



The Messenger

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PASTOR KATY WANTS TO MEET YOU!

I am so delighted to be at College Park UMC, and I can't wait to get to know it and you better! To that end, I'm inviting any and all congregation members to set up a time to meet with me. I would love to get together for breakfast, coffee, lunch, or just a chat. Your choice of location - I would be happy to meet with you at the church, at your favorite spot around town, or I could even come to your work.



The best way to sign up is online at <http://tinyurl.com/meetkaty> or you can email me at katy@cpfumc.org or call the church office (404-766-6294) to set something up that works with your schedule.

I look forward to getting to know you!

--Katy



Murphy-Harpst
LIFE AND HOPE FOR CHILDREN

Murphy-Harpst has helped thousands of traumatized children by

- providing a safe home,
- facilitating healing through Christian nurturing and professional therapy and
- giving children hope.

This nonprofit organization provides a home and atmosphere of trust for abused children. Each child arrives having suffered extreme maltreatment and often after numerous failed foster placements.

Murphy-Harpst exists because these children need help. With their services the children can grow up to hold jobs, maintain relationships and become productive members of their communities.

Be a part of this ministry by donating today so they can continue to show Christ's love to the least of these!

Disaster Response Update: West Virginia Flooding

Please join us in praying for the people of West Virginia where flooding has caused havoc. United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) is working with local officials to respond.

Those who wish to support UMCOR's response to, and preparedness for, disasters in the U.S., are always encouraged to give generously. Please make checks out to CPFUMC with UMCOR or West Virginia on the Memo line.

As always 100% of your donation goes directly to the disaster relief effort.



A WORD FROM REV. HINMAN

It was a dark and stormy night... Okay, maybe not. Truth is, I wasn't really sure what the best way was to start my very first column for The Messenger. It seemed a bit clichéd to start out with "my name is Katy Hinman, and I'm your new pastor!" On the other hand, this is an introduction and that's how we generally start introductions. But maybe I'm overthinking it. Why don't we jump right in?

I grew up in Decatur, went to high school at Druid Hills, and then went off to college in the frozen north – Carleton College, in Northfield Minnesota. I majored in biology and after college went to the State University of New York at Stony Brook on Long Island where I pursued a PhD in Ecology and Evolution. My research was on nectar-feeding bats, and I spent my summers in southeastern Arizona studying two species of bats and the agave plants that they pollinate. While finishing my dissertation, I moved out to Arizona and worked as the Bat Biologist for the Arizona Game and Fish Department. I received my PhD in 2003 and immediately turned around and went *back* to graduate school, this time in the Master of Divinity program at Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

While at Candler, I got a job as the Executive Director of Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, a non-profit organization that works with faith communities on environmental issues. I continued working with GIPL after graduation, as I went through the beginnings of the ordination process, and then in 2010, I received my first appointment, as associate pastor at Decatur First UMC. It was there that, among other things, I met my husband, Jonathan Brown (who is now the pastor at Hapeville UMC).

As you may gather, I did not come to ministry by a direct route. I started going to church (Oak Grove UMC) in seventh grade when I was roped into the youth group by some friends of mine. I stayed active in the church through high school, but (like many folks) didn't stay connected through college. However, when I went off to graduate school, I got involved in a graduate student Bible study and became active at North Shore UMC. The folks at North Shore recruited me into lay speaker training, serving on the worship committee, and being on church council. They were the first ones to plant the "seminary bug" in my ear.

When I moved off to Arizona, Sunrise UMC picked up the call, and by the time I had turned in my final dissertation, I was enrolled at Candler. Throughout my time at Candler, I still wasn't sure where God's call was leading me – into pulpit ministry, academia, extension ministry – but gradually began to discern that ordination was part of my call. I was so blessed by the opportunity to serve at Decatur First UMC and to recognize the wonderful ways that God could work in and through me in the local church.

