



Words of Friendship

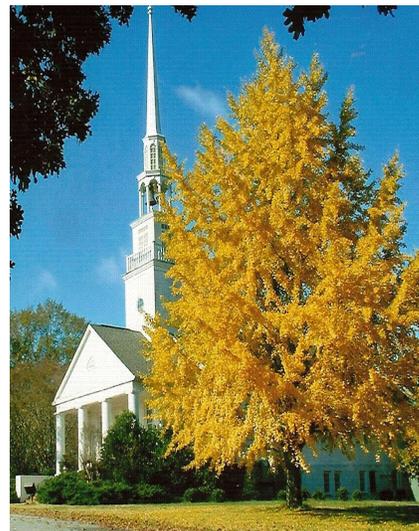


October 2014

*Friendship Presbyterian Church
(USA)*

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Athens, Georgia 30606
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Sunday School 9:45 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am

A Word from the Pastor

Dear Friends,

Greg Jones recently did some research on what he calls “vibrant congregations.” These are churches, regardless of size, that thrive in a variety of ways. To really be a vibrant congregation, he writes, you have to focus on three areas because all vibrant congregations are “bearers of tradition, laboratories of learning and incubators of leadership.”

To be a bearer of tradition is to find value in what we have done in the past and to know that our past, as it has been rooted and grounded in God, is something to draw and build upon. Further, these vibrant congregations become laboratories of learning because they recognize that there is much to learn and they value meeting the future in new ways. And power is shared as vibrant congregations find and develop new leadership for the church.

Here at Friendship we have so many of these qualities! We have rich past of faithful people and worship and we are rooted in the traditions of our faith. We love to learn and strive to maintain an open heart when it comes to new ways of doing things. And we rely on creative and gifted leaders to move us where we need to go.

This month in worship we will be focusing on stewardship and at the same time our nominations and elections committee will be finding new elders for next year. Both of these areas, stewardship and session leadership, are the key issues that will determine how Friendship will face the future. The task of being a vibrant congregation falls on us all and during this month I urge you to pray and discern where you might serve the church in the future. This vibrancy will not happen on it’s own, the church needs gifted leaders who will lead us into the vision of the church we want to be and the church needs our gifts of time and talents to help us along the way. Be in prayer, dear Church, for gifted leaders willing to serve. And pray for God’s leading in the giving of your self. Together, we will be God’s people in this time and place.

Grace and peace to you,
Rev. Tara Bulger



Women's Circle 1



Join the ladies of Circle One as we study the Bible with Rev. Tara Bulger leading us in exploring the scripture. We will meet October 14th at 9:45am at the church in the

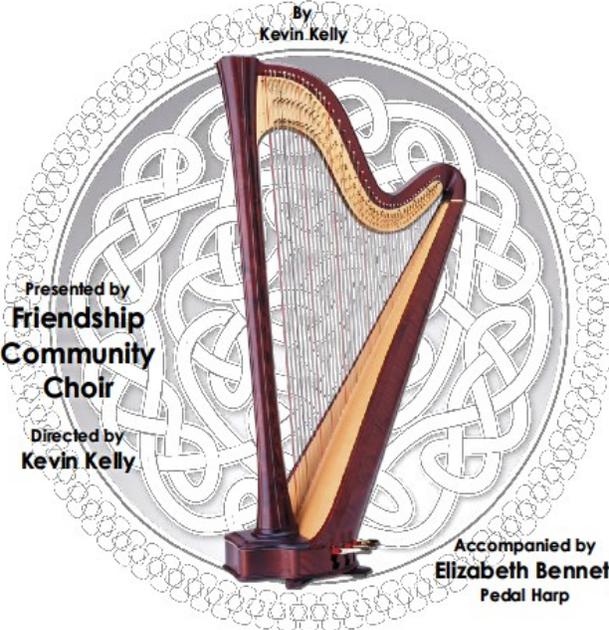
Friendship Room. Our monthly time together is for Bible study, prayer, support and fellowship. Please come—we cherish visitors!



The Men's Club will have their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 2nd at 7pm in the Friendship Room. All men are invited.

This Day, This Night
A Cycle of Sacred Songs from the Hebrides Islands, Scotland
 For Choir & Pedal Harp

By
 Kevin Kelly



Presented by
Friendship Community Choir

Directed by
 Kevin Kelly

Accompanied by
Elizabeth Bennett
 Pedal Harp

Free Admission

Sunday, October 12, 2014
 4:00 p.m.
 Friendship Presbyterian Church
 441 S. (across from Athens Academy)



Join us **October 25th** at Nacoochee Presbyterian Church as the Presbytery votes to allow the installation of Rev. Tara Bulger as our next pastor!

