

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

POTOMAC  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
POTOMAC, MARYLAND

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JANUARY

1976

## DR. UHL IS AT HOME

The boxes at the manse are almost empty - the book shelves in the study are filled and the confusion and chaos of moving is just about over. Personally, I am very pleased because now each day Potomac becomes more like home. I want to thank all of you who have been so helpful in assisting me during this time - it has been tremendous!

At present, tentative office hours will be Monday through Friday, 9:00-12:00. If you wish to see me at any other time, please call. If you need me at any time day or night do not hesitate to call either the church or the manse (299-7837).

-David L. Uhl

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## FEBRUARY 8 SELECTED FOR SPECIAL INSTALLATION WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. David L. Uhl will be installed as Pastor of our church in a special worship service on Sunday evening, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. Among the participants will be Reverend Harold Hunt of the Presbytery office; Dr. Jack McClendon, Presbytery Moderator and Associate Pastor of the New York Avenue Church; Reverend James G. Macdonell, Pastor of Saint Mark United Presbyterian Church; Elders Ralph Hall, Marilyn Noge and Jon Hawley; Michael Bentzen, Pulpit Search Committee Chairman; and Reverend Bill Bearden, Pastor of the First and Franklin Street Presbyterian Church in Baltimore, who will preach the sermon. Please mark your calendars now for this joyful and important event and plan to join in this worship and reception.

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## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY PARISH GROUP COFFEES

Ruling elders will be inviting the congregation to parish group coffees during the remainder of this month and throughout February. Dr. Uhl will attend each of these sessions to meet our members. We hope that everyone will respond to these invitations. If a conflict prevents you from attending the session to which you are invited, please ask about another date and place.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REVEALS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

The 1976 annual congregational meeting was held at the church at 8:00 p.m. on January 19. Dessert and coffee were served before the meeting with Marion Hutchison acting as hostess.

Thirty-one members were present together with the Rev. James Macdonnell as Moderator and the Rev. David Uhl, our Pastor-Elect. It was reported that church membership increased from 327 to 349 during the year, with two baptisms and two weddings.

It was also announced that the Session standing committees for 1976 have been organized as follows:

Christian Education - Bill Kerrigan, chairman, Shirley Coll and Bill Hutchison

Congregational Life - Jon Hawley, chairman, Lew Smith

Mission Interpretation and Church and Community - Carolyn Meakem, chairman, Sally O'Neal

Personnel and Property - Bill King, chairman, Dave Smith

Stewardship and Finance - Bob Fredlund, chairman, Marilyn Hoge

An invitation was extended for all interested parties to join in the work of these committees.

Reports of the Session committees for 1975 were received including the 1976 budget which totals \$76,149.00.

Patti Bissell was re-elected church treasurer for 1976.

Bob McMahon and Paul Hartman were elected auditors for 1976.

Martha Bentzen, Howard Bissell, and Marion Hutchison were elected from the congregation to serve on the 1976 Representative Nominating Committee.

Those who did not attend the congregational meeting, may obtain a copy of the committee reports in the church office.

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## YOUR ANNUAL STATEMENT ENCLOSED

During 1975 there were 99 pledges (including youth) made by the congregation. An analysis of the actual giving versus pledges indicates that 62% of all pledges were met (within \$50), 12% were exceeded by more than \$50, and 26% were short by more than \$50.

Enclosed with this copy of Steeple to People is your annual statement of giving for 1975. If you have not already done so, we encourage you to fulfill your 1975 pledge. If you have any questions about your statement, please call Mrs. Mary Jane Hart, the church secretary.

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## HELP US UPDATE FILES

In an effort to bring our information files up to date, an information form is being included with this issue of the newsletter. It concerns your interest and participation in the PPC congregational life and program. You are asked to complete this form and MAIL it back to the church office as soon as possible.

## PLEDGE NOW - IF YOU HAVEN'T YET - PLEASE!

A number of families have not as yet turned in their pledges for 1976. To keep this church really moving, we need this commitment of support. No organization can be fully effective unless it is able to make sound plans based upon a reasonably accurate knowledge of its available resources. In becoming members of this church, we all made promises to support with both our time and our money. Let's keep these promises as we would want to have kept those promises which are made to us.

While we greatly appreciate and are most thankful for the gifts of those who do not pledge - we are really able to move forward strongly and with confidence on the basis of known pledges that will be fulfilled.

Thank you! Pledge cards are available or simply send a note to the church office.

-Bob Fredlund  
Chairman, Committee on  
Stewardship and Finance

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## LAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE

January 25 - Our guest speaker will be a delegate from the Presbytery Committee on Mission Interpretation who will speak on the foreign mission work of the church.

FEBRUARY - The five Sundays in February will be devoted to a study of New Testament Biblical interpretation. The study, led by Shirley Coll, will include an historical survey of the work of New Testament scholars, the questions they are asking and the different conclusions that have been reached. No other book has been the subject of so many hours of research. We obviously cannot cover it all, but it will be valuable to know some of the major trends. The letters of Paul will be used as illustrative examples.

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## SEVENTENS FAMILY NIGHT - FEBRUARY 26

On February 26th at 7:30 (immediately following the regular Seventens program) the Seventens will present a play, "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops". The play is a satire on church life. Be prepared to see yourself and have a good laugh. warning: No group in the church will be spared! Please put this date on your calendar. The entire congregation is invited. The program will last no more than forty-five minutes.

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The 1976 Flower Chart is posted in the narthex. Families and friends are invited to provide flowers for the Sunday worship services either as a gift or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are ordered by the church and delivered by the florist at \$7.50 per vase. Please select a Sunday and mark your name to the Sunday of your choice.

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A New Member Seminar will be held Sunday evening, February 1, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willcoxon, 7508 Masters Drive, for all persons desiring to unite with the church. For further information call Mrs. Willcoxon (Kathy) at 299-4464, or Dr. Uhl at the church.

## COUPLES CLUB CHANGES NAME

In order to include all adults over twenty-one, the club will be known as "Singles and Doubles".

Everyone is invited to the Fondue Party on February 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Alice and Lew Smith. This is a full course dinner (you must like cheese!!). The price is \$5.50 per person and reservations are a must. The deadline for reservations is February 15. Call Alice or Lew at 469-8379 after 5:00 p.m. Important: their address is 8408 Fenway Road (not 8404 as goofed in the Church Directory).

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## WE KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE . . . COME ON OUT!

You've given yourselves away! You can't hide it any longer! From the joyful and enthusiastic congregational singing that's been threatening to drown out the Mighty Allen Organ, it's obvious that our congregation is full of talented singers. So doesn't it seem just a little ridiculous to have all of five people in the adult choir? Even of those rare Sundays when attendance is perfect, there are only nine valiant voices. Singers are needed for all parts, but sopranos, basses and ESPECIALLY tenors are DESPERATELY needed. This isn't just an invitation - it's a plea. As we embark together on what promises to be a period of exciting growth for PPC, we must keep our musical standards high. There is a choir robe and a folder full of music for you - and you - and you. There are nine friendly and slightly nutty singers who will welcome you joyfully. Come and join us next Thursday at 8:00 p.m. You won't regret it.

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Thanks to all those folks who somehow found time during their busy December to help with church decorations for the holidays from Dianne Gregg and Estelle Woodcock, co-chairmen of the Christmas Decorating Committee, - and from all of us: Peggy Hawley for decorating the Fellowship Room and sanctuary, Gail Hutchison for decorating the sanctuary, John Carroll for lighting, Jackie Evans for design advice and wreath-making, Barbara Perrin for donating greens, wreath-making and hours of undecorating, Ron Chaffee for outside roping and wreath hanging and all the precarious undecorating except the chandelier which was left to Jim Gregg, Jean Hartman for donating all the holly and magnolia plus chandelier washing, Win Follansbee for hanging the roping, Carolyn Follansbee for wreath-making, Betty Heininger for tying bows, Bill King for decorating the chandelier and undecorating, Roger Wye for outside roping and wreath hanging, Marty MacDonald for wreath-making, Mac MacDonald for holly hanging, Don and Jim Thompson for putting together the big pine cone wreath and setting up the Christmas trees along with Dick Woodcock, Dawn Thompson, Jean Carroll, Harry Evans and Bill King Jr. - for invaluable general assistance.

We would like to thank the Gilliams who have made available the poinsettias and to Bob Fredlund who photographed the decorations again this year. A scrapbook of the decorations for the last few years is being put together now.

Any persons interested in participating in future decorating adventures (and we especially invite the youth to join in these endeavors), please contact Dianne Gregg to express your willingness.

What are YOU wearing to church on Bicentennial Sunday?

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Maddy Saxton, an active worker on the Strawberry Festival Team, is also in charge of the dumpster for the local Scouts. She encourages us to "feed the dumpster" which is located at the back of the Potomac Elementary School property next door to the church.

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Thanks to all those persons who helped to arrange and participated in the beautiful Christmas Eve services held at PPC.

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When you stop in the study to greet Dr. Uhl, be sure to take notice of the new carpeting and draperies there thanks to the efforts of Pat and Dave Miller. And there's still time to join our V.I.P. Club (that's Very Important Painters - Bill and Marion Hutchison earned their membership by painting the study last month). Rooms still needing the brush are the library, kitchen, and Mary Jane Hart's office. Let Dianne Gregg know when you'd like to start.

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On January 4th, Dr. Uhl's first regular Sunday with us, three new Elders were ordained - Sally O'Neal, Marilyn Hoge and Jon Hawley, and two were installed - Ralph Hall and Bill King.

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THIS YEAR - Mend a quarrel - Seek out a forgotten friend - Dismiss suspicion; replace it with trust. - Write a love letter. - Share some treasure. - Give a soft answer. - Encourage youth. - Manifest your loyalty in word or in deed. - Keep a promise. - Find the time. - Forego a grudge. - Forgive an enemy. - Listen. - Apologize if you were wrong. - Try to understand. - Flout envy. - Examine your demand on others. - Think first of someone else. - Appreciate. Be kind, be gentle. - Laugh a little, laugh a little more. - Deserve confidence. - Take up arms against malice. - Decry complacency. - Express your gratitude. - Worship God regularly. - Welcome a stranger. - Gladden the heart of a child. - Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. - Speak your love ... speak it again ... speak it still once more.

Thanks, Carol Helmendach, for sharing.

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Two notes received last month which need to be shared with you:

- from Southlawn Child Care Center

"We would like to extend a warm thank you for the Christmas presents you gave the children at Southlawn. The gifts enabled the staff to give the children a party as well as to help them to have a happier and brighter Christmas. We hope that each one of you will also have a joyous holiday season."

