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VALENTINE SWEETHEART DANCE, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

The Couples Club is sponsoring a Valentine's Day Sweetheart Dance, Friday, February 16, from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the church. The "dance to your heart's content" will include waltzes, a waltz contest, fox trots, jitterbugs, sambas, bunny hops, Mexican hat dances and a Luisianne ("put your little foot"), and will feature music from Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey through Al Hirt and Lawrence Welk to Simon and Garfunkel.

There will be door prizes, ice cream, cake - and a concoction for those in love well worth the \$4.60-per-couple admission (\$1.00 of which will go to the Washington Heart Association). All Jacks of Hearts are invited to bring their Queens of Diamonds, or vice versa, and guests are welcome. Make reservations by February E5 by calling Mrs. Robert Fredlund (Virginia), 762-8686, Mrs. Clifford Kendall (Camille), 424-7539 or Mrs. Rudolph Savage (Ginny), 299-6512.

THIRD & FOURTH GRADERS CONTRIBUTE TO FRIENDSHIP FRONTIER

The third and fourth grade Church School class has just completed a successful fund drive for the Friendship Frontier's office of the United Presbyterian Church. The class selected the Alaskan mission as a study project and, by doing chores at home, earned \$22.00 to send to the mission frontier. They deserve our thanks for a job well done.

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SESSION COMMITTEES ORGANIZED FOR 1973

Each January following the ordination and installation of newlyelected ruling elders, the Session Committees are reorganized so as to do their work for the new year. The Session Committees for 1973 and their ruling elder members are as follows:

Church Education - William Taylor, chairman, Marilynn Meinke and William Johnston

Congregational Life - Robert Fredlund, chairman, Ralph Hall, Larry Killion and Ginny Savage

Stewardship - Compton Jones, chairman, Ted Moock and Bill Brill Church and Community - Michael Bentzen, chairman, and Bob Tietjen Trustee Committee - Bill Johnston, chairman, and Bob Tietjen Clerk of Session - Michael Bentzen

Members of the congregation serve with the ruling elders on these committees of Session. The next issue of Steeple To People will provide a complete listing of the members of the committees.

NEWS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 22

- § 87 members present for dinner at 6:00 p.m.; approximately 145 members present at 8:00 p.m. for the business meeting
- § Bill Brill elected to serve a three-year term as a ruling elder
- § 1972 Treasurer's Report by Ted Moock approved
- § Ted Moock re-elected Church Treasurer
- § Bill Skinner and Bob McMahon elected as Church Auditors, Bill Skinner for a second one-year term
- § Sherry Hoge first teenager ever elected to the Representative Nominating Committee; Ellen Brain and Virginia Fredlund also elected to this committee.
- § 1973 Program Budget received by the congregation
- § Mac McMahon made strong plea that congregation elect a teenager to the Session in October, 1973
- § Change in terms of the Call to the pastor approved by the congregation
- § Session requested feed-back from church members on membership recruitment, planning of worship services, Christian growth groups and a shared pastoral caring program in the parish
- § Mimi Carroll and members of the Dinner Committee applauded for preparing delightful dinner

PACKETS OF ALL REPORTS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING are available on the table in the narthex for those who were not able to be present.

MEMBERS TO ASSIST IN PLANNING WORSHIP.

As a new approach to the planning for worship the Session and Mr. Blice have approved a plan wherein at least ten of the worship services in 1973 will be designed by a Worship Planning Group comprised of members of the congregation. Together with Mr. Blice the group will review the Directory for Worship of the United Presbyterian Church USA, and several other of the many resources that have grown out of the liturgical revival being experienced across the church today. From their study and discussion the group will prepare the several services for our own congregation.

Members of the congregation who would like to be a part of the Worship Planning Group are asked to call the church office.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RECONCILIATION COMPLETES TASK

At a special Session Conference held on Saturday, January 6, the Session dismissed with hearty thanks this special committee that had worked so faithfully in and for the congregation since the spring Session retreat. Members were Bob Fredlund, chairman, Alice Smith, Bob Beer, Dick Back, Bob Garcia and Chuck Hemphill. Of the several recommendations made by the committee to the Session as it concluded its work the one regarding the study of re-establishing the Board of Deacons or a similar pastorally-oriented group received immediate action. (See story elsewhere in Steeple To People.)

MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE NAMED

On January 7 Mr. Chism announced his resignation effective April 23, 1973. In light of this development the Session on January 28 appointed the following to begin work immediately as the Music Director Search Committee: Marilyn Meinke, George Boddiger, Hank Wakeland, Margy Mabon, Nancy Mellem, Lucille Ferrara, Hugh Sidey, Tom Jones and Dick Blice, ex-officio. Marilyn Meinke will serve as chairman.

RALPH HALL TO CHAIR SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Ruling elders Ralph Hall and Ginny Savage, along with Hank Wakelar Alice Smith and Joy Garcia, have been named to study the recommendation that a Board of Deacons or a similiarly pastorally-oriented group be established in the church. Mr. Hall will serve as chairman. The committee, seeking ways to foster closer and more caring relationships within the congregation, will make its recommendations to the Session later this spring.

NELL YOUTH GROUP ORGANIZED AND MEETING SUNDAY MORNINGS

Seven-Ups, a new group for seventh-grade through senior high young people, began meeting this month during the Sunday morning Church School hour in the choir room. The study-discussion group topics will include The Lord's Frayer, selected Psalms, the Beatitudes, Biblical concepts of love, early Presbyterians in Montgomery County - and production of a motion picture film on local mission activities. All seventh-twelfth graders are invited to participate and to bring friends.

SENIOR HIGHS STUDY POPULATION GROWTH

This month the Senior High Fellowship Group began a unit of study on issues relating to population growth in the United States. Using Population and the American Future, the report of the President's Commission on Population, as a resource, members gave in-depth reports on selected chapters to the whole group. Other programs have included viewing the film, "Tomorrow's Children," and a presentation by Mrs. Betty Nichols, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood. Future programs will include a discussion of Christian Goals in Interpersonal Relationships by Mr. Blice and a presentation of Environmental Prospectives on Population Growth by member Sydney Howe who is President of The Conservation Foundation.

The Senior Highs meet Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30. The meeting on February 4 will be at the home of Curt and Craig Kendall, 12309 Espalier Place, Montgomery Square. The speaker will be from Birthright. Participants are urged to arrive promptly at 6:30 on the evenings when speakers are scheduled.

LAY EDUCATION GROUP HOSTS MEMBERS OF OTHER RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS

We recognize that the problems of contemporary society - unaccustomed and quick change in familiar concepts, threats to traditional theology and defection from church membership - plague many of our neighbors as well as those of us who are United Presbyterians. Consequently, the Lay Education Group is playing host to a number of speakers from different religious organizations in our area, asking them to talk about these changes and how their groups are coping with them.

Rev. Monsignor Thomas Duffy, pastor of St. Raphael's Church, Joined us on January 28 for an excellent discussion of many well-publicized changes with which the Catholic Church is dealing. His wit and good sense made for a delightful session and, even if you missed it, you may catch up during the next three weeks.

On February 4, Mr. Meyer Elsenberg of the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington will be the guest. Mr. Elsenberg is a layman, a lawyer and has been active in community and synagogue work. His talk will include a discussion of the Jewish Community's reaction to Key '73, the so-called "Jesus Freaks" and the celebration of Christmas in the public schools.

Mr. Allan Arness from the Bethesda Meeting, Society of Friends, will be the guest on February 11. The series will close with a visit from Mr. Rich Rolapp, a member of the Potomac Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon).

Fabruary 25 and March 4 will be devoted to the two major community activities with which the Potomac United Presbyterian Church is involved. On the 25th Mr. Dan Smith of Tobeytown Associates will be with the group to describe what has happened in Tobeytown as a result of the appeal to which the Potomac churches responded.

Potomac Youth Ministry has come a long way since last June and on March 4, Bill Knight, the seminary student in charge of the Ministry will report on the work that has been done with the youth of this area.

Plan to join the Lay Education Group in the Fellowship Room at 9:40 on Sunday mornings for an informative and important series.

"FIRST WEDNESDAY." FEBRUARY 7, 7:30 P.M.

