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Because of the snow Monday evening, January 20, the Congregational Dinner and Annual Meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, the 27th of January - same time, same place.

#### NOW, LET'S GET AT IT! GOOD ADVICE FROM DR. HUTCHESON

The goal-setting sessions conducted in the Lay Education hour the first three Sundays of January were highly successful. Attendance was excellent, the groups were productive, and the task was accomplished. The Session now has before it the consensus of the congregation on goals, objectives, and priorities for the coming year.

Do you feel good about it? So do I. But any rejoicing at this point may be a little premature. Goal-setting is only a starting point in mission. The test comes when we set about achieving these goals we have established. That requires a lot of work on the part of a lot of people. The church is not "them" but us. Its goals are not "theirs" but ours. we have decided what we want to do; now let's get at it. You don't have to wait for someone to ask you. Get in touch with the appropriate chairperson and offer your help toward the objective of your choice.

### SESSION STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1975

The program of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church doesn't just happen! It is the result of the work of many members of the congregation who dedicate much of their time to its planning and implementation. In order to better handle the work of the church, a change is being made in the Session Standing Committees. The previous Trustees Committee is being split into a Finance Committee and a Personnel and Property Committee. A summary of the responsibilities of the various Standing Committees and their membership for 1975 follows.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. This committee is responsible for the educational activities in the church. These include the Sunday School, Seven-Tens, Confirmation Class, Senior Highs, Covenant Group, First Wednesday Group, and the Sunday Adult Lay Education Group. Committee membership for 1975 includes: Bill Kerrigan - Chairperson, Shirley Coll, Swain Mills, Bill Hutchison, Estelle Woodcock, Marilyn Hoge, and Ollie Howe.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY. The responsibilities of this committee are to: 1) Identify and publicize areas of need in the community.

2) Define one or more community ministry projects as a corporate mission activity for our church. 3) Publicize and interpret social actions of higher judicatories of the Presbyterian Church. Committee membership for 1975 includes: Joan Chase - Chairperson, Ralph Hall, Heather Kroncke, Margaret McIntyre, Dick Fowler, and Jonathan Hawley.

"gathered life" of the congregation in worship and fellowship. Specific duties involve services of worship, organist and choirs, communion service, ushers, church flowers/decorations, coffee hours, family night dinners, parish groups, new members, church membership, and church directory. Committee membership for 1975 includes: Lewis Smith - Chairperson, Carolyn Meakem - Vice Chairperson, Virginia Savage, Jean Hartman, Marion Hutchison, Lynn Bigler, Barbara wakeland, Ethel Roseman, Rathy Willcoxon, Diane Gregg, Dawn Thompson and Donald Thompson.

FINANCE. The responsibilities of this committee are: 1) To monitor the financial operations of the church. 2) To administer the financial affairs of the church. 3) To provide long range financial planning. 4) To communicate church financial status to members. 5) To develop church budgets. Committee membership for 1975 includes: Ted Moock - Chairperson, Bill Brill, Patti Bissell, Howard Mills,

Bill Hoge, and Compton Jones.

PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY. The responsibilities of this committee include: 1) All matters pertinent to the continued employment of full time and part-time personnel in the service of our church. 2) All matters concerning the property of the church. Committee membership for 1975 includes: Bob Fredlund - Chairperson, Bill Johnston - Co-Chairperson, Bill King, Paul Hartman, Diane Gregg, Bo Heininger, Ed Stobie, Don O'Neal, Dave Miller, Harry Evans, Henry Wakeland, and Bill Amtmann.

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION INTERPRETATION. The responsibilities of this committee are: 1) To relate the resources (time, money and talent) of our congregation to the mission of the church in the community and in the world. 2) To make all members aware of the mission and needs of their church. 3) To find effective and creative ways for members to fulfill their stewardship responsibilities. Committee membership for 1975 includes: Dave Smith - Chairperson, Camille Kendall, Sam Willcoxon, Betty Heininger, Fred Sass, Miriam Sass, Win Follansbee Carolyn Follansbee, and Tony Ferrara.

Any members or friends of the church who are interested in aiding the work of any of the Standing Committees are urged to contact

the indicated Chairperson.

The American Field Service, Potomac Chapter, is looking for a host family for a foreign exchange student who will be a senior at winston Churchill next year. For more information, call Mrs. Herman Scheurer, 469-8668.

Then there's the one about the Coffee hour Chairman who is also chairman of the Directory Revision Committee who is also temporarily the new editor of Steeple to People who when asked to be chairman of the Strawberry Festival Fund Raiser in the spring said, "Yes, if someone will tell me what one is!" And now that we almost know what one is, we'll pass some information along to you.

Date of the festival, of course, will depend entirely on the cooperation of the strawberry plants, but the orchard informs us that the prime Saturday is June 14. It will be open to the community and hopefully held outdoors. There should be an abundance of strawberry goodies there for everyone's enjoyment such as strawberry shortcake, strawberry pie, dishes of fresh strawberries, and homemade ice cream in dishes and cones. The committee is presently looking for ice cream freezers available for borrowing to make the ice cream, folks with great suggestions, and mostly for a crew willing to work with our committee to make this dream come true.

In addition to the strawberry products, there will also be crafts for sale at the festival - crafts produced by members of this congregation. The women of the church are already at work knitting and crocheting with this purpose in mind. But you don't have to be a member of a knitting or crocheting group to be of assistance to us. Anyone who is willing to donate some of his craft projects for sale at the festival is urged to contact Chairman Lynn Bigler at 299-6437 or any of her committee members: Kathy Willcoxon, Ethel Roseman, Ginny Savage, Jean Hartman, Barbara Wakeland, or Carolyn Meakem. MEN - this means you, too! We've set a lofty goal of preparing \$\phi\$1000 worth of salable items by June 1. This means \$\phi\$200 worth per month beginning with January! Watch our grow chart in Fellowship Hall!

This Strawberry Festival and Crafts Sale COULD be the beginning of an annual, profitable, happy, community-involved affair for PUPC. The committee would really be delighted with YOUR input into this adventure. Watch this space for monthly reports on our planning and

progress.

## WE ALMOST MADE IT! WE ALMOST MADE IT! WE ALMOST MADE IT! WE ALMOST ...

Plans for revision of the church directory were made in November of 1974 by Lynn Bigler, Kathy Willcoxon and Barbara Wakeland with high hopes of completing the revision and having the directory available to the congregation during January of 1975. Well, you know what happens to the plans of mice and other folks. . .

But don't despair, the directory will be ready sometime in early February. They will be distributed in the following manner. Your name will be put on a copy and it will be placed in alphabetical order on the table in the narthex. Those not picked up within two to three

weeks will be delivered to you by your Elder.

This revision project would not have been possible without the extraordinary help of Mary Jane Hart, Church Secretary, and we surely appreciate her assistance. Thanks to all those who made contributions to the up-dating of our directory and to those who provided new sections of this publication.

#### GOODBYE, ELLEN!

The new year always brings changes in our lives. The change in Ellen Brain's life is that she is now working full time and finds that Steeple to People will have to muddle along without her expert guidance, composition, patience, and the many many hours of time she has devoted to the church newsletter over the past FIVE years! A great big thanks to Ellen for her much-appreciated contribution to church life in the form of this publication.

Well, now what do we do? Looks like what we do is put up with a temporary editor, Lynn Bigler. Did you all read that word "TEMPORARY" and let it sink in? Lynn agrees to get this publication together until someone can be found who is willing to take Ellen's place. If anyone has any inclinations in this direction, please let us know. Ginny Savage and Jean Hartman will be assisting Lynn during this period.

All committee chairmen and others who have announcements, please note: next deadline for submitting material is February 16, 1975. There is now a box in the church office where your articles may be left.

#### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH -SEE YOU TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

The women of the church plan to meet together for a day of spiritual renewal and fellowship Tuesday, January 28. we invite you to join us for all or any part of the day.

9:45 Coffee - Narthex

10:15 Communion - Sanctuary

Lunch - Fellowship Hall (Make reservation if possible with 11:00 Estelle Woodcock 299-8558 or Carolyn Meakem 299-3131)

12:00 General meeting to discuss goals of women and organize handcraft and study groups.

Demonstration of dry-flower preservation and arrangement-Lois Bowker.

BABYSITTING PROVIDED. Please bring a bag lunch for your child;

milk will be provided.

Please bring one or more, old or new, TREASURE (white elephant) for a silent auction. The money will be used for materials for handcrafts which we are making to sell at the old-fashioned Strawberry Festival this spring.

For handcrafts, we request, even if you cannot actively participate, that you help us by saving the following items and depositing them in the WOC box upstairs by the water fountain. Please be sure all food containers are clean before leaving them in the box.

STYROFOAM CUPS OLD CANDLES AND CRAYONS OATMEAL CARTONS WAXED MILK CARTONS (any size) OLD PLANT CONTAINERS HAIR SPRAY AND DEODORANT CAPS (all colors)

NYLON STOCKINGS OLD ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS L'EGGS STOCKING CONTAINERS ORANGE JUICE CANS SOFT DRINK CANS (we need over 100)

PAPER TOWEL OR TOILET TISSUE DOWELS

SCRAPS OF LACE OR OTHER EDGINGS

SMALL CAT FOOD, TUNA, OR DOG FOOD CANS

SCRAPS OF FABRIC FOR QUILTING, FLOWERS, STUFFED TOYS, PILLOWS, APKONS

DEAR DIANE,

why do we thank thee? Let us count the whys.

For the candles and pine

For the poinsettias and begonias

For the apples and magnolia For the wreaths and garlands

For the pinecones and bows

For beautifying the church for our holidays

For gathering together a hard-working group of artisans
For giving our Christmas that extra-special sparkle - - -

the congregation thanks Diane Gregg, Flower Committee Chairman, and all the men and women who so ably assisted her each Saturday in December.

#### FEBRUARY\_LAY\_EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Lay Education program for February is a varied and exciting one. Please join us at 9:40 a.m. for a stimulating, thought-provoking hour.

- February 2 The new Catholicism. Father John O'Donell, a member of the Franciscan Order, will talk about the Catholic Church since John XXIII.
- February 9 The Senior Highs will hold a round table on "Competition", their current subject of study. Many of you will remember their excellent work last fall on "Amnesty and Pardon".

February 16 - Last year we had one Sunday on "Music of the Church".

and It was too short! we think this year you will enFebruary 23 - joy the program more than twice as much.

The four Sundays of March will be devoted to our traditional Lenten Bible Study. Details in the next <u>Steeple to People</u>.

#### THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN OUR KITCHEN!

Last year the church kitchen was cleaned - and we mean cleaned - by Marion Hutchison, kitchen Chairman, and a group of hard-working ladies. Recently, however, we find the kitchen is not being cared for: spills are not wiped up, food is not put away, equipment is used carelessly, and supplies are being wasted. And the refrigerator needs a sentence all its own: It's a MESS! Please, when you use the kitchen, treat it as you would your own kitchen. Try to leave it CLEANER than you found it - that would certainly go a long way toward solving our present predicament.

Dish towels seem to be a problem of their own. At one time we had an abundant supply. Thoughtfully, they had been taken home for laundering - and never returned. How can clean-ups happen without towels for wiping? If you have any towels that belong in the church kitchen, please return them quickly. And with or without the towel you are returning, we're asking that each lady donate a dish towel to the kitchen to build up our supply once more. Many thanks from Marion to all who respond! Don't forget the Betty Crocker coupons, too, girls!

You will have noticed by now, the unexplained absence of the benches from the chancel of our sanctuary. During the early part of December, one of the benches was removed from our church by a person or persons unknown to us; the cushion was left. Could you help us locate our missing bench? It's one of a matching pair.