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, **January 18, 2015**, at 3pm for Tara's installation service.



Donna Rigsby will be on vacation October 14-19. Please feel free to contact Rev. Tara Bulger during this time at 706-621-3692.



Session Action

Tara Bulger, Moderator of Session

In September, the session met and a number of items were discussed. First, Barbara Remmers was elected as our new treasurer effective immediately. The session would like to express it's deep gratitude to Peggy Frantz for her incredible leadership in this area for a number of years. Thanks Peggy! We discussed our stewardship dinners and outlined our hopes for them. In worship, we moved communion to the first Sunday of every month going forward. The session of the church continues to meet monthly and any elder is available if you would like to discuss the leadership of the church with them.



Four small groups were hosted in the month of September for fellowship and a preview of our coming year's budgetary and stewardship needs. The meetings were a lot of fun, the food and hospitality were incredible and the chance to sit and discuss the future needs of the church was much appreciated. At every dinner, as we sat around tables and laughed and shared our lives, I was reminded that the fellowship and love apparent between friends and our dedication to the Gospel is really the heart of Friendship

Church. As we move into the future, we do so wanting to offer to the world more of that essential joy that is at the heart of our church body. The dinners were a great success as I know our future will be too.

-Rev. Tara Bulger



	Liturgist	Lead Offering Counter	Rocker MOM
5	Bruce Hildebrand	Alan White	TBD
12	Wallace Salter	Barbara Remmers	Melody Cartledge
19	Wynn Ivy	Bev Davis	Anne Lee
26	Courtney Bennett	Pattie Ivy	Linda Kelly



FINAL GARDEN RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE!

All are invited. Children are especially welcome.

160 Plantation Dr., Athens, GA 30605

(At end of Cedar Shoals Dr., turn left; go 500 feet, turn right; 7th house on right)

706-543-3753

Caren & Maurice Snook will host their final Garden Railroad Open House on Saturday, October 25, 2014, from 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm (Drop in anytime).

Two other model railroads will be open that day also. One of Garden Railroad size at the home of Don Nute, 445 Crestwood Dr. and one of smaller size (HO scale) at the home of Lee Schramm, 266 Deerhill Dr (off Cleveland Rd). Contact Maurice for more details.



Sanctuary Windows Update

Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, all of the 1950s vintage single pane windows in the sanctuary have been replaced. The new windows are low maintenance and double paned which should reduce our heating and cooling expenses. All of this was done without using any budget funds. Thank you!
Thank you!

-Ted Walker



Scoutmaster Recognized



On Sunday Sept. 28, Troop 149 Scoutmaster Paul Matthews was recognized during our morning worship service. Paul has served our troop with distinction for twenty years.

A “Proclamation of Appreciation” from Friendship was presented to him.

- Ted Walker

Old United States Flags



About twice each year, scouts of Troop 149 have a ceremony for the proper disposal of faded, tattered or torn US flags. Some of you may have flags such as these that you would like to dispose of but don't know how to do it properly. Our scouts would be happy to assist. You could leave your flag at the church office or in the narthex when you come to church. If you would like to be present when your flag is disposed of we are sure that this could be arranged.

- Ted Walker





by **Kevin Kelly**

“THIS DAY, THIS NIGHT”
ALEXANDER CARMICHAEL
AND CARMINA GADELICA

In past years at Friendship, I have designed several Celtic-themed services that incorporated readings from Carmina Gadelica (Latin, “Gaelic songs”). This is a compendium of prayers, incantations and miscellaneous folk texts gathered in Gaelic-speaking regions of Scotland. Because of my familiarity with and fondness for these texts, I decided to draw a number of them together for my newest choral composition. Before describing it, let me say a few words about Carmina Gadelica and its compiler, Alexander Carmichael.

Carmichael was born in 1932 on the island of Lismore, Scotland, where his family farmed. He accepted a job in the civil service as an exciseman, accessing taxes on locally produced goods. This job gave him the chance to live in many parts of the Highlands and Western Isles, where he got to know the local inhabitants well. Because of his interest in antiquities and folklore, Carmichael began recording their songs and stories, an endeavor that occupied the next sixty years of his life. The greater part of his collecting took place in the Outer Hebrides, a chain of islands lying off the northwestern coast of Scotland, with immense stretches of treeless and rocky terrain, where, in Carmichael’s words, the land and sea “strive for mastery.”

The Carmina Gadelica represents the fruit of his labors. It came out of a world that was full of poetry and music, both private and communal. Here may be found the prayers and songs whose daily and yearly rhythms marked the people’s lives. What they prayed and sang grew out of their sense of the presence of God in their lives; they made no distinction between the secular and the sacred, for these expressions grew out of life itself. As a ritualization of everyday tasks and concerns, the texts in Carmina Gadelica represent a unique heritage of folk poetry passed down orally through countless generations.

