

POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

POTOMAC, MARYLAND

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February 13, 1969  
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ASH WEDNESDAY - SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Potomac United Presbyterian Church will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Wednesday evening, February 19, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the 1969 Lenten Season, that season of the liturgical year in which Christians across the world focus their worship and their study upon the centrality of Christ as witnessed to in the resurrection. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter.

The living Lord invites us to his table that there we might find renewal and refreshment in him and thus be strengthened to be his people in the world.

COVERED DISH DINNER - FRIDAY, MARCH 7 - 7:00 P.M.

These occasional dinners have become a significant part of the congregational life of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church. Those families who plan to attend are asked to contribute either a casserole dish, a salad, or dessert. The dinners are relaxed and informal and provide a perfect opportunity for conversation. Because of the size of the Fellowship Room, attendance must be limited to junior and senior high youth and adults.

The Dinner Committee of the Women's Association will prepare the tables and serve the various dishes. Please reserve the date now and plan to attend. To make reservations for the dinner, please phone:

Jean Hemphill - 469-7097 or B. Lee McAlpin - 299-5290

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT - February 21-23 - DEER VALLEY

Members of the Senior High Youth Fellowship will participate in a study-recreation retreat to be held at Deer Valley Camp, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, February 21-23. The camp, owned by the Metropolitan YMCA of Pittsburgh, is located at the foot of Mt. Davis - Pennsylvania's highest elevation point and features its own ski slope and rope tow.

The senior highs will study selected chapters from a recent book by Bishop John A. T. Robinson entitled, "But That I Can't Believe." In this book the author speaks of some of the fundamental and original principles of Christ and Christianity in a fresh and inspiring way. When not engaged in winter sports, theological study and discussion, will be the order of the day for the senior highs.

Accompanying the senior highs on the trip will be their advisors Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoge and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McFarren. A guest minister will be invited to the Potomac pulpit on February 23rd so that Mr. Blice may also participate.

## COMMANDER MCROSTIE TO SPEAK AT CHURCH - FEBRUARY 23

The Stewardship and Mission Committee of Session is pleased to announce that Cdr. R. J. McRostie of the staff of Washington City Presbytery will speak in the Fellowship Room on February 23 at 8:00 p.m. Mr. McRostie since retirement from the United States Navy has been serving the Presbytery as Director for Stewardship and Administration. His topic on February 23 will be "Mission and the United Presbyterian Church." In his address he will describe the mission of the church as it serves Christ across the world while attempting to answer such questions as "Where does our mission money go?" and "Does the local church have a responsibility beyond its own community?"

Cdr. McRostie, a layman, is a committed churchman who has something significant to say to all who want the church to be a viable force for God in this changing world.

A period for questions and discussion will be provided following his address.

## 1969 SESSION ORGANIZATION

At a special meeting of the Session held at the manse on January 23, the Session approved the following organization for its own work in 1969.

Clerk of Session - D. Robert Tietjen  
Assistant Clerk of Session - R. Neil Benedict  
Church Treasurer - John R. Carroll, Jr.

Church Education Committee - This committee is to be responsible for the planning and administration of the total educational program of the church. Chairman: Ruling Elder Michael P. Bentzen. Members: Martha Bentzen, Penny Wirth, Marilyn Meinke, Bob Fredlund, Betty Hampton, Jack Scholl and Marilyn Hoge. These members represent and serve the various age group educational programs currently active in the church.

Finance and Property Committee - This committee shall be responsible for the management of the financial and property affairs of the church corporation. Chairman: Ruling Elder Charles Hemphill. Chairman, Sub-Committee on Property, Ruling Elder D. Robert Tietjen. Members: Ruling Elders James Clark and John E. Carroll, Jr.

Stewardship and Mission Committee - This committee shall be responsible for interpreting the mission of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA, the Synod of the Chesapeake, the Presbytery of Washington City, and the Potomac United Presbyterian Church to the members of the local church. It shall seek to engage the local church in mission and to develop within the members of the local church those faithful stewardship practices that make mission possible. Chairman: Ruling Elder Robert Acker. Members: Ruling Elders F. G. Harting and Robert Garcia, Ralph Hall, Bill Johnston, Randy Dunnivant, Jim Spivey, Andy Breidenbach, Bob Springborn, Wayne Meinke, Bill Kerrigan, and Chuck Pratt.

Congregational Life Committee - This committee shall be responsible for the "gathered life" of the congregation in worship and fellowship. Chairman: Ruling Elder R. Neil Benedict. Members: Ruling Elders William Harrison and Tony Ferrara, Rudy Savage, Jim Perrin, and Lou Smith.

Planning Committee - This committee shall be composed of the four chairmen of the Standing Committees of Session. The Moderator of Session shall serve as chairman. The committee shall be responsible for long-range program planning for the church in its educational, liturgical, and service functions.

Committee Rules - The following five rules were adopted by the Session to facilitate the work of its committees.

1. The Standing Committees of Session shall meet at least four times annually.
2. The Standing Committees of Session shall report in writing to the Session at least four times annually.
3. It is recommended that each committee of Session will have at least eight members.
4. It is understood that any communicant member of the congregation may be appointed to the Standing Committees of Session but that the Chairman shall always be an active ruling elder.
5. Standing Committees of Session shall not be required to receive Session approval to spend within their annual budget allotments except when advised to do so by the Finance and Property Committee and required by the Session.

#### SYNOD EXECUTIVE TO PREACH HERE FEBRUARY 23

The Reverend William R. Phillippe, Executive of the Synod of the Chesapeake will be guest minister at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 23. Mr. Phillippe is the chief administrative officer of the synod which includes the presbyteries of Washington City, Baltimore, and New Castle. He and his staff have their offices at Hillen Avenue in Towson, Maryland. Prior to accepting the call to this position, Mr. Phillippe was Director of Continuing Education at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Mr. Phillippe is a dynamic theologian, an excellent speaker and a highly skilled administrator. We are honored to have him as our guest on February 23rd.

#### LENTEN COLLOQUIES

The Lay Education Planning Group and Mr. Blice have planned what they believe will be a fresh and exciting opportunity for Lenten study and fellowship in the Potomac United Presbyterian Church. On each of the five Sunday mornings of March, Mr. Blice will develop his sermon from the United Presbyterian Confession of 1967 and those Biblical texts related to the Confession.

At 8:00 p.m. on each Sunday evening a Lenten Colloquy will be held in the Fellowship Room for the purpose of discussing the sermon of the morning. The moderator of the colloquies will be a member of the Lay Education Planning Group or someone appointed by the group. Mr. Blice will be present as a resource person and theological observer.

The purpose of the colloquies will be to provide those in attendance the opportunity to respond as they wish to this contemporary statement of belief and/or the sermonic interpretation of its several themes. The Confession of '67, although now officially approved by the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., has been and continues to be the source of theological controversy and debate. The colloquies will provide one setting to keep constructive debate alive and, hopefully, to clear away areas where there has been misunderstanding.

#### MRS. RUDOLPH SAVAGE APPOINTED CHURCH SCHOOL SECRETARY

GINNY SAVAGE has been recently appointed Church School Secretary by the Church Education Committee. In this capacity Ginny will be responsible for ordering all the material resources of the church school, audio-visual supplies, and normal class-room supplies. She will keep the enrollment and attendance records of the church school and other records as required by the committee. Prior to this school year Ginny was the lead teacher of the Kindergarten Department.

#### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The February meeting of the association will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, February 24th. Dessert and coffee will be served. Following lunch and a brief business meeting, Shirley Tietjen will lead the second in a series of discussions on the study book Crisis In Unity And Witness. Members of the association are requested to read chapters 3 and 4 of the text in preparation for this discussion. Free child care will be provided.

Flower Committee Named - Joann Schilling, President of the Women's Association has appointed the following women to the 1969 Flower Committee: Emmy Mackay and Hope Gilliams - co-chairmen; Barbara Perrin, Rachel Dart, Mary Netch, Ruth Jones, Elaine Lowrey, Jackie Evans, and Shirley Tietjen. These women will be responsible for the seasonal flower arrangements in the sanctuary. It was this same group of women, under Shirley Tietjen's leadership, that arranged for and decorated the sanctuary for the 1968 Christmas services.

Dinner Committee Chairman Named - Mrs. Henry H. Wakeland (Barbara) has been appointed chairman of the Dinner Committee by Joann Schilling, Women's Association President. The Dinner Committee will now be a function of the Women's Association and not, as in prior years, appointed by and responsible directly to the Session.

