

STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

POTOMAC
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
POTOMAC, MARYLAND

January 18

1974

ANNUAL MEETING SET FOR JANUARY 21 - 8:00 P.M.

The congregation will convene for its Annual Meeting in the sanctuary at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, January 21. As is customary and/or required at this meeting, the following items of business will be docketed:

- §annual reports of the Standing Committees of Session
- §the report of the Church Treasurer for 1973
- §the Pastor's Report for 1973
- §the reception of the 1974 Program Budget
- §the election of two Church Auditors and the Church Treasurer (one-year terms for both offices)
- §the election of three members of the congregation to the 1974 Representative Nominating Committee
- §and, because of a vacancy on the Session, the election of one ruling elder to fill an unexpired term of two years

The 1973 Representative Nominating Committee will make the following nominations:

- For Ruling Elder - Camille Kendall (Mrs. Clifford)
- For Church Auditors - William Skinner, Robert McMahon
- For Church Treasurer - Patti Bissell (Mrs. Howard)

Nominations for each of the above may be made from the floor, providing the persons nominated have agreed in advance of the meeting to serve if elected.

In addition to these regular items of congregational business the Session will propose the following amendment to the Church Bylaws:

12. There is to be no less than three (3) elders. The number of elders shall be determined by the congregation at the Special Congregational Meeting held in the month of October for the purpose of electing ruling elders. The term of elder shall be for three (3) consecutive years. One-third of the elders shall be elected in any year. In the event the number of elders shall be increased, the terms of such elders shall be so established as to permit election of one-third of all elders in each year. Commencing with elders elected after September, 1974, no elder shall serve on the Session for more than one (1) term of three (3) consecutive years. Elders elected prior to September, 1974, shall be eligible for election to two (2) consecutive terms,

either full or partial, not to exceed in the aggregate six (6) consecutive years. Any elder ineligible for re-election pursuant to the foregoing shall be again eligible for election after one (1) year from the date on which he or she became ineligible for re-election.

At present the Church Bylaws permit the congregation to elect ruling elders for two consecutive three-year terms or an aggregate of six years. After six years, one year must elapse before a ruling elder may be elected again to the Session.

Finally, and new for the congregation this Annual Meeting, three of the Standing Committees of Session will ask the congregation for its feed-back, support and additional recommendations to the committees' Goals and Objectives for 1974. The Church Education Committee, Congregational Life Committee and Trustees Committee developed their goals and objectives for 1974 at their meetings in October and November. They are included in this issue of Steeple To People for your study and comment at the Annual Meeting. (See pages 4, 5 and 6)

SESSION APPOINTMENTS - 1974

Clerk of Session - Ralph Hall
Chairperson, Trustees Committee - William Johnston
Chairperson, Congregational Life
Chairperson, Personnel Committee - Robert Fredlund
Chairperson, Church Education Committee - William Taylor
Chairperson, Stewardship, Mission, Interpretation, Finance -
William Brill
Chairperson, Church and Community - Joan Chase.

The Chairperson of the Congregational Life Committee will be named at the January meeting of the Session.

The former Stewardship and Mission Interpretation Committee has taken on the responsibility of monitoring the whole of the church's financial operation and has thus added finance to its name. It is now known lovingly by the Session as the SMIF Committee.

The February issue of Steeple To People will report the full membership rosters of the Standing Committees of Session.

POTOMAC CHURCHES CONTRIBUTE \$433.88

Gaithersburg HELP and Rockville FISH were the recipients of \$216.84 each from the offering of the Potomac Community Thanksgiving Service - a joint worship service involving the Potomac United Presbyterian, Potomac United Methodist, Our Lady of Mercy and the St. Francis Episcopal churches. Both community agencies are dedicated to service among the poor, the homeless and the sick.

CHURCH FAMILIES ON THE MOVE

The Eugene Sharer family to Thousand Oaks, California, February
The Keith Springen family to Philadelphia, February
The William Adams family to Indianapolis, February

May God bless and prosper these friends in their new homes and new communities.

CONFIRMATION GROUP VISITS RESTON UNITED PARISH

Friday, January 4, the eighth-grade confirmation class went to the city of Reston, Virginia, and spoke with the pastor of the United Christian Parish, Douglas Oback. Reston is a planned city such as Columbia. There are about 23,000 people living in Reston. The city was carefully planned to fit everyone's needs.

There are five denominations in Reston, and if you belong to the Presbyterian Church, you also belong to the Methodist or any of the other churches. Among the denominations there is one budget, one staff and one parish board so there is no competing and everyone works together. Another important thing to bring up is that there is co-pastorship, meaning that there are two pastors who are equal, and one is not more important than the other.

Reston is an interesting place to visit, and maybe in the near future there will be more cities like it.

Leanne Monroe

THANK YOU, DECORATORS

The sanctuary of our church always looks beautiful at Christmas. In behalf of the congregation Steeple To People wishes to thank the following church members for making it so for Advent and Christmas, 1973: Jackie Evans, chairperson of the Decorating Committee, Harry Evans, Win and Carolyn Follansbee, Bill and Marion Hutchison, Bill and Jane Taylor, Bob and Gloria Presley, Jan Malone, Ginny Savage, Peggy Hawley and Alice Smith.

Special thanks are extended to Ed Totah and the following young people of the Seven-Ups group for construction of the chancel wreath: Phil and Tom Totah, Joel Blice, Tom Meakem, Jeff Skinner, Debbie Woodcock and Anne Willetts.

As at previous Christmas services colored photographs were taken to provide a permanent record of the decorative design of the sanctuary. Thank you, Bob Fredlund, for serving as the official photographer.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DATES

Sunday, January 20, 8:00 p.m. National Presbyterian Church. Service of Intercession and Holy Communion on the eve of the reconvening of Congress. Traditional annual service with invitations extended to men and women in government service. Moderator Clinton M. Marsh will be the Presiding Minister.

Sunday, February 3, 4:00 p.m. Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. Marian Holbrook, soprano, with Frank Conlon, piano, in recital. Program includes Purcell, Ravel, Handel, Mozart and Rorem. Admission free.

Sunday, February 3, 2:30 p.m. First Congregational Church, 10th & G Streets, N.W. D. C. General Hospital Protestant Chaplain's Commission presents The Rhythmic Choir. Donations: \$5.00; proceeds to the Hospital Chaplain's Fund. Refreshments included.

Thursdays, February 7 thru March 7, 8:00 p.m. Educational Services Center Auditorium, Rockville. Series of films on Behavior Modification sponsored by Mental Health Association. See church bulletin board for more information.

Goals and Objectives for 1974
Christian Education Committee of the Session
Potomac United Presbyterian Church

GOALS

1. Still more effective program for grades one through six of the Church School.
2. Provide an opportunity for a daytime women's program as a part of a continuing effort to create small, active groups in the church.
3. Continue expanded opportunity for family participation in educational activity.

OBJECTIVES

1. Attempt to avoid teachers being expected to bear sole responsibility for a class for an entire year. Each should have someone to share the burden to the end of seeking to reduce the commitment required of individuals who agree to participate.
2. Increase extra-curricular activities for grades one through six.
3. Plan introduction of sixth graders to the Seventens Program and ninth graders to the Senior High Program toward the end of the school year.
4. Increase communication with the parents of the children and the congregation at large, informing them of the content of our Education Program and its accomplishments throughout the year.

W. J. Taylor, Chairman
Christian Education Committee

Goals and Objectives for 1974
Congregational Life Committee of the Session
Potomac United Presbyterian Church

GOALS

1. Increase and strengthen the membership of the church.
2. Develop and expand the fellowship of the church.
3. Vitalize and enrich the worship life of the church.
4. Devote special effort toward exploring activities and programs designed to reach and attract all families and members of the church to assure that none feel less than welcome, loved, and wanted.

(a) frequently "sound out" the present and "absent" congregation to hear and understand, and then respond to their needs.

(b) design worship forms, fellowship, and other activities and programs to appeal to as well as satisfy existing and develop new attitudes for spiritual growth and enrichment of all age and other interest groups so as to gather and continue to gather the entire congregation together.

OBJECTIVES

1. Set up a group of volunteers to greet visitors on Sunday, to make assigned house calls, and to sponsor new members.
2. Involve new members in church life by seeking to identify their interests and service desires and have a positive follow up on same.
3. Develop an informative brochure on the church.
4. Sponsor a unique Potomac Church activity involving the community, e.g., a Strawberry Festival.
5. Develop a positive means for following up on absent members
6. Several family fellowship dinners.
7. Seek to organize special women's and men's groups.
8. Prepare a special congregational worship book.
9. Continue/expand the worship planning group
10. Expand the sanctuary choir membership.

R. R. Fredlund, Chairman
Congregational Life Committee

Goals and Objectives for 1974
Trustees Committee of the Session
Potomac United Presbyterian Church

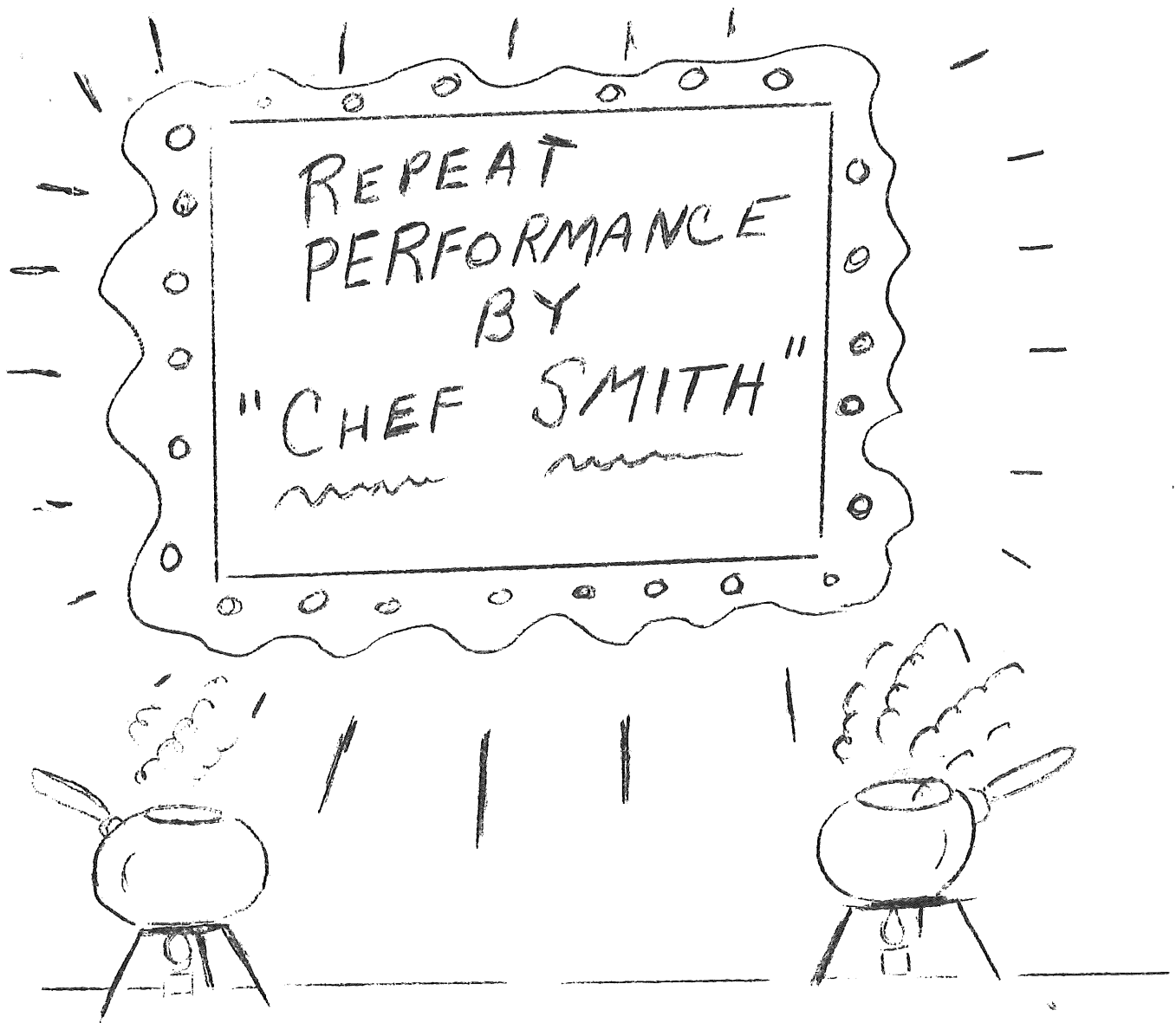
GOALS

1. Restore the church and manse to an acceptable level of repair.
2. Reduce operating expenses of church.
3. Plan and initiate steps to improve and beautify the new east lawn.
4. Provide additional storage space for supplies.

