

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

POTOMAC  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
POTOMAC, MARYLAND

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1978

## REPORT ON THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The annual Congregational Meeting was held at the church after the 11:00 worship service on January 15. The Session reports told of a gain in membership in 1977 from 379 to 428, of an active and expanding Christian Education program, of a sharp increase in mission giving to \$8500, and of a nearly balanced budget in 1977 with a small deficit in the General Fund. The budget for 1978 with an estimated \$100,000 in General Fund receipts is projected to make up this carry-over deficit.

Bill Brill was elected to serve one year as the Church Treasurer and Patti Bissell and Bob McMahon to serve one year as Church Auditors. Pat King, Bill Hutchison and Dan Malone were elected from the congregation to serve on the 1978 Representative Nominating Committee. (Elders Jon Hawley, Chairman, and Ann Hazard were later appointed from the Session to serve on this committee).

In a very significant action, the congregation voted to establish a Board of Deacons with twelve members to serve three years each and to be responsible for calling on old and new members and for the twelve church parish groups. The Nominating Committee is preparing to select nominees for the Board of Deacons for presentation at a future Congregational Meeting for the election of the Deacons.

In summary, 1977 was a great year for PPC and 1978 will be an even greater one through the support and dedication of all of us.

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CONGRATULATIONS to the following Elders ordained and installed January 15: George Boddiger, Doris Durfee, Calvin Koonce and Dick Shaffer.

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THE ONE AND ONLY WORLD FAMOUS PPC FONDUE PARTY SET FOR FEBRUARY 3!  
DON'T DELAY IN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION!

Singles and Doubles will meet Friday, February 3 at 7:30 at the home of Alice and Lewis Smith, 8408 Fenway Road (off River Road in Carderock Springs). This is the annual Fondue Party, a sit-down dinner (and you must like cheese!)

Cost per person is \$5.00. Reservations limited. Deadline is Monday, January 30. Call Alice after 5 p.m. at 469-8379 - and pray for fair weather!

## CALLING ALL LADIES!

PPC's first ladies' social event of 1978 will be held February 8 at 11:30 in Fellowship Hall - a Valentine Luncheon. On the menu are crepes, salad, wine (bring your own glass), dessert and coffee. All this and door prizes, too, for a mere \$2.75 per person! Please make your reservations by February 1 with Charlene Brumbaugh 340-0781 or Lynn Bigler 983-1682. Chef Charlene would like several kitchen helpers. This is a good opportunity to learn some French cooking from her so volunteer to assist when you call in your reservation. Bible Study and Strawberry Festival crafts workshop WILL be held that morning before the luncheon.

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## DESPERATELY NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!

Your Steeple to People Editor is no longer able to fulfill the technical portions of her job requirement. She will continue to compose material and type stencils; however, an assistant is needed approximately four hours per month for the complicated tasks of running off the stencils, collating, stapling, folding, stuffing, sealing and sorting.

On-the-job-training is offered!

Any readers with so much time and nothing to do - or the reverse - may apply. The pay is very poor but oh! what fun your entire family could derive from this experience!. PLEASE call Lynn Bigler 983-1682 or Jon Hawley 424-7628 before reading the next article to say you're the person for this job.

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A reminder that the Square Reelers will be meeting again this year on the last Friday of the month in Fellowship Hall at 8:15 p.m. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact Mary Lou or Phil Thornton 279-2775.

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## HERE'S RACHEL HARWELL'S MUCH-SOUGHT-AFTER DANISH PUFF RECIPE (served at the December 10 church decorating "party")

Base: 1 cup sifted flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup soft butter or margarine, 2 T cold water. Cut the butter into the flour as for pie crust. Sprinkle with cold water and mix with a fork. With floured fingers press this dough into a 15"x 5" rectangle on a cookie sheet.

Puff batter:  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter or margarine, 1 cup water, 1 t almond extract, 1 cup sifter flour, 3 eggs. Bring water and butter to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add almond extract. Remove from heat. Stir in flour immediately (all at one time). Add eggs one at a time beating well after each addition. Beat until smooth; then spread batter over the dough. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 60 minutes.

Frosting: 1 t almond extract, 1 cup sifted 10x sugar, 3 T soft butter or margarine, cream (as needed). Mix sugar and butter until moderately blended. Add small amounts of cream until medium thick texture (spreadable with a spatula). Beat with wooden spoon or wire whip until smooth. Spread over baked puff immediately after removing it from the oven.

Optional: Toast  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup almond slivers on a baking sheet in a 350 degree oven until golden in color. Sprinkle over puff after frosting while the frosting is still warm and soft. Enjoy!

ATTENTION TEACHERS! Tuesday, January 31, 7:45-10:00 p.m. (snow date February 1), the Winter Workshop for Montgomery Cluster Churches is being held at Bradley Hills Presbyterian. All of PPC's teachers are urged to participate in this excellent program. Outstanding leaders from our area have planned a worthwhile time for helping all who serve the church to update their skills, increase their knowledge and overcome the January Blahs! We hope our church will have a large turnout.

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SEXUALITY SEMINAR. The January 19 planning meeting with a group from St. Mark Presbyterian was cancelled because of snow. The committees from the two churches will meet as soon as possible. Parents of seventh, eighth and ninth graders will be notified and sent materials if the seminar is to be scheduled.

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SENIOR HIGHS SKI RETREAT. The Ski Retreat for Seniors and present ninth graders will be held February 10-12 at Laurelville Retreat Center, Mt. Pleasant, Pa. All those planning to attend will be expected to come to the Senior High meeting on February 5 at 6:30 at Susan Maxim's, 12505 Exchange Court.

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COME LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! 7-10's is beginning work on its spring dramatic program "Lightshine". If any young people are interested, please come and join us.

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Thank you's to the congregation for your support of the Queen's College Choir of Charlotte, North Carolina, which presented its program in the sanctuary Monday evening, January 23. And special thanks to those of you who were gracious enough to open your homes to these visiting young ladies.

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FOUND: A lady's yellow folding umbrella was left at the Kendalls on the night of the Singles and Doubles Fun Night, January 13. Call 424-7539 to retrieve.

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#### MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome to membership in our church and to its work and worship, the following new members who were received by the Session on January 22. The new members will be recognized at the 11:00 service on Sunday, January 29. Everyone is invited to meet and welcome them at the coffee hour following the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crawford (Eileen), 11304 Skipwith Lane, Potomac, 299-5433. Jack and Eileen come to us by Certificate of Transfer from Highland Presbyterian Church, Allendale, New Jersey. Jack is a partner with Haskins and Sells Accounting Firm. The Crawfords have three children: Claire 11, Robbie 14, and Mark who is at John Hopkins University.

Mr. and Mrs. John Estes (Marga), 10700 Tara Road, Potomac, 299-2185. The Estes come to us by Certificate of Transfer from Marble Collegiate Church of New York City. John is a lawyer with Allied Chemical Company and Marga is a stewardess with TWA. John and Marge have three children: Eric in 6th grade, Elizabeth in 3rd grade, and two year old Sarah.

Mrs. Peyton R. Evans (Connie), 1126 Pipestem Place, Rockville, Maryland 20850, 424-8284. Connie comes to us by Transfer of Membership from Sunset Park Methodist Church of Wilmington, North Carolina. Connie is married to Dr. Peyton Evans. They have one son, Rick, who is a sophomore at the University of Virginia.

Mrs. Randall L. Frazier (Sandra), 11136 Korman Drive, Potomac, 299-2477. Sandra comes to us by Transfer of Membership from Memorial United Methodist Church of Silver Spring, Maryland. Sandra's husband, Randall, is with Marriott. The Fraziers have two children, Justine 15 and Adam 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hutchison, Jr. (Helen), 11109 Hunt Club Drive, Potomac, 299-5184. Ed and Helen come to us by Certificate of Transfer from Takoma Park Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. Ed is a Vice President with Walcott-Taylor Company, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Jamieson (Carolyn), 17308 Brown Road, Poolesville, Maryland, 349-5481. The Jamiesons come to us by Certificate of Transfer from Wayside United Presbyterian Church of Erie, Pennsylvania. John is with General Electric in Rockville. The Jamiesons have one son, Chris, age 2.

Mr. and Mrs. James Reichley (Mary) and sons Douglas and Richard, 11912 Gregerscroft Road, Potomac, 340-7649. The Reichleys come to us by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Morrisville, Pa. Jim is with the Brookings Institute. Both Doug 16 and Richard 14 are students at Wootton High School. The Reichleys also have a daughter Susan 12, who is at Frost Junior High School.



WHAT ARE THE PPC WOMEN UP TO NOW? LUNCHEONS - FESTIVAL PLANS

In just 14 short weeks, PPC will be jumping with strawberry pies, homemade breads, a year's worth of craft work, a plant sale, pony rides, white elephants - and more. June 10 is the date set for our FOURTH ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL. Don't plan anything else that day.

Three ladies are chairing the event this year: Lynn Bigler, Maddy Saxton and Doris Yates. The fearless few heading committees are: Publicity-Joyce Jenkins, White Elephants-Celia Sullivan, Plants-Diane Gregg, Pony Rides-Marty MacDonald, Strawberry Pies-Jackie Evans, Ice Cream-Luann Washing, Soft Drinks-Ann Hazard, Breads-Velma Killion, Jam-Nancy Mellem, Hot Dogs-Dawn Thompson, Strawberries-Mary Lee Malone AND WE STILL NEED SOMEONE FOR OUR BAKERY DEPARTMENT. Please call Doris and say "yes".

Would you believe that just 12 women are preparing probably \$1000 worth of crafts? Now, we can do better than that in woman-power! The craft group would love to have more of you participate. Please join us any Wednesday in the Fellowship Room from 10-12. Bring scissors-we train! Planned projects for the remaining Wednesdays include puppets, stuffed snakes and snails (no puppy dog tails), recipe holders.

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In case the word hasn't reached you, there was a luncheon held February 8 at the church. From Mary Cathey's opening whistle to Doris Durfee's dazzling dishwashing, it was a big success. Over 30 women enjoyed Charlene Brumbaugh's culinary efforts (recipe below) and two very lucky ones went home with fabulous door prizes. Velma Killion is now carrying a hand-painted wooden purse (artistry by Dawn Thompson) and Valerie Hopkins has on display in her home one of Celia Sullivan's exquisite eggs. Contact Celia to learn more about eggery. Thanks to all those who made that Valentine get-together so much fun.

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CREPES. Use crepe pan, NOT electric crepe maker!  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c whole milk, 3 eggs + 2 egg yolks, 1c sifted cake flour,  $\frac{3}{4}$  t salt, 2T melted butter (clarified 45 min. on stove top is better). In blender, put milk, eggs, flour, salt & butter. 3-5 sec. high speed. Stir. Then 2 sec. high speed. Refrigerate mixture at least 2 hrs. Return to blender 1-2 sec. high speed. Season crepe pan with butter; pan must be very hot. Using  $\frac{1}{4}$ c batter per crepe, pour into pan & back out again. Immediately begin loosening crepe with spatula. Cooking takes only a few seconds. Turn out onto plate. Makes about 30. Crepes freeze well; stack with waxed paper between & wrap in foil. Can be made day ahead & kept in frig for next day's use.