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SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER TO BE CELEBRATED MAY 25th

Sunday, May 25th is Pentecost Sunday. For the Biblical account of the first Pentecost read Acts of the Apostles - chapter two. Pentecost is observed as the birthday of the Christian Church and, like Christmas and Easter, is one of the most significant festival days in the liturgical calendar.

Prior to the serving of the sacrament on Pentecost, the following new members will be received into the communicant membership of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church by certificate of transfer:

- Mr. and Mrs. James P. Carroll (Anne)  
from the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas.
- Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. Lein (Marion)  
from the Huntington United Methodist Church, Huntington, Connecticut.
- Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McIntyre (Margaret)  
Miss Karen McIntyre  
from the American Protestant Church, Brussels, Belgium.
- Mrs. Abbott C. Roseman (Ethel)  
from the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Alexandria, Virginia.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Timko (Ellen)  
from the Parkway Presbyterian Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.
- Dr. and Mrs. Michael Sumichrast (Marika)  
from the Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Maryland.

SPECIAL OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED MAY 25th

The Fund For Freedom was established a number of years ago by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church USA to provide financial resources for the General Assembly's Council on Church and Race. Fund For Freedom money is used by the Council to meet emergencies and crises as well as special needs of persons and groups.

Some years ago the Church of the Master in New York City - with an initial grant from the Freedom Fund - began working with boys who virtually lived on the streets. They were out of school because of prison records, out of their homes because public housing regulations bar whole families if ex-prisoners are living with them. Street academies grew. They are tailored to the needs and levels of such youths. The number of students per teacher is low; the level of warmth and understanding is high. Boys' reading ability, for example, rises dramatically in as little as six weeks. A recent Carnegie Foundation report documents the program's effectiveness in giving them a door back into useful life.

Fund for Freedom aids important scholarship programs; the Student Opportunity Scholarships and the Urban Ghetto Scholarship Fund (TUGS) for youngsters without great records but with great promise, youths who can utilize professional and technical education to make a contribution to their world. TUG includes aggressive recruiting, help in applying to appropriate schools, assistance on occupational choices and continuing evaluation of all aspects of the program.

Special offering envelopes for the Fund For Freedom will be available in the pew racks on May 25 for use by all who worship that day.

#### THREE FAMILIES TO BE HONORED AT MAY 25th COFFEE HOUR

Bud and Phyllis Acker, Jack and Judy Scholl, Al and Phyllis Winegar and their families will move from the Potomac community in the near future. The Acker's new home will be in Wilmette, Illinois, where Bud will become Director of the Office of Research Co-ordination and Assistant Dean of Faculty for Research at Northwestern University on June 1. Jack Scholl, an architect specializing in urban design, will join the Pittsburgh firm of Simonds and Simonds in mid-June. Al Winegar of IBM has received an Alfred P. Sloan Executive Fellowship and beginning in September will study for nine months at Stanford University Graduate School of Business Administration. The Stanford Sloan Fellowship is a course of study in advanced management and the humanities. The Winegar family will move to the Palo Alto area of California in early August.

Following worship on May 25, members of the congregation will have the opportunity to extend their best wishes to these families during the coffee hour in the Fellowship Room.

#### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

On May 26th at 10:00 a.m., The Women's Association will meet in the Fellowship Room to install the following new officers:

President -	Bobbie Benedict
Vice President -	Alice Smith
Secretary -	Jean Blice
Treasurer -	Barbara Pratt
Fellowship -	Joanne Rudd
World Service -	Kathy McMahon

Retiring officers of the association are:

President -	Joann Schilling
Vice President -	Jean Hemphill
Secretary -	Claire Harting
Treasurer -	Elaine Lowrey
Fellowship -	B. Lee McAlpin
World Service -	Mimi Carroll
Church Women United -	Shirley Tietjen

Following the Service of Installation, Association members will travel to the Franciscan Monastery Garden, located on 35 wooded acres at 1400 Quincy Street, N.E.. The monastery and its Byzantine church, built in 1899, are replicas of famous shrines and the Roman catacombs. Returning to Potomac, the women will stop at Alfio's LaTrattoria on Wisconsin Avenue for lunch.

Women who will need baby-sitting service in order to attend this event are requested to call Elaine Lowrey - 948-2088.

### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON AND FASHION SHOW

The June meeting of the Women's Association will be held on June 9 at 12:00 noon. Luncheon will be served after which a fashion show courtesy of the Left Bank will be featured. Tickets for this event are being sold by association members. Price per ticket is \$2.50.

### CHURCH ORGANIST AND MUSIC DIRECTOR GRANTED SUMMER LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Miss J. Louise Peters will return to California the week of June 1 to complete her study requirements toward her Masters' Degree at UCLA this summer. In late summer she will travel in Europe for four weeks before returning to Maryland on September 1. Judy will take up her duties at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church again on September 7.

In her absence, Miss Kandy Perrin, a member of the congregation, will be organist for six summer Sundays. Another substitute, yet to be named, will play the remaining Sundays.

### "MAC" MCMAHON TO RECEIVE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD

Robert McMahon, III (Mac) has completed his requirements for the Boy Scouts of America God and Country Award and will receive the award during the worship service on June 15. The God and Country Award is a program that aims to help the scout fulfill the first part of the Scout Promise, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God... Mac's work was reviewed by the Session on May 12. After having worked closely with Mr. Blice over the past nine months, he is now eligible for the award.

### BOWLING LEAGUE BANQUET - JUNE 6

The Church's bowling league completed its first season on Friday, May 23, with some twenty-five church members participating every other Friday evening. A pot-luck supper for members of the league and their families will be held in the Fellowship Room on June 6 at 7:00 p.m. The winning team and high game winners will be announced at that time by Harry Evans, league manager. By-laws for the 1969-70 season will be submitted to the league members for their approval.

NEW BOWLERS FOR THE 1969-70 SEASON ARE WANTED. The league will begin again in September and will meet every other Friday evening. If you would like to bowl as a regular or a substitute, please contact Harry Evans 299-9230.

### FINAL COFFEE HOUR - June 15th

The coffee hour on June 15 will be the last until September. As is the tradition of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church, this coffee hour will be held in honor of all graduating high school seniors of the congregation. The June issue of Steeple To People will include a list of these students.

### BUSINESSMEN TO TOUR COASTAL ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER

On June 6, the Businessmen's Luncheon Group will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Sibley Hospital Cafeteria. Following lunch members of the group will walk to the Coastal Engineering Research Center located at 5201 Little Falls Road, N.W., where they will see a film entitled, "River of Sand." At the conclusion of the film the group will be led on a tour of the research facilities by Rudy Savage, a member of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church, and Assistant Chief of the Research Division of the center.

Parking is available at the hospital and at 5201 Little Falls Road.

All men of the church are invited to participate in the luncheon meetings and activities of this group. To place your name on the mailing list, please call the church office. The June 6 meeting will be the last until September.

### "ADULT FILM" TO BE SHOWN - June 13

At 8:00 p.m. on June 13 the film "The Gospel According to Saint Matthew" will be shown in the sanctuary of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church. The film is of feature length and was shown in many commercial movie theatres in recent months. Simply because of its stark realism, the film is not recommended for children below the junior high age level. The film does not follow the typical Hollywood approach to the Biblical story and as such has had high critical acclaim by reviewers in both the secular and religious media. At intermission dessert and beverage will be served in the narthex. An offering to defray the cost of renting the film will be received.

Members of the congregation are encouraged to invite their friends to this event. It is being sponsored jointly by the Congregational Life and Church Education Committees of the Session.

### MR. BLICE TO ATTEND JUNE MEETING OF SYNOD

When the Synod of the Chesapeake meets at Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, June 9-11, Mr. Blice will be in attendance as Chairman of the Synod's Special Committee on Campus Ministry. Since September 1968, he has chaired this twelve member committee of the Synod that was charged with making a study of the role of our Synod in Campus Ministry and its financial support. The report, now completed, will be presented to Synod on Tuesday morning, June 10, for its approval.

In recent months Mr. Blice was appointed Moderator of the Session of the Boyds' Presbyterian Church in Boyds, Maryland. This congregation is currently without a minister. Mr. Blice will be moderator of all Session and congregational meetings and will perform such other pastoral functions as are requested.