- from Karma House, Inc.

"We have recently received your contribution in the amount of \$1500 to be used for scholarships for our residents. We would like you to know that Karma House, Inc., its staff and residents appreciate your concern and your help. We hope that scholarships for higher education will continue to be made available to the youth we are serving through efforts by community organizations such as yours. You are helping us to better serve our residents and the community."

FEELS GOOD, DOESN'T IT, PPC?

AND SPEAKING OF THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL . . .

(And Chairman Lynn Bigler always IS!)

If Jane Bourdow thinks she has a friendly but nutty group on Thursday evenings, she should come and take a look at the Wednesday morning gang! The Cut and Paste Society gathers each Wednesday at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall to work on crafts for the coming Strawberry Festival (scheduled for June 12 - right around the corner!). (You'll recall that this group cut and pasted their way to \$2000 last year and have even higher hopes for 1976). Anyone who can join in for any amount of time is welcome. We even have projects for those of you who prefer to work at home. The ladies are well on their way toward a highly successful Bicentennial Festival.

The following items are needed to help in their creativity: old stockings, aluminum pie pans, perfect half walnut shells, flower pots, fabric, felt, and trim scraps, and as soon as the spring flowers and those gorgeous weeds appear, tuck them into your telephone books (for drying) for us so that Estelle Woodcock and Virginia Fredlund can make (or teach you how to make) dried flower arrangements in frames. (Have you priced those lately?) There'll be a collection box in Fellowship Hall for your donations. Remember, don't throw a thing away; we can use it!

Things we cannot use in our craft work, please begin stowing away for the rummage sale.

Maddy Saxton is in charge of our recipe book this year. Please send her your favorite or two to include in our second edition.

Ginny Savage will be happy to teach you how to decoupage. We have several purse boxes for you to work on. Call her if you're interested in learning that craft.

On January 28, all ladies are invited to Ruth Lincoln's home at 9:30 a.m. for coffee. Betty Heininger will be on hand to conduct an African violet workshop; plants to be started ready for sale at the Festival. Carolyn Meakem will be there, too, to tell us about mission possibilities for the use of our Festival profits. Bring violet leaves (your own or your neighbors') and small flower pots. From the church, go north on Falls Road, turn left on Cold Spring Road (into Copenhaver) and left onto Wooden Bridge to 9008.

A tour of the Kennedy Center is being organized by Estelle Woodcock and Carol Helmendach, scheduled for February 19 to include lunch at the Center and an organ demonstration. The group will meet at the church at 9:30; return by 2:30. There is a poster on the hall bulletin board where you may sign up to indicate your interest in participating in this interesting event.

See you every Wednesday! Bring ideas, samples AND YOUR SCISSORS!

CONFIRMATION CLASS - An organizational meeting of the Confirmation Class will be held at the church on Friday, February 13, at 4:00 p.m. All eighth graders and above who have not been confirmed are invited to attend this meeting. More details will be forthcoming.

CHURCH CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

1976

| SUNDAY                                                                  | MONDAY                                    | TUESDAY                            | WEDNESDAY                                              | THURSDAY                                                             | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1<br>New Member Seminar 8:00 at Willcoxons<br>Sr. Highs at Willets 6:30 | 2<br>Stewardship & Finance Committee 8:00 | 3<br>Christian Ed. Committee -8:00 | 4<br>Congregational Life Committee 8:00<br>Crafts 9:30 | 5<br>Personnel & Property Comm. 8:00<br>Seventens 4:30<br>Choir 8:00 | 6                                 | 7        |
| 8<br>Dr. Uhl's Installation 7:00<br>No Sr. Highs                        | 9<br>Session 8:00                         | 10                                 | 11<br>Crafts 9:30                                      | 12<br>Seventens 4:30<br>Choir 8:00                                   | 13<br>4:00 - Confirmation Class   | 14       |
| 15<br>No Sr. Highs                                                      | 16<br>School out                          | 17<br>Girl Scout Leaders           | 18<br>7:30-Cub Scouts<br>Crafts 9:30                   | 19<br>Seventens 4:30<br>Kennedy Center Tour 9:30<br>Choir 8:00       | 20<br>Pondue Party at Smiths 7:30 | 21       |
| 22<br>Sr. Highs at Mills 6:30                                           | 23                                        | 24                                 | 25<br>Crafts 9:30                                      | 26<br>Choir 8:00<br>Seventens 4:30<br>Family Night 7:30              | 27                                | 28       |
| 29<br>Sr. Highs at Kings 6:30                                           |                                           |                                    |                                                        |                                                                      |                                   |          |



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## DR. UHL ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PARISH GROUP

I have just about finished the process of meeting with the parish groups on an individual basis. The purpose of these meetings was to provide the opportunity for me to meet the members of the church in a small group setting. I think the process has worked well overall and accomplished its purpose.

My apprehension comes; however, when I think that the groups may not function again until budget time. If this occurs, then we miss the purpose and value of these groups. The groups are intended to be microcosms of the church. They are to be units of sharing and caring. During times of illness, crisis, and problems they should respond. They need to be the basic building blocks of our Christian fellowship. There is one critical point - your group cannot function properly without YOU. Let's each commit ourselves this year to help our group develop into the ministering community it can become.

- David L. Uhl

## WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT OF '76 ON MARCH 28

In celebration of America's Bicentennial Year, the Congregational Life Committee has researched and developed a worship service in the spirit of '76 to be held at the regular 11:00 hour on March 28, 1976. All members of the congregation and visitors are welcome to dress in colonial attire that morning.

Dr. Uhl's sermon will be a portion of John Witherspoon's "The Dominion of Providence over the Passions of Men" delivered on May 17, 1776, in Philadelphia as a fast day sermon. Witherspoon served as president of the College of New Jersey (now Princeton) and was the only minister to sign the Declaration of Independence.

The Lord's Supper will be served that Sunday. Near the end of the service, in connection with the Bicentennial, an American flag and a Christian flag will be presented to the church. The Fellowship Hour at noon will feature home-baked breads and hot spiced cider.

It is the committee's hope that many of you will participate with us on that very special morning.

P.S. We need 30 loaves of bread that morning. Will any of you home-bakers help us out? Call Carolyn Meakem to volunteer your oven!

### DR. UHL TO BE LENTEN SERIES SPEAKER

Dr. Uhl will be our speaker for the Lay Education Hour during the Sundays of Lent, beginning March 7. His topic will be "The Relevance of the Prophets for Contemporary Living". All youth and adults are encouraged to attend. Child care will be provided. Lay Education is held at 9:45 in the Fellowship Room each Sunday morning.

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### CHRISTIANS AND THE MEANING OF SEXUALITY

The Christian Education Committee is sponsoring a seminar for junior high youth and their families to be held at the church on March 12, 13, and 14 in conjunction with the Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. The seminar which deals with the meaning of sexuality from a Christian perspective will be led by the Rev. Robert Burdette and will be open to fifteen youth from our congregation.

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### CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS

The confirmation class will hold its first meeting on February 20 at 4:00 as previously announced. The class which will be conducted by Dr. Uhl will meet weekly. Any interested youth, eighth grade or above, are asked to contact the church office or be in attendance at the February 20th meeting.

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### SEVENTENS FAMILY NIGHT OR COME TO LAUGH AT YOURSELF

The Seventeners have been working on a play for the last few weeks and would like to share it with the entire congregation. "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops" will be presented in the sanctuary at 7:30 on February 26 immediately following the regular Seventens program.

You'd better know a little bit about this play before you come. It happens to be a satire on church life - or if you prefer a softer word - a "spoof". The play touches on such things as the Session, the pastor, the committees, the Sunday school, the women's group, etc. We promise you - you'll be in it! Bring the family and join us on the 26th. The play will last less than an hour and promises to be fun.

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### SQUARE DANCE AND POTLUCK DINNER      FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1976

Sponsored by the Singles and Doubles Club.  
7:00 p.m. at the church. Bring covered dish: casserole, salad, or dessert. Beverage will be provided.  
Caller/instructors are Mr. and Mrs. Eben Jenkins. There will be dancing for everyone. If you have never square danced, let them teach you. It is not only fun, but excellent exercise!  
\$4.00 per couple/ \$2.00 per single.  
For reservations please call Virginia Fredlund at 762-8686 or Velma Killion at 299-5442.

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An extra special thank you to Julie Wye and her assistants for the extra special reception following Dr. Uhl's installation February 8. Thanks, Julie; it was super!

## THINK STRAWBERRIES! THEY'LL BE HERE IN 15 WEEKS

Joy Garcia crocheted 15 potholders last week, Velma Killion is sewing ruffles on aprons, Betty Heiningner was last seen creating silk flowers, the Virginias (Fredlund and Savage) have enrolled in a decoupage course, Camille is painting, Carolyn is baking, Lynn is . . . .

The list of those already "thinking strawberries" is almost endless! We invite more of you to join us in our thinking - and doing!

Craft workshops to prepare sale items for the June 12 Strawberry Festival continue to be held every Wednesday morning at church from 9:30 until 11:30. If you cannot attend at that time, talk to Chairman Lynn Bigler about some at-home project you can help out with.

A large box with appropriate strawberry decor is awaiting your throw-aways in Fellowship Hall. We need:  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon bleach bottles, old nylon stockings, aluminum pie pans, flower pots, perfect half walnut shells, fabric, felt and trim scraps. And ideas!

As closets and drawers begin to be cleaned out in the next few spring months, set aside all items we can use in our rummage sale. Last year we made approximately \$300 clear profit from the rummage rooms. We can top that this year - with your help.

Maddy Saxton informs me that she will find it difficult, if not impossible, to create a recipe book this year - without recipes! Have you sent her yours yet? Please do it as soon as you complete reading this issue of the newsletter.

Purse boxes are still available for painting, wrapping, or decoupage. Call Ginny Savage if your interests lie in that direction. She will assist.

Check the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall for a "Strawberry Pie Chart" showing our craft accomplishments thus far and the goals we're aiming at. A second chart consists of a list of Festival Chairmen who would like your assistance on their committees. There is a wide variety of tasks to be performed to make our second Festival a success. With the help of every man, woman, boy and girl who call PPC "HOME", we can turn June 12 into the most glorious Saturday ever!

-Lynn Bigler 299-6437

Strawberry Festival Chairman

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Diane Gregg is interested in organizing a permanent Flower Committee whose members will be charged with sanctuary decorating responsibilities throughout the year. She especially invites our youth to join in this group's work. Any persons interested in participating in future planning and creating of church decorations, please contact Diane.