Students, as well as their parents, will be interested in the topic for February's First Wednesday. Rev. Richard Eslinger will be present to discuss Contemporary Religious Movements and Youth. Rev. Eslinger is a chaplain with the United Campus Ministry at the University of Maryland and has been extremely active in youth work, both on and off campus. He is a member of the Vice-Chancellor's Committee on Drug Abuse at the University and has also directed the program of help for Indian youth at Cherokee, North Carolina. A number of youths from local churches have volunteered and accompanied him to help in this project. Under the auspices of COEMAR, he has led youth groups to Poland to promote international understanding and is highly thought of by members of our own church who have traveled with him in this capacity.

First Wednesdays start at 7:30 p.m. with dessert and a chance to meet our speakers and members of other churches in our area whom we invite to join with us on these occasions. They are pleasant and informative, and we urge all to come.

REPORT ON CONFIRMATION CLASS DISCUSSION

With only eight Presbyterian churches in Washington, D. C., it is essential that they keep their doors open and serve the people, but this is not the case. Rev. Ed White met with us and showed us slides of brand new buildings that are going broke because they have too few members.

The main thing causing the problem is hostilities between blacks and whites. The white families that used to make up the communities surrounding the churches are moving away to the suburbs, but many still travel back to these churches on Sundays. The areas around the churches are becoming predominantely black. The people traveling back to the churches are enough in number to control them but not enough to give the churches financial stability. Conflicts have resulted in many of the churches being near closing.

We think this is a terrible problem and hope that they will find a way to solve the problem before it is too late.

Debbie Brain
Joel Blice
SECOND SEVENTEN SESSION BEGINS

Robbie Evans

The second session of the Seventen program began this month. The group of seventh-through-tenth-graders meets each Thursday evening at the church at 4:30 for study, shared worship experiences, dinner, music and fellowship. All are invited to participate.

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"CHRIST IS RISEN!"

HE IS RISEN INDEED

THE GOOD NEWS OF EASTER WILL BE CELEBRATED at two worship services on Easter morning, April 22. The services will be identical and are scheduled at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The Sanctuary Choir will participate in both services. The church school, the lay education program and the enrichment program will not be in session Easter Sunday.

PALM SUNDAY - April 15. A Palm Sunday Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Room at 8:15 a.m. Following breakfast families will share together in an exploration of the meaning of the Lord's Supper. The morning events will conclude with worship in the sanctuary at 11:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 19. The Celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. 8:00 p.m. All members and families of the church are encouraged to participate in this service at the Lord's Table. Maundy = Mandate. Our mandate from the Lord is to take the bread and to take the cup in remembrance of Him.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 20. The Potomac Community Good Friday Service. 8:00 p.m. at the St. Francis Episcopal Church in the Village. Mr. Dickey, Pastor of the Potomac United Methodist Church has prepared an original dramatic sermon for the service. Mr. Stampley, Assistant Rector of St. Francis, and Mr. Blice and two laymen from each of the participating churches will share in telling the Good Friday story.

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SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, 12:00 NOON, APRIL 29

The Session at its regular April meeting unanimously decided to call a special meeting in order to ask the congregation's approval to call Mrs. Joan Mabon as a Commissioned Church Worker for the Potomac United Presbyterian Church.

Joan will complete her studies for a Master's Degree in Religious Education at Wesley Theological Seminary in May. With this degree she is eligible to be commissioned to the office of Commissioned Church Worker for the Potomac United Presbyterian Church.

Joan will complete her studies for a Master's Degree in Religious Education at Wesley Theological Seminary in May, making her eligible to be commissioned, provided she has a call to serve in a local church. Recognizing that the Mabon family will be moving to St. Louis in early June and that Joan desires to be commissioned by National Capital Union Presbytery in the Potomac United Presbyterian Church, and in recognition of her dedicated service to the congregation as Director of Church Education these past two years, the Session requests the congregation's approval of the call in order that Joan may be commissioned at the morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 20.

CHURCH SCHOOL AT 11:00 A.M. BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER

A second section to the church school program will be provided when the church school resumes from its summer recess. Classes for pre-school children through the sixth grade will be available both at 9:40 a.m. and at 11:00 a.m. In making the recommendation to the Session that this second section be offered, the Church Education Committee expressed its firm belief that the additional section "will go far in meeting the needs of the congregation and can be adequately staffed with competent faculty. If we are unsuccessful in obtaining the necessary personnel to offer high quality Christian Education within the above program, the structure will again have to be reconsidered."

No further changes are anticipated in the Sunday morning schedule beginning in September. The first worship service will be at 9:00 a.m. Lay Education, Seven-Ups and the Section I of the church school will begin at 9:40 a.m. The second service and Section II of the church school will be held at 11:00 a.m.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

\$571.00 was received when this special Lenten offering was initially received on Sunday, April 1. Members and friends of the congregation who have not yet contributed may do so at either the Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday services. Checks may be drawn to the church marked for Hour of Sharing. The Session is hopeful that the goal of \$750.00 may be reached. If you have not yet given to this special offering, please do so soon.

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MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

The following church member families have recently moved from the Potomac community. We ask God to bless them in their new homes and new work.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dugan, Raleigh, North Carolina

Mr. and Mrs. John Olsson, Barrington, Illinois

Mr. and Mrs. John Day, Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Mr. Clay Jennison, Gaithersburg, Maryland

Mrs. Dorothy Stack Mulready, Wilmington, Delaware

KARMA HOUSE IN ROCKVILLE

In August, 1972, Karma House, Inc., of Rockville opened the Rockville group home, a creative "therapeutic community" residential program for adjudicated boys. With a trained professional group of six, the home has, in that time, provided over 3,000 hours of therapy to 11 boys and their families. Emphases has been on total family participation; the boys have also participated in a variety of experiental pursuits designed to give them increased faith in themselves and in their own abilities.

On Wednesday night, April 25, at 8:00 p.m. at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church there will be a general meeting of Karma, Inc. Joe Griffith, director of the Rockville Group Home, will give a report evaluating progress the program has made and describing plans for the future. The meeting will also include a discussion of several new areas to counteract the drug abuse problem into which Karma House plans to venture. Members of the congregation who would like to learn more about the group and how we as individual church members can contribute to its success are encouraged to attend.

THE 1973 BUDGET ANALYZED

The 1973 Potomac United Presbyterian Church budget reveals a number of interesting items of which many of our congregation may not be aware. Consider the following questions:

- 1. Did you know that before the church doors are opened we have spent 59% of our budget? These expenditures cover just our church and manse mortgage debt, out minister and insurance.
- 2. Further, did you know that an additional 16% of our budget goes for maintenance of church and manse, making 75% of our budget spent before we tackle any programs?
- 3. To these items above add a church school, an organist, a church secretary and a stewardship program now 93% of our budget is spent.
- 4. Just 2% of our budget is reserved for emergencies, which leaves 5% for local and national mission activities.

It is frustrating that so much of our income goes to Bricks and Mortar, yet it is exciting to see how much can be done in the area of mission and church program with so little money. It is even more exciting to envision how much more could be done with even a small increase in income.

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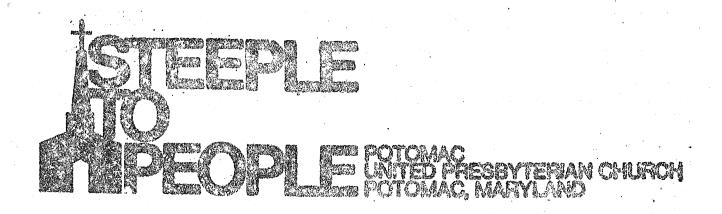
NEW LAY EDUCATION SERIES BEGINS APRIL 29

Professor James Ross, Old Testament and Archeological Scholar from the Virginia Theological Seminary, will speak on the Dead Sea Scrolls and Recent Biblical Scholarship when the new series in the Lay Education program begins on Sunday, April 29 at 9:40 a.m.

Professor Ross recently directed a dig at Gaza and is nationally known for his archeological research. He has served as Assistant Professor of Religion at Dartmouth College, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, Drew University, and Visiting Professor at Princeton University and Swarthmore College. His archeological activities include projects in Shechem, Gezer, Tell Jemme, and Caesarea. He was Archaeological Director, Hebrew Union College Biblical and Archaeological School in Jerusalem, and Professor of Archaeology, William F. Albright Institute for Archaeological Research, Jerusalem. He is also known for his many publications in this field.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION RESOURCE FAIR

Eight members of the Potomac United Presbyterian congregation attended the Christian Education Resource Fair held last month at the National Presbyterian Center. The fair was an ecumenical venture sponsored by the Christian churches in the area and consisted of many displays of resources and media, 50 one-to-three-hour workshops, a film festival, worship and prayer services and dance and choir performances. Those attending were Marilyn Hoge, Elaine Skinner, Barbara Brown, Marilyn Meinke, Nancy Monroe, June Cook, Joan Mabon and Shirley Coll, and they returned full of ideas and enthusiasm. All agreed that it was a most worthwhile event.