### NEW SEXTON EMPLOYED

Mr. Claude J. Clifton was recently employed by the Session as sexton for the church building. His job description calls for him to be present at the church on at least two week-day afternoons as well as Saturday. Mr. Clifton (Sonny) came highly recommended and already his efficiency as a sexton has been apparent to many church members.



LAWN DETAIL SUPERVISED BY BOB MCMAHON

In order to save some \$700.00 in the 1969 church budget, Bob McMahon and a number of men and teenage boys of the church have volunteered to care for and mow the church lawn. A rather large group of fathers and sons spent a number of hours fertilizing, trimming, and cutting the lawn on Saturday, April 12. Special thanks is due Jim Richards and his son, Steven, for volunteering to cut the lawn this summer on a regular basis.

ELDER HARTING RESIGNS FROM SESSION

Because of the press of business responsibilities and his inability to attend Session meetings with any regularity, "Stretch" submitted his letter of resignation to the Session on May 12. The letter was regretfully accepted by the Session.

Stretch has given much of his time and energy and resources to the Potomac United Presbyterian Church and for his service we all extend to him our thanks.

MEMO FROM THE REVEREND ED WHITE

The Rev. Ed White, Director for Urban Mission for Washington City Presbytery recently sent the following memo to all the ministers in the presbytery.

An S.O.S. To all Pastors

From Ed White

Dear Friends,

Last Last summer a total of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  million dollars funded 5600 Neighborhood Youth Corps workers for the summer in Washington, D. C.

This summer only 1.9 million has been made available which will fund summer jobs for only half as many young people.

The bad implications of this kind of cutback in employment for young people in the District are obvious. At the May meeting of the D. C. Presbytery Church and Society Task Force young people both black and white from our churches urged the committee to act.

- We urge everyone to write to
1. Senator Joseph Tydings
  2. Senator William Proxmire (Chmn of the Senate District Appropriations)
  3. Rep. William Natcher (Chmn of House District Appropriations Committee)

Urge them to find sufficient funds to at least restore the Neighborhood Youth Corps to the level of last summer.

Sincere best wishes,

Ed White

The memo is shared with the members of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church in the knowledge that many members will want to respond to this urgent request of the Church and Society Task Force.

## SCOTLAND FURNITURE LOST IN FIRE - DONATIONS OF FURNITURE IN GOOD CONDITION NEEDED

For months furniture has been collected in a Rockville warehouse in anticipation of the day Scotland families would move into their new houses. April 21, all the furniture (new and donated for sale) was lost in an unexplained fire. Starting the first of May families will be moving into new houses and are in need of the most essential items:

Children's furniture, small desks, bunk beds, dressers, general furnishings, appliances, lamps, various types of tables and chairs.

Everything should be new or in very good condition - to make donations, call

Mrs. Garbrick 469-8346 -

Also needed: Temporary storage space in garage or basement.

### THE WOMEN'S TOUCH

Special thanks is extended to the following members of the Women's Association who cleaned and weeded the garden areas about the church building on May 20: Elaine Lowrey, Shirley Tietjen, Marti Stobe, Joanne Bond, Joann Schilling, Sue Murphy, and Mary Fraley.

### A REQUEST FROM THE FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As there is a normal decrease in attendance at worship during the late spring and summer months, members of the congregation are urged to mail their regular or monthly offerings when absent from worship. A weekly offering of \$900.00 must be maintained if the church is to be faithful to its various financial commitments. This average can be maintained if all church members are faithful in the offering of their pledged amounts.

Checks mailed to the church should be addressed to the attention of the Financial Secretary.

### THIRD AND FOURTH GRADERS WORSHIP IN ANNAPOLIS

On Sunday, May 18, the members of the Third-Fourth Grade Church School Class attended worship in the chapel at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Following worship they gathered for a picnic lunch along the banks of the Severn River. Accompanying the children were their teachers Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fredlund and Mrs. Robert McMahon, and parents Captain and Mrs. Edwin Stobe, Dr. Robert Garcia, and Mr. Owen Cornell.

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HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO BE HONORED JUNE 15th

During the worship service on June 15th and at the coffee hour following worship the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will recognize its high school graduates. All members and friends of the church are invited to participate as we celebrate with these young people a very significant time in their lives.

Following are the names of the graduating seniors along with the names of the college or university they will attend this fall where definite.

- Miss Barbara Benton - Salisbury State and Peninsula General Hospital  
School of Nursing, Salisbury, Maryland.
- Miss Janice Dart - Presbyterian College, Clinton, South Carolina.
- Miss Linda Fore - Will study French and art in Aix, France this summer  
and enter Duke University in Durham, North Carolina,  
in the fall.
- Miss Christine Fraley - University of Denver, Denver, Colorado.
- Mr. Paul Clark - University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia.
- Mr. James Stobie - Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania.
- Mr. Peter Tietjen - Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania.
- Mr. Dennis Tuohy - Plans are indefinite.
- Mr. Edward C. Yegen - University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.  
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SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR

Beginning Sunday morning, June 22, worship will be held at 9:30 a.m. Worship will continue to be at this hour until Sunday, September 14.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school classes for children of nursery group age through the sixth grade will be held throughout the summer at the same hour as worship. The junior high study group has concluded its sessions until September.

MR. BLICE TO ATTEND SUMMER SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

In addition to his regular vacation period, Mr. Blice will take two weeks study leave this summer to attend the Summer School of Theology at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. He will be in residence in Richmond from July 20 - August 1. While at Union he will study in the areas of Christian ethics, contemporary theology, pastoral care and preaching. Union Theological Seminary is related to the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern Presbyterian).

### SUMMER GUEST MINISTERS

The following men have accepted invitations by the Congregational Life Committee of Session to preach at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church during Mr. Blice's absence this summer.

July 6	Ruling Elder Andrew W. Breidenbach (Inactive), member, Potomac United Presbyterian Church.
July 13	The Rev. Jacob S. Kim, Korean Church - working with Voice of America.
July 20	Open
July 27	The Rev. Robert G. Bolt, Associate Field Director of Christian Education, Synod of the Chesapeake.
August 3	The Rev. Harold A. Durfee, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, American University.
August 10	The Rev. William R. Phillippe, Synod Executive, Synod of the Chesapeake.

Each of these guests will be assisted in the chancel by members of the Session or the Congregational Life Committee.

### JUNIOR HIGHS TO HOLD FAREWELL PICNIC FOR SCHOLLS

During the two years that Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scholl (Judy) have been members of the Potomac church they have worked closely with the junior high age young people. As the Scholls move to Pittsburgh on June 19, the junior highs will honor them with a picnic at the manse on Sunday evening, June 15, at 5:30 p.m. All 7th, 8th, and 9th grade young people are invited to attend.

### "ADULT FILM" TO BE SHOWN - JUNE 13th

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### EDUCATIONAL BULLETIN TO BE PUBLISHED

Ruling Elder Mike Bentzen, Chairman of the Church Education Committee, will prepare a series of educational bulletins to be mailed to all families of the church during the summer months. These bulletins will describe in detail a new approach to Sunday morning church education and worship to be inaugurated in the Potomac United Presbyterian Church in September. Watch for these bulletins in your mail and read them carefully.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT IN THE SUMMER

As a church we are responsible for payment of some \$1,600.00 in mortgage payments every month of the year including the summer months. There is also our General Mission (benevolence) responsibility plus salaries, utilities, and program expenses. The Finance and Property Committee of Session urges every member of the church to keep his pledge current during the summer months and, if possible, to prepay the pledge when a long absence from worship is necessitated by vacation plans.

To assist church members in this vital responsibility the committee has requested that special envelopes addressed to the Financial Secretary be enclosed with this issue of Steeple To People. Three such envelopes are enclosed. If you wish more please contact the church office.

### TO ATTEND SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

The following young men of the church will attend one of the summer camping programs sponsored by the Synod of the Chesapeake at Chesapeake Center near Bainbridge, Maryland, this summer:

Thomas W. Pratt	July 13 - 19
David C. Pratt	July 13 - 19
Robert Boody	June 29 - July 5
Nathan Blice	July 13 - 19
Joel Blice	July 13 - 19

### POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AMERICAN COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OF MARYLAND

As the debate and discussion over sex education in the public schools of Montgomery County continues to receive increasing publicity a number of church members have inquired about The American Council of Christian Churches of Maryland, an organization mentioned prominently in the public news media.

