

POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Richard W. Blice, Jr., Pastor

October 11, 1967

With a real base of operations, enthusiasm emanating from many sources, and a number of projects brewing, we go to press! No doubt some of you are thinking, "about time!" while others are asking, "why?" We hope to win the favor of both types of thinkers by giving you a newsletter worthy of your reading time and of our efforts.

First of all, we invite your attention to "Preacher's Perch", a regular feature to be spotlighted in each issue, written, of course, by DICK BLICE. We should also welcome your views concerning a column to be written each month by one of you. Have you an experience to relate? An opinion to express? A compliment to bestow? A grievance to air? Please bear in mind that this is your newsletter, and we are inviting your participation and contributions.

KANDY PERRIN, a sophomore at Randolph Macon Women's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, is our first guest columnist. Her topic is "My Religion."

We shall include a church calendar of events running from mid-month to mid-month so that you may plan ahead for those events in which you would like to participate. Again, if you know of a "happening" pertaining to our church or one of our community churches which might be of interest to the members and friends of our congregation, let us know. We'll be happy to note it.

We will aim for mailing by the Wednesday following the second Monday of the month. All news items should be submitted in writing to the church office or to JOY GARCIA no later than the Sunday before the second Monday. And please remember that a newsletter needs news. We especially invite news of our young people away at school or serving in the Armed Forces. Your editor cannot possibly call each of you for

information each month, so contrary to the old cliche, you call us -- we can't call you!

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CONTEST!!!CONTEST!!!CONTEST!!!CONTEST!!!

Surely you noticed that our newsletter this month lacks a name! Several people have suggested that we find a new name for it, so it has been decided to hold a "contest" for just that purpose. The rules are simple:

- (1) Write or print your proposed name on a piece of paper and leave it in the church office or give it to JOY GARCIA.
- (2) Write or print your name on the reverse side.
- (3) All entries must be in by Sunday, November 12.

In next month's edition of the newsletter, all proposed names will be listed and a form provided for your vote. The winning name will appear on the December issue and the winner will receive a year's free subscription!

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GINNY SAVAGE and RUTH STANLEY, our Church school teachers for the kindergarten-age class (4 and 5 year olds), have issued a plea for good, sturdy, used play equipment. Some of the items especially needed are a record player, building blocks, doll carriage, doll bed, dolls, metal or plastic tea sets, and other housekeeping items such as stoves, refrigerators, cupboards, tables, chairs, etc. If your children have outgrown such equipment and you would like to donate it, please get in touch with GINNY or RUTH.

## PREACHER'S PERCH

From the Preacher's Perch this month I would like to introduce to you the new church secretary, MRS. DOUGLAS NEWCOMB (DORIS). Mr. and Mrs. NEWCOMB and their two children, DOUGLAS, Jr., age 17, and RONALD, age 13, are members of the Rockville Methodist Church. Prior to her coming to the Potomac Presbyterian Church, Mrs. NEWCOMB was employed by the National Institutes of Health as a clerk-typist. Mr. NEWCOMB is employed by the Labor Department.

Mrs. NEWCOMB is active in the Women's Association of her church and in the Sunday Church School. The NEWCOMB family resides in Woodley Gardens.

At present Mrs. NEWCOMB will be in the church office three mornings a week. As the work load increases, her hours will be increased accordingly.

Also, may I make another introduction. The editor of the church newspaper is Mrs. ROBERT GARCIA (JOY). We rejoice in her willingness to serve the congregation in this way. A church newsletter is by far the best means of keeping all the families of the congregation informed of how the church is fulfilling its mission and of news about the church families. May I urge you to support JOY in her work as editor. Read the newspaper. Contribute to it.

...RICHARD W. BLICE, JR.

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We extend our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. ROGER P. McNEILL, of Bethesda, Maryland, who were married in Potomac United Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 19. MRS. McNEILL is the former Mrs. JANE M. KING.

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Mr. BLICE will be in his study at the church most every morning from 9:00 until noon. You are invited to call or visit him at the church or at the manse at any time.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### October

- 12 - Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 15 - Junior High Youth, Manse, 6:30 P.M.
- 17 - Cub Pack Parents Mtg. for Lake Normandy Pack, Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 19 - Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 22 - Disaster Aid Demonstration, Sligo 7th Day Adventist Church, Takoma Park, 4:00 P.M.
- 22 - Senior High Youth, home of CATHY SMITH, 8408 Fenway Road, 6:30 P.M.
- 23 - Women's Assn. Mtg., Church, 10:00 A.M.
- \*\*24 - Girl Scout Troop Mtg., Church, 3:30 P.M.
- 25 - FISH Exec. Committee Mtg., Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 26 - Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 29 - Festival of Faith Service, Nat'l Cathedral, 4:00 P.M.
- 29 - Junior High Youth, Place to be announced, 6:30 P.M.
- 31 - Board of Deacons Mtg., Church, 8:00 P.M.
- \*\*24 - Stewardship Visitor Training Session, Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 31 - Girl Scout Mtg., Church, 3:30 P.M.

### November

- 1 - Stewardship Hostesses Committee Mtg., Church, 10:00 A.M.
- 2 - Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 3 - Women's Sewing-Luncheon, Church, 10:00 A.M.
- 5 - Senior High Youth, Place to be announced, 6:30 P.M.
- \*\*6 - Session Mtg., Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 9 - Choir Rehearsal, Church, 8:00 P.M.
- 12 - Deadline for newsletter contest.
- \*\*7 - Girl Scout Mtg., Church, 3:30 P.M.
- 14 - Girl Scout Mtg., Church, 3:30 P.M.

\*\* OOOPS! Sorry 'bout that!

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CONGRATULATIONS to CATHY SMITH, a senior at Winston Churchill High School. CATHY is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Awards, and is the only student from Churchill to receive this recognition. We're very proud of you, CATHY. Keep up the good work!



The sign of the FISH is one of the oldest symbols of Christianity. In Greek, the initial letters of "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" (IHS) spell "ichthys" - which means "FISH."

No doubt you have seen the sign of the FISH in Potomac on River Road. Potomac FISH is a group of Christians living in the Potomac area who have banded together to provide neighborly help to each other as members of the community in meeting the minor emergencies we all seem to face at one time or another. Whether it is simply providing a lift when the family automobile is broken down or supplying clothing for a family "burned out" of their home, a FISH volunteer is standing by on a 24-hour alert to respond to calls for a helping hand. In addition to this "Neighbor-to-neighbor" program, Potomac FISH has organized and supplied both a clothing depot and a food depot to help meet the needs of the area's households which fall in the lower portion of the economic spectrum. FISH also proposes to provide information for area residents who may be entitled to health, education, and welfare services, but who are, perhaps, unable to find their own way through the maze of federal, state, county, and private organizations which provide specialized services in the broad social assistance field.