CHEESE SAUCE. 3T butter, 3T cake flour,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c hot milk,  $\frac{1}{2}$ c grated Swiss cheese,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t salt. Put flour,  $\frac{1}{2}$ c milk, butter, salt in blender. 2 sec. on high speed; add remaining milk; 5 sec. on high speed. Heat on medium in saucepan until thickens, 3-5 min., stirring constantly. Remove from heat & add cheese. (Adding 2T whipping cream or 1 egg yolk gives sauce a glaze). Cover sauce with Saran; makes 2 cups.

SPINACH FILLING. 1T shallots, 2T butter, 1 pkg. frozen chopped spinach. Cook spinach & drain well. Put butter & shallots in pan; cook to soften. Add salt. Stir. Add spinach. Cook until moisture evaporates, 2-5 min. Add 1c cheese sauce. Stir. Remove from heat.

CHEESE/MUSHROOM FILLING. 1c ricotta cheese, 1 egg yolk,  $\frac{1}{2}$ t salt, 1T shallots, 2T butter,  $\frac{1}{2}$ c sliced fresh mushrooms. Put cheese in bowl, add egg & salt-mix. In skillet, melt butter & cook shallots to soften-add mushrooms & cook until soft. Add this to cheese mixture.

CREPE CASSEROLE. In round baking dish, greased with butter, put 1 crepe on bottom. Add thin layer mushroom/cheese filling & spread. Add another crepe. Add 4-5T spinach filling. Add another crepe. Alternate

The New Member Orientation Series for prospective members which began February 26 at 9:40 a.m. will continue on Sundays, March 5 and 12. New members will meet with the Session on Sunday, March 12, at the manse at 8:00 p.m. The new members will be recognized at the 11:00 worship on Sunday, March 19. Anyone wishing to unite with the church, please call Dr. Uhl at 299-6007, or Camille Kendall at 424-7539.

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SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND NINTH GRADES. All young people interested in being a part of the super spring production "Starshine" should come at 5:00 p.m. on Thursdays. Practice takes place during the first hour of 7-10's. The show promises to be great so come join in this special offering.

7-10's have been "Exploring Friendship" during the winter months. That unit is to be completed in mid-March when the group will begin to think about "Exploring My Own Identity". Exploring is exciting and fun! Come, share the exploration.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SHARED APPROACHES. A preview of all the new denominational educational materials will be held at Gunton-Temple Memorial Presbyterian Church Wednesday, March 8, from 6:30-10:00 p.m. All members of our CE:SA Committee will attend the preview preparatory to offering a curriculum recommendation to our Session for the approach(es) our church will choose for our church school program.

Members of our committee are: Bill Hutchison, Chairperson, Don Bergsma, Winnie Brill, Mary Cathey, Valerie Hopkins, Joyce Jenkins, Mary Lee Malone, Cecie Phair, and Karen Roth.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL. Vacation Church School is now being planned for the summer. If there are those who are willing to help plan or to teach in the school (to be held with Bradley Hills Presbyterian), please contact Mrs. Cathey. Your help is most welcome.

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We have recently made some changes in the church office arrangements in order to create a new office for Mary Cathey and an enlarged office for Dr. Uhl. Dr. Uhl's office is now located in the former church library and Dr. Uhl's old office has been converted into a new office for Mary Cathey and a new church library.

These changes will help meet the space needs of our growing church staff.

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Congratulations are due to our old friend Dr. Richard Hutcheson who was our Interim Pastor before Dr. Uhl's arrival. Dr. Hutcheson was married in May to Ann Rivers Thompson, Director of Admissions at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. The former Mrs. Thompson has a ten-year-old daughter Susan; Libby, Dr. Hutcheson's daughter is now a day student and living at home. The two girls have become good friends. The Hutchesons have purchased a home and are busy combining households. Their new address is 2037 Deborah Drive, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

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Congratulations are also due to Sandy and Dennis Ratliff who recently made grandparents of Mavis and Dick Fowler who are Sandy's parents. It's a boy!

OUR NEWEST STANDING COMMITTEE TACKLES A FAMILIAR PROBLEM

A group of dedicated and enthusiastic "KITCHEN SUPPORTERS" brought together by Dan Malone, met February 15 for the organizational meeting of the newly former "KITCHEN COMMITTEE". By the time you receive this issue, the kitchen will have been cleaned, re-organized, and exterminated! Several functions have been established which will be provided for on a continuing basis by the committee - such as, linen control and laundering, supplies purchasing, information dissemination, and a system of follow-up to insure the smooth functioning of the facility to meet the various needs of the congregation.

Those serving on the committee are Sue Kuwabara, Catherine Hotes, Pat King, Pat Maxwell, Wenche Roth, Connie Evans, Margaret Bauer, Rachel Harwell, and Friede Marie Farrar. Sue Kuwabara has agreed to serve as committee chairperson.

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MARCH SHOWER AND SPECIAL COFFEE HOUR

We are desperately in need of quite a number of items for the kitchen which would make the work of those volunteers producing the 7-10's dinners, weekly coffee hour, etc., so much easier.

The Kitchen Committee is sponsoring a KITCHEN SHOWER (Pat Maxwell's super idea) on Sunday, March 12, to be held in conjunction with the coffee hour fellowship immediately following the worship service.

All members are encouraged to participate and bring a "gift" to the kitchen. At press time, the list of suggested items which the Kitchen Committee feels are needed was still being developed. Please watch for the shopping list which will be posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen as well as included with the bulletin on Sunday, March 5.

The Kitchen Committee will serve some delicious and special items in keeping with the kitchen shower theme. This is our way of saying "Thank You" for your gifts and your support.

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BRIGADOON IS COMING!

"Brigadoon" is coming to the Harlequin Dinner Theater. Mark your calendar and join the Singles and Doubles on Friday, April 7th.

The cost PER PERSON is \$15.00. Included in that amount is dinner, the play, tax and gratuities. Cocktails and beverages are extra.

Please call Marty MacDonald at 299-2593 BEFORE March 20 to make your reservation.

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SINGLES AND DOUBLES ALSO SPONSORING TENNIS PARTY

The Singles and Doubles Club will sponsor the second annual mixed doubles tennis party on Saturday, March 11, from 8:00-midnight at the Rockville Mall indoor facility. We can accept 16 men and 16 women. With 32 players the cost will be \$4.00 per person. Each couple is asked to bring a can of new tennis balls, snack food, beverage, or dessert. Please call Jon and Peggy Hawley at 424-7628 to make reservations and obtain your assignment. We must limit the number of players, so sign up soon.



ABOUT THE MARCH HYMN OF THE CHORAL

"O Sacred Head, now wounded"  
-Paul Gerhardt, 1650 (attr. to Bernard of Clairvaux)  
trans. by James G. Alexander, 1830

Tune: Passion Chorale, Hans Leo Massler, 1601

Of this chorale, Dr. Erik Routley has said: "glorious and familiar." The tune appears five times in J.S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion (1729) as well as in other choral and instrumental works of his. Its thoroughly secular origin as a love song, is therefore instructive as to the need for the church to be open to culture's folk and contemporary music. The text is of Latin origins, being part of a seven part prayer to the various members of Christ's body suffering on the cross, this part being entitled "salvo caput cruentatum." Just as the tune reminds us of worldly matters, so this text, of physical ones. It is the crucifixion which most forcibly confronts us with the bodily realities of faith. In this regard, a stanza appearing in the Lutheran hymnal would make a beautiful funeral hymn: "Do near me when I am dying/O show thy Cross to me!"

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PROGRESS BEFORE ON CHOIR ROBES

Our new choir robes are having their finishing touches completed at this time. Seamstresses responsible for this project are Lynn Bigler, Dawn Thompson and Mrs. Bourdow.

Funds which provided these new robes for the sanctuary choir AND the Joyful Noise were raised at the 1977 Strawberry Festival.

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Please participate and make one Sunday yours! Families and friends are invited to provide flowers for the Sunday worship as a gift or in memory of loved ones. The flowers are ordered by the church office and delivered by the florist at \$7.50 per vase. Flowers may be taken home following the service. Please select a Sunday and mark your name to the Sunday of your choice on the Flower Chart.

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EASTER SUNDAY FLOWER DONATIONS

Mary Ann Cookerly will be in the Narthex following the worship service on the following Sundays: March 5, 12 and 19, to receive your donations for the purpose of purchasing flowers to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter. Remember to stop by her table with your "gift".

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

As we have done in the past, Potomac Presbyterian Church will participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing again this year. This special collection will be taken on Sunday, March 19 - Palm Sunday.

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A supplemental page of new members is included with this issue of Steeple to People. Please add it to your church directory to bring it up to date.

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# MARCH

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>CREPE CASSEROLE cont. fillings &amp; crepes to top of dish. Finish with crepe on top; pour remaining 1c cheese sauce on top. Sprinkle with 1/2c Parmesan grated cheese. Bake at 350, 30 min., until cheese browns. Serves 6 cut in pie wedges! Can be made day before &amp; kept in frig-or frozen. P.S. The delicious ice cream served at the luncheon was purchased at Friendly's, Rockville Mall.</p> <p>5:00-9:40 New Member Orient.</p>	<p>6:30 Srs. at Hutchisons</p>	<p>7 Srs. at Hutchisons</p>	<p>8 Bible Study 9:00 Crafts 10-12</p>	<p>9 7-10's 4:30 Choir 8:00</p>	<p>10 Junior high Sexuality Seminar March 10-12 Singles &amp; Doubles Tennis 8-12</p>	<p>11 Sexuality Seminar March 10-12 Singles &amp; Doubles Tennis 8-12</p>
<p>12 9:40 New Member Orient. 8:00 New Member Seminar with Session at Manse Srs. at Bowers 6:30 KITCHEN SHOWER</p>	<p>13 Committees 8:00</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Bible Study 9:00 Crafts 10-12</p>	<p>16 7-10's 4:30 Choir 8:00</p>	<p>17 Potomac Women's Club 6:30-10</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 New Members Rec'd. Srs. at Shelley Smith's 6:30 Palm Sunday</p>	<p>20 G.S. Troop 1732 3-5:30 Session 8:00</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 Bible Study 9:00 Crafts 10-12</p>	<p>23 7-10's 4:30 Maundy Thurs. Service 8:00 Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>24 Good Friday Service noon at St. Francis Good Friday</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 2 services: 9:00 and 11:00 Coffee Hour 10:15 Easter</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Bible Study 9:00 Crafts 10-12</p>	<p>30 7-10's 4:30 Choir 8:00</p>	<p>31 Square Reelers 8:00</p>	

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## APRIL 16 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED TO ELECT DEACONS

As chairman of the 1978 Nominating Committee, I am pleased to report that the Committee has prepared a slate of candidates for the 12-person Board of Deacons which the congregation established at the January annual meeting. On April 16, following worship, a congregational meeting will be held for the purpose of conducting this election. These officers will be ordained and installed on Sunday, April 30, 1978.

The Deacons' central responsibilities will be to strengthen our covenant ties through leadership of our parish groups, and to extend our fellowship and service through calling upon inactive members and those persons who are new to our church. Dr. Uhl will serve as moderator of the Board of Deacons.

The Committee's nominees for the office of Deacon are as follows: Harry Evans, Joy Garcia, Jean Hartman, Joyce Jenkins, Bob Jordan, Weldon MacDonald, Lowell Perry, Gene Sharer, Alice Smith, Carole Smith, Mary Lou Thornton, and LuAnn Washing.