The Potomac United Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Washington City, and the Synod of the Chesapeake have no relationship whatsoever with this council. Also, this council has no relationship to the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. or any local councils of churches affiliated with the N.C.C.

### INVITATION TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE CHOIR

Members and friends of the congregation who have an interest in and talent for sacred music and who would like to express this interest and talent in the church choir are urged to contact the church office. Although the choir will not participate in worship again until September, information about possible new choir members is needed for planning during the summer months.

### CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE

New bowlers are needed for the league when it takes to the alleys again in September. The league meets every other Friday evening. If you want to bowl please call Harry Evans, league manager at 299-9230.



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AUGUST 25, 1969

THE SUNDAY MORNING

WORSHIP SERVICE

WILL BE HELD AT

11:00 O'CLOCK A.M.

BEGINNING SUNDAY,

SEPTEMBER 7

The church school will also begin at 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 7. Church school classes for all age groups except Ninth Grade through Adult will begin their fall terms of study on September 7.

THE SUNDAY MORNING

9:15 A.M. PROGRAM OF

FAMILY WORSHIP AND

CHURCH SCHOOL (as announced)

in July 14 Educational Bulletin)

WILL BEGIN SUNDAY,

OCTOBER 5.

Families who have already indicated their interest in this 9:15 a.m. program and who have returned their pre-registration forms should encourage their children to participate in the 11:00 a.m. church school during the month of September. September is usually a "bridge month" as far as the educational materials of the church are concerned, that is, a time when the transition is made from one study theme to another with study of the new theme actually beginning on the first Sunday of October.

Educational Bulletin will be mailed to all families of the church sometime in September. In it the topic of study for the first Lay Education (adult study) series will be announced. In this second bulletin a more detailed description of the educational program of the church for the fall will be given along with the announcement of the 1969-70 church school faculty.

FAMILIES OF THE CHURCH WHO HAVE NOT YET RETURNED THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM SENT TO EVERY HOME IN JULY ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO NOW. THESE FORMS ARE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE CHURCH EDUCATION COMMITTEE AS IT PLANS THE CHURCH'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS - SEPTEMBER 7

At the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, September 7, Dr. Lawrence E. Killion will be ordained as a ruling elder and both he and Mr. Frederick Sass will be installed as active members of the Session of the church. Mr. Sass was ordained at another church prior to his uniting with the Potomac congregation. Dr. Killion and Mr. Sass were elected at a special congregational meeting held June 29 to fill the unexpired terms of Mr. Frederick G. Harting, Jr., and Dr. Robert F. Acker.

The first coffee hour of the fall season to be held following worship on September 7 will be in honor of Dr. Killion and Mr. Sass. All members of the congregation are invited to come to the coffee hour and greet our two new ruling elders at this time.

WASHINGTON CITY PRESBYTERY TO MEET HERE SEPTEMBER 16

The regular September meeting of the Washington City Presbytery will convene in the sanctuary of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16. A special feature of this meeting will be the celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper which is held annually by the presbytery in September.

Some 175 commissioners from the local churches of the presbytery will be in attendance at the meeting. Dinner will be prepared and served by members of the Women's Association of the church.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Miss J. Louise Peters, Director of Music, has announced that regular choir rehearsals will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. beginning September 4.

FROM MR. CHARLES HEMPHILL, FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

August is traditionally the peak of the vacation season and I know that many of you have been able to arrange time to get away. We do need your continuing support however to meet our regular recurring financial commitments and we hope that you will try to keep your contributions on schedule. Everyone should try to have paid 75% of his annual pledge by the end of September. Earlier each member was provided envelopes addressed to the Financial Secretary for summer use. If you would like more, please call the church office.



### CONFIRMATION STUDY GROUP

A confirmation study group for all eighth grade young people and above who wish to become communicant members of the church will be organized in September. The group's first meeting will be a week-end retreat to be held Friday evening, September 26, and Saturday, September 27, at the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Neil Benedict at Sherwood Forest on the Severn River near Annapolis, Maryland. Thereafter, beginning the first week of October, the group will meet after school at the church every Wednesday afternoon. The group will conclude its work in March, 1970, and the young people will formally unite with the church on Palm Sunday, March 22, 1970. Mr. Blice will lead the classes studies and activities.

Young people who desire to participate in the group but who have not as yet returned a registration card are urged to do so immediately. If the card has been lost or misplaced, please call the church office.

Details concerning the retreat will be mailed to all registrants early in September.

### NEW MEMBER SEMINAR

A seminar for all persons desiring to unite with the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 5, will be held in the Fellowship Room at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 28. The seminar is designed to introduce new members to the Potomac church, its history, structure, mission, and style of life. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of the seminar by members of the Session and their wives. Persons desiring to unite with the church at this time should contact Mr. Blice at the church office.

### BOWLING LEAGUE

The Church Bowling League will begin its second season in September, bowling every other Friday evening at the River Bowl Lanes on River Road. The opening night of bowling will be announced in the September newsletter. Members and friends of the church, teen-agers included, are welcome to join the league. If you want to bowl either as a regular or a substitute and have not already done so please call the league secretary, Mr. Harry Evans, 299-9230.

### REQUEST FOR ADDRESSES

The church office needs to have an accurate file of the addresses of all students who will be college freshmen this fall. Addresses of upper-classmen whose addresses have changed since June should also be recorded in the church office.

### WEDDING BELL AT CHURCH THIS SUMMER

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| July 26   | Barbara A. Benton of Potomac and Charles W. Cole, Jr. of Rehobeth Beach, Delaware.         |
| August 16 | Robin Reese Mann of Potomac and Joseph L. Gyovai of Lovettsville, Virginia.                |
| August 23 | Bonnie Jeanne Bryant of Potomac and Lt. Robert J. Kirkpatrick of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. |



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World Wide Communion Sunday - October 5, 1969

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both services of worship on Sunday, October 5th. On this day the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will join with other Protestant churches around the world in partaking of this simple meal of bread and wine.

In the World-Wide Communion Service, first held in 1936, Christians of many nations are jointly nourished and made one in Christ. The service itself is an historical expression of continuous sharing within the global Christian community. Christians partake one with the other in suffering, in consolation, and in expecting the Kingdom.

Services of worship at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church beginning October 5 will be held at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. New members will be received at the 11:00 a.m. service.

All members of the congregation are encouraged to be present at worship on World Wide Communion Sunday. To partake of the sacrament on this occasion is to express one's obedience to Jesus Christ as he works even today in the world wide fellowship of those who bear his name.

Effective Sunday, October 5 - A New Sunday Morning Schedule

As previously announced in Sunday bulletins and special mailings, the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will follow a new schedule of Sunday morning worship and study beginning Sunday, October 5th.

At 9:15 a.m. a Family Worship Service will be held in the sanctuary. This service, although but one-half hour in length, will be a complete service of worship. It will include all the elements of the service for the Lord's Day except choral anthems and responses. The presence of younger children in the worship service will always be considered in the ordering of this service. From time to time families will be asked to assist in the planning of the service and in its leadership.

At 9:45 a.m. following the Benediction of the Family Service, worshippers will adjourn to the various church school classes and study groups. Adults and senior high youth will meet together in the Fellowship Room to pursue various short-term studies of themes selected by the Lay Education Planning Group. The first theme, scheduled for five weeks, is entitled Between Parent and Teenager. Nursery through Junior High groups will meet in their assigned classrooms to study the Church in Christian Faith and Life, this year's curriculum theme as published by the United Presbyterian Board of Christian Education. This first section of the church school will conclude its work at 10:45 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m. a second worship service will be offered. This service will be one hour in length. The second section of the church school will be in session concurrently with the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The lay education study series will not be offered at 11:00 a.m.

The coffee hour will continue to be held following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

ALL FAMILIES OF THE CHURCH WHO HAVE  
NOT YET RETURNED A PRE-REGISTRATION  
FORM ARE REQUESTED TO DO SO TODAY.  
The information requested is of  
vital importance to the Church  
Education Committee.

#### Families of Congregation Divided Into Parishes

Upon recommendation of the Congregational Life Committee, the Session at its June meeting divided the congregation into nine parishes. A parish is a grouping of church families who live within a certain geographical location, i.e., Fox Hills, Lake Normandy, Carderock Springs, etc. A ruling elder has been assigned to each parish.

The purpose of the parish plan is to provide the Session a more workable plan for communicating the mission of the church and for interpreting the program of the church. For church members the parish plan provides a means for communicating with the Session those questions and observations a church family may have regarding the church and its mission. Every church member is encouraged to call the ruling elder-in-charge of his parish when his assistance may be needed.