A New-Member Seminar will be conducted Sunday evening, February 23, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Sam and Kathy Willcoxon. Their address is 7508 Masters Drive. All those wishing to unite with the church are encouraged to do so at this time. Please call Kathy (299-4464) at your earliest convenience.

Howdy Pardner! You're all invited to a February 14 Square Dance to be held in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 with callers Mr. and Mrs. E. Jenkins on hand to provide for the fun. This event is sponsored by the Couples Club and refreshments will be served. Call Ginny Savage at 299-6512 pronto for your reservation at \$3.00 per couple.

LOST: A Football. Left at church on Thursday, January 16, after Seven-Tens. If found, contact Clark Kendall at 424-7539.

We regret to announce the departure of Rev. Gale Dunham at the end of February. Gale has worked with the Seven-Tens since september. He will be moving to Atlanta in early March and will be much missed. We are hard at work looking for a replacement.

A special thanks is due to the mothers of Seven-Tens for all their helpful ways and delicious dinners prepared each Thursday night. The staff and teens appreciate their efforts. And Dick Sebastian, how could we manage without your most generous provision of our paper products! An extra-special thank you to you, sir!

Compton S. Jones has been elected to a three-year term by the Presbytery to serve on the Stewardship Committee for Church Development and Support. The committee assists the 109 churches in making better use of available Presbytery resources.

Have you noticed the increase in Coffee Hour attendance? That Fellowship Room is really earning its name from 12-12:30! There you can meet the most gracious hostesses and their families who assist them, you can have coffee or tea, and always some delicious baked goods. Folks are still commenting on the Fredlund's juice fountain just before Christmas! Coffee Hour Chairman Lynn Bigler expresses to each of you an invitation to join us every Sunday and a warm thank you to all the families who have accepted a Sunday assignment to present the Coffee Hour to the congregation. When Lynn calls you with a request to be a hostess, please say YES! A reminder to each sunday's hostess: we are still experiencing some janitorial problems and request that each of you clean up after Coffee Hour, not forgetting the big coffee pot itself.

CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS	

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#### MESSAGE OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL FROM DR. HUTCHESON

We are approaching the end of the Lenten season now, and just ahead lies Holy Week and Easter, the high point of the Christian Year.

This Lent has been an eventful season for Potomac Church. The church has been tested, and it appears to have met the test successfully. Although there have been strains and stresses, the present gives cause for thanksgiving, and the future looks promising.

The spring stewardship campaign was highly successful, with a number of new and increased pledges. Not only do we have good prospects for a black-ink budget, but we have committed ourselves to systematic mission giving - a sign of spiritual progress. The response to the Lenten emphasis in our Sunday morning services has been outstanding, and attendance has been growing steadily. We have received an impressive group of new members, and another New Member Seminar has been scheduled for the near future. A large communicants class of young people is receiving instruction. Signs of encouragement and promise are all around us. We can enter into the events of the season ahead - the special dramatized Palm Sunday service, the Maundy Thursday church supper reenacting the Last Supper of Christ and His disciples, the Good Friday service at St. Francis Episcopal Church, and our Easter services - with a feeling of unity, hope, and thanksgiving.

Although the events commemorated by Holy Week are tragic ones - the rejection by Jerusalem, the betrayal, the trial, the crucifixion - the Christian message growing out of them is one of hope. For the sacrifice of Christ transcended and redeemed the evil and the failure of men. The cross, for the Christian, is not a symbol of defeat but of triumph. And Easter itself is a season of rebirth and renewal.

What an appropriate message for Potomac Presbyterian Church right now!

#### SPRING STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Results through Sunday, March 16, are most encouraging. Thirty-four members of the congregation have responded to the Spring Stewardship Campaign with a total net increase in pledges of \$10,200! Seventeen of the responses are an increase in the original pledges. Seventeen are new pledges not previously received. A complete report for the first quarter of the year and revised income and expense projections will be forthcoming in the April issue of "Steeple To People."

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Probably we cannot change the world so that it is a place where children will not starve to death. We certainly can change the number of children who are starving. If we don't do this, who will?

Once upon a time a Galilean walked in our midst and we recognized Him as the Servant of servants. This Servant-King spoke to us of many ageless truths: faith in a dynamic Lord God, love of neighbor and enemy, the blessing of giving.

Again we have the opportunity to make MIRACLES HAPPEN through our gifts to "One Great Hour of Sharing." Please give your gift prayerful consideration and use the enclosed envelope to present your offering at either service on Easter Sunday.

#### KINDERGARTEN - SIXTH GRADE CHURCH SCHOOL COIN BANKS

One Great Hour of Sharing coin banks distributed earlier to children in K-6th grades should be brought to church on Easter Sunday for dedication during either of the two morning hours of worship. Children will participate in the Litany of Sharing during the service they attend with their families. Repeating an earlier announcement: Church School will not be held Easter Sunday.

#### SENIOR HIGHS FAST

Six senior high members of our church are participating in a 30-hour fast sponsored by CROP at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church beginning Friday, May 21. They will seek sponsors for each hour of fasting. The proceeds will go to Community Ministry of Montgomery County.

The Senior Highs will hold their regular meetings on April 13 and 20. The programs will be about  $\underline{Food}$ .

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES TWO PROGRAMS

The Finance Committee of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church "fired its first salvo" recently on certain aspects of our pledging program. Approximately two weeks ago letters were sent to all members of our church whose pledge payments in 1974 failed to meet their 1974 pledge goal. The Finance Committee reported that the number of members who failed to meet their pledge was less than ten, but their combined short fall was \$1,670.00. As you know, in 1974 our financial activities resulted in a deficit operation for the year, and the failure to receive the \$1,670.00 mentioned above was a major cause.

In the future the Finance Committee will make available in Steeple To People a synopsis of our quarterly financial figures with some explanation of the results for each quarter. We feel that this will better help our membership understand the financial needs of the church.

# REMINDER: SIGN UP FOR EASTER FLOWERS ON THE CHART IN THE NARTHEX

#### COUPLES CLUB

Couples Club members will meet on April 18 for a Covered Dish Supper and a program on coin collecting (see attached flyer). At their Fund Raising Dinner and Card Party on March 14, the club made \$160. This money was turned over to the church to help meet its Mission pledge for 1975. Thanks to all for their donations and attendance. - Camille Kendall.

#### LENTEN SEASON SERVICES

- March 23 Palm Sunday 11:00 A.M. Service. Roy. James G. Macdonell and St. Mark's Chancel Drama Group will present "The Living Drama of Palm Sunday, A.D. 30 and A.D. 1975."
- March 27 Maundy Thursday 7:00 P.M. A pot luck dinner and early Christian Communion service. Contact Dawn Thompson (299-6214) or Jackie Evans (299-9230) for reservations.
- March 28 Good Friday 12:00 noon 1:30 P.M. Service of hymns and meditation at St. Francis Episcopal Church. Rev. Thorp and Er. Hutcheson will participate.
- March 30 Easter Sunday. There will be two morning services at 9:30 and 11:00 A.M. Church school will not be held.

#### PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Pastor Nominating Committee met with the Rev. Graham Bardsley, our liaison with the Ministerial Relations Committee of Presbytery and pastor of Little Falls Presbyterian Church in Virginia. The following officers were elected: Mike Bentzen, chairman; Bob McMahon, vice chairman; Noel Kroncke, secretary. The committee has started working on the Church Information Form. Read your Steeple To People for a monthly report from this committee.

#### LAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- April 6 Women Episcopal Priests Their Problems and Their Triumphs.
- April 13 Hunger in the World The Presbyterian Outlook on the Problem.
- April 20 Other Types of Worship

Does anyone have an old slide projector to donate to the 7-10's Show? John Carroll has a great idea for rewiring and making our own spotlight. Need more info? Call Kathy Willcoxon - 299-4464.

#### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WOC Board meeting will be April 1 at the church. The general meeting will be held on April 15. Watch the church bulletin board for more details.

We still need - plastic margarine cups and lids, newspapers, scraps of material, felt, lace, buttons, candles and crayons, artificial flowers and hat pins.

Your hands are needed, too!! - Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9:30 - 12:00.

#### APRIL 20 - SEMINARY SUNDAY

This Sunday is set aside to recognize those persons from our congregation who are preparing for a career in church work. We are very proud of our two members, Shirley Coll and Gary Durfee. Shirley will participate in the worship service on the 20th.

Illness or need help? Do call the church when there is illness or hospitalization in your family. We are concerned and want to help.

#### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS!

The following families were received into membership of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on March 2, 1975. Steeple To People joins in extending to them our warmest welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham T. Helmendach (Carol) 10801 Alloway Drive (299-4437)

Carol and Graham still call Missouri their home. Graham is with that I've Been Moved company and is currently the manager of the Bethesda office. Their most recent residence was Princeton, N. J., where they were members of the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church. The Helmendachs have two sons, Grant, who was also received into membership, and Keith, 12. The boys attend the Landon School and share an enthusiasm for hockey with their parents. Carol has become a supporter of the Women of the Church although she is also supervising home renovations.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom N. Hewlett (Pat) 10000 Gainsborough Road (299-2363)

Tom and Pat came to us from Palatine, Illinois. Tom is with the Andrews Corporation and Pat is employed at Garfinckels. The Hewletts have two children. Sherri, who also united with the church, is enrolled at Mount Vernon College and Mark (13) has become active in the Seventens program and is also participating in the confirmation program. The last member of the household is Samantha - at the risk of offending her, it must be stated - Samantha is a dog.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon B. MacDonald (Marti) 10012 South Glen Road (299-2593)

The MacDonalds transferred to this area about two years ago, having moved from Dallas, Texas. Mac is with General Motors - Sales. Ellen, their eldest daughter, is a sophomore at N. Texas State College, Denton, Texas; Andy is a junior at Churchill, and Amy is a 7th grader at Cabin John. Both Mac and Marti are nature enthusiasts, and Marti spends a great deal of time helping a friend with her greenhouse.

Mr. and Mrs. William Topercer (Betty), 9501 Accord Drive (299-2591)

Princeton, New Jersey's loss has definitely been our gain! The Topercers come to us from that city courtesy of the ITEL Corporation, manufacturers of computer products. The Topercers have three children: Billy (8); Kristen (5), and Jason (4). A busy household indeed! The family shares an interest in sports - the children seem to insure that interest will continue for a number of years!

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Woodard (Cecilia) 6817 Persimmon Tree Road (299-8424)

Cec and Keith were transplanted from the Los Angeles area some 11 years ago, having lived in Rockville for a time before moving to their present home seven years ago. Keith is with Pickard, Lowe and Associates, who are nuclear energy consultants. Cec is loyally saving her garbage for Women of the Church projects and has even found time to work with them despite her full time job in the home with the three little Woodards: (Don  $(6\frac{1}{2})$ ; Kacie (5), and Teri  $(1\frac{1}{2})$ .

The next New Member Seminar will be held on Sunday April 20th, at the Willcoxon's home, 7508 Masters Drive. If you, or someone you know, is interested in membership, please call Kathy at 299-4464.

#### STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL TO PROVIDE \$\$\$ FOR MISSION

Strawberry Festival Chairman, Lynn Bigler, happily reports that craft work is continuing at a steady and increasingly enthusiastic pace every Tuesday and Wednesday morning at the church. The ladies have created over \$400 worth at this point: toys for children, kitchen and hostess items, ornaments, articles of clothing, and much more. All subcommittee positions have been filled for the Festival, but those chairmen need plenty of help - please volunteer. Sally and Don O'Neal will be in charge of a rummage and white elephant sale - more details about this later! After the expenses to produce this rund-raiser are paid, and a "seed fund" provided in the WOC Treasury to finance next year's Festival, the remaining monies will be designated for some Mission giving. Keep surprising us with the wonderful things you're doing at home and bringing in to help make our first Strawberry Festival a huge success!