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COME TO THE FAMILY NIGHT DINNER AND SEVENTEN'S CELEBRATION -

- Sunday evening, June 3, 6:00 p.m. - A planned covered dish dinner featuring all those favorite salads, casseroles and desserts which make all our family night dinners such memorable occasions. The appetizer will be served on the portico if the weather permits and dinner in the Fellowship Room. All members and friends of the church are invited. Please make reservations by calling Ginny Fredlund, 762-8686, or Camille Kendall, 424-7539. May 30 is the deadline for reservations.

Following dinner a Seventen's Celebration will take place in the Sanctuary. Members of the Seventens and Senior High Fellowship will share in songs and poetry the things that "turn them on" to being alive in 1973. The celebration has been planned by our own young people. The music is familiar to most all adults. Much of the program will provide for congregational singing. Kathy Willcoxon, Joan Mabon and Mr. Blice have assisted in the planning of the celebration.

June 3 - 6:00 p.m. - Come for Dinner! - Come for a Celebration!

Family Night Dinner and Seventen's Celebration
Session Committees, June 5; Session, June 11

JOAN MABON TO PREACH SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 3 - CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Commissioned Church Worker Joan Mabon has accepted the invitation of the Session to preach at the morning worship services on June 3. Her sermon is entitled "Knowing The Master." Joan was commissioned by the National Capital Union Presbytery at the 11:00 o'clock worship service on Sunday, May 20.

The service at 11:00 a.m. on June 3 was planned by the May Planning Group. Of very special significance to the worship service on this day will be the reception of 17 eighth-grade students by Confirmation of their Baptismal Vows and reception of members by Certificate of Transfer and Re-affirmation of Faith.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

The members of the confirmation group participated in a work-study retreat at Camp Paddy Run on May 11-13 as their final session prior to confirmation on June 3. At the camp they set up 11 hogans for Director Jim Bearrs who administers the camp for Winchester Presbytery. Study time was devoted to the confirmation vows and particularly to the meaning of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. On Sunday afternoon, May 20, the students were guests of Beth Miller for a swim party. On the evening of May 20 the students met with the session for their formal reception as members of the church. As their final assignment prior to confirmation each eighth grader submitted a paper of 750 words on the theme "What Is The Church's Mission?" These papers were read and critiqued by the members of the session and returned at the May 20 meeting.

The members of the 1973 confirmation group are: Tom Cole, Betsy Lesher, Swain Mills, Debbie Brain, Philip Totah, Joel Blice, Jenny Mabon, Gwen Reid, Scott Stack, Paul Stefanye, Compton Jones, Robbe Evans, Beth Miller, John Braskamp, Jan Cookerly, David McCall and Dennis McMahon.

TO BE RECEIVED BY CERTIFICATE AND RE-AFFIRMATION

The following persons met with the session on Sunday evening, May 20, and will be publicly received by the congregation at worship on June 3:

Mrs. Donald Allensworth (Marti), from the Chevy Chase United Methodist Church

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Koonce (Janet), by Re-Affirmation of Faith

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bissell (Patty), from the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Benson (Marge), from the Glenview Community Church, Glenview, Illinois

SEVENTENS PICNIC AT HOWE'S - JUNE 7

The Seventens will conclude the 1972-73 program year with a picnic at Matt Howe's home on Thursday, June 7. Hours: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. All Seventeners are invited. The address is 10804 Fox Hunt Lane, Potomac.

COFFEE TO HONOR MOVING FAMILIES - MAY 27th

At the conclusion of the worship service on Sunday, May 27, the coffee hour will be to honor three families of the church who will be moving from the Potomac community in the near future. They are:

Dr. and Mrs. John Armstrong to Salt Lake City

Mr. and Mrs. Drake Reid to Costa Rica

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Thompson to Taiwan, Formosa

Steeple To People especially want to thank Dr. Armstrong for his contributions of enthusiastic and faithful work in behalf of Potomac Youth Ministry. Having served until May of this year as Chairman of the Board of Directors, he has been a strong advocate for this ministry both among the business community of Potomac and in the local churches. Although the ministry has still a way to go before its on firm financial footing, most all of its strength at this point is because of John's leadership and support.

To the Armstrongs, the Reids and the Thompsons - we pray for God's richest blessings.

PENTECOST COMMUNION AND PICNIC - SUNDAY, JUNE 10

As the poster in the church narthex suggests, the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will be a "church without walls" on Pentecost Sunday, June 10. On this day the congregation will gather at 10:30 a.m. at the Cabin John Recreation Center on MacArthur Boulevard both to celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper and to enjoy a picnic together. The day will begin with the worship service as the church remembers the coming of the Holy Spirit to the diciples in Jerusalem on the first Pentecost. The picnic will follow. Families are asked to bring their own picnic lunches and beverages. Following lunch is playtime. Swings and slides and a climbing maze for children; croquet, horseshoes, softball, badminton, volleyball, tennis and other games for youth and adults.

The Center is located next door to the Clara Barton School on MacArthur Boulevard and is maintained by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Should it rain, the service will be held in the large pavilion at the park with the picnic following the rain.

Come - make Pentecost a happy day for you and for everyone else!

GRADUATING SENIORS TO BE RECOGNIZED JUNE 17

At the worship service on June 17 the congregation will recognize and honor those young people who will graduate from area high schools in early June. They are: Courtney Clark, Craig Cole, David Edwards, John Fredlund, Carter Gilhams, Joanne Heinniger, Sharon Lawson, Paul Marble, Robert McMahon and Nicki Willetts.

Members and friends of the church are invited to greet the students at the coffee hour following the service.

PRESBYTERIANISM: 1563 ENGLAND TO 1973 POTOMAC - LAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

"Presbyterianism - Denominational Identification - in the United States - Maryland - Montgomery County" will be the subject for the new Lay Education program beginning Sunday, May 27, at 9:40 in the Fellowship Room. The program will deal with the movement evolving from the Reformation with Queen Elizabeth, through the Arc and the Dove, to zero in on Montgomery County. It will include a history of the county in relation to the English Puritans and the Scottish-Irish settlers and their contributions to Presbyterianism in this area finally centering on Presbyterianism in Potomac, starting with Captain Smith in 1608 and finishing with the Potomac Smiths (Alice and Lew) in 1973. Bob Fredlund will lead the program which promises to be an interesting and exciting discovery session.

For the remainder of the year the Seven-Ups Group will merge and meet with the Lay Education Group.

NEW DIRECTORIES READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

The new revised version of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church Directory of Members has been completed, and copies are available at the literature table in the narthex - one copy per family, please. Additional copies, if needed, may be obtained by calling the church office. The Directory was compiled by Shirley Tietjen, assisted by Ginny Savage and Ethel Roseman. A new feature of this Directory is a page on the history of the church prepared by David Kerrigan. To Shirley, Ginny, Ethel and David - thank you!

June 5 - 8:00 p.m.
Session Committees:
Church Education
Congregational Life
Stewardship
Trustees

June 11 - 8:00 p.m.
June meeting of Session

SUMMER SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE JUNE 17

Beginning Sunday morning, June 17, and continuing through Sunday, September 2, one worship service will be offered at 10:00 a.m. Nursery care will be provided at this hour. The Church School and Lay Education Group will be in recess beginning Sunday, June 10.

WANTED: One electric vacuum cleaner for use by the church sexton. Please call church office.

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CHURCH PROPERTY TO BE GRADED, PARKING LOT TO BE RESURFACED

Arrangements have been made with William A. Hazel, Inc., excavating and grading contractors, to grade and seed the lot at the north side of the church property adjacent to the Hartmans. This swampy lot which has been an eyesore for years, is land that may eventually be used as a parking area for our church, but first it must be totally regraded. The large blocks of concrete previously intended as fill will be broken up and buried so as not to interfere with the grading. Finally, swales will be provided to drain the surface water, and then the area will be seeded. Plans for providing additional parking spaces on this lot will get underway after the land dries up and becomes stable.