OBJECTIVES

1. Repaint exterior of manse.
2. Repair driveway of manse.
3. Repair leak in steeple.
4. Repair loose plaster in sanctuary ceiling.
5. Paint outside trim of church.
6. Install time clocks on furnaces and air conditioners.
7. Expand congregational participation in maintenance of church and grounds.
8. Layout and gravel additional parking area.
9. Plant shrubs and trees in accordance with a landscaping plan.
10. Add at least 100 square feet of indoor storage area.
11. Clean out furnace room of possible combustibles.

W. A. Johnston, Jr.
Chairman, Trustees Committee



* COUPLES CLUB FONDUE PARTY

* Friday, Jan. 25, — 7:30

* At the home of: Alice & Lew Smith
8408 Fenway Road
(Carderock Springs)

* Entertainment \mathcal{E}

* \$10.00 per couple

* R.S.V.P. to Virginia Fredlund (762-8686) by Mon., Jan. 21

* NOTE: This is a "sit-down" dinner -- you must have a reservation.

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PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST AND FAMILY CELEBRATION

The Senior Highs are planning another of their fabulous breakfasts for Palm Sunday morning from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. The menu has been planned and it is another winner. Plan to come and bring the family. Proceeds will go to the Senior High Retreat Fund.

The breakfast will be followed by a family celebration at 9:15 a.m. which will include a dramatic presentation by the third through sixth graders on the events of Holy Week. These children have been engaged in a unit of study on Holy Week during Lent as well as making preparations for this special production. Every child will participate - and you won't want to miss this very special event.

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER TO BE CELEBRATED APRIL 11TH

The congregation will gather in the Fellowship Room at 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday, April 11, to celebrate the Passover Seder and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Dick and Jean Blice will host the Passover Seder and be assisted by Ethel Roseman. For Potomac Presbyterians the linking of the Last Supper with the Passover Seder will be a new Holy Week worship experience. Yet the two are intimately related. Such concepts as the Lamb of God and the bread and wine of Communion origina-

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ted in the Passover ritual. Passover is of special interest since it provides the historical background for the great Christian festival of Easter.

The religious meal will be served at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. All church member families and friends of the church are invited to attend. Please use the card enclosed with Steeple To People to make your reservations. Cards should be returned to the church office by April 3.

COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN

A very unique Good Friday Community Service is being planned by representatives of the three Protestant churches in Potomac and their pastors. Based on the theme "Reflections at the Foot of the Cross," the service will allow all worshippers to confront the Cross of Christ and its meaning in a most dramatic way. Cathy Willcoxon and Bill Skinner are assisting in the planning and will participate as representatives from Potomac United Presbyterian. The service is scheduled for 8:00 p.m. Friday, April 12, at Potomac United Presbyterian Church.

EASTER SERVICES

Identical Easter morning services are scheduled for 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday, April 14. Come celebrate again the good news that "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!"

CHANGE IN CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER

On Palm Sunday, April 7, there will be no church school or lay education at the 9:40 hour. The Palm Sunday breakfast and celebration will replace the 9:00 a.m. worship service and the classes usually scheduled for 9:40. During the 11:00 a.m. service there will be church school for grades kindergarten through second grades only.

There will be no church school on Easter Sunday. Instead there will be two identical worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. for the entire family.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

Recognizing that there is a need among many of our members to involve themselves in local mission, the Session has created the Church and Community Committee to look into areas of social action. The committee has met formally twice this year and has attempted to establish some working goals for itself. The first is to identify those areas in the community where there is a genuine need not being met by other social service agencies and, secondly, to define a limited number of project areas upon which we can concentrate as a church.

The committee constantly receives appeals for help from already established agencies and our only recourse is to pass them on to the congregation via the bulletin board (located in the hall outside the Fellowship Room) or by announcement in the church bulletin. Look for the announcements, and if you feel you can answer any of these appeals, please contact a member of the committee - Ralph Hall, Noel Kroncke, Bob MacMahon, Margaret McIntyre, Nancy Monroe, Nancy Edwards, Tom

Meakem or Joan Chase - just so that we have some idea of what our members are doing individually.

We are looking forward, too, to the last Sunday in April and the first three Sundays in May when the Lay Education Planning Committee has asked us to provide speakers for a series on social issues. Plans are being made with the Montgomery County Commission on Aging, the Montgomery County Community Ministry, the organization called For Love Of Children (FLOC) and a group dedicated to trying to solve the problems of child abuse. Plan to join with us on those Sunday mornings.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

ONE...because we are one in Christ; GREAT...because He expects much of those who believe; HOUR...because we and Protestants everywhere are participating together; OF SHARING...because we have money, and we love our brothers and sisters who have less.

Each year we participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing to provide the means for United Presbyterians to support the work of the Church in the world. Dollars given in this annual program are used for World Relief, Emergency Service and Self-Development of People.

World Relief: The Child Abandonment Program, pioneered by Vietnam Christian Service, is the only one of its kind in Vietnam.

Emergency Service: At Wounded Knee over 300 persons were forced to leave as a result of the occupation by the American Indian Movement. The National Council of Churches, through Church World Service and the South Dakota Association of Christian Churches, was able to provide assistance.

Self-Development: Black farmers in Alabama were assisted in building homes as part of a housing project. In Salem, New Jersey, a day care center was established for working mothers and to care for retarded children.

In 1973 Potomac United Presbyterians gave \$945.62 to the One Great Hour of Sharing. Funds distributed from the 1972 receipts permitted us to assist with the various floods caused by hurricane Agnes in the United States - \$651,368 in Pennsylvania, for example; we gave \$730,591 for Bangladesh relief and \$331,246 to support ministries to U. S. Military personnel. These funds also supported Synod and Presbytery projects here at home in the amount of \$34,370.

Our session has set a goal of \$1,500 for this year's One Great Hour of Sharing. Review your 1973 contribution and consider how you can make a difference in the lives of others. Gifts will be received on Palm Sunday.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The following families were received into membership in Potomac United Presbyterian Church on March 3:

Mr. and Mrs. William L. Lincoln (Ruth) 9008 Wooden Bridge Road, Potomac 20854	340-0760
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Chaffee (Diane) 9712 Brinfield Court, Potomac 20854	299-2469

CHURCH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

First and second graders have begun their study of the life of Jesus. They have been preparing for Easter by practicing some of the hymns we will be singing in church during this season so that they can join in with the congregation. Parents will soon be invited to a multi-media display of some of the things the children have been doing for the last two units.

Our biggest excitement this month has been built around our production on Palm Sunday. Each of the four classes in grades three through six which are all studying the events of Holy Week has selected one day to portray dramatically. Our "Journey Through Holy Week" will begin with Winnie Brill's class portraying Palm Sunday. Gladys Totah's class will follow with a portrayal of Jesus in the Temple. Gloria Pressley's class will depict the Last Supper, and Carolyn Meakem's class will dramatize Good Friday. All of the classes will join together in a joyous celebration of Easter Sunday. Everyone is using a different technique, but we all agree that this is an exciting learning experience. A great deal of preparation has gone into the study of this unit so that the children will better understand why the church remembers and observes these last days in the life of Jesus.

TRUMAN NABORS TO VISIT SEVENTENS

The Reverend Truman Nabors, Resident Director of Camp Glenkirk in Gainesville, Virginia, will be the guest of the Seventens on Thursday, March 28. Mr. Nabors will describe the summer program offered at the camp and show slides of the site. He will join the young people for dinner on the 28th and tell the camp's story immediately after. Glenkirk is owned and operated by National Capital Union Presbytery. Camp programs are offered for children and youth beginning at the fourth grade level. Parents and children other than Seventeners are invited to come on March 28th to learn about the summer camping program. Please be in the Fellowship Room by 6:00 p.m.

REHEARSALS FOR "COOL IN THE FURNACE" ARE UNDERWAY

The Seventens production of the story of Daniel entitled "Cool In the Furnace" is scheduled for Sunday evening, June 9. Rehearsals have begun and will continue every Thursday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. All seventh-tenth graders are urged to remind themselves to "get me to the church on time" on Thursdays. Senior high youth are also invited to participate in the rehearsals and performance. It's going to be the best yet!

SENIOR HIGHS

This month the Senior Highs have been involved in some very exciting activities. The month was launched by a ninth through twelfth grade retreat on March 1-3, the theme of which was "I'm OK - You're OK." Through "transactions" and "transactional analysis" they examined the Parent, Adult and Child ego states and how these relate to communication. On Saturday, March 9, four of the senior high (Craig Kendall, Nancy Edwards, Gen Howe and John Carroll) and one adult (Bill Hutchison) participated in a cleanup at the Girl's Karma House in Rockville. Tasks ranged from scrubbing walls to scouring bathrooms. The Senior Highs are planning another sensational breakfast for Palm Sunday, April 7, from 8:00 to 9:15 a.m. They have also begun a series of Sunday night seminars with Dave Smith.

Session Committees will meet at
8:00 p.m., Monday, April 1

Church Education
Congregational Life
Trustees
Church and Community
Stewardship-Interpretation
and Finance

All members urged to be present.
Please call chairman if need to
be absent.

WOMEN'S GROUP TO MEET AT CHURCH TUESDAY, APRIL 23

The organizational meeting of the reactivated Women's Group will be held at the church on Tuesday, April 23. All women of the church are urged to participate in all or part of the day's activities which will include: 10:00 a.m., coffee and fellowship; 10:30, inspirational talk by Mrs. John Whitnah followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; 11:45-12:45, brunch followed by a brief business meeting; 12:45-1:45, craft workshop. Baby sitting will be provided throughout the day. If you have any questions, call Carolyn Meakem, 299-3131.

SPRING HOUSECLEANING? CONSIDER INNISFREE VILLAGE

Innisfree Village for the adult handicapped located near Charlottesville, Virginia, was started by Heinz Kramp, formerly from Potomac, and now has an urgent need for good furniture, household goods, kitchen ware, linens, etc., for their new house. If you have any items you can contribute, call Mavis Fowler, 299-6728, or Barbara Patterson, 469-6129.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES DATES

Sunday, March 24, 7:30 p.m., Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main Street, Fairfax, Virginia. Mozart Concert featuring Kathleen Hedlund, soprano, Betty Davis, contralto, David Whitestone, tenor, John Cheek, bass, the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, Robert E. McCord, conductor. No admission charge.

Easter Sunday, Sugar Loaf Mountain Annual Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m. Followed by breakfast at the Dickerson Methodist Church, Route #28, Dickerson, Maryland. (In case of bad weather, service will be held at the church.)



COUPLES CLUB HAWAIIAN LUAU

*A delicious Polynesian Buffet-Dinner prepared by our own talented chefs!

*April 19, --- 7:30 p.m.

*\$3.50 per person

* Entertainment!

*Dress -- Hawaiian, or something colorful and comfortable!

*Contact Winnie Brill 424-1268 or June Cook 762-2579 by Tuesday, April 16,

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SESSION VOTES TO JOIN COMMUNITY MINISTRY: PROGRAM PLANNED FOR MAY 12

The Community Ministry of Montgomery County is an organization of Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches, the Council of Churches of Greater Washington and Church Women United. It is dedicated "...to involving congregations and church people in the public affairs of Montgomery County so that the community in which we live and minister might reflect some of the convictions and truths of our religious traditions."

Organizationally, the Community Ministry is headed by a Community Minister (the Reverend Lincoln Dring), a Council (three commissioners from each member church) and task forces composed of commissioners and volunteers who research issues and take action when such action is needed. Among the issues with which MCCM has been involved are: support of fair employment practices legislation; support of tax and rent relief for the elderly; providing visits and Bible study in nursing homes; studying the problem of child abuse with recommendations for churches; recommending ways to improve the sense of community in the county.

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On the recommendation of our Church and Community Committee, the Session voted to join Community Ministry, to invite Rev. Dring to speak at both Lay Education and the 11 o'clock service on May 12, and, at that time, to take a special offering which will constitute our church's monetary contribution to the work of the Ministry.

You are urged to come and hear Rev. Dring. This is a commitment to social service in which all members of our church can participate along with other congregations of our area.

SHIRLEY COLL NAMED ASSOCIATE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

At its meeting on April 8th the Session appointed Shirley Coll to become the Associate in Christian Education of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church effective June 1. Associate in Christian Education is a title the session of a local church may confer upon a man or woman who has completed at least one year of seminary training and who is working in the field of Christian education at the parish level.

Shirley will complete her first year of study at Wesley Theological Seminary in June where she is pursuing the Master's Degree in Religious Education. Earlier this year she was taken under care of the National Capital Union Presbytery as a candidate for the office of Commissioned Church Worker. She has served the Potomac United Presbyterian Church as its Church School Superintendent since June, 1971.

As Associate in Christian Education Shirley will take on additional responsibilities in the planning of the church's ministry of education from the pre-school through the adult levels, provide for teacher training and support, and serve as a consultant to the Church School faculty in curriculum development and interpretation.