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On March 31, at 7:30 p.m., the Lay Education Committee will have a 20-minute movie, "The Dignity of Death", followed by a panel discussion on the manifold problems of death. We believe that this movie will be helpful and provocative. Dessert and coffee will be served.

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The Seventens will be presenting "Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo" as their spring production. This was done several years ago, so please check your piano benches for copies of the score and your closets for animal costumes. We want this year's production to be the biggest and best ever, so do help us out if you can. Watch future Steeples for further information.

## JANE BOURDOW ON "HURTIN'"

As we used to say back in the olden days when I was in school, our choir is "hurtin' for certain". Why? Because YOU'RE not in it! Don't stop reading yet! Just because I write the same old message every month doesn't make it any less sincere.

Our choir is in desperate need of new members - some sections are only represented by one or two singers, and when they're not there, well . . .

Perhaps you think you're too busy to sing in the choir, or that you travel too much. Look at the choir and you'll see some of our church's busiest members. They travel too - those are the Sundays that we have no choir! Your presence could make the difference!

Maybe you've hesitated to join the choir because you can't read music. Rest assured that reading ability is relatively unimportant compared with the desire to learn. Just about all you need to be a good choir member is the ability to carry a tune, some spare time on Thursday at 8:00 p.m., a sense of humor, and a desire to serve your church.

So even if you've never sung in a choir before, now's your chance! Easter is coming, and Easter without a full choir would be . . . I'd hate to think of it. We need you! Please join us!

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## A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

On Sunday, February 15, the following persons joined Potomac Presbyterian Church. The congregation happily and warmly welcomes you and your families.

Marilyn and Dick Sebastian come by Certificate of Transfer from the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. The Sebastians and their two children live at 7518 Glennon Drive in Bethesda. Telephone: 365-2217. Dick is a native of Washington, D.C., and Marilyn of St. Louis, Missouri. The entire family enjoys sports, especially winter skiing and the beach in summer.

Mrs. Ilda Lee comes by Certificate of Transfer from the Salem United Methodist Church in Wexford, Pennsylvania. The Lees have five daughters in grades kindergarten through seventh. Ilda is originally from Connecticut; her present hobby is "getting settled in our new home" at 9609 Persimmon Tree Road in Potomac. Phone: 299-5160.

Mrs. Janet Brewer comes by Certificate of Transfer from The Geneva Presbyterian Church in Rockville, Maryland. The Brewers have two children and reside at 12600 Lincolnshire Drive in Potomac. Phone: 340-8445. Janet, who comes from Wyoming, enjoys golf, sewing, and swimming. She is presently working as teacher-director at St. Raphael's Nursery School.

Mrs. Mary Lou Spears, originally from California, joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Mary Lou, an avid bird watcher and animal lover, works in McLean, Virginia, and resides at 8626 Timberhill Lane in Potomac. Phone: 299-7742.

Mr. Timothy Green comes by Certificate of Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church in Florence, Alabama. Tim lives at 11904 Whistler Court in Potomac. Phone: 762-8413. He has a partnership in an antique business and is interested in music, drama and loves to read. He's presently working on a revised junior high curriculum for 1978 to be used by the Presbyterian Church and several other Protestant churches.

Please add new members' names, addresses and phone numbers to your directories.

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## A LENTEN SUGGESTION FROM DR. UHL

Lent is traditionally the time in the life of the church when we reflect on the culmination of the ministry of our Lord - his death and resurrection. It has been a period of denial and penitence for the Christian church. Indeed, the sacrifice of our Lord ought to be an example for us to live our lives in a similar kind of sacrifice.

In years past, people often gave up something for Lent. This practice was intended to show our obedience to Christ and our own self-denial patterned after his example. Often the practice has become a mockery of what was intended because we give up things which aren't important to us anyway. So, I have a suggestion for each of us this Lenten season - instead of giving up something let us try to give a little extra. This could be in our families, our employment, our church - wherever we are during this Lenten season.

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of giving, not merely denial. Let each of us, therefore, give the best we have - OURSELVES - to our Lord and each other this year.

-Dr. David L. Uhl

## NOTE THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL SERVICES COMING

Sunday, March 28 - Bicentennial Sunday. The Congregational Life Committee has researched and developed a worship service in the spirit of '76. All members of the congregation and visitors are welcome and encouraged to dress in colonial attire. The planning committee hopes that all of you will participate in this service. There will be no Church School so that families may worship together. Nursery care will be provided.

Sunday, April 11 - Palm Sunday. The church will have some unique opportunities this year for the Easter season. Holy Week begins with the Palm Sunday service.

Thursday, April 15 - Maundy Thursday. On Thursday evening we will have a unique candlelight communion service which we believe you will find to be one of the most inspirational and dramatic services you have ever attended.  
8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 16 - Good Friday. On this date we will share with St. Francis, Mercy and Potomac Methodist an ecumenical service to be held at St. Francis from 12:00 noon to 1:30.

Sunday, April 18 - Easter Sunday. There will be two services of worship on Easter. Sunday School classes will not be held in order to encourage families to worship together at either of the two services. Nursery care will be provided at both services.

We hope these services will offer each of you opportunities for celebration during this season.

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#### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The 1976 One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm Sunday, April 11. During the regular worship service that morning, church school students will participate in a dedication ceremony for their coin box offerings. Members of the congregation who will be unable to attend that service are requested to return their special offering envelopes prior to April 11.

All receipts from this special offering in our Presbytery will be divided equally between the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. While the use of funds by each denomination is slightly different, their eventual application will be approximately as follows:

42% for combatting HUNGER, principally through longer term development programs

42% for WORLD RELIEF and EMERGENCIES

16% for SELF DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLE

This is an opportunity to supplement the limited general mission contribution included in our church budget. Please be as generous as possible in your response.

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#### PPC WELCOMES TWO NEW FAMILIES

The following persons were received into membership by the Session at the New Member Seminar held on Sunday, March 21, at the home of Elder Marilyn Hoge.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jordan (Jane) of 9717 Brimfield Court, Potomac. Phone: 299-2361. Bob and Jane have three children: Robert 18, Mary 14, and Julia 12. Bob is a writer-editor for National Geographic. The Jordans come to us by transfer of membership from Gunston-Temple Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, Maryland.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maxwell (Pat) of 11101 Broad Green Drive, Potomac. Phone: 299-2246. Walter, an engineer, and Pat have two daughters - Allison 13 and Carol 9. The Maxwells come to us by transfer of membership from Trinity Moravian Church, New Carrollton, Maryland.

These new families will be recognized at the 11:00 service on Sunday, April 4. Everyone is invited to the coffee hour which will be in honor of the new members.

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Godspeed to Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Herrmann (Jean) in their recent move to Madison, New Jersey, and to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Willcoxon (Kathy) in their move to Mendham, New Jersey.

THE NEWSY NOTES PAGE

Reminder: Square dance and Potluck Dinner this Friday, March 26. Call Virginia Fredlund at 762-8686 or Velma Killion at 299-5442 for info.

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Jane Bourdow will present an organ recital on Wednesday, April 14, at 12:15 p.m. at Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. This is the final recital in a series of half-hour noonday recitals taking place during Lent. Compositions by J.S. Bach, Jean Langlais and Chas. Ives will be performed, and any "Potomac-ites" who will be in the vicinity at lunch-time are cordially invited.

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The Potomac Art League cordially invites the community, free of charge, to an exhibit and sale of paintings by Potomac artists Friday, March 26, at St. Francis Episcopal Church on River and Counselman Roads, from 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

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There will be a Summer Day Camp Program during June and July (June 1 through July 30) at the church continued by the Potomac Village School for ages 2½ to 6 years. Contact Pat Dunnivant for more information.

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Ladies interested in attending the WOC Conference in Purdue, Indiana, this summer, see Lynn Bigler or Elaine Skinner for details.

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The Flower Committee welcomes contributions for flowering plants to be used on Easter Sunday in the sanctuary and subsequently planted on the church grounds. Please specify if contributions are in memory of loved ones. Checks should be made payable to the PPC-Easter Flowers and given to Diane Gregg by April 11.

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An inter-religious action against hunger is planned for Food Day sponsored by Jewish, Protestant and Roman Catholic congregations in Montgomery County. The program, scheduled for Thursday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Temple Emmanuel, 10101 Connecticut Avenue, Kensington, will include a short address, a slide presentation, and workshops. Contact Sally O'Neal for further information.

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The Church and Community and Mission Interpretation Committee continues its interest in the U. of Md. Extension Service learn-to-sew course at the Faith Methodist Church in Rockville. The Committee has provided a barrel for your contributions of fabric (at least two yards), thread, and sewing notions; it is located in the Narthex. You are encouraged to assist in this mission effort of PPC through your donations of items to be used in the sewing classes. Many thanks for the contributions already received. For more information, see Carolyn Meakem.

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Wednesday, March 31, 7:30 p.m. - coffee and fellowship, followed at 8:00 by the film, "The Dignity of Death". Dr. Uhl, Rev. White and Dr. Fletcher will be on hand for questions and answers. You, your friends and neighbors are invited.

## APRIL SINGLES AND DOUBLES WILL BE SUPPER AND SUPER

Put a large circle around Friday, April 23! The Singles and Doubles are having a really super get-together at the church. The evening will begin with dinner and then a fabulous speaker, Frank Van der Linden. Frank is a nationally syndicated Capital Hill correspondent. He will discuss, with insight and humor, "The Political Situation in 1976". We hope everyone will come. Call Ruth Ruberl at 299-6377 for reservations.

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Attached to this issue of your newsletter is a supplemental page for your church directory. Please insert it in your directory - NOW!

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## "I'M A LONELY LITTLE PETUNIA IN A STRAWBERRY PATCH ..."

Never happen! You won't be lonely at all if you come on over on Wednesday mornings and work with the growing number of ladies who are filling PPC's Strawberry Patch with a variety of wonderful crafts. You say you work, can't sew or use a crochet hook, can't even squeeze a glue bottle! - It's perfectly all right; we can train people at all levels. At least, each of you can contribute a recipe to Maddy Saxton who has already begun typing up the second edition of our successful recipe book, "Love Thy Larder".

Spring cleaning is just around the corner - save those throw-aways for our rummage sale!

Please sign up to assist Festival committee chairmen with their chores. There is a chart on the bulletin board awaiting your signature.

Peg Hawley and Dort Hall have been holding craft sessions for first through sixth graders each Sunday morning in March. The youngsters are preparing crafts to be sold at a "Children Only" table at our Festival. Some of their accomplishments include: sand pails, key chains, bookmarks, purses, memo pad holders, decorated soaps, etc. This energetic and creative group included Beth Hall, Chris Hall, Susan Hawley, Anne Hawley, Elizabeth Malone, Christy Malone, David Malone, Dana McGrath, Janis Bigler, Tricia Skinner, Brock Howe, Brian Bentzen, Ben Jenkins, Elizabeth Koonce, Kathleen Koonce, Jean Marie Hazard, Kathy King, and Dona Chaffee.