Please contact Diane Gregg if you have any plants (any kind) to donate for sale at the Strawberry Festival. Diane is trying to locate an awning or umbrella tables available for use on June 14, from 11-3, to protect the plants from the sunshine we've ordered for that day. If you can help in this department, call Diane.

Elaine Skinner, strawberry pies chairman, is asking for donations of pies for the Festival, to be made on June 13th or the morning of the 14th. There will be a sign-up sheet for this purpose in the narthex. If you wish to contribute, but have trouble making pie crust, contact Elaine - the crust will be provided.

#### A RECIPE FOR THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Take 1 enthusiastic Barbara Wakeland.

Add 1 or more recipes from EACH PUPC member (any kind of recipe: meat dishes, salads, desserts, snacks, etc.

Stir well in the typewriter, then remove to the mimeograph machine.

And, voila! - what do we have? A recipe book to sell at the Strawberry Festival. Barbara goes to the "kitchen" on May 1, so hurry to have your recipe included in the book.

Serves: Everyone!

#### SENIOR HIGH COURSE

On April 6, 7, and 8, the Senior Highs of Potomac United Presbyterian Church, the Senior Highs of Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, together with their parents will participate in a course on "Christians and the Meaning of Sexuality." The course will be conducted at our church by the Rev. Charles Courtoy, Lirector of Senior High Ministries for the entire United Methodist Church. Rev. Courtoy is coming to the Washington area from Nashville, Tenn., at the invitation of our church and the Bradley Hills church. The weekend will culminate with a dinner for all participants Sunday evening.

#### ALLEN HENGST TO SPEAK ON WORLD DUNGER

The Senior High meeting on World Hunger will be held at the church Sunday, April 20, at 7:00 p.m. Allen Hengst, a volunteer interpreter for CROP, the Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service, will show slides and speak about his experiences in West Africa. During the summer of 1972, he worked on CROP emergency relief projects and other educational programs which were teaching natives how to plant and fertilize. Food related issues are of prime importance to all Americans. The Senior Highs invite all church members and friends to attend.

#### SEVENTENS NEWS

We have recently welcomed Tim Green to our staff. Tim holds a seminary degree in Christian Education and is Director of Christian Education at Rockville Presbyterian Church.

Rehearsals are getting underway for our Spring concert to be held at the church on June 8, at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a Family Night Dinner at 7:00. The music will be "Joseph's Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat". Kathy Willcoxon will be helping choir director, Emily Gibson, with this production. Reserve the date now!

Volunteers are needed to help with the newsletter. The deadline for the next issue is April 20. If you have any time available that week please call Lynn Bigler, 299-6437. Writers, typists, folders, staplers, sealers are all needed. Even if you can give us only an hour of your time, it can be put to good use.

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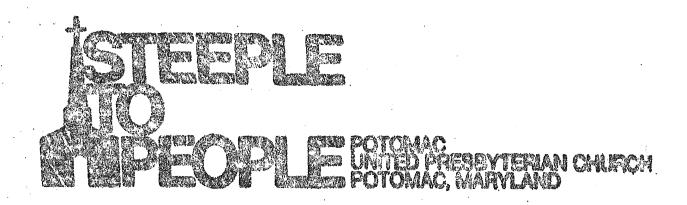
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#### FINANCIAL REPORTS PRESENTED

Presented in this issue of Steeple to People are two financial reports of the Church - the revised 1975 budget just approved by the Session and the first quarter financial report. The Finance Committee will include these reports in future issues of Steeple to People along with other financial reports of interest. It is hoped that our members will gain an increased appreciation of the financial workings of our Church through these reports.

As a result of many fine efforts, the attached revised 1975 budget reflects substantial improvement in income as well as the expansion of some needed spending programs. The result of these changes is a much smaller budget deficit for the year than originally antici-

pated. Changes from the original 1975 budget are noted.

The first quarter of 1975 was very good financially for the Church, as reflected in the attached first quarter report. Beginning the year with a deficit of %1,726.83 the Church produced income sufficient to turn this deficit into a %2,764.26 positive balance. As a result, a large portion of our debt to the Capital Fund has been repaid as well as our per capita and self-allocation commitments. With the summer months nearing we hope not to slide back financially as has been the case in the past.

# EDUCATIONAL LETTERS ON PLEDGING CIRCULATED

Currently circulating throughout the membership of our Church are five letters from the Finance Committee on various aspects of Church pledging. The purpose of these letters is to improve the communication between the Church and its members on the subject of pledging and to assist members in evaluating the many aspects of pledge programs. The Finance Committee hopes that this educational effort will be of value and welcomes any comments or questions on the subject of pledging or Church finances.

# POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS (BUDGETED AMOUNT) FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31

FOR THE THREE	MONTHS ENDED	MARCH 31, 1975	Actual Caron
RECEIPTS	1975 Actual	1975 Budgeted <u>Items</u>	Actual Over (Under) Budget
Pledges Loose Offerings Special Offerings Rental of Church Bldg. Rental of Manse Special Programs	\$11,126.75 2,425.29 716.54 1,725.00 1,500.00 162.00	\$13,300.00 1,000.00 500.00 1,650.00 1,500.00 375.00	\$\(\((2,173.25)\) 1,425.29 216.54 75.00 213.00
Total	\$17,655,58	\$18,325.00	\$ (669.42)
Disbursements			Actual (Over) <u>Under Budget</u>
Administration Apportionment (1) Christian Education Church Bldg. Operations Church & Community Congregational Life Debt Service	\$ 991.82 1,200.00 295.76 2,247.83 1,161.87 4,347.00	\$ 1,000.00 1,200.00 750.00 2,318.25 25.00 1,231.25 4,347.00	\$ 8.18 454.24 70.42 25.00 69.38
Finance Insurance Manse Operations Ministry Special Offerings Stewardship Taxes-FICA Loan from Capital Fund (1) (2) Search Committee Mission (Self Allocation	185.48 3,152.98  102.60 90.76 1;810.50  on) 650.00	300.00 112.50 3,916.00 500.00 83.50 125.00 1,810.50 500.00	300.00 72.98 763.02 500.00 (19.10) 34.24
	\$16,236.60	<u>\$18,969.00</u>	<u>2,732.40</u>

<sup>(1)</sup> These budgeted amounts have been adjusted to actual paid.

The General Fund owed the Capital Fund  $\varphi 3,212.10$  as of 12-31-74.  $\varphi 1,810.50$  of that amount has been repaid as of 3-31-75.(2)

#### POTOMAC UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH REVISED 1975 PROGRAM BUDGET

Receipts (1) Pledges (2) Loose Offering Special Offerings (3) Rental on Church Bldg. Rental on Manse (4) Special Programs Total	Revised 1975 Budget \$53,200 4,000 2,000 2,350 4,500 1,500	0riginal 1975 Budget \$43,000 2,500 2,000 3,300 4,500 \$55,300	1974 Actual \$43,669 2,379 2,076 5,295
Disbursements Administration Apportionment (5)Christian Education Church Bldg. Operations Church & Community Congregational Life Debt Service	\$ 4,000 1,650 3,000 9,273 100 4,925 17,388	\$ 4,000 1,650 2,000 9,273 100 4,925 17,388	\$ 4,156 1,637 1,155 8,981 50 4,006 17,388
Finance Insurance Manse Operations (6)Ministry (7)Mission & Special Offering Stewardship Taxes-FICA Loan from Capital Fund Search Committee	1,200 450 15,664 5,000 332 500 3,212 2,000	1,200 450 13,164 2,000 332 500 3,212 2,000	1,105 1,912 14,657 2,076 156 404
Total	\$68,694	\$62,194	\$57,683
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 914)	(\$6,664)	(\$4,264)

#### Notes

(1)

Due to supplemental Stewardship Program Increased because of Actual First Quarter Results (2)

Decreased because German School has departed

Includes anticipated income from various fund raising efforts such as the Strawberry Festival and the Gillette Program

Increased for Christian Education salary

Added \$2,500 for new minister moving expenses Added \$3,000

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS PARTICIPATING IN SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

The following boys and girls are participating in the Sunday morning services from April 20 to May 25 as a part of their Confirmation Class training.

April 20 Ushers: Craig Hoge and Darlene Bower

Minute for Mission and First Lesson: Susan Thompson 424-1353

April 27 Ushers: Jeff Skinner and Debbie Chaffee

Minute for Mission and First Lesson: Leslie Brewer 762-7523

May 4 Ushers: Clark Kendall and Pat McMahon

Minute for Mission and First Lesson: Gail Hutchison 299-4823

May 11 Ushers: David O'Neal and Rick Evans

Minute for Mission and First Lesson: Tori Bissell 299-5833 May 18 Pentecost in the Park (Elders)

May 25 Ushers: Clair Doyle and Kevin Bartlett

Minute for Mission and First Lesson: Dan Willcoxon 299-4464

#### MELLEM AND FERRARA TO SOLO ON CHOIR SUNDAY, MAY 25

On Sunday, May 25, during the 11:00 service, the Sanctuary Choir will present Handel's <u>Chandes Anthem</u> #4, based on portions of Psalms 96 and 93. This work is one of twelve similar compositions composed between 1717 and 1720 for an English nobleman, James of Chandes. The Anthem is an integral part of worship in the Anglican Church, affording an opportunity for Choir and Soloists to express worship. ming from the Latin Motet, it grew with such composers as Purcell and Handel into an elaborate work for soli, choir, and orchestra.

Please be there to support this effort by your Adult Choir and Director of Music, Emily Cooper (ibson. Soloists will be Nancy Mellem and Lucille Ferrara, Sopranos.

Also, reserve Sunday, June 8, for the performance of Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, presented by the Seventens.

#### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH TO MEET APRIL 29

The Women of the Church happily changed the April meeting date to Tuesday, April 29, in order to hear Mrs. Cleta White. She comes to us as an Elder in the Bush Hill Presbyterian Church of Alexandria, Mission Interpretation Chairperson of the National Capitol Presbytery WOC Board, and the Chairperson for the Task Force on Global Hunger of the U.P.W.! She has four children and her husband is with the government yet she finds time to speak to groups about missions, especially her recent trip as one of fifty women from the world who were guests of Church World Service in visiting our missionaries in India and Nepal and the Far East. She will have a slide presentation and will answer questions from the group. Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Bring a neighbor along and come promptly at 9:45 for coffee.

> Business meeting at 11:30 New WOC Board slate presentation Lunch at noon PLEASE RSVP FOR CHILD CARE

#### Afternoon workshop for handcrafts:

l. Shellcraft

2. Granny square slippers

3. Tea cosies

4. Sewing baskets

Watch the bulletin board for other projects. We need you and you might enjoy spending a few hours turning "throw aways" into money for missions!

The following items are still needed for projects: old candles and crayons; seam binding, edging, ribbon and lace; felt, cotton pieces, ice cream cartons - 2 gallon round size only - tops also!; large round potato chip or pretzel containers with tops, yarn left-overs; cotton fabric scraps; nuts, small pine cones, small plastic fruit.

#### READ THIS IF YOU CRAVE GOOD NEWS!

And the good news is that the PUPC ladies have created at this writing over \$800 worth of crafts to be sold at the Strawberry Festival on June 14. Now that's exciting! Please note; however, that this Festival is not a WOC activity; it is a PUPC activity. Therefore it must include ALL of us. So far, none of our gentlemen have contributed any of their paintings, sculpture, woodworking projects, or blown glass creations. \$800 worth of crafts contributed from the masculine members of the church would be most welcome indeed!