This work is expected to be underway before the first of August and should be complete, except for reseeding, well before Labor Day. While the workmen and machines are on the property it has been further arranged to have swale cut into the existing driveway to improve surface water runoff. Following this, 100 tons of finely crushed stone will be spread over the existing driveway and parking areas. When thoroughly graded and rolled, the surface should be quite hard and smooth. Later, when the driveways have stopped sinking, this surface will form an excellent base for paving with macadam. In the meantime, the crushed and rolled stone will represent a major improvement over our present "rocky road."

This regrading work is expected to cost just under \$2,500, and major applications of funds allocated from the church's Capital Fund. The Trustees Committee of the Session initiated the plans for this project last April and obtained Session approval to spend the money from the Capital Fund during the May meeting of Session. Rainy weather this spring has delayed the start of work, but now conditions are "go."

The Trustees Committee under the Chairmanship of Elder Bill Johnston, consists of Bill Amtmann, Tom Boogaard, Dave Miller and Elder Bob Tietjen. The committee members have met frequently and have been successful in completing a number of projects relating to the maintenance of both the church and the manse. Among the more significant projects recently completed is: readjustment and repair of all the doors in the church, cleaning and vinyl covering of the dirt floor in the crawl space under the sanctuary, caulking the roof and steeple over the sanctuary, painting the exterior doors and downstairs classrooms of the church and painting the interior of the manse.

Projects to be completed in the next few months (in addition to the grading) include: painting the exterior of the manse, installing time clocks on the heating and airconditioning systems to reduce our energy consumption, and repairing the ceiling in the sanctuary.

GUEST MINISTERS ANNOUNCED

The Congregational Life Committee of the Session is pleased to announce that the following ministers will lead the worship services and preach on those Sundays during which Mr. Blice will be on vacation.

- July 22 The Rev. Harold A. Durfee, Professor of Philosophy,
 American University
- July 29 The Rev. Henry J. Ferry, Professor of Church History, Howard University
- August 5 The Rev. David V. Voss, Staff, Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Washington, D. C.
- August 12 The Rev. Harold A. Durfee

The summer worship hour is 10:00 a.m. A care group for nursery-age children is provided.

POTOMAC TO HOST PRESBYTERY MEETING

The July adjourned meeting of the National Capital Union Presbytery will meet at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, July 26. Members of the Session will serve as hosts for minister and elder commissioners who attend.

LAY EDUCATION BEGINS AGAIN ON SEPTEMBER 9TH

The Lay Education Planning Committee met last month to discuss the program for Sunday morning adult education and has come up with some very exciting series for the remainder of the year.

Dr. Harold Durfee has kindly consented to begin the season for us again. Those who have attended Dr. Durfee's two previous series on Sunday mornings — one on Contemporary Theologians, one on Existentialism — know how very enjoyable and informative these sessions are. Dr. Durfee is William Frazer McDowell Professor of Philosophy and Chairman of the Department of Philosophy and Religion at American University.

In October the group will begin a six-week series on the Concept of Man in Contemporary Psychology. Rev. Robert Wohlfert, who spent one Sunday morning with us last year discussing the work of the Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Greater Washington, will be coordinating. The sessions will be devoted to such topics as transactional analysis (TA), parent effectiveness training (PET), "primal scream" therapy and other psychological concepts which are being employed in the counseling of individuals in contemporary society

This year the Advent program is a family-oriented one and Church-school sponsored. Consequently, the lay education hour will conclude with the last two Sundays in November. Mr. Blice will devote one of those sessions to a discussion of Prayer and the other Sacraments. We look forward to seeing you on September 9 and hope you have a happy and peaceful summer.

CONTRACT DISCUSSION GROUP

Have you got time to read a few good books? If so, come and join the contract discussion group which begins again on September 12 and will meet every second and fourth Wednesday thereafter at 8:00 p.m. This is a very enthusiastic and friendly group with diverse opinions which make for heated debate.

A great deal of interest was aroused when Dr. Fred Depp came to Lay Education to talk about Pentecostalism and the Charismatic movement in June. The group hopes to invite Dr. Depp to meet with them again after preparing themselves by reading more about the movement.

In addition, suggestions for the year include Servan-Schrieber's Without Marx or Jesus, Buber's Between Man and Man, and Why Conservative Churches are Growing by Dean M. Kelley.

If you would like to join with us, please contact any member of the group (Shirley Coll, Nancy Monroe, Bill and Marilyn Hoge, Joan Chase, Bob Fredlund) and prepare to come and enjoy yourself. Bear in mind, however, that this is a contract group which requires commitment to fairly regular attendance and the time it takes to read the books.

HAVE A GOOD VACATION - BUT ...!!

By now most of you are thinking vacation: beach, mountains, travel, Europe - whatever. In your thoughts and plans, many repetitive things take a temporary back seat.

One of these day-to-day things is your church - specifically, your church's pledge. Though our minds are often elsewhere, the church expenses go on day after day. Historically church expenses in July and August are almost equal to the rest of the months, but payment of pledges is lower.

How about making a summer resolution now not to miss one week's pledge - or better yet, send the whole summer pledge in now: Have a good vacation, but have a better one knowing your church is financially sound in your absence.

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FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9th

The congregation will return to its regular Sunday morning schedule on Sunday, September 9th. Two worship services will be offered - the first at 9:00 a.m., the second at 11:00 a.m. The Lay Education Program for older youth and adults will be held in the Fellowship Room at 9:40. The first section of the church school (nursery - sixth grade) will commence at 9:40. A second section of the church school will also be offered at 11:00 a.m. during the worship service.

Young people in the seventh-tenth grades who prefer a Sunday morning study experience in addition to the Seventens Program on Thursdays are invited to participate in the Sevens Up group which will meet from 9:40 to 10:40 a.m. The group will be led by Mr. Ed Totah this year. The September 9th session will feature the film entitled, The Parable. This film was first shown in the Protestant Pavilion at the New York World's Fair and continues to be one of the most popular "religious" films ever produced.

WELCOME! DIANE WHITTAKER

Mrs. Charles Whittaker (Diane) has been called by the Session to serve the Potomac United Presbyterian Church as Director of Music. At a special Session meeting on August 26, the Music Director Search Committee recommended that Diane be employed by the church and that she begin her work on September 1. Diane is a 1972 graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. Her major and minor at Westminster were organ and voice, respectively. She has had three years' of conducting experience while employed as a student at the Union Methodist Church, Union, New Jersey.

Diane is married to Charles Whittaker, also a graduate of Westminster Choir College. Charles has recently accepted a position as full-time Director of Music at a Methodist Church in Fairfax, Virginia. The Whittakers live at 9543 Blake Lane, Fairfax.

Diane brings great enthusiasm and expertise to her work with us. She will direct the Sanctuary Choir, the music program of the Seventens and plans to revive the King David Choir for third-sixth graders very early in the fall. Her long range plans call for establishing a music program for first and second grade children possibly before Christmas.

Steeple To People thanks the Music Director Search Committee for its work in bringing Diane to our church. Members of the committee are Ruling Elder Marilynn Meinke, chairman, Nancy Mellem, Lucille Ferrara, Tom Jones, Hank Wakeland, George Boddiger, and ex-officio members Joyce Jenkins, Bill Taylor and Bob Fredlund.

SANCTUARY CHOIR REHEARSAL Thursday, September 6, 8:00 p.m. All regular members are urged to attend. A special invitation is extended to all other church members who would like to participate in the church's ministry of music.

TEACHER RECOGNITION - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

Teachers in the Church School will be recognized by the congregation at the 11:00 worship service, Sunday, September 9. Teachers have already begun to plan for classes which begin on September 9. This first Sunday is an important time for your children to get to know their new teachers and their classmates as we begin a new year. The study materials for this year are exciting and chall nging.

5th and 6th grade - The overall objective of the Christian Faith and Action design for grades 5-6 is to help the pupils in a two-year course of study achieve a broad understanding of Biblical History. Last year's course covered the Old Testament. This year the course of study focuses on the New Testament, in particular on the Book of Mark. Students will be dealing with the life and times of Jesus, the reactions of the people to his ministry and a study of his teachings. Teachers in the fifth and sixth grade are:

9:40 - Carolyn Meakem Substitutes: Quentin Marble

11:00 - Bob and Gloria Presley

Joan Chase

3rd and 4th grade - Third and fourth graders will begin their study with the history of the Israelites at the time of the tribal confederacy when the Israelites began to settle down in the land of Canaan. The course is a study of their life under Yahweh's rule and the leadership of his servant-kings Saul, David and Solomon. The first half of the year concludes with the unit on the Creation Stories from Genesis. The second half of the year is a study from Luke-Acts and follows the growth of the early church from Pentecost to Paul's successful arrival in Rome. Third and Fourth grade teachers for this year are:

9:40 - Gladys Totah

Substitute: Marilyn Sebastian

11:00 - Winnie Brill Ceci Adams

1st and 2nd grade - The first and second graders will begin the year with a unit on the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and the journey to the Promised Land. This will be followed by units on the judges, Saul and David, the first great kings of Israel, and the golden age of Israel during the reigns of David and Solomon. The second half of the year will focus on stories from the New Testament with particular emphasis on the Book of Matthew.