On October 2, our Session officially endorsed FISH and Potomac United Presbyterian Church is now a participating body in this organization along with the Scotland A.M.E. Zion, the Holy Cross Episcopal, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic, Saint Francis Episcopal, and Saint Raphael's Catholic Churches.

Chairman of the Steering Committee is Mrs. Judith Tydings. Harry Semmes, Jr., of St. Francis, is Treasurer, and Mrs. Irene Mechak of St. Raphael's is FISH Operations Officer. Co-Chairmen of the Food Depot are Mrs. Bernice Dove and Mrs. Mary Crawford of Scotland A.M.E. Zion, and Co-Chairmen of the Clothing Depot, which is supervised by St. Francis Church, are Mrs. Eva Paine and Mrs. Rose Hurley. The house on River Road has been provided by Mr. Richard Moran.

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Volunteers are needed to serve as Officers-of-the-Day, more drivers, and workers in the clothing depot. If you are interested in giving a little of your time in service to your neighbor in need, please contact JACK DAY, 299-9364.

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#### FESTIVAL OF FAITH

The congregation of Potomac United Presbyterian Church has been invited by the Lutheran Family of Washington to participate in a Festival of Faith Service on the occasion of the 450th Anniversary of the Reformation. The Service will be held on Sunday, October 29, at 4:00 P.M., at the Washington Cathedral, Wisconsin and Massachusetts Avenues, N.W. The Service will celebrate the basic unity of faith which we share through the Holy Spirit, and the preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Gordon S. Huffman, Eastern District President of the American Lutheran Church.

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#### DISASTER AID DEMONSTRATION

Should disaster strike, would you be prepared? Learn what you can do if ever our community falls victim to fire, flood, tornado, accident, explosion, or nuclear attack. Columbia Union College, in cooperation with Montgomery County Civil Defense, will hold a Disaster Aid Demonstration on Sunday, October 22, from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. at the Sligo Seventh Day Adventist Church, corner of Carroll and Flower Avenues, Takoma Park, Maryland. This demonstration will show what all of us can and will be expected to do if faced with disaster. It will demonstrate how people can be housed, fed, and identified, how traffic will be controlled, how communications can be maintained and what can be done in emergency medical situations when a doctor is not available. You are urged to attend.

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YOUR CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

## MY RELIGION

-- by KANDY PERRIN

A few years ago, after our family's move from a well-established, complacent life in a North Carolina city to an entirely new and less social existence in a Maryland suburb of Washington, D.C., I wrote a sonnet about a tree which, having been transplanted, was withered and dying. Once tall and reaching toward the sun, the tree found itself in the shadows of taller trees, unable to receive the sunlight. In perhaps weak symbolism, I was depicting myself in an analogous plight.

God was real in kindergarten because I talked to Him every night. He was real in elementary school because my closest contemporaries and I had learned about Him, and Jesus, in Sunday School each Sunday since our mothers first abandoned us in the nursery. He was real in junior high school because I taught the children in Bible School what the Bible School had taught me. I began Student Council meetings with Christian prayers; there were no dissenters, therefore there was no doubt. God was real in tenth grade because so many friends, even the disreputable boys, gathered around Young Life campfires with well-loved Christian leaders and well-marked New Testaments, to discover greater amity because the beliefs were mutual.

Within three months, God was no longer a reality, but an enigma, then a doubt. I was uprooted from pre-fertilized soil -- a peaceful, unchallenged life based on social and emotional responses, family tradition, and upbringing -- and transplanted in unfamiliar, unprepared soil. As the resolution of my poem indicated, the tree lacked fortitude because it had not been subjected to poorer soil -- or hardship, sunlight was fading, and fruition seemed impossible. For example, a very new church requested my piano accompaniment for the service, so weekly Sunday School was non-existent. With VISTA, I saw Negroes living inside stacks of boards, unclean, with no distinguishable family trees; they had no goal, no sunlight, and belief in God and in this simultaneously seemed antithetical. The population of our school was no longer mainly Southern Conservative Christian, but predominately Jewish and atheist. Voices of friends set me in a spiralling world, reeling and dizzy:

"You believe in God? You're an anachronism. If God is omnipotent, meaning all-powerful, how can there be also an evil power? Man must be on earth for his own happiness, and success brings me happiness. Certainly you don't believe Jesus was perfect; He was flesh and blood. If we're in God's image, and He is perfect, why are we not perfect? Christian Science claims we are perfect, in our only being, which is spiritual. Christians are no better in conduct, in loving one another, than anyone else. Prove God, prove Him..."

This past summer I began to write a poem about a small tree, immature, not nearly full grown, but reaching with surety toward the sunlight filtering through taller growth. I met with friends casually to share interpretations of Paul's letters. I argued theologies I did not believe to discover what others thought. I read the New Testament, and attempted to surmount the "opaque wall" which prayer had become when I could not prove its worth. And I found that love -- Agape (I'm not sure of the spelling of this word) -- which the Bible mentions so often as an attribute of God -- seemed to be a remedy for the "death" I had felt.

God is real because trees cannot grow without sunlight. Though my intellectual acquaintances argue that I cannot prove Him, God is real because man, like trees, cannot subsist on their own fortitude. God is real because His attributes -- love, truth, goodness -- seem to be the best reason for life and incentive to live harmoniously. (continued, next page.)

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My religion is still more theoretical than practical. But, as a Christian, I need no mathematical formula to support the empty, aimless, unemotional arguments of those who present no better meaning for creation, its survival, and its happiness. Perhaps someday I can complete the poem I have begun.

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WANTED: Sopranos, altos, tenors, basses, and baritones.

If you haven't quite figured out just which of these categories you fit, we want you any how! We NEED you. If you haven't experienced a rehearsal session with JEAN HALLADAY, you simply don't know what you're missing! This gal expends more energy in 1½ hours than most of us do in 1½ weeks! If you can carry a tune, drop your "r's", round your "o's", and get out on Thursday evenings, we have just the place for you -- the choir! If the ol' man or little woman can't join you, just explain that it's your night to howl -- literally. We'll even furnish your choir robe on Sunday morning! Could anyone ask for more? Don't be shy -- no auditions. Just meet at the church every Thursday night at eight o'clock and find out firsthand what it's like to be appreciated!