Carmina Gadelica was published in six volumes, the first two appearing in 1900. Carmichael provided both the original Gaelic texts and English translations, in which he received help from several assistants, including Kenneth MacLeod (1871-1955), a well-known poet in both Gaelic and English and a minister in the Church of Scotland.

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“THIS DAY, THIS NIGHT” ALEXANDER CARMICHAEL AND CARMINA GADELICA
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Long before the publication of Carmina Gadelica, interest in all things Celtic had been running high across Europe, initially fueled by the widespread popularity of James Macpherson’s publication of Ossianic poems in 1760. The so-called Celtic Revival saw a renewal of interest in Gaelic languages, arts and crafts, and literature. Carmichael’s publication of Carmina Gadelica provided a hitherto untapped source of Scottish poetry. These texts are noted for their preservation of a Celtic spirituality that integrates Christian traditions with aspects of a pre-Christian, earth-centered religion, subsequently superseded by the authority of Rome at the Synod of Whitby in 664.

My composition that draws on Carmina Gadelica is titled “This Day, This Night.” Its fourteen movements span the cycle of a typical day in the life of Hebrides islanders, beginning with a runic prayer praising God for the morning and ending with an evening benediction of peace. In between there are songs about various kinds of labor (herding, fishing, weaving, etc), and two songs about birth and death. All the melodies I took from several books of songs collected from the Hebrides, but in setting these melodies I discarded their original Gaelic texts and substituted texts from the Carmina Gadelica in English. My settings further depart from the original single-line melodies in that I arranged them for a four-part choir. At the same time, I tried to keep somewhat close to the original harmonic framework of the tunes and didn’t try to modernize their sound. So while my composition is several steps removed from the original texts and tunes, I did aim to respect their character; for the same reason, I chose harp accompaniment, typical of Scottish bards. My goal was to create a new, artistic setting of these texts from the Carmina Gadelica, one that gives these beautiful poems and melodies a new context, and one that would be suitable in today’s church or concert hall.



The Friendship Community Choir will be presenting “This Day, This Night” at 4 o’clock the afternoon of Sunday Oct. 12. Please plan to join us then!



Preschool Happenings

By: *Kelly Jones,*
Preschool Director



Chapel Time with Pastor Tara



Once a month, I will meet with each age group to offer a small chapel experience. During this time, we will focus on praying together, have a small lesson from the life of Jesus and discuss how the children can take what they have learned back into their classroom and lives. The chapel experience will be age-appropriate, completely ecumenical and will focus overwhelmingly on the love of God in Christ. My main goal during this chapel time is to create a fun and loving experience for each child.

- Pastor Tara



Scouting at Friendship

By: Scoutmaster Paul Matthews

In September, our Boy Scout Troop celebrated its semi-annual Court of Honor, recognizing our Scouts (and adults!) for their accomplishments over the past six months. Highlights included presenting 137 merit badges (56 different badges, ranging from Canoeing to Nuclear Science, Welding, Painting, Rifle Shooting, Citizenship in the Nation, and many more!), and 18 rank advancements. Several Scouts and adults received special awards, including the “God and Church” religious emblem, the Mile Swim BSA, and the 50-Miler Award, and Mr. Steve Wortham was recognized by the Patrol Leaders Council for going the extra mile with helping chair the troop’s Boards of Review.



Board of Review Chair Steve Wortham was recognized at the Court of Honor for his leadership to the troop.

While our Scouts’ busy schedules meant that we had to forego our planned September Orienteering camping trip, our patrols are planning individual activities, and a number of our Scouts and adults attended the Order of the Arrow fall “Pow Wow” at Camp Rainey Mountain, learning more about the OA and competing with other OA chapters from across the council. We are also gearing up for the October district camporee in Elberton, which will feature lashing catapults as the main event; our OA members are helping run the weekend, and the troop will also be hosting Webelos II’s from Pack 149 on this event. The rest of the Cub Scout Pack is also planning a fall Family Camping outing in October, too.



Three Scouts (Cutler Shiver, JR McDaniel, and Collin Pannell) each earned over 10 merit badges apiece for this month’s Court of Honor.

At meetings, Troop members have been continuing to work on Personal Fitness Merit Badge, as well as Pulp and Paper and Computers Merit Badges, plus working on their lashings, first aid, fire building, and more. And our Scouts have been engaging in a lot of community service projects, including brush clearing and landscaping at the Food Bank and trail building at Scull Shoals, with more projects still being planned and proposed. At a recent meeting, Scoutmaster Paul Matthews also took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, with “help” from the Scouts.