Shirley's successor as Church School Superintendent will be announced by the Session later this spring.

1974 HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING EXCEEDS 1973

Bill Skinner, chairperson of Mission Interpretation for the Stewardship Mission Interpretation and Finance Committee of the Session, reports that \$1,097.21 was received in the 1974 One Great Hour of Sharing special Lenten offering. Although the amount fell short of the Session's established goal of \$1,500, it does exceed the 1973 offering by \$151.59. The Session commends the congregation for its support of this special appeal, the funds from which are used for relief of human suffering and self-development of people.

9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE TERMINATED

Effective Sunday morning, April 21, the Session terminated the 9:00 a.m. Worship Service. The remaining portion of the Sunday morning schedule remains the same with the Lay Education Program and the first section of the Church School scheduled at 9:40 a.m., worship and section two of the Church School at 11:00 a.m.

GRADUATING SENIORS TO BE HONORED MAY 5TH

The congregation will honor its graduating high school seniors at the morning worship service on Sunday, May 5. The service this year is being planned by the members of the Senior High Fellowship with Mr. Blice serving as their resource person. Following the service the Congregational Life Committee of Session will hold a reception for the graduates in the Fellowship Room. All members and friends of the church are invited.

Church records indicate the following young people to be members of the Class of 1974: Laurel Brain, Kiki Brown, Bob Coffman, Carole Cookerly, Jeanne Follansbee, ~~Sandy Fowler~~, Joan Fraley, Patricia Guffey, Richard Harris, Sherry Hoge, Carrie Howe, Craig Kendall, Mary Killion, Alisa Marble, Duncan McIntyre, Douglas McDaniel, David Savage and Cynthia Sidey. If there are additions or corrections to this list please phone the church office.

Susan Willcott

CHURCH WOMEN MEET

The Women of the church met Tuesday, April 23, for a day of togetherness. The program committee, Jody Braskamp, Nancy Monroe and Jean Hartman, planned the day, including a very moving time of Christian witness during which several ladies from the Bethesda area shared with us the significance of the Holy Spirit in their lives. We joined together in Holy Communion and felt that our faith was truly enriched.

Estelle Woodcock had organized a most enjoyable lunch after which we discussed briefly the many needs of the church. All women are urged to join in: covering the church telephone when Mr. Blice is out of the office; helping reorganize and clean the kitchen; visiting prospective and new members, the sick and lonely; serving on an emergency telephone committee to reach out to people in times of crisis; taking part in Bible study and prayer groups; sewing for hospitals and orphanages; and helping Kathy Willcoxon maintain the church plant beds. If you can assist in any of these efforts, call Kathy at 299-4464.

After the brief meeting we were led in a demonstration of plant sand art and discussion of the needs of healthy house plants. Also the committee had a book table with many books of prayer, devotion, personal growth and information available for sale. Women were encouraged to attend for all or any part of the day, which lasted from 10:15 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21. Set aside the date and watch for posters or the Sunday bulletin with details of the program and come to as much as you can. The telephone committee enjoyed talking with some new friends last month and will be phoning again with times of the various May program segments. Please pass on comments or suggestions.

Gladys Totah is investigating Bible study materials and would appreciate help. Call her at 762-1710. Marion Hutcheson, 299-4823, Dee Chaffee and Marilyn Hoge need help with the kitchen reorganization.

...Carolyn Meakem

SUMMER REGISTRATION - CAMP GLENKIRK

Warm weather is here, and thoughts of how to spend the summer economically and educationally are becoming more and more frequent. One idea is Camp Glenkirk, which is owned and operated by the National Capital Union Presbytery and is accredited by the American Camping Association. The camp consists of 169 acres and is located southwest of Washington at Gainesville, Virginia. The program offered to resident campers includes:

- * a time to pause and take stock in the meaning of one's life
- * an opportunity to discover and live the Christian life style
- * the possibility of knowing more fully the dignity of being human
- * a small group experience where Christian community is to be lived
- * an opportunity to discover new dimensions in God's purpose
- * discovery, fun, adventure, excitement of the outdoors
- * celebration of life

Some of the possible activities are swimming, hiking, canoeing, fishing, cooking out, sleeping out in tree houses, campfires, crafts, softball, volleyball, talk-it-over worship times.

For more information and details of registration, contact any Christian Education committeemember or Bill Hutchison at 299-4823.

SUMMER CAMP STAFF

Hope Valley Camp, operated by the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, is contacting high school graduates and college-age youth to serve as camp staff for June 16 through August 23, including a ten-day training period. Salary is \$350 for the summer, plus room and board, with a five-day week and weekends off. The Council is also seeking groups and individuals willing to underwrite the salary of a counselor or staff person. For more information, call the Council office, 638-1077.

MR. BLICE CONCLUDES TWO YEARS OF STUDY WITH INSTITUTE

Having completed two years of study and fulfilled all of his clinical assignments, Mr. Blice was awarded his certificate by the Institute of Pastoral Psychotherapy of the Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Greater Washington on March 25, 1974. The Institute is one of few in the United States that provides continuing education for parish ministers at a post-seminary graduate level. Mr. Blice believes his work in the Institute has informed the whole scope of his work as a parish minister as well as given him some new skills in a very specialized area of Christian ministry.

HELP WANTED - HANDY CARPENTER

We are in need of a platform for dramatic performances at the church to cover the raised area in front of the sanctuary...and are hopeful that there is someone in the congregation who would be willing to help in such a venture. Volunteers call Shirley Coll, 424-7278.

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP TO STUDY HOUSING

In May the Senior Highs will explore the problem of the shortage of low and moderate income housing in the Washington area. On May 5 the speaker will be Michael Sumachrist, economist with the National Association of Homebuilders and a member of our congregation. Gordon Smith will be the speaker on May 12. He is a homebuilder and former member of the Methodist Church group concerned with building housing for the elderly in Maryland. Jerry Hopkins, a Presbyterian minister and Chairman of the Fairfax County Housing and Redevelopment Agency, will conclude the series on May 19.

FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE SYMPOSIUM

A symposium sponsored by the Family Life Committee of the Rockville Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Center will be held on April 29 at 8:00 p.m. at the Fine Arts Auditorium of Montgomery College, Rockville Campus.

"New Styles in Marriage: Models and Disasters," will be discussed by the Rev. Charles Jaekle, S.T.M., with responses by a panel of three members of the sociology department of Montgomery College: Professors Glen Carlson, Arthur Hays and Mariette Wicks.

Mr. Jaekle is a marriage counselor in pastoral psychotherapy. He co-authored Pastoral Care in Historical Perspective and is currently completing a book on marriage. He is editor of Pilgrimage: The Journal of Pastoral Psychotherapy.

The Family Life Committee of the Rockville Counseling Center is composed of representatives from ten area churches of which our church is now one. At its April meeting the Session voted to support the committee in its work to help preserve closeness in family relationships.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS TO CONCLUDE THEIR PREPARATION IN MAY

The nine eighth graders who have been meeting monthly with Mr. Blice since October to prepare for their commissioning/confirmation will complete their work in May. They will be joined by the seventh-grade class for a Confirmation Retreat at Camp Paddy Run near Winchester, Virginia, the weekend of May 10-12. On Monday evening, May 13, the candidates for confirmation will meet with the Session to review their work and to be examined by the Session members. The worship service on Sunday, May 19, has been designated by the Session as the time at which the students will take their confirmation vows. Following the worship service the Congregational Life Committee will host a luncheon for the young people and their parents.

Members of the group this year are Lee Anne Monroe, Matthew Howe, Thomas Meakem, Ann Willetts, Debbie Woodcock, Jean Carroll, Susan Fraley, Jeff Coll and Nancy Stobic. The theme of their study has been "The Church In Mission."

LAY EDUCATION PROGRAM

During May, Lay Education has an exciting program planned on a wide variety of subjects. The group meets at 9:40 Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Room.

April 28. Jean Hartman, a member of our congregation, will speak on the Montgomery County Commission on Aging. Established by the Montgomery County Council in 1967, the commission has as its purpose "to identify and promote better understanding of the problems of the aging and to plan and promote and, where it is found necessary, conduct activities to contribute to their well-being." The commission is composed of some 20 members, with an interest or specialty in housing, health, transportation, employment, income, nutrition, activities and services as they affect this segment of the population. Jean has been a member of the commission since 1970, serving as Employment Chairman. For nine years she has worked as a volunteer for Over 60 Counseling and Employment Service of the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs, Inc., two of these as chairman of its Board of Governors.

May 5. Donald W. Delaney, M.D., Associate Director for Patient Care and Educational Coordination of Children's Hospital, will discuss the topic of child abuse. Dr. Delaney is a professor in the Department of Child Health and Development, George Washington University School of Medicine, and a Fellow in the American Academy of Pediatrics. In addition, he is a member of the Children's Hospital Child Abuse Team. He is the author of an article entitled "The Physically Abused Child," which appeared in the World Medical Journal, and a frequent lecturer on the subject of the battered child. Child abuse is a fast-growing cancer in our society, and Potomac United is fortunate to have an expert in this field to discuss the reasons and results of the problem.

May 12. Rev. Lincoln Dring, Jr., will speak on the Montgomery County Community Ministry (See article, page one). MCCM, on a very small budget, acts as a Board of Christian Social Concern, a vehicle for mutual support and for amplification of the social concerns and efforts of members of the community congregations, as a stimulator and an advocate.

May 19. Mr. Nichols will meet with the group and discuss FLOC - For Love of Children.

May 26. Mrs. John Huddleston will speak on the Baha'1 faith, representing a synthesis of elements of the world's major religions

Watch the church bulletin and next issue of Steeple To People for more details on these programs.

Everyone is welcome to attend and participate in the Lay Education Sunday morning sessions.

CONFIRMATION GROUP AT NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH

On April 5, Mr. Blice and five eighth graders who will be confirmed in May went to the National Institute of Health in Bethesda. There they met Dr. Bob White who is both a doctor and a minister working primarily in the Clinical Center, the central complex of the Bethesda Institute, located on a 300-acre reservation with 50 buildings, 14,000 workers, 2,214 of whom have doctoral degrees.

The experiences related to us by Dr. White dealt mainly with the pastor's role in helping people deal with disease, operations and death. These experiences are sure to be useful in the future, and I am sure that the trip was beneficial in studying about religion and confirmation and that it also could be a significant factor in our later life.

...Tom Meakem

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members who joined the Potomac United Presbyterian Church fellowship on Palm Sunday:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bower (Doris) from the Trinity Presbyterian Church, East Brunswick, N. J.
10309 Logan Drive, Potomac 299-9354

Capt. and Mrs. Richard Thomas (Jean) from the LaDue Chapel (Presbyterian), LaDue, St. Louis, Mo.
8217 Coach Road, Potomac 299-2983

Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeWitt (Carol) and their children, Linda and George, from the Grace United Methodist Church, Wyckoff, N. J.
10317 Logan Drive, Potomac 299-2983

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Sunday, April 28, 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. North Bethesda United Methodist Church, 10100 Old Georgetown Road. Symposium on Alcoholism. Designed for professional therapists, clergy, physicians and interested lay persons. No charge.

Sunday, May 5. Presbyterian Home Day. Open House and Tea at the Home, corner of 31st Street and Military Road, N. W., sponsored by the Womens Board of the Home. 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 4, 12 noon to 6 p.m. Dinner and music program, Community Center, Tobeytown. \$2.00 - choice of pigfeet, chicken or ham and all the trimmings. Benefit of the children's summer camp fund.

The Tobeytown community is also planning a Rummage Sale for the fund and is in need of donations of all kinds of salable items and newspapers. If you have articles to contribute, call 926-1299 to arrange to have them picked up.

SESSION COMMITTEES

May 6 - 8:00 p.m.

Congregational Life, Church Education,
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Stewardship, Mission, Interpretation &
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LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE

Sunday, June 2, Pentecost In The Park. The morning worship service and celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper will be held in one of the regional parks. A congregational picnic lunch and recreation will follow. Watch May Steeple To People for details.

Sunday, June 9. 6:00 p.m. Family Night Dinner and Seventens presentation of 'Cool In The Furnace.'

Sunday, June 16. Begin Summer Schedule. Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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COME TO THE FAMILY NIGHT DINNER AND "COOL IN THE FURNACE"

- Sunday evening, June 16, 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. June 13 is the deadline for reservations.

Following dinner the Seventens will present "Cool In The Furnace," a contemporary cantata about Daniel and his experiences with King Nebuchuezzar in Babylon. It is a great story, and the Seventens tell it in an unforgettable way. Cathy Willcoxon is directing the production of "Cool In The Furnace." Diane Whittaker is the musical director, and the lighting effects are being designed by John Carroll.

"Cool" may well be the best Seventens spring production yet, so plan now to come for dinner! --Come for "Cool"!

