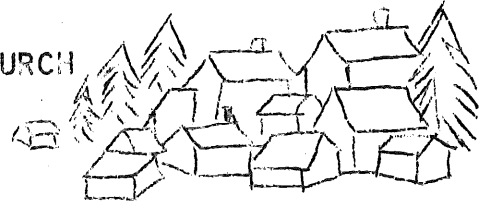


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POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

POTOMAC, MARYLAND



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ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 25

The Annual Meeting of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will be convened in the Sanctuary at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 25. The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Prayer
2. Statement by the Pastor
3. Program Reports - 1970
 - A. Women's Association
 - B. Church Education
 - C. Congregational Life
 - D. Interpretation and Stewardship
 - E. Finance and Property
4. Church Treasurer's Report for 1970
5. Proposal from the Session to amend Church By-laws in order to provide for the election by the congregation of two auditors and the Church Treasurer; the terms of office to be one year. Persons elected to these offices shall be eligible for re-election at succeeding Annual Meetings if so nominated and having indicated their willingness to serve if elected.
6. Election of Church Officers
 - A. Church Treasurer*
 - B. Two Auditors*
 - C. Four Ruling Elders to serve three-year terms

* Providing amendment described in #5 above is approved by the congregation

7. Presentation of 1971 Budget requirements
8. Election of three members from the congregation to serve on the 1971 Representative Nominating Committee
9. New Business
10. Reading and Approval of the Minutes
11. Adjournment and Prayer

MEMBERS TO BE NOMINATED AT ANNUAL MEETING

The following slate of candidates for elected offices of the congregation will be presented by the Representative Nominating Committee, Ruling Elder Charles E. Hemphill, Chairman, at the Annual Meeting on January 25:

Church Auditors	- Theodore Moock Chauncy Starkey
Church Treasurer	- John W. Day
Ruling Elder	- Michael P. Bentzen Lawrence E. Killion Compton Jones D. Robert Tietjen

Nominations may be made from the floor, providing the person(s) nominated has agreed to serve if elected.

Serving with Mr. Hemphill on the Nominating Committee were Ruling Elder Alice Smith, Robert Fredlund, Robert Garcia and David Smith.

SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In behalf of the Congregation Steeple to People wishes to say "Thank you" to the following Church members and friends whose special gifts made possible the purchase of these essential articles for the Church's program:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hemphill	
Mr. and Mrs. William E. Harrison	
Mr. and Mrs. William Murphy	For 100 RSV Bibles placed in the pew racks in the Sanctuary
Mr. and Mrs. Jack White	For six new choir robes
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sebastian	For three portable phonographs and a filmstrip projector for the Church School

OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN THE ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir is now working on some exciting arrangements for the new season, particularly for Palm Sunday and Easter. The Choir is always interested in having new members - and is especially interested in additional male voices. Those wishing to participate may speak to Director Judy Peters or come to regular rehearsals at 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO DISCUSS CONSUMER ECOLOGY

Household purchasing with an eye toward its affect on the environment will be the subject of the Women's Association meeting on Monday, January 25, at 10:00 a.m. at the Church. Following coffee and a brief business meeting, Mrs. Russell Train, a member of the Board of Concern, Inc., will lead the discussion. Concern, Inc. was organized by wives of government officials to provide consumer education on products as they relate to the environment. The group is now preparing for distribution a series of ECOTIPS - cards listing "safe" products. All women of the Church are invited to attend the meeting.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL

There are still open Sundays for those wishing to sign up for flowers in the chancel during worship services. The flower chart is posted in the narthex. Floral arrangements are provided by the flower committee, and the cost for the sponsoring member is \$7.50. Contributors are reminded to make arrangements to pick up their flowers following the 11 a.m. service (please leave the vase!).

KING DAVID CHOIR

Children in the third to sixth grades are invited to join members and leaders of the King David Choir on Thursday afternoons at the Church. The group is just beginning its new music for the spring, and new members would find it an appropriate time to begin - the only requirement is the desire to sing.

The primary purpose of the King David Choir is to enable children to participate joyfully and responsibly in the life of the Church. The musical learning and good times together are added dividends.

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHER-TRAINING SESSION

Members of the Church School faculty participated in a teacher-training session on Monday evening, January 18. Members from Geneva, Boyds, Bradley Hills, St. Mark's and Northminister churches joined with the Potomac staff in the workshop designed to formulate instructional objectives. The group also viewed a film on the Synod School at Wilson with a view toward encouraging teachers to attend the school's summer session.

ANNUAL COMMUNION COINCIDING WITH CONVENING OF CONGRESS

A traditional service of intercession and holy communion on the occasion of the opening of Congress will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, at the National Presbyterian Church, 4101 Nebraska Avenue, N.W., sponsored by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in cooperation with the Council of Churches of Greater Washington. All members of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church are invited to participate in the service.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The first meeting of the newly-organized Bible Study Group will be held at the Church on Wednesday, January 20, at 10:00 a.m. Coffee will be served at 9:30. The title of the study to be led by Mr. Blice is The Drama of Redemption. During the winter and spring months the primary focus will be upon the Old Testament, divided according to the following acts and scenes:

Act I Creation and Fall

Act II The Three R's
 God Tries Reclamation - Rehabilitation - Restoration

Scene 1 The Patriarchs
Scene 2 The Exodus
Scene 3 The Promised Land
Scene 4 The Exile
Scene 5 The Remnant

The specific objectives of the Bible Study Group will be:
1. To be able to identify certain key personalities in the drama and their role in Biblical history; 2. To be able to describe certain key events in the drama and the significance of these events in Biblical history; 3. To be able to list with chronological accuracy the personalities and events considered in the study; and 4. To develop certain basic skills in Biblical interpretation.

All women are invited to participate in the study group which will meet regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. For further information call Mrs. William Johnston (Flo) at 752-0078 or Mrs. William Harrison (Jan) at 299-9536.

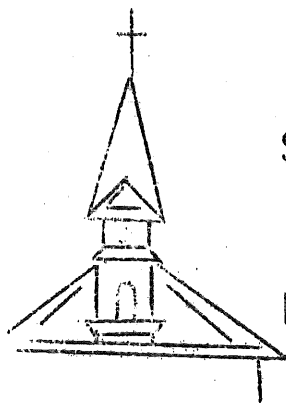
THANK YOU, GINNY DYKHUIZEN!

In behalf of the congregation Steeple To People takes this opportunity to express thanks to Ginny Dykhuizen for her many years of faithful service to the Church as its Financial Secretary. Ginny has asked the Session to be relieved of the responsibility as of December 31, 1970. Of Ginny, we can all say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

The Session has asked Mrs. Richard Hart, Church Secretary, to assume the Financial Secretary's responsibilities as part of her professional duties.

DR. NORMAN TROTT AT LAY EDUCATION HOUR ON JANUARY 24

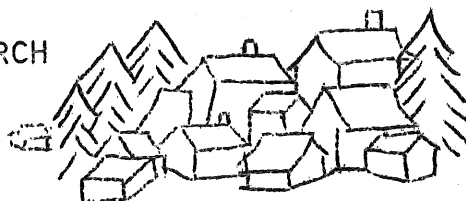
Dr. Norman Trott, President Emeritus of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C., will be guest lecturer at the Lay Education Hour - 9:30 a.m., January 24. His topic will be "The Methodist View of the Consultation on Church Union." The Lay Education Group meets in the Fellowship Room. All adults and senior high youth are invited.



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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 28

At the call of the Session a special Congregational meeting will be held at the close of the second worship service on Sunday, February 28. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold.

First, the Session will present the 1971 Program Budget for reception by the Congregation. Usually made at the January Annual Meeting, the budget presentation was postponed this year to allow time for a second stewardship appeal. Many Church member families responded to this appeal, and the Session will now propose a 1971 budget totaling \$55,000. The details of the budget will be published and distributed at the February 28th meeting.

Second, the Session will propose an amendment to the Church by-laws requiring that a special Congregational meeting be held in October, no later than the third Monday of the month, for the purpose of electing the required number of ruling elders to be ordained and/or installed on the first Sunday of the succeeding January. At this October meeting the Interpretation and Stewardship Committee of Session will be required to make a preliminary report to the Congregation of the Stewardship Commitment Program and budget goals for the next calendar year.

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The proposed amendment to the by-laws will improve the existing program of the Church in two ways. Elders elected in October will be invited to meet with the Session as elders-elect without vote. In so doing they will have the opportunity to learn first hand of the Session activities and plans and thus eliminate the need for the extensive briefing now required when an elder may be elected one week in January and take office the next. It will also allow for a thorough Church officer training program to be conducted between October and January. The ordination vows taken by a ruling elder have deep Biblical, theological and ecclesiastical significance. Three months between election and ordination and/or installation will provide sufficient time to study and reflect on the meaning of these vows.

With the announcement of the Stewardship Commitment Program and preliminary budget goals for the next calendar year in October (before the actual pledging by Church members) time for interpretation, discussion and debate will be provided. The Congregation will have the opportunity to know as well as can be known in October what the financial responsibilities are that must be assumed for the next fiscal year.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION FOR 1971

At the February Session meeting Michael P. Bentzen was named Clerk of Session, and Church organization was restructured under the following three standing committees:

Church Education Committee: Andrew W. Breidenbach, Chairman, with R. Neil Benedict, Robert J. McMahon and Mrs. Lewis V. Smith (Alice).

Congregational Life Committee: D. Robert Tietjen, Chairman, with Michael Bentzen, Anthony B. Ferrara, Charles E. Hemphill and Compton S. Jones.

Interpretation and Stewardship Committee: Lawrence Killion, Chairman, with William E. Harrison and William C. Lowrey.

The Session voted to dissolve the Finance and Property Committee and to meet as a Board of Trustees at least twice yearly to perform the roll previously filled by this committee. When meeting as the Board of Trustees, Bill Harrison will serve as President, and Neil Benedict will serve as Secretary.

Other appointments made at the Session meeting include: Michael Bentzen and Larry Killion as Lay Delegates to the Council of Churches; Michael Bentzen and Bill Lowrey as elders on the Nominating Committee, with Michael Bentzen serving as Chairman.