Approximately \$1300 has been collected for the One Great Hour of Sharing which is used by the General Assembly for disaster relief. This is considerably more than was given in previous years and you are to be commended for your demonstration of love in this manner.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

At the meeting of the General Assembly this coming May in San Diego, the Assembly will receive a report from the Task Force on Homosexuality. Much information (including some misinformation) on this subject has been reported in the media. In order for the members of Potomac Presbyterian Church to understand the content and questions surrounding this issue, the Session has ordered two copies of the Task Force Report. This should be available shortly and will be in the church office for your use. The Session also recommends to those interested persons the seminar on the homosexual question to be held at St. Mark Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 22, from 9:15-2:00. Details concerning the seminar are also available at the church office.

## MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS HERE

The following new members were received by the Session of our church on Sunday, March 12. We welcome these new families into the work and fellowship of Potomac Presbyterian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Allen, Jr. (Dona), 7916 Horseshoe Lane, Potomac, 299-2291. Jim comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith and Dona by Affirmation of Faith. The Allens have 3 children: Beth 14, Jimmy 12, and Jennifer 10. Jim is in the wholesale drug business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Crozier (Virginia), 11010 Dobbins Drive, Potomac, 365-1676. Bob comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith and Virginia comes by Certificate of Transfer from Pleasantville Presbyterian Church, Pleasantville, New York. The Croziers have 4 sons: 3 are grown and away from home. John, 16, is a student at Churchill. Bob is the Creative Director for a marketing firm in Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Krausmann (Jean), and son Jeff, 15108 Dufief Drive, Gaithersburg 20760, 340-1519. The Krausmanns come by Certificate of Transfer from the United Church of Pittsford, Pittsford, New York. Don works for a medical screening company. Jeff is a junior at Wootton and works part time at Peoples in Montgomery Mall. The Krausmanns also have a daughter, Karen, away at college.

Mrs. W. Steve Ramminger (Ruth) and sons Brady and Kevin, 7808 Masters Drive, Potomac, 299-2645. Ruth and 2 sons come by Certificate of Transfer from the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Huntsville, Alabama. Brady is at Walt Whitman and works part time at MacDonalds. Kevin is at Thomas Pyle. The Rammingers have 4 other sons: John in 5th grade, Tom in 7th and Jeff and Scott who are away at college. Ruth's husband Steve works for I.B.M.

Mr. Thomas W. Taylor, 8305 Jeb Stuart, Potomac, 762-1879. Tom comes by Certificate of Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church of Coshocton, Ohio. Tom is married to Janet Taylor and they have 2 children: Tommy a first grader, and Kathleen in nursery school. Tom is in the Office of Comptroller of the Currency, U.S. Treasury Dept.

Mrs. Lotus Weiss, 11510 Deborah Drive, Potomac, 299-6445. Lotus works for Martin Marietta in Bethesda. She has 4 children: a son Chip 19, plus 3 grown daughters who are away from home.

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A Christian Seminar on Human Sexuality has just been completed by 9 of our 7th, 8th, and 9th graders and their parents. It was a joint seminar with the young people of St. Mark Presbyterian and was a most enjoyable and enlightening weekend. We're still not sure who gained the most from it - the young people, their parents or the seminar staff. By evaluation of all three, it was considered an exceedingly worthwhile seminar.

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## AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE

Your Mission Interpretation Committee has initiated a new program called "Reach Out" - an attempt to identify areas in the community that need volunteer help. Please check the bulletin board or call Mary Lou Thornton 279-2775 or Dawn Thompson 299-6214 if you have time - a little or a lot - to give of yourself to others.

### A NOTE FROM JANE

Only those of you who are color-blind or who haven't been to church lately can have failed to notice the new look of two of our choirs. The "Gray Panthers" (officially known as the Sanctuary Choir!) are gray no longer, and the Joyful Noise is robed for the first time in its existence. I would like to go on record and publicly thank Lynn Bigler for pulling off a herculean task in record time, and with beautiful results! We also cannot forget Dawn Thompson who was in charge of hemming and zipping. Since for me, sewing is an activity ranking on the enjoyment scale somewhere between a tooth extraction and doing my tax return, my admiration for these ladies is unbounded. Many thanks from all of us "music folks" - maybe now that we look better we'll sing and play better!

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### YOUR JUNK IS A FOUR YEAR OLD'S TREASURE

Cleaning out your closets in the hope that spring will really come? Give Cec Woodard a call at 229-8428. She will haul away your discards for the coming Spring Rummage Sale to benefit the Cabin John Four Year Old School on May 13.

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Hundreds of applications were received for the position of assisting the editor of Steeple to People. I am proud to announce that this coveted job has been given to Dixie Stewart. Congratulations, Dixie! And a thousand thank you's!

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### SENIOR HIGHS TO CELEBRATE THE SUN

In preparation for Sun Day, May 3, "national observance of the only inexhaustible, predictable, egalitarian, non-polluting, safe and free energy source", the Senior Highs invite the entire congregation and the Potomac community to a slide presentation and discussion of SUN DAY. Lauren Battaglia, the Coordinator for Sun Day activities in the District of Columbia, will be the speaker. Come to the church on April 23 at 7:00 p.m. and discover with the Senior Highs: Why we need the sun, What the sun can do, and What you can do on Sun Day.

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### 7-10's

In the coming month, the 7-10's will explore two units of study. Both areas have come from the concerns of the youth. The first exploration is entitled "Loneliness and Being Alone". The second consideration is called "I'm Sorry - - Forgiving One Another". The group will talk about the interaction of persons and God in giving/receiving forgiveness. All young people who are in seventh, eighth or ninth grade are urged to join the group. YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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Many thanks to the children of the elementary grades of the Church School and to their dedicated teachers for their part in the Palm Sunday church worship. They made a very special addition to the service. Special appreciation goes to Winnie Brill and Ann Hazard for their organization of that part of the service.

## C.E.:S.A. CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The Christian Education: Shared Approaches Committee is about to conclude a fifteen month committee assignment by recommending curriculum material for the use of our congregation. On the evening of March 16, members of the group went to a preview presentation of the material at the Gunton Temple Memorial Church which was one of four such previews held for churches of the Potomac Presbytery. With that introduction to the material, our committee is continuing to study the available approaches so that the best possible choice may be made for our church. Because the material looks very exciting, with many choices and built-in flexibility, we eagerly anticipate our new teaching materials for the coming year.

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## LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES LADIES AND EVERYONE!

Another reminder! At 10:00 on April 5, Joan Miller from the Craft Patch will be in the Fellowship Room to teach silk flower making. If you wear glasses, be sure to have them with you that morning. Cost is \$1.50 per person; all supplies will be furnished to make one rose and one carnation. Bring your sandwich; coffee and dessert will be provided following the lesson. Call Lynn Bigler 983-1682 to sign up.

There are only nine more Wednesdays left for you to come help us make a Strawberry Festival happen! NINE!

Food Chairman Doris Yates would very much like to have your name on the dotted line for baking bread, making strawberry jam, pie shells, filling pie shells, and/or baking goodies for the sale. Please sign up on the list in the narthex; that will cut down on the over 100 phone calls the food committee will have to make to the congregation!

Please volunteer to co-chairmen Lynn Bigler or Maddy Saxton to do some fancy stitching at home, "do your own thing" at home, prepare something in your kitchen if crafts/sewing aren't your cup of tea, or assist on Festival Day, JUNE 10 - - - not to mention all those strawberries Mary Lee Malone would like help cleaning on June 9!

In case you haven't surmised, there is something for everyone to do to prepare for this gala - and we need everyone to make it go!

Celia Sullivan will be looking for your white elephants after you spring clean the basement, garage, attic and all those closets. Bring them to the church June 8 or the weekend before.

We need aluminum piepans for our world famous strawberry pies. Please save yours and bring them to the church anytime. They may be left in the office marked "Festival".

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Information is available in the narthex and church office on a highly recommended "Festival for Marriage", to be held at St. Albans School and the Washington Cathedral on April 23 from 12:30-9:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Marriage Enrichment Center of the Pastoral Counseling Centers of Greater Washington, the Festival will consist of a series of workshops on marriage and family life. The program is varied and extensive, and the leadership is outstanding. Obtain a brochure for additional information.

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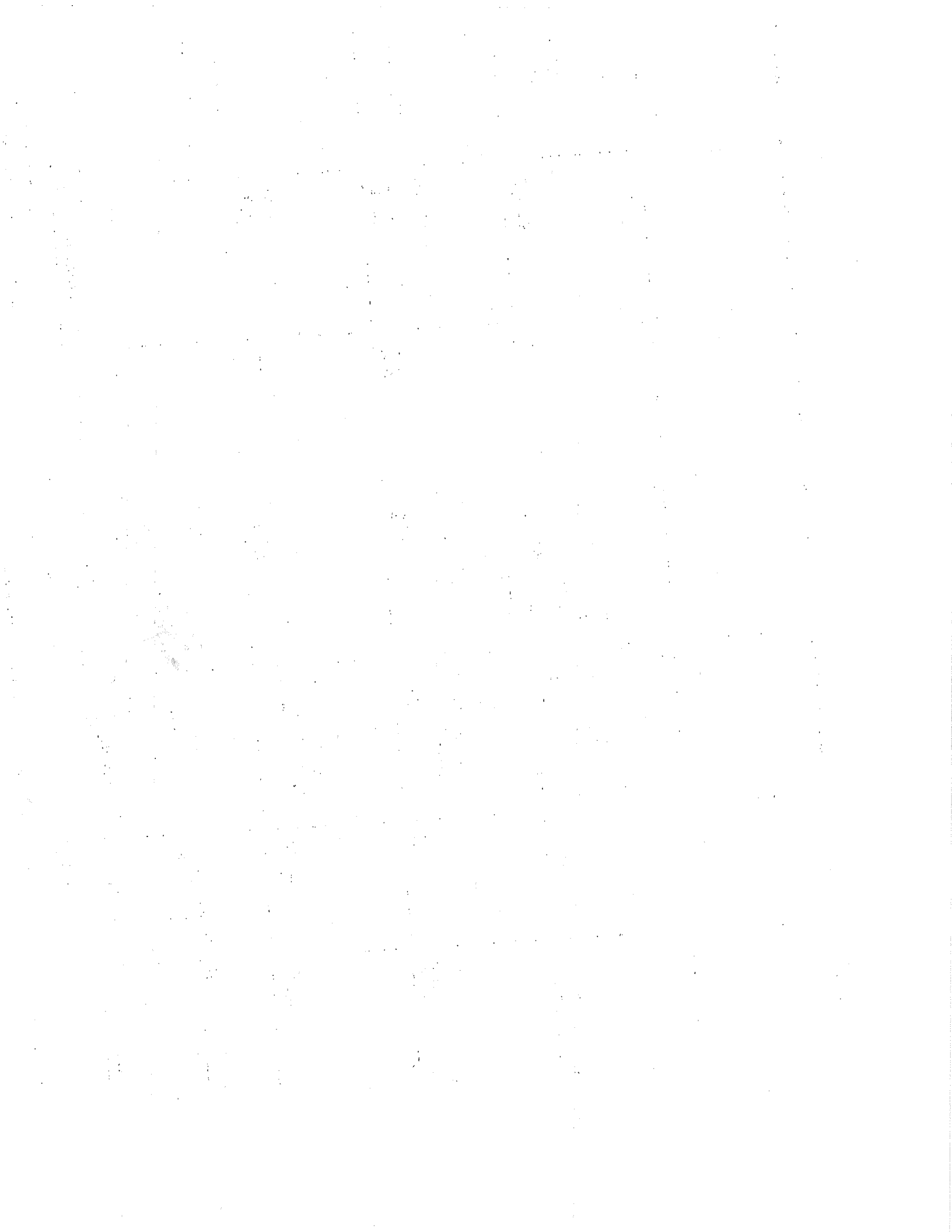
Mark your calendar now for Pentecost in the Park, our program of outdoor worship, recreation and fellowship. May 21st is the day and Potomac Country Day School is the site once again.