Only nine craft Wednesdays remain before Strawberry Day! May we expect you? On the schedule for those mornings are the following interesting items: egg baskets, calico cats, silk flowers, fabric wreaths, and gingham flower buds. See you Wednesday at 9:30!

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## STANDING COMMITTEES OF SESSION

To help members and friends of PPC to better understand the contributions of the five standing committees of Session to the work and ministry of our church, a listing is next provided of these committees and their responsibilities and their current membership. All who are interested in participating in the vital work of any of these committees are urged to contact the indicated chairperson.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.** This committee is responsible for the educational activities in the church. These include Sunday School, Seven-Tens, Confirmation Class, Senior Highs, and the Sunday Adult Lay Education Group. Committee members for 1976 are: \*Bill Kerrigan-Ch., \*Shirley Coll \*Bill Hutchison, Estelle Woodcock, Olie Howe, Swain Mills and Tom Boogaard.

**CHURCH AND COMMUNITY/MISSION INTERPRETATION.** The responsibilities of this committee are to identify and publicize areas of need within the community. As our program evolves, "community" will more clearly be identified as county, state, nation or world, or combinations thereof. This committee is also to publicize and interpret the mission programs and social actions of higher jurisdictions of the Presbyterian Church. Committee membership for 1976 includes: \*Carolyn Meakem and \*Sally O'Neal - Ch., Esther and Franco Ruberl, Ann Willetts, Gail Hutchison, Geoffrey Coll, Joy Garcia, Cecie Phair, Carol and Graham Helmendach, Mary Lou Spears, Velma Killion, Jean Hartman, Dawn Thompson, Ruth Jones and the McPhee Family.

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE.** This committee is responsible for the "gathered life" of the congregation in worship and fellowship. Specific duties involve services of worship, organist and choirs, communion service, ushers, flowers/decorations, coffee hours, dinners, parish groups, new members, church membership and church directory. 1976 membership includes: \*Jon Hawley-Ch., \*Lew Smith, Marion Hutchison, Lynn Bigler, Ann Hazard, Kevin Bartlett, Heather Kroncke, Camille Kendall, Julie Wye, and Dee Chaffee.

**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, and 2-All matters concerning the property of the church. Membership includes: \*William King and \*Dave Smith - Ch., Howard and Betty Heininger, Dianne Gregg, Dennis McMahon, William Skinner, Paul Hartman, Weldon MacDonald, David and Pat Miller, Harry Evans, William Amtmann, and Gail Hutchison.

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE.** The responsibilities of this committee are to plan, develop, and conduct stewardship programs; to design and coordinate annual pledging campaigns; to organize and carry through on special fund raising programs with approval of Session; to recommend and, when approved, conduct supplemental stewardship and pledging activities; to consult with Session committees and other church organizations and to prepare annual church budgets for approval by the Session; and, in close cooperation with the church treasurer, to provide for the maintenance of church financial records and the preparation and submission of periodic financial statements. 1976 membership on this committee includes \*Bob Fredlund and \*Marilyn Hoge - Ch., Franco Ruberl, Bill Brill, Bob McMahon, Compton Jones, Patti Bissell.

\* Session members of the committees.

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## APRIL

## 1976

| SUNDAY                                                                         | MONDAY                                              | TUESDAY                               | WEDNESDAY                               | THURSDAY                                                | FRIDAY                                                                     | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                |                                                     |                                       |                                         | 1<br>7-10's 4:30                                        | 2                                                                          | 3        |
| 4<br>Sr. Higs at<br>Howe's 6:30                                                | 5<br>Stewardship &<br>Finance 8:00                  | 6<br>Christian Ed.<br>8:00<br>WE Inc. | 7<br>Cong. Life 8:00<br>Crafts 9:30     | 8<br>Pers. & Prop.<br>8:00<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00 | 9                                                                          | 10       |
| 11<br>No Sr. Higs                                                              | 12<br>School Out                                    | 13                                    | 14                                      | 15<br>8:00 - Worship                                    | 16<br>Ecumenical<br>Service -<br>noon - 1:30<br>St. Francis<br>Good Friday | 17       |
| Palm Sunday                                                                    |                                                     |                                       |                                         | Maundy Thursday                                         |                                                                            |          |
| 18<br>No Sr. Higs<br>School Out -<br>9:00 & 11:00<br>Worship Service<br>Easter | 19                                                  | 20<br>Girl Scout<br>Leaders 9:30      | 21<br>Crafts 9:30<br>Cub Scouts<br>7:30 | 22<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00                         | 23<br>Singles &<br>Doubles                                                 | 24       |
| 25<br>Sr. Higs at<br>Bartlett's 6:30                                           | 26<br>8:00 P.M. -<br>Ch. & Comm./<br>Mission Inter. | 27                                    | 28<br>Crafts 9:30                       | 29<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00                         | 30                                                                         |          |

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

POTOMAC  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
POTOMAC, MARYLAND

MAY

1976

## IT'S LATER THAN YOU THINK - STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL NEARS!

In just seven quick weeks, PPC will be decked out in red, white and blue to present its Second Annual Strawberry Festival and Crafts Sale to the world. Will you be there? Thirty-some of us have "been there" for the past many months planning and creating items for the event. This year's Festival is being enlarged through the addition of an antique sale, pony rides, a table of children-made for children-to-buy, and more food items - all this plus the rummage, plants and crafts.

Where do you fit in? There is a place for your unique contribution somewhere in the works. Every household has an abundance of white elephants - we'd like to sell them in our rummage department. Chairman Sally O'Neal will take all your treasures and trash! Diane Gregg is looking for plant donations for her table. Care to help set up, sell, decorate - tell Joy Garcia. Want to bake bread, cakes, cookies or some other specialty - Carolyn Meakem, Elaine Skinner or Virginia Fredlund would like to know. Peg Hawley could use help stuffing mail-boxes with publicity. Own a knife? Jackie Evans will put you to work topping strawberries the day before the Festival. Like to prepare or serve food? - let these gals know: Pat King, Carol Helmendach or Joanne McPhee. Betty Heininger will root all kinds of house plants in your spare pots - clay or plastic. Get your extras to her pronto!

Please let General Chairman Lynn Bigler know if you have any craft items you've been preparing at home which are unknown to her. Pricing and record keeping goes on - and on.

The recipe book is well under way with over 100 recipes going into print in our second edition. Maddy Saxton needs paper cutters and hole punchers to complete this project. Also warm bodies to operate same! The recipe book will be collated next month. (Busy Maddy, by the way, in her scouting capacity, is collecting with her troop the pull top rings from aluminum cans. These rings will be turned in toward the purchase of a kidney dialysis machine. Can you think of an easier and more beautiful mission in which YOU could participate? Leave your pull top ring collection in the office for Maddy, thank you.)

Craft Wednesdays will continue through the end of May. Egg baskets, decoupage purses, and baby buggies (!) are still on the agenda. The sign up chart remains on the hall bulletin board - waiting for your name. The faithful crafters now need one more ingredient to make June 12 the biggest day in PPC history - YOU. Don't plan anything else for that day. Come - and bring your friends and neighbors.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL - PPC in conjunction with Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church is planning a Vacation Church School for the week of July 12-16, to be held from 9:30 to 12:30 Monday through Friday at Bradley Hills. We would like to have some indication as early as possible as to how many families from PPC would be interested. The school will be held for all those who have had a third birthday through fourth grade. If there is enough interest, it is a possibility that we would extend the age span to include all those through 6th grade. More details will follow but, in the meantime, please see Shirley Coll if you think your children would be interested in attending.

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7th AND 8th GRADE RETREAT MAY 14-16 - All 7th and 8th graders, please reserve the weekend of May 14-16 for a Spring Retreat at Deep Creek. Dr. and Mrs. Meakem have graciously extended an invitation to the 7th and 8th graders to use their home at Deep Creek for our retreat site. The setting will be beautiful - lots to do - and the program will be exciting. We will leave the church at 4:00 Friday and return Sunday afternoon. Details will follow.

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SENIOR HIGH NEWS - On the weekend of May 21-23, the Senior Highs of the church will hold their annual weekend camping trip at Assateague south of Ocean City. Mr. and Mrs. Follansbee will accompany the group. All senior highs who are interested in attending, please plan to come to the planning meeting at the Follansbees at 6:30 on May 16.

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BIBLE STUDY SERIES SET FOR MAY LAY EDUCATION HOURS - Dr. Uhl will begin a second Bible study series for the five Sundays in May. The study will be based on the Old Testament beginning with the Book of Genesis. If you did not have an opportunity to be a part of his series on the prophets, you will want to be a part of this study. Dr. Uhl is back by popular demand. His first session on Sunday, May 2nd, will be an introduction to the Old Testament.

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SINGLES AND DOUBLES PROGRESSIVE DINNER - Singles and Doubles are planning a progressive dinner for the evening of May 21. Meet at Bissells for the first course, 8623 Timberhill Lane at 7:00 p.m. The Chaffees will host the main course at 9712 Brimfield Court followed by dessert with the Bowers at 10309 Logan Drive. Reservations for this fun meal may be made by calling Dee Chaffee at 299-2469 or Patti Bissell 299-5833. Cost will be \$2.50 per person and maps will be made available to those attending.

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First quarter individual giving records are included with this issue of Steeple to People. Your pledge should be one-fourth completed at this time. If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so.

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The Congregational Life Committee seeks the voluntary photographic services of someone with a Polaroid camera. Please contact Jon Hawley at 424-7628 for more information.

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The One Great Hour of Sharing collection amounted to \$787.81. Thanks to all who contributed.

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Thank you, Dr. Uhl and the Congregational Life Committee planners for the educational and, indeed, dramatic Maundy Thursday service.

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Don't forget to mark your calendars to show that the Seventens Show will be held on the evening of June 6th. Jane Bourdow and Tim Green have the show in full production. The selection is NOAH and it looks like another winner.

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Thanks to the ladies who purchased and arranged the Easter sanctuary flowers: Diane Gregg, Estelle Woodcock, Maddy Saxton and Peg Hawley. And another thank you to those who planted them on the church grounds: Diane Gregg, Estelle Woodcock, Bill King, Peg Hawley and Marcia Boogaard.

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God, where are you?

In this world of

War  
Addiction  
Revolution  
Hunger  
Catastrophe

I searched for you

in books  
in school  
in church  
in work  
in government  
in leisure

but could not find you.