The Venturing Crew (co-ed high adventure program for ages 14-20) has begun meeting again this fall, and is putting together their program calendar. Both the Troop and the Pack are taking part in the annual fundraiser of selling popcorn products for the next month or so; please let us know if you’d like to put in an order.

Thanks for your continued support of the Boy Scout Troop, Venturing Crew, and Cub Scout Pack.



Worship Attendance & Giving in September				
	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28
Attendance	56	62	48	45
General Giving	5002.00	\$2273.25	\$566.00	\$1148.00
Sanctuary Window Fund		\$165.00		

Friendship Presbyterian Church				
Year-To-Date Through August, 2014				
			Over / (Under)	
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	
Receipts				
Receipts from Congregation	99,517	90,380	(9,137)	65%
Dye House Rent	6,460	6,460	0	5%
Support from Preschool	25,584	40,934	15,350	30%
All Other Income	<u>300</u>	<u>367</u>	<u>67</u>	
Total Receipts	131,861	138,141	6,280	
Expenses				
Administration	48,313	49,693		
Personnel	70,901	71,874		
Discipleship	720	3,393		
Membership Development & Care	0	2,333		
Mission/Bldg & Grounds	7,045	8,680		
Worship	<u>1,516</u>	<u>2,533</u>		
Operating Expenses	<u>128,494</u>	<u>138,506</u>	<u>10,011</u>	
Net Income / (Deficit)	3,367	(365)	(3,371)	
Cash in Bank August, 2014				
General Fund	10,131			
Restricted Fund	5,878			
Total Cash in Bank		16,009		
Kerry Hill Educational Fund		6,542		
Savings August, 2014 -- New Covenant Securities		54,446		
Mortgage Debt July, 2014		71,102		



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 9:40 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Friendship Time 2:00 PM Friendship Community Choir Rehearsal	29 <i>Don Harris</i> <i>Ken Swindle</i> 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	30 <i>Amy Ivy</i> <i>Linda Kelly</i> 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 149 7:30 PM Athens Chamber Choir Rehearsal	1 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM FPC Choir Rehearsal	2 <i>David Coons</i> 5:30 PM Stated Session Meeting 7:00 PM Men's Club 7:00 PM Pack Committee Mtg	3 Church Office Closed	4
5  WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY <i>Emily Giddens</i> 9:40 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Friendship Time 2:00 PM Friendship Community Choir Rehearsal	6 <i>Evelyn Montgomery</i> 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	7 10:00 AM Preschool Chapel 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 149 7:30 PM Athens Chamber Choir Rehearsal	8 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM FPC Choir Rehearsal	9 9:00 AM Preschool Fall Family Fun Day	10 Church Office Closed Preschool Closed	11 10:00 AM Friendship Community Choir Rehearsal
12 9:40 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Friendship Time 4:00 PM Friendship Community Choir Concert	13 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	14 <i>Herb & Sarah Bennett</i> 9:45 AM Circle One 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 149 7:30 PM Athens Chamber Choir Rehearsal	15 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM FPC Choir Rehearsal	16 7:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting	17 Church Office Closed	18
19 9:40 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Friendship Time	20 <i>Zachary McCaskey</i> 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	21 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 149 7:30 PM Athens Chamber Choir Rehearsal	22 <i>Jennifer Stancil</i> 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM FPC Choir Rehearsal	23 7:00 PM Troop Committee Meeting	24 <i>Alan White</i> Church Office Closed	25 <i>Ted & Doris Walker</i>
26 9:40 AM Adult Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service/Commitment Sunday 12:00 PM Luncheon	27 5:30 PM Children's Choir 7:00 PM Recorder Ensemble Rehearsal	28 <i>Chester & Anne Lee</i> 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 149 7:30 PM Athens Chamber Choir Rehearsal	29 11:00 AM Bible Study 7:00 PM FPC Choir Rehearsal	30	31 Church Office Closed	1 <i>Jeff & Marie Mitchell</i>



Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen. **1 Peter 4:10-11**

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Please check out our website @
www.gotofriendship.org for our online calendar



Please submit news for November's
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to the church office no later than
Sunday, October 26, 2014.

Due to office schedule submissions after this date
may not appear in next month's newsletter. All
submissions are subject to editing.

FRIENDSHIP PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, assured of God's unconditional love for everyone, we strive to be an accepting and joyful community that centers upon worship, encourages personal growth, celebrates diversity, nurtures individual gifts, and moves beyond boundaries to share, through service, Jesus' love, compassion, and justice in an uncertain world.

Grace to you and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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