

A photograph of three lanterns on a wooden table. The lantern on the left is dark brown, and the two on the right are light blue. They are set against a light-colored wooden wall. The title 'THE LANTERN' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a large, black, serif font.

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SAINT GILES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MINI NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 14, 2020

Upcoming Events At-A-Glance

Wednesday, October 14:

12pm Session Packet Deadline

Sunday, October 18:

2pm Church Hike—Yates Mill Park

Monday, October 19:

7pm Session Meeting—Zoom

Wednesday, October 21:

7pm Theology for Liberal Presbyterians

Sunday, October 25:

9:30am Adult Contemporary Sunday School
Zoom Class

2pm Pumpkin Day Event

Monday, October 26

7pm Zoom Youth Ministry Meeting

Message from Rebecca

Have you ever moved? Have you ever left one home to build another?

I have done this far more than many people – 10 moves with my family before the age of 20. (Illinois, Florida, Virginia, Maryland and Oregon). I then had 30 years of stability in Northern California with another round of moves in the last 10 years (France, Colorado, Indiana and Raleigh).

And I moved last week. Again. Seven days of packing and unpacking. I currently have so many bruises from banging against boxes that I look like a giraffe! I'm so grateful for my little house near the woods in a lovely neighborhood where people walk their dogs and greet you. (A big plus, I can bicycle to church.)

Here is what I know. "Home is where the heart is..." as Judy Garland said in the Wizard of Oz. But more than that, home is how you are spiritually rooted in God. Home means that no matter the place or the circumstances, God holds your life, loves your essential inner being and intends the very best for you.

It doesn't matter whether you are in the family home of 40 years or a strange place like a college dorm or a military barrack; trusting that first and foremost you belong to God makes all these places home.

There are times when we are overwhelmed by the chaos of boxes or the loneliness of new places – both geographic and situational. We can be in the same house of 40 years but newly bereft of a husband, wife or children. And yet, even there, we can tap into the spiritual home that is God.

So, I don't know where home is for you, or who make you 'at home,' but as we move towards the Fall season, with its peculiar blessings and aches of the Thanksgiving holiday, may you be blessed and renewed and grateful for your spiritual home.

Blessings,

Rebecca

Church Hike at Yates Mill

Please join us for a hike! All church members and friends are welcome. We will be enjoying nature and each other's (socially distant) company at Historic Yates Mill!

Yates Mill is a paved, flat trail that is easy to walk!

The hike/walk will be on October 18th at 2pm. We will be meeting in the main visitor's center parking lot and Rebecca will be there to greet all of you! We can't wait to see you there!



Call for photographs!

If you have any photos of events, worship, Sunday School, or other fun activities at or with Saint Giles within the last year, please email them to Emmie in the office! We are looking for lots of good pictures of life at Saint Giles. Please submit all items to Emmie ASAP! If you'd rather text a picture, please call the church office and ask Emmie for her cell number. Thank you!

IMPORTANCE OF GIVING DURING COVID-19

During these challenging times, we want you to know that Saint Giles is continuing to support our many benevolences through your giving. Examples of annual monies that are being sent to the following organizations or individuals during 2020 are:

POWER BILLS FOR RALEIGH GARDENS INDIVIDUALS	\$2,200
FOOD LION COUPONS FOR NEEDY Families	\$3,300
PRESBYTERY, SYNOD, ETC.	\$20,000
OTHERS:	
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	\$2,000
CAMPUS MINISTRY	\$3,400
TRIANGLE PASTORAL COUNSELING	\$500
URBAN MINISTRY CENTER	\$3,500
DISCRETIONARY ASSISTANCE	\$3,000
RISE AGAINST HUNGER	\$1,000
STEP-UP MINISTRY	\$2,000

As you can see, it is important that we receive your donations in order to continue this very important support of these organizations. Through September 30, 2020, several members have fallen behind in their payments. If you find that your estimates of giving are behind, you can mail a check to the office, or, you can call Dave Gospodarek at 919-880-5618 and make a credit card payment to bring your giving up to date. Thank you for your support during these unusual times.

Thank you,

The Stewardship and Finance Committee

Finding God in the Pandemic

We received this in an email from Jean Goldberg:

“I took this picture from my apartment window recently. The rainbow!!! God’s promise He is with us and offering hope and His love to us all! Amen and amen!!!”

Thank you, Jean!