Then - I gave

gave my time  
gave my talent  
gave my money  
gave my love  
gave myself to others

And I found you - through my giving

In all those people with whom I shared myself.

SEEK AND YOU WILL KNOW  
THAT TO GIVE IS TO FIND.

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## MAY

## 1976

| SUNDAY                                                                         | MONDAY                                                   | TUESDAY                                                | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY                                                | FRIDAY                                                              | SATURDAY                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2<br>Sr. Higs 6:30<br>at Woodcocks                                             | 3<br>Stewardship &<br>Finance 8:00                       | 4<br>W E Inc.<br>Christian Ed.<br>8:00                 | 5<br>Crafts 9:30<br>Cong. Life<br>8:00 | 6<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00<br>Pers. & Prop.<br>8:00 | 7                                                                   | 1<br>8                          |
| 9<br>Sr. Higs 6:30<br>Ruberls                                                  | 10<br>Session 8:00                                       | 11                                                     | 12<br>Crafts 9:30                      | 13<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00                         | 14<br>7-8th grade retreat<br>Deep Creek Lake                        | 15                              |
| 16<br>Sr. Higs 6:30<br>Follansbees<br>New Member<br>Seminar<br>Sr. Recognition | 17                                                       | 18<br>Election-<br>School Out<br>Girl Scout<br>Leaders | 19<br>Crafts 9:30<br>Cub scouts 7:30   | 20<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00                         | 21<br>Singles &<br>Doubles 7:00<br>Sr. high retreat -<br>Assateague | 22<br>Leyerberg<br>Wedding 4:00 |
| 23<br>No Sr. Higs                                                              | 24                                                       | 25                                                     | 26<br>Crafts 9:30                      | 27<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00                         | 28                                                                  | 29                              |
| 30<br>Butler-Mandel<br>Wedding 2:00<br>No Sr. Higs                             | 31<br>No School<br>Church/Comm.<br>Mission Inter<br>8:00 |                                                        |                                        |                                                         |                                                                     |                                 |

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

POTOMAC  
UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
POTOMAC, MARYLAND

## WILL THERE EVER BE ENOUGH STRAWBERRY PIES?

1976

Just like last year, our strawberry pies disappeared in a matter of minutes, but the fun and excitement of the Second Annual PPC Strawberry Festival went on and on - until we had realized almost \$2700!

All outstanding bills should be turned in at this time to Patti Bissell, Church Treasurer. When this is accomplished, watch your newsletter for a final and to-the-penny announcement of our profits. (See the next article regarding the use of this money).

The following space is reserved for bouquets to those who made this thing go:

We wouldn't get off the ground without Peg Hawley and her publicity helpers; thanks Dick Woodcock for the beautiful big strawberry sign in front of the church; Patti Dunnivant for saturating the newspapers with stories of the Festival; the Carroll family for those sturdy wooden signs around Potomac; the many who stuffed neighborhood mailboxes with fliers; Jan Malone for countless letters to neighboring churches urging newsletter and bulletin mention; the Lee family for strawberry reminder signs in the Village; Joyce Jenkins for getting radio and TV notice (think Willard will ever know the truth?)

The Every-Wednesday-Craft-Ladies plus those who worked exclusively at home.

The Kitchen Crew: Carol and Graham Helmendach, Joanne McPhee, Ruth Jones, Pat and Barbara King, Janet and Cal Koonce, Cici Phair, Jackie and Harry Evans.

Our Plant Lady - Diane Gregg.

Bwana Bob the Balloon Man.

Carolyn Meakem and her Bread Bakers.

Camille Kendall for strawberry jam.

Elaine Skinner and her astounding strawberry pie making machine!

Virginia Fredlund who had us all baking goodies!

The Red-fingered, Back-achers who picked 185# of berries last Thursday; Elaine Skinner, Miriam Wade, Marcia Boogaard, Jackie and David Evans, Tom Meakem, Lynn and Jason Bigler.

The pony folks who walked around the church yard 128 times - the Boogaards and the MacDonalds.

The Rummageers who worked some nights until midnight pricing our white elephants - Sally O'Neal and her assistants. (Rummage leftovers were donated to the Purple Heart).

Peg Hawley and Dort Hall who worked with our children in the spring to make their own crafts.



Now that our various musical organizations are closing up shop for the summer, it seems like an appropriate time to look both backward and forward. Thanks must go to the members of all our choirs for a job well done, often in very trying circumstances. My only regrets are that more people weren't involved in the choir program. The Sanctuary Choir was unable to present a special program this year due to its small membership and the young choirs have the potential to include many more people.

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## SUMMER NOTES FROM STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

From Dr. Uhl: I must confess that I approached the summer with considerable apprehension. It was to be the time of the "Great Slump". Yet here we are with the summer about half over and the worst has not yet materialized. Why?

It may be a gross over-simplification but I believe it's because you have remembered your church - not only with your participation but also with your pledge. On behalf of the Session and staff, let me commend you for your faithfulness and urge you to continue throughout the remainder of the summer.

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Dr. Uhl will be on vacation from August 8 through August 27. On Sunday, August 15, the Rev. Philip Newell, Director of the National Presbyterian Center, will lead the worship. Gary Durfee, a member of our congregation and a candidate under the care of Presbytery for the ordained ministry, will conduct the service on Sunday, August 22.

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The Session has received, with regret, the resignation of two Elders: Shirley Coll and Carolyn Meakem. The Session plus the entire congregation expresses its appreciation to these ladies for their dedicated efforts during the period they held their offices.

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Summer communion will be held Sunday, July 25. Reminder: summer services begin at 10:00 a.m. and are followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex.

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Your second quarter giving record is enclosed with this issue of Steeple to People.

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Nick Smith and MaryAnn Lattin were married in Miami, Florida on June 26. Alice, Lewis, and Alan wish everyone could have been there with them to share in this happy occasion. The young couple will reside in Edison, New Jersey, where Nick is working for Exxon. (If you coax Alice a bit, she'll show you the beautiful pictures of the wedding party!)

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There will be another issue of your newsletter in August to inform you of the fall happenings, new schedules, times, and maybe some surprise events!

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The Christian Education Committee is still seeking a Sunday School teacher for grades 1-2. Tell Shirley Coll if you're the candidate!

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AND NOW - here's that big beautiful number you've all been waiting to read! After all bills to create the 1976 Strawberry Festival were paid, PPC had a total of \$2700.22! Congratulations to us! Even more fantastic is the news leak that the 1977 Festival planning committee has met already and seven of last year's chairmen have agreed to repeat their duties. (Must not have been such a bad experience after all!). Co-chairmen Bigler and Saxton are on the lookout already for the following items. Please bring them to church any time and leave them in the office. 8 oz. butter tubs and lids, 1# peanut butter jars and lids, pinecones-all sizes, acorns and nuts, aluminum pie pans (guess what for? glass cider jars and lids (gallons and halves),  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wood scraps 3" x 3" and up. Want to order a Festival dress for next June? Call Lynn 299-6437. AND, on the reverse side of this sheet you'll find all your gift needs simplified. Shop with us; we'll all benefit.

PRICES HAVE BEEN LOWERED. DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HERE! CALL LYNN BIGLER 299-6437 OR MADDY SAXTON 299-4679 FOR ANY OF THESE ITEMS.

- 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 @ \$8
- 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
- 1 large white candle @ 50¢
- 2 pig-shaped cutting boards @ \$1.50
- 1 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 @ \$1
- 2 crocheted soft drink can hats (red-Coke, orchid-Grape) @ \$3.00
- 3 tea cozies (blue, gold, melon) \$2.50
- 20 potholders @ 25¢
- 2 dishtowels with appliqued strawberries @ \$1
- 8 tennis/golf hats (1 needlepoint, 7 polyester) @ \$2.00
- 9 colonial clove swags @ \$1
- 20 bookworms @ \$1
- 5 red/white/blue crocheted purses @ \$3.50
- 3 pr. crocheted slippers (2 infant, 1 child) @ 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) @ \$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 \$11
- 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) @ \$2.00
- 5 clothespin donkeys @ 50¢
- 2 ladles filled with flower buds (red, green) @ \$5.00
- 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 (10 tic tac toe, 5 baked beans print) @ \$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
- 3 red lobster bibs @ \$1

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

SEPTEMBER

1976

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

The call for the congregational meeting includes two items:

1) The election of two Elders to fill unexpired terms for 1977. These two persons will serve the remainder of 1976 and all of 1977. The nominating committee will place two names in nomination. Nominations may be made from the floor with the provision that the permission and willingness of the nominee to serve has been obtained.

2) The congregation is also asked to consider several proposals concerning the possibility of selling the manse.

## ELDERS TO BE ELECTED FOR CLASS OF 1979

On Sunday, October 17 at a congregational meeting immediately following worship, the nominating committee will recommend four people to serve as Elders for a full three year term.

Suggestions for nominations may be given to Jon Hawley, Chairman of the committee or to its other members: Marion Hutchison, Martha Bentzen, Sally O'Neal and Howard Bissell.

As always, nominations may be made from the floor on that day with the provision that the nominee be contacted prior to the meeting to ascertain his/her willingness to serve if elected.

## NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

On Monday, September 13, the Session approved a program of new member orientation. The program will consist of four sessions led by Dr. Uhl on the following topics:

- A. Presbyterian History
- B. Theology and Worship
- C. Government of the Presbyterian Church
- D. A Look at Potomac Presbyterian Church

The class will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the Pastor's office or by appointment with Dr. Uhl. The prospective new members will be asked to take the orientation class prior to their reception at a new member seminar. It is hoped that this program will lead to better informed church members with a good understanding of Presbyterianism and our congregation as they present themselves for membership.



CAMPAIGN

...believe this year our church has a unique opportunity to move forward strongly - to use the current expression, "turn a corner"; to really practice our faith; to make a real and meaningful commitment to all that the church means to us. Let's make 1977 our best year ever in our growth toward greater service to God, to each other and throughout our community, nation and the world.

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Attention 7-10's and anyone else of junior high age! The Youth Choir is still meeting at 9:45 on Sundays. It's a great way to start the day - please join us!

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OCTOBER LAY EDUCATION 9:45-10:45

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| October 3  | On the occasion of World Wide Communion, Graham Helmendach will report on his summer experience at the Men in Mission Conference. |                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| October 10 | Jesse Johnson                                                                                                                     | These two Sundays will be devoted to a presentation of the various issues debated and decided at the Baltimore General Assembly. Both Mr. Johnson and Rev. Clark were delegates. |
| October 17 | Rev. Nancy Clark                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                  |

Beginning October 24 there will be a choice of classes during the Lay Education Hour. The schedule is as follows:

Track I: October 24, 31, Nov. 7 - Death and Dying. In these sessions we will explore the one certainty of finite existence.  
Nov. 14 - Robert Jordan will show slides of his travels in Turkey.  
Nov. 21 - Religion and Politics

Track II: A five week course on the Parables of Jesus. Leader: Shirley Coll.