The Session plans to use the parish plan in different ways in the future. It will be useful in welcoming new families into the church and in introducing new families to other church families in their immediate neighborhood. Fellowship events may be held along parish lines. As the Potomac community grows, it is believed that the parish plan will become an increasingly effective tool for organization and communication.

With this issue of Steeple to People is enclosed the name and members of the parish to which you have been assigned. The name of the elder-in-charge is also indicated. Families who are not yet communicant members but who have worshipped regularly this fall are included in the listing.

#### Parish Plan and the Fall Stewardship Program

During the last two weeks of October members of the Session will be host to the church families of the parish of which they are in charge. Every elder will invite to his home the members of his parish in order to discuss with them the mission of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church as it is planned for 1970. Further information about these parish meetings will be announced in early October.

### Women's Association September Meeting

The Women's Association September meeting will be held at 10:30 , Monday, September 29 in the church. Coffee will be served prior to the brief meeting. Areas in our community where volunteer service is needed will be presented. The time required for the various projects range from a few minutes a week to several hours a week. All women of the church are ~~considered~~ members of the Women's organization and it is hoped that most will be present. Baby-sitter provided.

### Confirmation Study Group

The following young people of junior high age have enrolled in the 1970 Confirmation Study Group:

Vicki Benedict	Tom Pratt
Sandy Fowler	David Roseman
Nancy Timko	Douglas McDaniel
Joan Fraley	David Savage
Duncan McIntyre	Sherry Hoge
Kiki Brown	Carrie Howe
Chuck Breidenbach	Mary Killion

Members of the group will begin meeting with Mr. Blice at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8th. They will meet every Wednesday thereafter that the public schools are in session through March 18, 1970. Their study will focus on the meaning of the mission to which God calls the church and their personal involvement in that mission. The young people will become communicant members of the church on Palm Sunday.

### Senior High Group

Members of the Senior High Fellowship Group will travel to Catoclin State Park on Sunday, September 28. The group will leave the church at 12:30 p.m. and return by 8:30 p.m. Sunday evening. Box suppers should be taken. Cokes will be provided. The group will spend the afternoon hiking through the park. Guitars, singing, and supper will conclude the day.

If Sunday should be a rainy day, the group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Nick Smith's home, 8408 Fenway Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McFarren are advisors to the Senior High Group and will accompany the group to Catoclin.

### National Presbyterian College Scholarships

Annually the Board of Christian Education awards some 80 scholarships to United Presbyterian students enrolled in the United Presbyterian Church related colleges. The awards range from \$100 to \$1,200 and are given on the basis of academic and personal merit and financial need.

Further information about the scholarships and application forms are available from the church office. Application must be made by December 10, 1969.

### Youth and Government Service

Senior high young people are invited to participate in an exciting Youth and Government Seminar to be held in Washington, D.C. on November 18 through the 21, 1969. Headquarters for the seminar is the National 4-H Center on Connecticut Avenue but most of the seminar will take place in the offices of our national government.

The youth participating will meet Congressmen and Senators from their districts and from their state in special briefings designed to speak to particular issues of those areas. Other briefings will be conducted by the State Department, the Justice Department, the Department of Defense and other agencies of our national government. The group will also visit a number of embassies of other nations in discussion of vital issues relating to international affairs. Sessions of the House of Representatives and the Senate will also be observed and several special committees will allow the youth to sit in on their hearings. The seminar will also discuss "law and order" with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and learn first hand of our nation's efforts to communicate to the world through the Office of Information.

While in Washington the group will attend a play at the National Theatre and also hear a special concert of the National Symphony. A dinner party will be the highlight of the opening session of the seminar on Tuesday, November 18th. The group will meet frequently for evaluation and discussion as many of the issues facing our nation are confronted in this seminar with leaders of our government.

Interested senior highs should contact Mr. Blice for further information.

### Request for Canned Foods

Potomac FISH, a non-denominational organization of laymen in the Potomac area, is asking the various congregations in the community for assistance in building up its emergency food supply. The Potomac United Presbyterian Church has been asked to provide canned meats and meals. Such donations may be left in the narthex of the church for pick-up by FISH volunteers.

POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - PARISH LISTING

Sept. 1969

FOX HILLS PARISH - John Carroll, Elder-in-Charge  
Cole, Cornell, Fredlund, Gilliams, Hall, Hansen, Kendall, McCain, McFarren,  
Smith, Stobie, Boody.

LAKE NORMANDY PARISH - Robert Garcia, Elder-in-Charge  
Amtmann, Bond, Bonner, Farabow, Fraley, Hoge, Killion, Mackay, Mellem, Wakeland,  
White, Sumichrast, Timko, Coffman, Mooch, Chase, Brain, Maxlm.

GLEN PARK PARISH - William Harrison, Elder-in-Charge  
Abernethy, Baldwin, Breidenbach, Cook, Hampton, Johnston, McMahon, Netch, Pratt,  
Rudd.

GLEN MILL PARISH - James Clark, Elder-in-Charge  
Boogaard, Ellis, Harwich, Jennison, Jones, Ketcham, Lankler, McPhee, Snider,  
Springborn, Beer.

SANDY LANDING PARISH - William Lowrey, Elder-in-Charge  
Bray, Burgess, Colan, Dart, Day, Dykhuizen, Howard, Lawson, Murphy, Phair,  
Richards, Riggs, Rowan, Sass, Benton, Howe.

RIVER ROAD - KENTSDALE PARISH - Charles Hemphill, Elder-in-Charge  
Bloch, Fore, Kerrigan, Meinke, Roseman, L. Smith, Hinrichs, McIntyre, Hyde,  
Strahle, Stanley, Lein, McAlpin, Scheurer, Willetts.

FALLS ROAD PARISH - Neil Benedict, Elder-in-Charge  
Dunnavant, Evans, Filson, Fowler, Hankin, McLaughlin, McMurray, Perrin, Savage,  
Saxton, Wilson, Wirth, Cone, Angel, Fleming, Lenons, Malone.

POTOMAC FALLS PARISH - Anthony Ferrara, Elder-in-Charge  
Dugan, Greene, Haack, Ill, Sidey, Spivey, Droege, Harting, Pownall, Schilling,  
Brown.

THE SCATTERED PARISH - Robert Tietjen & Michael Bentzen, Elders-in-Charge  
Barnhard, Boswell, Buddington, Eckman, Fling, Garrison, Krise, McNeill, Miller,  
Mott, Owens, Spangler, Jim Carroll.





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Dear Church Members and Friends,

When I think of the mission of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church I think of people.

I think of the young man who came to my office one afternoon to think through his next move with a class-mate who attempted to sell him some marijuana.

I think about the several talks I've had with a young mother in our community who is trying to maintain her family while her husband, who is jobless, is confined to a hospital in a distant city.

I think of the some one hundred children who gather in our church school on Sunday mornings to wrestle with the meaning of the Christian faith as it pertains to their lives and their world.

I think of the forty or so senior highs and adults who are meeting on Sunday mornings to learn from each other what it means or can mean to be a Christian in 1969.

I think about all of us who come together to worship at the services on Sunday morning, the questions, the hopes, the fears, the joy that we bring with us and our trust that God will speak to us and through us in worship.

I think about how important it is that we have the proper educational and worship resources to continue building a sound educational and worship program for the people who both serve and are served by the Potomac United Presbyterian Church.

And I think of my future colleagues in our Presbyterian seminaries, the students in our Presbyterian colleges, and the countless numbers of children, youth, and adults who are served by Presbyterian hospitals, clinics, mobile ministries, neighborhood houses, and summer camps across the United States and around the world.

Why do we do these things? What is it that we are attempting to express through the church's mission? We are engaged in mission simply because we believe that God loves us and that he loves this world and all its people. "We love, because he first loved us" says the author of First John. This is the key to the church's mission. Love.

Soon each of us will be making our pledge to our church for 1970. Our pledges are one expression of our love for the church and our commitment to its mission of loving the world. The nature of our mission in 1970 will be determined by the nature of pledging in November 1969.

Faithfully,

*Richard W. Blice, Jr.*

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## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER - NOVEMBER 14

Dinner in the Fellowship Room - William Flanders In Concert. This is the evening of November 14 in our church as planned by the Congregational Life Committee.

