



The Clarendon Connection

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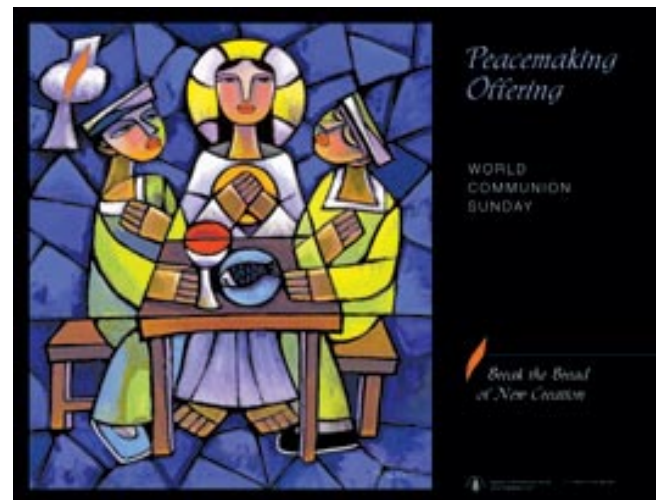
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Peacemaking Offering: Break the Bread of New Creation

The Peacemaking Offering was created in 1980 to support the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to live out a deeper commitment to peacemaking as part of our faithfulness to God. It is one of four special offerings designated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s General Assembly.

Clarendon Hill will receive the Offering on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, which is October 5 this year. During several September Sundays our focus on mission will introduce you to some of the wonderful things that your offering has done to promote peace locally, nationally and internationally.

Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25 percent of the Offering it receives to use for local ministries of peacemaking within the church and its community. Twenty-five percent is used by presbyteries and synods, and 50 percent is used by the General Assembly ministries through the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.



The 2008 Peacemaking Offering theme, "Break the Bread of New Creation," is from the hymn "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" by Brian Wren. To learn more, visit: www.pcusa.org/peacemakingoffering.

The art is the painting "Supper at Emmaus" by He Qi. Dr. He Qi has been committed to the artistic creation of modern Chinese Christian art since 1983. He hopes to help change the "foreign image" of Christianity in China by using artistic language, and at the same time, to supplement Chinese art the way Buddhist art did in ancient times. In his works, He Qi has blended together Chinese folk customs and traditional Chinese painting techniques with the western art of the Middle and Modern Ages. For more information about He Qi and his art, visit www.heqigallery.com.

Shalom: A Study of the Biblical Concept of Peace

Leading up to Sunday, October 5 (which is World Communion Sunday, and the day that we collect the Peacemaking Offering), we will have a Sunday series entitled "Shalom: A Study of the Biblical Concept of Peace," which is an elective course of The Kerygma Program. On September 14th, 21st, 28th and October 5th, we will use bible study and a guide to look at peace from a theological and spiritual perspective. Pastor Karl will lead us in this study, which will follow our worship and fellowship time. All are welcome.

Upcoming Exhibit: 'Kitchen Stories' at The Nave Gallery

The American kitchen has evolved from a private utilitarian area at the back of the house, where people of low status would prepare food, to a more public gathering place, a room of brightness and gleaming surfaces. All along, though, the kitchen has seen more than its share of dramatic events as family members and friends gather, sometimes to celebrate and occasionally to clash. Secrets have been shared over early morning cups of coffee; confidences have been breached while dinner parties unfold nearby; knives have been waved and frying pans wielded.



In today's kitchens, much attention is paid to appearances. Appliances are clad in shiny industrial surfaces. Pots and pans are hung like art objects.

Designers bring their skills to bear on can openers and toasters, stoves and backsplashes. All this provides a rich visual backdrop for the mundane tasks that are the nominal purpose of the kitchen. And let's not forget food! A profusion of products from the farms, ranches, oceans and factories of the world pass through the modern American kitchen, on their way to becoming quick snacks or elaborate group meals.

Kitchen Stories will run from 17 October through 15 November 2008. Look for more details in the October newsletter.



No Such Animal

19 October 2008, 8 p.m.

Four years ago, avant guardian Tim Mungenast arranged the first-ever collaboration between members of Cul de Sac and Birdsongs of the Mesozoic to create the Innova Recordings release "No Such Animal." See the long-overdue reunion of Ken Field (saxophone, flute), Jon Proudman (drums), Michael Bloom (bass), and Tim (guitar, sitar, bells, pedals) as they open a sonic portal into another world.