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Next New Member Seminar will be held October 17 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Sally O'Neal. Those wishing to unite with the church, please contact Dr. Uhl.

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A bunch of thanks from Septemberfest Chairman Dee Chaffee to the many who helped make it such a success. Wasn't it a fantastic get-together? Watch for another one in PPC's future!

OOPS! Missing after the Septemberfest: one round chrome tray with handles, about 15" diameter. Please return to Carol Helmendach.

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A note of welcome to Miss Jennifer Wayne Gregg, newly arrived infant daughter of Diane and James Gregg!

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Church World Service used clothing collection will begin the last week in October. Cochairmen: Pat King/Lynn Bigler. Start weeding out the outgrowns and the used ups. Shoes, too! More details next time.

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER

## 1976

| SUNDAY                                                                               | MONDAY                                        | TUESDAY                                           | WEDNESDAY                     | THURSDAY                                               | FRIDAY                                   | SATURDAY                        |
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| <b>3</b><br>Retreat<br>No Sr. Highs<br><br>World Wide Communion                      | <b>4</b><br>Yom Kippur<br><br>8:00 Committees | <b>5</b><br>10:00 Bible Study                     | <b>6</b><br>8:00 Bible Study  | <b>7</b><br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir                  | <b>1</b><br>Glenn Kirk Youth<br><b>8</b> | <b>2</b><br>Retreat<br><b>9</b> |
| <b>10</b><br>6:30 Sr. Highs<br>at Ruberls                                            | <b>11</b><br>8:00 Session                     | <b>12</b><br>10:00 Bible Study                    | <b>13</b><br>8:00 Bible Study | <b>14</b><br>8:00 Choir<br>Professional Days-No School | <b>15</b>                                | <b>16</b><br>Advent Workshop    |
| <b>17</b><br>Congregational Meeting 12:00<br>Singles & Doubles<br>New Member Seminar | <b>18</b>                                     | <b>19</b><br>GS Leaders 9:30<br>10:00 Bible Study | <b>20</b><br>8:00 Bible Study | <b>21</b><br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir                 | <b>22</b>                                | <b>23</b>                       |
| <b>24</b><br>Church receives new members<br>6:30 Sr. Highs<br>at Bartlett's          | <b>25</b>                                     | <b>26</b><br>10:00 Bible Study                    | <b>27</b><br>8:00 Bible Study | <b>28</b><br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir                 | <b>29</b><br>Evening Square Dance        | <b>30</b>                       |
| <b>31</b><br>6:30 Sr. Highs<br>at Kendalls                                           |                                               |                                                   |                               |                                                        |                                          |                                 |

Did you happen to notice there wasn't a single word in this issue about the Strawberry Festival? Imagine that!

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NOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN INVITED TO A SEPTEMBERFEST, WHAT IS ONE???

We've all heard of or attended an Oktoberfest. But what in the world is a Septemberfest? Since we coined the word, it is our duty and privilege to give it definition.

The PPC Septemberfest is to be a gathering of church members and friends to renew our fellowship; a grand kick-off for the fall season.

Carol and Graham Helmendach have graciously offered the use of their home for this get-together, sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. September 12 is the date, from 5:00 to 8:00 P.M., and when you arrive at 10801 Alloway Drive in Potomac Falls (turn right on Alloway off Falls Road below the Village), you'll find a groaning board of food and drink. You'll be sorry if you eat dinner before you come!

Those wishing to contribute their specialty in hors d'oeuvres or other delicacies, please call Septemberfest Chairman Dee Chaffee at 299-2469.

Over 400 guests have received special invitations to this affair and thus far, very few regrets have been noted. If you cannot attend, please call your regrets to the church office 299-6007, Lynn Bigler 299-6437, or Peg Hawley 424-7628, so that the planning committee can function most efficiently.

The Congregational Life Committee looks forward to greeting YOU at PPC's first Septemberfest. Do come and share the fun, food and warm fellowship with your church friends.

CHURCH SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12 AND SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

...In fact, several things!

At the 9:45 hour, there will be a full church school this year for grades nursery through sixth. The same study materials will be used at this early hour as are used at the 11:00 church school but the emphasis will be on individualized learning and interest centers. It promises to be an exciting experience for those who elect the 9:45 hour.

A senior high Bible study class led by Gary Durfee will meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 in the library. All senior highs are encouraged to attend.

Junior highs are invited to meet with Jane Bourdow in the choir room at this hour. We hope to strengthen our youth choir so come out and give your support.

Adults have the special opportunity to participate in a Reconfirmation Class during the three Sundays in September. The class will meet in the Fellowship Room and will be a duplicate of the orientation program which Dr. Uhl will be offering to all new members of PPC during the coming year. For those of us who feel the need for a review of some of the basics in the field of Bible, church history, theology and church government, this will be an important learning experience.

At the 11:00 hour, Dr. Uhl will be including a children's sermon as a part of our regular worship service. Children in grades K-6 will attend church with their families for the first ten minutes of worship. At an appropriate interval in the service, they will be excused to go with their teachers to their classes for the remainder of the hour, or they may elect to stay for the entire service.

All of these changes represent an effort on the part of the Christian Education Committee to offer additional opportunities for study. We feel that our church is on the move. We will be effective to the extent that our actions are based on a growing knowledge of our faith.

#### CHURCH SCHOOL STAFF FOR THE COMING YEAR

A word of appreciation to all those people who will teach during the coming year as a part of their contribution to the life of our church. The Christian Education Committee hosted a dinner on August 26 for all new teachers and their husbands. We had an opportunity to get to know each other before classes get underway. The teachers are interested in providing the best possible experience for your children and many have already begun to work on lessons for the coming year. Their commitment to the teaching ministry of the church will be formally recognized at the worship service on September 12.

##### 11:00 church school staff:

Nursery: Janet Koonce, Jackie Evans, Elizabeth Coffman  
Kindergarten: Diane Norcross, Estelle Thompson, Sherri Willetts  
1st and 2nd grade: Swain Mills, Mary-Margaret Cross  
3rd and 4th grade: Joyce Jenkins, Cec Woodard, Winnie Brill  
5th and 6th grade: Sherri Sharp, Shirley Coll

##### 9:45 church school staff:

Miriam Wade, Martha Bentzen, Charlotte Landis  
Assistant teachers: Shelley Smith, Ester Ruberl

##### Seventens Staff:

Marilyn Hoge, Marion Hutchison, Dawn Thompson, Dr. Uhl, Shirley Coll, Roger Gregory, Calvin Koonce, Jane Bourdow

##### Senior High Staff:

Gary Durfee, Ollie Howe, Bill Kerrigan, Bill King, Dave Smith

#### LAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR THE FALL

The Sunday morning Lay Education Hour is held in the Fellowship Room from 9:45-10:45. Our schedule for the fall is as follows:

September 12, 19, 26 - Reconfirmation Class for all adult members of the congregation. Dr. Uhl will lead on September 12 and 19; Mike Bentzen on the 26th

October 3 - On the occasion of world wide Communion Sunday, Graham Helmendach will report to the congregation on a trip which he made this summer to a conference on Men in Mission.

October 10, 17 - A discussion of the issues prominent at the General Assembly meeting in Baltimore. Sessions will be led by the Rev. Nancy Clark and Mr. Jesse Johnson both of whom were delegates to the General Assembly.

Beginning October 24, the Lay Education Committee will be offering a choice of courses on Sunday mornings. These will be short term sessions which will run until Thanksgiving. Course offerings and registration will be announced in the October Steeple to People as well as during the Lay Education Hour.

#### NEW ADDITIONS TO THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

In addition to the Sunday morning Lay Education program there will be some new additions to our education program.

Tuesday Morning Weekday Bible Study. Begins September 14. Dr. Uhl will lead a Bible study class each Tuesday morning at 10:00. The class will last approximately one hour.

Evening Bible Study. Begins September 16. For those of you who would prefer an evening, Dr. Uhl will be leading an evening Bible study for adults on Thursday evenings at 7:30.

#### SEVENTENS BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16

The Seventens program for all youth of junior high age will begin on September 16. The program is held every Thursday when public school is in session from 4:30-7:30. We have made a few purchases this summer you will be glad to hear about: a volleyball net, a football, and some other outdoor equipment. The staff looks forward to seeing you on the 16th.

SAVE THIS DATE: OCTOBER 1,2,3

FALL RETREAT-CAMP GLENKIRK

Two retreats at the same location

7th-9th graders; 10th-12th graders

DETAILS WILL FOLLOW

#### SENIOR HIGHS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 19

The senior highs will begin their program on September 19th. The senior highs meet each Sunday evening at 6:30. We welcome all new tenth graders as well as "old timers" and "new comers" to our first meeting to be held at the home of Barb King, 8912 Saddle Lane. The senior highs have planned their own program of study which will be shared at the first meeting as well as retreat plans. Come and get re-acquainted after the summer break.

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#### WE WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome to our church family the following new members who were received by the Session on Sunday, August 1, at the home of Elder Jonathan Hawley and were recognized in church on Sunday, August 8.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cross (Mary-Margaret) of 17543 Kohlhoss Road in Poolesville, Maryland. Phone: 972-8185. They have one daughter, Laura, aged 2. Aaron is a political analyst with I.B.M. The Crosses come to us through transfer of membership from Georgia Avenue Christian Church in Wheaton, Maryland.



## SINGLES AND DOUBLES 1976-77 SCHEDULE

Singles and Doubles Coordinator, Velma Killion, has organized the following schedule for this group's 1976-77 entertainment. Call her at 299-5442 for further information. Details on each event will appear in your newsletter as the year progresses.

