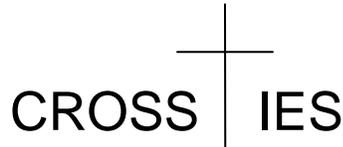


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JUNE CALENDAR

W	1	PW Circle Mtg & Lunch	11:30 am
Sat	4	Soccer	9:30 am
		JIM MILLER MEMORIAL SERVICE	1:00 pm
Sun	5	Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
W	8	All Committee Meetings	7:00 pm
Sat	11	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	12	Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M-W	13-15	Vacation Bible School	6:00-8:00 pm
M	13	B Natural Board of Directors Mtg	6:15 pm
Th	16	Adult Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	18	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	19	FATHER'S DAY	
		Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service WITH YOUTH	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	20	SUMMER BEGINS	
		Crossties Deadline	
		Renaissance Co-op	7:00 pm
Sat	25	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	26	SHARING SUNDAY	
		Church School	9:45 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		Communion	
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Our friend and former Pastor Jim Miller passed away on May 17 at his home. We give thanks for his life and service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To mark his passing, we invite everyone to a memorial service where we will celebrate his life, share memories and give thanks for all of our shared experiences.

This service will be on **Saturday, June 4, at 1:00 pm**, here at the Presbyterian Church of the Cross, 1810 Phillips Ave., Greensboro.

The family has requested memorial contributions to be made to the church, and it would be greatly appreciated. You can drop it off or mail it to Presbyterian Church of the Cross, PO Box 13670, Greensboro, NC 27415-3670.

A PARAPHRASE OF PSALM 23

The Lord is my sheep-dog, I will never be lost and I will always have a friend. He forces me to lay down and chill out when I need it. He leads me beside cool flowing waters that seem to talk to me, restoring peace to my soul. He leads me into good places, among good people for his name's sake.

You are with me, your rod and your presence will protect me. Even when I go through the darkest times, I fear nothing, because you light my way.

You prepare a table before me full of family and friends, sometimes that is good and sometimes it's awfully trying. You even can put the hairs back on my head, and my glass is never empty. Surely all that is good will follow me all the days of my life, and my friends, my family and I will dwell in the great house forever.

*"Life is good if you let it be."
 Jim Miller quoting his mother, Marion Miller*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jesus Is My Rock: He Gives Us LOVE!

Children and youth age 5 – 18 are invited to join in a FUN time at Bible School which will be held **Monday – Wednesday, June 13-15, 6:00-8:00 pm!** There will be **crafts**, including decorating t-shirts, making a cross and making dirt cake, **games, music, refreshments**, and MUCH MORE FUN, including a closing celebration on Wednesday evening!

We are counting on the children and youth to also take part in the worship service on Sunday, June 19, at 11:00 am. Please plan to come!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 1, for a meeting and lunch at the K&W Cafeteria at Friendly Center, 3200 Northline Avenue, at 11:30 am.

COMMUNION

We will observe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the worship service on Sunday, June 26, at 11:00 am. Please be in prayerful preparation for this celebration.

THE GLORIOUS TOMATO SANDWICH

One of the delicacies of a southern summer is a fresh tomato sandwich. Our friend Jim Miller used to have a plentiful supply of tomatoes, even planting them here among the flower gardens at church.

It was his way to continue a strong southern tradition, and an act of friendship as well. If you came by the church office in July and August around noon, you were likely to be invited to join him in a tomato sandwich.

It was like Communion. Sharing something that was better than caviar or a steak filet. You never ate in silence. It was always accompanied with stories, jokes and maybe a slice or two of wisdom.

Jim reminded us in his last sermon that our Maker had an amazing garden once called Eden, and he put us here to tend the garden. Some of us were like Adam and Eve's boys – not worth throwing a rock at. Others took it to heart and made something of the garden – and themselves.

Quoting Jim: "I think about the garden of this church – a place of peace, a place of service to a world very much in need of tending. We can never quit. There are too many issues we are called to address – education, nutrition, special needs of youth and adults in our community along with the merging of cultures and lifestyles."

"My vision is that this church will always be a growing, dedicated congregation eager to forget about themselves and to pick up the cross every day and follow our Lord."

"It will be Presbyterian, diverse in membership and worship and always determined to fulfill its mission."

It's time now to get your tomatoes in the ground. It's warm enough and you know your mouth is watering for them. Plant some seedlings for yourself, but you also have to plant some to share. That's as southern as smearing some "light bread" with mayonnaise and cutting a single slice that hangs over the sides. Tomatoes are communal. They bring us together. As much as I love tomatoes for myself, it's an honor to have enough to share.

Tomatoes are Biblical, even though they are not mentioned specifically; Paul speaks of "sharing the glory of God." May we always tend the "garden" God has put us in, and share the fruits of our labor with all!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Intentions are to have a new church directory printed and ready for you to pick up by the 1st of July. If you have any changes or corrections which need to be made – names, mailing addresses, email addresses, telephone numbers, etc. – please submit the information to the church office as soon as possible.

PCC PEOPLE

Congratulations to Tanyetta Ollison on the birth of a daughter, **Trinity Renee**, on April 27; and also to Justin and Mandy Patterson on the birth of a daughter, **Eleanor Gray**, on May 14, to the grandparents, Kelly and Sheryl Patterson, and to the great grandparents, Harry and Sue Patterson!

Concerns: **Mrs. Irene Teague**, mother of Jeff Teague, mother-in-law of Marilyn Woods, is not doing well. She is at home: 1207 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405; and also **Mr. Dana Lingle**, husband of Kim Lingle and son-in-law of Tony and Brenda Cox, received a serious head injury in a fall and is a patient at NC Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. If you would like to provide some financial assistance to the family, a donation may be made online at <https://www.youcaring.com/kimberly-lingle-574731> OR you may make a donation to our Good Samaritan Fund designated for Dana Lingle.



IN LOVING MEMORY
THE REVEREND JAMES FRASER MILLER, SR.
October 19, 1929 – May 17, 2016