CHURCH CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

APRIL

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 6:30 Sr. Highs at Evans	3	4	5 9:00 bible study 10:00 Silk Flower Lesson	6 4:30 7-10's 8:00 Choir	7 Singles & Doubles- brigadeon	8
9 6:30 Sr. Highs at GREGG	10 Committees 8:00	11	12 9:00 bible study 10:00 Crafts	13 4:30 7-10's 8:00 Choir	14	15
16 Congregational Meeting 12:00	17 Session 8:00	18	19 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Crafts 7:30 Cub Scout Training	20 4:30 7-10's 8:00 Choir	21	22
23 7:00 Sr. Highs SUN DAY	24 Dr. Uhl to Louisville Seminary	25	26 10:00 Crafts 7:30 Cub Scout Training	27 11-2:00 Potomac Echo Club	28 Square keepers 8:00	29
30 6:30 Sr. Highs at Church						
6:30 Sr. Highs at Howes						





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## FROM THE DESK OF DR. UHL

By now most of you know about "Pepper", our beautiful but somewhat unpredictable cocker spaniel. To say that he is possessed by strange moods is an understatement. He is much like the little boy in the proverbial statement that "when he is good he is very good and when he is bad he is horrible".

Lately I had noticed that he was in one of his prolonged periods of less than satisfactory behavior. As I searched for the reason why it suddenly occurred to me that it had been several months since he had a bath. So a few evenings ago we endured the trauma of bathing Pepper. Since then he has been a different animal. It is almost as if by washing and brushing him we have changed his entire personality.

Perhaps there is a lesson for us there. Do we not find ourselves in need of washing away some attitudes and ideas which have weighted us down? Do we not need to cleanse our minds of some of the foolishness with which they have been cluttered? Do we not need to accept the forgiveness and grace of God which frees us from our own waywardness? Maybe it's time to do a little spiritual bathing of our own. Think about it!

## MAY 7 SET FOR BOARD OF DEACONS INSTALLATION

The following were unanimously elected at a Congregational meeting on April 16 to serve on our new Board of Deacons: Harry Evans, Joy Garcia, Jean Hartman, Joyce Jenkins, Bob Jordan, Mac MacDonald, Lowell Perry, Gene Sharer, Alice Smith, Carole Smith, Mary Lou Thornton, and LuAnn Washing.

The new Deacons will be ordained and installed at the worship service on May 7 and will be honored at the coffee hour following the service.

## REPORT FROM THE STEWARDSHIP, PERSONNEL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Stewardship, Personnel and Finance Committee plans to report on the financial status of your church each quarter of the year. In the table following, the actual general fund receipts and disbursements have been adjusted to allow for receipts and disbursements which have been made in advance. This provides a more accurate comparison

with the budgeted values.

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>
ACTUAL	\$32,146.15	\$25,828.53
ADJUSTED	26,521.15	24,703.53
BUDGET	25,050.50	24,408.25

The adjusted receipts are about \$1500 greater than budget. However, our financial records from previous years show our receipts usually run about the same percentage higher than budget for the first quarter. Therefore, we can conclude that our financial status is sound and that we are on schedule towards meeting our 1978 goal of \$100,000.

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#### NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SERIES

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We extend a special invitation to those college students who would like to join the church and who are unable to attend the orientation series during the winter months.

Anyone wishing to unite with the church, please call Dr. Uhl at 299-6007, or Camille Kendall at 424-7539.

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#### FOR MEN ONLY

"Men in Mission" is the theme for the 1978 Presbyterian Men's Conference to be held at Massanetta Springs near Harrisonburg, Virginia, on July 14, 15, and 16. Leading discussion groups covering more than a dozen topics relating to Christian living in today's world will be a distinguished faculty from various colleges and churches in North Carolina and Virginia. In addition, many opportunities for fellowship, fun, and reflection will be offered.

Last year, Graham Helmendach, one of our former members now living in Connecticut, attended this conference and described it as being one of the most memorable and rewarding experiences of his life.

The cost is nominal - less than \$40 for the entire conference - and this includes meals, lodging, and registration fee. Really! That's almost cheaper than staying at home!

So, men, take advantage of this opportunity for personal, spiritual growth, fellowship, fun, and relaxation in a beautiful location "away from it all".

Send your advance deposit of \$8.00 to: Men's Conference, P.O. Box 132, Fishersville, Virginia 22939. Make check payable to "Men's Conference."

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HELP WANTED: Anyone interested in preparing communion (and clean-up) please speak to Ann Hazard 424-2827.

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Winston Churchill High School proudly presents "My Fair Lady" on May 18, 19, and 20 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium. Come see Kevin Bartlett, Ann Willetts and Gail Hutchison in this great show!

THERE'S A STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL IN YOUR VERY NEAR FUTURE

The countdown continues. In just a few short weeks, PPC will be presenting its fourth Strawberry Festival to the community. NOW is the time to find your niche for helping this event be more successful than last year. There are jobs available for all ages; there are 5 minute jobs and 5 week jobs - take your pick! The few who have been Festival making since July of 1977 now are in need of your support as we enter the final preparation time.

RUMMAGE. Everyone reading this sentence has white elephants tucked away in drawers, closets, basements, garages! Share them with PPC. Celia Sullivan is chairing this committee and would be happy to sell these items at the Festival. White elephants may be brought to the church on Thursday, June 8 or the weekend before. No clothing!

BAKING. Our goal again in '78 is to have 100 strawberry pies to sell! It wouldn't be a Festival without them! We NEED more pie shell bakers, pie shell fillers, and other baked goods for Rachel Harwell's bake table. Cookies, brownies, breads - whatever your specialty, please donate something to the Festival. Here is the perfect chance for those who cannot participate in the weekly cutting and pasting at the crafts workshops to "get in on the act".

Please note the following work dates and plan to help if you can.

June 8 - set up and price rummage

June 9 - set up craft tables and decorate

ALSO NEED STRAWBERRY CLEANERS THAT MORNING!

June 10 -Come to the Festival, 11:00-3:00

The pie shell bakers NEED your 9-inch aluminum pie pans NOW. Please leave in the church office any you can spare us.

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On May 14, the craft workshop ladies will present to the church a permanent silk flower bouquet for use in the sanctuary. You'll want to sniff the roses, but they really are silk - and our ladies really did create them. Thanks to Betty Heininger for arranging them for the church.

Betty is also preparing small arrangements of silk flowers for sale at the Festival. Any containers (ceramic or baskets) you could donate for this project would be greatly appreciated.

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On May 3, Fran Hartman will present her craft kits to the ladies at 10:00 in Fellowship Hall. Lessons will be given in rug hooking, stick weaving, and needlepoint. Join in the Craft Bee; everyone is welcome. Donuts and coffee will be served.

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THREE THANK YOUS

- from our Flower Committee to those who made donations toward the Easter flowers. The lilies went to the Fernwood Nursing Home and the tulips have been planted on the church grounds.

- from the Property Committee to all the gardeners who came to spring clean the church grounds on April 22. Now we're beautiful!

- from the Western Lee County Health Clinic, Inc., in Ewing, Virginia. A letter received by Dr. Uhl following your donations of books to the clinic:

Dear Dr. Uhl:

On behalf of the residents of lower Lee County and the western Lee County Health Clinic, I want to thank you and your congregation for the many contributions of books. Your generous help has made available a wide variety of reading material. Since the closest library is about twenty miles away and in another state, you have made it possible for many people to rediscover the pleasure of reading.

Robert L. Cunningham, Administrator

AND, more books are needed by this clinic. If you have any books to donate, please contact Bob Fredlund.

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PENTECOST-IN-THE-PARK will be held on May 21, at 11:00 a.m., on the grounds of the Potomac Country Day School. DO NOT MEET AT THE CHURCH THAT MORNING.

A picnic and recreation will follow the outdoor worship service. Each family should bring its own main dish, drinks, plates, napkins, utensils, cups PLUS A DISH TO SHARE. The "dish to share" should be either a salad or a dessert. There will be several grills for those who wish to cook hot dogs or hamburgers.

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SINGLES AND DOUBLES are asked to join the congregation for worship and picnic at the Pentecost-in-the-Park celebration. Also, please volunteer your services to Lynn Bigler for the Strawberry Festival. There is something for all of us to do.

On June 17, there will be a picnic at Wolf Trap; Van Cliburn will be a guest with the National Symphony on that date.

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FIRST MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held at 8:30 a.m., June 25, at the church. It will be a continental breakfast with a speaker. The Rev. Herbert Meza, Pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, will speak on the mission program of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. for the next decade. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend; all men are invited. The Congregational Life Committee plans several such breakfasts throughout the year. More details in the next newsletter.

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#### 7-10's PRODUCTION

The 7-10's musical "Lightshine" is to be given June 4 at 7:30 p.m., in the church sanctuary. The youth are doing a fine job and working very hard to give an award-winning performance for all their friends. Please save that date for them so that the group may have your support and your appreciation for their efforts. It promises to be great fun!

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#### SEMINAR: "YOU AND YOUR ELDERLY PARENT"

The Potomac Presbyterian Church is very pleased to announce a two-session seminar for those who have an interest in information that will be helpful in living with the elderly. The seminar is entitled "You and Your Elderly Parent".

We have been most fortunate to secure Carol Hausman, Ph.D., as leader. Dr. Hausman is at present the Coordinator of Services to the Elderly, Mount Vernon Center for Community Health, Alexandria, Virginia. She has an A.B. degree from Wellesley College, an M.A. degree from George Washington University, and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Maryland with a certificate of concentration in aging. Post doctoral work includes study at Georgetown University and the National Institutes of Mental Health. She has been a member of the faculties of the University of Maryland, Federal City College, and Montgomery College. In addition, she has served as consultant for many other groups and has publications to her credit. She also carries on a private geriatric counseling practice.

The seminars are to be held on Wednesday evenings, May 24 and 31, from 8:00-9:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. Participants will be limited to the first 24 persons who call the church office and ask to be placed on the list. Because of the nature of the subject and the material to be covered, participants are required to commit themselves to attend both sessions.

This is a very special opportunity that is being offered to those who have concerns and questions about living with the elderly.

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On May 7, our Senior Highs will meet at the church at 6:15; they have been invited to the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church to see their spring musical production, "Celebrate Life".

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#### CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK

Christian Family Week is celebrated throughout the Christian church each year. May 7-11 has been designated as the week to observe the importance of the Christian home and family. This year, as was done last year, the children and youth of our congregation have prepared litanies and prayers for a booklet to be given to members of the congregation. These expressions from members of our families can give us insight and appreciation of the place that Christian education in the home and in the church has in the life of our people.