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PENTECOST IN THE PARK - SUNDAY, JUNE 2

The Potomac United Presbyterian Church will again be a "church without walls" on Pentecost Sunday, June 2. After such a happy celebration in the park last year, the Session was unanimous in saying, "Let's do it again this year." The park is in Tilden Woods. The time is 11:00 a.m. The celebration is Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian Church. The congregation will celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in a special service designed by the May Worship Planning Group: Noel Kroneke, Marti Allensworth, Betty Heininger and Ann Hazard. A picnic lunch will follow the worship service.

See the map and full-page announcement attached and come - make Pentecost a happy day for you and for everyone else!

FOR PENTECOST COMMUNION
Everyone is requested to
bring his own cup or glass
to be used during the
celebration of the sacrament

CHURCH TO HONOR KING DAVID CHOIR SUNDAY, MAY 26

At the Worship Service on Sunday, May 26, special recognition will be given to the following members of the Kind David Children's Choir: Steve Brill, Carolyn Clark, Cynthia Cook, John Gregg, Susie Hawley, Kristi Kauer, Brooke Kroncke, Tim Meakem, Janet Melleem, Jodi Smith, Shelley Smith, Jeff Taylor, John Totah and Heather Woodcock.

The choir enjoyed an "end-of-the-year" party on Thursday, May 23. Our special thanks go to each one of the faithful and willing voices that have added so much to our Sunday morning worship.

ABOUT HOURS AT THE CHURCH

Normally the church building is open every morning, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 a.m., when the German School begins its morning sessions and remains open until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hart, the church secretary, is in the church office Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Monday is the pastor's day off. He is in his office Tuesday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Members of Women of the Church are at the church office on Monday morning to answer the phone.

The pastor's afternoons are generally spent in counseling or visiting. If you call and the automatic Phone Mate answers, be assured that your call will be returned.

THE CASE OF THE VASE

One white and one green flower vase are missing from the church. If you can trace the vase, or know its present place, please return to the church office. Both vases are needed for June weddings.

SENIOR HIGH NEWS

The Senior Highs have just completed a three-week unit of study on low and moderate income housing. The first week Dr. Michael Sumichrast discussed the broad economic and political factors that influence housing. The second week Gordon Smith discussed his experiences as an active member of the Maryland Methodist group concerned with building low and moderate income housing. Jerry Hopkins concluded the series using a role-playing technique. Senior Highs were assigned roles as typical members of a county council, local builders, citizens groups and potential residents and acted upon a proposal to rezone a piece of land for low and moderate income housing. Many thanks to Dave and Pat Miller who were the coordinators for this interesting and successful unit of study.

Plans are underway for a weekend camping trip to the beach the weekend of June 1. This will be the Senior High Finale for the year. The food, preparations and planning for the weekend are being done by the group itself with Nathan Blice and Nancy Follansbee acting as "Chief Organizers."

SEVENTENS

The Confirmation Retreat has been the highlight of the past month's activities in the Seventens program. Twenty-five 7th and 8th graders and four adult leaders spent Friday through Sunday at Camp Paddy Run in Virginia. This was a service project in the form of a "work" retreat, and all day Saturday was spent in honest labor setting up the camp for the coming season to be used by the Presbytery for retreats and camping activities. Friday night, Saturday night and Sunday morning (very early!) were spent in a study of the confirmation vows. Part of our work associated with this study has been on display in the Fellowship Room. You can't miss it - it's very colorful.

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The church school teachers had their final meeting of the year and a luncheon to celebrate a good year together. Much of our talk at the final luncheon centered on an evaluation of the past year. The teachers felt that it has been a successful year. The special events at Christmas for the young children and the one for the older children on Palm Sunday added something to the spirit of the church school. Attendance has been good for the year, and parents have been supportive of our efforts.

The church school will hold its final session on Sunday, June 9. There will be no church school on Sunday, June 2, when the entire congregation will gather for Pentecost in the Park. Many thanks to all of our teachers in the church school. They have demonstrated their love for children by their commitment, service and performance Sunday after Sunday. We are fortunate to have our children in their hands.

RANDY WILLCOXON ACHIEVES EAGLE RANK IN SCOUTING

At a special ceremony held at the Seven Locks School on Thursday, May 2, Randy Willcoxon was presented scouting's highest award, the Eagle badge. Randy, an eleventh-grade student at Churchill High School, is the son of Sam and Cathy Willcoxon. As part of his work toward earning his Eagle Randy put many hours in at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church where, last summer, he created the terraced garden next to the entrance of the Fellowship Room. Steeple To People salutes you, Randy!

LAY EDUCATION FOR JUNE

May 26. Mrs. John Huddleston will speak on the Baha'i faith, representing a synthesis of elements of the world's major religions.

June 2. Christian Science - what it is and how it is seen by its members. Our speaker will be Dr. Tipp.

June 9. "Psychological Adjustment To College," a 40-minute film that will be of special interest to 11th and 12th graders, college young people, and their parents. Dr. Frederick Coons will talk about the five major developmental tasks encountered by students during their college years, explaining that people redefine both their relationships to others and their environment as they are confronted with radically different value systems. The areas covered include resolving parent-child relationships, establishing a sexual identity, creating a value system, establishing true intimacy outside the family and choosing one's life's work.

[The following letter was sent to the parents of the junior high young people who attended the Human Sexuality and Christian Growth Seminar held at the church in March by The Rev. Rob Burdette, in behalf of the staff. Steeple To People wishes to share it with the participating parents and with the congregation.]

We wish to thank you for letting us into a special area of the life of your church and into the lives of your families. We cherish greatly the friendships we made during that weekend in March.

The combined weekend between Potomac and St. Mark's churches has been one of the high points of our experience in this field. All of you deserve tremendous credit for the commitment you gave to the course, in terms of hours and of yourselves. We recognize that it is not easy to open your family to a stranger and to trust your teenager (or your parents) to one for an entire weekend. We are humbled by the trust you showed in us and hope that it was justified.

It is a strong family that can openly confront its problems, especially in the area of human sexuality. You did admirably well, and your achievement stands as a goal for which others may strive. We hope, however, that you are not content with things as they stand. The weekend was only a beginning, an opening to further growth in family relationships. Again, we thank you for letting us share in your beautiful fellowship. May God's blessing rest on each of you.

Glenn Young, Jane Bibee, Rob Burdette

SESSION COMMITTEES Congregational Life, Church and Community, Church Education, Trustees, SMIF 8:00 p.m., Monday, June 3 Session Meeting 8:00 p.m., Monday, June 10 at Joan Chase's home 9105 Cherbourg Drive
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SANCTUARY CHOIR TO PRESENT CANTATAS JUNE 16

On Sunday, June 16, at the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the Sanctuary Choir will sing two sacred concertos (or cantatas) entitled, "Holy Is The Lord," and "Lord, Thou Knowest All Our Being" by Andreas Hammerschmidt. Andreas Hammerschmidt (1612-1675) was primarily a composer of sacred music and has been credited as the "most popular church composer of his time in Germany." He served most of his life as organist at St. Peter's Church in Freiberg and at St. John's Church in Zittau.

During the age of early Baroque music, it was the custom for Lutheran church musicians to compose a cycle of cantatas to coincide with the liturgical year and other festive occasions. The two cantatas to be sung by the Sanctuary Choir were extracted from Hammerschmidt's liturgical cycle, "Musicalische Gespräche über die Evangelia," which was published in 1655-56. Generally, texts for these compositions were taken from the appropriate Gospel for the day.

The cantata, "Holy Is The Lord," is designated for use on Trinity Sunday but may be used on other suitable occasions. The traditional Sanctus (Isaiah 6:3), which is the optional antiphon for Trinity and the Doxology from Luther's chorale text of Psalm 67 serve as the text for this cantata.

"Lord, Thou Knowest All Our Being," is intended to be sung on Pentecost. Only the first verse for the Gospel of the day is used (John 14:23), but it is combined with another closely related verse (John 21:17) and two psalm verses (Psalm 143:10, 19:12). The two verses from John are sung in dialogue style and suggest a conversation between Christ (the bass voice) and His disciples (the four upper voices). The instruments and voices then unite in a concluding Doxology and Alleluia.

Most of Hammerschmidt's compositions conform to the popular concertato style (contrasting sections) of this musical era, a technique with strong Italian influence. However, Hammerschmidt retains the distinct German character in his music. Historically, Hammerschmidt's cantatas are caught between the development of the motet and the cantata, and his works serve as "one of the significant building stones in the history of the Gospel cantata."

The performance of these cantatas will mark the final Sunday for the Sanctuary Choir before summer vacation begins. The following choir members will participate in this service of worship:

Soprano I - Lucille Ferrara
Jean Follansbee

Tenor - Bill Taylor
Ron Chaffee

Soprano II - Patti Mellem
Nancy Mellem
Barbara Wakeland

Bass - Rush Benson
Don Thompson
Hank Wakeland
Richard Thomas

Alto - Ann Hazard
Dawn Thompson
Lisa Marble
Patti Dunnavant

Flutists - Diana Marble
Bridgette Russell

Organist - Mrs. Joyce Jenkins

This choir deserves highest praise and appreciation for its support and commitment and for its musical and spiritual contributions to the life of the church.

- Diane Whittaker -

CHURCH SOFTBALL TEAM?

Steeple To People has received several inquiries about organizing a church softball team to play on an unscheduled basis with other churches in the area. If you are interested, call Nathan Blice, 299-5349.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

The Women of the Church met Tuesday, May 21. The morning began with coffee and fellowship before we joined together in the sanctuary. There Mrs. Harriet White spoke to us about the meaning and value of prayer in ones life. She was a warm and inspiring speaker, and we are indebted to Nancy Monroe for bringing her to us.

Following luncheon we had a business meeting which produced the following decisions.

1. The next general meeting will be October 8, but small groups will be meeting on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. (or thereafter), starting June 3, to do garden work or cover the phone in the church office, to study the book Our Many Selves, by Elizabeth O'Connor, have coffee, etc. All are invited - with or without green thumbs!

2. Interest groups are forming for Bible Study, flower arranging and growing in the church, and service projects. If you have questions, suggestions or comments to offer, please call Carolyn Meakem, 299-3131, or Kathy Willcoxon, 299-4464.

The steering committee of the group will meet at 10:30 Tuesday morning, June 11, at the church. Members who cannot be present are asked to contact the chairman with evaluations and suggestions.

- Carolyn Meakem -

SAVE YOUR BETTY CROCKER COUPONS

Women of the church are requested to begin collecting Betty Crocker coupons from sugar, cereal, flower, etc. There is a box in the church kitchen where you may leave these coupons from time to time. Many items that can be obtained with these coupons are now needed in the church kitchen, and your help in this project will be greatly appreciated.

NEW BIBLE STUDY GROUP ORGANIZING

Plans are underway for the organization of a new church Bible Study Group. Organizers are contemplating beginning the program with a study of the Book of John - but welcome other suggestions. Please indicate your interest, preference and suggestions by returning the form below to Flo Johnston, 12516 Knightsbridge Court, Potomac.

I am interested in joining the Bible Study Group and prefer meeting on:

___ Sunday mornings ___ Weekday mornings

Suggestions for study: _____

Name _____ Phone _____

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SUMMER GUEST MINISTERS ANNOUNCED BY SESSION

The following ministers from the National Capital Union Presbytery have been invited to the pulpit of our church during Mr. Blice's vacation:

- July 21 The Reverend David V. Voss, Staff Member, Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers of Greater Washington
- July 28 The Reverend Burke E. Dorworth of David S. Clark and Associates, Inc., consultants with churches for low and middle income housing, Arlington, Va.
- August 4 The Reverend David Jamison, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D. C.
- August 11 The Reverend J. Edward Kidder, Pastor Emeritus, Berwyn United Presbyterian Church, College Park, Md.

Members of the session will greet the guest ministers and participate with them in the worship services. The guest ministers come from varied backgrounds and experiences in ministry. We welcome each of them to our pulpit and look forward to their participation with us in worship.

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THE REVEREND WILLIAM BUITENDORP TO BE ON CALL

Mr. Blice has arranged for The Reverend William Buitendorp, Assistant to the Minister at the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, to respond to any emergency calls for pastoral assistance during his vacation. Mr. Buitendorp is a retired minister of the Dutch Reformed Church now working with the Gaithersburg congregation and its minister, The Rev. Jey Deifell. If his services are needed at any time Mr. Buitendorp may be reached at one of the following numbers:

Church office	949-9418
Home	926-2072
Son's residence	972-1551

THANK YOU, COFFEE HOUR HOSTS AND HOSTESSES

A big thank you from all of us to those gracious hosts and hostesses who have manned the coffee pot so far this year: Paul and Jean Hartman, Jane Taylor, Miriam and Frederick Sass, Sam and Kathy Willcoxon Richard and Estelle Woodcock, Tom and Mary Ann Cookerly, John and Mimi Carroll, Dave and Carole Smith, Bob and Joy Garcia, Tom and Carolyn Meakem, George and Wilma Boddiger, Tom and Joan Cole, and John and Mary Fraley. You were great! And thank you, daughter Janis for helping me serve on several Sundays!