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A NEW MEMBER SEMINAR will be held at the Church
on Sunday, February 21, at 8:00 p.m.

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NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

§ The reports of the Church Treasurer and the following committees for 1970 were received: Interpretation and Stewardship, Church Education, Congregational Life, Finance and Property.

§ Mrs. Robert C. Garcia (Joy), President of the Women's Association, reported on the work of the association and support of the Church's program by the women of the Church in 1970.

§ Michael P. Bentzen, Compton S. Jones, Lawrence Killion and Robert Tietjen were elected to serve three-year terms on the Session.

§ Mrs. R. Neil Benedict (Bobbie), John E. Carroll and William E. Hoge were elected to serve on the 1971 Representative Nominating Committee.

§ John W. Day was elected Church Treasurer.

§ R. Theodore Moock, Jr., and Chauncey D. Starkey were elected Church Auditors.

§ The Congregation voted to express its appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Simon Dykhuizen (Ginny) for her many years of faithful service to the Church as Financial Secretary.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION TO VIEW "NEW CITIES" FILM

Problems and challenges facing today's cities will be considered at the Women's Association meeting on Monday, February 22, at the Church. Coffee will be served at 10 a.m., and at 10:30 the film, "Cities Have No Limits," narrated by Frank McGee and produced by the Telephone Company, will be shown. A short business meeting will be held following discussion of the film.

SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADERS SPEND A SATURDAY IN STUDY

What is the meaning of Chapters 1-11 in the Book of Genesis? Who wrote these chapters? When? Why? Are there similiar stories in other Near Eastern literature? What significance do the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah and The Flood and the Tower of Babel have for Christians today?

The seventh and eighth graders of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church spent Saturday, February 6, from 9:00 to 4:00 in search of answers to these and other questions about the early Genesis stories. The study was led by Mrs. William E. Hoge (Marilyn) Mr. Rudolph P. Savage and Mr. Blice. Twenty-five students participated. Lunch was provided and prepared by Mrs. Winthrop Follansbee (Carolyn) and Mrs. Samuel Willcoxon (Kathy).

Continuing their study of Old Testament Literature begun in September, these students will next embark on a study of Abraham at the regular Thursday afternoon sessions from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY SESSION

Five members of the Congregation have been appointed by the Session to serve as the Leadership Committee. They are: Mrs. Quentin Marble (Donna), Chairman, Mrs. David Smith (Carol), Mrs. Thomas Stack (Dodie), William Brill and Robert W. Spangler.

The Leadership Committee will be responsible for recruiting members of the Church to serve in the several program areas of the Church's life, e.g., church school faculty, stewardship commitment and committees of Session. This Committee will be responsible for maintaining the Family Records of Membership. It will endeavor to serve the Congregation by matching the skills and interests of Church members with the leadership needs of the Church.

LYNNE MARBLE TO WORK WITH SYNOD GROUP

Miss Lynne Marble, a senior high member of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church, has recently been appointed to serve on the Youth and Camping Task Force of the Division of Education of the Synod of the Chesapeake.

As a member of the task force Lynne will join with a number of other teenagers, laymen and ministers from across the Synod in providing support and guidance to the presbyteries and local churches in youth ministry and in the Synod's summer camping program.

Lynne is an active participant in the youth program at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Sanctuary Choir.

POTOMAC YOUTH MINISTRY PLANS FORMULATED

"How can we best serve the needs of the youth in the Potomac area?" This is the prime question being discussed during initial meetings of the Potomac Youth Ministry Committee. Members of St. Francis Episcopal, Potomac United Methodist and Potomac United Presbyterian churches are planning and working together in a cooperative venture to define the aims and objectives of a youth ministry for Potomac area high schoolers.

The Definition Committee, chaired by Miss Sarah Jane Hawken, St. Francis, has drafted an initial set of objectives. Leon Miller, United Methodist, is directing efforts of the Finance Committee toward development of an initial budget recommendation for consideration at the next general meeting. An investigation of possible facilities for recreational and office use is being pursued by Mrs. Harry C. Lawson (Peg), United Presbyterian. Contacts with other youth programs in the area are being sought in order to benefit from their experience.

"Things are still very much in the formulative stages," states Robert J. McMahon, United Presbyterian, General Chairman of PYM, "but we are actively proceeding to give the program definition so as to acquire the means to move ahead. We welcome comments or questions from members of the participating churches and other interested residents of the community."

KARL BARTH'S DEFINITION OF MISSION

MISSION ... means "sending," a sending out into the nations for the purpose of testifying to the Gospel, that represents the root of existence and at the same time also the root of the whole task of the people of Christ. In the "Mission" the Church breaks out, sets out on its road and takes the step which is necessary to it in the very depths of its being, the step beyond its own self and also beyond its own environment ...out into the humanity which is entrapped in so many false, willful and powerless beliefs, and bound to so many false gods (false, because they simply reflect mankind's own glory and misery) of both older and new invention and authority -- that world of men who are still strangers to the Word of God... The call which constitutes the community is precisely the command to carry this message to the world of men, to the nations...

THE 1971 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year Potomac United Presbyterian Church will again be participating in the One Great Hour of Sharing, the traditional Lenten offering made by churches across the nation. A special "Hour of Sharing" edition of Steeple to People will be distributed in early March pointing up the significance of local churches cooperating in this effort to aid families and communities around the world who have emergency or disaster needs.

On Sunday, February 21, coin boxes and interpretative materials will be distributed to all students in the Sunday Church School. Teachers will call attention to this expression of the Church's ministry during the several Sundays of Lent. Seventeners will receive their coin boxes on Thursday, February 26, and senior highs at their regular meeting on Sunday evening, February 28.

Adult members of the Congregation will receive special offering envelopes during Lent. Coin boxes are to be returned to the Church on Palm Sunday, April 4. Adults who have not made their offering before Palm Sunday will be requested to do so at either of the worship services that day.

WINTER RETREAT FOR NINTH-TWELFTH GRADERS

The annual high school winter retreat will be held Friday through Sunday, March 5-7. As in previous years, ninth graders have been invited to participate. The group will stay at the lodge at Deer Valley Camp, Mt. Davis, Pennsylvania. The program will include study, discussion and worship - plus ski and swimming recreation at nearby Seven Springs.

DR. BUCHWALTER TO LEAD LAY EDUCATION STUDY OF GALATIANS

Beginning Sunday, February 28, the Lay Education Program will undertake a Lenten study of Galatians led by Dr. Omar Buchwalter. Dr. Buchwalter, a man of many talents, is well known to Potomac United Presbyterian Church, having previously worked with the

group in its study of the Bible. 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."

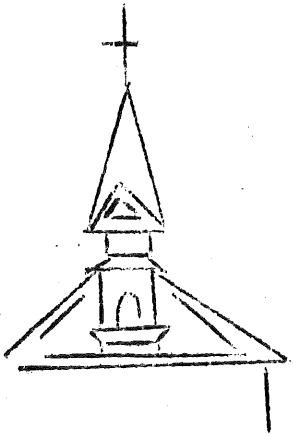
From 1953 to 1957 Dr. Buchwalter served as Assistant Professor of Religion and then Acting Dean of the College of Theology at Silliman University in Dumagnete City, the Philippines. In 1959 he became pastor of the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church, Kensington, Maryland. Having had over the years of 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.

The study of Galatians should be an exciting undertaking for the Lenten season. In this letter written by Paul to the churches of Galatia the Apostle defends his gospel of salvation by faith rather than by works of the law. It is one of the most significant of early Christian documents, not only because of the light it throws upon Paul and the primitive churches, but also because of the influence it has exerted in subsequent history. Although a short letter, it has always ranked with the much longer Roman and Corinthian epistles in importance. A polemical document itself, it has figured prominently in every struggle of the church to maintain freedom of the Spirit against legalism of any kind.

The series will run From February 28 through Palm Sunday with the group meeting at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Room. All adults and senior high youth are invited.

ATTENTION - SENIOR HIGH YOUTH: Grades 10, 11 & 12

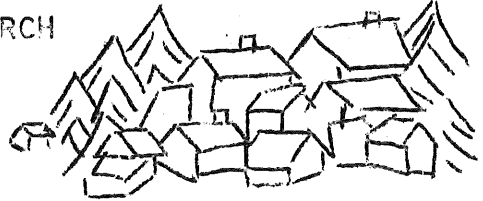
Senior Highs will meet Sunday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. at Jennifer Savage's home, 8300 Kingsgate Road. Retreat plans will be finalized, and a discussion will begin on the retreat theme, "Teenagers and Christian Morality." All tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders are invited.



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THE 1971 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This special Lenten offering in which local Presbyterian Churches across the nation have faithfully participated for many years has added significance in 1971. The concept of the One Great Hour of Sharing has been expanded beyond World Relief and Emergency Service to include Self-Development of People. United Presbyterians in the United States gave \$2,300,000 to the Hour of Sharing in 1969. The goal established by the General Assembly for 1971 is \$10,000,000.

What is the meaning of the self-development of people? An old Chinese proverb says, "Give a man a fish, and you feed him today. Teach him to fish, and you feed him tomorrow." Help him to build a fishery, and many more can work and eat. This might well be what the self-development of people is about. Presbyterian leader John Coventry Smith says, "Development means economic development, but it is much more than that. It is justice - it is human dignity - it is self-determination - it is material, social, political and spiritual freedom. It is the liberation of a person to be the kind of human being God intended him to be."

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This special Lenten sacrificial offering will be received in the Church School and at both worship services on Palm Sunday, April 4, 1971.

How will the One Great Hour funds be used? As in the past, monies will be used to aid families and communities around the world who have suffered most from natural disasters and the ravages of war: victims of earthquakes in Peru; victims of the tidal wave in East Pakistan; homeless villagers in South Vietnam; Cuban refugees in Miami, Florida.

But, with the additional funds received for the self-development of people, United Presbyterians will be able to do more than ever before.

In central Vietnam, in Village Sixteen, Vietnam Christian Service will be able to provide the bamboo and roofing materials necessary to build a school and supply a teacher so that the present idle children can be educated and awakened.