Teachers for this year in the first and second grade are:

9:40 - Elaine Skinner Ginger Lewis

Substitutes: Billie Jean Horne

Camille Kendall

11:00 - Heather Kroncke Myrna Krohn

Mary Lou Blanc

Kindergarten - Four and five year olds are invited to participate in our kindergarten program at either 9:40 or 11:00 o'clock. The course of study is designed to focus on God's world and growth as a gift of God and a part of his plan for his children. Kindergarten teachers for this year are 9:40 - Rose Marie Jones Substitutes: Jan Malone

11:00 - Peggy Hawley

Joan Cole

Mursery - The nursery this past year was under the very able leadership of Myrna Krohn. We would all like to join Myrna in thanking the teenagers who served so faithfully and well. They were: Robin Fleming, Lynn Fleming, Janet Hoge, Sherri Hoge, Greg Adams, Lisa Marble, Callie Jones, Compton Jones, Patty Mellem, Lee Ann Monroe, Amy Garcia, Nancy Follansbee, Robby Evans, Diana Dugan, Ann and Beth Miller, Kim Willcoxon, Jeanne Follansbee, and Nancy, Beth and Jenny Mabon. This year the nursery will be led by a new member of our congregation, Charlotte Landis. Anyone who would like to work in the nursery either during the early or the late service, please give Charlotte a call, 340-0808.

Parents who have not yet registered their children for one of the two sections of the Church School are asked to do so immediately. Please call the church office of Mrs. Shirley Coll.

SESSION COMMITTEES MEET
Tuesday, September 4, 8:00 p.m.
Congregational Life
Trustees
Church Education
Interpretation & Stewardship

LAY EDUCATION TO BEGIN, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

At 9:40 on September 9, you are cordially invited to the Fellowship Room to join with the Lay Education Planning Committee, Bill Kerrigan, Marty Allensworth, Bill Adams and Mr. Blice for coffee, refreshments and discussion. Plans for the fall program have been made - an exciting one, we think, and the Committee is anxious to tell you about it. In addition, we would like your ideas for the winter and spring sessions.

September will be devoted to the general theme of Theology and Contemporary Culture conducted by Dr. Harold Durfee. Dr. Durfee's discussion will, in many cases, describe the rise and trends of the so-called "conservative" and "liberal" movements in the church, but he has chosen specific topics for each Sunday. They are as follows:

September 16 - Biblicism, Scientism and Religion

September 23 - History and Transcendence

September 30 - Civic Religion and the New Spiritualism

Dr. Durfee's series have always been enthusiastically received by the attendees at Lay Education. We can promise you a worthwhile and interesting hour.

WEDDING BELLS!! Linda Marie Dykhuizen and Brian Tennery were married at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on August 18. Linda will work with the Seventens this fall and continue her studies at the University of Maryland

SEVENTH-TWELFTH GRADES RETREAT

A Fall Retreat for all seventh-twelfth grade youth of the church will be held at the Claggett Center, Buckeystown, Maryland, September 28-30. Actually it will be two retreats in one. Seventh and eighth graders will be involved in a study of Christian symbols and the making of banners. Kathy Willcoxon will lead the ninth-twelfth graders in working with drama as a vehicle for expressing our experiences in faith and life. In addition to their work and study together, the young people will have full use of the recreational facilities of the center. This year the group will have its own tennis pro in attendance. Reserve the date now. More information will follow. Claggett Center is approximately 45 minutes from Potomac.

CONTRACT GROUP

Everything is ready for the first meeting of the Contract Discussion Group on Wednesday, September 12 at 8:00 p.m. Fred and Jean Depp of St. Francis Episcopal Church will join us at the home of Bill and Marilyn Hoge, 8801 Coldspring Road, to tell us more about Pentacostalism and the Charismatic movement. The Depps have a large library dealing with the subject and have kindly allowed us to borrow several of their books as background for the discussion.

The Contract Group has decided to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. They welcome new members and invite you to call the Hoges (762-9102) if you would like to come to the meeting on the 12th.

WEDDING BELLS!! Peter Tietjen and Patricia Womelsdorff were married at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on August 4th. Peter has begun his studies at Law School of American University. Peter and Pat are now residing in Arlington, Virginia.

POTOMAC TEACHERS ASSUME LEADERSHIP ROLES

Six teachers from the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will assume leadership roles at a teacher training event involving seven local Presbyterian churches (Chevy Chase, St. Marks, Bradley Hills, Warner, Wheaton, Potomac and Boyds) on Wednesday, September 5 at the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church. Experienced teachers will lead age level workshops in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. Half of the lead teachers involved are from our own congregation, and they have given of their time this summer in preparation for this event. They are: Marilyn Hoge, Nancy Monroe, Carolyn Meakem, Elaine Skinner, Shirley Coll, and Rose Marie Jones.

SEVENTENS PROGRAM

The study program for the seventh and eighth graders this fall is designed to provide the students with certain skills in Biblical interpretation. The several units to be studied during the year deal with such subjects as literary forms, authors, the canon and the liturgical practices of the early church.

Teachers working with this age group are Marilyn Hoge, co-ordinator, Linda Tennery, Nancy Monroe, and Dick Blice.

Ninth and tenth graders will engage in several theological inquiries during the year under the adult leadership of Bill Brill and Shirley Coll. The units of study include The Self in Community, Human Sexuality, Freedom/Authority, and The Role of Conflict.

Dorothy Mills will be dinner co-ordinator for the Seventens this program year. Kathy Willcoxon and Diane Whittaker will direct the Seventens work in music and drama.

SEVENTENS PROGRAM

(for all seventh-tenth graders)

The first fall meeting will be
Thursday, September 20

4:30 p.m.

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

As in previous years the senior highs will plan and develop their own program for September 1973 - June 1974. Adult leadership for the senior highs will be provided by Ollie Howe, co-ordinator, Dave Smith, John and Wendy Haberman, and Jody Braskamp.

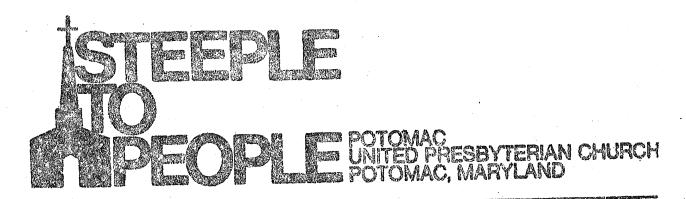
SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP First Fall Meeting Sunday evening, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. at Carrie & Gen Howes home, 10804 Fox Hunt

COLLEGE ADDRESSES REQUESTED

In order for the church office to have a complete and accurate mailing list for all our college students, Steeple To People is requesting that parents of such students report their addresses to the office as soon as they are known.

FOR SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS ONLY

A picnic supper is planned for seventh and eighth graders on Thursday evening, September 13 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., at the church. All seventh and eighth graders are invited. Come for the fun of it!



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CONGREGATION TO CELEBRATE WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION - OCTOBER 7

On the first Sunday of October more Christians will celebrate the Lord's Supper than on any other Sunday of the year. Celebrants will be of all races and nations. They will be taking bread and wine as a mystical symbol of their union with each other in Christ. Moreover, they will pray for expressions of service to the "least of these, my brethren." Thus the meaning of Christ's own self-giving, proclaimed in the bread and the cup, will be present. Join this special occasion of the Church on October 7. The Sacrament will be celebrated at both the 9:00 and the 11:00 o'clock services.

Worldwide, the first Communion services will occur in the Fiji Islands and New Zealand, near the international date line. As the world swings around and the first Sunday of October dawns on each continent, members of all denominations will gather at the Lord's table in answer to Christ's invitation, "This do in remembrance of me."