We'll "hot the pot" again on September 8, and we hope to see a whole new list of folks serving as hosts and hostesses. I'll be calling you.

Lynn Bigler
Coffee Hour Chairman

BE A FAITHFUL PLEDGOR

The Session urges all members of the congregation to keep their pledges current during the summer months. The traditional summer slump in attendance at worship services can cause grave financial problems in a church with as tight a budget as ours. If you plan to be away and absent from Sunday worship, please use the enclosed envelopes to mail your weekly or monthly pledge. Better yet, prepay your pledge, if possible, for the months of July and August. The monthly mortgage payment, salaries, utilities, lawn services, etc. continue at 10301 River Road even when we're at the beach or the mountains.

DIANE WHITTAKER TO TAKE NEW POSITION

The Session, very regretfully, accepted the resignation of Diane Whittaker as our Director of Music, at its June 24th meeting. On September 1 Diane will join her husband, Charles, on the staff of the Fairfax Methodist Church where Charles has been full-time Director of Music for the past year. As a team Diane and Charles will be responsible for the total ministry of music at the Fairfax Church. In September they will both begin their work toward advanced degrees in sacred music at American University.

The Session has announced a Farewell Reception for Diane to follow the worship service on Diane's last Sunday with this congregation, August 25th. Please reserve the date now.

CHOIR DIRECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Session has appointed Nancy Mellem and Bob Fredlund as co-chairpersons of the Choir Director Search Committee. Committee members are: Estelle Woodcock representing the King David Choir, Cathy Willcoxon representing the Seventens Choir, and all members of the Sanctuary Choir who may wish to serve. The Search Committee is already at work and is confident of being able to make a recommendation to the Session by late August or September. Members of the congregation who may know persons they wish to suggest as candidates for the position are asked to call Nancy Mellem, 762-1058.

MR. BLICE TO LEAD WORSHIP AT NURSING HOME

Mr. Blice has been invited to join with a group of ministers from the Bethesda-Potomac community who will provide for the weekly worship services at the Fernwood Nursing Home on Democracy Boulevard. Mr. Blice will lead the 3:00 p.m. service at the home on Sunday, July 14th. Participating with him will be Joyce Jenkins, pianist, and Nancy Mellem, soloist.

CHANGE IN CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE FOR FALL

The Session, on the recommendation of the Christian Education Committee, voted to eliminate the 9:40 a.m. church school hour, beginning in September. The same thing is happening to the church that is happening in the public schools - our potential number of students in the early grades is declining. This does not represent a decrease in membership, but, rather, a change in the age level of our congregation. Our potential in grades nursery through fourth simply does not warrant two full sessions of church school.

Beginning in September, there will be a full church school (nursery through sixth grades) offered at 11:00 a.m., concurrent with the Sunday morning worship service. In addition, we are offering an additional fifth and sixth grade class on Thursday afternoons, immediately following the junior choir rehearsal. Families can elect to send their fifth and sixth graders either to the class on Sunday morning at 11:00 or to the class on Thursday afternoons at 4:30.

Lay education will continue to meet at 9:45 on Sunday mornings.

CARRIE HOWE TO STUDY IN NORWAY

Carrie Howe, a member of our Senior Highs and a graduate of Churchill High School, will leave for Norway this week as a participant in the Americans Abroad Program of the American Field Service. The opportunity is year-long and enables a student to live with a family, learn the language and study in the local high school.

Carrie's Norwegian family consists of three sisters and a brother, ages 17, 15, 13 and 11. Her mother is an expert linguist, and her father is an engineer who travels throughout Scandinavia. They live in a rural setting outside of Drammen, about 20 miles south of Oslo. Before joining her family Carrie and 19 other AFS students in Norway will spend two and one-half weeks at a language camp.

TUTOR AVAILABLE

Mrs. Linda Dykhuizen Tennery, a member of the congregation, is available for tutoring during the summer months - Monday-Friday after 11:00 a.m. Linda is a qualified elementary school teacher and will tutor in any subject. Please call 762-3986 after 4:00 p.m.

HOMES NEEDED FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS IN AUGUST

A group of young people from France and Spain will be participating in a special study program at the University of Maryland during the first four weeks of August. Housing and transportation has been committed in the Potomac area for one student, and it is hoped that other houses can be found in the community to fill the car already arranged for. If you can share your home with one or two of these foreign guests during August, please call Ellen Brain, 299-6918.

PERSONS TO CALL WITH CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

During Mr. Blice's vacation members of the congregation who have special concerns they may wish to share with other members of the congregation or who wish information about the church calendar, program, or use of the building are asked to call any one of the following people:

Mrs. Richard K. Hart, Church Secretary, 299-9141
Mr. Ralph Hall, Clerk of Session, 299-7044
Mrs. Rudolph Savage, Session, 299-6512

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EMILY COOPER GIBSON APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

The Session is pleased to announce the appointment of Emily Cooper Gibson as Director of Music for the Potomac United Presbyterian Church.

Emily received her Bachelor of Music degree in organ at Henderson State College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Upon graduation from Henderson State, she went to Paris as a Fulbright Scholar where she studied organ with Andre Marchal. In 1969 Emily received her doctorate degree in organ from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. Emily has taught organ and organ theory at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota and at Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas. She has served several churches as organist and organist-director. For the past two years, she has been Assistant to the Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C.

Emily and her husband who is a librarian with the Library of Congress live in Rockville where they are members of Christ Episcopal Church.

Emily will begin her work at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on Sunday, September 1st.

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CHURCH TO RESUME REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 8th

Worship and Church School at 11:00 o'clock! Church School is provided for nursery-age children through sixth grade.

COUPLES CLUB - SEPTEMBER

The Mormon Temple being constructed in Kensington will be open for public inspection from September 17 to October 26. Guided tours of 45 minutes will be conducted. The tours are free but tickets are required.

Arrangements have been made for a lecture and slide presentation on the Temple on Friday, September 6, at 8:00 p.m. The program will be presented at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Foulger, 9013 Clewerwall Drive, Bethesda, Maryland.

Tickets for the tour will be presented by the Foulgers at this time. Reservations have been made for a group of 50. Call Camille Kendall, 424-7539, if you would like to attend the September 6 program and obtain tickets. If by any chance you cannot attend the September 6 lecture and would be interested in another night, please let us know. If enough people are interested, perhaps a second program can be arranged.

BILL HUTCHISON APPOINTED CHURCH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

The Session, acting upon the recommendation of the Christian Education Committee, has appointed Bill Hutchison as the new Church School Superintendent effective June 15th. Bill, his wife, Marion, and their three children Gail, Margaurite, and John have been "instantly active" new members of our congregation. Bill has been a member of the Christian Education Committee and has been an active participant in many aspects of the life of our church. Bill served as Superintendent at his former church in Cranberry, New Jersey, and has been at work this summer preparing for a smooth opening of the church school. We feel very fortunate that Bill is devoting his time and efforts to this job.

TEACHER TRAINING EVENT SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 4th

Eight area Presbyterian Churches have united this fall to plan and execute a Teacher Training Workshop to be held at St. Mark's Church on September 4th. The participating churches, Bradley Hills, Geneva, Potomac, St. Mark's, St. Matthew's, Warner Memorial, Wheaton, and Rockville United have formed a cluster with the hope that this and future training events will be more profitable to all if leadership and resources are combined. Elaine Skinner and Shirley Coll are participating in leadership roles and have had the assistance of Estelle McCarthy, a staff member of Presbytery as of June 1st of this year, serving as an Educational Consultant to the member churches of Presbytery. Potomac has traditionally been the organizer of this fall event, and it is good to see that each year our cluster is expanding to include a wider circle of area churches. Potomac has also been the church which traditionally has the largest number of teachers in attendance and we feel certain that with the enthusiasm of this year's staff, the tradition will not be broken.

SEVENTENS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12th

The Seventens Program will get underway on Thursday, September 12th. The program for 7th through 10th graders will begin at 4:30 and end at 7:30 and will include recreation, dinner and study. This year's staff include Marilyn Hoge, Coordinator, Marion Hutchison, Shirley Coll, Dick Blice, Bill Brill and Linda Tennery. If you are new to our program and have any questions, feel free to call either the church office or any member of the staff.

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 27-29. Actually it will be two retreats in one. Seventeners will be involved in a "gaming retreat" while the Senior Highs will be having a "film festival." Reserve the date now. More information will follow. Claggett Center is approximately 45 minutes from Potomac.

SENIOR HIGHS BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

The Senior High group will begin the year with a get-together at the home of its coordinator, Ollie Howe on Sunday, September 15th at 6:30. We welcome all senior high youth to participate and look forward to seeing you on the 15th. Bring your tennis racquets - it will be an evening of fun.

LAY EDUCATION TO BEGIN SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 9:45

Lay Education will begin its autumn program with Professor Harold Durfee of American University discussing "Christianity and the Dimensions of Human Experience." Dr. Durfee's series will extend through the first four Sundays in September, beginning September 8th.

On October 6th, a member of the U. S. Delegation to the World Population Conference will speak on the world's population crisis.

On October 13th, Mr. Sidney Howe will be the guest speaker. His subject is Growth Alternatives.

Mr. Howe is Executive Director of Center for Growth Alternatives. The center's purpose is to develop control and redirection to restore and sustain the human environment. Mr. Howe has a BA from Yale and an MS from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources. He has worked for the conservation of natural resources since leaving college. The Howes have been in Washington, D.C., since 1965 and Mr. Howe was president of the Conservation Foundation 1969-73. Since March 1973, he has been Executive Director of the Center for Growth Alternatives.

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

The regular fall schedule of the Church School will begin on Sunday, September 8th. As announced in the June Steeple To People, there will be only one session of Church School this year at 11:00 o'clock. Grades nursery through sixth will hold classes at that time. In addition, there will be an identical fifth and sixth grade class held on Thursday afternoons at 4:30. This class will hold its first meeting on Thursday, September 12th.

Teachers in the Church School will be recognized by the congregation at the 11:00 o'clock worship service, Sunday, September 8th. Teachers have already begun to plan for classes and are looking forward to an exciting year of study. We hope everyone will be there on this first Sunday so that we can have a good beginning.

Nursery - The nursery this year will be under the leadership of Mary Ann Cookerly. There will be a change in nursery procedure this year in that Mary Ann hopes to have an adult in the nursery at all times, assisted by teenagers. Adult members of the congregation will be called upon to assist for a one-month period. This way the children will see the same face all through the month and will have the benefit of an adult for those "rough" Sundays.

Kindergarten - The kindergarten class will be dealing with four major units during the year which recognize God's work as Creator, his work in Jesus Christ, his work in the life of David, and his work through his church in the world. Major emphasis is upon the response called forth from God's people as they live in praise of God for all he has done and continues to do. We welcome two new members of our congregation to the teaching staff at the kindergarten level:

Carol DeWitt and Ruth Lincoln

1st and 2nd grade - The major focus in the 1st and 2nd grades is upon the people met in Biblical stories. Reading or telling stories is a means of communicating the content of Scripture and is used at this age level because boys and girls of these ages are especially receptive to well-told narratives. Although their sense of time and space is not well developed, stories are told in chronological order within large blocks of the Old and New Testaments. An introductory unit on the Bible is followed by the events in the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. The second half of the year, as in the 3rd and 4th grade is based upon the New Testament. The first and second grade team is as follows:

Mary Lou Blanc, Myrna Krohn, and Dee Chaffey

3rd and 4th grade - In the third and fourth grades the major focus of study is upon the events recorded in the Bible. The first half of the year includes a study of the great events of the Passover, the exodus, and the giving of the law in all of which Moses is a central figure. The second half of the year surveys the birth of Jesus followed by a brief study of the Gospel of Mark. The third and fourth grade teaching team is:

Heather Kroncke, Dort Hall, and Estelle Thompson

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 New Testament. This year the course of study focuses on the Old Testament and consists of a chronological survey of the major events of Old Testament history with a special emphasis upon its linkage with the New Testament. Teachers in the fifth and sixth grade are:

Sunday, 11:00 - Marcia Boogaard and Wanda Guffey
Thursday, 4:30 - Joan Chase and Dawn Thompson

POTOMAC AREA CITIZENS - 60 AND UP

A program of crafts, entertainment, cards, refreshments, and whatever you would like is being planned for the Potomac area. The first meeting will be held at the Potomac Methodist Church Parish Hall, on Wednesday, September 18th at 11:00. This meeting will be for the purpose of presenting program ideas and getting acquainted with the Senior Citizens and learning what their needs are. If you are interested in attending, please call one of the committee members: Jan Reagan, 299-4501; Vera Breesman, 299-9012; Marion Kumpula, 299-4541; or Grace Sine, 299-5802.