CHURCH CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

MAY

1978

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                         | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY                        | FRIDAY                        | SATURDAY |
|--|--------------------------------|---------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
|  | 1<br>Scouts                    | 2       | 3<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 Craft<br>Bee            | 4<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir  | 5                             | 6        |
| 7<br>Ordination of Deacons<br>Sr. Highs meet at church 6:15  | 8<br>Scouts<br>8:00 Committees | 9       | 10<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 Crafts                 | 11<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir | 12                            | 13       |
| 14<br>King David Choir<br>Presentation<br>Sr. Highs 6:30 at Reichleys-Assateague<br>Pentecost Planning | 15<br>8:00 Session             | 16      | 17<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 Crafts                 | 18<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir | 19<br>Sr. Highs to Assateague | 20       |
| 21<br>Pentecost in the Park 11:00 at Pot. Country Day School<br>8:00 Square Reelers                    | 22                             | 23      | 24<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 Crafts<br>8:00 Seminar | 25<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir | 26                            | 27       |
| 28<br>No Sr. Highs   | 29                             | 30      | 31<br>9:00 Bible Study<br>10:00 Crafts                 |                                 |                               |          |

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## FROM THE DESK OF DR. UHL

What if you worked all year on a special project and had just one opportunity to test your effort? That's a pressure-filled situation but it is exactly what happens each year about this time. Since last summer a group of women in the church have been diligently working on the crafts for the annual Strawberry Festival. On June the tenth, they will put their effort to the test hoping that all the hours will be rewarded.

Our annual Strawberry Festival has grown to become a significant factor in the life of our congregation. It not only brings additional funds for special needs and mission, it also provides an opportunity for the entire membership to participate in a special day.

There are many things yet to be done, pies to be made, and hours to volunteer on the tenth. So, if you're not helping in some way, give Lynn Bigler a call (983-1682) and by all means, be here on the 10th! Let's make this year's Festival the best ever!

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## LAST MINUTE FESTIVAL UPDATE

The crafts workshops which have been going on since July of 1977 have created nine tables full of beautiful items to sell at the Festival. The small group of ladies who have done this part of the preparation now needs many others to join in these last two weeks to assure the success of Festival IV.

Those who have volunteered to do the baking should be in touch with their chairladies soon for last minute instructions. Pies: Jackie Evans, Breads: Velma Killion, Jams: Nancy Mellem, Baked Goods: Rachel Harwell. These items may be brought to the church Friday, June 9, or before 11:00 on Saturday, June 10, for pricing.

If you can assist in stuffing newspaper boxes with flyers in your neighborhood, please contact Linda Sweeney. We have 2000 advertisements to distribute and need your hands to do it.

Anyone with house or outdoor plants to donate, please let Diane Gregg know they're coming. We are still in need of 9" aluminum pie pans and containers of all sorts for flower arrangements. These may be left in the office.

Your white elephants (no clothing) may be left in the narthex after June 1. Celia Sullivan is chairing this department and she needs lots of attic and basement treasures from you.

Please note one change in previous set-up dates published: BOTH the rummage department and the crafts displays will be set up on June 9, Friday. We need many hands to do this job. That same morning you will see our kitchen piled high with gorgeous strawberries - all with green things sticking out of their tops! Won't you come help clean them? Many quarts can be done in an hour of your time that morning.

We'll be looking for you, June 9, Friday morning starting at 9:00. You can sort and price white elephants, you can clean berries, you can set up craft tables, you can decorate Fellowship Hall, you can ... you can ... together, WE can put together Potomac's best bazaar.

And, then, Saturday, June 10, from 11:00 until 3:00, come and enjoy PPC's Fourth Strawberry Festival. Bring your families for lunch; invite your friends and neighbors, too. See you on Fun Day, June 10!

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SEVEN-TENS SUPER, SPECTACULAR, SPECIAL PRODUCTION "LIGHTSHINE" WILL BE PRESENTED ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4, AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CHURCH SANCTUARY. THE ENTIRE GROUP HAS WORKED LONG AND HARD TO GIVE A GOOD PERFORMANCE. PLEASE COME AND BE A PART OF THE HAPPY TIME.

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

God has blessed Potomac Presbyterian with many faithful teachers and workers who have generously given their time and talent to our many Christian Education programs.

As the year winds down to a well-deserved vacation, a sincere "thank you" is extended to these devoted volunteers for their significant contribution to this successful year. Under God's guidance, these people have so beautifully endeavored to develop the feeling that every person is capable of developing his or her potential as a whole human being with Christian values.

Sincere appreciation is extended to this long list of volunteers who have given of their time for God's work.

Sunday Morning Enrichment: Susan Hawley, Sue Uhl, Rachel Harwell,  
Elaine Skinner, Dawn Thompson

Junior High Bible Study: Barb Shaffer

Senior High Bible Study: Tom Farrar, Mary Cathey

Adult Bible Study: David Uhl

Nursery: Mary Reichley, Marga Estes, Carolyn Jamieson

Kindergarten: Diane Norcross, Shelley Smith, Valerie Hopkins,  
Estelle Thompson

First/Second Grades: Celia Sullivan, Charlene Brumbaugh, Mary Lee  
Malone, Barbara King

Third/Fourth Grades: Winnie Brill, Linda Sweeney, Mary Alice  
Crockett

Fifth/Sixth Grades: Ilda Lee, Doris Yates, Wanda Sherfy

Substitute Teachers: Joyce Jenkins, Joan Robisch

7-10's: Dawn Thompson, Marion Hutchison, Calvin Koonce, Pat Maxwell,  
David Uhl.

Senior Highs: Olie Howe



Special Events With Junior and Senior Highs: Rachel and Jim Harwell

CE/SA Curriculum Material Chairman: Bill Hutchison

Music in Grades K-4: Ann Hazard

With the many programs offered in Christian Education, it takes many dedicated people. To continue these programs, it will necessitate even more volunteers to give their talents to these programs to glorify God's work. Please search your hearts and volunteer to participate actively in the support of these programs. Don't sit back and let someone else do it. Please contact Dick Shaffer, Mary Cathey or Calvin Koonce if you can give any time at all next year (September '78-June '79) to support our Christian Education programs.

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June 18 - LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 25 - WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:00 and throughout the summer. NO SUNDAY SCHOOL throughout the summer; however, THERE WILL BE NURSERY COVERAGE

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We are happy to welcome MRS. ETHEL SANDERS into the membership of our church and its work and worship. Mrs. Sanders was received by the Session on Sunday, April 30, and recognized at the church service on Sunday, May 14. She comes to us by Transfer of Certificate from First Christian Church, Falls Church, Virginia. Mrs. Sanders has four grown children. She lives with her son Bob and his wife, Florence, her five grandchildren and new great grandchild at 12220 Stoney Creek Road, Potomac, Maryland. Phone: 840-8516.

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SINGLES AND DOUBLES will meet for a picnic at Wolf Trap on June 17 preceding the National Symphony concert with Van Cliburn at the piano. Everyone should purchase his own ticket now by calling Instant Charge (703-281-0500); 10:00-6:00 p.m.; Orchestra \$11.00 and \$9.00, Loge \$7.00, Lawn \$4.00 (that's great if the weather is fine). Meet and depart together from the Smiths at 5:45, 8408 Fenway Road in Carderock Springs.

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Did you lose a slotted stainless steel serving spoon at the Pentecost-in-the-Park picnic last Sunday? Dixie Stewart has it; call her at 299-4963.

PARISH GROUPS

HARRY EVANS

Willetts  
Bartlett  
Hemphill  
Koonce  
Deyerberg  
Cokerly  
Hewlett  
Haberman  
Meakem  
Boddiger  
Lee  
Thomas  
Endicott  
Quintana

JOY GARCIA

Hall  
Wakeland  
Fraley  
Bond  
Farabow  
Coffman  
Killion  
Amtmann  
D. Thompson  
Harwell  
Bissell  
King  
Bartholomew  
VanOlst

JEAN HARTMAN

McDaniel  
Gregg  
Sass  
Beer  
Harrison  
Dykhuisen  
Bart  
Howe  
Crozier  
Garvey

JOYCE JENKINS

Fredlund  
Kendall  
Carroll  
Cole  
Back  
Martin  
Hubbard  
Benson  
Gilliams  
Speros  
Uhl  
Taylor  
Roseman

BOB JORDAN

Chaffee  
DeWitt  
Wye  
Topercer  
Hinrichs  
Perrin  
Bower  
Pownall  
Spivey  
Crockett  
McCall  
Crawford  
Harting

MACDONALD

Hawley  
Stefanye  
Roth  
Shaffer  
Kuwabara  
Yates  
Landis  
Kroncke  
Mellem  
Reichley  
Hotes  
Young  
Brain

LOWELL PERRY

Heininger  
Wooddock  
Bentzen  
Stobie  
Horne  
Monroe  
Newhouse  
Egan  
E. Hutchison  
W. Hutchison  
Weiss

GENE SHARER

Boogaard  
McPhee  
Snider  
Riggs  
Phair  
Jones  
Dr. Garcia  
Ferrara  
Albright  
Lankler  
Cross  
Neviaser  
Sanders  
Estes  
Jamieson

ALICE SMITH

O'Neal  
Schilling  
Miller  
McIntyre  
Woodard  
C. Lee  
Sebastian  
Krise  
Bloch  
Hopkins  
Kerrigan, D.  
A. Thompson

CAROLE SMITH

Hazard  
Maxim  
Drakert  
Leshner  
Mills  
Anderson  
Coll  
Brewer  
Skinner  
Lincoln  
Bauer  
Sharp  
D. Malone  
C. Evans  
Brumbaugh

MARY LOU THORNTON

McMahon  
Durfee  
Brill  
Farrar  
Norcross  
Johnston  
Fling  
Gregory  
Hoyt  
Maxwell  
Peters  
Frazier  
Sullivan  
Sweeney  
Robisch  
Krausmann

LUANN WASHING

Filson  
Saxton  
Dunnivant  
W. Malone  
Fleming  
Guffey  
Bigler  
Savage  
Fowler  
Allen  
Ramminger  
Stewart  
Fox

NOTE: This is your new Parish Group list for 1978. Please keep this list. You will be contacted by your Deacon shortly to let you know how the group will function.

CONGRATULATIONS to our Jane Bourdow who has just been elected Dean of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Guild of Organists!

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CHOIR CANTATA TO BE PRESENTED JUNE 11

On Sunday, June 11, the Sanctuary Choir will present the cantata "Aperite Mihi Portas Justiae" by Dietrich Buxtehude ("Open To Me The Gates of Justice") at the 11:00 worship service. Buxtehude was organist at the St. Marienkirche in Lubeck, Germany, from 1688 to 1707, and was famed for his Abendmusik series. These were evening services at which special organ and choral music was featured. Buxtehude's many cantatas vary greatly in the vocal and instrumental forces used; the one our choir will sing is an excellent example of music written by a great composer for a choir of limited size. The original score calls for a chorus of altos, tenors and basses; we are using a modern edition which raises the pitch to make the work singable by sopranos, altos and baritones.

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IT'S IN YOUR POWER TO KEEP THE "POW"-ER (AND POWER) IN PPC THIS SUMMER UNFAIR AS IT SEEMS, THE BILLS AT THE CHURCH DO NOT TAKE A VACATION WHEN YOU DO. WHILE YOU'RE AWAY ENJOYING THE BEACH OR WHATEVER, DO REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH AND KEEP YOUR PLEDGES UP TO DATE.