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#### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

At the September meeting of the Women's Association, the members voted to change the day for sewing from the first Wednesday of the month to the first Friday. Accordingly, on Friday, Oct. 6, the first sewing session of the fall season was held in the Church. Only a handful turned out, but we aren't easily discouraged. On Friday, November 3rd, we shall try again, and this time we offer an inducement -- namely, FOOD! Free food! Come at ten o'clock, and bring your portable machine (if you have one), plus any fabric or pattern you may find unused around the house, and come prepared to be creative! About noon you will be served a delicious light lunch (dessert and beverage included), and we will finish for the day about two o'clock. We hope all of our old friends and "regulars" will return, and we invite all you

ladies who have thought about it in the past but just never got around to it. We have a lot of room, a lot to do, and we want you to join us. We not only accomplish a great deal towards helping others, we also have a lot of fun doing it.

Remember -- sewing and lunch, Friday, November 3 at 10:00 A.M.

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The next meeting of the Women's Association will be held in the Fellowship Room of the Church on Monday, October 23, at 10:00 A.M. MRS. WILLIS KEMPER will speak about the work being done by the church in the poverty areas of Appalachia, and plans to present a tape recording of the Rev. BILLY GRAHAM which also concerns Appalachia.

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Wedding bells rang August 26 for BILL ROSBE who was married in the Zion Lutheran Church in Baltimore to Miss MARTA NORDENHOLZ of Ellicott City, Md. BILL, a Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps, and MARTA are en route to Corpus Christi, Texas, via Pensacola, Florida. He will receive special training at both places.

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Are your pledges up-to-date? As the work of our church progresses, we need your continued support.

We also remind you that the year is rapidly drawing to a close and it is about time to think about taxes (Eeyuck!). Don't overlook a possible tax deduction for 1967.

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It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts. XX, 35.

Many of our young people are away at various colleges and universities or are serving in the Armed Forces. Here, for your information, is a list of those who belong to our church family:

CATHARINE ACKER  
Lucy Rowland Hall  
DePauw University  
Greencastle, Ind. 46135

MARTHA BENTON  
U.N.C. - G  
Kiser Dorm, Box 101  
Greensboro, N.C. 27412

CHARLES BENTON  
Geo. Washington Univ.  
12221 Stoney Creek Road  
Potomac, Maryland 20854

RALPH E. BURGESS III  
Box 150  
Hobart College  
Geneva, New York 14456

LINDA DART  
Michigan State Univ.  
163 West Holmes Hall  
East Lansing, Mich. 48835

GREG DROEGE  
Denison University  
Slayter Hall, Box 902  
Granville, Ohio 43023

ROBERT FERRARA  
Univ. of West Virginia  
Campanile Residence Hall  
29 Beechhurst Avenue  
Morgantown, W. Va. 26505

KATHY GARCIA  
Sweet Briar College  
Box 339  
Sweet Briar, Va. 24595

BARBARA HAACK  
Denison University  
Box 1171  
Granville, Ohio 43023

THOMAS HAACK, OCU 1-2  
C-802 U.S. Navy  
Officer Candidate School  
Newport, Rhode Island

MARCIA HANKIN  
Keuka College  
Keuka Park, N.Y. 14478

DONNA HARTING  
Morris Harvey College  
Charleston, W. Va. 25304

FREDERICK HARTING III ("TRIPPE")  
Roanoke College  
Salem, Virginia 24153

BETSY HARWICK  
Univ. of Maryland  
Kappa Delta Sorority  
4610 College Avenue  
College Park, Md. 20740

~~LT. JOHN R. HEMPHILL 05340548  
U. S. Army  
Co. A 304th Signal Bn. (A)  
APO San Francisco, Calif. 96301~~

NANCY MARTIN  
Kappa Alpha Theta House  
DePauw University  
Greencastle, Ind. 46135

~~LT(jg) J. R. McALPIN III 693387  
U.S. Navy  
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FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601~~

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Sigma Chi House, 2701 Nueces St.  
Austin, Texas 78705

PETER A. McALPIN  
University of Texas  
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Austin, Texas 78705

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DePauw University  
Pi Beta Phi House  
Greencastle, Ind. 46135

GINGER MERCHANT  
Mt. Vernon Jr. College  
10824 Fox Hunt Lane  
Potomac, Md. 20854

KANDY PERRIN  
Randolph Macon Women's College  
452 Webb Hall  
Lynchburg, Virginia 24504

SUSAN POWNALL  
Northwestern Univ.  
618 Emerson Street  
Evanston, Ill. 60201

~~LT (jg) JAMES W.  
RICHARDS, JR, USN  
13th EW Squadron  
Naval Air Station  
Alameda, Calif. 94501~~

JAMES ROSBE  
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BRYANT WILSON  
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San Diego, Calif. 92106

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Potomac, Maryland

November 15, 1967

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"The branches of the apple trees are touching the ground with their heavy burden of ripe fruit. The cornfield is polka-dotted with shocks of golden grain. The wheatfield is a brown carpet after its yield has been stored.

"Now here I stand with Thanksgiving in my heart, knowing the apple tree does not yield all its lifetime of fruit in one lone year. The cornfield cannot give us all its bushels in one harvest. The wheatfield keeps the barrels filled year after year in steady rhythm.

"By the same token, I know God will supply my life with His love and grace -- not years and years in advance, but moment by moment. For I cannot experience all His love in one season. Its abundance is too great."

...Katherine Young

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Potomac United Presbyterian Church

9:30 A.M.





## PREACHER'S PERCH

Early last spring the Session of our church said yes to an offer from the Washington City Presbytery. The offer was that Presbytery, through Agne-Farnworth Associates, would help us as a congregation in our stewardship program this fall. The total cost to the Potomac United Presbyterian Church for the services of Agne-Farnworth was set at \$92.00.

Agne-Farnworth Associates is a business organization designed to assist local churches to carry out their own stewardship programs. In working with the Stewardship Commission of our Session, they have promoted and used only United Presbyterian denominational materials. MR. FARNWORTH and MR. McCROSTIE of the Presbytery staff, have met numerous times with the members of our Stewardship Commission and others who have volunteered or who have been recruited by the Commission. Their purpose has been to assist and enable these members of our congregation to do the best possible job in developing an effective stewardship program in our church.