The early disciples had no difficulty in remembering what the bread and the cup stood for. They had seen His body broken; they had seen His blood shed. After the resurrection the growing community of disciples met constantly to hear the apostles teach, to share the common life, to break bread and to pray. This act of remembrance was a very personal thing. It also was that which from the beginning bound the Christian community together. Every time we receive communion we assert anew that we belong to Christ and to one another. But on this one day in the year all Christians in a very special way emphasize that there is a common commitment within the community of believers which Paul called "the body of Christ."

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - OCTOBER 15 - 8:00 P.M.

As is required by the by-laws of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church, the congregation will meet on Monday evening, October 15, at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing the required number of ruling elders to be ordained and/or installed on the first Sunday of January, 1974. Those ruling elders whose terms will expire this year are: Dettmar R. Tietjen, Michael P. Bentzen, Compton Jones and Lawrence Killion. At this meeting the Stewardship Committee of the Session will make a preliminary report of the Stewardship Commitment Program to the congregation and outline budget goals for 1974. All confirmed and active members of the church are eligible to participate and vote in congregational meetings.

CONFIRMATION STUDY PROGRAM TO BEGIN OCTOBER 5TH

Young people of the church, eighth grade and above, who desire to be confirmed in June, 1974, will begin meeting with Mr. Blice on Friday, October 5, and will meet thereafter at 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday of every month. The theme of the confirmation study is "The Church In Mission." Again this year The Reverend Merritt Ednie and several young people from the Boyds United Presbyterian Church in Boyds, Maryland, will participate in the program. Mr. Blice and Mr. Ednie will share the leadership responsibilities. A major part of the program involves visits to many of the mission agencies of the United Presbyterian Church in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area and conversations with the directors of these agencies.

CONTEMPORARY PSYCHOLOGICAL VIEWS OF MAN - LAY EDUCATION SERIES

I'm O.K. - You're O.K. Parent Effectiveness Training (PET). Gestalt Psychology. The Primal Scream. Have you scanned some of the titles in the psychology section at your favorite bookstore lately? Even a quick look suggests that whether it be do-it-yourself psychology or let someone do it (for) (to) or (with) you, there is a tremendous interest today in all fields of mental and emotional health. The next Lay Education Series will provide the adults and senior highs of the Potomac Church an opportunity to learn of several of the contemporary psychological views of man as they are understood and/or practiced by working therapists. The Rev. Robert Wohlfort of the Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Greater Washington and several other staff members will lecture and lead the discussions on this theme beginning Sunday, October 7. The series will be six Sundays in length. Time: 9:40 a.m. Place: Fellowship Room.

"FIRST WEDNESDAY" NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

The Lay Education Planning Committee urges you to join them on Wednesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. when the film Future Shock will be presented. Based on Alvin Joffler's best-seller, the film deals with the ability of modern society to cope with the incredibly accelerated rate of change which we have witnessed in the last decade or so. The film is narrated by Orson Welles and runs approximately 45 minutes.

Following the film a discussion will be led by William Kerrigan who is a member of our congregation and has been Economic Development Advisor with the State Department. Bill first saw the film in an executive seminar and felt it was an important enough commentary on our time to bring to the attention of us all. We hope you'll be there for dessert at 7:30 and a worthwhile discussion thereafter. And - if you should get a chance to read the book - so much the better!

COME, STUDY MARK

Beginning Wednesday evening, October 17, and continuing for six consecutive Wednesdays, Mr. Blice will lead a study of the Gospel of Mark. All senior highs and adults are invited to participate. The study group will meet in the homes of the participants with the first meeting scheduled at the home of Bill and Flo Johnston, 12516 Knightsbridge Court.

Mark is one of the three synoptic gospels and the earliest written of the three. It is also the shortest. Matthew and Luke borrowed extensively from Mark in the writing of their own gospel narratives. Biblical scholars all agree that Mark's purpose was neither historical nor biographical but intensely practical. He was writing a book for the guidance and support of his fellow Christians in a situation of intense crisis.

In the group's study three questions will be used to guide discussion of the Markan material. What does Mark say? What did he mean for the people to whom he wrote? What does he mean for Christ's disciples today?

If you plan to participate please complete the registration slip below and place in the offering or mail to the church. Regular attendance is not required.

WOULD YOUR FAMILY BE A HOST FAMILY?

Most all of our members look forward to the coffee hours that follow the second service on Sunday mornings. Would your family consent to be host for one or more of these events? It means preparing the coffee, setting the table and serving the coffee from the table. That's all there is to it. Arrangements have been made with the sexton to do the cleanup chores. Please call the church office or Jane Taylor, 299-3481 - or fill out the volunteer slip below.

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COUPLES CLUB PROGRAM

Your Couples Club Committee has planned an exciting year for you - a different type program each month. All couples of the church are encouraged to attend as many functions as possible. We guarantee you an evening of fun and fellowship - and we think this will be a nice way to get to know other members of the church. The committee decided to repeat some of the more successful activities of last year as well as introduce some exciting new programs for you.

Here are the plans for 1973-74:

- October 12 Dinner Theater Party "1776" at the Harlequin.
 Bill and Winnie Brill, chairmen
- November 16 Square Dance. Cliff and Camille Kendall, chairmen
- January 18 Fondue Dinner Party. Lew and Alice Smith, chairmen
- February 8 (or 15) Valentine Party. Rudy and Ginny Savage, chairmen
- March 22 Covered Dish Dinner, Speaker on the Morman Church.

 Jonathan and Peggy Hawley, chairmen
- April 19 Hawaiian Luau with Musical Program. Bill and June Cook, chairmen
- May 17 Progressive Dinner Party. Paul and Jean Hartman, chairmen PLEDGE PAYMENTS DOWN SHARPLY

During the summer months it is normal for pledge payments to drop. At least, this has been the Potomac United Presbyterian Church experience for a number of years. Each year, in anticipation of this, a number of pre-summer appeals to church members to continue their pledge payments through the summer are made. This past summer was particularly bad for pledge payments. Statistics give the pledge status report through August, 1973, versus the same period last year:

·	1972	<u> 1973</u>
Total Budgeted Pledges Total Pledges Received	32,000.00 29,693.00	35,600.00 28,567.00
Percent of Received Pledges to Budgeted	92.8%	80.2%

As can be seen, the church has received less pledges this year than last and, more importantly, far less than our budgeted pledge expectations. Interestingly enough, our expenses through August are right on the mark versus our projected expenses.

Our whole financial problem is tied to lapses in receipt of pledges. Please, if you are behind in your pledges, bring them up to date as promptly as possible - or, if you have a problem, call a member of the Stewardship and Interpretation Committee.

We hope you will join us for an enjoyable evening at:

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre

The Harlequin Dinner Theatre Friday, October 12th. "1776" *10.80 per person

The cuisine for '1776' will be an early American groaning board banquet, facturing such favorites as hickory-smoked steamship round of beef cured Virginia ham, Brunsuck stew, Boston beans southern yams, corn, peas, potatoes, and a varied salad bar.

For reservations contact Winnie Brill (424-1268) no later than October 1st.

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Dear Church Members:

The fall season at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church, like most churches, is the time when we all renew our support of our church. Although this renewal takes many forms, the financial renewal is perhaps the most obvious.

From time to time in the past two years, we of the Stewardship Committee have tried to interpret for you the many aspects of our financial health. At the risk of repetition, but with the belief that this will be of value in your financial renewal, consider the following:

1. 28% of our budget goes for our mortgage.

2. 14% of our budget goes for bricks, mortar and maintenance.

3. 45% of our budget goes for people - minister, choir director, secretary, etc.

4. 3% of our budget goes for contingencies.

5. 7% of our budget goes for mission.

6. Only 3% of our budget goes for programs of our church.

This leads us to one final thought - if each church member increases his 1974 pledge by \$100 or more, we will be financially strong enough to greatly expand both of our church's most cricital areas: mission and programs.

What better way to celebrate The Potomac United Presbyterian Church's tenth anniversary?

Stewardship Commitment Cards will be available in the Church Narthex from Sunday, October 28, until Stewardship Sunday, November 4. The Interpretation and Stewardship Committee urges all members of the congregation to indicate their commitment and return these cards to the church. A Task Force has been assembled to make visitations on Sunday afternoon, November 4, to receive the remaining commitments.

Faithfully,

THE INTERPRETATION AND STEVARDSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE SESSION

CONGREGATION ELECTS RULING ELDERS, RECEIVES 1974 CHURCH BUDGET

At the special Congregational Meeting on Monday, October 15, the proposed 1974 budget was presented by Ruling Elder Compton Jones, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee of the Session, and received by the congregation, and Joan Chase, William Kerrigan, David R. Smith and Lewis V. Smith were elected Ruling Elders to serve three-year terms on the Session beginning January 6, 1974.