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LAST SECOND FLASH FROM PIE LADY JACKIE EVANS - Frozen, unbaked pie shells should be brought to the church Friday morning, June 9, between 10:00 and noon. Pie fillers may pick up shells and berries during that time period. Filling recipe will be provided at that time. If you cannot fit this time schedule into your morning, contact Jackie for alternate plans. We have more shells than fillers at this time and would like some of you to consider strongly helping us in the filling department.

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FIRST MEN'S BREAKFAST will be held at 8:15-30 a.m., June 25, at the church. It will be a continental breakfast with a speaker. The Rev. Herbert Meza, Pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, will speak on the mission program of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. for the next decade. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend; all men are invited. The Congregational Life Committee plans several such breakfasts throughout the year.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Word has just reached the church office that the General Assembly at its annual meeting in San Diego voted 600 to 50 to deny ordination of self-affirming homosexuals. In doing so, the United Presbyterian Church became the first major protestant denomination to officially take such a position

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CHURCH CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

JUNE

1978

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                        | FRIDAY                             | SATURDAY   |
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|   |                          |         |           | 1<br>7-10's 4:00<br>Choir 8:00  | 2                                  | 3  |
| 4<br>7-10's Lightshine<br>7:30 p.m.   | 5                        | 6       | 7         | 8<br>7-10's 4:00<br>Choir 8:00  | 9<br>Festival<br>Set-Up<br>9:00 on | 10<br>Strawberry<br>Festival<br>11:00-3:00           |
| 11<br>Confirmation and<br>Teacher Recognition<br>Sr. Highs 4:00<br>picnic at Maxims | 12<br>Committees<br>8:00 | 13      | 14        | 15<br>7-10's 4:00<br>Choir 8:00 | 16                                 | 17<br>Singles &<br>Doubles<br>meet at<br>Smiths 5:45 |
| 18<br>4:00 Fuse Wedding   | 19<br>Session 8:00       | 20      | 21        | 22                              | 23                                 | 24   |
| 25<br>8:15-30 A.M. - Men's<br>Breakfast<br>10:00 A.M. SUMMER WORSHIP                | 26                       | 27      | 28        | 29                              | 30                                 |  |

JUST FOR THE LADIES

In a continuing effort to meet the needs of its entire congregation, PPC is interested in having some feelings from the women of this church concerning the activities offered to them specifically. During the past year, the following activities have been available: get-acquainted coffee in October at the home of Mary Lee Malone, Church world Service clothing drive in November, a luncheon at the church in February, silk flower making lesson/lunch in April, craft workshops every Wednesday year round, and the June Strawberry Festival. This questionnaire seeks to discover if PPC women are interested in having available and supporting a more organized women's group. Please answer the following questions, add your comments, if any, and return to the church office by June 9.

Would you like to see PPC affiliated with Women of the Church, the official women's group of our Presbytery? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you participate in its meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you help in the planning? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be an officer? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to see PPC have its own women's group, not affiliated with Presbytery, but a more organized situation than we now have?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Would you participate in its meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you help in the planning? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be an officer? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to see PPC continue as in the recent past and have several functions per year, but not on an organized basis, no officers, etc.? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you participate in these functions? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you help in the planning ? \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be the coordinator for women's functions? \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS

NAME \_\_\_\_\_





# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
10301 RIVER ROAD

SATURDAY  
JUNE 10



11:00 A. M.  
to  
3:00 P. M.

FOR SALE

Strawberry Pies  
Ice Cream

Home Baked Goods - Homemade Breads 'n Jams  
Handmade Crafts - Jewelry

Plants  
Snacks



PONY RIDES





# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

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POTOMAC, MARYLAND

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SUMMER EDITION

1978

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FROM THE DESK OF DR. UHL . . .

The temperature outside hits 90, school struggles with its last gasp and worship moves to 10:00 a.m. All three of these signs confirm the undeniable fact that summer has finally made its entrance. I don't know about you, but I feel like the marathon runner who at last has the finish line in sight. There on the horizon awaiting us is the beach, the lake or the mountains - each offering R and R.

Vacation time is marvelous for helping us to unwind and breathe a little easier. We have had a marvelous spring here at PPC which in many ways has exceeded our expectations. It gives me a good feeling to know that I can enter the summer with such positive emotions about this year.

So let me extend to each of you a word of appreciation. Thank you for your commitment in time, energy and resources because without you, there would be no PPC. So have a good relaxing summer and enjoy yourselves.

-DLU

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In addition to nursery coverage throughout the summer, there will also be a teaching and enrichment session for kindergarten-third grade during the summer 10:00 worship hour. Ann Hazard and helpers will provide a time of special Christian education for six Sundays, June 25-July 30.

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#### SUMMER DATES TO NOTE

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|-----------|--|
| July 2    | Guest Minister - Rev. William Buitendorp |
| July 9    | Summer Communion                         |
| July 12   | Crafts Workshop at Celia Sullivan's      |
| July 29   | Singles and Doubles "Summer Fun"         |
| August 6  | Guest Minister - Mrs. William Bearden    |
| August 20 | Guest Minister - Mrs. Mary Cathey        |

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## THOUGHTS UPON MY RETIREMENT

As I prepare to quit the Strawberry Festival administration business, many thoughts are competing to be typed on this page. I guess the most adrenalin-filled moment had to be 24 hours before our very first festival when I learned that our strawberry supplier had failed us and we had no berries! But the most endearing moments-hours-days-in fact, four years, have been those shared with the wonderful people who help make Strawberry Festivals come true - YOU. The profits we've realized in creating this all-church project have been tremendous - the monies are secondary to the getting-to-know-you/getting-to-love-you which has blossomed. And I can't thank you enough for allowing me to be in the middle of it all and partake of all the strawberry love that fills PPC.

My special 1978 thanks go to many folks who helped make June 10 a \$2500 day in our history. Maddy Saxton and Doris Yates who chaired with me were perfection itself in administering their duties. Hugs to them and the following: my small but faithful group of Wednesday crafters, Joyce Jenkins and Linda Sweeney for publicity, Jackie Evans for conjuring up 90 strawberry pies, Mary Lee Malone for luscious strawberries, Rachel Harwell - the bakery department, Velma Killion - the homemade bread lady, Nancy Mellem in charge of jams, Dawn and Don Thompson - the Hot Doggers, Luann, Tom, Whit and Jason Washing for ice cream scooping extraordinaire, Ann Hazard - lemonade, Jon Hawley, Bo Heininger, Bill King and Don Thompson who cashiered, Celia Sullivan in the rummage department, MacDonalds and Boogaards who provided pony rides, balloon sales by Mike Summers, Jay Hill, Marguerite Hutchison and Brooke Kroncke, Doug Reichley and Sr. High helpers who set up a mini golf game, the parents of many of our members who journeyed from near and far to support their families, paper products provided by Dick Sebastian, and three unforgettable guys: my Bill with his saw and his sander, Fred Saxton who took the doors off his closet so Maddy could let the crafts overflow into his den, and our David for non-stop support and cheer! And thanks to all of you for coming!

CELIA SULLIVAN will be the 1979 Strawberry Festival Chairman. Craft workshops will begin at her home on July 12 at 9:30 a.m., 12265 St. James Road. Everyone is welcome including our young folks who are capable and interested in craft projects. Dear Celia, I know the saying "Nothing succeeds like successors" will prove true again with you. Good luck; PPC is with you.

With strawberry love to all, Lynn B.

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CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME to the 1978 Confirmation Class publicly acknowledged on June 11: Allison Maxwell, Kurt Kroncke, Robert Hotes, Robert Crawford, Jan Norcross, Jon Saxton, Carrie Bartlett, Beth Allen, Kevin Hood, Marguerite Hutchison, Christina Bissell, Justine Frazier, Diane Perry, Andrea Bloch, Eric Robisch, Dana Young, and Janet Mellem.

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CONGRATULATIONS to Carter Gilliam, a member of PPC, and Amanda Watson who were married in Akron, Ohio, on May 20. Both Carter and Amanda are graduates of the College of Wooster.

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While enjoying Ocean City this summer, be sure to visit the First Presbyterian Church there where GARY DURFEE is a Student Assistant.

## OPEN LETTER TO 7-10's AND THE CONGREGATION

Dear Friends,

"Lightshine" was billed as a super, special spectacular. The participating 7-10's made it live up to its advance publicity - and then some. As a leader, co-worker, parent, and deeply involved part of the Potomac Presbyterian family, I want to commend the youth for their hard work, "stick-to-it-iveness", good humor, willingness to learn, and sense of togetherness as we sang through the months of preparation. There is nothing more satisfying than that a job has been well done. Well done it was, good and faithful 7-10's. Your joy is now full and complete.

To the congregational family goes the appreciation of the youth and adults alike who worked on the production. Thank you for the support you gave along the way and especially to those who came and shared our fun on June 4, not because you are related to us by blood but because you are related to us through the church and wanted to support us in our efforts on stage. We could not have done so well without you.

Thank you to participants, helpers, and audience for a memorable night.

Sincerely,  
Mary J. Cathey

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## COLLEGE AGERS AND POST COLLEGE AGERS

Sixteen enthusiastic people met at Seven Locks Road Park on Wednesday, June 14, at 5:30 for a picnic, softball, Frisbee and lots of laughter. The College Agers of PPC are planning for more outings and fun together during the summer months and beyond. A canoe trip is now being arranged by the planning committee. Information and details will be sent to the group. If there are persons of this age group (or post college) who did not receive the first notice from the group, please notify Mrs. Crozier 365-1676 or Mrs. Cathey 299-6007. Come join the fun!

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## QUESTIONNAIRES WANTED

Parents of 7-10's are asked to complete their questionnaires about the present Thursday program so that those who plan for the 1978-79 school year may have the benefit of input from everyone involved. Sharing thoughts, ideas and suggestions with those who wish to make the best possible arrangements for the coming year in the interest of our fine young people is your contribution to this part of the work of the church. If you have misplaced your questionnaire (one was sent to every family in the church with youth of 7-10's age), please call Mrs. Cathey or stop by the office to get one.

Women of the Church questionnaires would also be appreciated. The request for more involvement by the women came from members of the congregation; therefore, we need to know what and how they are feeling.

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## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

A very fine Vacation Church School program has been planned for July 10-14 at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. PPC, in cooperation with Geneva and Bradley Hills, will offer this opportunity from 9:30-

12:15 daily for the week. Children who have had their third birthday through those who have completed sixth grade are welcome. The theme for the school is "Looking at God's Activity in Our Daily Lives". Registration forms are on the table in the narthex. If there are questions, please call Mrs. Cathey.

The school promises to be excellent. Those persons from our congregation who are helping are Mary Reichley, Rachel Harwell, Pat King, and Mary Cathey.

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### SUMMER FUN AT THE HOPKINS

Singles and Doubles are invited for volleyball, swimming and a pot luck supper at the home of Willard and Valerie Hopkins, July 29 at 6:30. Call Valerie at 299-4479 or Alice Smith at 469-8379 to make your reservation - by July 23. See you there for lots of summer fun!