I am living proof that the Lord works in mysterious ways, but it has also given me great appreciation for the fact that we can come at ministry from many different directions. God gives us all opportunities to use our gifts, our interests, our uniqueness in varied ways that can work together to spread God's love in the world.

I am so excited to be here at College Park First UMC! I cannot wait to get to know all of you, this church, and this community. I am eager to see what God has in store for us together!

Many blessings,

Katy

PS I would love the chance to get to know you! I have set up a calendar at <http://tinyurl.com/meetkaty> where you can sign up for a time for us to get together. If you'd prefer, you can email me (katy@cpfirstumc.org) or call the church office to set up a time.

PPS Jonathan and I will be moving into the College Park parsonage in a few weeks, along with our cats (Trilby, Ollie, and Max) and dogs (Kapka and Begonia). We look forward to being part of the neighborhood!

Church Council Notes

Summer is in full swing and we hope that you are enjoying some down time with your families. The Church Council sends prayers to everyone for safe travels and meaningful time away with family, friends and some relaxation.



Things are hopping here at the church with Pastor Katy live and in person! Thanks to everyone who has been helping her get settled, most especially Kathleen Gulley and the SPR Committee and Stephanie Trietsch.

There are several updates I'd like to bring to your attention:

1. The Learning Academy is excited about the potential for growth and upcoming move into the Educational Building. The move date is planned for early August to be ready for the new school year. Thanks to the Board of Trustees, particularly Gordon Hunter, for the efforts made with the renovations! Five families underwrote the sixty-five thousand dollars needed to pay for the updates. Many thanks to those who donated!
2. With the Learning Academy moving, we are actively looking for furniture and toys for the church nursery, which will be staying in the same location going forward. If you have anything to donate, would you please contact Meredith Hodges?
3. We are actively engaged in missions work this summer, partnering with Action Ministries again to make lunches for low-income kids. Nearly 1 million children in Georgia schools are eligible to receive free or reduced-price lunch, a crucial meal that disappears in the summer. *Smart Lunch, Smart Kid*, through the dedication of thousands of volunteers and donors, ensures that these children are fed in the summer and on school breaks. Unlike other feeding programs, Action Ministries take the food to the children in their neighborhoods, removing the barrier of lack of transportation. Since 2012, *Smart Lunch, Smart Kid (SLSK)* has served more than half a million healthy lunches to Georgia children in the neighborhoods where they live, along with enrichment activities and mentoring opportunities to ensure that their minds as well as their bodies are nourished.

Thanks to Julie Couch for coordinating all the groups who are making 225 lunches once a week for the summer. Also, did you know our church is a central distribution point for the SLSK program? If you are interested in helping make lunches or delivering lunches in our neighborhood please contact Julie.

4. Church Directory Update: Stephanie has compiled all the information, will verify content in July for a planned distribution of a new directory in August.

We have lots of exciting things happening here at College Park First. Thanks for being a part of it.

Meredith Hodges and Julie Askew
Church Council Co-Chairs

JULY COUNTERS

- July 3rd- West Gary and Leslie Haskins
- July 10th - Leslie Haskins and Meredith Hodges
- July 17th- Janet Deorio and Peggy Morris
- July 24th - Peggy Morris and Leslie Haskins
- July 31st - Meredith Hodges and Leslie Haskins



THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We hope everyone will have a great summer and wish to remind you that just as you have to pay your bills every month whether you are on vacation or not, the church has to pay their bills all summer also.

Before you go away on vacation, please remember to make your donation to the church, either at Sunday worship service or by sending your check to the church office.

THE LEARNING ACADEMY OF COLLEGE PARK UPDATE



The Learning Academy of College Park would like to thank each and every member for the generous contributions, kind words and prayers! We had a phenomenal school year and recognized the student growth and accomplishments during our end of school celebration in May. Each classroom contributed to the ceremony in a special way including leading prayer, leading music, and performing short stories for our appreciative audience. The program was a true success!