In Greenville, Mississippi, the Delta Ministry will be able to provide for further economic self-development among impoverished black Mississippians. Already the Delta Ministry has helped bring into existence a concrete brick factory in Mound Bayou; self-help housing for dispossessed sharecroppers in Freedom Village; a ceramics manufacturing project; a furniture crafts co-op in Edwards; and a 40-acre vegetable farming co-op in Sunflower County. These self-help projects have created new hope and the dignity that comes only as a man is freed from dependence and able to provide for himself.

Self-Development monies will also be distributed locally. Washington City Presbytery has established a Committee on the Self-Development of People which has been charged with identifying and proposing to the National Committee, for validation and inclusion in the Fund for Self-Development of People, the most promising programs and projects in the Washington area. This committee will also distribute funds for approved programs and projects in this area.

At Potomac United Presbyterian Church coin boxes and interpretative materials were distributed to all students in the Sunday Church School. Teachers are calling attention to this expression of the Church's ministry during the Sundays of Lent. Seventeners and Senior Highs received their coin boxes at their meetings in late February. Adult members of the congregation have received special offering envelopes.

Traditionally the Potomac Church has been most generous in its offering to the One Great Hour of Sharing. The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee of Session is confident that our Church's response will be even greater in 1971 than in past years.

CHURCH DINNER PLANNED BY CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

The Congregational Life Committee has been reorganized under Bob Tietjen as committee chairman. Members of this committee include: Elders Mike Bentzen, Tony Ferrara, Chuck Hemphill and Compton Jones; and Tom Brain, Jim Perrin, Mrs. William Harrison (Janet), and Mr. and Mrs. Jack White (Dot).

The first activity planned by the committee is the Church Dinner on March 26 at 7:00 p.m. All adults, junior and senior high are invited for an evening of good food and good fellowship. The Academy Award winning film, "Why Man Creates," will be shown following the Pot Luck Dinner. This is a documentary film running about 30 minutes.

Dot White is chairman of the dinner committee. Others on her committee include: Mrs. Richard Bond (JoAnne), Mrs. John Carroll (Mimi), Mrs. John Fraley (Mary), Mrs. Charles Hemphill (Jean), Mrs. Grover McCain (Beulah), Mrs. Howard Mills (Dot), Mrs. William Murphy (Sue), Mrs. James Perrin (Barbara) and Mrs. Drake Reid (Evelyn).

For phone reservations for the dinner please call Dot White, 424-5542, or Evelyn Reid, 762-6219, for food assignment.

Future events being planned by the Congregational Life Committee include: Family Pot Luck Dinner for all ages, Sunday, June 13, honoring graduating high school seniors, with a performance by the Seventens, and a Church Picnic on Saturday, August 28.

The committee is also hoping to reactivate the bowling group next fall. Members interested in forming other groups, such as bridge, tennis or camping, should speak to Bob Tietjen or members of the Congregational Life Committee.

POPULATION CONTROL SUBJECT OF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

The March meeting of the Women's Association will be held at the Church at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, March 22. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Betty Nichols, Executive Secretary for the Montgomery County Office of Planned Parenthood, who will discuss the implications, status and problems of population and birth control. A short business meeting will follow the program. All women of the Church are invited to participate.

FLOWER COMMITTEE BEING ORGANIZED

The 1971 Flower Committee is being formed under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Theodore Mook (Cindy) and Mrs. Harry Evans (Jackie). Members of the committee include Mrs. Samuel Dugan (Pat), Mrs. David Fleming (Kay), Mrs. Howard Gilliams (Hope), Mrs. Compton Jones (Ruth), Mrs. Samuel McLaughlin (Barbara), Mrs. William Malone (Jan), Mrs. Albert Pollard (Mary Louisa), Mrs. Rudolph Savage (Ginny), Mrs. Walter Schilling (Joann) and Mrs. William Taylor (Jane). All those interested in participating in the fun of planning and working on the floral compliment to the worship services may volunteer by calling Cindy Mook, 424-3405, or Jackie Evans, 299-9230.

The congregation joins the committee in extending appreciation to retiring chairman Shirley Tietjen who has given her creative and organizational talents to the committee for the past five years.

LAY EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH STUDY OF GALATIANS

The Lenten study of Galatians, led by Dr. Omar Buchwalter, Chairman of the Juvenile Delinquency Research Program of Research Analysis Corporation, is continuing through Palm Sunday. The Lay Education Group meets in the Fellowship Room at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY DUE IN MAY

A new edition of the Church Directory will be prepared during the next six weeks. Any changes, misspellings, new phone numbers or additions should be phoned to Shirley Tietjen, 365-4811.

SENIOR HIGH TO STUDY FUNDAMENTAL BELIEFS

At their general planning meeting on March 14 the members of the Senior High Youth Fellowship spent several hours developing their program for the spring months. When completed, the program called for a variety of recreational activities coupled with a serious study of the fundamental beliefs of the Christian Church. The study, to be led by Mr. Blice, will be focused on the text Christian Doctrine by J. S. Whale. Long a classic in its field, the book reproduces and slightly expands eight lectures delivered by Dr. Whale at the University of Cambridge in 1946 at the request of the Board of the Faculty of Theology. In the book Dr. Whale describes - and meets - the difficulties which the great Christian doctrines raise for us today, and makes clear how the Christian faith understands human history and the abiding issues of good and evil, life and death.

Copies of the book will be made available to all senior highs. All tenth, eleventh and twelfth graders are invited to participate in the study and to attend the recreational events.

ROBERT FREDLUND TO SERVE ON CHESAPEAKE CENTER BOARD

Bob Fredlund has been invited by the Synod of the Chesapeake to serve on the Administrative Board of the Chesapeake Center. The Center, which is owned and operated by the Synod, is accredited by the American Camping Association and is located among the rolling hills of Cecil County, east of the Susquehanna River, near Perryville, Maryland.

As a member of the Administrative Board Bob will join with other board members in administering the budget, the program and the employed staff of the Center which operates 12 months a year. Professionally, Bob is the Assistant Director of Personnel for the Internal Revenue Service. He serves the Potomac United Presbyterian Church as a member of the Church Education Committee and as Chairman of the Sunday Lay Education Program Planning Committee.

SPRING PLANTS FOR EASTER AT THE CHURCH

Do you remember the lovely plants in the Chancel at Christmas and Easter? Then you will want to order one or more of the spring plants to be used in the Church this Easter. Lillies with four or five blooms for \$3.50 or with two stems of blooms for \$5.00; tulips with six blooms for \$3.50; and hyacinths with three blooms for \$3.50 are available and may be taken home after the 11 o'clock service on Easter Sunday. Orders may be placed by adding your name to the list on the narthex table or by calling Jackie Evans, 299-9230, or Cindy Moock, 424-3405.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 4, marks the beginning of the 1971 Holy Week season. The regular Sunday morning schedule will be followed in the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on Palm Sunday with one important addition - a coffee hour will be held in the Fellowship Room following the second worship service.

Maundy Thursday, April 8, 8:00 p.m. The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be celebrated. It was during the evening of the day before the first Good Friday that Jesus met with his disciples in the upper room in Jerusalem to have this meal together. Symbolizing his willingness to be at one with us in life and in death, this meal has been of high sacramental significance to all Christians throughout all centuries.

Good Friday, April 9, 8:00 p.m. The Potomac United Presbyterian Church will be host this year to the Community Good Friday Service. The Rev. Edward Sims of the St. Francis Episcopal Church of Potomac will preach. The Rev. DeWitt Dickey and Mr. Blice will serve as liturgists. All Christians of the Potomac community are invited.

Easter Sunday, April 11, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Two identical worship services will be offered. Nursery care will be provided during both services. Kindergarten, first and second grade classes will be held at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.. All other Church School classes, including the Lay Education Program, will not be in session Easter Sunday.

SEXUALITY AND HUMAN COMMUNITY REPORT

In December, 1970, the Session requested the Church Education Committee to develop a plan for study of the 182nd General Assembly Study Report entitled Sexuality and the Human Community. Between this December meeting and the March meeting of Session a sub-committee of the Church Education Committee comprised of Michael Bentzen, Mrs. Robert Garrison (Cheris) and Mr. and Mrs. William Hoge (Marilyn) studied the report, and recommended to the Session that:

(1) "We commend the report to the Session for thorough reading. We found it well written and provocative. As a sub-committee we were unable to reach agreement on many points, but we found the discussion helpful in developing a clearer understanding of our individual beliefs with respect to the subject. We further found the Scriptural references helpful in understanding the theological background, or lack thereof, for widely held beliefs."

(2) "Recommend that the Session authorize the Church Education Committee to prepare study opportunities of the report and its subject matter for our Church."

(3) "Find no further action necessary or desirable."

The conclusions and recommendations of the committee were received by the Session at its March 8 meeting. Subsequent to this action by the Session the Church Education Committee wishes to announce that copies of the report are available for those individual members of the congregation who wish to study it privately. The copies can be purchased in the Church Office for 75 ¢ each. If the committee receives sufficient evidence of interest for group study, opportunities will be provided to study the report and its subject matter.

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP!

Registration blanks for the several summer '71 Camp and Conference Opportunities are now available from the Church Office. Beginning the week of June 20 through the last week of August the Synod of the Chesapeake sponsors a variety of Summer Christian Education and recreational programs for children and youth. Directed by trained personnel, these camping programs provide small group experiences where community is real, where the individual and the group freely plan and carry out their own programs and where service, worship and fellowship are set in the context of a total environment of Christian relationships and potential.

Senior high youth will be particularly interested in canoe and trail type camps plus the drama/music conference.

COMPTON JONES ON ADVISORY COUNCIL OF PRESBYTERIAN HOME

One of the newest ruling elders of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church has long served the Presbyterian Home for the Elderly on Military Road as a member of its Advisory Council. Compton Jones has served the home both in his professional role as President of Compton Jones Associates and because of his own personal interest and commitment to its ministry of care for the elderly. Presbyterians in the Washington area, through their local churches, contribute some \$25,000 to the home annually.