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### HAND BELL CHOIR FORMING AT PPC

Those of you who have read Dorothy Sayers' The Nine Tailors are familiar with English change-ringing, in which tower bells are rung according to various mathematical combinations. This ancient art has been practiced since the days of Gothic cathedrals, and since that time ringers have combatted the problem of how to practice without disturbing the neighbors by using handbells. The first handbell choir in this country was formed in Boston in the twenties, and in the last twenty years, several thousand choirs have been formed. It is my happy job to tell you that PPC's starter set of 25 Malmark handbells is on its way, purchased with funds given in memory of members and friends of the church, and now what we need is people to ring them! A choir will consist of about eight ringers, and having been a ringer myself, I can guarantee you that you will be in for a real musical treat and a learning experience. Who can join? Anyone with a reasonable amount of alertness and coordination - you needn't be an accomplished musician, although some very basic music reading knowledge will be helpful. Handbells aren't just for kids, or teenagers, or adults. If you would like to be part of a handbell choir this fall (substitutes will be needed, too) or would like to have more information, please let me know so we can start to plan. See you around the table this fall!

-Jane Bourdow

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We are happy to welcome to our congregation's worship and work, Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison (Janet), 10711 Sandy Landing Road, Potomac, 299-7189, who come by Certificate of Transfer from National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. Bill and Janet were charter members of PPC and Bill has served as an elder. We are delighted to have them return to our congregation. The Harrisons have three grown children: sons Pete and Charles and daughter, Martha Bentzen, who is a member of PPC. Bill is a consultant. He and Janet were received by the Session on June 19 and recognized at the June 25 worship service.

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### MORE CONGRATULATIONS - - -

- to the Fredlunds. Daughter Carol presented them with a new grand-daughter recently!

- to Craig Kendall - a June 1 graduate of Washington Lee University!

Following is a list of items remaining after the Strawberry Festival. Prices have been lowered on everything. If you're interested in purchasing for gifts any time during the coming months, contact Celia Sullivan at 424-2670.

- 8 quail egg necklaces \$8
- 8 dust mops 50¢
- 2 apron/mitt sets \$3
- 1 huck towel with strawberry applique \$1
- pink/yellow print chicken roll basket, placemats, napkins \$10
- 11 potholders 50¢
- red/blue placemats, napkins \$8
- 6 roll baskets, checked gingham liners \$2.25
- 5 dish cloths 50¢
- 2 linen dish towels \$1
- 3 hand-painted cutting boards \$5
- 7 terry snap-on towels \$1
- 1 tea cozy \$2
- 2 Xmas hearth brooms \$2.50
- 2 wooden hand-painted clothes racks \$4
- 1 felt chicken wall hanging \$2
- 5 stuffed monkeys \$4
- 1 clown doll \$1
- 3 frog bean bags 75¢
- 4 felt Xmas ornaments \$1
- 2 felt Children's clothes hangers \$2
- 5 sets Barbie doll clothes \$1.50
- 1 pair dormies (long sox) \$3
- 15 loofah scrub mitts 50¢
- 8 sets of golf mitts \$4
- 20 pom pom animals 50¢
- 8 mousey book marks 50¢
- 2 elephant bottle covers \$1.25
- 1 blue purse \$2
- 2 tote bags (lunch \$2/picnic \$4)
- 8 crewel embroidered neckties \$5
- 2 tooth fairy pillows 75¢
- 6 sets coasters \$1
- 19 sets bridge tallies \$1
- 2 straw dolls 50¢
- 4 people pillows \$3.50
- 5 crocheted purses for children \$1
- 5 curler/beach bags \$1
- 2 felt animals 50¢
- 3 long pencils with pom pom people 10¢
- 3 baby mobiles \$4.50

Silk flower arrangements-to-order may be obtained from Betty Heininger. Also some shell jewelry.

Remember, everyone benefits if you'll think of us at gift time and purchase at "our boutique"!

### VACATION TIME

Many of us are anticipating vacation this summer. But the church does not take a vacation. It continues its work at almost the same level. The church's expenses do not take a vacation either. So please keep up your pledges. Enclosed are extra envelopes which will enable you to mail your pledges while you are out of town. Our financial receipts for the month of May were \$2,500 short of what we normally receive each month. Unless we reverse this trend our chances of meeting our '78 budget do not look good. Please keep up your pledges.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND HYMNFEEST on Sunday evening, July 16th at 7:00 P.M. All members, families and friends of the congregation are invited to attend.

### ONE REFRIGERATOR NEEDED

Our second refrigerator has bitten the dust! If you have one just sitting in your basement, are getting a new one, or if you are moving, the church could use your second-hand refrigerator. If one is not donated, it will be necessary for us to purchase a new one in the fall. Contact Bill King, 296-2830, for additional information.

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

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AUGUST

1978

## HOUSE OF WORSHIP

Call it what you will ... a church, a chapel, a temple, a hall, a shrine.

Call it none of these or all of these.

Call it what you will, but remember this.

Its name does not make it a house of worship.

Priestly robes do not make it a house of worship.

A choir does not make it a house of worship.

Prayers do not make it a house of worship.

Fear does not make it a house of worship.

Tradition does not make it a house of worship.

Only YOU can make it a house of worship ... You -- and I.

The other places we go during our lives, the other things that we do, are visited and done because we seek friendship, or excitement, or fun, or profit or change.

A house of worship is where we go to seek ourselves and God.

It is a place where we may seek peace if we are too disturbed ... or perhaps to be disturbed if we are too complacent.

It is a place where we go not to lose ourselves in mass reverie -- but to find ourselves in individual thought.

It is a place where we go not to pay penance for our shortcomings, but to recognize anew our potential ...

It is not a place to seek betterment, but forgiveness.

It is not a place to seek escape, but involvement.

It is not a place to seek reward, but understanding.

It is a place only for those who believe. It is, therefore, a place for everyone, for is there such a thing as a non-believer?

Doesn't everyone believe in himself?

Doesn't everyone believe himself capable of compassion for his fellow man? ... capable of loving his fellow man? ... and worthy of the love of his fellow man?

We do. We believe in ourselves, and in you.

THIS IS A HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

-Adapted from Robert F. Kaufman

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SEPTEMBERFEST AT THE MANSE, SEPTEMBER 17, 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. ALL CONFIRMED MEMBERS ARE INVITED FOR FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP. PLEASE, TO HELP THE PLANNERS, CALL YOUR REGRETS: 299-6007, 983-1682, 299-2469.

## FALL WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Beginning September 10, the worship service will again be at 11:00.

A variety of educational programs are being offered:

SUNDAY at 9:40 - An enrichment program for grades 1-3, 4-5, church school for grade 6, Bible study for grades 7-9, 10-12, and Lay Education

SUNDAY at 11:00 -Nursery coverage, church school for ages 3-4, grades K-1, 2-3, 4-5

at 6:30 - Sr. High Fellowship for grades 10-12

WEDNESDAY at 9:00 - Bible Study

THURSDAY at 4:30 - Seventens for grades 7-9

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## WE NEED TEACHERS

The Church School is in critical need of additional teachers immediately to staff fully the programs commencing on Sunday, September 10. The Christian Education Committee has put together a very attractive and extensive program offering an opportunity for participation by all ages.

Teachers are needed at both the 9:30 and 11:00 sessions. Previous experience is NOT necessary. More than one teacher in each class is essential to allow for flexibility for the teachers.

Additional teachers are necessary to offer the complete program with no cutback.

Please contact Mary Cathey, Calvin Koonce or Dick Shaffer if you can assist for any time period whatsoever. Our Church School has been extremely strong; only through your participation will it remain strong.

Your prayers and participation are essential to offer a Church School to our youth and extend the teachings of God's kingdom.

Please let us hear from you.

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## CHURCH SECRETARY - MRS. HART - TO RESIGN

Mary Jane Hart, our church secretary for the last ten years, has tendered her resignation effective September 30, 1978.

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to estimate Mary Jane's worth to our congregation. We are grateful to her for a job well done. She has been a key part of our church staff and we shall miss her greatly.

We wish her the very best in her self-imposed retirement.

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A new member orientation series will begin October 1, 1978. The three-part series for prospective members will be held in Dr. Uhl's office at 9:40 a.m. on Sundays, October 1, October 8, and October 15. New members will meet with the Session on Sunday evening, October 15, at 8:00 p.m., at the manse. New members will be recognized at the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, October 22.

Anyone wishing to unite with the church, please contact Dr. Uhl at 299-6007, or Camille Kendall 424-7539.



## WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

A rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 28. PLEASE clean your closets, basements, attics, garages and let the church benefit. Proceeds will help to purchase a dividing movable partition for the Fellowship Room. ALL kinds of white elephants are welcome for this sale; we're even taking clothing this time! If you want to get your contributions out of the house NOW, they may be stored at the home of Lynn Bigler, 8401 Brickyard Road, 983-1682. Volunteers are needed to assist in sorting and pricing the rummage, and also assisting with the bake sale to be held that day. Contact Celia Sullivan or Lynn Bigler if you want to help make the "PPC TREASURE HUNT" a big success.

During the past year, several of our ladies have gone into business for themselves or are working for others at very interesting jobs. We'd like to tell you all about these active people in next month's newsletter. If you have an adventure to share, please call Editor Lynn Bigler.

In an attempt to meet the needs of the women of the congregation, a questionnaire concerning women's activities in the church was sent to every member in late May. FIVE women responded. This response obviously indicates how organized PPC women want to be! Since our unorganized efforts of last year proved successful, we plan to hold another welcoming coffee this October and hopefully another luncheon in the early spring. Watch the newsletter for more details.

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### JANE'S NOTE

- More handbell choir members are needed to sign up before that group can be activated. All ages are welcome.
- The Adult Choir will begin rehearsals September 7, 8:00 p.m.
- King David Choir will begin rehearsals September 10 at 9:45 a.m.
- Joyful Noise will begin rehearsals September 21 at their Seventens meeting.

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The Square Reelers will hold their first dance of the fall September 29 at 8:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Our caller is again Eben Jenkins. This is your chance to join the group if you enjoy square dancing or want to learn to square dance. Membership is open during September and October. Membership will close at the October 27 dance. Hurry and sign up before that deadline. For information call: Gerald Harwood 363-5445, Arne Yensen 469-7549 or Velma Killion 299-5442.

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### PLANTS FOR SALE

The four CHURCH FERNS and the two inside SPIDER PLANTS have grown so large, it's time to begin again with new, less overwhelming plants.

For \$15.00 you may take home a FERN . . .

For \$10.00 a SPIDER PLANT . . . to fill a corner, a window, or maybe an entire room!

They require minimal care: water, light and occasional fertilizer.

Please contact Marty MacDonald at 299-2593 to reserve a plant . . . which may be picked up on September 17 at Septemberfest.

## CALLING ALL YOUTH

Plans are made and the Senior High and 7-10's programs are ready to "happen". More information will be sent to all youth, but until then, here is the schedule:

### 7-10's

September 7, 4-5:00 p.m. Ninth graders only, meet to help plan  
September 14, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Youth/Parent meeting  
September 21, 4:30-7:00 p.m. and following Thursdays - 7-10's meet  
October 6-8, 7-10's Fall Retreat at Camp Glenkirk

### Senior Highs

September 17, 5-7:00 p.m. Septemberfest at the manse  
September 24 (time to be announced) Special Fun Beginning  
September 29-October 1 Sr. High Retreat at Chesapeake Center

Come one, come all,  
Let's make a great Fall!

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If there are young college students in your family who would like to receive Steeple to People while they're away from home, please give their names and addresses to the church secretary.

If there are any young graduates who would like to share their new jobs/adventures with the congregation, please let the Editor know for a future issue.

