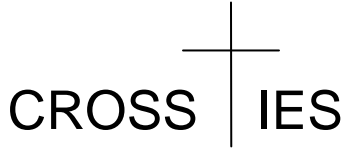


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MAY CALENDAR

W	3	Circle Meeting Adult Choir	10:00 am 6:30 pm
Sat	6	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	7	<i>Homecoming/Family Day</i>	
		Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		Covered-Dish Lunch	12:00 noon
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
M	8	B Natural Board of Directors Meeting	6:15 pm
W	10	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
		Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Sat	13	Soccer	9:30 am
Sun	14	<i>Mother's Day</i>	
		Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
Tu	16	Salem Presbytery Meeting	9:00 am
W	17	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	20	Soccer	9:30 am
		B Natural Student Recitals	11:00 am
Sun	21	Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am
		SASTO NA Group	6:00 pm
W	24	Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Sat	27	MEMORIAL WEEKEND	
		No Soccer	
Sun	28	SHARING SUNDAY	
		Sunday School	9:45 am
		Voices of Angels	10:00 am
		Worship Service	11:00 am

HOMECOMING

Sunday, May 7
Worship at 11:00 AM
Followed by a covered-dish lunch
And games for the kids

Please come and invite others!

COMING HOME

Church of the Cross is where many of you grew up. It was the safe place for you. It's where you discovered that in spite of the challenges and struggles of life, God loves you and so do we. That's a powerful statement. The Asheville writer, Thomas Wolfe, wrote a novel titled "You Can't Go Home Again", but you can come home. This is home and where you feel needed, wanted, and loved.

In the scriptures, Jesus says: "Go home to your friends and tell them what the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown." Church of the Cross may not be the perfect church, but we try. We try to welcome everyone who comes through the doors. We try to do God's will even when we cannot repair the air conditioner. You are always welcome!

~ Gray Clark

MAY CALENDAR, continued

Mon	29	MEMORIAL DAY	
		Church Office Closed	
W	31	Choir Practice	6:30 pm

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This summer we will have Vacation Bible School on Saturdays during July (exact dates TBA). If you would like to help in any capacity, please [contact Elaine Morehead at 336-617-6757](mailto:Elaine.Morehead@pccgreensboro.org).

B NATURAL

Our music academy is important to us and our community. Rev. Jim Miller had a dream of helping children with a gift that would last a lifetime. That was the gift of music. With the help of some of our local family, he started the B Natural Music Academy. Every year we have 30-40 students age 5-14 of all races and abilities learning keyboard (piano), percussion (drums), dance, voice and guitar. They are proud of what they do and proud of themselves.

This outreach ministry of our church means a lot to the children but it is in dire need of supporters. We need both funds and some people who are willing to give their time, either as instructors or as persons who are willing to work on the board to raise funds, or simply help us keep the organization going. Join us. Pray for us. Support us.

- To see for yourself what is happening in our academy and to support our students, please come to our student recitals on **Saturday, May 20, at 11:00 am in the sanctuary**. There will be performances in dance, percussion, voice, piano, and guitar.

Spread the word about our program. While this session's classes end on May 17, a new session will begin the week of September 5. [For additional information call Kaye Peebles at 336-580-6324](mailto:Kaye.Peebles@pccgreensboro.org).

SOCCER OUTREACH (and food)

Our soccer outreach program has been an amazing success. But we need more volunteers. It's not just about soccer, but it is also about feeding the children. Many of them come from very poor families. Some are new immigrants. They are barely making it here. Many of them don't have enough to eat. That is where we fill the gaps. Not only do we give them an activity, but we give them a good meal, and all of them are very thankful. Come and give us 2 hours of your time on Saturday to help us feed the kids...or contribute to help us pay for the meals. It costs us about \$80 per week.

MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC

We have a wonderful, albeit small, group of musicians. Please support them. Let them know how much you appreciate them. And if you think you would like to help them out, please offer your services. (No training required.) They would welcome you!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Just a reminder that PCC now has both a website which includes a calendar of activities and a Facebook page. It is hoped that these will spread the word of our wonderful church as well as keep you up to date on happenings. The website address: www.pccgreensboro.org. To view our Facebook page, log onto Facebook and do a search for Presbyterian Church of the Cross which will bring up several options but click on the one which includes the picture of our church. Then when you get there be sure to "Like" or "Follow" us which should automatically put our posts on your feed. We try to post announcements here about special activities. Most recently, we posted a link to a blog on Bud Miles' trip to Cuba.

MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

The Fundraising Committee invites you to honor your mother on Mother's Day. For a donation, your name and the name of your mother will be included in a special Mother's Day bulletin on May 14. In addition to both names, please state whether it is a memorial or honorarium. You can also have a brief special message, the size of a business card, included. Please make sure to mark your envelope "Mother's Day Fundraiser" if you put it in the offering plate so you will get credit and you can include your information with it, email your message to Brenda McLean at beemcl@aol.com or drop it off by the Church office prior to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 10th.

TRANSITION COMMITTEE

As you know, our Pastor, Gray Clark, will begin to transition into retirement in October. We have a committee, chaired by Sharon Ozment, that is handling this transition. Gray is not going to leave us completely, but plans to move to a less strenuous schedule with an able co-pastor. Please pray for us during this transition and if you are willing to help or have ideas, please contact Sharon or one of our Elders.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Don't give up...a new church directory is on the schedule to be printed, hopefully within the next couple of months. If you have any changes that need to be made to your entry or are aware of changes that need to be made to someone else's information, please give it to the church office as soon as possible. Even if you are not a member of PCC, if you participate in our worship and activities we would like to include you in our directory. Information which we like to include: your name and anyone else in your household who participates, street address, mailing address, email address, both landline and cell phone numbers.

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES

On May 17, it will be one year since the passing of our long-time minister and friend, Jim Miller. While I've shed tears over the loss of his friendship, I believe there have been a lot more smiles at the many memories that include him.

I recently ran across an article by Nancy McLaughlin that was printed in the Greensboro News & Record on 9/7/2003 on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Jim Miller's ministry with Presbyterian Church of the Cross, which was just short of the 40th anniversary of PCC. It gives quite a view of the history of our church as well as the leadership of Jim. I plan to post this on our website in the section that has our newsletters. Just go to www.pccgreensboro.org, click on "Events & News" which will bring up a page with a list of issues of Crossties and a few other articles, then go to the bottom of the list and click on "Minister's Stance Passes Test of Time (Jim Miller)". Even if you weren't at PCC during those years, reading it will enlighten you about this church and its ministry.

~ Merrie Shelton



*Rev. James F. Miller
October 19, 1929-May 17, 2016*