We Will Miss You Salome!

Salome Otami returned to Ghana in August after being offered a great job. The following is her message to Clarendon Hill:

Hello All,

Hope all is well with you and your families.

By the grace of God, I arrived home safely. My daughter is also doing well though she looks pale. I am very grateful to you all for the incredible support given me ever since I first visit the US three years ago.

I miss you all so much, however, I am glad being with my family once again and getting reunited with them.

My home phone number is: 011-233-274-244724

Many thanks to you all.

Warmly,
Salome

Lectionary Readings

September 2008

September 7

Exodus 12:1-14
 Psalm 149:1-9
 Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

September 14

Exodus 14:19-31
 Psalm 114:1-8 or
 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

September 21

Exodus 16:2-15
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
 Philippians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

September 28

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32

October 2008

October 5

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
 Psalm 19:1-14
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Matthew 21:33-46

October 12

Exodus 32:1-14
 Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
 Philippians 4:1-9
 Matthew 22:1-14

October 19

Exodus 33:12-23
 Psalm 99:1-99
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 22:15-22

October 26

Deuteronomy 34:1-12
 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Matthew 22:34-46

A Call for Nursery Volunteers

Why have a church nursery?

To ensure that CHPC is an inviting place to all, including families with young children.

What is involved? On your assigned Sunday:

- Arrive at church 5 to 10 minutes early;
- Greet families with small children as they come in, telling them that a church nursery is available and that you will be happy to accompany them to the nursery at any time during the service;
- Take care of the children during worship time. Books, toys, and drawing materials are available in the newly painted room;
- If you can't make your assigned Sunday, change with someone else on the list.

The need: Only a few are currently sharing the duty, which means they are missing the opportunity to be in worship several times a month. The more that sign up for this shared responsibility, the fewer times per year each is on duty.

Benefits: It is a great way to get to know the youngest members of our congregation and make them (and their families) feel welcome, not to mention just having a lot of fun.

If you are uncomfortable volunteering alone, sign up with a partner and share the joy of playing with young ones for an hour or less! Contact Ann to volunteer, anncrews@gmail.com.

Church Assignments

	scripture	focus on mission	coffee hour	nursery
Sept. 7	A. Kwaa	K. Graf	Augers	N. Jirmanus
Sept. 14	P. Auger	S. Lebbos	Milanesi/Kumpa	K. Gustafson
Sept. 21	H. Rantisi	J. Bray	Camelio/Braga	V. Donovan
Sept. 28	L. Cavano	P. Beran	Reynolds/Graf	E. Schemerhorn
October 6	E. Schemerhorn	C. Milanesi	Newquist/Glass	N. Jirmanus
October 13	M. Jirmanus	E. Schemerhorn	Chapman-Adisho	K. Gustafson
October 20	S. Donovan	P. Auger	Gustafson/Cavano	V. Donovan
October 27	R. Winchester	H. Rantisi	Donovan	E. Schemerhorn

If you would like to be added to the rotation for any of these opportunities, please contact Ann Crews Melton, anncrews@gmail.com or 617.646.9690.

The Clarendon Connection is edited by Ann Crews Melton. Articles for the October issue are requested by Sept. 24. Email Ann at anncrews@gmail.com with news, photos, tidbits, corrections or suggestions.



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Somerville Early Head Start

Somerville is one of a small number of communities that provides an Early Head Start program. This is a program for low-income families with a pregnant women, an infant or a toddler. The program is designed to promote the health and wellbeing of all the members of these families in order to give their young children the best chance of doing well when they get to school, and in their overall social and emotional development. All of the program's services are provided free, because it is funded by the Federal Administration for Children and Families.

Our staff includes Family Support Workers, who do the home visits, and are supervised by Specialists in early development, health care, family development, parent involvement, and social services. Most of our service providers are bi-cultural and bi-lingual in English and Spanish, Portuguese, or Haitian Creole. Together, they provide information, educational activities, coaching, and support to help parents. Learn more at www.somervillementalhealth.org.

Clarendon Hill is accepting donations for Somerville Early Head Start. Items most needed include:

- crackers
- cereal
- macaroni
- canned black beans
- rice in boxes (rather than plastic bags)
- baby formula
- diapers
- peanut butter

Thank you in advance for your donations!