SESSION COMMITTEES TO MEET SEPTEMBER 3rd - 8:00 P.M.

Trustees - Congregational Life - Stewardship Mission Interpretation and Finance - Church and Community. Committee members should call their respective chairperson if unable to attend.

SESSION MEETING
September 9th
8:00 p.m.

THE CONGREGATION REJOICES with Tom and Rose Marie Jones in the birth of their son, Christopher Randolph on July 11th.

REQUEST FOR COLLEGE ADDRESSES

The church office would like to have a complete and up-to-date list of all college students and their college addresses. Parents of college students, please call the church office as soon as the address is known.

GET WELL SOON, ELLEN BRAIN

The congregation wishes Ellen Brain, the regular editor of Steeple To People, a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

CHOIR PRACTICE - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th - 8:00 P.M.

All present members of the sanctuary choir are urged to be present for this first rehearsal of the new season. The choir is always looking for new members. Musical training is not required, only a desire to sing.

WEDDING BELLS!!!

Suzanne Heininger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Heininger, and Bradley Janss were married at the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on August 10th.

STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

POTOMAC
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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GUEST MINISTER, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

The guest minister for October 27, November 3, 17 and 24 will be RADM Richard G. Hutcheson, Jr., Chaplain Corps, U. S. Navy. Currently on sabbatical leave, Admiral Hutcheson is engaged in writing and study in the Washington area. He received his B.A. from Emory and Henry College in 1942, B.D. from Yale Divinity School in 1945, StM. from Union Theological Seminary in New York, studied at Duke University and also received the PhD. from American University. Dr. Hutcheson was ordained in the West Hanover Presbytery in 1944 and is a member of the Presbytery of Shenandoah.

INTERIM MODERATOR OF SESSION

The Rev. James G. MacDonell, pastor of St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church, has been named Interim Moderator for the Potomac United Presbyterian Church by the National Capital Presbytery. He also will respond to any emergency calls for pastoral assistance and can be reached at 530-1227 (church) or 530-8093 (home).

INTERIM CONFIRMATION CLASS AND SEVENTENS PROGRAMS

The Rev. Gale Dunham will teach the Confirmation Class and will also join with Marilyn Hoge and Shirley Coll in working together with the Seventens. Reverend Dunham is a graduate of the College of Wooster and the Louisville Theological Seminary. In addition to having his own pastorate, he has been a military chaplain and has worked extensively with young people. He will serve the church during all of the interim pastorate period.

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LAY EDUCATION

All members of the church are invited to participate in the Lay Education program each Sunday morning, 9:45 to 10:45 in the Fellowship Room. Programs scheduled for the next two months include:

October 27 - "Paul and Women's Lib" Discussion, led by Robin Scroggs, Professor of New Testament at Chicago Theological Seminary (not in person, but on tapes!). Paul thought better of women than you might have imagined.

November 3 - "1974 General Assembly" Larry Levdahl, one of the three Commissioners from this Presbytery who attended the 1974 General Assembly, will lead the discussion. What is decided at General Assembly is of vital concern to all of us, and Larry is a compelling speaker. A graduate of the University of Virginia and George Washington University, he teaches at G.W. and at Howard. A member of the Session of his Church for eight years, he is also on the Board of Glenkirk.

November 10 - "The Reformation, 1974" How is the 400-year-old Reformation affecting our lives and institutions today?

November 17 - "Civil Religion" Dr. Gohen, Professor of History at Wesley Theological Seminary, will lead the discussion. What is "civil religion" (the role we have assigned to the Presidency, the Kennedy Family, the Rockefellers) and how does it affect our institutions?

November 24 - "Amnesty and Watergate" The Senior Highs, who have been discussing these two related topics, will lead the discussion.

December - Advent. There will be no Lay Education in December; these Sundays, the Sundays of Advent, will be celebrated as family occasions at the usual hour of Lay Education. The Woodcocks, the Hawleys, the Kronkes, the O'Neills and the Skinners will arrange the Advent program. During December there will be no church school, except for kindergarden. It is hoped that families will attend the special programs and morning worship services together during Advent.

FIRST WEDNESDAY - NOVEMBER 6

The excellent color film, "Adjusting to College," will be shown at the First Wednesday on November 6. "Previewed" at Lay Education last June, it was thought to be such a fine and useful picture that we are bringing it back for a larger audience. All Senior Highs planning to go to college and all parents will find this an extremely candid and helpful film. There will be coffee and dessert at 8 p.m. The film runs 45 minutes.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - NOVEMBER 18

The Women of the Church monthly meeting will be an evening candle-light communion service for the purpose of installing the new officers on Monday, November 18, at 8 p.m. at the church. Refreshments and social hour will follow. The program and activities for the coming year will be discussed, and handwork will be on display. Women of the Church are meeting weekly in fellowship to knit and do handwork. Come laugh at all the "thumbs." For details about meetings, call Flo Johnson, 762-0078, or Dawn Thompson, 299-6214.

NEWS FROM SESSION

The Session is concerned about keeping the congregation fully informed about the various actions involved in the termination of our pastoral relationship with the Rev. Richard Blice, in maintaining the ongoing programs and ministry of our church and in obtaining a new pastor for our church. A brief summary of such actions follows:

- (1) At a Session meeting on September 16, 1974, the Session voted at the request of Richard Blice to hold a congregational meeting on September 29 for the purpose of acting on his request to terminate our pastoral relationship so that he could accept a call to another church.
- (2) At a Session meeting on September 23, moderated by the Rev. Edward White of Presbytery and attended by Jim Ficklen of Presbytery, the procedures to be followed when a pastor resigns were discussed in detail. The interim pastoral needs of our church were defined as including preaching, pastoral calling and teaching the Seventens and the Confirmation Class. The Session is responsible for filling these needs.
- (3) At a congregation meeting on September 29 the congregation voted with deepest regret to join with the Rev. Richard Blice in requesting the National Capital Union Presbytery to dissolve our pastoral relationship.
- (4) At a special meeting of the Session with the Rev. Edward White on October 3, 1974, the Rev. Richard Hutcheson was determined to be a very well qualified minister and was engaged as a guest minister for the church for a number of worship services starting October 27. The needs and means for reconciling and strengthening the membership of our church were discussed at length at this meeting.
- (5) At a Session meeting on October 14 the Session voted to approve the appointment of the Rev. Gale Dunham as teacher for the Seventens and Confirmation Class.
- (6) At the conclusion of the worship service on October 20 the Rev. Richard Blice declared our pulpit officially vacant.
- (7) At an annual congregation meeting on October 21 four ruling elders were elected, one for a second term (see page 5), and a presentation was made by the Stewardship Committee concerning our church's program for next year and the challenge it poses for all members of our congregation.
- (8) Future actions will include the naming by Presbytery of an interim Moderator for the Session (see page 1); selection of an interim pastor by the Session; definition of our church's mission, goals and objectives by the Session with the help of the congregation; holding of a separate congregation meeting to elect a pulpit nominating committee; selection of a candidate pastor by this committee, using the Session's goals and objectives for our church as a guideline; and finally a sermon to be preached by this candidate to the congregation, followed by a congregational meeting to decide whether to ask Presbytery to permit a pastoral relationship to be established.

The Session is most eager to work with the congregation so that this interim period without a permanent pastor can actually be a time

of honest evaluation and of spiritual renewal and dedication to the strengthening of our church's ministry. Please do not hesitate to contact any Session member about any question you may have or any help you may need:

William Brill, 424-1268
Joan Chase, 299-3016
Robert Fredlund, 762-0078
Ralph Hall, 299-7044
William Johnston, 762-0078
Camille Kendall, 424-7539
Bill Kerrigan, 965-3042
Ted Mook, 424-3405

Virginia Savage, 299-6512
David Smith, 299-4924
Lewis Smith, 469-8379

Elders-Elect

Shirley Coll, 424-7278
William Hutchison, 299-4823
Carolyn Meakem, 299-3131

RALPH HALL
Clerk of Session

COUPLES CLUB - ST ANDREW'S NIGHT PARTY

A St. Andrew's Night party - a traditional Presbyterian celebration - will be held by the Couples Club at the church on Friday, November 8, at 7 p.m. Hosted by the Bissells, the covered-dish party will feature entertainment by the St. Andrew's Scottish Dancers and Bagpipes. For reservations and dish assignments, call Patti Bissell at 299-5833 (home) or 864-5714 (office) by Wednesday, November 6.

Club program dates and host couples for the year include:

December 13	Caroling, Woodcocks
January 10	Fondue Party, Lew Smiths
February 14	Square Dance, Savages
March 14	Dinner Theater, Brills
April 18	Covered Dish Dinner and Game Night, McMahons
May	Barge Trip or Barbeque Dinner, Wakelands

EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY MISSION

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (KJV)

Now your neighbor is in serious trouble. In the past you have given generously so that mission work could feed the hungry, heal the sick and bring the "good news" of the gospel to all men. But now, without your extra help, this work will have to be curtailed.

A special collection will be received on Sunday morning, October 27. Our hope is that every member will remember God's second commandment and participate by giving \$1.00 or more. If you can't be with us this Sunday, please send your "help" to:

Mrs. William Johnston
12516 Knightsbridge Court
Rockville, Maryland 20850

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY SERVICE

The 1974 Potomac community Thanksgiving service will be held at Potomac United Presbyterian Church on Thursday, November 28. Participating ministers, program and time will be announced in the next issue of Steeple To People.

WEDDING BELLS

Vicki Ann Stobie, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Edwin Stobie, and Abdelnaby Hassan Ali El Baroudy were married at Potomac United Presbyterian Church on September 28.

Susan Phair, daughter of Mrs. George Phair, and Jeremiah Kelley were married at the church on October 12.

COOPERATION NEEDED IN BRINGING PLEDGES UP-TO-DATE

Financial statements for the third quarter are included with this month's mailing of Steeple To People. Members' cooperation is requested in keeping up with pledges so that the church will not fall behind in meeting the goals and program commitments for 1974.

DEADLINE FOR STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

The next issue of the newsletter will be mailed Thursday, November 21. Information must be received no later than Monday, November 18, in the church office or at the home of Ellen Brain, 11400 Rouen Drive (Lake Normandy).

FOUR RULING ELDERS ELECTED

At the annual meeting on October 21 Robert R. Fredlund was elected to a second term and Shirley Coll, William R. Hutchison and Carolyn Meakem new Ruling Elders to be installed or ordained at services the first of the year.

Bob was ordained a Ruling Elder in 1972. He has served in various capacities including chairman, Lay Education, chairman, Personnel Committee, church school teacher, third and fourth grades, chairman, Fall Festival 1972, organizer and officer of the Couples Club, chairman Congregational Life Committee, organizer, Pentecost in the Park Celebration. Bob is Director of Administrative Programs for the Department of the Treasury. He is also Chairman of the Merit Systems Board of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife, Virginia, and two of their five children live at 12313 Espalier Place.

Shirley was active at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church and Northwood Presbyterian Church before moving to Potomac. Since joining Potomac United Presbyterian in 1969 she has served as a teacher, church school superintendent, a member of the Christian Education Committee, the Senior High Planning Committee and the Covenant Study Group. She has the B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin and is now a candidate under the care of the National Capital Union Presbytery for the office of Commissioned Church Worker and is a second-year student at Wesley Theological Seminary working toward a Masters Degree in Religious Education. She lives at 12400 Copenhagen Terrace and has three sons.

Bill came to the Potomac area two years ago from Princeton, New Jersey. He is currently church school superintendent and a member of the Christian Education Committee and has been a participant on the

Trustees Committee. Bill is a systems engineer with IBM Corporation in Gaithersburg, and his wife, Marion, works as a teaching assistant at Tuckerman School. During the year they have been members of our church the family has been involved in numerous programs. They have two daughters and a son and live at 11106 Lamplighter Lane.