Joan has served the church for several years as the Chairman of the Lay Education Planning Committee and as a member of the Church Education Committee of the Session. Bill is a member of the Lay Education Planning Committee and was a member of the Stewardship Committee of Session for two years. Dave has served as Advisor to the Senior High Fellowship, Church School Superintendent, Chairman of the Senior High Planning Committee and as a member of the Church Education Committee of Session for the last four years. Lew has been a member of the Stewardship Commitment Task Force for several years and has served as a leader in the Lay Education Program. He was ordained a Ruling Elder by the Parkway Community Church in Hicksville, New York, in 1955.

CHURCH DRIVEWAY AND PARKING LOT TO BE PAVED

The Board of Trustees have awarded a contract to the Contee Sand and Gravel Co., Inc. of Laurel, Maryland, to pave the existing driveway and parking lots of the church. At a cost of \$3,050.00 to be taken from the Capital/Improvement Fund, Contee will first do some minor grading and then apply a two-inch layer of asphalt to all the area currently under gravel. It is expected that the project will be completed by Thanksgiving.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM HAS BEGUN

Eight eighth graders met with Mr. Blice on October 5th for the first of ten monthly meetings in preparation for uniting with the church in June, 1974. The group will meet regularly on the first Friday of every month through May, 1974. Participants in the group are Debbie Woodcock, Ann Willetts, Nancy Stobie, Karen Sharer, Matt Howe, Tom Meakem, Greg Adams and Jean Carroll. Other eighth graders or older youth who may still wish to be a part of the group are welcome. Next meeting date - November 2 at 4:30 p.m.

THANKS TO THE ROCK PICKERS

Steeple To People wishes to thank all those Seventeners, Senior Highs and adults who gave their Sunday afternoon on October 14 to cleaning the rocks from the newly seeded area of the church property. Special thanks to Mr. David Miller who provided the truck and tools. At the afternoon's end the truck was loaded to capacity, the new lawn looked fine, and the Redskins had beaten the New York Giants! It was a great afternoon.

FAMILY NIGHT DINNER TO BE RESCHEDULED

The family night dinner originally scheduled for November has been postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date. Watch Steeple To People for particulars.

GAITHERSBURG-POTOMAC PULPIT EXCHANGE

The Rev. Jey Deifell of the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church and Mr. Blice will exchange pulpits on Sunday, November 4, at the two morning worship services of both churches. The sermon theme for both men will be on the mission of the local church. The exchange was initiated at the request of Mr. Deifell and the Gaithersburg Session as a part of a tradition there to have at least one guest minister during their stewardship emphasis month. Mr. Blice and the Potomac Session were happy to accept the invitation and view the exchange as a way for the two churches to establish a closer relationship.

LEW AND ALICE SMITH TO HEAD BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The Potomac United Presbyterian Church will celebrate its tenth anniversary on December 15, 1973. Lew and Alice Smith have been asked by the Session to chair the Anniversary Committee and have already begun their planning for the event. Coming right in the midst of Advent, the birthday celebration is sure to be one of the highlights of our congregational life in 1973. Be sure to watch the November Steeple To People announcements of what is to happen and when.

SESSION COMMITTEES

The Church Education Committees of Saint Marks United Presbyterian Church and the Potomac United Presbyterian Church will meet together at the Potomac Church on Monday evening, November 5, at 8:00 p.m. The Committees on Stewardship, Congregational Life, Trustees and Church and Community will meet at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 6.

SESSION PLANNING CONFERENCE

The Session and ruling elders-elect will meet at the church from 9:00~a.m.-2:00~p.m. on Saturday, November 10, to review and evaluate its work during 1973. In addition, the Session will consider the need to update the job descriptions of its several committees.

SPECIAL REFORMATION SUNDAY SERVICE PLANNED

Sunday, October 28, is Reformation Sunday. A special service has been planned for the eleven o'clock worship hour by the October Worship Planning Group - Wilma Boddiger, Jackie Evans, Jack Fraley and Randy Dunnavant. The order of worship will be identical to the order used by John Calvin in Geneva, Switzerland, in the 1750's. The prayers, litanies and responses have been selected from among those used by such well-known men of the Reformation era as Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli and Martin Bueer. Come, learn, feel the heritage of worship which belongs to all of us and on which we still rely for guidance in an ever-reforming church.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

For children in first and second grade Tuesday, October 30, 4:00 p.m.

All children in grades 1 & 2 of both sections of the Church School are invited.

SPECIAL TO NINTH - TWELFTH GRADERS

Deer Valley Camp has been secured for the Ski-Study Retreat March 1-3, 1974. Reserve the dates now. Lots more on the retreat later.

KARMA HOUSE, INC.

Karma House, Inc. is a non-profit organization of private citizens who, through their elected governing board, seek to provide help for troubled families in Montgomery County. It was initiated in September, 1971, when clergymen and laity of 16 county churches came together to support the concept of developing solutions to major family problems. Additional planners and endorsers came from medical and legal societies, elective offices, community clinics and counseling centers.

Karma Academy opened in August, 1972. It occupies a large house on a private five-acre tract in Rockville, and its program includes school, work and vocational training, according to individual needs. A variety of recreational and learning activities include gardening, softball and outside expeditions. Residents of the academy are responsible for the general upkeep of the premises, individual care of bed and laundry and specific work details. In the past year 13 boys have been in residence. They and their families have undergone intensive therapy. In this way, over 70 people have participated in the program. Three of the original residents have moved to out-patient status and have been accepted by area colleges.

A second Karma Academy soon will be opening for girls. Karma House, Inc. also is planning a preventative program which will explore ways of helping families achieve awareness before their relationships reach a crisis point. The emphasis in all Karma House programs is on the family and the effect of individual relationships within the family unit. The goal is to offer a comprehensive total program of alternatives to drug abuse.

Potomac United Presbyterian Church is among the sponsoring member churches. In addition, numerous individuals have donated time and money which are essential for the operation of the non-profit organization. If you would like to participate, annual dues are \$5 for individuals and \$25 for organizations and are tax-deductible. Checks should be sent to Karma House, Inc., 10701 Old Georgetown Road, Rockville, Md. 20852.

UPCOMING CHURCH-COMMUNITY EVENTS

Saturday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Harvest Festival for the Benefit of Christ Church Child Center; Old Georgetown and Glenbrook Road, Bethesda. Arts, crafts, knitting and bakery items for sale; Luncheon served.

Tuesday, November 6, 11:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m, and Wednesday, November 7; Thursday, November 8, 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Second Annual Benefit Antiques Show and Sale spondored by the women of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 30 dealers from Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virgini and the District of Columbia. Also bake sale and boutique of hand-crafted items. Admission \$1.50: luncheon \$2.00, including homemade dessert. 3601 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda.

CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER

The correct number for Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kauer is 340-9024. Please make this correction in your recent update.

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COME, CELEBRATE OUR TENTH ANNIVERSARY!

A joyous celebration will commemorate the church's tenth anniversary the weekend of December 14-16. Activities planned by Alice and Lew Smith and the Birthday Committee include:

Friday, December 14, 8 p.m. Birthday Reception. Dessert and a nostalgic program of music and humor with Helen and Jim Leitch as special guests.

Sunday, December 16, 8 a.m. Birthday Breakfast sponsored by the Senior High Group.

10:30 a.m. Anniversary Worship Service. Jim Leitch. 7 p.m. Advent Carol Service.

The Anniversary Committee is requesting that all member families of the congregation send a family snapshot for the Card and Picture Tree, made by Bob and Ginny Fredlund and now set up in the Fellowship Room. It is the committee's hope that the tree will be fully covered with pictures of all our present and past members. Please send yours today to Bob Fredlund, 12313 Espalier Place, Potomac 20854. Also requested are birthday cards telling us what you and your family have been doing and birthday gifts to the tenth anniversary fund in multiples of ten (nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars).

Please let Lew and Alice Smith know by December 5 how many from your family will attend the Anniversary Reception on December 14. Call the Smiths, 469-8379, after 4:30 on weekdays or drop them a note at 8408 Fenway Road, Bethesda, 20034. The committee reports that several former members who have moved are planning to be back for the celebration.