The dinner and the concert is for the whole family. A specially arranged program will be provided for younger children in one of the classrooms following dinner if they do not wish to attend the concert.

Dinner reservations may be made by calling Barbara Wakeland, 299-5846, or Jean Breidenbach, 762-5256, who in turn will make the various covered dish assignments. Reservations should be made by Monday, November 10. Each family will be asked to bring either a meat casserole, salad, or dessert. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

William Flanders In Concert will be held in the sanctuary following dinner. William Flanders is an Episcopal clergyman, and a singer of folk-hymns - in particular, his own. A native of Connecticut, he is a graduate of Yale, class of 1955, where he was president of the Glee Club. Having lived almost three years in Europe (and married in France), he has taught French at St. Paul's School, Concord, N.H., studied briefly in Italy for a singing career, and been the executive director of the International Student Center of New Haven.

Raised in New England Congregationalism, and exposed often in childhood to free-swinging Southern Presbyterian hymn singing, he entered into the Anglican musical tradition when he attended Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, from which he graduated in 1962. Since then he has served in churches in Virginia and Washington, D. C., and has been the Associate Episcopal Chaplain at the University of Maryland.

Combining a life's training in singing, literature and theology, he is making his career the introduction of new songs to churches, schools and colleges across the country. In worship services, concerts, workshops, conferences and rallies, William Flanders has sung to and with people of all ages, conservatives and liberals alike. He sings out of his own life's experience. His songs are rooted in the Biblical tradition, yet speak in secular language, their melodies drawing on the American folk-song heritage.

Frequently touring - from coast to coast and recently into Canada - William Flanders has sung on campuses as diverse as Stanford, Stephens, Kendall and Maryland. Seminaries where he has appeared include Union (NYC) and Virginia. Forthcoming concerts will be at Exeter and Groton schools. His ecumenical ministry moves between churches in a dozen denominations.

Members and friends of the church who cannot attend the dinner may still attend the concert. It will begin in the sanctuary at 8:15 p.m.

Church members are encouraged to invite their neighbors and friends to the concert. An offering will be received at the close of the concert.

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held in the Potomac United Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The sermon will be delivered by The Reverend DeWitt Dickey, pastor of the Potomac Methodist Church. The Reverend Edward Sims of the Saint Francis Episcopal Church and The Reverend Richard W. Blice, Jr., will serve as liturgists. The offering will be given to Potomac FISH.

### SUPPLEMENTS TO THE ANNUAL DIRECTORY

A supplement to the annual directory of church members has been prepared by Shirley Tietjen. The supplement shows changes of address, members received and dismissed, addresses of college students and members in the Armed Forces, and changes in phone numbers. Copies of the supplement are available for all families of the church on the table in the narthex.

### "WHAT'S THE GOOD BOOK GOOD FOR?"

This is the title given by the Lay Education Planning Group to the next series of lectures and discussions held in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

The current study of the topic Between Parent and Teenager will conclude with the discussion on Sunday, November 9.

The new series will be four weeks in length and will focus upon such questions as:

- What importance does the Bible have today?
- Are certain portions of the Bible more important than others?
- How did the Bible come to us?
- Whose interpretation do you trust?
- How reliable is the Bible as a guidebook?

Bob Beer of the Lay Education Planning Group will be the co-ordinator of this series. The lectures and discussions are designed for senior high young people and adults.

At the Lay Education hour on December 14 and 21, Mr. Blice will be the speaker and discussion leader. The topic on these two mornings will be "Christmas Detinselized."

### INVITATION TO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A New Member Seminar will be held in the Fellowship Room at 8:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, November 23, for those persons desiring to unite with the church on Sunday morning, November 30.

### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both services of worship on Sunday, November 30, the first Sunday of the 1969 Advent Season.

## MEMORIAL GIFT BOOK

A Memorial Gift Book has been presented to the church by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Cole. The red leather-bound book will be inscribed with the names of several church members and friends who have given major gifts to the church since its organization in 1963. Mr. Anthony Ferrara will do the artistic lettering in keeping with such a book. The Memorial Gift Book will be permanently displayed in a glass enclosed case in the narthex.

## TEXTBOOKS WANTED

Used copies of the Faith and Life Curriculum text, The King Nobody Wanted, are needed immediately in the church school. Families who may have this book in their home libraries and are willing to give them to the church school may bring them to the church at anytime.

### PLEDGE CARDS FOR 1970

will be mailed to all church families  
on November 4th.

They are to be returned at worship on  
Sunday, November 9th.

Families not able to attend worship on  
November 9th are requested to mail their  
pledge card to the church prior to that  
date.

## MR. BLICE SERVING AS MODERATOR OF THE WHEATON CHURCH

Mr. Blice has been appointed by a Commission of Washington City Presbytery to serve as Moderator of the Session of the Wheaton Presbyterian Church. He will serve in this capacity until September 1970. The Rev. Keith Custis recently retired minister of the Riverdale Presbyterian Church has been appointed interim minister at Wheaton.

## WREATH-MAKING WORKSHOP

The dates for this workshop, to be led by Shirley Tietjen, are November 6-13 - 20 at 10:00 a.m. The workshop will be held in the Fellowship Room. Those women of the church who have enrolled are urged to be present at each of the meetings.

## THREE YEAR NURSERY

Beginning in November a church school program specifically designed for three-year olds will be offered during the 11:00 a.m. section of the church school. The three-year olds will meet with the kindergarten class and will participate with them in several of its activities. At given times during the hour however they will meet as a group under the leadership of Camille Kendall who has recently joined the church school faculty. During their own group time, the children will be told a story, play quiet games, or talk together with their teacher. Mrs. Kendall will use the Christian Faith and Action course book, Three's In The Christian Community in her work with the three-year olds.

## OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT IN 1969

Although all church members are now thinking about and planning their pledge to the church for 1970, we should not forget the pledge we have made for this current year. The Finance Committee of Session strongly urges that every family keep its regular offering current with its 1969 pledge. If members find it necessary to be absent from worship they are encouraged to mail their weekly or monthly offerings to the church to the attention of the Financial Secretary.

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WHAT'S THE GOOD BOOK GOOD FOR? - Lay Education Series

The Reverend Omar R. Buchwalter, Ph.D. will be the lecturer and discussion leader at the Lay Education Hour on Sunday, November 30, and again on December 7. The themes chosen for these two Sundays are "How Shall We Regard The Bible?" and "Biblical Authority Today."

Dr. Buchwalter received his B.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York City and his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University. His doctoral dissertation was entitled, "The Nature and Significance of the Humanity of Jesus in the New Testament." From 1953 to 1957 Dr. Buchwalter served as Assistant Professor of Religion and then Acting Dean of the College of Theology at Silliman University in Dumagnete City, the Philippines. In 1959 he became pastor of the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, Kensington, Maryland. Having had over the years of his professional ministry a deep interest in the church and social problems, Dr. Buchwalter, in 1968, became a member of the Technical Staff at Research Analysis Corporation where he is now Chairman of the Juvenile Delinquency Research Program.

On Sunday, November 23, a panel of three laymen will be featured at the Lay Education Hour. Mr. Robert Fredlund, Mr. Anthony Ferrara, and Mr. Grover McCain will speak on the following themes respectively.

"Modern Translations of the Scripture"  
"How The Bible Helps Me"  
"Difficulties of a Layman With The Bible"

Mr. Robert Beer, a member of the Lay Education Planning Group will serve as moderator.

Ninety-one adults and young people were present at the first session of this current series on November 16 when the film, "Our Bible - How It Came To Us," was shown.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - December 7

The Session is calling a special meeting of the congregation to be held following the second worship service on Sunday, December 7. The purpose of the meeting is twofold.

First, to add a new article (No. 19) to the By-Laws which will read as follows:  
"When the congregation meets to elect members to serve on the representative Nominating Committee it shall elect three, and only three such members."

Comment. The Constitution of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA does not place any limitations upon the number of members of this committee other than that those members elected by the congregation shall constitute a majority of the membership. Inasmuch as the Session can name two of its members and only

two, the three elected by the congregation would satisfy the constitutional requirement. The Session, recognizing that the Potomac United Presbyterian Church has in the past always limited representation on the committee to three members from the congregation-at-large, now proposes that this be the stated policy of the church.

Second, to elect (three) members from the congregation-at-large to serve on the 1970 representative Nominating Committee.

