANY CARING INDIVIDUALS to serve our children! Please prayerfully consider how you can help this summer and in the coming school year. Contact Julie Knight, at Julie.knight@viennapres.org or ext. 127, to discuss your interests and where you can serve. Thank you.

A note to the congregation from Ellie Cammer, recently retired Director of Childrens Ministries:

Dear VPC Friends,

Dan and I want to extend heartfelt thanks for your incredibly generous and overwhelming goodbye gifts and party! What a joy it has been to be "in ministry" with each of you for the past 10+ years. We have many precious memories of children and adults during our time at Vienna. As Vienna Presbyterian grows in discipleship, remember the children and their places in this incredible ministry!



Sharing the Light

VPC's Helping Hannah

Getting communion served is easy, right? All you have to do is hand each elder or deacon a tray of bread—or wine—and off they go down the aisles. Well, it's more involved than it may appear. Just ask Linda Hannah, who recently wrapped up 14 years of coordinating communion Sundays and has turned the responsibility over to Dean Gissendanner.

When Linda agreed to take on the communion coordinator's role back in 1993, she thought she'd do it for a while and then turn it over to someone else. But then she began to organize the whole process and concluded it would be easier to continue the work herself than find someone else to take over.

Worship at VPC was still in the old sanctuary then, and only 12 elders were needed to serve communion. When VPC moved into its much larger present sanctuary, the number of people attending worship grew and so did the number of elders and deacons needed to serve on communion Sundays, as many as 28 per service. Linda had set up a six-month schedule and sent out postcards each month to remind those who were scheduled to serve that month. Once our new sanctuary opened, though, the added servers needed made the cost of sending out postcard reminders prohibitive, so she turned to e-mail and that worked fine. It also saved VPC a great deal of postage money.

During her years of coordinating communion, Linda encountered a lot of unexpected situations. "Some elders," she discovered, "couldn't serve communion readily unless it was from an aisle they were used to." One elder, she recalls, was so serious about his political leanings that he would serve communion only from the right side of the sanctuary. And on one communion Sunday that she remembers vividly, Linda found a lot of servers all clustered on one side of the sanctuary; they had gotten mixed up as to who was supposed to serve from which aisle.

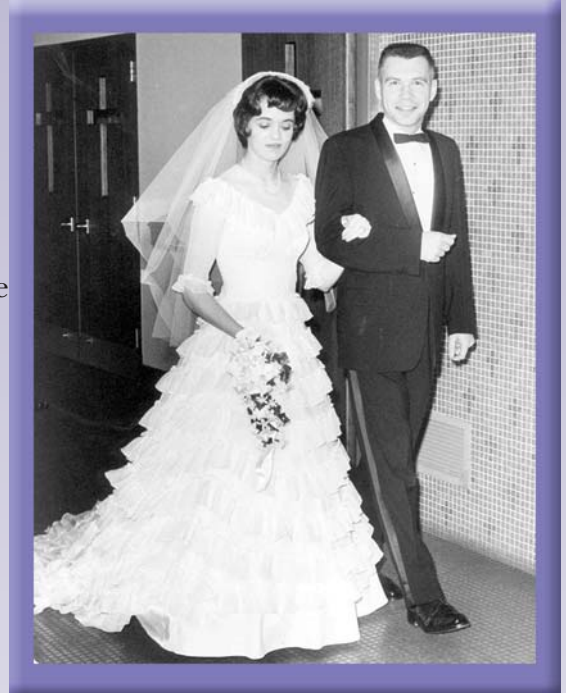
Linda says one of her greatest joys as communion coordinator was "putting married couples, such as Cap and Helene Oliver, together to serve on the same Sunday."

If a server had a child about to receive communion for the first time that same Sunday, Linda always tried to make sure that the server was assigned to a position from which he would be the one to serve his child.

Linda decided to step down as communion coordinator because of children in her own family, her grandchildren. She now has two of them and, as she explained, "I need to see them regularly."

Linda's grandchildren's gain, VPC's loss. If you see Linda in church, you might want to let her know how much her years of dedicated service are appreciated.

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Linda & Bob Hannah on their wedding day at VPC and Linda below, still serving our church through various ministries.



Photo: Rommie Jean Irvin



Missions Work: Krislund Camp

by Steve Cort

Time is important to us. Knowing when to go and when not to go is very important to drivers and passengers in Northern Virginia. Knowing the “Right Time” is also critical to following God’s will. The Holy Spirit is “blowing” across the 2,000-acre landscape of Krislund, and the message is: Krislund’s “Right Time” is happening NOW!

Begun in 1963 as a summer camp for three central Pennsylvania Presbyteries,

The Right Time

“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.”
—Psalm 127:1

Krislund (Norwegian, meaning “Christ’s Land”) was a popular, rustic experience. When Robin and I and our family of three arrived in 1995, there was a generator for electricity, outhouses, and no phone service. These primitive facilities had worked well for

children and youth providing a unique tranquility in this secluded mountain valley, but change was needed.

Many years before our arrival, there was talk about developing adult conference facilities, a recreational lake and an indoor recreation center, BUT the time was never right. So, in 1994 the Camp Committee and the Presbyteries began earnestly discerning God’s “Right Time” for these plans.

“Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.”
—Proverbs 15:22

A comprehensive Master Plan was commissioned, resulting in 53 recommendations, 49 of which have been completed in the past 10 years. Three feasibility studies were conducted, and a marketing study was undertaken. Publication in 2003 of the Presbyterian Forum survey conclusively revealed what we had observed: Significant numbers of laity, elders and clergy had “life-changing experience while at a camp or conference center.” A capital campaign consultant was hired to assess readiness of the churches and the camp. Finally, in 2005, the three Presbyteries were consulted and they agreed that the “Right Time” was here. Krislund’s two million dollar Funding the Future Campaign emerged from these deliberations and is now in full gear.



Retreat Center

The Campaign’s vision seeks to make Krislund available for all ages for many more decades of Christian education and outreach. Campaign goals include:

- 1) Construction of an adult-friendly lodge with 20 double-occupancy rooms;
- 2) Construction of a one-acre lake for boating and recreation;
- 3) Construction of an “omni building” for indoor recreation, summer dining and wet weather worship;
- 4) Energy-saving and structural improvements to the Upper Lodge cabins;
- and 5) Retirement of one half the land purchase debt. Summer camp improvements include a new climbing wall, which has already been funded and built in time for this summer.

Can you imagine a place where the only sound at night is that of distant horse hoofs as Amish buggies pass by the camp entrance? Have you seen a dark sky filled with thousands of bright stars, without the interference of a single outdoor light? Can you imagine God using a comfortable and quiet location such as this to minister to tired pastors, exasperated parents and struggling couples? Do you see the importance of such a place as this for unhurried discipleship and transforming outreach?

Please join us in celebrating God’s “Right Time” for Krislund and its ministry potential for VPC, central Pennsylvania, and beyond.



Please pray for this ministry, which is supported by our church, and also visit www.krislund.org for more information.



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The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Power Baseball program will be holding tryouts for their 13U travel team in August. The FCA Power Baseball program fields competitive teams in the Northern Virginia Travel Baseball League in the 13U, 14U, JV and Varsity divisions. This program is for baseball players who love the Lord Jesus Christ and have a desire to play baseball at a high level against the best competition in northern Virginia, Maryland and the mid-Atlantic region.

If you are interested in playing for the FCA Power Baseball program and would like additional information concerning the tryout dates, please contact VPC member Todd Burger at 703.359.9444 or ptoddburger@yahoo.com.

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