ANNIVERSARY BREAKFAST

The Senior High Fellowship will sponsor the Fellowship Breakfast in the Fellowship Room on Sunday morning, December 16, beginning at 8 a.m. There will be lots of coffee, lots of food and lots of time for visiting and conversation. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used by the senior highs to strengthen the Youth Retreat Fund. All members and friends of the church are invited.

JIM AND HELEN LEITCH TO SHARE IN CELEBRATION

The organizing pastor of our church, the Reverend James K Leitch, and his wife, Helen, are coming to Potomac from Florida for the anniversary events. Jim will preach at the single worship service Sunday morning, December 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Although officially retired, Jim has continued to serve the Church in the same dynamic way that always marked his ministry. After leaving Potomac in the spring of 1967, Jim was called to be the interim pastor of the Fox Chapel United Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. Then, after some time for travel, he and Helen moved to Florida, where once again his unique talents have been called into service. For the past year he has been a member of the West Florida Presbytery's special three-man committee of "bright and tough 'retired' church executives" investigating and resolving the crisis into which the Presbytery was plunged by previous financial mismanagement. Often working 10- and 12-hour days, Jim and his fellow committeemen have led the Presbytery in working through a period of despair and have earned the commendation of the area's congregations.

SERVICE OF CAROLS

The King David Choir, the Seventens Choir and the Sanctuary Choir will all participate in the Service of Carols at 7 p.m. on Anniversary Sunday. The three choirs, all under the direction of Diane Whittaker, have been preparing for this service for several months and, as always, their leadership in our singing the music of Christmas will make for a truly glorious event. In addition to the music of the choirs the congregation will be singing many favorite and traditional carols of this Holy Season.

A new and very special part of the service this year will be a children's play written by Kathy Willcoxon for this event and performed by children of the Church School.

PRESBYTERY MODERATOR TO BRING GREETINGS

Mrs. Jane Shaw, Moderator of the National Capital Union Presbytery, will participate in the 10:30 a.m. Anniversary Service and bring greetings from the Presbytery. Mrs. Shaw was elected to the position of moderator in December, 1972, and began her official duties in January of this year. Her personal graciousness and deep commitment to the work of the Church has erabled the Presbytery to move forward in many new areas of mission during her moderatorial year. Our church will be honored to have Mrs. Shaw worship with us on this very special day. It is expected that the Reverend Edward A. White, Presbytery Executive, will also participate in the Anniversary Service.

MEMBERS OF SEVENS UP TO BE ADVENT READERS AND ACOLYTES

Under the leadership of Ed Totah a number of young people have been very busily at work in the choir room every Sunday morning from 9:40 to 10:30 preparing for the Advent Season. The SevensUp group has designed and constructed a new large wreath for the narthex and is providing leadership for the Advent Services. Readers and acolytes for the services will be:

December 2 Joel Blice, John Braskamp
December 9 Nathan Blice, Tom Meakam
December 16 Dennis McMahon, Philip Totah
December 23 Debbie Woodcock, Gail Hutchison

SEVENTENS TO CAROL AT PRESBYTERIAN HOME

All thirty-five strong, the Seventeners will visit the residents of the Presbyterian Home on Military Road on Thursday evening, December 20, to share a Carol Service. Diane Whittaker will accompany and direct the young people in their ministry of music that evening. The Seventeners will leave the church after dinner and return by 8:30 p.m. Transportation to and from the home is needed. Please call the church office if you can help.

CHRISTMAS EVE AT THE POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Identical candlelight services will be offered at 7:30 and 11:00 p.m. on December 24. The Christmas Eve offering has been designated for ministry to retired Presbyterian ministers and missionaries. Special offering envelopes will be available in the pews.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The sanctuary will be open from 10:00 to 12:30 p.m. for all church members, their families and guests to come, to meditate and to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. With quiet sacred music in the background Mr. Blice and several of the ruling elders will be continually present at the Lord's Table to serve the Sacrament as requested by those who wish to begin the new year in the spirit of worship.

POINSETTIA ORDERS BEING TAKEN

The sign-up sheet for Christmas poinsettia plants is now available in the narthex. The plants - three plants to a pot - are \$5.00 and may be taken home after the Christmas Eve candlelight service.

Also the Flower Committee will welcome assistance in decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday morning, December 15, from 10 to 12 o'clock.

PLEDGE PAY-UP

The stewardship commitment of all of our church member families determines the stewardship commitment of our church as a family of believers in Potomac. Will we meet our 1973 mission goal? Will we meet the financial obligations our 1973 Program Budget requires? Five more Sundays remain in the year. We will do all we planned to do if every member's pledge is paid in full by December 30.

MEINKES TO MOVE TO MICHIGAN

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Meinke will move to Ann Arbor, Michigan, in the very near future where Wayne will do research in the field of fusion energy for a private industrial firm. The Meinkes have been long-standing members of the Potomac Church and have served the church in many capacities. Their children, Sue and David, both National Presbyterian Scholars while at Wooster College, were most active in the youth programs of the church prior to their college years. Ann Arbor is not a new place to be for the Meinkes. Prior to coming to the Washington area ten years ago, Wayne served on the faculty at Michigan State.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, - CLOTHING DAY

Serviceable children's clothing will be received in the narthex on Sunday, December 2, for the "Clothing for Kids" campaign now being conducted for needy school children in the D. C. area. The campaign is being conducted with a view toward establishing a permanent, year-round clothing center, and it will be climaxed by a special television program on channel 7 on December 8 from 10 to 7 o'clock in the first annual "Cloth-A-Thon."

ANNUAL POTOMAC CHRISTMAS TREE SERVICE

The annual Christmas Tree Service and Community Sing will take place this year on Sunday evening, December 23, at 7:30 p.m. on the grassy plot across from the Potomac National Bank on River Road. Toys will be collected at the tree for the WRC doll house, and Santa Claus will be on hand to greet children and receive their gifts.

FLOWERS OF THE BIBLE AT NATIONAL ARBORETUM

The United States National Arboretumwill present an exhibition of "Flowers of the Bible" rendered in the medium of pastel December 4 through December 31, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The exhibit will depict some of the flowering plants referred to in the Scriptures - and used for food, medicinally or spoken of for their sheer beauty and effortless growing - such as the Anemone coronaria or "lily of the field." The Arboretum will be closed on Christmas Day.

RIVER ROAD BIKE TRAIL TO OPEN

Members of the Potomac community are cordially invited by the Potomac Bikeway and Trail Committee to attend the opening of the River Road Bike Trail, December 1, at 10 a.m. The ceremony on the steps of St. Francis Church in the Village will include ribbon-cutting, a bike-in and refreshments.

FIRST WEDNESDAY SERIES AT CHURCH DECEMBER 5

The Reverend Richard Neff, pastor of the Christian Community Church (Presbyterian) in Bowie, Maryland, will be the First Wednesday guest on December 5. He will speak on the subject, "Christianity and ESP," a subject in which he has done extensive research and reading and on which he has recently published a book as part of his doctoral work. All members and friends of the church are invited. The program will begin with dessert at 7:30 p.m.

ADVENT FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Advent is a time of preparation. Advent is one of the best times of the year - and not just for children. It is a time when we can all draw closer together in anticipation and celebration of God's gift to the world - his Son the Christ.

Bring your children, grandparents, grandchildren, friends and visiting relatives to the activities planned for the Advent Season. It could be that this will become a "special" Advent Season for our church. We have a lot to give to each other and much to celebrate Post the attached calendar on your family bulletin board so that you don's miss out on any of the events happening at the church during December.

December 2 ADVENT SUNDAY	9:00 - 9:40 2 9:40 -10:40	The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper Family Advent Celebration. Families are invited to explore the meaning of Advent and make their own Advent Log to be used during the season in their family worship services. There will be no first session of church school during Advent. The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper Church School: Nursery-Sixth Grade
December 9 NATIVITY SUNDAY	9:00 - 9:40 9:40 -10:40 11:00	Worship Service Family Advent Celebration. A dramatic presentation of the Nativity story done with slide and shadow effect Worship Service Church School
December 14	8:00 p.m.	Tenth Anniversary Reception
December 16 ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY	10:30	Breakfast One worship service on this special day. Church School for all children in grades kindergarten, first and second during the worship service.
	7:00 p.m.	Carol Service
December 20		Seventens caroling, Presbyterian Home
December 23 GLORY SUNDAY	9:00 -10:40	Family Advent Celebration. We will gather together in the Sanctuary to explore the history of Christmas carols through drama and then move upstairs to do some creating and old-fashioned caroling of our own Worship Service Chruch School
December 24	7:30 and 11:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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