RUMMAGE. Yes, there will be a rummage sale in connection with the Strawberry Festival. We are interested in collecting all kinds of rummage. Three collection points have been established; the Wakelands at 9013 Cherbourg Drive in Lake Normandy Estates, the Savages at 8300 Kingsgate Road in Fawsett Farms, and the O'Neals at 8308 Fenway Road in Carderock Springs. This is the time of year when you're all doing your spring cleaning, we know. You have all kinds of treasures in your closets, basements, garages, and bureau drawers that are just taking up space. They can be turned into CpApSpH by giving them to our rummage sale. Start packing up those boxes and bags NOW and deliver them to the locations mentioned. Call Sally O'Neal, Rummage Chairman, for further information.

PLANTS. Umbrella tables or outdoor canopies are still needed to use Saturday, June 14, at the Festival to protect the plants. Donations of plants are also needed. Contact Plant Chairman, Diane Gregg,

for information or to volunteer to help her that day.

STRAWBERRY PIES. What's a Strawberry Festival without a table full of strawberry pies? Have you noticed the pie sign-up sheet in the Narthex? Two pies will not 500 feed! We need donations of strawberry pies. If you don't have much success in making pie crust, we can provide you with the crusts. If you need a recipe, we can provide that also. There are some recipes which can be frozen if the last minute preparation is what is hindering your volunteering. Please fill that sheet in the Narthex! Call Elaine Skinner for help.

RECIPE BOOK. Chairman Barbara Wakeland is about to begin typing recipes. Have you sent her your favorite one yet? Please do so be-

fore the end of this month.

Craft workshops will continue to meet EVERY Tuesday and Wednesday morning at the church until the Festival. Please join us!

The collection taken up on the night of the Ecumenical Lenten Vesper Service at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church amounted to \$151.13. A check in that amount has been sent to S.O.M.E. (So Others May Eat).

The Potomac Village Garden Club will present its Seventh Annual Spring Flower Show in Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 13, from 3:00-9:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend or to exhibit his prize horticultural specimens. (No house plants). There will be a special children's division (including house plants). For further information call Diane Gregg 299-6456.

You can't help noticing the bright new colors in Fellowship Hall! If you'd like to help continue our beautification project, call Don O'Neal and volunteer your arm to do some painting.

Congratulations are in order for Mrs. Isabel Bradley who remarried last month. She is now Mrs. Charles Bartholomew and they are residing at 651 Azalea Drive, Apartment 2, Rockville, Maryland 20850. You'll want to note this change in your Church Directory. The new phone number is 762-0381. Mrs. Bartholomew is the mother of William King.

Next deadline for STEEPLE TO PEOPLE is May 18.

Thank you, thank you Jackie Evans and Dawn Thompson for your part in organizing and presenting the Maundy Thursday Dinner for the congregation last month.

A workshop for parents and professionals on vocational education for handicapped youth will be held Saturday, May 3, from 9:00-4:30, at the Educational Services Center, 850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville. The program will feature speakers who are working with handicapped young people and have a combination of know-how and caring involvement. Representatives of the major public and private job training and placement programs in our area will be present to tell you how they may be able to help your son or daughter. See the bulletin board for more information.

The total contribution to The One Great Hour of Sharing amounted to \$831.54.

The Congregation notes with deep regret the passing away of one of our members, Herman F. Scheurer. We extend our most sincere sympathy to his entire family.

#### A PENTECOST MESSAGE FROM DR. HUTCHESON

Pentecost, which comes this year on may 18, is the season of the Holy Spirit. It commemorates the occasion, recounted in the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, when the Holy Spirit, promised by Christ before his crucifixion, came upon the disciples. This was the event that gave them power to be the church - the Body of Christ on earth after the physical departure of Jesus.

I don't know the origin of this church's custom of celebrating "Pentecost in the Park" but whatever the source, the symbolism is apt. The Holy Spirit is that aspect of God's reality which is spiritually present with us everywhere - as surely in a park as within the walls of a church. And the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit is what makes us the church - not a membership roll, or a Book of Order, or a

building to meet in.

Churches as organized groups always have problems - interpersonal, financial, organizational. We wouldn't be human if we didn't. We have to cope with these problems in human ways. But our real strength is not our human resources. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit. The celebration of Pentecost can remind us of the importance of that Presence if we are to be a vital, effective church.

The 11:00 service on Sunday, May 18, will be held outdoors in Cabin John Park in celebration of Pentecost. Please come early to help set up and get organized so we may begin our service promptly at 11:00. Bring your lunch and stay for family fun in the afternoon (until 3:00). A volleyball net and ball plus baseball equipment are needed. Contact Dawn Thompson if you can provide these things. There is a shelter at the park, so come even if it rains.

DIRECTIONS: The park is located near Clara Barton Elementary School on MacArthur Blvd. From the church take River Road to Persimmon Tree Road, turn Right on Persimmon Tree and go all the way to MacArthur. Left on MacArthur and turn Left just before the school.

#### PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE BUSY AT WEEKLY MEETINGS

The Pulpit Search Committee is presently completing the church information form describing our church, its programs, membership, etc. It is actually a profile of who we are. Chairman Mike Bentzen feels the committee, which meets every Wednesday evening, is approximately 70% of the way finished with this portion of their task. He asks that if any of the congregation have a minister's name to suggest to the committee, it be done before May 15. The committee expects to be receiving dossiers beginning next month, perhaps as many as 100 for them to study. Next month's newsletter will apprise you of their progress.

#### LAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SPRING

April 27 "Women in the Episcopal Church - Their problems and their triumphs"

May 4 "Women in the Presbyterian Church"

May 11 Emily Gibson (tentative) Church Music Part II

May 18 Pentecost (no meeting of Lay Education)

May 25 Peg Poulton, representative from Presbytery "General Assembly's Approach to Missions"

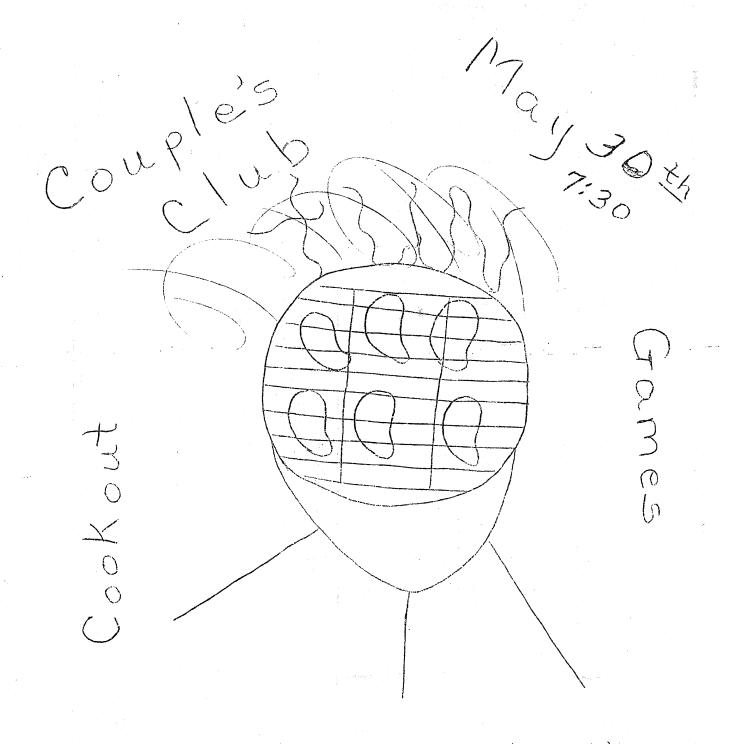
May 25 will be the last meeting of Lay Education. Plans are now underway for a fall program.

For those of you who have forgotten, second semester fees for the Seventens Program and Dinners are now overdue!

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Camille Kendall	424-7539	
William Kerrigan	965-3042	
Carolyn Meakem	469-6447	(new-please change your directory)
Theodore Moock	424-3405	
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#### SIXTEEN TO BE CONFIRMED JUNE 7

Sixteen young people of our church have been participating in a ten-week study program at St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church under the direction of Rev. James MacDonald.

These young people will be formally accepted into membership of our church by the Session at a Confirmation Dinner at St. Mark's on Saturday. June 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Recognition at Potomac United Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, June 15, followed by a reception honoring the sixteen new members.

The group participating in the confirmation study this year are: Leslie Brewer, Kevin Bartlett, Susan Thompson, Mark Hewlett, Jeff Skinner, Craig Hoge, Pat McMahon, Clark Kendall, Rick Evans, David O'Neal, Tori Bissell, Claire Doyle, Debbie Chaffee, Dan willcoxon, Darlene Bower, and Gail Hutchison.

# HELP CHANGE THE "BLAHS" TO "AHS"

Every year your Church fights the summer financial "blahs". Church's financial "blahs" is the failure of our members to keep up their pledge payments during the summer months.

Unfortunately your Church expenses go on during the summer monthsutilities, mortgages, salaries, taxes, supplies, insurance, etc., but a greatly reduced income level is all we have to meet those expenses. As a result, Church Treasurers perform magician-like acts to pay our bills and meet our obligations during the summer.

Suggestion: Realizing that attendance drops sharply during July and August, why not plan to contribute each week during January through June an amount somewhat larger than you ordinarily would. Suppose your pledge is \$520.00 a year (\$10 a week) - during the first six months of the year contribute \$13.00 a week instead so that you are not behind in September and, as importantly, your Church can get through the summer months without magic. Both you and your Church will benefita

#### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Sunday, June 1, will be recognition of all our college students and those students who are graduating from high school this June. (College students please note change of date from May 25 - this was done to allow more time for college students to return home).

There will be a reception in honor of these two groups of students

after the Sunday morning service in the Fellowship Hall.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NOTES

The 11:00 worship service to be held June 8 will include a segment devoted to the recognition and appreciation of our Church School staff for their efforts during the past school year. All teachers assigned in K through 6th grades, 7-10's and senior high programs are requested to attend this service.

Church School for grades K through 6th will continue to be held up to and including Sunday, June 15. This will be the final class day of the school year. The Fall schedule is currently planned to begin Sunday, September 7 (registration day). Additional details will be provided during the summer months in Steeple to People.

#### PATCHES FOR POTOMAC

Six members of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church participated in a "skin patch" test at the Gillette Research Laboratories in Rockville during April and May to raise money for the church. Gillette paid the church \$60.00 for each person participating in the research program. A total of \$360.00 was raised by Lynn Bigler, Cindy Moock, Ruth Lincoln, Winnie Brill, Carole Smith and Camille Kendall.

#### COUPLES CLUB COOKOUT

Where can you go dressed casually, pay only \$5.00 per couple, and eat a scrumptious stock dinner in lovely surroundings with congenial group of folks??? Nowhere but at the wakelands on Friday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. R.S.V.P. Flo Johnston at 762-0078 or Barbara Wakeland at 299-5846. Games are on the agenda after dinner: ping pong, cards, badminton, etc. See you there!

A farewell reception has been planned for Dr. Hutcheson following the June 29th service. Do be on hand that morning to wish him Godspeed- and THANK YOU!

Wext deadline for STEEPLE TO PEOPLE is June 15.

#### THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL - IT'S ALMOST HERE!

The excitement is rising now. Flyers, posters, radio and TV announcements are in the works; the recipe book is being typed; the costumes for the ladies are completed; our craft experts have met their goal of \$1000 worth of hand-made items - and exceeded it - and are still working!; home-made breads, shortcakes, and jams are in the freezers; and attic treasures are being delivered (but slowly) to our three collection points: Wakelands, Savages, and O'Neals.

Strawberry pies are still needed - please sign up on the narthex

poster.

Now what we need is YOU, your friends and neighbors in attendance Saturday, June 14, at the Festival - 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Come see what's happening - you'll be proud of your church!

We do need men and women to help out on the 14th with various tasks. Please volunteer to Festival Chairman, Lynn Bigler - soon?