ENROLLMENT OF TEACHERS FOR FALL CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

At the present time Church School staff members are beginning to evaluate this year's study, to finalize plans for spring and summer and to project their concerns for next fall. Spring-summer plans will be reported as they develop, but the staff is focusing now on a major concern for fall - faculty recruiting.

The staff is enlisting teachers on a somewhat different basis this year - asking prospective teachers to serve for a limited period of time. There is a double reason behind this approach: teachers' enthusiasm and morale are higher when they are assured of a respite; and a rest period frees a teacher to participate and grow in other phases of the Church's ministry and to return to teaching refreshed.

The Church's teaching ministry offers a joyful and rewarding challenge, a chance for every Christian to sharpen his own beliefs and understandings and an opportunity to share his faith with others. All teachers begin as novices, but the Church is ready to support each teacher with orientation, in-service training and continuing encouragement of strong team effort.

When a member of the Leadership Development Committee calls you, the staff hopes that you will have decided on September '71 as the time when it is your turn to join the fun of learning with them.

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POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

POTOMAC, MARYLAND

April 21

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SPEAKER FROM NOW GUEST OF WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the U. S. Constitution, long advocated by national women's groups, will be the subject of the Women's Association meeting at the Church on Monday, April 26. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Bailey of Silver Spring, co-editor of Vocal Majority, newsletter of NOW (National Organization of Women). Coffee will be served at 10 o'clock, and a short business meeting will follow the presentation and discussion.

CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS' VISITATION

A representative group of Church School teachers met this week to share their plans for the end of the school year and to evaluate the year's work. There have been some exciting learning activities going on that the faculty would like to share with the congregation. Parents are welcome to visit with teachers any time, but during the month of May a special invitation is extended to any interested person to observe the class sessions.

Parents are welcome to attend any class during May - but please check with the teacher in advance so that you may be alerted to plans for the day and advised on the proper decorum for an observer. One special note: the fifth and sixth graders recently have been making very effective use of "learning centers." A visit to this class especially would give parents a sample of the kind of exciting learning the staff strives for in all classes.

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DAY CAMP PROGRAM FOR POTOMAC CHURCHES

In late March a flier suggesting a possible day camp for Potomac churches was carried in the morning worship Bulletin. The response to this questionnaire was very encouraging. Of the three dates suggested the great majority of replies favored the week of June 21-25. If the other two churches involved agree - and we suspect they will - that date will be firm. This is designed as an ecumenical experiment in Christian community - outdoors - for children, nursery through sixth grade. If you have not already discussed it with your children, please encourage them to participate. More information will be carried in a later issue of Steeple to People.

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN SOFTBALL TEAM BEING ORGANIZED

The first practice and organizational meeting of the Church softball team will be held on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:15 p.m. at the Lake Normandy Elementary School on Falls Road. All men and boys of the Church, junior-high-school age or older, are invited to participate.

MRS. RUDOLPH SAVAGE ORDINATION SET FOR MAY 2

The congregation, at a special meeting on April 18, elected Mrs. Rudolph Savage (Ginny) to the office of ruling elder. Her service of ordination and installation will be held during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 2. She has been appointed to the Interpretation and Stewardship Committee of the Session.

The daughter of a Baptist minister, Ginny was born and attended school and college in North Carolina. The Savages, who live on Kingsgate Road, have three children - Pat, a college student at North Carolina State, Jennifer, a junior at Churchill, and David who is in the ninth grade at Cabin John.

MRS. THOMAS MABON TO ENROLL AS COMMISSION CHURCH WORKER

Mrs. Thomas Mabon (Joan) has been endorsed by the Session to the Presbytery for enrollment as a Commission Church Worker, a professional office in the Church whereby a candidate becomes a specialist in some phase of church work, such as press and radio relations, social work, nursing or religious education. The special training, in conjunction with the Master's degree, culminates in a commissioning service similar to ordination.

Joan, whose talents are well known to United Presbyterian Church of Potomac through her work with the Church School, is currently enrolled in Wesley Seminary in the program leading to a Master's degree in religious education. A native of Ohio, she lived in Mississippi and Arkansas before coming to Montgomery County two years ago. She holds an A.B. degree in English and music from Duke University and has worked for the Girl Scouts of America and as a substitute teacher in the public school system. The Mabons live on Fallsmeade Way and have five daughters, aged 11 through 17.

PLANS LAID FOR SPRING LAY EDUCATION SESSIONS

"Calley-Conspiracy-Conscience" has been set as the topic for the Lay Education session on Sunday morning, April 25. A panel-led discussion will deal with the trial of Lt. William Calley and a consideration of the verdict and the sentence in terms of its reflection upon our society, our national goals and our Christian conscience. The Lay Education group meets at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Fellowship Room. All adults and senior high youth are invited. Other programs tentatively scheduled include:

- May 2 and May 9 "Issues Before the General Assembly" - a discussion led by Graydon McClelland, Executive of the Washington City Presbytery, of the issues facing the General Assembly to be convened the third week in May, 1971.
- May 16 "COCU Wrap-Up" - a panel-led discussion of the Sunday morning sessions on COCU looking toward a decision as to what kind of a report, if any, our group should make for consideration by the Session.
- May 23 "The Meaning of a Union Presbytery" - a discussion led by Ed White, Associate in Metropolitan Mission of the Washington City Presbytery, of the structural, programmatic, organizational, personnel and other implications of the establishment of a union Presbytery to which the Potomac congregation would belong.
- June 6 "A Humane Society" - a presentation by John Hoyt, National President of the Humane Society and a member of the Potomac Presbyterian congregation.
- June 13 "Critique and Evaluation" - a panel-led discussion of the past year's Sunday morning Lay Education programs in terms of what we have done well, what we have done poorly and what we could do better next year. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

Fall plans for the Lay Education Group include a four-Sunday series led by Mr. Blice touching upon the meaning of our Order of Worship, the place of the sermon, the ministry of music and new forms of worship. Efforts will be made to provide subject matter blocks of three or four Sundays through the fall and winter and to vary the format to include speakers, panels, role playing and buzz groups. The sessions will be balanced between Biblical study, theology and social issues.

Suggested topics for future discussion include: a look at communes - what they are, how people join, what their significance is to young people, who is affected and concerns that might be felt; and a consideration of the marriage ceremony in terms of why so many young people are rewriting the ceremony to coincide with their personal theologies.

THANK YOU, CHOIRS

"Praise the Lord. Let everything that breathes praise the Lord." With these words the writer of the 150th Psalm concludes his song of worship and adoration. Music has always been a part of the worship of the people of God.

As a congregation we are grateful to our Director of Music, Miss Judith Peters, and to our three Choirs for their participation in, and contributions to, our services of worship, especially during the 1971 Lenten and Holy Week seasons. To the King David Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Roger Mellem, and to the Seventens and Sanctuary Choirs we all say a very appreciative 'thank you.'

1971 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Potomac United Presbyterians responded in a most generous way to the 1971 One Great Hour of Sharing Lenten offering. Children, youth and adults of the Church gave \$675.68. This represents an increase of \$199.68 over the amount of \$476.00 given by our Church in 1970.

Through this money the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. is able to continue its ministries of mercy and relief around the world and will, this year, be able to launch a new ministry described as the Self-Development of People.

LYNNE MARBLE ATTENDING WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE

Miss Lynne Marble, a senior high member of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church, is attending the White House Conference on Youth being held this week in Estes Park, Colorado. She is representing the Synod of the Chesapeake which she serves as a member of the Youth and Camping Task Force of the Division of Education.

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POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Potomac, Maryland

May

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NORMANDY FARM LUNCHEON FASHION SHOW

All women of the Church are invited to a luncheon and fashion show at Normandy Farm on Thursday, May 27, at 12 noon. The year's-end opportunity to get together informally will take the place of the regular May meeting of the Women's Association. Those wishing to attend may make reservations by calling Mrs. Robert Garcia (Joy), 299-4645, or Mrs. Andrew Breidenbach (Jean), 762-5256, before noon on Wednesday, May 26.

SUMMER CAMP PLANS TO BE PREVIEWED AT FAMILY NIGHT DESERT

A special family desert night is scheduled for Monday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Church. There will be cookies, punch, films to enjoy and a chance for parents and children who are coming to day camp - or just interested in knowing more about it - to hear all the details.

SUMMER CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE TO BEGIN JUNE 20

There will be regular Church School classes this summer for pre-school children only after the final regular session on June 13. Children 6 years of age and older are encouraged to attend worship services regularly with their parents - and to attend the Potomac Vacation Church Camp (see page 3).

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FIFTEEN EIGHTH GRADERS TO BE CONFIRMED

On Sunday, May 23, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, 15 eighth grade students of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will be confirmed as communicant members of the Congregation. The students are:

Nathan Blice	Genevieve Howe	Nancy Netch
Debbie Cone	David Kerrigan	Mary Reid
Patti Dunnanant	Doreen McMahon	Carol Timko
Nancy Edwards	Nancy Mabon	Randy Willcoxon
Janet Hoge	Patti Mellem	Susan Willetts

The confirmation class has met weekly as a part of the Seventens Program since September, 1970. From September through February, their course of study was centered in the Old Testament. During the months of March, April and May a concentrated study was made of the meaning of church membership. Two written papers were required of each of the students. The first was entitled "Why I Want To Unite With the Church" and the second, "Jesus Christ Is Lord and Savior."

The young people met with the Session on Sunday evening, May 16, with each ruling elder meeting with the students in small groups of two or three. At the conclusion of these conferences the entire class was received by the Session after giving affirmative answers to the confirmation vows as set forth in the Book of Order of the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

An informal reception for the eighth graders and their parents was then held in the Fellowship Room.

NEW ADULT MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. William Skinner and Mrs. Sidney Howe met with the Session on May 16 and will be publicly received into the membership of the Church on May 23. Mr. and Mrs. Skinner will be received by Certificate of Transfer from the Princeton United Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Howe by Profession of Faith.

FAMILY NIGHT DINNER - SUNDAY, JUNE 6

The Congregation will honor its graduating high school seniors at a Family Night Dinner to be held in the Fellowship Room on Sunday evening, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. Children and youth are invited to attend with their parents.