TLA will be relocating to the new building and therefore assembling furniture during the month of July. If you are interested in helping with the move please contact the center at 404-766-9252.

Ricci Lewis-Johnson, M.Ed.
Center Directory

SMART LUNCH, SMART KID

Interested in helping to feed hungry children in our area this summer?

College Park First UMC is once again serving as a distribution center for the *Smart Lunch, Smart Kid* program which provides lunches for children in the area whose free lunch ends when summer begins.

Beginning Monday, June 6th we will meet and prepare 200 lunches every Monday for distribution. This year we are also collecting books for children ages 3-18 years.

Please contact Julie Couch at couch6553@comcast.net or 404-234-7702 to find out how *you* can make a difference in a child's life!



THE DIRECTORY IS COMING, THE DIRECTORY IS COMING



Thank you for your patience; it won't be long now. Beginning July 10th there will be a draft of the directory in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to find your page and verify the information is correct.

If there are omissions, corrections or comments please drop a note in the offering plate, email the office at info@cpfirfirstumc.org, or call the office at 404-766-6294.


JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/02	Margaret Ruppensburg
07/04	Stuart Gulley
07/06	Jennifer Griffin
07/08	Billy Barnes
07/08	Robert Gallagher
07/11	Mary Bieberstein
07/11	Ann Secor
07/11	Alexander Ahendwah
07/11	Julia Watkins

07/12	Brenda Nibbs
07/13	Sandy Hunter
07/15	Peggy Morris
07/17	Cliff Brown
07/19	Paulette Rouse
07/23	Jerry Aldredge
07/25	Virginia Hannah
07/25	Carrie Peek
07/28	Alan Grau



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 No Choir Practice	4  (office is closed)	5	6	7	8	9
10 No Choir Practice	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 No Choir Practice	18 TLACP Council Meeting	19	20	21 Finance Meeting 7pm	22	23
24 No Choir Practice	25	26	27 Church Council Meeting 7pm	28	29	30
31 No Choir Practice						

PRAYER LIST

CHURCH MEMBERS

Wanda Adams
Julie Askew
Emily Collins
Tina Donaldson
Bill Freeman
Carolyn Price
Mary Ann Ward

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Jenny Dubose
Ellen Evans
Jane Hannah
Dwight Oxford
Teresa Powell
Carolyn Rowland
Todd Sinclair
Sandra Williams
Clay Zupp, Sr.

SHUT-INS

Wanda Adams
Jerry & Juanita Aldredge
Jean Cowden
Zoe Dixon
Skeeter Faulkner
Evelyn Glover
Dot Hale
Harry & Laura Leigh Hicks
Bobbie & Jake Longino
Jewell Moore
Caroline Rowley

Dear Friends,

It's a cliché, but words truly are not enough to express my gratitude for the wonderful retirement celebration you held for me on my last Sunday in the pulpit at College Park First UMC.



So much thought, preparation and hard work went into it from so many of you. All of it - the kindness of your presence, your words of encouragement and thanks for our time together, the lovely luncheon, the extraordinary gifts you gave to Larry and to me – all of it – was humbling and deeply moving. Thank you; thank you; thank you.

Vicki



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WORSHIP SERVICE SURVEY

Since I'm new at College Park, I'd love to know what you think about worship! Please take a few moments to let me know what you would like out of your worship experience here. All answers will be kept confidential. Thank you so much!

-Pastor Katy

What is your favorite part of worship?

What would you like to see more of in worship?

What would you like to see less of in worship?

What are some things you'd like to hear sermons about?

How would you like to be involved in worship?

Any other things you'd like to say about worship at CPFUMC?

Name: _____ Email address: _____ Phone number: _____

Please return your responses by

- dropping it in the offering plate,
- mailing to the church, 3726 E. Main St., CP 30337
- calling the office at (404-766-6294), or
- emailing Katy at katy@cpfistumc.org!