The program our Stewardship Commission is following is called Dimensions in Stewardship Commitment -- DISC. DISC is essentially educational. The concept behind the program is that if United Presbyterians know what the mission of the church locally and nationally is, they will care about that mission and therefore share their financial resources to the end that the mission will be fulfilled.

The first phase of DISC will come to a climax at the end of this month when every family in our congregation will be asked to commit a portion of their income to the church for its work in 1968. At a recent joint meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons, the members unanimously agreed to recommend to the families of our congregation that they give a minimum of four percent of their incomes to the church in 1968, exclusive of their pledges to the Building Fund.

The second phase of DISC will begin in January when the Stewardship Commission will begin an intensive program of mission interpretation that will continue throughout the year.

...RICHARD W. BLICE, JR.

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## FINANCIAL REPORT

A number of our members have inquired about our financial position. We understand from our Finance Chairman that for the first nine months of 1967 our receipts in the General Fund totalled \$21,750.00 which was \$1,835 less than the receipts we had budgeted. Our disbursements were \$24,002.00 and these were less than the total budgeted and approved disbursements by \$583. These disbursements, however, did not include our regular payment for general mission support of \$1,350.00 which was paid shortly after September 30. Our cash balance on November 7, 1967 is \$2,357.

All available cash in the Building Fund has been applied to payments on the new building, furniture, and fixtures. Since we have had no cash available for some of the last bills received from suppliers, we have had to plan some short term financing arrangements until more payments are received on Building Fund pledges. As CHUCK HEMPHILL mentioned in his letter of October 2, to all members, we have some \$25,000 yet to be received from Building Fund pledges. This short term financing will be required until some of these payments have been received.

If you are interested, we will ask the Finance Chairman for a brief summary of our financial position for future issues of the newsletter.

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He gives twice who gives quickly.

...Publius Mimus.

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A new directory of all church members will be made up and distributed in Feb., 1968. In the meantime, the following additions, corrections, and deletions will bring your present directory up-to-date.

The following young people were in the communicants class last spring. All their families are church members, so please add their names to the list.

Mr. Ronald Dykhuizen  
Miss Jennifer Savage

Mr. Jeff Schilling  
Mr. Nick Smith

The families indicated below have joined our church this past year.

Mr. Donald Gormley (Mrs. Gormley,  
Barbara, is already a member)

Mr. Jack Scholl  
Mrs. Jack Scholl (Judith)  
5432 Connecticut Ave., N.W.  
#603  
Washington, D.C. 20015 363-5926

Mr. Thomas A. Wigle  
Mrs. Thomas A. Wigle (Ann)  
9105 Rouen Lane 299-9557

Mrs. Richard Blice (Jean)  
9300 Marseille Drive 762-0466

Mr. Homer McMurray  
Mrs. Homer McMurray (Hazel)  
Miss Catherine McMurray  
9710 Falls Road 299-8450

Mrs. Robert Hurt (Betsy)  
11309 Hawhill End 762-1380

Mr. James Rudd  
Mrs. James Rudd (Joanne)  
9804 Aldersgate Road  
Rockville 762-1170

Mr. Abbott Marsh  
Mrs. Abbott Marsh (Nadine)  
90 Tidewaters - Henlopen Acres  
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 302-227-2973

Dr. Richard Fowler  
Mrs. Richard Fowler (Mavis)  
8500 Brickyard Road 299-6728

Mr. Carlton Stanley  
Mrs. Carlton Stanley (Ruth)  
10011 Counselman Road 299-7813

The following corrections and changes should be made:

Acker phone number is 762-7696  
Bentzen phone number is 469-8705  
Eckman phone number is 881-1533

Mrs. Jane King was recently married to  
Mr. Roger McNeill. Her new address is:  
4400 East-West Highway, Bethesda.  
Phone: 656-5036

Mrs. Richard Mellon has moved to  
10687 Weymouth Street, Bethesda.

Please remove the following names as letters of transfer have been received from them:

Wes & Charis Gallagher to Morrestown, New Jersey  
Mary Ruth & Dick Harrison to Huntsville, Alabama  
Helen Leitch to State College, Pennsylvania  
Louise & Charles McDonald to Las Vegas, Nevada  
Mr. Frederick Imirie is deceased.

## A COMMENT ON STEWARDSHIP

Our "guest column" is written this month by another PERRIN! We are not planning to supply this column family by family -- it's just that on Sunday, November 12, Deacon JAMES PERRIN delivered a short talk on stewardship which we feel should reach our entire congregation. Therefore, for the benefit of those who were not present to hear JIM's talk, we offer it here:

Let us talk a few minutes about the History of Yesterday or the Future of Tomorrow.

First: Many of you, I am sure, are familiar with proportions. If you can buy 3 doz. apples for \$6.00, how many dozens can you get for \$30.00?

$$3 - 6 = x - 30 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 15$$

All of us here are faced with a proportion for our church. Now, let us define our proportion by the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How approach.

Who - All of us worshipping in this church.

What - History of Yesterday or Future of Tomorrow.

When - November, 1967.

Why - Because we have made it known to our minister, officers and committees that we want to broaden our church program, to move forward.

How - By use of a program called DISC - Dimensions In Stewardship Commitment which will help us keep the church on the move through intelligent commitment of our time, talents and treasures. This program, now underway, involves a year round stewardship program under the Interpretation and Stewardship Commission headed by MR. FERRARA. DR. ACKER's sub group works with interpretation and my group, the yearly visitation. This program of visitation involves: mailings, short talks, inserts in the bulletins, training for visitors to call on the congregation, people to arrange and be hosts for a Loyalty Dinner on Thursday, November 30 -- yes, Thursday, November 30, at the Hunt Club, from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. You will hear more about it. All of those from Junior High on up are invited. On December 1 and 2 the visitors will call on the congregation. This, briefly, then is how.

Now these visitors will explain to you that the desire of this congregation to go forward started with a small group four years ago in the school. A move forward to this lovely church - built for prayer and service. We are proud of our progress, of the dedication and commitment of these people four years ago. Proud of their time and self-sacrifice.

Our proportion then is Potomac School to Potomac Church as 32 is to 47. The increase in our budget from \$32,000 to a projected goal of \$47,000 involves ministry, Christian education, debt service on the church

(A Comment on Stewardship, continued)

and manse, general mission giving and other items you will hear more about. So, for a church growing in families, anxious to serve, we face a challenge. We have this program this way this year because we feel that a vigorous, dynamic, challenging, stewardship commitment program will develop a continuing philosophy of a church on the move. To meet this challenge we must make our own personal decision concerning sharing as we prosper, remembering also the covenant we took when we joined the church.