For those of you (and we hope ALL of you will) planning to donate some white elephants to our rummage sale, this information will be important for your tax records. The following information was provided to the Festival Chairman by a tax accountant to assist you in calculating your tax deduction for your contributions.

List EVERY item. The IRS requires this specifically. Determine the following information:

1. Item description

- 2. Purchase price
- 3. Life of item
- 4. Years owned
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multiplying #1 by #4 and dividing by #2.

Those families who are acting as collectors (Wakelands, Savages, and O'Neals) will sign your list of items as official representatives of the Strawberry Festival. The meaning of their signature is merely an acknowledgement that they have received the articles described; they are not attesting to or placing any value on the articles. The amount of your donation is independent of the value the church receives for it. For example, if you donate a Picasso worth \$250,000 and the church sells it for \$75, you may deduct the true value of the painting not merely the \$75 we were able to receive for it.

It would be a great help to our Rummage Chairman, Sally O'Neal, if you would give us an idea of what to charge for your donated items

when you deliver them.

Thank you, Dawn Thompson, for planning the Pentecost in the Park program for us on Sunday, May 18. It was a beautiful day for outdoor worship and the picnic and games which followed.

#### SEARCH COMMITTEE HOPEFUL FOR JUNE DOSSIERS

The Pulpit Search Committee continues to meet weekly in an effort to fulfill their task of filling our pulpit. They have nearly completed the all-important church information form. This document will be sent to National Headquarters in New York and in Atlanta. Headquarters in return will send us dossiers. Some names of prospective candidates have been given to the committee and these candidates will also be receiving our information form. On May 28th, the committee will meet jointly with the Session to receive approval of the form on which they have been working for the past many weeks. Chairman, Mike Bentzen, is hopeful that the form may be mailed out by June 1. Two to three weeks following that, we may begin receiving dossiers. The committee does plan to continue meeting throughout the summer to study and evaluate these dossiers and begin other-church visitations.

#### DON'T MISS "JOSEPH" (AND HIS AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAM COAT)

A musical, dramatic, visual treat awaits you on the evening of June 8th at 7:30 p.m. The 7-10's have spent many hours preparing their Spring Concert for your enjoyment. Certainly, much of the credit must go to Emily Gibson, our Director of Music, for her excellent preparation. However, any director will fall short of her goals if the necessary response is not forthcoming from the cast itself. And, it is understood from Director Kathy Willcoxon, that that is not a problem! The 7-10's have been responsive, responsible, and enthusiastic. Not only do they sing and act, but (with some help from Mom) they are making their costumes, preparing programs, and doing posters. John Carroll is busily preparing special lighting effects assisted by Dave O'Niel. Kevin Bartlett as Joseph is supported by an able cast including our zany Pharoah played by Tim Green.

The music is great! The cast is great! The kids are great!
Now all they need is you - the audience. Please come. Kathy assures us you will find it an enjoyable evening - fun for everyone from toddlers to grandparents - and let's face it, there aren't too many of those around!

JUNE 8th

7:30 P.M.

#### SEE YOU THERE!

Preceding the Seventens' Spring Concert on June 8, 1975, there will be a family-style dinner in Fellowship Hall to which all of you are invited. Appetizers will be served at 6:00 on the lawn, and dinner will be at 6:30.

For reservations and food assignments, please call Joan Chase at 299-3016 (evenings or weekends) or Ethel Roseman at 365-0698 (evenings or weekends).

#### WELCOME ANNE NEVIASER!

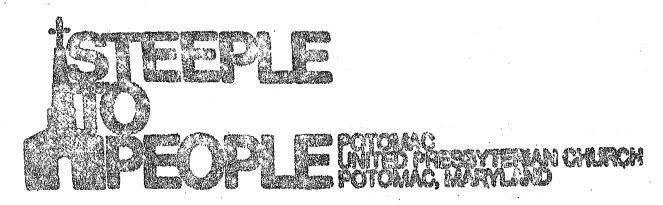
Mrs. Anne Nevaiser was received into membership of the Potomac United Presbyterian Church on May 18 by letter of transfer from the First Congregational Church of Portland, Connecticut. Anne and her husband, an orthopedic surgeon who teaches at George Washington University, reside at 14620 Seneca Road. There are three little Nevaisers Niki 6½, Robert, Jr. 4, and Ian 2. Delightful, enthusiastic, and responsive are words which might describe Anne. When asked about hobbies, she responded, "Well, I do sew a little, but mainly I enjoy raising our children!" A full time job, Anne, and one we're sure you'do well. Welcome to PUPC!

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# SUMMER SERVICES TO BE HELD ONE HOUR EARLIER; GUEST SPEAKERS

Beginning July 6, and continuing through the end of August, church service will begin at 10:00 A.M.

Guest speakers for the summer weeks are as follows:

July 6 Rev. F. Feldner assisted by Ted Moock

July 13 Rev. Burke E. Dorworth assisted by Bill Brill

July 20 Rev. Edward O. Poole assisted by Camille Kendall

July 27 Rev. James K. Leitch assisted by Lew Smith

August 3 Mrs. Shirley Coll assisted by Lew Smith

August 10 Rev. Robert Wildon assisted by Shirley Coll

August 17 Rev. Harold L. Hunt assisted by Bill Kerrigan

August 24 Rev. David Voss assisted by Bill Hutchison

August 31 Rev. David C. Jamison assisted by Bob Fredlund

Please contact the appropriate Elder if you have any summer announcements.

# A FAREWELL FROM A FRIEND

My eight months as your interim pastor have passed quickly and pleasantly. There have been problems to face - as in every church - but the association has been a rewarding one for me, and I leave it

with real regret.

My new ministry will be as Chairman of the Office of Review and Evaluation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S. This is an office charged with monitoring the agencies of the Assembly, to evaluate their organizational and functional effectiveness and their responsiveness to the whole Church. It is a kind of ministry for which, hopefully, my past experience and training have equipped me, and one to which I feel strongly called. We are keeping our house in Potomac (if we get it rented!) and expect to return to the community some day, so Libby and I do expect to see you again one of these years.

We will be leaving town after my final service on June 29. We will be vacationing for most of the month of July at our cottage on the Shenandoah River, and if any of you are over in that area we would

be happy to have you stop by (703-837-2920).

Early in August we will be going to our new home in the Atlanta area. The welcome mat will always be out for those of you who pass through that crossroads of the south. Our address there will be: 821 Kirk Road, Decatur, Georgia, 30039.

#### AND A FAREWELL TO A FRIEND

Dear Dick.

Please know how deeply we appreciate the work you have done in this church and how much it has meant to us. We offer you our very best wishes for a happy and successful future.

Godspeed from the Congregation of the Potemac Presbyterian Church

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#### FINANCIAL AFFAIRS IMPROVING

The Session has just received the May financial report from the Church treasury. In it is some good financial news.

Receipts thus far this year have exceeded expenditures by a comfortable margin. As a result, we have paid off last year's deficit, virtually all of our loan from the capital fund, all of our proportionment and a large majority of our benevolences. All of these are in sharp contrast to previous years' financial standings.

Historically, our summer receipts (June, July and August) have been very poor. Expenses go on but income drops sharply. It is hoped that all members will continue the pledging during the summer so as to prevent deterioration in our financial affairs.

The Church Treasurer will be away in August and she has requested that all bills for payment be sent to her office (Patty Bissell, 5303 Baltimore Avenue, Hyattsville, Maryland) rather than left at the church. If you have a bill to be paid during August, please sent it to Patty's office - do not leave bills at the church office.

#### IS THERE A MOVE IN YOUR FUTURE?

One of the most difficult aspects of your Church Treasurer's job is making up for the lost pledge income expected from members who must move during the year. This is so because the moved members often stop contributing to the church causing a short fall in our pledge collections thereby reducing the funds available to meet our operating plans.

Though most members stop paying their pledge when they move, many do complete them. This letter is a plea to those of you who may move some time in the future to complete your pledge because your church has planned on this income. You may say that since you are no longer attending our church, your obligation ends - and perhaps it does - yet you probably won't make a quick church association in your new community. The Presbyterian Church can still be served by continuing your contributions to the Potomac Presbyterian Church.

We, of course, hope that none of our members are required to move but if so, a completion of your pledge to our church is most enthusiastically sought. New members to our church make up no more than part of the lost revenues of moved members.

Remember, service is at 10:00 A.M., beginning July 6 and running through the month of August.

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#### PULPIT NOMINATING COMMITTEE ENTERS NEW PHASE

The church information form was mailed on May 30, 1975! The twenty-page document describing the Potomac Presbyterian Church was approved by the Session on May 28, 1975, during a joint meeting with the Pulpit Nominating Committee. Approximately three to four weeks after receiving the form, the vocation agencies of the two Presbyterian denominations will start sending dossiers of potential candidates, in addition to those requested by the committee or referred to us by other sources.

The receipt of a substantial number of dossiers will start the Pulpit Nominating Committee on the next phase of their work. After receiving dossiers, the committee will select those candidates which appear to meet the needs of this church. These candidates will be heard and contacted by the committee as it works to narrow the search to the one to be called.

The committee intends to remain active during the summer months.

#### SIXTEEN NEW MEMBERS WELCOMED AT RECEPTION JUNE 15

Clark Kendall, Craig Hoge, Gail Hutchison, Victoria Bissell, Mark Hewlett, Dan Willcoxon, Darlene Bower, Kevin McMahon, Ross Evans, Susan Thompson, Clare Doyle, Kevin Bartlett, Leslie Brewer, Jeff Skinner, Deborah Chaffee, and David O'Neal - the 1975 Confirmation Class - were welcomed to our congregational life and worship during the June 15 service. These young people were honored at a reception following their confirmation.

# WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ORGANIZE FOR THE 1975-6 YEAR

The incoming board of the WOC, elected at a late May luncheon meeting at the home of Carolyn Meakem, retiring president, consists of the following ladies Cecic Phair, Velma Killion, Ruth Lincoln, Pat King, Estelle Woodcock, Carol Helmendach, Joy Garcia, Camille Kendall, Elaine Skinner - Secretary/Treasurer, and Lynn Bigler - President. Board meetings will be held on the first wednesday of each month September through April, and general meetings will be held on the third wednesday of those months. All meetings will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. and last only two hours. The first general meeting will be on the 15th of October; Cocie Phair and Velma Killion will be in charge of this meeting.

The new board met briefly following church on June 15 to analyze the Strawberry Festival. They enthusiastically decided to hold another Festival next June; Lynn Bigler volunteered to chair it again. New ideas for Festival '76 will be most welcome.

Choir crosses were presented to the King David Choir on Sunday, June 8, in appreciation for the many Sundays they have lifted our hearts with their sweet voices. The last choir rehearsal, until fall, was held on Thursday, May 29, at Farrell's - a surprise treat for the children. King David Choir members recognized with crosses were: Kathy King, Janet Mellem, Jodi Smith, Cathy Wakeland and Heather Woodcock. Our love and thanks to each one and to our Choir Director, Emily Gibson.

Thank you, Kathy Willcoxon, for your wonderful 7-10's show and the lovely confirmation cake you provided for that group's reception.

There will be no summer communion on July 13. Instead Dr. Hutcheson will offer communion on his last Sunday with us, June 29.

Beginning in September, our building will house Patty Dunnavant's new nursery school. You may call Patty for information - 299-6734.

The Session recently took action to provide a salary for Shirley Coll in recognition of the vital work she has been performing and will continue to perform for our church in the area of Christian Education.

Please notify the church if you know of illness in the congregation. Parish lists are now posted in the office; the appropriate Elder will deliver flowers to members who are ill.