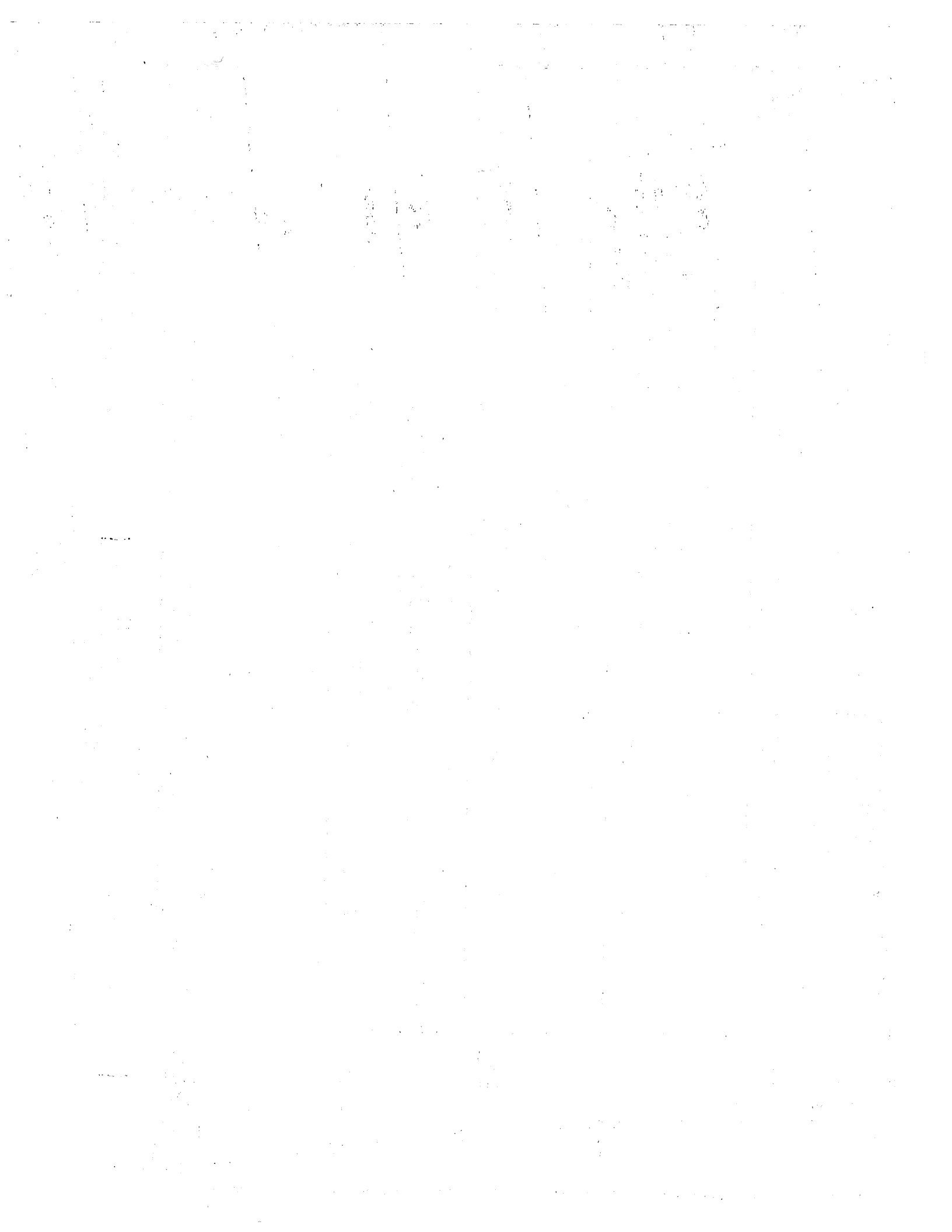
Carolyn is now head of the Women of the Church at Potomac United Presbyterian. A trained director of christian education, she held this position at Forest Lake Presbyterian Church in Columbia, South Carolina. In the past she has served as director of several bible schools for children, bible study leader for adults, Sunday school teacher, choir member, youth choir director and moderator of a youth synod. She attended Davis and Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia, and holds the B.S. degree in elementary education and a master of education degree in child psychology and human development from the University of Maryland. She has three children and lives on Logan Drive.

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The annual community Thanksgiving service will be held this year at 9:30 a.m. Thanksgiving morning at Potomac United Presbyterian Church. Participating churches include Potomac United Methodist, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic, St. Francis Episcopal and Potomac United Presbyterian. All members of the community are invited to join with their families in this service of thanks and rededication.

MESSAGE FROM SESSION

The Session is pleased to announce that effective December 1 Dr. Richard G. Hutcheson, Jr., will become the part-time interim pastor. He will conduct the Sunday morning service and related activities. Beginning in December, Dr. Hutcheson will be in the church office from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursdays to assist in church administration and pastoral counseling. He will also be available for Session meetings, planning conferences and pastoral emergencies.

The Session is engaged in developing the future goals and objectives for our church's ministry. These will serve as guidelines for the Pastoral Nominating Committee to be elected by the congregation as the committee seeks a permanent pastor for our church. The Session requests members and friends of our congregation to advance their thoughts about the appropriate goals and objectives for our church. This input will be used by the Session to aid members in their deliberations. Please submit your ideas to your Parrish Elder or to any Session member.

...Ralph Hall, Clerk of Session

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LAY EDUCATION

On Sunday, November 24, the Senior Highs will serve as a panel to discuss the issue of justice and forgiveness as it relates to amnesty for Viet Nam veterans. This will be the last meeting of lay education until Sunday, December 29. During the four Sundays of Advent, everyone is invited to participate in the family celebrations which will be held during this hour.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Rev. Gale Dunham will meet with all those interested in being members of the Confirmation Class on Wednesday, December 6, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the church. All youth in eighth grade or above are invited to attend. This will be the first in a series of meetings and visits which will explore the mission of the church and culminate with a confirmation retreat, a final paper and a service of confirmation in the spring. On December 19 the class, accompanied by other members of Seventens, will visit the Presbyterian Home for caroling.

COVENANT STUDY GROUP TO MEET DECEMBER 11

The Covenant Study Group which has been meeting now for a period of three years will hold its December meeting on the 11th at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Shirley Coll. We invite anyone who is interested in small group study to join us at that time. The book under discussion at the next meeting will be Confusion and Hope, Clergy, Laity and the Church in Transition, edited by Glenn Bucher and Patricia Hill.

COUPLES CLUB CAROLING, DECEMBER 13

The Couples Club will go on an old-fashioned evening of caroling - complete with long scarves and skirts, top hats and derbies, as well as lanterns (bring your own). The group will meet at the Woodcocks, 10816 Old Coach Road, Fox Hills, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 13, carol for shut-ins and nearby nursing homes, and return for a light supper. For reservations, please call Estelle Woodcock, 299-8558, by Wednesday, December 11, or sign the sheet in the narthex. Each couple should bring a batch of Christmas sweets to share - plus a dozen to exchange, if you wish. The cost per person will be \$1.50. If you know of anyone who would appreciate having the carolers visit them, give Estelle a call.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING SERVICE, DECEMBER 15

Candlelight, organ music, three choirs, poinsettias, punch and delicious bakery, beautiful ladies in long gowns, a birthday cake for Jesus, gifts for needy children - all these things and more will be yours to enjoy with your family and friends at the Caroling Service on Sunday, December 15, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

From 7:00 to 8:00 the Sanctuary Choir, the Seventens Choir and the King David Choir will present Christmas music most ably led by Emily Cooper Gibson at the organ. And members of the congregation will also have the opportunity to join in the joyous sounds. From 8:00 to 9:00 there will be refreshments in the fellowship hall. Peg Hawley and Lynn Bigler are in charge of this hour of friendship. The Women of the Church are providing a birthday cake for Jesus plus other baked goods.

Carolyn Meakem, president of the women's group, has requested that each child bring a small gift, either new or almost new, to be given to a needy child. (Please label your gift for boy or girl and appropriate age level.) The Women of the Church have been knitting mittens; their endeavors will be displayed that evening on a mitten tree. Following the caroling evening, the gifts and mittens will be delivered to needy children for Christmas.

Please mark December 15 on your calendar as a very important part of your family's holiday celebration. It's going to sound great! It's going to make you feel great! It's going to BE great - with YOU there!

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTES

At its monthly meeting on November 7 the Community Ministry of Montgomery County (of which our church became a member last May) devoted most of its discussion to the problem of world hunger. There was great concern expressed because of frustration in trying to bring food to those people in developing countries who are actually starving. There are programs for sending food abroad - but not enough - and somehow the food never seems to reach its destination. How does the Community Ministry, as a local church organization, register its concern and help effect a reasonable policy? Is exerting pressure on Congressmen and Senators the answer? Should the churches sponsor and send missionary technical advisors abroad? Is the answer in insisting that more money be spent on research in adapting our own grain and food seeds to foreign climates? The discussion raised more questions than it answered, and a group of four was appointed to learn the alternatives open to us so that Community Ministry could become a gadfly in promoting those alternatives which seemed most reasonable.

The questions which Community Ministry tackles are not always of such global or philosophical magnitude. It is flushed at its success in this last election in helping to defeat the proposed charter amendment to bring all bond issues in the county to referendum. Community Ministry studied the issue extensively, drafted a position paper (which was posted on our church bulletin board all last month), sponsored a debate on the issue so that all sides could be heard, voted to oppose the amendment and then went to work to defeat it.

The key word in Community Ministry is "issue." It is not a political organization but supports the idea that Christians must work for fairness for all mankind - aged, children, black and white - from local, national and international government. Task forces on child abuse, the aged, criminal justice and youth have been formed and are working. If you would be interested in joining with friends from neighbor churches in the county on the resolution of some of these problems, please contact any member of the Church and Community Committee - Joan Chase, Ralph Hall, Noel Kroncke, Margaret McIntyre or Nancy Edwards. Better still, watch the debate in action and then decide to join a task force. It's not quite like Congress - the discussion is too earnest - but at 8:00 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month, the Council of Community Ministry convenes at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church and welcomes observers and visitors.

A new Church Directory of members is being prepared and will be published in January, 1975. All members are requested to check their current directory listings and notify Lynn Bigler, 299-6437, if there are any changes.

CHURCH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

Kindergarten. The Kindergarten had an interesting fall learning about God's work as Creator and how He created a world of law and order. The class planted bulbs and collected leaves and other engaged in other activities relating to God's work as Creator. We will soon celebrate the birth of Jesus and continue to learn about Christ not only as a boy but as a man.

1st and 2nd grade. The first- and second-grade class began the fall term with a simple introductory unit on the Bible. The following four units will be stories from the Old Testament. The first of these was on the life of Abraham and has just been completed. A few of the special activities have included making Bible book markers, headaddresses representative of the times, and an outdoor picnic with food similar to that eaten during that period. An open house for the parents was held on November 10. Mrs. Ann Hazard has given generously of her time in providing music for the class. The children have enjoyed learning a number of songs under her direction.

3rd and 4th grade. After receiving their Bibles, the 3rd graders learned how to use them with the help of their 4th-grade "buddies." The class then began their study of modern and ancient Egypt in preparation for the story of Moses. At present the children are "struggling" with Moses as he leads his people out of bondage. Included in the studies have been Hieroglyphics, map and workbook exercises, Slave Day and a tape-recorded play of Moses as a baby and young man.

5th and 6th grade. The fifth- and sixth-grade class started the year with an introduction to the principal ingredients of Biblical history. The concept of covenant was presented leading up to a fairly detailed discussion of the Exodus events, the role of Moses and the meaning of the Ten Commandments. The class was fortunate in having the services of several guest teachers, including Flo Johnston, Dave Smith, the Rev. Luther Tucker, and, giving a vivid explanation of the passover supper, Mrs. Ginger Silvers. Carolyn Meakem will teach the final session of this unit.

SEVENTENS. The Seventens program is strongly underway with about 35 to 40 attending each Thursday afternoon. Rev. Gale Dunham has joined our staff and is assisting with the teaching of the seventh and eighth grades. Our year of study centers on the Old Testament for this group and on questions of personal identity for 9th graders. We welcome all junior high youth to the program.

SENIOR HIGHS. For the past two months the Senior Highs have been discussing the controversial topic of amnesty in their meetings. They have had several speakers come in and discuss the subject with them, ranging from a man who is involved in getting total amnesty for draft evaders to a man from Prosecutor Jaworski's staff who discussed the pardon of Richard Nixon (which is another form of amnesty). Jackie DeLatt has been leading all of the meetings on amnesty and is responsible for getting the speakers. The Senior Highs have benefited from each meeting and seemed interested in what each speaker had to say. The discussions have helped them considerably in understanding the topic of amnesty and all of the things connected with the subject.

THE FOUR SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

A Time For Family Celebration, Of Joy And Adoration
A Program for All Ages

9:30 - 9:45 Continental Breakfast, sponsored by the Senior Highs, varying each Sunday as to rolls, doughnuts, etc., and beverages, for both adults and children. A charge of 50¢ per person will be made to defray the Senior Highs' expenses and to contribute to their Retreat Fund.

9:45 - 10:45 The following program for all members of the family will precede our regular service of worship each week:

Sunday, December 1 An ADVENT CALENDAR for every family, to be made of fabric and other materials supplied at the program. A permanent calendar for this year and for the years to follow - to be enjoyed throughout the Christmas season.

Sunday, December 8 CHRISTMAS IN ART, National Gallery of Art speaker Mrs. Frances Feldman, well-known for her outstanding programs, will give a slide presentation from museum works of art for both adults and children

Sunday, December 15 A CHRISMON TREE is to be decorated by all for the Fellowship Room. The traditional white ornaments will be made together for each family's keeping from materials to be made available. Their religious significance will be explored.