You will hear more about DISC in the next few weeks. I really don't know whether the title of this talk is DISC, History of Tomorrow, or We Give Because God Gave. Let us pray.

We gather here in Potomac this day  
Praying to God in our own humble way.  
We love HIM, we love His people  
Who gather here under His steeple.  
We think about service day or night,  
And ask His help that we do what is right.  
Much has been done for this church in four years.  
Hasn't been easy, took much work and tears.  
More and more families becoming closer together,  
Worshipping and serving in all kinds of weather.  
Dear God, help us to share, be by our side  
To lead us and guard us, rule and guide.

Amen.

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WEDDING BELLS

LT(jg) JAMES W. RICHARDS, JR., USN, son of MARGE and JIM and big brother to STEVIE, was married to MISS VIRGINIA J. WHITE on Saturday, October 14, in the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Des Moines, Iowa. We extend our best wishes to the happy couple.

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To GINNY SAVAGE and TONY FERRARA we offer condolences. Both lost their father during the past month.

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Home from the hospital and recuperating nicely is MIMI CARROLL.

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WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

MRS. ROBERT HURT (BETSY)  
11309 Hawhill End  
Potomac, Maryland 20854

BETSY is already active in our choir and her three little girls, KATHY, LILLA, and BABY BETSY are enrolled in Sunday Church School.

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MR. & MRS. ABBOTT MARSH  
90 Tidewaters - Henlopen Acres  
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware

ABBOTT's work took them away from us almost before we had a chance to welcome them. We wish them well in their new home and hope they will come back often.

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

November

- 16 - Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 P.M., Church
- 19 - Worship Services, 9:15 and 10:30 AM  
Congregational Meeting, 11:30 A.M.  
Senior High Youth Group, 6:30 P.M.,  
at home of LINDA DYKHUIZEN
- 21 - Girl Scouts, 3:45 P.M. Church
- 22 - Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 P.M., Church
- 23 - Community Thanksgiving Day Service,  
9:30 A.M., P.U.P. Church
- 25 - Morning Worship, 9:15 and 10:30  
Junior High Youth Group, 7:00 P.M.,  
Church
- 27 - Women's Association Meeting,  
12:30 P.M., Church
- 28 - Businessmen's Luncheon, 12:00 Noon,  
Place to be announced  
Girl Scouts, 3:45 P.M., Church  
Board of Deacons Meeting, 8:00 P.M.  
Church
- 29 - Stewardship Visitors 2nd Training  
Session, 8:00 P.M., Church
- 30 - Loyalty Dinner, 7:00 P.M., Hunt Club

December

- 1 - Women's Sewing, 10:00 A.M., Church
- .. - Stewardship Visitors Kickoff Sup-  
per, 7:00 P.M., Church
- 2 - Visitation for Stewardship Commit-  
ment
- 3 - Morning Worship, Advent Sunday  
Communion, 9:15 and 10:30  
Senior Youth Group, 6:30 P.M.,  
Place to be announced
- 4 - Session Meeting, 8:00 P.M., Church
- 5 - Girl Scouts, 3:45 P.M., Church
- 6 - Christmas Greens Show, 9:00 A.M. -  
5:00 P.M.; 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.,  
Church  
Worship Commission, 8:00 P.M.,  
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- 7 - Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 P.M., Church
- 10 - Morning Worship, 9:15 and 10:30  
Junior Youth Group, 7:00 P.M.,  
Church  
News deadline for newsletter
- 11 - Church School Faculty Meeting,  
8:00 P.M., Church
- 12 - Girl Scouts, 3:45 P.M.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 19 NOVEMBER

Immediately following the 10:30 worship service on Sunday, November 19, a meeting of the congregation will be held to elect four representatives from our membership to a nominating committee. This committee will be responsible for presenting to the congregation in January, 1968, a slate of candidates for the offices of ruling elder and deacons to serve three-year terms. We urge you to be present for this meeting.

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TWO REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES

After more than two months of study and the polling of numerous families in the church membership, the Session has acted to offer two worship services each Sunday morning, beginning Sunday, November 19, 1967. The first service will begin at 9:15 and the second service will begin at 10:30. Sunday Church School will be in session concurrently with the second service.

The primary reason which lead the Session to make this decision is to enable the Church School faculty to attend regular worship services. Some of our teachers have been unable to do so more than two or three times a year since 1963. The idea of having Sunday School at 9:45 and Church at 11:00 was rejected because many parents would then have to make two trips, involving, in some cases, considerable distances. The decision, therefore, was made to provide regular worship for teachers and those who desire early services from 9:15 - 10:00. From time to time, vocal and instrumental solos will be offered at the early service, but the choir will sing only at the second service.

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE, 9:30

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE will be held this year in Potomac United Presbyterian Church at 9:30 A.M. The REV. EDWARD SIMS, Rector of St. Francis Episcopal Church, will deliver the sermon and MR. BLICE will be the liturgist. Invitations have been extended by our Session to the Methodist, Southern Baptist, and Episcopal congregations in our community.

This will be another "first" for us. Let us be gracious hosts and demonstrate our thankfulness by our presence.

Riding attire is appropriate dress for those participating in the Thanksgiving Day Hunt following the worship service.

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION WILL MEET

The regular meeting of the Women's Association will be held on Monday, November 27, 12:30 P.M., at the Church. MISS ESKLIOU of the Greek Embassy, will speak on Christmas and New Year's customs in Greece, and the members will elect new officers for the coming year. Ladies, come at 12:30 for dessert and coffee and then enjoy an interesting and informative talk.

Because of crowded schedules, the December meeting has been cancelled.

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BUSINESSMEN'S LUNCHEON, NOVEMBER 28

A luncheon for those men of our church who work in the downtown area will be held at noon on Tuesday, Nov. 28. The place will be announced soon. The purpose of the luncheon, other than to enjoy good food and fellowship, will be to indulge in a bit of "shop-talk" about P.U.P. Church and its program.

Gentlemen, this is for you! Mark your calendars now and plan to attend. It would be a nice habit to form.