Following dinner the Seventens Choir will present the folk cantata, Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Coat (see story that follows).

Families are requested to make reservations in the narthex on either Sunday, May 23, or Sunday, May 30, and to indicate casserole or salad as covered dish choice.

Telephone reservations may be made by calling Mrs. John Fraley (Mary), 299-5136, or Mrs. Roland White (Dot), 424-5542. Please assist the Dinner Committee by making reservations before May 31.

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SEVENTEN CHOIR TO PRESENT FOLK CANTATA

As a part of the Family Night Dinner Program on Sunday evening, June 6, the Seventen Choir will present the folk cantata entitled Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Coat. Written by Tim Rice, also writer of the now very famous rock opera, Jesus Christ - Superstar, Joseph is a very fascinating and exciting retelling of the Old Testament story.

Approximately 20 minutes in length, the cantata will feature two soloists, along with the 30-voice Choir. The Seventen Choir is led by Miss Judith L. Peters, Director of Music for the Potomac United Presbyterian Church.

SPRING AND SUMMER GARDEN FLOWERS REQUESTED FOR CHURCH

Gardening members of the Church with a quantity of flowers are urged to share them with the Congregation for use in the window arrangements for worship services. These arrangements, enjoyed so much by all members, are not included in the Flower Committee budget. Call Mrs. Harry Evans (Jackie), 299-9230, and she will pick them up when cut.

as per Mrs. Evans

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POTOMAC VACATION CHURCH CAMP, JUNE 21-25

Plans for the Potomac Vacation Church Camp are moving along. Cooperation between the Potomac Methodist, St. Francis Episcopal and Potomac United Presbyterian Churches is growing more effective, staff is now being recruited, and special resource people are being located. A lovely wooded site has been reserved: there is a creek for wading or frogging, a building for shelter from a summer storm, a pond for fishing or boating. There will be a separate morning unit for children 3 to 5 years; the outdoor day camp for children through 6th grade will be from 9 to 3 o'clock. Sign up now (by May 31) - bring a friend! Registration blanks are in the Church Office.

CHUCK BREIDENBACH & CURT KENDALL TO RECEIVE GOD AND COUNTRY AWARD

Chuck Breidenbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Breidenbach, and Curt Kendall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Kendall, have completed the work required in order to receive the God and Country Award of the Boy Scouts of America.

The boys, with Mr. Blice as their counselor, have been working on their several projects since June, 1970. The theme in all the projects has been "The Individual In Community." In the past year the boys have worked for, or with, such agencies as UNICEF, the Montgomery County Literacy Council, Readers Service, Hope Valley Camp, as well as their own respective troops and the Potomac United Presbyterian Church. Their work has also involved reading and reviewing several mission study books; corresponding with a Japanese Scout leader, the keeping of a notebook and the making of two wooden table games.

The boys' work has been reviewed by ruling elders Bob McMahon and Compton Jones. The awards will be presented to Chuck and Curt at the 11:00 o'clock service on Sunday, June 13.

MISS PETERS TO OFFER INSTRUCTIONS IN PIANO, ORGAN AND GUITAR

Beginning in June Miss Peters will offer private instruction in piano and organ and group guitar lessons to residents of the Potomac community. Instruction will be given at the Church. For further information please call the Church Office or Miss Peters at 270-4442.

SUMMERTIME, AND THE LIVING IS EASY...

..But the program, mission and service of the Church is year-round. Let us forget, in the up-coming months of vacations and week-end excursions it would be most helpful for members to give advance planning to continue pledge contributions on a regular basis through the summer. Addressed envelopes will be included in the June issue of Steeple to People for convenience in making mailed offerings.

SOFTBALL AND BOWLING REPORT

The Potomac United Presbyterian Softball Team is meeting regularly through the middle of June on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Lake Normandy School on Falls Church. All men and boys of the Church are invited to participate.

There is a strong possibility that the Church bowling league will be reactivated in the fall. All those who feel they would like to bowl should call Harry Evans, 299-9230, or Bob Tietjen, 365-4811, so that the Committee may determine the number of people interested. Further details will be carried in the June issue of Steeple To People.

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE
POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Potomac, Maryland

July 9

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SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

Although there is a lull in the Church program during the summer months, salaries must still be paid, the building maintenance costs continue and mortgage payments to Riggs National Bank and the Board of National Missions must be sent on time. In addition to these expenses summer is the time when large quantities of program materials for the Church School and Choir are ordered and received for use beginning in September.

The Session, aware that summer is also the time when many Church member families vacation and take weekend trips, has asked Steeple To People to request all families to maintain their regular giving as during other months of the year. Special mailing envelopes are enclosed with this issue. PLEASE USE THESE ENVELOPES TO MAIL YOUR WEEKLY OR MONTHLY PLEDGE IN THE EVENT YOU WILL NOT BE WORSHIPPING REGULARLY. If you are able to prepay a portion of the balance of your 1971 pledge this would further strengthen the Church's financial position during these months of lesser activity at the Church.

TAPES OF "JOSEPH" AVAILABLE

On Sunday evening, June 6, the Seventens Choir sang the contemporary folk cantata "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" to a most appreciative and enthusiastic audience numbering approximately 180 persons. A standing ovation was given the 30 Choir members, their director, Miss Judy Peters, and their piano accompanist, Mrs. Roger Mellem. Tape recordings of the "Joseph" cantata can be made available to interested Church members. Call the Church office by July 15 for information.

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GUEST MINISTERS

During Mr. Blice's vacation period this summer the following guest ministers will be present to conduct the worship services and to preach from our pulpit:

- July 18 The Rev. Harold Hunt, Associate in Metropolitan Mission,
The Presbytery of Washington City
- July 25 The Rev. Robert B. Harriman, Executive Secretary,
Dept. of Chaplains and Service Personnel
- August 1 The Rev. Robert T. Jones, Director of Church Develop-
ment, Council of Churches of Greater Washington
- August 8 The Rev. Harold A. Durfee, Professor, Philosophy of
Religion, American University

CHURCH BUILDING BURGLARIZED

Sometime between noon, June 20, and 4:00 p.m., June 21, burglars entered the Church building, forced the door into Mr. Blice's office and took some \$11.00 to \$15.00 from a petty cash box in his desk drawer. Also missing and presumed taken by the burglars were two small pieces from the Church's silver serving set. Entrance to the building was gained by breaking a door window in the courtyard to the 3rd-4th grade classroom. No other damage was done to the building. The burglary was reported to the Montgomery County Police who investigated and took fingerprints from the smashed petty cash box.

CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE BEING RE-FORMED

After a season's inactivity the Church bowling league is being re-formed by Harry Evans under the sponsorship of the Congregational Life Committee of the Session.

Members of the league will bowl at the River Bowl Lanes on River Road every other Friday evening at 9:00 p.m., beginning September 10. All members of the congregation, ninth grade - adults, are eligible to participate in the bowling league. As in the past emphasis will be more on the fun of bowling together than on serious competition between the teams.

Interested bowlers are asked to contact Harry Evans, 299-9230, Shirley Tietjen, 365-4811, or Barbara Pratt, 762-3151, or to sign the roster that is placed on the table in the narthex. If you would be available as a substitute, please indicate your interest as suggested above.

CHURCH TREASURER REPORTS GIVING THROUGH JUNE 7, 1971

Church Treasurer Jack Day reported to the Session at its June 14 meeting that the congregation has maintained a high level of faithfulness in its stewardship commitment during the first six months of 1971. The budgeted amount through June 7 was \$24,826.00; actual receipts as of that date were \$25,394.81. The Session wishes to commend those Church member families who have kept their pledge payments current and those who have prepaid their 1971 pledges in part or in full.

CONGREGATION APPROVES DEBT REDUCTION & CAPITAL FUNDS PROGRAM

At a Congregational Meeting called by the Session and convened following the worship service on June 27 the congregation unanimously approved the Session's recommendation that a Debt Reduction and Capital Funds Program be held concurrently this fall with the Stewardship Commitment Program.

Responsibility for the program has been given to the Interpretation and Stewardship Committee of the Session, Ruling Elder Larry Killion, chairman. Larry and his committee will be given aid and direction and support in their work by the Department of Building Campaigns of the Board of National Missions. The program itself will be under the direction of a representative of this department at the request and recommendation of the Session.

Further information regarding this special emphasis for the fall of 1971 will be provided in the September issue of Steeple To People.

WILLIAM E. HARRISON RESIGNS FROM SESSION

A letter of resignation from the Session was received and accepted by the Session from William E. Harrison at its June 14 meeting. The Session, noting the fact that a special Congregational Meeting will be called in October for the purpose of electing ruling elders to begin service January 1, 1972, and that Mr. Harrison's term of office expires January 1, 1972, chose not to call a Congregational Meeting to fill his unexpired term.

ROBERT MC MAHON APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees on June 14 the board unanimously approved Mr. Blice's recommendation that Robert McMahan be named as Chairman replacing William E. Harrison.

FLOWERS FOR THE CHANCEL

Flowers for the chancel during the months of July and August will be provided by the following families:

- July 11 - Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Mook, Jr.
- 18 - Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evans in memory of her mother, Mrs. F.B. Cann
- 25 - Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Garcia in memory of her father, Mr. F. Clyde Stevens
- Aug. 15 - Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Clark
- 25 - Mr. and Mrs. Herman Scheurer
- 29 - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Burgess in memory of his mother, Mrs. Eveline N. Burgess

FALL PLANS

- Sunday, September 5 9:00 a.m. Family Worship
- 9:40 a.m. Church School; Lay Education
- 11:00 a.m. Worship; Church School (Pre-School-6th grades)
- Thurs., September 16 King David Choir Program
- Seventens Program
- Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
- Friday, October 1 - Sunday, October 3 Seventens and Senior High Retreat
(The two age groups will each hold their own retreat but at the same site and at the same time.)

