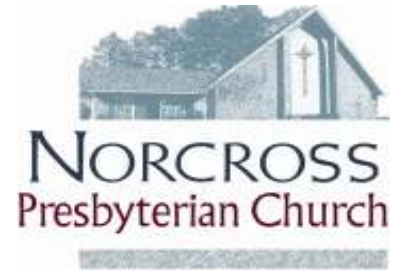


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*Norcross, Georgia*

## August 2010

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*Our guest writer this month is Carol MacGregor.  
Here are Carol's musings:*

"Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water"...Cynthia Bolbach...219th General Assembly...Umm...Do any of these phrases have a familiar ring to you? Probably not, as our attention in July has been focused more on civil government decisions than church government!

Meeting early in July in the Twin Cities, 712 ministers and elders of the Presbyterian Church (USA) sat together, worshipped, prayerfully considered and made decisions on our behalf as a great reformed and Presbyterian denomination.

Using the words of John 7:38 as its theme, commissioners listened thoughtfully to the discussions and debates on motions. Unless we were personally acquainted with any one of them, this biennial gathering occurred without our being aware. Thank God for those willing to serve in this way, governing the larger church, following the Lord of their consciences.

Still with me? The woman's name at the top of the page is that of our newly elected Moderator. Cynthia Bolbach is an elder and member of First Presbyterian Church in Arlington, VA. A lawyer, she has been co-moderating a task force for the PCUSA charged with revisions to the Form of Government.

The 219th GA acted to recommend governance changes to the presbyteries and synods, approved reports from committees (sending some on to presbyteries for decisions), commissioned 15 new international mission co-workers and approved its first comprehensive report on the Middle East since 1997.

Ours is a connectional church that deserves our continuing attention — so easy to achieve with the websites [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) and [www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org](http://www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org). Occasionally checking in with them enhances our witness as individuals.

Carol MacGregor

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## A Place at the Table

### **Fall Leadership Event**

Saturday, August 21, 2010

**TRINITY Presbyterian Church**

3003 Howell Mill Road, NW

Atlanta, Georgia 30327

(404) 237-6491

*The Tri-Presbytery Fall Leadership Event is a combined effort by **Cherokee, Greater Atlanta, and Northeast Georgia Presbyteries** to offer an annual educational experience to our membership. This Event is inspired by and draws on the strengths of the PCUSA's connectional nature to share the diverse talents the Body of Christ has to offer in Christian education for children, youth, and adults as well as to equip members for evangelism, new church development, congregational transformation, and officer training.*

**For more information or to register (by August 10th), visit**

**[www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org](http://www.presbyteryofgreateratl.org)**

## August/September 2010 announcements for

# *The NPC Ringers*

*Handbells are open to all musicians*



**Hello! Here we go again! Three of us took handbells at Montreat and are raring to go! Rehearsals resume on August 22 (choir starts August 18).**

**Fall 2010 Programs:** We are preparing for October, Thanksgiving, and Advent.

If you are interested in ringing, and if you have **ever** played an instrument or sung in a chorus for a year or so:

***You can do it!***

The NPC Ringers are open to all musicians Middle School age and up. You do *not* have to be a member of NPC to play. We have positions available for both bass and treble clef ringers. So, join the handbell choir — it is an integral part of our Ministry of Music. Our current ringers will help you get started. Ringing handbells is a community effort, and all we volunteers are in handbells in support of each other.

- Ken Birmingham



## Handbell Calendar for August/September 2010

| Date                 | Ringers' Activities   | Comments                                     |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| August 22            | Rehearsals at 1:30 PM |  |
| August 29            | Rehearsals at 1:30 PM |  |
| September 5          | NO REHEARSAL          | <i>Labor Day Weekend</i>                     |
| September 12, 19, 26 | Rehearsals at 1:30 PM |  |
| October              | To be announced       | <i>Playing at a service in early October</i> |

# Christian Education

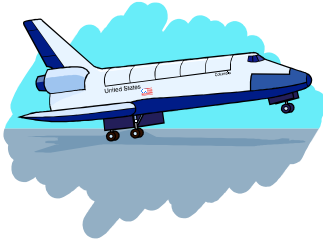
By Linda Smith

**New Fall Sunday School Classes**  
will begin on **September 19th.**

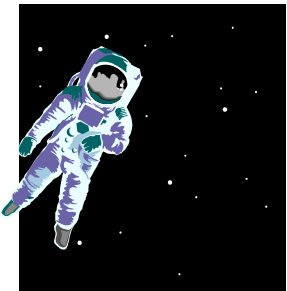
*Come join us for a special children's Sunday School class,  
taught by Linda Smith,  
on August 15, 22, and 29.*

Hope to see you there!