A big thank you from all of us to those members of the "Coffee Pouring Society" who treated us to their hospitality each Sunday after church: Killions, Cooks, Rosa Egan, Hawleys, Durfees, Ethel Roseman, Malones, Koonces, O'Neals, Bissels, Brains, Evans, Jenkins, Skinners, Fredlunds, Heiningers, Hoges, Ginger Lewis, Mills, Johnstons, Millers, Bauers, Trudy Hoyt, Savages, Bentzens, Hinrichs, Guffeys, Moocks, Hartmans, Sasses, Cecie Phair, Boddigers, McIntyres, Lanklers, McMahons, Linda Tennery, Chaffees, Wakelands, Thompsons, Follansbees, Kings, and Darts. Coffee Hours will resume again on September 7; Chairman Lynn Bigler will be calling you during the summer to set up her fall schedule.

Expenses are still coming in (turn in Festival bills NOw to Patty Bissell) and sales are continuing, therefore the exact Strawberry Festival results are not yet known. Approximately \$2400 was handled and costs are being subtracted from that. Known expenses take the profit to about 51600. WOC plans for the monies are: a seed fund for Festival 176 and the remainder for mission (specifically not yet chosen). More financial details will appear in the next newsletter. Thanking those who helped from the January evening the Festival was "born" would take more pages than your editor is allowed this month! Dick Sebastian-boxes of pretty paper products; Woodcocks-that giant strawberry; Hawleys and their helpers-Publicity (did you hear it on Hardin & Weaver and see Willard Scott wearing Betty Heininger's corsage?); O'Neal's gang who spent many hours in the rummage department; the gals who cleaned strawberries for 6 hours after a last-minute snafu nearly left us berryless!; our wonderful kids who pitched right in beside their parents; Bigler's truck which hauled so much up and down Falls Road, AND those tireless folks who never let up and provided all the beautiful handmade items you saw. Would you believe five ladies were each responsible for over \$100 worth of crafts? Joanne McPhee, Kathy Willcoxon, Dawn Thompson, Barbara Wakeland and Lynn Bigler. Sincere thanks to all those persons who helped make our first major effort such a big success! Remaining crafts are stored at Lynn's home; please remember that when you need a gift in the coming months. A list of what is available will be posted on the bulletin board at church.

FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF CRAFTS LEFT AFTER THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL. ALL PRICES HAVE BEEN LOWERED. DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HERE! CALL LYNN BIGLER 299-6437 OR MADDY SAXTON 299-4679 FOR ANY OF THESE ITEMS.

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2 tiffany (lead & glass) apples (window hangings) @ $4.00
15 strawberries (Xmas tree decorations) @ 25¢
7 plantaloons (flower pot covers) @ 50¢
2 kitchen sets:red & green (4 mats, toaster cover, apron, 2 hotpads @ ψ8
15 polyester washable neckties in red, blue, white, green @ $1.50
3 scarves (head or neck) entwined with pearls @ 50¢
4 barn purses (call Ginny Savage 299-6512)2 painted, 2 decoupaged 💩 🔊 30
1 wren house trimmed with twining ivy $5.00 3 shell balls (great in the bathroom) @ $4
6 small framed needlepoints (5 strawberries, 1 blue flower) @ $3.00
7 matchboxes @ $1
🕠 large white candle 😉 50¢
2 pig-shaped cutting boards @ $1.50
hand-painted bread board @ $7.00
16 wooden key chains (9 strawberries, 4 tennis rackets, 2 apples, 1
     mushroom @ $1
23 assorted party favors @ 10¢
2 decorated wig stands ও ৡ1
2 crocheted soft drink can hats (red-Coke, orchid-Grape) @ $3.00
3 tea cozies (blue, gold, melon) $2.50
30 potholders 🕹 25¢
2 dishtowels with appliqued strawberries @ $1
8 tennis/golf hats (1 needlepoint, 7 polyester) @ $2.00
ያ colonial clove swags @ $1
20 bookworms @ $1
5 red/white/blue crocheted purses ⊌ $3.50
3 pr. crocheted slippers (2 infant, 1 child) 4 50¢
7 babysitter charts (1 red, 6 blue) @ $1
2 crewel pictures-trees @ $5.00 for the set
15 boxes Strawberry stationery (notes, recipe cards, memos) @ $\pi_2.00
1 straw purse trimmed with grapes @ $5.00
1 pkg. shell place cards @ 50¢
1 pkg (12) shell cocktail pics @ 50¢
1 4-apartment martin house $8.00
4 placemats, 1 apron, 1 centerpiece of cloth flowers, red/white check $12
2 Betsy Ross bottle dolls @ $2.00
5 sunbonnets @ $2.00 (red, green, brown, cream, beige prints)
3 railroad-style caps for children (2 blue, 1 red) @ $1.75
5 clown dolls @ $2.00
9 wisks (filled with excelsior, egg, flowers - for wall decor) @ φ2.00
5 clothespin donkeys @ 50¢
2 ladles filled with flower buds (red,green) @ φ5.00
2 black felt dolls with 3 sets clothing @ $1.00
3 crocheted flower bunches (orange, yellow, orchid) @ 50¢
4 curtain ring scenes @ $2.00
3 puzzles @ $1.00
42 flower buds @ 25¢ (make your own arrangements)
8 large silk flowers @ $2.00
15 bean bags (10tic tac toe, 5 baked beans print) e $1
3 tooth fairy pillows @ $1.50
46 recipe books @ $2.50
5 Holly Hobbie dolls @ 2.00
many children's dresses (sizes 2-8) $4.00 up
2 calico cats @ $8.00
3 fake-fur owls @ $1.50
3 china dolls (2 @ $15, 1 @ $18) old-fashioned, all hand stitched
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3 red lobster bibs @ \$1

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Please note the following changes in the schedule of summer ministers. On July 20, the Rev. Herbert L. Stein-Schneider will be the guest minister not Rev. Poole, as previously indicated, as the latter wishes to be considered for our empty pulpit. On July 27, the Rev. Jacob S. Kim of the Voice of America will be the guest minister. He replaces Pr. Leitch who cannot be with us because of illness in his daughter's family. We may choose an interim pastor from among our summer ministers; come and hear them all.

SUMMER SERVICE TIME - ONE HOUR EARLIER - 10:00 A.M.

The Session urges all members to keep up their summer pledges. If you plan to be away, please use the enclosed envelopes to mail in your weekly or monthly pledge. The mortgage, salaries, lawn services, and utilities continue at 10301 River Road - even while YOU are at the beach!

A total of  $\varphi$ 232 was collected and given to Dr. Hutcheson as a farewell gift from the PPC congregation.

And, would you believe, the total PROFIT from the Strawberry Festival amounts to a big and beautiful \$1999.95!!! (Won't somebody dig in his pocket and find that other nickel?) The money has been deposited in a savings account for the present; its final use (mission and seed fund for the next Festival) will be determined before the end of 1975. Again, congratulations and thank yous to this congregation for doing such an outstanding job with this fund raiser. P.S. Festival '76 Chairman Lynn Bigler already has plans to top \$2000 for next year!

Emergency pastoral coverage has been arranged for the months of July and August. Please don't hesitate to call the church if any assistance is needed by your family. A willing and qualified pastor will be available. If you find this sort of assistance necessary, first call the church or one of the Elders listed on the back of this sheet.

Welcome to PPC to Roger Gregory who joined us last month by reaffirmation of faith. Roger has three children: Terri 17, Laurie 12, and Lawrence 9, and lives at 12409 St. James Road in Rockville. His hobbies are the piano, guitar, and photography. We're glad to have you in our congregation, Roger.

# MEMBERS OF THE SESSION AND THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBERS

William Brill	424=1268
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Shirley Coll Robert Fredlund	424-7278
Ralph Hall	762-5656 446-5656
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CHURCH SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11:00 A.M. BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 7.

# LAY EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7

9:45 to 10:45 - Child care will be provided.

School is starting and a four-week unit has been planned on: The Teenager and the Family - Some Social Concerns

Our guest speakers for the month will be:

- September 7 A representative from Karma Academy for Girls
- September 14 Donald J. McCallum, Director of the Office of Drug Control for Montgomery County and formerly pastor of Faith United Church of Christ. (Come early at 9:30 for doughnuts and coffee on the house).
- September 21 Donald Phelps, a representative of the National Institute on Alcoholism and Alcohol Abuse.
- September 28 SPECIAL BREAKFAST at 9:00.

  Rev. William Andrew, co-founder of the Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Center will speak on family communication.

This unit of study will be of interest to all but particularly to all families with teenagers. We urge you to come and to bring your youth with you. The study unit for the month of October will deal with our Protestant heritage. Watch for further details in next month's Steeple to People.

# "DEAR FRIENDS. . . - A LETTER FROM DR. HUTCHESON

Libby and I want to express our appreciation to you for the farewell reception, for your generous gift, and for all the expressions of good will on our last Sunday with you. It was a memorable occasion for us, and a heart-warming way to end our nine-month association. We have many many pleasant memories of Potomac Presbyterian, and we are grateful for the time we shared with you.

I had a busy week following my departure, but we have been enjoying a much-appreciated vacation for the past week, and are looking forward to two more weeks of it. Libby has had a friend with her to keep her company and I have been mostly relaxing.

Our Potomac house is rented and we look forward to returning to it one of these days. When that time comes, you may be sure that we will

be looking you up.

Warmest regards, Dick and Libby Hutcheson

### SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION SEPTEMBER 7

Sunday School for grades K through 6 will begin Sunday, September 7 at 11:00 a.m. Registration of new and returning children will be held during this first session. Nursery coverage will be coordinated throughout the year by the very capable team of Mary Ann Cookerly, Jackie Evans, Elaine Skinner, and Elizabeth Coffman.

### SEVENTENS PROGRAM TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 11

The first meeting of the Seventens program will be held on Thursday, September 11 at 4:30. We urge everyone to be present for this first meeting so we can get to know each other and announce our plans for the year. Be sure to bring your friends. We welcome to our staff this year two new teachers: Dawn Thompson who will be working with the 7th and 8th graders, and Roger Gregory who will be working with the 9th graders. Other members of the staff include: Marilyn Hoge -Coordinator, Tim Green, Marion Hutchison and Shirley Coll at the 7th and 8th grade level, and Linda Tennery at the 9th grade level. Doris Bower will be coordinating the dinners. The staff looks forward to seeing you there.

#### SENIOR HIGHS

The Senior Highs will begin the year with a get-together at the Howes on September 21 at 6:30. On September 28, they will begin a five-week seminar with Jackie Delatt on Death and Dying. All senior highs of the church are welcome. The adult staff for the year at the senior high level will be: Ollie Howe -Coordinator, Carolyn Follansbee, Bill and Pat King, Noel and Heather Kroncke, and Bill Kerrigan. Representatives from the senior high group have met during the summer and planned an exciting program for the year.

Beginning September 4, Shirley Coll, our Associate in Education, will be in the church office each Thursday morning from 9:00 until 12:00, If you have any questions concerning our various educational activities, she will be happy to talk with you.

#### "HOST" FAMILY PROGRAM

There are over 1000 international students attending Montgomery College. The Host Families Program seeks to foster a relationship between these International Students and families in the community. Families who have participated in the program have found it most rewarding, and still more host families are needed.

Some people seem to shy away from involvement in the program because they feel that it will tie them down, or demand too much from them. But the "program" consists of introducing the host family to an international student, and offering support should it be necessary. frequency of contact with the student is in the hands of the host family, and the "ties" are the ties of friendship.

Every potential host family should seek to do the following:

Be willing to be a friend.

Do something with an international student at least five times during the year.

Keep in contact with the student between visits.

Provide transportation, if necessary, to any activity to which the family invites the student. (With many students this is not necessary) ...

5. Include the international student in some family and community

activities.

Further information about the program can be obtained first-hand from one of the participants, Beverly Stoner of Derwood, by calling her at 948-1873 or from Robert Gribbon of College Ministry at 422-4308; or write, care of Montgomery College.