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SCHEDULE FOR HOLY COMMUNION ANNOUNCED

Advent Sunday (4th Sunday prior to Christmas)  
Last Sunday of calendar year  
Ash Wednesday (beginning of Lent)  
Maundy Thursday (Holy Week)  
Pentecost Sunday (7th Sunday after Easter)  
World Wide Communion Sunday (1st Sunday in October)

This is the schedule we will follow each year. You may wish to mark your calendars accordingly.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON 1967

December 3 - Advent Sunday. Holy Communion, both services.  
December 17 - Christmas Music Festival, 7:00 P.M. The choir, the children - EVERYONE - will sing favorite Christmas music. Punch and cookies will be served; everyone home by 8:30!  
December 24 - Regular morning worship, both services.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 11:00 P.M. This is what you have been begging for. Do come and celebrate the true meaning of CHRISTmas.  
December 31 - Regular morning worship, Holy Communion.

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LOYALTY DINNER, HUNT CLUB, NOVEMBER 30

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

All members and friends of the church, including children who are members, are invited. Our goal is to have every family represented. Children under 12 years will be given care under competent supervision, with nursery care for the small children. This service will be provided at the church. The dinner will be held at the Hunt Club on Glen Road. Show your loyalty to the church. Be a part of this gathering of our Church family.

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## GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

The Chairman of our Building Committee, ROEMER McPHEE, reports that all questions relating to the storm drain which will traverse our church property have been resolved. All that remains to be done now before the actual work can begin is the final legal work, the engineering, and the letting of the contract. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission will complete the work by February or March. Thereafter, we can proceed with grading, paving, and landscaping. We're going to be bee-utiful!

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## SERVICE TO THE HANDICAPPED

The Montgomery County Department of Public Libraries has recently expanded its book service. Talking Books and Tapes are no longer limited to blind persons, but are now available to persons who cannot read or use conventional printed materials because of physical handicap or visual limitation. This service is provided without charge but a statement must be obtained from a physician or other competent authority describing the impairment or disability preventing use of conventional books. For further information, call the Service to the Handicapped Room, Davis Library, 365-8505.

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The American University announces the eighth annual Faith and Freedom Lectures delivered by President JOHN C. BENNETT of Union Theological Seminary, to be held at the Kay Spiritual Life Center, The American University Campus, Washington, D.C.:

"Church and Controversial Issues"  
Thursday, Nov. 16, 8:00 P.M.

"Love and Justice: A Christian Approach to Political Ethics"  
Friday, Nov. 17, 3:00 P.M.

"The Struggle for Peace"  
Friday, Nov. 17, 8:00 P.M.

The public is invited to attend.

## FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

The Montgomery County Department of Public Welfare has issued an urgent plea for foster parents. There are many children, ranging in age from 3 days to 18 years, who cannot live at home with their own families because of neglect, illness, emotional and/or family problems. They are Catholic and Protestant, Negro and White. Many are brothers and sisters who want to remain with each other. All have one thing in common -- the need of a home, someone to love, and someone to love them.

Couples between the ages of 26 and 60 who have been married for three years, are in good physical and mental health, and who live in Montgomery County, are being sought to provide foster homes. They are required to be financially able to provide for their own families, but will receive board and clothing money to cover the costs of foster children.

If you are interested in being substitute parents to a child until his natural parents are able to take him home again, call the Homefinder at 279-1745, or write to: P.O. Box 489, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

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## "A CREED"

"There is a destiny that makes us brothers;  
None goes his way alone:  
All that we send into the lives of others  
Comes back into our own.

"I care not what his temples or his creeds,  
One thing holds firm and fast --  
That into his fateful heap of days and  
deeds  
The soul of man is cast."

...Edwin Markham.

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The ladies' "sew-in" on November 3 was very successful. Most of the "regulars" were there, and we were delighted to have several "new" ones join the group. The next sewing session will be December 1, 10:00 A.M. Bring a sandwich and dessert and beverage will be provided.

"THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" will be the theme used by the Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac when they decorate the Sanctuary, narthex, and entrance of our church for their Christmas Greens Show on Wednesday, December 6, from 11:00 - 5:00 and 7:00 - 9:00. A tea table and gift booth will be set up in the fellowship hall and will feature ceramics, arrangements of artificial flowers, baked goods, and other handmade gift items.

Included in the Greens Show will be "Christmas Gaiety" at the home of MR. & MRS. HAROLD F. BAKER, 9020 McDonald Drive, Bethesda; and "Christmas Sparkle" at the home of MR. & MRS. FELIX HOLDEN, 9701 Kendale Road, Potomac. Tickets for this event may be obtained in advance for \$1.50 from SHIRLEY TIETJEN, HARMONY FORE, JO ANNE SCHILLING, and FRANCES BENTON, or may be purchased at the door for \$2.00. In the event of heavy snow, the date will be Thursday, December 7.

EACH MAN EVERYWHERE IS CREATED BY GOD. He is born naked and innocent into the world to become pickpocket or poet, panderer or priest. How much does the direction of a man's life depend on how other men value him -- and on how he learns to value himself? What is the world's view? How does our society estimate the value of a man? Does it matter? What is CHRIST's view? How do Christians estimate a man's value?

"WHAT IS A MAN WORTH?" is the theme of the 1968 Area Meetings of United Presbyterian Men. The Eastern Area Meeting will be held at the Statler Hilton in New York City, February 9 - 11. A registration fee of \$32.50, covering meals, printed materials, and cost of operating the meeting will be charged in addition to the bill for hotel lodging. Descriptive brochures and applications are available at the church office.

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Okay, folks! Are you ready? We have some real doozies for you to ponder! (According to someone who shall remain nameless, we had a few "don'tsies", too!) Remember, you are to choose one of the following as a name for this newsletter. Leave your choice in the ballot box on the table in the narthex. The winner will be announced next month.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The Spire Spyer                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Steeple to People |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Potomac Presbyterian Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> The Ad Lib        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> P.U.P. Tales                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Now Hear This!    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pews News                       | <input type="checkbox"/> River Roadrunner  |

For the benefit of students, servicemen, and others who cannot get to the ballot box, but who may want to vote (and we urge you to do so), drop your ballot in the mail so that it will arrive no later than December 9. Address it to:

"Newsletter"  
 Potomac United Presbyterian Church  
 Potomac, Maryland 20854



Never underestimate the "power of the press." And above all, don't let it be said that getting out a newsletter is a thankless job, regardless of how tedious it may sometimes seem. A few days ago, DICK BLICE called ye editor and "made" her day! He read to her a letter he had received from halfway around the world. Graciously written and gratefully received, we share it with you now:

"Friday  
3 November 1967

"Dear Mr. Blice,

"Your very enjoyable newsletter filled an otherwise empty mailbox today and certainly is gratefully appreciated. Having visited Potomac only twice since my dad moved there, I have had a very brief introduction to the church and your community. However, I remember several of the families I met the one Sunday I had the opportunity to attend service with my dad and even recognized a few of the names in the letter. I also recall your new church very vividly and am looking forward to visiting again upon my return in August of next year.