MISS LYNN MARBLE ON MISSION TO POLAND

Miss Lynn Marble of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church is one of several young adults from the Synod of the Chesapeake participating in this year's Summer Overseas Mission. The group left the United States on June 24 and will return on July 29. Planned by the Commission on Ecumenical Mission and Relations (COEMAR), the high school and college students will travel to West Berlin where they will have a five-day orientation program in East-West relations, then travel by train through East Germany to Poland where they will spend two weeks. The group will visit Poland at the invitation of the Klub Inteligencji Katolickiej of Warszawa which is connected to the Roman Catholic Church. In Poland the American students will meet with Polish students in the resort areas of the Tatra Mountains and the lakes of Mazury. The trip will conclude with a two-day visit in Paris.

Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Marble. She will be a senior student at Churchill High School when classes resume this fall.

SCHOOL'S OUT! SCHOOL'S OUT!

...and into the woods. The Potomac Vacation Church School - which was originally proposed by our teachers in lieu of a regular Sunday morning Church School program this summer - has happened and was proven a great success. Weekly 75 children participated in the outdoor program - about 18 in the indoor, pre-school group. Some 34 adults and youth assisted in various ways - 17 of whom were Potomac United Presbyterian Church members, nine from Potomac Methodist, three from St. Francis and five from other churches (mostly friends of Potomac United Presbyterian Church members).

The weather was kind, the site lovely - the hard-working leaders a joy to be with. The whole week began the establishment of a happy Christian community - all in all a great venture and worthy of repeating

Your teachers are not idle while Church School is in recess. The new curriculum materials are arriving, and teachers are beginning their preparation for fall. Faculty members met for orientation last week and will be planning as teams later in the summer.

Church School begins this fall on Labor Day, Sunday, September 5. Until that time enjoy having all your children with you at regular worship services this summer. ...Joan Mabon

POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

September 2, 1971

CHURCH RETURNS TO FALL SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 12

On Sunday morning, September 12, the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will return to its regular schedule of worship and church school

- First Worship Service -9:00 - 9:40
- Church School Section I -9:40 - 10:40
- Lay Education Program -9:40 - 10:40
- Second Worship Service -11:00 - 12:00
- Church School Section II-11:00 - 12:00

Parents have their choice of enrolling their children in either section of the church school.

Both sections of the church school on Sunday morning provide learning experiences for children from the nursery age of three through children in sixth grade. A care group for children younger than three years is also provided at both hours.

The Lay Education Program is designed for senior high young people and adults.

SPECIAL SEVENTENS CHOIR MEETING

All members of the Seventens group of last year are invited to meet for a special rehearsal with Director of Music, Miss Judy Peters, at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 9. The rehearsal will conclude at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will not be served. The rehearsal is being called by Miss Peters to prepare the Seventens Choir for participation in the 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, September 12.

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SEVENTENS PROGRAM

The first regular session of the Seventens Program is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, at 4:30 p.m. All new seventh graders are urged and invited to attend. The program from 4:30-7:30 p.m. will provide for music, dinner and study. As in the past, dinner will be prepared and served by mothers of young people in the program.

KING DAVID CHOIR

The King David Choir will begin as expected this fall on September 16, 3:45 - 4:30. Mrs. John Hoyt will be working with this group and is looking forward to some happy sessions with the children. Mrs. Roger Mellem will be piano accompanist for the choir. This choir provides an opportunity for children in grades 3 to 6 to learn some of the music of the church and to participate in worship in a meaningful way. All voices are welcome.

GOOD-BYE TO JUDY PETERS

Miss Judy Peters, Director of Music at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church since January 5, 1969, has resigned effective September 12, 1971 in order to accept the position of Instructor in Piano at Blue Mountain Academy in Hamburg, Pennsylvania.

Blue Mountain Academy is a boarding high school of the Seventh Day Adventist Church with an enrollment of 425 students. As a part of the move to the Philadelphia area, Judy will begin work on her doctoral degree at Temple University.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR MISS PETERS - September 12

A Farewell Reception for Judy will be held in the Fellowship Room following the second worship service on Sunday, September 12. Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee of Session, the reception will provide all members of the congregation a time to say good-bye to Judy and to wish her happiness in her new home and new work.

MRS. JOHN HOYT NAMED INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The Session has named Mrs. John Hoyt (Trudy) as Interim Director of Music. Trudy will begin her work with the Sanctuary Choir on Sunday, September 19.

Trudy is an accomplished pianist and a graduate of the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. She and her family are members of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church.

GERMAN SCHOOL USING THREE CLASSROOMS

The ever-growing German School of Potomac has asked and received permission by the Session to use three classrooms in the church building during the 1971-72 school term. The classes are for first grade children and are in session 8:30 - 12:30, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and 8:30 - 2:30 on Wednesday. The German School provides its own janitorial services and classroom furniture. Some sixty children are enrolled in the first grade.

In addition to the space provided at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church, the German School also houses certain classes at the Sisters of Mercy Generalate, the Potomac United Methodist Church, and at its own school building at 9440 Logan Drive, Potomac.

JOAN MABON NAMED SEMINARY ASSISTANT

At the June meeting of the Session, Mrs. T. M. Mabon (Joan) was named Seminary Assistant in Christian Education at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church effective September 1, 1971. Joan is a candidate for Commissioned Church Worker under the Presbytery of Washington City and a student in the Master of Religious Education degree program at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.

As Seminary Assistant, Joan will be employed by the church on a part-time basis working in the areas of curriculum interpretation, teacher training and support, planning for education, and administration of the educational program.

Joan's employment has been made possible by a grant from a church member family for this purpose.

MOVING MEMBERS

The following church member families have moved from the Potomac community over the summer months:

Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Breidenbach to Cincinnati, Ohio
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Pratt to New Haven, Connecticut
Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Colan to Flat Rock, North Carolina
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel McLaughlin to Villanova, Pennsylvania
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Spangler to Columbia, Maryland
Mr. & Mrs. Stillman Mackay will move to Hendersonville, N. C., in September.

Church members who may wish to have the complete addresses for any of the above families are asked to call the church office.

MRS. LEWIS SMITH NAMED CHURCH EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

In accepting Dr. Andrew Breidenbach's resignation from the Session and as chairman of the Church Education Committee due to his transfer to Cincinnati, the Session approved the Moderator's appointment of Mrs. Lewis Smith (Alice) as Church Education Chairman and further agreed not to replace Dr. Breidenbach on the Session until the Special Congregational Meeting in October.

A HI-FI RECORD

The Session has noted and wishes to commend all those families of the church who were so faithful to their Stewardship Commitment over the summer months. In past summers, we have sometimes had trouble "making ends meet." Not so during the summer of 1971. Treasurer Jack Day reports that the summer offerings were consistently higher than in previous summers and that the church was able to meet all its financial obligations and still maintain a respectable bank balance.

SIGN UP NOW FOR CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE

The Potomac United Presbyterian Church Bowling League is about to begin another season. Friday evening, September 10th is opening night for the league at the River Bowl Lanes on River Road. Bowling time is 9:00 p.m.

All adult members of the congregation are eligible to join the league as well as any teen-agers in ninth grade and above.

The bowling league provided a great opportunity for good fun and fellowship among all those who participated last season. The competition between the various teams was highly spirited and led to many exciting evenings of bowling.

A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the narthex. Interested members may also call Harry Evans, League Manager at 299-9230.

SEVENTENERS - SENIOR HIGH RETREAT - October 1-3

A fall retreat for all young people of the church will be held at Chesapeake Center, Port Deposit, Maryland, the week-end of October 1-3.

The Seventeners and the Senior Highs will meet separately for study and discussion but will be together for meals and worship.

More details on the retreat will be announced later this month but if you are in seventh grade or twelfth grade or any where in between, please reserve this week-end now. Parents or other church members who can provide transportation to or from Port Deposit are asked to call the church office.

Participants will leave for the retreat site early Friday evening, October 1 and return following lunch Sunday afternoon.

WORLD WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3.

WEDDING BELLS

Diane Wunsch and David Hood were married in the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on Saturday, August 14.

FALL TERM OF CHURCH SCHOOL TO BEGIN - September 12

Sunday Church School classes beginning September 12 at 9:40 and 11:00 will all meet in the same rooms as last year. Three year olds and younger will meet in the Nursery with two teen-agers working under the supervision of the kindergarten teacher. Four and five year olds will meet together as will grades 1 and 2, 3 and 4, and 5 and 6.

Teachers have been spending hours in final preparation (many participating in training sessions with Bradley Hills and Silver Spring teachers) and are looking forward to a good beginning with the new students. Once classes have begun, it is important for students to stay in the same class hour each week.

Most of the classes will be studying the New Testament this year. Grades 1-4 will spend this fall with the Old Testament accounts of the Israelites and move to the New Testament in the winter; grades 5-8 will spend almost the entire year with the New Testament.

The Women's Association of the church has given a handsome addition to the Church School - an overhead projector. This is a highly flexible piece of equipment that we expect to use frequently. The Lay Education class will begin using it Sunday, September 12. That afternoon, Mrs. Mabon will be demonstrating its various aspects to teachers and any other members of the congregation interested.

MRS. ROBERT GARRISON TO SERVE AS NURSERY CO-ORDINATOR

Mrs. Robert Garrison (Cheris) will be working even more closely with our youngest members this year as Nursery Co-ordinator. She will be contacting personally the families of children 3 years and younger. She will be scheduling our teen-age helpers to man the Nursery (any girls who would especially like to help, please call her at 926-6681). She is asking the girls to meet with her Saturday, September 11, at 10:00 a.m. to do some house cleaning in the Nursery and to discuss their special responsibilities on Sunday.

Cheris and her helpers did such a fine job last year; their increased efforts should make for an even warmer and happier church association for our littlest members.

Finally - she has purchased a few pieces of new play equipment. However our budget does not allow very much here, and we solicit especially gifts of children's records, new or used, to be kept in the Nursery.

SEPTEMBER SERIES IN LAY EDUCATION AT 10:40 A.M.

During the three Sundays of September the Lay Education class will be discussing aspects of Christian Education. We will be using varied teaching techniques, new media methods, and a high degree of student involvement.

The first Sunday, September 12, will be WHY - do we teach? We will consider the answers of church leaders through the centuries and evolve our own answer to the question.