Young people attending college this fall who wish to receive Steeple to People at their school address, please make certain your new address has been turned in to Camille Kendall or the church office.

A farewell reception for departing-organist Emily Gibson was presented by Lucille Ferrara and other choir members on Sunday, August 10. A carrying case for her music was given to Emily as a token of our appreciation for her musical efforts while she was at PPC. Emily, we'll miss you!

Beginning September 8, the Potomac Village School will be occupying the classrooms at the church daily from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The school will maintain the same schedule as the Montgomery County Public School system. Patty Dunnavant is Director of the school; any inquiries may be directed to her.

The Clifford M. Kendall family wishes to express its appreciation to the congregation for the many prayers, cards and notes of sympathy regarding the death of Cliff's mother in July.

Karen Nichols and Robert Wilderick were married at PPC on Saturday, August 9, by Rev. Shires of the Geneva Presbyterian Church.

#### NEW ORGANIST TO BEGIN WORK OCTOBER 5

Miss Jane Bourdow has been hired as our new Director of Music; she will begin her work at PPC on October 5. The Music Search Committee auditioned eight persons and happily chose Jane from that field. She is presently employed at the Del Ray Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, where she resides. Miss Bourdow received her Bachelor's Degree in Music from Mary Washington College and her Master's Degree in Church Music from American University. PPC is delighted to learn of Jane's interest in working with youth music groups. She also informs us she would welcome piano students.

Until October 5, Trudy Hoyt and Joyce Jenkins will be our organists. Thanks to Trudy for her work throughout the summer and to those faithful choir members who added so much to each service with their voices.

SAVE THIS DATE
OCTOBER 3rd, 4th and 5th
FALL RETREAT
Camp Glenkirk
Two retreats at the same location:
7-9th graders
10-12th graders
Details will follow

### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September	3	7:45-10:00 Teacher Training Cluster Event
September	7	9:45-10:45 Lay Education
September	8	Committee Meetings 8:00 p.m.
September		Seventens begins 4:30-7:30 (every Thursday)
September	14	9:30 Coffee and doughnuts
		9:45-10:45 Lay Education
September	15	Session 8:00 p.m.
September	17	9:30 WOC Board Meeting
September	2 <b>i</b>	9:45-10:45 Lay Education
		Steeple to People Deadline
		6:30 Senior Highs at Howes
September	28	9:00 Special Breakfast
		9:45-10:45 Lay Education
		6:30 Senior Highs

#### WEDNESDAYS ARE LADIES DAYS

Ladies, when setting up your fall schedule, please set aside every Wednesday morning for WOC activities. First Wednesday monthly is WOC Board Meeting; third Wednesday - general meeting; second and fourth Wednesdays will be devoted to craft workshops. When you think of Wednesday, think of PPC. All activities will begin PROMPTLY at 9:30. Watch for more detailed information in the next newsletter.

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## FIVE NEW ELDERS ELECTED AT CONGREGATIONAL DINNER/MEETING

The entire slate of nominees for Elders presented by the 1975 Nominating Committee was elected at the October 20 Congregational Meeting. plus Marilyn Hoge who will complete the unexpired term of Joan Chase who has found it necessary to resign at this time.

Other business at the meeting included the reception of the budget report and an invitation to members of the congregation to participate on Session Committees. Contact Ralph Hall to express your interest in helping to guide your church in its work.

### Meet Your New Elders

RALPH HALL - Member since January of 1967. Ralph is an active Elder on the present Session, serving as Clerk of Session and has agreed to continue in this position.

JONATHAN HAWLEY - Member since October of 1971. Jon is Legislative Assistant to Congressman Guy Vander Jagt of Michigan. Jon and Peggy Hawley live at 6 Trailridge Court with children Susan 9 and Anne 5. A Deacon in his previous church, Jon has taught in our 7-10's program, been a member of the Couples Club Committee, the New Member Canvas Committee, and is presently on the Pulpit Search Committee.

WILLIAM KING - Member since June of 1974. Bill is Deputy Director of Government Relations for Armstrong Cork Co. He and Pat have four children: Bill 23, Dave 17, Barbara 15 and Kathy 9, and reside at 8912 Saddle Lane. Previously Bill was an Ordained Elder, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and taught Sunday School. He is presently on the Property and Personnel Committee and works with the Senior Highs.

SALLY O'NEAL - Member since March of 1973. Sally is a teacher at Concord School. She and husband Don have two sons: David 14 and John 11. Sally has been active in the Women's Group, Worship Planning, Jr. High Group Planning, Church Dinner and Breakfast Chairman. At PPC, she has been 7-10's Dinner Chairman, active in Couples Club, on the New Member Canvas Committee, and planned Advent Programs.

MARILYN HOGE - Member since the spring of 1968. Marilyn is a home-maker for husband Bill, Sherry 19, Janet 18, and Craig 14. Previously she was a Trustee, Sunday School teacher, Sr. High Advisor, and active in the Women's Group. At PPC, she has served as Sr. High Advisor, been active in Couples Club and WOC, and been a 7-10's teacher since 1970.

## PRETTY GOOD, FOR A SMALL CHOIR!

Wouldn't it be great if we could brag about having a big choir for a change? All of our choirs are small, but have the potential to be much, much larger. The King David Choir, for third through sixth graders, has gotten off to a good start at its new time, right after church on Sunday. The Youth Choir, for seventh through tenth graders, gets together at 9:30 Sunday morning. (Note: You don't have to go to Seventens to sing in the choir). The Sanctuary Choir has an excellent nucleus of ten singers but could use many more: tenors and basses in particular, will be welcomed with open arms and loud hosannas. Anyone of high school age or older is eligible. Rehearsal time is 8:00 p.m. Thursday evenings. How about making this the year that YOU join a choir?

## DON'T FALL BACK ON A "THIN" EXCUSE - FULFILL YOUR PLEDGE

Each year for a variety of reasons, some church members fail to meet their financial pledges to the church. In some of these situations, the reason for failing to meet their pledge is understandable-husband loses his job, etc. However, there are a number of times when a church member misses his pledge for the thinnest of reasons; an example of this would be the member who failed to keep up his pledge during the year, then "ran out of money" around Christime time.

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The loss of expected income is very difficult for your church especially during these times. As a matter of fact, part of the cause of our financial condition today is the failure of our pledge income to match our pledges. The size of members pledges is very important-meeting that pledge is equally important.

#### WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS

<u>Carleen Speros</u> - Reaffirmation of Faith. Carleen has been a resident in the Potomac area for many years and, as such, has a number of old friends in PPC. She is currently employed at Mandys in Rockville and resides in Courthouse Square.

Franco and Ruth Ruberl - Reaffirmation of Faith. The Ruberls come to us from Australia, where both were ordained elders in their local mission church. Franco is with World Bank - an occupation that has led to residences in Africa, England and Germany, to name a few. The Ruberls have two children at home: Esther 14 and Lawrence 15.

Roger and Julie Wye - Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church of Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The Wyes moved to the Potomac area several years ago, courtesy of Litton Industries. They have three children: Curtis 21, Lori 18 and Kristen 4. Julie is a tennis buff while Roger's avocations are photography, radio control and woodworking

# WOC CONTINUES ACTIVITIES IN A VARIETY OF AREAS

The first general meeting of the year was held October 15. Those ladies who were present were treated to a veritable feast of coffee and goodies by hostess Velma Killion. Lucille Ferrara and Jane Bourdow were on hand to provide some beautiful sounds. Mrs. Sue moore of the Montgomery County Red Cross presented an interesting and inspiring slide/talk on that organization. A brief business meeting followed the program with much enthusiastic discussion of plans for wOC activities for the coming year.

Reminder: Clothing will be collected in the narthex beginning the 26th of this month for Church World Service. Call Pat King if you

have any questions.

Virginia Fredlund has joined the long list of Strawberry Festival 1976 Chairmen to fill completely the jobs for that fund raiser.

every chairman needs YOUR assistance.

Crafts groups are meeting on every Wednesday at 9:30. Bring your own needles, threads, scissors, and talents. Clowns, yardstick holders and decorative match boxes are in the works presently. WOC has set a goal of \$3000 worth of crafts to sell at the next Strawberry Festi-Yes, you read the number correctly - \$3000! That's three times val! our goal for 1975! How are we going to do it? ONLY with the help of EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD in this church! Those who hold full-time jobs - surprise us again this year and fill Lynn Bigler's "warehouse" with those wonderful things you re making at home to support the Fes-See you Wednesday mornings! tival.

Because December always becomes clogged on our calendars, WOC has NO activities planned for that month. Regular crafts meetings and general meetings will resume in January - full speed. Be sure to

come each November Wednesday to help us toward our lofty goal.

Refurbishing plans for the church nursery continue under the gui-

dance of Elaine Skinner.

The November WOC General Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 19, at 7:30 P.M. We expect to see you working gals there in great numbers! The program will be of interest to all; Rev. Stein-Schneider will speak on and show his personal slides of "Cathedrals in France". Husbands are most welcome at this meeting. Dessert will be served in the narthex at 7:30 by co-hostesses Elaine Skinner and Lynn Bigler. An added attraction will be a table of 1975 Strawberry Festival "leftovers" at reduced prices - just the place to pick up an extra stocking stuffer or three for Christmas!

# ADVENT PLANNING UNDERWAY

This year, following the tradition of the past two years, we will again hold family Advent celebrations at 9:45-10:45 during the four Sundays of Advent. Sally and Don O'Neal will be coordinating the celebrations. Mark the time on your calendars - details of our plans will be announced during the coming weeks.

## WHAT ARE THE FOUR FANTASTIC F's?

Attention 7th, 8th and 9th graders (especially those of you who haven't visited Seventens). We've missed you! Our Thursday programs (4:30-7:30 p.m.) can be summed up in four fantastic F's.

FAITH - - - FUN - - - FOOD - - - FALLOWSHIP

Our activities for the year will include studying the New Testament, singing, games, playing, puppetry, retreats, and service projects.

We'd love to see you next Thursday!

Sincerely, The Seventeners

#### CAMP GLENKIRK YOUTH RETREAT

November 30

Forty-two youth and eleven adults from the church spent a delightful weekend on the 3-5th of October retreating at Camp Glenkirk. The weather was perfect, the canoeing great fun and the weekend a success. A special thanks to the attending adults for their time and effort.—Ollie Howe, Bill and Pat King, Bill Kerrigan, Tim Green, Marilyn Hoge, Shirley Coll, Dawn Thompson, Roger Gregory, Marion Hutchison and Jane Bourdow. We are a fortunate church to have so many adults supporting the youth program.

# NOVEMBER LAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE 9:45-10:45 SUNDAY MORNINGS

November 2 and November 9	Dr. Harold Durfee, Professor of Religion at American University and a member of our congregation will be our guest. His topic for these two weeks will be: "God, Process, and Evil"
November 16	The Senior Highs of our church will report on their six-week study of "Death and Dying".
November 23	Bill Kerrigan will report on an extensive trip he took this summer and share with us some insights he her gained about the church in Africa.

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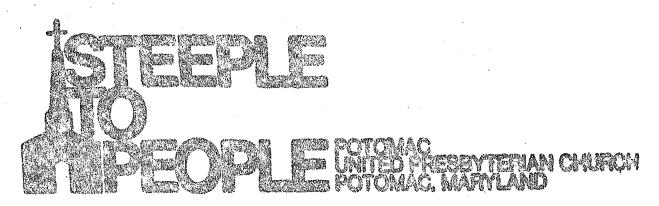
The first in a four-week series of Family Advent Celebrations. Details will be announced later.

Rev. Stein-Schneider will be the speaker at the Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day Service, this year to be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church at 9:30 a.m., November 27.