"I read with some interest the column concerning contributions of the readers to the newsletter. I am now wondering if any material which I might offer regarding my experiences in Viet Nam or perhaps concerning the sociological aspects of our efforts would be deemed useful or permissible. I enjoy writing and often times between patrols find occasion to put my thoughts on paper. An active mind, I find, is one means of avoiding frequent thoughts of personal hardship and loneliness.

"One further thought: as the skipper of my own swift boat, PCF 73, I have the additional responsibility under our division's island adoption program of inquiring into the needs of a particular island assigned to PCF 73 and fulfilling them as best I can. This may include support through building materials, medical and personal hygiene supplies, old clothes, or basically whatever may be accessible to my crew and myself for such purposes. It occurred to me that the church might possibly be interested in contributing partially to the support of Hon Doc. If this idea appeals to you, I will gladly send additional information to help give the project the necessary impetus.

"Thank you again for the newsletter and the thought behind it; it brightened an otherwise routine day."

"Sincerely,"

(signed) ROD McALPIN III



# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Potomac, Maryland

December 13, 1967

Richard W. Blice, Jr., Pastor

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## Silent

is the way Christmas should be. Quiet as a snowflake. Soft as a child asleep. This is Christmas. A serene, tranquil time to gather with your family...to forget the crass and the brassy...to assess your home and its happiness. To realize suddenly that the first Christmas began with a Child. This we should never forget. For if we fail to instill in our own children the full meaning of "Peace on earth, good will toward men," then we ourselves are lacking. Christmas is a holy

## Night

...from American Home  
December 1966

YOUTH AND STEWARDSHIP

At the Loyalty Dinner on November 30, one of the speakers was LINDA FORE. With at least a foot of snow on the ground, not everyone was able to be present, so for those who missed the dinner and LINDA's speech, we reproduce it in this, our "guest column."

We often hear the phrase, youth has very little money, only allowances and occasional odd jobs. However, it's interesting to note that every year high school students spend over ten billion dollars for movie tickets, home permanents, cosmetics, records, and used cars. In view of these facts, it is hard to conceive that these same teenagers give little to the church.

Youth is the period of habit forming -- it is during this period that the greatest emphasis should be placed on Christian Stewardship -- on time and talents, as well as on the sharing of material possessions.

1. The act of pledging to a church program is a fine way for young people to participate in the spiritual life of the church. It will give them a high sense of responsibility and pleasure to learn of the Church's needs and to support its program.
2. It gives the young person a sense of being a significant part of the "whole." His contributions are used not only for the local church, but for missions and other outside activities.
3. Pledging is one way for a student to fulfill his membership vows. When a person joins the church he promises to give of himself to the church and to God. However, there is sometimes little that a young person can do in the church. While he may teach in the Sunday School, he cannot, in most cases, participate in the governing bodies of the church; and certainly not participate quite as actively as can the adults. However, all of us can pledge and joyously fulfill that pledge.
4. Young people are the future of the church! In only a few years, today's youth will be the adults of tomorrow. We will serve on the official boards and in other offices of high responsibility. Then the entire financial responsibility of the Church and her great program will be in our hands. If we as teenagers learn to pledge and understand the full meaning of the responsibility and the sense of involvement directly connected with it, the Church of tomorrow will be in good hands!

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PREACHER'S PERCH

The Christmas Offering

Christmas is the time when the profound truth about God is celebrated in the recognition of the birth of Jesus Christ - when the mystery of God's love becomes strikingly real in the face of a little child.

The Session of our church is urging every family to participate in the special 1967 Christmas Offering which is designated for the support of ministries and services to children provided through the agencies of the General Assembly.

A special offering envelope is attached. Please make your Christmas Offering at either of the morning services on Dec. 24 or at the Candlelight Service Christmas Eve.

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

December

- 17 - Worship Services, 9:00 and 10:30 AM  
Christmas Music Festival, 7:00 P.M.
- 19 - Girl Scouts, 3:45 P.M., Church
- 21 - Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 P.M., Church
- 24 - Worship Services, 9:00, 10:30 A.M.  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service,  
11:00 P.M.
- 25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- 28 - Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 P.M., Church
- 31 - Worship Services, Communion, 9:00,  
10:30 A.M.

January

- 1 - HAPPY NEW YEAR!
- 2 - Girl Scouts, 3:45 P.M., Church
- 4 - Regular Session Mtg at the Manse
- 5 - Women's Sewing, 10:00 A.M., Church  
Businessmen's Lunch, 12:15 P.M.,  
the "Y", 17th and K, N.W.
- 7 - Worship Services, 9:00, 10:30 A.M.  
Junior Youth Group, 6:45 P.M., Church
- 8 - Annual Congregational Meeting,  
8:00 P.M., Church
- 9 - Girl Scouts, 3:45 P.M., Church
- 10 - Worship Commission, 8:00 P.M., Manse
- 11 - Choir Rehearsal, 8:00 P.M., Church
- 14 - Worship Services, 9:00, 10:30 A.M.  
Senior Youth Group, 6:30 P.M.,  
place to be announced  
News deadline for newsletter
- 15 - Potomac Clergy Group, 1:00 P.M.,  
Church
- 16 - Girl Scouts, 3:45 P.M., Church

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PLEASE DON'T FORGET our special Christmas Music Festival on Sunday, December 17, at 7:00 P.M. This is for everyone! We'll sing all the favorite Christmas carols and popular Christmas songs, enjoy punch and cookies and good fellowship, and get home early enough to meet the children's bedtime.

And remember, too, our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 11:00 P.M. This will be a very special "first" in our Church. Plan now to be a part of it.

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WE HAVE A NEW NAME!

"Steeple to People" received the most votes in our Name-the-Newsletter Contest. I sheepishly admit that I have forgotten who submitted this name, but in order to comply with the promise of a year's free subscription for the winner, we are sending "Steeple to People" to everyone in the church -- free! And to the winner, congratulations! Whoever you are!

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THE LOVELY CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS in the sanctuary, narthex and entrance have been provided by the Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac which recently held their annual Greens Show. They will be left for us to enjoy during the holiday season.