September 19 will be WHAT - do we teach (with a look at what we do not teach.) Our present curriculum materials will be on display and the discussion will center on the broad goals of our education program and how the curriculum is designed so that the goals might be achieved.

The last session, September 26, will consider HOW - we teach. We will review the many teaching activities we use today and touch on elements such as the "inquiry method", class inter-action, establishing objectives, team teaching.

DETTMAR R. TIETJEN ELECTED TO SYNOD OFFICE

At the 116th meeting of the Synod of the Chesapeake at Loyola College in Baltimore this June, Ruling Elder Bob Tietjen of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church was elected to serve as a member of the Division of Mission, Class of 1974.

The primary objective of the division is to stimulate and coordinate an over-all mission to the Wilmington-Baltimore-Washington area, calling upon Presbyteries and congregations to make their decisions in regard to mission in this larger context.

Bob has served on the Board of Metropolitan Mission of Washington City Presbytery for several years and from this work takes much valuable experience to the Synod level.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC NOMINATING COMMITTEE - JACK WHITE TO BE CHAIRMAN

The following church members will serve with Jack White in interviewing auditioning and selecting a new Director of Music for the Potomac United Presbyterian Church. Their selection and the terms of the contract will be presented to the Session when their work is completed.

Mr. John Bauer - representing the congregation
Miss Jan Perrin - representing the congregation
Mr. William Taylor - representing the choir
Mrs. Roger Mellem (Nancy) - representing the choir
Mrs. T. M. Mabon (Joan) - representing Church Education
Mr. Dettmar R. Tietjen - representing the Session

Mrs. John Hoyt (Trudy) and Mr. Blice will serve on the committee in an ex-officio capacity.

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RULING ELDERS ELECTED, PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTED AT SPECIAL MEETING

At the October 18th Special Congregational Meeting five Ruling Elders were elected in accordance with new by-law provisions adopted earlier this year. Elected for three-year terms are: Mrs. Rudolph P. Savage (Ginny), Robert R. Fredlund, William A. Johnston, Jr., and William J. Taylor. Elected to a one-year term is Mrs. T. M. Mabon (Joan). The new Ruling Elders will be ordained and/or installed on the first Sunday in January but will meet with the Session as elders-elect during the interim period and have the opportunity for orientation in Session activities.

During the meeting Dr. Lawrence Killion, Chairman of the Interpretation and Stewardship Committee, and Quentin Marble, Chairman of the Interpretation Sub-committee, briefed the Congregation on the 1972 proposed Church program and how it relates to the opportunity to share in the general mission of the Church.

This year the Session has developed the most comprehensive program in the history of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church. The needs

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"net out" to a proposed mission allocation of \$24,499 and a total annual general budget of \$86,400. Those attending the meeting were urged to study the October 1 issue of Presbyterian Life for an overview of general mission projects. A separate capital improvement and debt reduction program for \$17,100 over a three-year period was also summarized.

This preliminary presentation of budget goals for 1972 is being made this year in advance of the Church Stewardship Commitment Program to provide the opportunity for full interpretation and consideration. The formal budget will be presented for adoption at the Annual Meeting in January.

DISC FESTIVAL DINNER ON NOVEMBER 17

The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church invites all communicant members to the DISC Festival Dinner on Wednesday, November 17, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. at the Church. Attendance is most important since this is the start of planning for the Stewardship Commitment Program. Rev. Frank Lane, the Church's guest for Stewardship Week, will present the program. No pledges of any kind will be taken at the dinner.

Child care facilities will be available at the Church, or, if supply and demand are equal, a list of young volunteers will be available to sit in members' homes.

A hostess will contact every family within the next few weeks to fill members in on the latest dinner plans, to answer questions about the dinner and to inquire about intentions of each communicant member. Plan now to join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, good food and an enthusiastic beginning for the Stewardship Campaign.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC NAMED BY SESSION

David McConnell of Silver Spring will begin service as the new Director of Music for Potomac United Presbyterian Church in November. Currently on the staff of the Cultural Exchange Program of the U. S. Department of State, Mr. McConnell is an accomplished musician and has an extensive background in choral direction.

He has served as Director of Music at the Hyattsville Baptist Church, Choir Director for the United Presbyterian Church of Silver Spring, Director of the Army Air Defense Command choral groups and as conductor of the graduate choirs of Julliard and of the Union School of Sacred Music. He is the new director for the State/AID/USIA/ACDA Choral Group.

He has been a featured baritone soloist with Station WGN in Chicago, has appeared nationally on all three television networks and has worked with the American Light Opera Company in Washington and with the Civic Light Opera Company in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rounding out his musical background is experience teaching music, theory, harmony and sight reading. Mr. McConnell was raised and educated in Michigan and is the son and grandson of Presbyterian ministers.

The report of the Search Committee for the Director of Music was favorably received by the Session at a meeting on Monday, October 18. Serving on the committee were: Jack White, Chairman, Bill Taylor, Vice Chairman, John Bauer, Mrs. John Hoyt (Trudy), Mrs. T. M. Mabon (Joan), Mrs. Roger C. Mellem (Nancy), Jan Perrin and Bob Tietjen.

CHURCH SCHOOL VISITATION PLANNED

During the next several months Church School teachers are planning to visit in the homes of their students. They will begin with those students who come seldom or irregularly and hope eventually to reach all families in the Congregation. They are making a concerted effort to know all children better, to inform them and their parents of the study program and to encourage wider participation. Please welcome these visitors when they call.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

At the celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper on World Wide Communion Sunday, October 3, the following persons were received into the communicant membership of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church:

Dr. and Mrs. Richard C. Back (Anne)
Miss Barbara J. Back and Miss Janice E. Back, Presbyterian Church,
Irvington-on-Hudson, New York
Mr. and Mrs. Asaph Hall (Dorothy), Mt. Hebron Presbyterian Church,
Ellicott City, Maryland
Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan P. Hawley (Peggy), Southminster United
Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Mrs. Harold Horne (Billy Jean) by Re-Affirmation of Faith
Mr. and Mrs. John Olsson (Peggy), Wilton Congregational Church,
Wilton, Connecticut

EXPANSION OUTLINED FOR CHURCH LIBRARY

The Church Library is now in the process of revitalization. Mrs. Stuart McIntyre (Margaret) has agreed to organize for expansion and direct efforts in this area. She began by attending a conference at National Presbyterian Church where librarians exchanged ideas and experiences with church libraries. Initial efforts will be directed toward cataloging the existing collection, advising on new acquisitions and generally promoting the use of the Church Library. Suggestions for new purchases are both welcome and requested from Church groups, committees and members.

THERE WAS NO ROOM AT THE INN!...

...That is true. But there is not only room, but a welcome need for charter members of the United Presbyterian Players, a group of people interested in an immediate project of presenting Stephen Vincent Benet's play, "A Child Is Born," during the advent season. It is a short play, beautifully written, and requiring a minimum of time. Those interested in set design, costumes and lighting should contact Mrs. Samuel Willcoxon (Kathy), 299-4464. Casting for potential actors and actresses will take place the first part of November. NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! The only requirements are interest and support of this fellowship project.

CHURCH YOUNG PEOPLE'S PROGRAMS OFF TO AN EXCITING START

On the first weekend in October some 25 junior-high and 15 senior-high students spent the weekend with their leaders at Chesapeake Center. In spite of a very rainy Saturday, it was a happy and productive Retreat.

The junior high participants spent Friday evening, all day Saturday and even Saturday night discussing, planning and making liturgical banners. Nearly 24 hours were spent thinking and working with Christian symbols; nine banners were completed in time to use in the Communion service Saturday evening. The Seventens will be sharing the fruits of their efforts with the entire Congregation soon.

The senior high group, under Dave Smith's leadership, spent the weekend talking through their program for the year and getting to know each other. They worked much of the time on the closing worship service which they shared with everyone there. It left with each one of the group some thoughtful memories of the weekend and some happy expectations for the coming year's work.

During the meeting the week following the Retreat the Seventens elected members from each grade group to serve as a planning committee to work with the adult leaders on programing and making decisions on the directions that will be taken during the year. Selected by the Seventens were: Beth Miller and Monty Cornell, 7th grade; Ann Miller and Alan Smith, 8th grade; Gen Howe and Dave Kerrigan, 9th grade; and Carrie Howe, 10th grade.

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Funds for approximately 80 scholarships are available for the 46 Presbyterian-affiliated colleges and universities in the United States. Administered by the Board of Christian Education of the United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., scholarships are awarded to communicant members of Presbyterian Churches on the basis of personal qualities of character and leadership, academic ability as reflected in SAT test scores, academic achievement as reflected in secondary school records and financial need. Awards range from \$100 to \$1,200 annually. Applications will be accepted until December 4. Additional information and application forms are available from: National Presbyterian College Scholarships, Board of Christian Education, United Presbyterian Church U.S.A., 425 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

PLANS FOR CHURCH COUPLES CLUB INITIATED

On Wednesday, November 3, at 8 p.m. at the Church there will be a get-together for all those interested in forming a Church Couples Club. Organization and program possibilities will be discussed over cider and doughnuts. All who think they might be interested are invited to attend.

FISH FURNITURE NEEDS

Potomac Fish has urgent need for beds, couches, chairs and chests of drawers, as well as for volunteers to deliver furniture in the community on Saturday mornings. Anyone with items or time to volunteer should call Jead Depp, 424-3247.

CHURCH SCHOOL PARENTS' NIGHT

Teachers of K-to-6th-grade children in the Church School met with parents at the Church on October 20. The evening began with classroom visitation and concluded with a showing of the film, What Do You Think? consisting of a series of interviews with three pairs of children and illustrating how children's thinking changes - the take-off point for a lively discussion on the Church School program.

LAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

Following the Lay Education Sub-committee's plan, a balanced series of Biblican, theological and social issues programs are being held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Fellowship Room at the Church. Programs planned through the first of the year include:

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| Oct. 24 | Christian Worship
<u>Worship - Does Music Help or Hinder?</u>
What is the function of music in worship?
Saying One Thing and Singing Another
Tennessee Ernie Ford or Johann Sebastian Bach? | Rev. Richard Blice |
| Oct. 31 | Christian Worship
<u>Worship - Putting a Service Together</u>
Participants will develop their own order
of worship and suggest a rationale for same | Rev. Richard Blice |
| Nov. 7 | <u>Communes - Here, There and Elsewhere</u>
What are communes? What are the different
kinds? Who belongs? How much does it cost
to join? What do the members do? How about
in other countries? What has been the history
in the United States? | Dr. Harley Hinrichs |
| Nov. 14 | Youth Community in Potomac | Class Volunteer |
| Nov. 21 | Religious Future Shock
Study During Advent
Characters and Personalities of the Bible
Life and time, family background, economic
and social problems, physical characteristics
marital status, children and grandchildren,
some prime character traits and significance to
Christian heritage | Class Volunteer |
| Nov. 28 | Characters and Personalities of the Bible
John the Baptist | Volunteer |
| Dec. 5 | Characters and Personalities of the Bible
King Herod | Volunteer |
| Dec. 12 | Characters and Personalities of the Bible
The Wise Men | Volunteer |
| Dec. 19 | Characters and Personalities of the Bible
Mary and Joseph | Volunteer |
| Jan. 2 | Critique of previous six months | Robert R. Fredlund |

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POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN PLAYERS PREMIER PERFORMANCE

On Sunday evening, December 12, at 7:30 p.m. the Potomac United Presbyterian Players will present Stephen Vincent Benet's play, "A Child Is Born."

The Players, organized and directed by Mrs. Samuel Willcoxon (Kathy) earlier this fall, is a group of teen-agers and adults whose ministry it is to share the Christian message through drama. They particularly hope their first performance will be a meaningful contribution to the congregation's celebration of Christ's birth.

The December 12 production will be performed at the chancel. It is approximately 30 minutes in length. All members and friends of the congregation are invited.

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9:00 A.M. ADVENT SERVICES TO BE PLANNED BY SEVENTENERS

A Worship Interest Group of several members of the Seventens age group is now meeting regularly with Mr. Blice and Mrs. Mabon to assist in planning the 9:00 a.m. Advent services. The young people are Janet Hoge, Laurel Brain, Carrie Howe, Nathan Blice, Alan Smith, Monty Cornell and Beth Mabon. These and other members of the group will participate in the worship services from time to time.

Through sharing in the planning and participation in the worship services the young people are learning more of the meaning and nature of Christian worship.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS - DECEMBER 19 - 7:30 P.M.

Christmas is a time for singing! On Sunday evening, December 19, at 7:30 p.m. the Potomac United Presbyterian congregation will gather to celebrate Christ's birth through the songs of Christmas.

The Seventens Choir and the Sanctuary Choir will participate separately and with the congregation.

Christmas punch and cookies will be served in the Fellowship Room at the close of the service. Come to the Festival of Carols, December 19 - Christmas is a time for singing!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Two candlelight services will be offered in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. The times for the services are 7:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The Sanctuary Choir will participate in both services; the King David Choir will participate in the 7:30 p.m. service.

The nursery will be open for the 7:30 p.m. service.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - DECEMBER 26

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at both worship services on Sunday morning, December 26.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED NOVEMBER 28

We welcome the following new members of our congregation who were received at the worship services on Advent Sunday, November 28:

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Armstrong, Jr. (Lois)
First Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, Kansas
Mr. and Mrs. George C. Boddiger (Wilma)
LaCanada Presbyterian Church, LaCanada, California
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Brascamp (Jodi)
Congregational Church, Weston, Connecticut
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Krohn (Myrna)
Dundee Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska
Mr. and Mrs. David McConnell (Libby)
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Maryland
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Patterson (Lora)
Forest Hills Methodist Church, Tampa, Florida

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF RULING ELDERS

Having been elected by the congregation to the office of ruling elder at the Congregational Meeting on October 18, the following church members will be ordained and/or installed at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, January 2:

One-year term - Mrs. T. M. Mabon (Joan)
Three-year term - Mrs. Rudolph Savage (Ginny)
Mr. William Johnston
Mr. Robert Fredlund
Mr. William Taylor

Since their election on October 18, the ruling elders-elect have participated in several church officer training conferences with Mr. Blice in which attention was focused upon the Book of Confessions and the Form of Government.

FIFTY MILLION FUND

The Fifty Million Fund for Capital Needs of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA is in the process of closing its books. Members of the congregation who made pledges to this fund in 1965 and 1966 are asked to complete their pledge payments, if not already done. Checks may be drawn to the Potomac United Presbyterian Church and noted for Fifty Million Fund.

SUE MEINKE ASSISTING WITH SEVENTENS

Additional leadership is being provided the Seventens Program during December by Miss Sue Meinke, a member of the congregation and a senior student at Wooster College, Wooster, Ohio. The main focus of Sue's academic work at Wooster has been in religion and theology. The Seventeners have warmly welcomed Sue. Her skillful leadership has already enriched and strengthened the youth program.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING EVENT

A Potomac Community Christmas Tree Lighting event will be held at 8:00 p.m. on December 22 on the green of the entrance to Potomac Village Chopping Center. Sponsored by the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, the program will include music by the massed choirs of the Potomac churches, carol singing, scripture reading and prayers by the ministers and priests of the Potomac Churches. Refreshments will be served at the close of the program, courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce. In case of inclement weather, the program will be held on December 23 at 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School teachers are making individual plans for their classes to observe Christmas. Most of the studies are not directly concerned with the birth of Christ, but the teachers are planning to relate their present studies to that event: 5th and 6th classes have been studying Messianic hopes and responses to Jesus' coming; grades 1 - 4 have been studying Kings; the 7th and 8th class has been working with the Synoptic gospels and, with the 9th - 10th class, will compare the birth narrative at their last session. Several have made special plans for observing the season, but all are looking forward to participating with their families in special observances at the church.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR MISSION WORLDWIDE

The joy of Christmas is in releasing something considered important - as God did in the incarnation. He released himself in "His only begotten Son" for all mankind- the Gift of gifts! Make a serious gift of yourself at Christmas, represented in the money you have saved or earned, for people beyond your own family. Celebrate God's Gift this way for Mission Worldwide. When you make a special Christmas Gift to Mission Worldwide:

- * Someone who might otherwise not know Christ will receive a printed Gospel or hear a preacher tell the Good News
- * A child will discover his worth from lessons which say, "Let the little ones come unto me, and forbid them not." Somewhere a doctor will fit a new leg on a crippled boy and say, "Walk!"
- * A youth will discover that this confusing world has a heart and that he is needed to help build a way through the wilderness
- * An aged person, who has been wondering if anyone cares, will experience God's love in the acts of helping hands; in a cup of cool water; in a warm meal; in a Christian atmosphere; in a sense of well being
- * A college teacher will have the joy of alerting the mind of a youth whose scholarship is his only chance for an education
- * A doctor will have more resources with which to analyze the nature of a sickness and the medicines to do something about it. He will secure and train local associates who will lengthen his arms.

This special offering will be received at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church at the Christmas Eve services and in the Church School on Sunday, December 19. Children in the Church School will receive wrappers for juice can banks on December 12. Special offering envelopes will be in the pew racks for teenagers and adults on Christmas Eve.

WEDDING BELLS!

James Ferrara, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Ferrara, and Eilene Stanley were united in marriage at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 27.

THANK YOU FOR THE TOYS!

The Senior High Fellowship wishes to thank all the members and friends of the congregation who gave toys to its 1971 Toys for Tobytown Project. Many, many toys were given. The toys were repaired, cleaned and painted, where necessary, on Sunday afternoon, December 5. They will be made available to the residents of Tobytown on Saturday, December 11. Again, toy givers, thank you!

CHURCH LIBRARY SHAPING UP

The Church Library is beginning to take shape. Margaret McIntyre, Librarian, has begun acquisition and cataloguing. The stack of shelves on the east side of the parlor has been set aside for Library use. Marilyn Meinke has been assisting with the project.

PRESBYTERIES TO MERGE

On January 1, 1972, Washington City Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA and Potomac Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. will merge to become the National Capital City Union Presbytery. The presbyteries are from the so-called northern and southern Presbyterian denominations in the United States. The new union presbytery will have some 120 churches within its boundaries. Future issues of Steeple to People will provide additional information on the union presbytery and its intended work as a unit of the church's mission.

PAPER COLLECTION AT POTOMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A paper collection center for recycling has been established at Potomac Elementary School. The dumpster is located at the back of the school parking lot and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Newspapers and telephone books may be deposited in the dumpster at any time - but no magazines, please. Proceeds from the recycling project will benefit the Potomac Elementary PTA.

LOOKING AHEAD

January 14-15 Seventh-Eighth Grade Retreat at the Boyds Presbyterian Church, Boyds, Maryland
January 17 Annual Congregational Meeting
February 11-13 Ninth-Twelfth Grade Ski and Study Retreat, Deer Valley Camp, Mount Davis, Pennsylvania

MINUTE FOR MISSION: RURAL MINISTRY IN MAINE

When Americans think of Maine, they usually picture a rocky coastline, sailboats and lobsters - a nice place to go on summer vacation. But for the people who live there year round, especially poor residents of small, rural communities, Maine often presents another face. Last winter more than 12 feet of snow fell - isolating people, shutting them up indoors, preventing outdoor work. These harsh conditions intensify the mental and physical health needs of families cut off from normal social life. To minister to these critical human needs, an ecumenical rural ministry in southwestern Maine has employed the Reverend Duane Bazil as pastoral counselor and visitor, working through a telephone crisis network, prayer groups and a housing program. He also trains ministers and community leaders in the field of mental health and is developing a comprehensive mental health plan for an area of 12 townships. National Missions helps support Duane Bazil's specialized ministry in rural Maine in cooperation with the Mission at the Eastward.

MANY GROUPS USE CHURCH BUILDING

In addition to the worship and study programs which naturally are housed in the Potomac United Presbyterian Church building, many other community groups now call our building "home." Among them are
Three 1st grade classes of the German School
Three Girl Scout troops - three days a week
Ballet class - weekly
Girl Scout leaders - monthly
Capitol City Cocker Club - monthly