Sunday, December 22 "THE COMING OF THE STRANGER," a film for the entire family - an exceptional visual experience, especially appropriate in giving special significance to the meaning of Christmas

We hope you and your families will join us for these programs, to be followed each morning with the family worship service.

The Advent Steering Committee,

The Sam Willcoxons, December 1
The Jon Hawleys, December 8
The Don O'Neals, December 15
The Bill Skinners, December 22
The Dick Woodcocks, Coordinators

There will be child care for pre-schoolers and Church School for kindergartners only, with no classes for grades 1-6, for the Sundays during Advent. Families will have the opportunity to worship together at the regular 11:00 services during the Advent season.

(Please tear off and keep with your December calendar)

COMMUNION SERVICES

The Session voted to eliminate the use of wine and to begin using grape juice during Communion. The Sacrament will be celebrated on December 1 and December 29, and special New Year's Eve serving of Communion is tentatively scheduled from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. December 31.

REMINDERS

Anyone using the church building is requested to doublecheck to make sure the building is locked completely. This is particularly important now that we have no full-time minister who checks the doors each evening.

Anyone using the kitchen is reminded to do a quick clean-up of the items used - those single cups, saucers and spoons, when left, have a way of piling up.

Everyone is asked to cooperate in not lingering in the lobby before services in the morning but in entering and being seated promptly.

Next issue of Steeple To People is scheduled for December 19. Material should be at the church office or the home of Ellen Brain by Monday, December 16.

LETTER FROM THE BLICES

The following is a copy of the letter received from Dick Blice to be shared with all:

November 8, 1974

Dear Friends,

We shall never forget and always be sustained by the Godspeed Service and the Farewell Reception you so graciously provided for us on our final Sunday in Potomac. We not only heard your blessing upon us, we experienced it deeply in our hearts. Thank you for your many kindnesses to us in saying goodbye.

- the gift of \$787.00
- the Reviere bowl engraved with your prayer
- the silver candlesticks

These are indeed precious gifts from a congregation that will always be precious to the Blice family.

In the event you see Nathan in or about Potomac these days, please be assured we have not abandoned him. Because it is his senior year in high school, we all felt it best for him to stay on and graduate from Churchill. Lew, Alice and Alan Smith have graciously invited Nathan to make his home with them through June of 1975.

Our new address is 421 Oxford Drive, Greensburg, Pennsylvania 15601. Greensburg is just 11 miles from the New Stanton exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike. We would welcome your visit should you ever be traveling through western Pennsylvania.

God's grace, love and peace to each and all of you.

Faithfully,

RICHARD W. BLICE, JR.

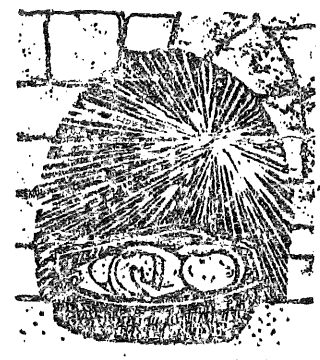
CHURCH CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

1974

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1 9:30 Break-fast 9:45 Advent Cal-endars 11:00 family wor-ship; communion First Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>2 Committees</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m. Teacher Training Workshop, Berwin Md.</p>	<p>5 9:00; 7:30 Teacher Tng. Fairfax, Va. 8:00 p.m. Commu-nity Ministry, Bradley Hills</p>	<p>6 5:00 p.m. Cor-formation Class</p>	<p>7 1:00 Special Session</p>
<p>8 9:30 Break-fast 9:45 Christmas Art 11:00 family Advent service</p>	<p>9 Session</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Reserva-tions Deadline for Couples Club 8:00 p.m. Cove-nant Study Group; Coll's</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:30 p.m. Couples Club Caroling Woodcocks</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:30 Break-fast 9:45 Chrismon Tree 11:00 Worship 7:00 Annual Carol-ing Service & Party</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 4:30-8:30 7-10's Carol-ing, Presby-terian home</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 9:30 Break-fast 9:45 Coming of the Stranger 11:00 Worship 7:00 Sr. Highs caroling</p>	<p>23 7:30 Community Tree Lighting Potomac Village</p>	<p>24 7:30 and 11:00 Christmas Eve Services</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 11:00 Worship; Communion</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 7:00-9:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Special Communion</p>				

STEEPLE TO PEOPLE



POTOMAC
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
POTOMAC, MARYLAND

December 19

1974

GREETINGS FROM DR. RICHARD G. HUTCHESON, JR.

Advent is a happy time to begin a pastoral relationship - even an interim one. Not only is it the beginning of the Christian year; it is a season of such beauty and such joyful celebration in the church that things almost have to get off to a good start! I want to express my appreciation to the congregation for the warmth of your welcome and for the gracious way you have assisted me in getting started.

I invite your comments and suggestions, and I anticipate a relationship of mutual upbuilding as we look forward and plan for the church's future. I am excited by the prospect which faces us at the beginning of the New Year. The Session has invited the entire congregation to work with it in establishing the church's goals and objectives for the period ahead. I look forward to participating in this process, and I hope we will have a big turnout at the hour usually devoted to Lay Education at 9:40 on January 5th, when we begin. It is an unusual opportunity.

I am sorry that the time I have available does not permit me to provide the full range of pastoral services which should be offered to you. I shall do my best, though, to meet the needs as they arise. I will be in the church office on Thursdays from 9:00 to 1:30 (except the day after Christmas), and my home telephone number is 340-7695. While I am getting acquainted with the members of the congregation (a rather formidable task, with several hundred names to be learned), you can help by telling me your name each time you speak to me, for the first few times, until you are sure I have it.

My warmest Christmas greetings to you as a church and as individual Christians, and my prayers for God's blessing in the year ahead.

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ON CHOOSING A NEW PASTOR

The choice of a new pastor is a two-way street. We indeed choose him, but he also chooses us. The most important first step - for both parties - is for this congregation to decide who we are and what we want to do with our future. When we have done this as clearly as we can, we will be ready to look for our new pastor.

The Session is now wrestling with this problem. In formal language, we are trying to set down our Goals and Objectives. Presbytery (wisely) requires that this be done. We must:

A. Identify and describe the mission goals established by the Session as well as what the Session believes to be the most significant problems and issues confronting the congregation;

B. Identify and list the specific skills, abilities, and types of leadership available in the congregation to achieve these goals as well as to meet the problems and issues confronting the congregation.

For example, one of the objectives being considered by the Session is to "Develop a balanced program of inward and outward ministry," and another is "Acceptance of one another in all our diversity."

We need your help, and we have set aside the Lay Education hour (9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.) on January 5 and January 12 for this purpose. All members of the Session will be there to hear your views and share theirs with you.

There will be child care for these two sessions.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Merry Christmas to all and a special thanks to those who knit over three dozen mittens for the needy youngsters at Buckhorn Children's Center. We also received a number of lovely gifts and clothing items to be included in our package. (More about Buckhorn and its needs later.)

We are beginning new handcraft groups in January with so many different opportunities to knit, crochet, quilt or make beautiful items from throwaways. Please come once or twice for ideas, instruction or patterns - or join us every week to get better acquainted and have lots of laughs.

We will be meeting as much as possible on Mondays or Wednesdays to help cover the church when the pastor and secretary are not there. Anyone who cannot attend either Monday or Wednesday, please phone for a third group. All meetings will be at 9:30 - or whenever convenient for you to drop by. Check the calendar for all meetings scheduled in January.

Carolyn Meaken, 299-3131

COUPLES CLUB FONDUE PARTY

Alice and Lewis Smith will host the Couples Club Fondue Party on Friday, January 10, at 7:30 p.m. at their home on 3408 Fenway Road, Carderock Springs. The cost is \$10.00 per couple. This is a "sit-down" dinner, and reservations are a "must." Call Virginia Fredlund, 762-8686, by Monday, January 6.

DECEMBER 29 CHURCH SCHOOL

A combined post-Christmas program will be held between 11:00 and 12:00 o'clock with all classes (K-6th) together in the Fellowship Room. Children should first go to their respective classrooms. Nursery care will be provided as usual.

CONTRACT DISCUSSION GROUP TO MEET JANUARY 8

In order to conclude its discussion of Confusion and Hope; Clergy, Laity and the Church in Transition, the Contract Group will meet at the home of Bob Fredlund, 12313 Espalier Place, on Wednesday, January 8, at 8:00 p.m. The book is a response to three contemporary crises in American Christianity: those involving the clergy, the laity and the parish. Stripped of their historical authority by the prevalent and anti-authoritarian cynicism which characterizes much of American society today, clergy are experiencing a crisis of identity, role and function. Simultaneously, laity within the churches are increasingly perplexed about what it means to be a Christian in an ever-more formless culture. And as the more traditional functions of the parish are fulfilled by secular institutions and associations, the parish has been tossed into a quandary over its purpose.

If you would like to join the group for a discussion (and it does get animated) of these issues, call Bob at 762-8686 and come on the 8th.

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER & MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 20

The Annual Congregational Dinner and Meeting will be held on Monday, January 20. There will be a potluck supper beginning at 7 p.m., and the annual meeting will start at 8:00 p.m. All confirmed members of the church are invited to attend. RSVP to Mrs. Heininger, 299-6672, or Mrs. King, 340-0456, by Sunday, January 19.

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP JANUARY STUDY

On January 5 the Senior Highs will begin a unit of study on competition. It will be coordinated by Mr. Noel Kroncke and will focus on the many ways in which competition affects us in family life, social relationships, school, athletics, jobs and college admissions. This is a subject which should be of interest to all Senior Highs. We hope that all 10th, 11th and 12th graders will feel free to attend even though they may not have participated in the past.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

The Community Ministry of Montgomery County met on December 5th at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. After discussion of the budget for 1975, the hunger committee appointed last month gave a report on its preliminary findings. Since the charter clearly states that the goal of Community Ministry is "to involve congregations and church people in the public affairs of Montgomery County," the committee strongly recommended that efforts be concentrated on hunger in Montgomery County, with minor emphasis on the world hunger problem. Even though it is often said that our country is the most affluent in the world, there are thousands and thousands of poor and hungry people in Montgomery County. An informal poll was taken at the meeting to see what member churches are doing now in the hunger area. A Hunger Task Force was formed and will hold its first meeting on December 17 at CMC headquarters.

"...I was hungry, and you gave me food..." Matthew 25

NEWS NOTES

New Year's Eve Communion - Dr. Hutcherson and attending Elders will be at the church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31, for a continuous Communion program. There will be no set service, and members and families are invited to drop by during these evening hours to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Congratulations, prayers and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Holthus, parents of Kathy Willcoxon, as they celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary on December 25th.

Next issue of Steeple To People will be January 23. All material should be at the church office before Tuesday, January 21.

KARMA HOUSE RECEPTION

On December 22 at 2:00 p.m. Karma House will hold an Open House for its many friends in the community. Karma House is a drug rehabilitation center for young people that works on the principle that the whole family must be involved in helping the addict find his or her way back to a productive life. During this past year the girls' rehabilitation center opened and the boys' was almost destroyed by fire. Despite the crisis, not one family counselling session was missed, and now the boys' house is restored. Karma House has always been a project dear to the heart of this church, Mr. Blice having served on its Board of Directors. If you would like to see firsthand what can be done to help young drug addicts, attend the Open House on the 22nd. You will be most welcome.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT PROGRAM

There is some good news and some bad news regarding the 1974 Stewardship Commitment Program. First, the good news: Almost 70% of the pledges received represent either increased pledges or new pledges.

Now, for the bad news: No word has been received from almost 40% of all the possible pledging families.

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, we urge you to do so as soon as possible so that the 1975 budget can be prepared. This budget will be reviewed at the congregational meeting in January.

CHURCH CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

JANUARY

1975

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Goals Discussion 9:40 am Senior Hights at Church	6 Deadline Couples Club RSVP Committees 8:00	7 Women of the Church - Board	8 Women of the Church - Hand- crafts Contract 8:00 Pratlunds	9 King David 3:30 Seventens 4:30 Choir 8:00	10 Couples Club 7:30 Smiths	11
12 Goals Discussion 9:40 am Senior Hights at Collis	13 Women of the Church - hand- crafts Session 8:00	14	15	16 King David 3:30 Seventens 4:30 Choir 8:00	17 Seventens Retreat	18
19 Senior Hights at Dollansbees	20 Congregational Dinner 7:00 Annual Meeting 8:00	21 Women of the Church - General Meeting Deadline-Steepie To People	22 Women of the Church - hand- crafts	23 King David 3:30 Seventens 4:30 Choir 8:00	24	25
26 Senior Hights at Kerrigans	27 Women of the Church - Hand- crafts	28 Women of the Church - Board	29 Teacher Train'g 7:45 Bradley Hills	30 King David 3:30 Seventens 4:30 Choir 8:00	31	
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