Comment. The 1969 Committee was composed of Ruling Elders Anthony Ferrara, Chairman, D. Robert Tietjen and Mrs. William Murphy, Mr. James Richards and Mr. James Spivey from the congregation-at-large.

The Session has named Ruling Elders James Clark and John E. Carroll, Jr. as its members on the 1970 committee. Mr. Clark will be chairman.

#### NOVEMBER 14 - A DELIGHTFUL EVENING AT THE CHURCH

The Family Night Dinner - William Flanders In Concert held at the church on Friday evening, November 14, and sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee of Session was truly a delightful event. One hundred twenty-two adults, youth and children were present for the covered-dish dinner served in the Fellowship Room. The table decorations and name tags followed an autumn theme. Members of the Dinner Committee, Mrs. Henry Wakeland, Chairman, prepared the tables and served the dinner.

Following dinner William Flanders In Concert was presented in the sanctuary where one hundred thirty-five members and friends of the congregation were present. Mr. Flanders sang a number of his own compositions and led the congregation in singing several others. His first appearance at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church has already won him a large following.

Members of the church who were unable to purchase Mr. Flanders' record albums on November 14 may order them through the church office.

#### ADVENT 1969 - CHANCEL ADVENT WREATH

On November 30, 1969, the First Sunday of Advent, the Potomac United Presbyterian Congregation will celebrate The Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper at both morning worship services.

The Advent Season of the liturgical year is four Sundays in length, the first Sunday in Advent being the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The color for Advent is purple signifying penitence mingled with hope. During the season of Advent Christians around the world focus their attention in personal and corporate worship upon the meaning of Emmanuel, "God with us." Advent is then a time of preparation, a time of personal examination before the Christ of Christmas.

The Potomac United Presbyterian Church, beginning this Advent season, will follow the long-standing tradition of many Christian churches of placing an Advent Wreath in the chancel. The large wreath will lie flat on a pedestal on the left side of the chancel. Four purple candles will be placed in the wreath, one candle for each of the four Advent Sundays. On Christmas Eve a large white candle will be placed in the center of the wreath. The candles will be lighted on the Sundays of Advent by members of the Confirmation Study Group. Mrs. D. Robert Tietjen will make the Advent Wreath.

The Advent wreath is of Scandinavian origin and is now a much beloved tradition in many churches in the United States.

#### FAMILY ADVENT WORSHIP

Families of the church are encouraged to create their own Advent wreaths and to give them a central place in family worship during the Advent Season. The wreath can be made very inexpensively. Many of the major department stores and some flower and gift shops carry the basic frames and candle holders for such wreaths so that all that need be added are the pine branches and purple candles. A sample wreath created by Mrs. Jack Dart will be displayed on the table in the narthex on Sunday, November 23.

During the week of November 23 all families of the church will receive through the mail a small pamphlet containing suggested family worship services for each of the four Sundays of Advent and for Christmas Day. Many Christian families who have followed this tradition in the past have found that Sunday evening following dinner is a most appropriate time to hold their family Advent worship service.

#### ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES NOW!

Poinsettias purchased by church members and friends will again be placed in the chancel for Christmas Sunday and Christmas Eve worship this year. The poinsettia plants are \$5.00 each and must be ordered by December 1.

Mrs. Barbara Pratt will take orders following the 9:15 a.m. worship service on November 23 and 30. Mrs. Shirley Tietjen will take orders following the 11:00 a.m. worship service on these two Sundays.

The plants may be taken home following the 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.

#### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Potomac United Presbyterian Church will be host church for the Potomac Community Thanksgiving Service to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. The Rev. DeWitt Dickey, pastor of the Potomac Methodist Church, will preach. He will be assisted in the service by the Reverend Edward Sims of St. Francis Episcopal Church and the Reverend Richard W. Blice, Jr. The offering will be given to Potomac FISH.

#### TOYS FOR TOBYTOWN

The Senior High Youth Fellowship is collecting toys for Tobytown. The toys may be brought to the church on any Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday mornings before December 7. The toys should be repairable. All toys will be accepted; baby dolls, games, trucks, sports equipment, books, etc. The toys will be repaired and repainted, if necessary, by the Senior Highs on Sunday, December 7, and then turned over to Tobytown Associates who will sell them to Tobytown residents at very, very low prices.

Tobytown Associates is a non-profit corporation of Potomac and Tobytown residents whose purpose is to assist residents of this small community in solving their own problems.

Last year the proceeds from the sale of these toys, repaired by the Senior Highs of the church, were used to build a bus shelter for Tobytown school children at the corner of River Road and Esworthy Road. A number of Potomac Presbyterian Senior Highs assisted in the building of the shelter.

#### REGARDING PLEDGES FOR 1969

Six weeks remain in 1969. The Session is encouraging every church member family to be faithful and systematic in the giving of the amount pledged for 1969. A family who is current in its giving will have made offerings equal to eleven-twelfths of its 1969 pledge by December 1.

#### REGARDING 1970 PLEDGES

Only a very few families have not yet made their 1970 pledges according to Larry Killion, Chairman of Session's Committee on Interpretation and Stewardship. Those who have not done so are encouraged to give their pledge card to Larry or to mail it to the church as soon as possible. All pledge cards must be received before the Budget Planning Committee can prepare the 1970 Program Budget.

FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC - December 14 - 7:00 p.m.

TWO CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES WILL BE OFFERED THIS YEAR - 7:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH HAYRIDE - November 23

The Senior High young people will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m., Sunday, November 23, for transportation to the Allnutt Farm near Seneca. Refreshments will be provided. Guitars are very much in order. Mr. and Mrs. Robert McFarren, advisors to the Senior High Group, will accompany the young people on the hayride. Senior Highs are encouraged to bring their friends.

#### WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

Meeting: Monday, November 24, 10:30 a.m.  
Sitter provided

Speaker: Rev. H. Stein-Schneider, Minister of French Church, Church of St. John

Topic: Protestantism in France & Italy.

Potomac will be more lovely this Christmas. A group of women from the Women's Association has been busy making pine cone wreaths under Shirley Tietjen's watchful eye each Thursday morning this month. Could anyone have noticed skinned knuckles on their wife. Also you may have noticed the pine aroma emanating from your kitchen. No one would guess it takes hours of baking to open up pine cones!

After Christmas the Women's Association will sponsor a decoupage class. Come join the fun.



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CHRISTMAS AT THE POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-

Festival Of Christmas Music - On Sunday evening, December 14, at 7:00 p.m., the traditional Festival of Christmas Music will be held in the sanctuary. This event is planned to provide the congregation an opportunity to sing all the old and familiar carols of Christmas. The festival is then a service of praise, a time in which Christians can express their joy and their hope in the Christ of Christmas.

The church choir under the direction of Miss Judith Peters has prepared a number of special anthems for this event among which are "The Little Drummer Boy" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Following the festival the congregation is invited to the Fellowship Room where punch and Christmas cookies will be provided by the Dinner Committee of the Women's Association, Mrs. Henry Wakeland, Chairman.

Inasmuch as the festival is an event for the whole family, a nursery care group will not be provided.

Two Christmas Eve Services - Two Christmas Eve Candlelight Services will be provided this year.

7:30 p.m. - This early service, new this year, is scheduled at an hour when it will be possible for families with young children to attend as families. It will differ from the later service in only two respects: the choir will not participate and small candles will not be distributed to the worshippers. However, the sanctuary will be illumined by candlelight and a member of the choir will participate in the service as soloist.

11:00 p.m. - The second Christmas Eve Service. This second service of worship will conclude with the lighting of the individual candles held by all worshippers. Members of the eighth grade Confirmation Study Group will participate in this service in the lighting of the sanctuary and individual candles.

Special Christmas Offerings -

Ministries To Children World-Wide. - Children in the church school received coin candle boxes for this offering during the church school sessions on December 7. Parents are encouraged to discuss the significance of this offering with their children and to emphasize the fact that Christmas is the season of giving because of the supreme gift of God in Christ. Many families will want to pray for the children of the world during their family Advent worship services.

These coin candle boxes are to be returned to the church on Sunday morning, December 21. The church school classes will gather for worship that morning in their respective sections at 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Room. The coin candle boxes will be received during these worship services which will be led by Mr. David Smith, Church School Superintendent.

Enclosed with this newsletter are offering envelopes for Ministries To Children World-Wide. These are for use by adults, senior high and junior high youth. These envelopes should be returned on Christmas Eve and will be received during the offertory at both candlelight services.