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| September 12 | Singles and Doubles will be at the Septemberfest in full force!                                                                                                                                                                   |
| October 17   | Polo Game, 4:00 P.M., at Travilah and Glen Roads. Tickets are \$1.50 at the gate. Bring your own picnic supper; the group will eat together. (Velma tells your Editor that you'll only be watching the match, not participating!) |
| November 12  | Pot Luck Supper with a speaker, 7:30 P.M. at the church. Topic: Report from world travelers. Hosts: Killions, Kendalls, Fredlunds.                                                                                                |
| December 10  | Christmas Party organized by Sally O'Neal and Doris Bower.                                                                                                                                                                        |
| January 14   | Pondue Party at the home of Alice and Lew Smith.                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| February 11  | Theatre Party. Show to be announced later. Hosts: Hartmans and Sasses.                                                                                                                                                            |
| March 18     | Old Movies Night at the church, 7:30 P.M., hosted by Marti and Weldon MacDonald.                                                                                                                                                  |
| May 14       | Progressive Dinner planned by Ron and Dee Chaffee and Doris and Bob Yates.                                                                                                                                                        |

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Attention high school students between the ages of 16 and 18.. The Montgomery County Mental Health Association sponsors a Pals Program similar to the Big Brother program with which we are all familiar. Any of you interested in being a Pal, contact Gary Durfee at 424-5552 before September 6. Children needing pals are between the ages of 6-10 and are not retarded or delinquent; they simply need someone-YOU?

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At this time of preparation for school, please don't discard usable clothing your children have outgrown. There will be another clothing collection this year at PPC during the month of October, this year held jointly with Junior Scout Troop 1298. There will be NO clothing accepted for the Strawberry Festival Rummage Sale in 1977, so now is the time to get rid of unused clothing. More details in the next issue.

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Notice how the Strawberry Festival snuck in there in the article above? You'd almost think the Editor had something to do with that activity! Co-chairmen Bigler and Saxton are not hibernating; they're just slightly dormant at this time. However, craft groups will begin meeting again in January to prepare for the June 4, 1977 THIRD annual Strawberry Festival. Check the bulletin board for a list of reduced-a-second-time leftovers from this year's Festival; Christmas shop with your own! Please save the following junk for us: 8 oz. butter tubs with lids, 1# peanut butter jars and lids, pinecones, acorns, nuts, aluminum pie pans, glass cider jars and lids (gallons and halves). Chairmen for the various areas of the Festival are needed, especially a new Strawberry Pie Chairman to take over Elaine Skinner's Amazing Pie Making Machine. She will train! Call Lynn Bigler 299-6437 to volunteer for fun(d) making.

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

## 1976

| SUNDAY                                                             | MONDAY             | TUESDAY                 | WEDNESDAY                                                      | THURSDAY                                                                | FRIDAY                           | SATURDAY                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                                    |                    |                         | 1<br>Montgomery Cty. Schools Open                              | 2<br>Church School Teachers Dinner-Colls Pers. & Prop. 8:00             | 3                                | 4                            |
| 5<br>Church School Begins 11:00 Worship September 5-8 Helmenbachs  | 6<br>Labor Day     | 7<br>Mission Inter-8:00 | 8<br>Teacher Training 7:45-10:00 Geneva Church Cong. Life 8:00 | 9<br>Choir 8:00 Potomac Vill. School Starts Finance Com. 8:00 C.E. 8:00 | 10                               | 11<br>Fraleigh Wedding 10:00 |
| 12<br>Church School Begins 11:00 Worship September 5-8 Helmenbachs | 13<br>Session 8:00 | 14<br>Bible Study 10:00 | 15                                                             | 16<br>7-10's start 4:30 Choir 8:00 Bible Study 7:30                     | 17                               | 18                           |
| 19<br>Sr. Highs Begin 6:30 at Kings                                | 20                 | 21<br>Bible Study 10:00 | 22                                                             | 23<br>Bible Study 7:30 Choir 8:00                                       | 24<br>Evening Square Dance Group | 25                           |
| 26                                                                 | 27                 | 28<br>Bible Study 10:00 | 29                                                             | 30<br>Bible Study 7:30 Choir 8:00                                       |                                  |                              |

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

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## THANKS - INFORMATION - SUGGESTION - FROM CHURCH TREASURER

THANK YOU! The members and friends of the Potomac Presbyterian Church have, by their giving, reduced the 1976 budget deficit to \$10,000.00. That extra \$10,000.00 is DESPERATELY needed between now and December 31st to pay on-going expenses, mission allocation and to re-pay the various special funds that we borrowed from to pay our bills.

If each member family gave \$100.00, or at a minimum, started their increased 1977 pledge immediately, we could wipe out that deficit and start next year with a clean slate.

The proposed 1977 budget was received by the congregation on October 17. This is a budget that MAINTAINS our current programs and increases mission giving. There is no fat, no padding in this budget - it is based on the actual costs being incurred in 1976. All of us are going to have to reassess our giving and increase our pledge.

As Treasurer, it would be super to be able to pay the bills as they become due and not juggle them each month and hope next week's collection will be larger. I hope and pray this goal will be realized in 1977.

If you have any questions about the church finances, I'll be happy to discuss them with you. My numbers are: Day 864-5714 and Evening 299-5833.

-Patti Bissell, Treasurer

## SHIRLEY COLL RESIGNS

On Monday night, October 11, the Session received with great regret the resignation of our Director of Christian Education, Shirley Coll. It was one of those events which brings joy and sorrow. We are all very pleased for Shirley as she accepts the position as Director of Christian Education for the Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring. The church has over 1300 members and should give Shirley the opportunity to use her skills in a new and challenging way.

The decision also brings us sorrow because we realize what a great void this will leave in the life of our congregation. Shirley's work has been of unestimable value. Her direction of our program of Christian Education has given new vitality and life to the congregation. Shirley's dedication to her work is obvious in her energetic style and commitment to this congregation.

So we have mixed feelings - joy and sorrow - but we are grateful for the privilege of having Shirley work with us and we wish her the very best in her new call.

### 13 NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECOGNIZED AT THE OCTOBER 24TH SERVICE

We are happy to welcome to our church family the following new members who were received by the Session, October 17, at the home of Elder Sally O'Neal. These people will be recognized in church on Sunday, October 24. Everyone will have an opportunity to meet and welcome these new members at the coffee hour which will be held in their honor.

Dr. and Mrs. Roger Kuwabara (Su), 9810 Brookford Road, Potomac, 424-2093. The Kuwabaras have three sons: Neal 14, Jeff 11, and Allen 8. Roger is a Pedodontist. The Kuwabaras come to us by Profession of Faith.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Daniel (Dan) Malone (Mary Lee), 1112 Pipestem Place, Potomac, 279-9241. The Malones have four children: Dan 9, Lucy 4, Vicki 6, and Pat 3. Dan is General Manager of Marriott Hotel at Dulles Air Port. The Malones recently moved here from St. Louis, Mo. They had lived in this area before and come to us by Transfer of Membership from Geneva Presbyterian Church in Potomac.

Mrs. Lew Roth (Wenche), 11817 Hayfield Court, Potomac, 424-3622. Wenche and her husband, who is an electronic engineer retired from the government, have two children: Christopher 14 and Karen 16. Wenche is from Norway and comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Mr. and Mrs. William (Bill) Sawyer (Eleanor Taylor "Tay"), 13613 Aqua Lane, Rockville, 340-9251. The Sawyers have two children: Alan 11 and Susanne 9. Bill is an engineer with Fairchild. Bill and Tay come to us by Transfer of Membership from Rockville Presbyterian Church.

Dr. and Mrs. Richard Shaffer (Barbara) and sons Richard and Russell, 11717 Ambleside Drive, Potomac, 424-3753. Dick and Barb have one other son, "Buzz" aged 12. Dick is a dentist in the Navy stationed at Bethesda Naval Hospital. Dick, Barb and Rick come to us by Transfer of Membership from Wycliffe Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, Va. Russ, who attended Confirmation Classes in Spain, comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bob) Yates (Doris), 9421 Winterset Drive, Potomac, 340-7277. The Yates have three children: Bobbie 11, Laurie 9, and Tommy 5. Bob works for IBM. The Yates come to us by Transfer of Membership from First Congregational Church, Richfield, Connecticut.

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### LAY EDUCATION SCHEDULE

- October 31 - The first portion of a two-unit series on Death and Bereavement. Miss Grace Lebow will be the speaker. She lectures extensively to medical groups on the problems of death and bereavement. Miss Lebow, who is in private practice, did a three year study on this subject for N.I.H.
- November 7 - Lois Annich will continue this series, talking about the theology of aging and of death. She is a third year student at Yale Divinity School and has had much practical experience. Lois is under care of the Trenton, New Jersey Presbytery.
- November 14 - Robert Jordan, a member of our congregation, will show slides and discuss his travels in Turkey.

Advent Family Celebrations during the four Sundays of Advent will begin on November 28. THERE WILL BE NO CHURCH SCHOOL at 9:45 or 11:00 on November 28, December 5, 12 and 19. Instead, families are encouraged to participate in the celebrations which will be held from 9:45-

10:45 and then attend church as a family unit during this pre-Christmas season. Nursery care will be provided. Leadership for this year's programs includes: the MacDonalds - coordinators, the Kronckes, the Yates, the Dan Malones, and the Maxwells.

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#### CHURCH WORLD SERVICE USED CLOTHING DRIVE - NOW!

Yes, it's that time again. As soon as you complete reading this newsletter, go to your nearest closets and dressers to weed out those items of clothing no longer useful to your family. Men's, women's and children's clothing in good repair AND shoes are acceptable. (No swim suits, formal attire, or under garments, please). Bring your donations to the church before November 17. Clothing may be left in the narthex or Fellowship Hall.

CWS is the non-denominational organization to which we give our clothing. They send it all over the world to those in need. There is a 10¢ per pound postage cost. You can weigh your donations on your bathroom scale and PLEASE help to defray that postal charge by giving your dimes to either of the chairladies - Pat King or Lynn Bigler - or to Mrs. Hart, church secretary. Perhaps those members who do not have clothing donations will be kind enough to offer a few dimes each to assist in this effort. Remember, your dimes and your clothing donations are both DEDUCTIBLE!

Pat and Lynn will be packing clothing at the church the morning of November 17 and need at least a dozen helpers. Won't YOU tell them you'll be there at 9:30, too? What a beautifully simple way for each PPC person to participate in mission giving: 1- Get rid of clothing not in use and taking up space! 2- Pay 10¢/pound postage 3-Help pack the morning of November 17. See you then - and, thank you, from the bottom of hearts all over this world!

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#### MUSIC IS ALIVE AND WELL AT PPC!

Would you believe that our King David Choir now has 15 members? Not only that, the choir has ceased to be a unisex organization! Let's hope that this trend not only continues, but is contagious.

It's not too early to put December 19 down as a "must" day to be at church. The annual Christmas Carol service will be presented, and while we can't give away too many details yet, we can tell you that the music will be unusual, beautiful, and - well, come and hear it for yourself!

And finally, the Youth Choir wishes to announce that it is no longer the Youth Choir! By unanimous vote of the membership, this group has been re-christened the JOYFUL NOISE. Hopefully, our new name will reflect our enthusiasm - there's still time to join, so come at 9:45 and become a J.N.!