## Vacation Bible School



***VBS Galactic Blast...  
was a blast!***



*Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS this year!! We had a fantastic week with a great turnout of kids!! It always amazes me how fast we can transform the sanctuary into the wonderful world of VBS! I have has so many comments from the parents saying how much fun their children had at VBS! So, thank you again to every single person that helped out (and there were a lot of people)!*

*Melissa*

**BEST WISHES TO OUR  
AUGUST  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 6 Charlene Villalobos
- 7 Chico Villalobos
- 7 Lisa Knowles
- 10 Vanessa Currier
- 11 Elizabeth Scott
- 20 Jason Caldwell
- 21 Kerrie Bernardo
- 21 Christina Peterson
- 21 Jeff Putnam
- 27 Wayne Goring
- 31 Melissa Steele
- 31 Mary Greenway

**\*\*For the latest scheduling additions and updates, view our online calendar at\*\***

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcrosspres>

# August 2010

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue       | Wed  | Thu       | Fri   | Sat                               |
|---|--|-----------|--|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|
| <b>1</b><br>9:15 SS/NPC<br>9:15 Praise Team<br>9:30 Prayer Shawl<br>10:30 NPC Worship<br>12:00 SS/KYC<br>1:00 KYC Worship<br>2:30 KYC Fellowship<br>6:00 Youth Group                      | <b>2</b><br>9:30 Preschool<br>Teachers Report<br><br>7:30 Boy Scouts | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>8:30 KYC Worship   | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br><b>NPC Meet Your Teacher Day 10-noon</b><br><br>Men's Group at the Helmstetter's<br><br>9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting | <b>7</b><br>1:30 KYC Bible Study  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:15 SS/NPC<br>9:15 Praise Team<br>9:30 Prayer Shawl<br>10:30 NPC Worship<br>12:00 SS/KYC<br>1:00 KYC Worship<br>2:30 KYC Fellowship<br>6:00 Youth Group                      | <b>9</b><br>9:30 First Day of Preschool<br><br>6:30 Boy Scouts       | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>5:45 WND resume<br>6:30 Discussion<br>(date may change)<br>8:30 KYC Worship | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br>9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting  | <b>14</b><br>1:30 KYC Bible Study |
| <b>15</b><br>9:15 SS/NPC<br>9:15 Praise Team<br>9:30 Prayer Shawl<br>10:30 NPC Worship<br>12:00 SS/KYC<br>1:00 KYC Worship<br>2:30 KYC Fellowship<br>3:00 Session Mtg<br>6:00 Youth Group | <b>16</b><br>6:30 Boy Scouts   | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>5:45 WND<br>6:30 Discussion<br>7:30 Chancel Choir<br>8:30 KYC Worship       | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b><br>9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting  | <b>21</b><br>1:30 KYC Bible Study |
| <b>22</b><br>9:15 SS/NPC<br>9:15 Praise Team<br>9:30 Prayer Shawl<br>10:30 NPC Worship<br>12:00 SS/KYC<br>1:00 KYC Worship<br>1:30 NPC Ringers<br>2:30 KYC Fellowship<br>6:00 Youth Group | <b>23</b><br>6:30 Boy Scouts   | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>5:45 WND<br>6:30 Discussion<br>7:30 Chancel Choir<br>8:30 KYC Worship       | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting  | <b>28</b><br>1:30 KYC Bible Study |
| <b>29</b><br>9:15 SS/NPC<br>9:15 Praise Team<br>9:30 Prayer Shawl<br>10:30 NPC Worship<br>12:00 SS/KYC<br>1:00 KYC Worship<br>1:30 NPC Ringers<br>2:30 KYC Fellowship<br>6:00 Youth Group | <b>30</b><br>6:30 Boy Scouts   | <b>31</b> |  |           |   |                                   |

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