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WOMEN ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At their November meeting, the following were elected to office in the Women's Association:

President	JOANNE SCHILLING
Vice President	PAT MARTIN
Secretary	CLAIRE HARTING
Treasurer	ELAINE LOWRY
World Service Chmn.	MIMI CARROLL
Fellowship Chmn.	B. LEE McALPIN

Outgoing president, HARMONY FORE, told of some of the joys and sorrows of her two-year tenure, and thanked each of her fellow officers for her support and accomplishments. Outgoing vice president LOIS ECKMAN then presented HARMONY with an engraved gold cross for her charm bracelet, a gift from the association.

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HELP! I need someone to assemble, staple, and prepare for mailing all subsequent issues of "Steeple to People." Please call the office and give your name to MRS. NEWCOMB if you can help. Many thanks!

CECI LANKLER, WE THANK YOU!

For Thanksgiving decorations more beautiful than any we have ever seen; for countless postal cards sent to remind us of our flower commitments; for tireless juggling of charts and for getting the little squares thereon filled; for the other extra-special seasonal decorations and the hard, physical work involved, including the thorn-scratched hands and torn nails; for a perfect record of having flowers provided every Sunday...and for doing all these things with a bright, happy smile! We applaud you, CECI, and hereby award you our Seal of Approval for a job superbly done!



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AS OUR WARM WEATHER CONTINUES, you will notice a very nice change in the appearance of our church building -- landscaping. The skiers in our midst have been praying for more snow, but let's be big about it, snow bunnies, and hold out for warm weather at least until we have that well-shrubbed look!

Until the storm drain is in and the grading and paving are completed, we will continue to use the temporary parking facilities which have been provided. It is requested, however, that we NOT park in the driveway between Gary Road and the circle, and around the circle in order to avoid congestion on Sunday mornings. There is ample space in the section beyond the circle and in the school lot. Also, please keep your cars

off the grass. The ground is soft and deep ruts are easily formed if one rolls off the gravel. Some day we'll have curbs but until then, we ask your cooperation.

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HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR PLEDGE?

When you arrive at church on Sunday mornings to worship, you are greeted, handed a program, and ushered to your seats. The building is comfortable, whether the outside temperature is hot or cold. You enjoy the organ prelude so beautifully played by JEAN HALLADAY, and you sing from the hymnals found in the racks before you. You listen to the message delivered by the pastor, DICK BLICE, while your children receive church school instruction from dedicated teachers. You take these things for granted, and indeed you should. But have you stopped to consider how all these things are provided? The church building -- clean, comfortable, and inviting; the programs; the music; the teaching aids and materials used by our children; the pastor. These things don't just happen. We make them happen. We give a portion of our income so that we have a place in which to worship and someone to lead us in that worship. We pledge that portion so that our elected session can budget our funds to provide the building, materials, and salaries.

The first of this month, 83 families were visited by members of the Stewardship Committee and other volunteers. Of these 83 families, 64 have turned in their pledges. If you are one of those who has not yet committed himself, we urge you to do so now. It is, of course, important that we receive ample funds for the operation and maintenance of our church and its functions; but it is more important that we have 100% participation by our members, regardless of the amount pledged. A pledge is merely the tool with which our session works to make possible a happy, healthy, living church.

Pledge cards are available in the church office.

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GENERAL PRESBYTER TO SPEAK TO MEN

The Rev. GRAYDON McCLELLAND, General Presbyter, Washington City Presbytery, will speak on "The Face of Our Presbytery" at the next businessmen's luncheon. This will take place on Friday, January 5, at 12:15 P.M., at the "Y", 17th and K Street, N.W. The December luncheon was so successful (18 present) that it has been decided to meet every month on the first Friday. Mark your calendars now, gentlemen, and plan to attend.

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ATTENTION ALL SEAMSTRESSES, KNITTERS, pressers, and interested ladies! The men aren't the only ones who will be getting together on Friday, January 5! We gals will be starting a new year and a new sewing assignment, so come out and join the fun. Bring your portable machine (if you have one), scissors, materials, old patterns, and your lunch. We begin at 10:00 and finish up about 2:00. We're a happy, busy group.

During the past year 60 garments were made and sent to a day care center in Cordele, Georgia, and to the Presbyterian pastor of the Cuban Protestant Church in Exile in Miami, Florida.

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...Naked, and ye clothed me.  
Mathew 25:36.

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NEW MEMBERS -- This past month we welcomed 12 new members into our church family, and we list them here so that we may find it easier to get acquainted:

TOM and MARCIA BOOGAARD  
10717 Tulip Lane, Potomac

TOM, a native of Holland, is with the Netherlands Embassy, and MARCIA teaches History of Art at Madeira School. They enjoy horseback riding, are members of the Potomac Hunt, and are interested in collecting and restoring antiques.

JACK and MARY FRALEY  
CHRISTINE FRALEY  
13 Cherbourg Court, Potomac

The FRALEYS moved here from Stamford, Conn. Besides daughter CHRISTINE, who attends Churchill High, there are also daughters JOAN, 11, and SUSAN, 7, who attend Lake Normandy Elementary. JACK is with IBM, and both he and MARY enjoy tennis and skiing.

CHARLES and MARY NETCH  
12601 Newgate Road, Rockville

We can thank Fairchild Hiller for bringing the NETCHES here from Long Island, where their married daughter, MRS. CAROL LYNN KING, still resides. Their younger daughter, NANCY, 10, is in the fifth grade at Ritchie Park Elementary. CHARLES enjoys woodworking, and MARY enjoys the results.

JIM and MARILYN SPIVEY  
10828 Alloway Drive, Potomac

The SPIVEYS, with son PETER, 18, a senior at Harker, moved to Potomac from Chevy Chase. JIM has his own business and loves to play golf. Both of them like to putter in the garden.

PEGGY WIKNER  
11710 Admirals Way, Potomac

PEGGY, her physicist husband, GORDON, and children MARY LYNN, 1, and DAVID, 4, came here from La Jolla, California. She likes to refinish antiques, but has not worked with any since the arrival of MARY LYNN. Chin up, PEGGY! You've lots of company! Mañana!

AL and PHYL WINEGAR  
9720 Corral Drive, Potomac

Another IBMer, AL and his family moved here from Chappaqua, New York, and just recently returned from a 6½ weeks trip around the world which took them to 13 countries. Needless to say, their hobby is traveling. Their oldest child, BRAD, 12, attends Hoover Junior High, and STEVE, 10, and twins KATHY and CHRIS, 7, attend Potomac Elementary.

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