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Singles and Doubles - Pot Luck Dinner at church - 7:30 November 12. After dinner speakers include PPC's own world travelers: the Ruberls, Larry Killion, and the Fredlunds. Reservations: Camille Kendall 424-7539, Virginia Fredlund 762-8686, Velma Killion 299-5442. 50¢/person for beverage.

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Thanks to Virginia Fredlund, Velma Killion, Kathy McMahon, Sally O'Neal and Estelle Woodcock, who baked those Greek, Swedish, French, Mexican and German goodies for the recent super-special International Coffee Hour from the coordinators, Alice and Lew Smith - and from all of us!

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CONGRATULATIONS to the four new Elders elected October 17: Ron Chaffee, Anne Hazard, Bo Heininger, and Kathy McMahon.

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

1978

| SUNDAY                                                           | MONDAY                       | TUESDAY                        | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | THURSDAY                                                      | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                  | 1<br>Committees<br>Meet 8:00 | 2<br>Election Day<br>No School | 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00                                | 5                               | 6        |
| 7<br>Pledge Sunday<br>Sr. Highs 6:30<br>at McMahon's             | 8<br>Session 8:00            | 9                              | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 11<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00<br>US Leaders<br>9:00         | 12<br>Singles &<br>Doubles 7:30 | 13       |
| 14<br>Pledge Sunday<br>Sr. Highs 6:30<br>at Newhouses            | 15                           | 16                             | 17<br>Ladies: Come<br>help pack<br>clothing 9:30                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 18<br>Women's Club<br>10:30-2:00<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00 | 19                              | 20       |
| 21<br>Evening Square<br>Dance<br>Sr. Highs 6:30<br>at Hutchisons | 22                           | 23                             | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 25<br>THANKSGIVING<br>Thanksgiving                            | 26<br>HOLIDAY                   | 27       |
| 28<br>No Sr. Highs<br>First Sunday in Advent                     | 29                           | 30                             | <b>SWING YOUR PARTNERS!</b><br>A newly-formed Square Dancing Group meets at the church once a month. Membership is open to PFC members and friends; beginners and advanced. Next dance will be Friday, October 29, 8:00 p.m. For further information, call Velma Killion at 299-5442. |                                                               |                                 |          |

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

POTOMAC  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
POTOMAC, MARYLAND

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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## OUR APPRECIATION, OUR THANKS, AND OUR EXPECTATIONS

-A Report from the Stewardship and Finance Committee

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is pleased to report a very healthy on-going campaign. Our thanks to all those who have pledged and indicated their support. We are most appreciative of this commitment. To date we have received 89 adult pledges and 15 youth pledges for a grand total of \$58,773. Clearly this is a much needed improvement over prior years. However, we still have a substantial way to go in order to achieve the \$80,100 pledging goal set for next year's budget. As of now, we can pretty well anticipate, from the pledges still outstanding from those whom we are reasonably certain will continue and increase their commitment, to achieve a total of approximately \$68,500, leaving us with a short fall of \$12,000. This short fall we will need to overcome in several ways.

Certainly, we will be adding new members. Hopefully, current members will find it possible in some cases to give more than originally planned. And lastly, we might anticipate special gifts or other sources of funding.

Considering where we are to date, we believe we should move ahead with our budget commitments as planned.

As for '76, our current giving has dramatically reduced our previously estimated deficit from approximately \$23,000 to what now looks to be around \$6000 or \$7000. This is still a great deal of money and we suggest those who can, implement their new 1977 increased pledging now. It will be a tremendous help.

As a final note, those who have tax concerns or other means and reasons for giving at Christmas, we ask you to remember your church.

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## A HOLIDAY MESSAGE FROM DR. UHL

By the time you receive this note, it will be close to Thanksgiving. In just a few days our minds will be filled with family, our stomachs with turkey, our eyes and ears with football. The holiday season will be in full swing and we will be preparing for Christmas and New Year's.

This time of the year is marked by the spirit of gratefulness and giving and in varying degrees we will all experience this. However, I want to tell you about a gift which will not only be given in this last month of 1976 but has been given for the entire year. The gift is you--each of you and the meaning of that for our church has been tremendous.



THERE WILL BE TWO CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES. COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT BOTH 7:00 and 11:00. NURSERY CARE WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE 7:00 SERVICE. THE KING DAVID CHOIR AND JOYFUL NOISE WILL SING AT THE EARLY SERVICE, THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AT THE LATE ONE.

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"YOU OUGHTA BE IN PICTURES" WELL, YOU WILL BE SOON!

A pictorial directory for PPC is in the works. It is felt that such a directory will contribute significantly to the fellowship life of the church. Plans are being finalized now.

Three picture-taking sessions have already been set up: December 28, January 16 and January 17. We will make a special effort to have the families of at-home college students photographed on December 28. Please call Carol or Graham Helmendach at 299-4437, Directory Coordinators, to be sure you and your college student are scheduled for the December 28 sittings.

Every member will be telephoned to schedule an appointment. Family portraits in color will be available for purchase. Directory publication is made possible by family portrait purchase. Its success depends upon maximum participation of every member family. More details about the pictorial directory will be available from the person who calls you.

Let's all back this project and make it a very successful undertaking for the church.

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THERE WILL BE NO DECEMBER ISSUE OF STEEPLE TO PEOPLE. THE JANUARY CALENDAR IS ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE.

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Our four new Elders will be installed in January. Congratulations again to Anne Hazard (active Congregational Life Committee member and choir member), Kathy McMahon (who has been active in so many facets of church life for several years), and Ron Chaffee and Bo Heininger (both Elders in former churches).

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PPC congratulates Tom Cole, a senior at Winston Churchill High School, who at 16 has been named a National Merit Scholar. Tom placed in the top one half of the top one percent in the country! Wonderful! We're proud of you, Tom!

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Singles and Doubles has scheduled a caroling party for December 10. All adults are invited. Meet at the Fernwood House Retirement and Nursing Center, corner of Fernwood and Democracy Blvd., at 7:30. Dick and Doris Bower will provide refreshments at their home, 10309 Logan Drive, following the caroling.

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DECEMBER 26 WILL BE COLLEGE STUDENT RECOGNITION SUNDAY. THE COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWING THE 11:00 SERVICE WILL HONOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE OF WHOM WE ARE SO PROUD.

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Would you believe it's almost time to begin thinking strawberries! The ladies craft meetings will resume on January 5, 9:30 a.m., to begin preparation for Strawberry Festival 1977. Bring craft ideas to that meeting.

ARE YOU FLYING TO DALLAS, TEXAS, ON DECEMBER 24?

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO IS FLYING TO DALLAS, TEXAS, ON DECEMBER 24?

PLEASE CONTACT DR. UHL IF THE ANSWER TO EITHER OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS IS "YES". THIS IS URGENT!

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The used clothing drive held at PPC this month was highly successful. Twelve ladies packed over 700 pounds of clothing to be donated to Church World Service, a non-denominational organization which distributes clothing to needy persons all over the world. Pat King and Lynn Bigler, co-chairmen, wish to thank all of you who contributed clothing and money to help defray our postage costs.

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Bill King, chairman of the Personnel and Property Committee, is looking for magic carpets! Would you believe three rugs? The floor coverings in three of our rooms - the library, nursery, and choir room, leave much to be desired at this time. Bill is hopeful that somewhere out there in our vast reading audience there are some rugs that could be used in those rooms that you are interested in DONATING to the church. (It's deductible!) Please call Bill at 340-0456 if you can help.

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A speedy recovery is wished to Ginny Savage who is presently in the hospital. We're thinking of you, Ginny; you're in our prayers.

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## DECEMBER

1976

| SUNDAY                                                                      | MONDAY               | TUESDAY                                                                | WEDNESDAY              | THURSDAY                        | FRIDAY                                             | SATURDAY            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                             |                      |                                                                        | 1<br>8:00 Bible Study  | 2<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir  | 3<br>Session                                       | 4<br>Retreat        |
| 5<br>9:45 Family Advent Celebration<br>6:30 Sr. Highs at Howe's             | 6<br>8:00 Committees | 7<br>10:00 Bible Study                                                 | 8<br>8:00 Bible Study  | 9<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir  | 10<br>7:30 Singles and Doubles                     | 11                  |
| 12<br>9:45 Family Advent Celebration<br>6:30 Sr. Highs at Brewers           | 13<br>8:00 Session   | 14<br>WE Inc.<br>10:00 Bible Study                                     | 15<br>8:00 Bible Study | 16<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir | 17                                                 | 18                  |
| 19<br>9:45 Family Advent Celebration<br>11:00 Carol Service<br>No Sr. Highs | 20                   | 21<br>10:00 Bible Study                                                | 22<br>8:00 Bible Study | 23<br>No 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir   | 24<br>7:00 and 11:00 Communion-Candlelight Service | 25<br>Christmas Day |
| 26<br>College Student Recognition<br>No Sr. Highs                           | 27                   | 28<br>1st Pncto Session for Pictorial Dir. College Students ESPECIALLY | 29                     | 30<br>No 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir   | 31<br>Square Dance                                 |                     |

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## JANUARY

## 1977

| SUNDAY                                      | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY                            | WEDNESDAY                                             | THURSDAY                                                         | FRIDAY                                  | SATURDAY            |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2<br>No Sr. Highs                           | 3<br>8:00 Committees          | 4<br>10:00 Bible Study             | 5<br>9:30 Crafts<br>Bring ideas!<br>8:00 Bible Study  | 6<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir                                   | 7                                       | 1<br>New Year's Day |
| 9                                           | 10<br>8:00 Session            | 11<br>10:00 Bible Study            | 12<br>9:30 Crafts<br>8:00 Bible Study                 | 13<br>9:30 WGS Leaders<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir              | 14                                      | 15                  |
| 16<br>Photo Sessions<br>Directory<br>12-600 | 17<br>for pictorial<br>4-9:00 | 18<br>10:00 Bible Study            | 19<br>9:30 Crafts<br>8:00 Bible Study                 | 20<br>10-2:00 Rotomac<br>women's Club<br>No 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir | 21                                      | 22                  |
| 23                                          | 24<br>Dr. Unl out             | 25<br>of town to attend Presbytery | 26<br>No Bible Study<br>9:30 Crafts<br>No Bible Study | 27<br>Orientation<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir                   | 28                                      | 29                  |
| 30<br>Sr. High Ski<br>Retreat               | 31                            |                                    |                                                       |                                                                  | Senior High Ski Retreat<br>Square Dance |                     |