An explanation of this special offering is found on the back of the enclosed envelope. The Session of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church hopes that every family of the church will respond generously to this appeal.

An Offering Of Socks And Mittens - Again this year families of the church are being given the opportunity to provide socks and mittens to the children served by the Buckhorn Children's Center in Buckhorn, Kentucky. The center, an agency of the Board of National Missions, serves an Appalachian region where its ministry is offered primarily to disadvantaged children. Located in the mountains of eastern Kentucky, Buckhorn seeks to provide services for children who are emotionally hurt, physically below par, mentally slow, and socially deficient. In addition to foster home placement, Buckhorn provides a Day Care Center for 30 children from the neighboring "hollows."

The offering of socks and mittens will be received at the 7:30 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve. It is requested that they be wrapped in white tissue paper and marked for boy or girl accordingly. Children attending this service will have the opportunity to bring their "White Gift" to the Communion Table where Mr. Blice will greet them.

The Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper - The Sacrament Of The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both services of morning worship on Sunday, December 28, 1969.

Christmas At The Church For Children and Youth -

Senior High Youth - On Sunday, December 7, and Wednesday evening, December 10, the senior highs of the church held a Toys For Tobytown Workshop wherein they repaired, repainted, and cleaned the hundreds of toys and games that were donated by church member families. The senior highs wish to thank all those who gave toys. The quantity of toys received was much larger than in 1968.

The toys will be sold to the residents of Tobytown at minimal prices on a Saturday afternoon before Christmas at the church. The toy sale will be held under the direction of Tobytown Associates, a citizen's group comprised of Potomac and Tobytown residents. The proceeds of the sale will be used for improvements in Tobytown.

Junior High Youths - The junior highs have been invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Neil Benedict on Sunday afternoon, December 21, at 3:30 p.m. Caroling, games, and dinner will highlight the afternoon. Following dinner, the junior highs will travel to the Presbyterian Home on Military Road where they will sing carols for the residents of the home as they have done in previous years.

The Presbyterian Home is an agency of the Presbytery of Washington City. The home is a ministry of care and concern for elderly retired Presbyterians in the greater Washington area.

The junior highs will be returned directly to their homes at the conclusion of their visit to the Presbyterian Home.

Mr. Blice will accompany the young people on this visit and will introduce the young people to the residents of the home.

Grades 3 - 4 - Children of both the 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. sections will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, for an Old Fashioned Christmas Party. Assisted by their teachers, Mrs. Edwin Stobie, Mrs. Frederick Saxton, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Neil Benedict, the children will make several types of Christmas tree ornaments which they will use to decorate a tree in their own classroom. For their lunch the children will grill hot dogs and hamburgers on portable grills outside the Fellowship Room. The party will conclude at 1:00 p.m. Parents are requested to pick up their children promptly at 1:00 o'clock.

Grades 1 - 2 - Both the 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. sections of the church school age group will gather at the church for a Trim-A-Tree Christmas Party on Thursday, December 11. The time of the party is from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Mrs. Lewis Smith, Mrs. Victor Willetts, and Mrs. Jack White are the teachers of this age group.

The Flower Committee wishes to thank all those church member families who have purchased poinsettia plants for the Christmas Service. The plants may be removed from the sanctuary following the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

New Members Received November 30, 1969 -

The following persons were received into the communicant membership of the church at the Advent Sunday Communion Service, November 30:

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Mabon (Joann) from the First Presbyterian Church,  
Miss Mary Mabon Fort Smith, Arkansas.  
Miss Margaret Mabon " "  
Mr. William P. Martin from the Brighton Presbyterian Church, Rochester, N.Y.  
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mooch (Cindy) from the Wayne Presbyterian Church,  
Wayne, Pennsylvania.  
Mr. and Mrs. Berrien B. Blemker (Gretchen) from the Chevy Chase Presby-  
terian Church, Chevy Chase, Md.

December Women's Association Meeting -

For the December meeting, the Women's Association has been invited to participate in the Christmas Program at the National Presbyterian Church on December 17.

The theme of the meeting will be "Christian Symbols." Following the program, there will be a luncheon. The cost of the luncheon is \$1.25 per person.

A tour of the National Presbyterian Center will conclude the program.

Those who wish to attend this program should call Jean Blice, 299-5349, no later than Sunday, December 14, to make reservations.

Women who plan to attend this program are asked to meet at the church parking lot in order to leave for the center at 10:00 o'clock.

Report of Interpretation And Stewardship Committee -

The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee reports that as of December 8, 1969, 86 per cent of the families of the church have made a total pledge for the 1970 church year of \$48,187.20

The committee is pleased to note that nearly 50 per cent of the families who pledged last year have increased their pledge for 1970, while 35 per cent have maintained their pledge at the same level. The committee wishes to express its sincere appreciation to the congregation for this fine expression of Christian stewardship.

Representative Nominating Committee Named -

At a special meeting of the congregation held following the second worship service on Sunday, December 7, the following three persons were elected to the Representative Nominating Committee:

Mr. Charles Pratt  
Mr. James Rudd  
Mrs. Walter Schilling (Joann)

The Session has named Ruling Elders James Clark and John E. Carroll, Jr., as Elder members of the committee. Mr. Clark will be chairman.

The committee is charged with the responsibility of bringing to the Annual Meeting in January a slate of four nominees for the office of ruling elder.

Nominations may also be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting providing the person nominated has agreed to serve if elected.

#### Mr. Blice To Attend Preaching Seminar In January -

Mr. Blice will return to his alma mater, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, January 4-9 to participate in a Seminar On Lenten Preaching. The seminar, sponsored by the Department of Continuing Education, will be led by two professors from the seminary faculty, one from the department of theology and one from the department of homiletics.

#### Where In The World Is The United Presbyterian Church? -

This is the subject of the Lay Education Series being planned for the first six weeks of 1970. The Lay Education Planning Group, in deciding to offer this particular series, is hopeful of being able to bring to the Potomac United Presbyterian Church several key Presbytery and Synod leaders who will be asked to describe the mission of the church as it is being fulfilled by these two judicatories. Besides describing the "where" of the church's mission, time will be provided during the series for discussions on the "why" of the mission of the church.

Mrs. Wayne Meinke is the co-ordinator of this particular Lay Education Program. The Lay Education Programs are designed for adults and senior high youth and are offered every Sunday morning from 9:45 - 10:45.

#### Increased Participation In Worship And Study -

Since the first Sunday of October when the 9:15 a.m. worship service and the Lay Education Program were first offered the combined attendance at both worship services showed a marked increase over the previous months when only one worship service was offered at 10:30 a.m. Average attendance at the 9:15 service has been 73. Average attendance at the 11:00 service has been 112, making the average for both services 185 persons. An average of 50-55 senior high youth and adults have participated regularly in the Lay Education Program.

#### Special Committee Named To Study Drug Abuse Program -

At the request of the Session, Dr. Lawrence E. Killion, Chairman of the Interpretation and Stewardship Committee has named the following persons as members of a special committee to study the drug abuse problem as it exists in Potomac and surrounding communities:

Dr. Robert Garcia, M.D., Chairman	Dr. Philip Wirth, M.D.
Dr. Andrew Breidenbach	Rev. Richard W. Blice, Jr.

The committee is now engaged in gathering certain data and other information. It will report to the Session early in 1970 and thereafter may sponsor several discussions on the drug abuse problem that will be open to all church members and friends.

#### 1970 Offering Envelopes -

Mrs. Simon Dykhuizen, Financial Secretary, is arranging for the distribution of the 1970 offering envelope boxes to begin on Sunday, December 21. The boxes will be placed on the table in the narthex in the alphabetical order of the church member families. All families are urged to take their boxes from the table once they are available and thereby save the cost to the church of mailing them.

Offering Envelopes For Children and Youth -

Beginning the first Sunday of 1970, children and youth of the church will use envelopes to make their regular weekly offerings.

These envelopes will be distributed through the church school beginning December 21. The color of the envelopes is red thus making them easily distinguishable from those used by adults and senior highs. No record will be made of the numbering of these envelopes and no record will be made of the gifts offered in them. Children and youth are encouraged to use them because they are a more efficient means of making an offering than in giving loose coins. It is not necessary that the name of the giver be written on the outside of the envelope.

Women's Association Decoupage Class will begin on January 14 and continue for six consecutive Wednesdays. The cost of the basic materials for the class will be announced later.