Thank you, Dawn Thompson and friends, for coordinating the Congregational Dinner held on October 20. It was surely an occasion filled with good food and fellowship.

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### NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting of the Potomac Presbyterian Church will be held at the church following the close of worship service on Sunday, November 30, 1975, to vote on the calling of a permanent pastor.

Information will be mailed to each member of the congregation prior to that meeting concerning the qualifications of the candidate pastor, Dr. David Lamont Uhl, who will preach at the November 30 worship service.

An informal get-together of the congregation and the candidate pastor will be held on Saturday evening, November 29, at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Dessert and coffee hostesses are: Kathy willcoxon, Shirley Coll, Pat King, and Camille Kendall.

### THE FOUR SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

The celebration of Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. It is a time of receiving Christ into our lives.

The 1975 Advent Planning Committee includes the Kendalls, Topercers, Chaffees, Wakelands and O'Neals. It is our hope that all church families will join us for our Family Advent Season.

### November 30

9:45-10:45 Each family will create an Advent Wreath of evergreens and candles, to be taken home for use in their family worship service.

# December 7

9:45-10:45 Join us in the making of Christmas Banners, symbolizing what Christmas means to each one of us.

#### December 14

9:45-10:45 We shall experience together some of the traditions and customs of a family Christmas celebration in other lands. Join us for an assortment of sweets and coffee beforehand.

## December 21

9:45-10:45 Advent through music. we shall gather in the Fellowship Room for an Old Fashioned Children's Day Musicale, featuring songs and Scripture.

Families will have the opportunity to worship together at the regular 11:00 service during these four sundays of Advent. Similar to last year's plan, Sunday School for grades K-6th will NOT be held on Sundays, November 30, December 7, 14, and 21st. The teachers will be able to join their families during the meaningful worship services held during Advent. Nursery coverage will be provided each of these mornings, both during the Advent hour as well as the worship service hour. Sunday School for grades K-6th will also be cancelled on December 28 due to minimal attendance and other holiday factors. We will resume school on January 4, 1976.

#### PLEDGE CARD REWINDER

Sunday, November 16 was pledge dedication Sunday. If you did not participate in that meaningful activity, please mail in your pledge cards as soon as possible. New cards may be obtained from the church office or your Elder.

Very little attention is given to Church members who exceed their pledge. You will probably be surprised to learn that in our Church we have several families each year who exceed their pledge. Often times, it is the planned practice of certain families to exceed their pledge.

Those of your Church membership entrusted with the financial workings of the Church - the Treasurer, the Finance Committee members, Budget Director, etc. - quietly sing the praises of these members as they provide occasional breathing room for these beleagured servants. Two members who exceed their pledge by \$150 each for instance, equal one member who has failed to pledge or equals two members who failed to meet their pledge.

One wonders why some families exceed their pledge - there may be many reasons but probably the real reason is strong Christian commitment. Our hats are off to these unsung benefactors - our only wish is that these members would increase in number.

#### COUPLES CLUB PLANS TO CHANGE NAME

How do you like River Road Rascals? T.G.I.F. (Thank God It's Friday)? Singles or Doubles? 29ers and Holding? The reason for a change in name is to include all adults over 21. Send suggestions for a suitable catchy name to Alice Smith, coordinator of this year's events. Voting will take place at the next meeting. Mark the following on your calendar now:

December 19 Caroling at Doris and Dick Bower's. Musical leaders: the Wakelands. Come and join all the faithful. Phone: 299-9354.

January 16 Pizza and bowling with the Brills, Johnstons and Hawleys.

February 13 Fondue party - Smiths, O'Weals, and Hutchisons.

March 26 Square dance at the church - Killions and Fredlunds

April 23 Dinner with a speaker.

May 21 Progressive Dinner - Bissells, Chaffees and Sasses.

June Bi-Centennial Celebration - Camille Kendall

July Picnic at Wolf Trap

REMEMBER - ALL ADULTS ARE INVITED !!!

ALL of the new curtains are finally in place in the Fellowship Room thanks to Lynn Bigler - seamstress and Don O'Neal - hanger-upper! we could have more new curtains in other places if the walls in those other places were painted! Brush-slingers are desperately needed. Volunteer quickly to get the choice walls to decorate: kitchen, pastor's office, secretary's office hallways - AND narthex trim. Certainly we want our building to have its face-lift completed in time for . . . .

.... Bi-Centennial Sunday! A Sunday morning in the colonial style to be held in the spring under Hank Wakeland's chairmanship. To include a colonial-style worship service, colonial refreshments, hay-burners instead of gas-burners in the parking lot, and a costumed congregation. Start thinking now about what you'll wear. Lynn Bigler has pattern and costume ideas - talk to her. Want to join the planning committee? Tell Hank!

The NEW Coffee Hour Chairman is Julie Wye. Please say "yes" when Julie rings you up to ask if you'll be hostess.

Best wishes and congratulations to Sandy Fowler of this congregation and Dennis Ratliff who were married in the chancel October 25. The Rev. Richard W. Blice, Jr. performed the 4:00 ceremony.

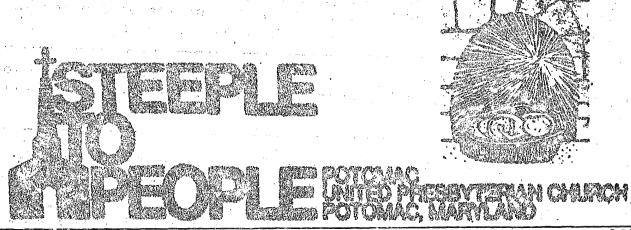
Susan Hawley's Camp Fire group needs clean nylon stockings to be used to make toy stuffed animals for mentally retarded children. If you can help, please call Susan at 424-7628.

WOC HEWS

In connection with the Christmas Caroling Program set for December 14 at 7:00, WOC is requesting that each family bring a small gift to be sent to children at the Southlawn Child Care Program in kockville - a day-care center for low income families where transportation, tutoring and hot meals are provided for children ages 3-13. Label your gift as to age appropriate, boy or girl, and put it under our tree in Fellowship Hall. Other needs at Southlawn include used games, toys, dolls, canned foods, and your personal help, if interested. Our goal is to have 100 presents for the Southlawn children. Won't you remember them?

WOC will not meet from November 26 until January 7. Purses to paint or decoupage are available (see Lynn Bigler) for the Festival; we also need embroiderers and those to help with simple hand sewing at home. Thank you, WOC ladies, for painting the nursery; thank you, Potomac

Village School and Christian Education Committee for the curtains there. Those interested in forming a Bible Study group, see Carolyn Meakem.



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## DR. DAVID UHL CALLED TO BE PPC PERMANENT PASTOR

At a well-attended congregational meeting on November 30, 1975, the congregation voted to call Dr. David Uhl as its permanent pastor. Dr. Uhl's formal call was presented to the Ministerial Relations Committee of Presbytery on December 4, 1975, where it was unanimously approved. Dr. Uhl will begin his work at Potomac Presbyterian Church on January 4, 1976. Three new Elders, Marilyn Hoge, Sally O'Neal, and Jon Hawley, will be ordained and installed at that service.

### MANY WARM FAREWELLS AND THANKS

At its December 8 meeting, the Session voted unanimously to express our deep appreciation and indebtedness for the dedicated efforts of Elders Bill Brill, Joan Chase, and Camille Kendall, who are completing their service on Session this December; for the challenging sermons and fine pastoral care of the Reverend Herbert Stein-Schneider, who is completing his service as interim pastor this December; and for leadership, loving supportive council, and unstinting dedication of the Reverend James Macdonnell who is completing his service as moderator of our Session this December.

Note: A farewell reception will be held immediately following the service on December 28 for Rev. Stein-Schneider. Please join us to say adieu and merci. Communion will be served at the 11:00 service.

## TIME CHANGE FOR CAROLING SERVICE

The Christmas Caroling Service will be held December 14 at the 11:00 hour. Our young people will be reading from the Scriptures and all the choirs will be participating. Following the service will be a special holiday coffee hour. Reminder: Families are requested to bring gifts appropriate for boys and girls aged 3-13 to place under the Christmas tree in Fellowship Hall that morning. These gifts will be distributed at the Southlawn Day Care Center in Rockville. Thank you, Potomac Village School, for sharing your Christmas tree with us.

You are reminded to turn in your pledge cards for 1976 if you have not already done so. They may be mailed in to the office or dropped in the collection plate. Is your 1975 pledge complete to date?

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, January 19, 1976, beginning at 7:15 with dessert and coffee. The business meeting will begin at 8:00.

Two Christmas Eve services will be held at PPC: 7:30 and 11:00 P.M.

Decorating help is being sought for the sanctuary on the next two Saturdays: December 13 and 20. Anyone willing and interested, come and spend Saturday morning with Diane Gregg and her crew.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the O'Neal Family on their loss of husband and father. A memorial fund has been established at the church in Don's name for those wishing to contribute to it.

Mid-February has tentatively been chosen for our Bi-Centennial Sunday. That's not too many weeks away; be thinking about the colonial costume you will wear that morning. More details of this celebration will be forthcoming after the planning committee solidifies its ideas.

The church is interested in obtaining a piano for use in the downstairs classrooms. If you know of anyone interested in making such a donation, please notify the church office. The Bigler truck is available for hauling.

A special thanks to that most dedicated and hard working group - the Pulpit Search Committee - who has brought us to this point in the growth of our church. Your many hours of work on behalf of all of us are greatly appreciated. Thanks also to those involved in preparing the luncheon and evening reception for Dr. Uhl on November 29.

Other very special thanks due at this time of year - and as we all stand at the threshhold of newness at the church - are to two special friends who stood by us through the past many months: Dr. Richard Hutchinson and Dr. Herbert Stein-Schneider. To them and their families we send our very warmest wishes for a joyous holiday season.

The next WOC Board Meeting will be held at 9:30, January 7. Craft meetings will resume on January 14 - that Strawberry Festival isn't very far away! First craft project will be decorated match boxes. we hope to see many of you there. Thanks to your generous donations of excellent used clothing and postage monies, WOC was able to contribute nearly 500 pounds of needed clothing to Church World Service last month. Pat King; you did a great job as coordinator.

2-4-6-8 - May Mark Michigan

Who do we appreciate?

Yea - Coffee Hour Hosts and Hostesses!

Yes, we do appreciate the alleviation of our noontime hunger and thirst ably taken care of during the past year by those on the following V.I.P. list: Hoge, Lewis, Mills, Johnston, Miller, Bauer, Hoyt, Savage, Bentzen, Hinrichs, Guffey, Moock, Hartman, Sass, Phair, Boddiger McIntyre, Lankler, McMahon, Tennery, Chaffee, Wakeland, Thompson, Dart, Follansbee, King, Killion, Malone, Evans, Smith and Smith, Garcia, Perrin, Stobie, Wye, Bower, Carroll, Benson, Fraley, McPhee, and Hall.

It's so easy to join this outstanding group of people - just say yes when Julie Wye, Coffee Hour Chairman, calls you in January.

The annual Christmas Tree Caroling and Lighting program of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce will take place Monday evening, December 22, at 7:30 P.M. on the greensward of the Potomac Place parking lot. Rev. Thorp of the Potomac Methodist Church is chairman of this event.

O Come All Ye Faithful . . . to a caroling party at Doris and Dick Bower's, 10309 Logan Drive, on December 19. The group plans to meet at the Fernwood Nursing Home, 6530 Democracy Boulevard (past Montgomery Mall), at 7:30. Call Doris for reservations at 299-9354. All adults are invited to participate.

And so ends my first year as TEMPORARY Editor of Steeple to People. A very Merry Christmas to each one of you. Be seeing you again in '76 behind the typewriter. - Lynn Bigler

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