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: SHARED APPROACHES - A NEW CURRICULUM CONCEPT

Beginning in September, a new and challenging curriculum will be in use for the first time. Christian Faith in Action curriculum will no longer be in publication, therefore a CE:SA Study Committee was formed over a year ago to begin the task of evaluating four Approaches: Knowing the Word, Interpreting the Word, Living the Word, Doing the Word.

Areas concentrated on in reviewing each of the four choices were:

- 1) Theology: use of the Bible, content areas (other than Bible), relationships to life circumstances
- 2) Education: emphasis on facts, feelings and attitudes, major teaching/learning methods used
- 3) Appearance and Format: attractive and unattractive features (to teachers), attractive and unattractive features (to students)
- 4) Leadership: kinds of training and support required, time and organization for teacher preparation of lessons

The CE:SA Study Committee concluded Living the Word and Interpreting the Word as those approaches which would best challenge the congregation's learning ability while serving as a means for sharing the gospel. Living the Word is an Approach for a congregation that sees education as the task for the whole congregation. It aims to relate the Christian heritage to pertinent life concerns.

Interpreting the Word is an Approach for a diverse congregation in terms of: 1) Those who identify themselves as the people of God and

wish to trace their Biblical heritage as that people, 2) Those who seek to discover the authority of the Scriptures in their lives and in the life of the Christian community, 3) Those desiring a disciplined critical study of the Bible and its structure.

The Committee presented recommendations for adopting those Approaches to the Session last April. A unanimous approval carried, directing the implementation of all phases of the two Approaches beginning Sunday, September 10, 1978.

The projected Approaches and their related age/grade categories which will be used starting that Sunday are as follows:

Pre-kindergarten (ages 3-4), ninth grade through adult - Living the Word

K through 8th grade - Interpreting the Word

September, then, becomes the threshold of a teaching and learning venture for all members of the congregation. Let's be caught up in this challenging experience and involve ourselves to the fullest as we seek to broaden and enrich our educational horizons.

For the Committee: W.R. Hutchison, Chairman

CE:SA Committee Members:

Winnie Brill, Mary Lee Malone, Valerie Hopkins, Joyce Jenkins, Cici Phair, Don Bergsma, Mary Cathey

Singles and Doubles will host a pot luck dinner and square dance on Saturday, October 28, at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Our caller will be Eben Jenkins. Plan to bring a covered dish, plus place setting, placemat and centerpiece. (This can be china, crystal, silver or paper plate and plastic knife, fork and spoon. Let your imaginations run wild!)

Rolls and beverage will be furnished. Cost is \$2.50 per person, \$5.00 per couple. Limited to 40 reservations.

To make a reservation, please mail check to: Velma Killion, 9032 Rouen Lane, Potomac, Maryland 20854, 299-5442.

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Please make \_\_\_\_\_ reservations for the Singles and Doubles Dinner and Square Dance. Enclosed is \_\_\_\_\_. My covered dish selection will be \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and mail your reservation before October 20, 1978.

CHURCH CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

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| SUNDAY                                    | MONDAY                   | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY                 | THURSDAY                                   | FRIDAY                          | SATURDAY                        |
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|   |                          |         |                           |  | 1                               | 2                               |
| 3   | 4                        | 5       | 6                         | 7<br>7-10's 4:00<br>Choir 8:00             | 8                               | 9                               |
| 10<br>9:40 Church School<br>11:00 Worship | 11<br>Committees<br>8:00 | 12      | 13<br>Bible Study<br>9:00 | 14<br>7-10's/Parents<br>7:30<br>Choir 8:00 | 15                              | 16<br>Willletts<br>wedding 4:30 |
| 17<br>Septemberfest 5:00                  | 18<br>Session 8:00       | 19      | 20<br>Bible Study<br>9:00 | 21<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00            | 22                              | 23                              |
| 24  | 25                       | 26      | 27<br>Bible Study<br>9:00 | 28<br>7-10's 4:30<br>Choir 8:00            | 29<br>Square<br>Reelers<br>8:00 | 30                              |

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The Lord's Supper will be observed on Sunday, October 1, world wide Communion Sunday. Lay Education will be in that morning at 9:40.

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The Session has authorized the calling of a Congregational meeting for Sunday, October 1 after worship to elect one member to serve on the 1978 Nominating Committee. A second Congregational Meeting has been authorized for Sunday, October 22 after worship for the Election of Elders.

In May of 1978, the Montgomery County Board of Education adopted a resolution deploring a series of racial incidents in the county schools and calling on church and community groups to work with them to the end that (1) A positive learning environment does, in fact, exist at each school and in each classroom, free of verbal, physical and psychological abuse, and (2) All relationships will be based on respect for each individual.

In response to the resolution, the Montgomery County Community Ministry drafted a paper for consideration by member churches. In that paper the churches of Community Ministry were asked to affirm that "we are a people with a story of good news for the world and a vision of what life can be ... This gives rise to our vision of a community where the dividing walls of cultural and racial arrogance have been torn down, where all cultures and races are treated with equal dignity and mutual respect".

Community Ministry also asked the governing bodies of local congregations to affirm the following action items:

- 1) Make clear by action of the official board and public notice that there are no racial, cultural, or economic barriers to church membership;
- 2) Seek ways and means to relate to congregations of different racial, cultural or economic make-up: pulpit exchanges, joint worship, picnics, vacation church school, ministerial associations, sports leagues, etc.;
- 3) Sponsor interracial, cross-cultural exchanges among youth groups and adult groups;
- 4) Seek a multi-racial staff and membership for every congregation;
- 5) Use the education program of the church to affirm all cultural and racial heritages and contributions;

- 6) Check church library materials to assure just treatment of minorities;
- 7) Speak out firmly against injustice you perceive in your community;
- 8) Support your local schools and school personnel in your congregation. The church has a special responsibility and opportunity to celebrate and encourage those good efforts people in the congregation and the community are making for racial justice and understanding;
- 9) Continually examine ourselves, church membership, school staff, BOE candidates regarding attitudes toward racial justice and equality.

On Monday, September 18, the Session, on a recommendation from its Church and Community/Mission Interpretation Committee, adopted the actions and instructed that the policy be placed in Steeple to People.

Let us pray that individually as Christians and collectively as churches we assume our role in this matter.

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The 7-10's program has gotten off to a great start with lots of familiar smiling faces along with some happy new ones. Each of us is excited about the prospects for the new year so we hope that all seventh, eighth, and ninth graders will join us. Friends are welcome, too. There is fellowship and fun for everyone!

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Approximately 50 youth and parents of 7-10's turned out for a meeting on September 14. The program was reviewed for all so that youth and parents alike can understand the importance of each in the success of the program. Cooperation of both makes the fellowship vital and viable.

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Retreat for 7-10's will be held October 6-8 at Camp Glenkirk. Registration blanks are in the narthex and Mrs. Cathey's office. Forms must be turned in by October 1. All youth planning to attend must be present at the October 5 meeting (or check with Mrs. Cathey if unable to attend). Cost for the weekend is \$26.00.

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Super Senior Sunday was a roaring success! What a ball game it was! Every player on each team may have their options picked up by the Bad News Bears! All this activity was rewarded by Lu Bloch's super supper hamburgers and trimmings. She and her helpers fed about 35 hungry mouths. It was fun for all.

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Senior Retreat is being held at Chesapeake Center, Port Deposit, Md., Sept. 29-Oct. 1. A special way to begin our year!

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October 8, 6:30 p.m., the Senior Highs will meet with Kathy and Andrea Bloch at 7610 Hamilton Spring Road. All Senior Highs are welcome!

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Don't forget that Lay Education begins Sunday, October 1. Two classes will be offered so make your choice and come along. David Uhl is teaching "The Gospel of John" and Rachel Harwell and Mary Cathey will lead a study on prayer with "On Becoming a Musical, Mystical Bear" as the text.

A NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION SERIES will begin October 1. The three-part series for prospective members will be held in Dr. Uhl's office at 9:40 on Sundays, October 1, 8, and 15. New members will meet with the Session on Sunday evening, October 15, at 8:00 at the manse. New members will be recognized at the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, October 22. Anyone wishing to unite with the church, please contact Dr. Uhl at 299-6007, or Camille Kendall at 424-7539.

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Just a reminder that all our CHOIRS have begun and all are in need of people! King David Choir attendance in particular has been a little subnormal so far as compared to the past. New robes are on the agenda for this choir so we need to get a fix pretty soon on how many we'll need. Second to sixth graders are the people involved, Sunday at 9:40 is the time. Joyful Noise is right after 7-10's and I would remind parents of those participating to pick up their choir members at 7:30 not 7:00. Let's really make our Noise a Joyful one this year! New members are also welcome any time in the Sanctuary Choir - come meet this "wild and crazy" bunch on Thursdays at 8:00.

Our newest musical group, the handbell choir, has begun its work on Thursdays at 4:00. After one rehearsal I suspect it should be named the Klutz Club, but I'm sure that soon all of us, including the director!, will be able to distinguish our right hands from our left and make beautiful music! Seriously, handbell ringing is lots of fun and not really all that difficult - just different. Perhaps the hardest thing about it is the necessity of having 100% attendance at every rehearsal since no one can ring your bells for you! Some trained substitutes will be needed - so join us Thursdays at 4:00 if you'd like to learn more about this fascinating art - all you need is some music-reading ability. You'd better hurry, however, as some members have already claimed their favorite bells!

On a personal note, I have a couple of half-hour piano lesson slots on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons that I'd love to fill. Give me a call at church or home (836-5665) if you're interested.

-Jane Bourdow

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A big THANK YOU to all those who contributed so much time and effort to make our recent Septemberfest at the manse such a success. Dr. Uhl also sends thanks to all his friends who remembered his \_\_\_\_\_ birthday with cards and gifts.

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SINGLES AND DOUBLES will host a pot luck dinner and square dance on Saturday, October 28, at 7:00, in the Fellowship Room. The caller will be Eben Jenkins. Plan to bring a covered dish, plus place setting, placemat and centerpiece. This can be china, crystal, silver or paper plate and plastic knife, fork and spoon. Let your imagination run wild. Rolls and beverage will be furnished. Cost is \$2.50 per person, \$5.00 per couple. Limited to 40 reservations. Please mail your check to Velma Killion, 9032 Rouen Lane, Potomac, before October 20.

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MACRAME student needed to make plant hangers for church plants. All materials furnished. Call Marty MacDonald at 299-2593.

We are most happy to WELCOME to our staff Mrs. Owen (Shea) Johnson who has been hired as our new church secretary. The Johnsons have two children, Emily 7 and Owen 9. Husband Owen is a Washington lawyer. Shea will be on duty in the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 until 3:00. Please note: new deadline for notes and notices to be included in the Sunday bulletin will now be Thursdays at 10:00.

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The Session has recently approved the creation of a NEW all-church fund raising activity to be held in October of 1979. We are calling it the OCTOBAZAAR. There will be NO STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL in June! Celia Sullivan is chairing the new activity which will include Christmas crafts, fall crafts, fall foods, a Christmas shopping room just for children (no adults allowed), a spook house, plant sale, chili supper on Friday night, and lots more surprises! Every member and friend of PPC is invited to participate in the success of Octobazaar. Celia will happily sign you up to chair various committees; call her immediately to get the choice assignments!

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CRAFT WORKSHOPS have begun already, meeting as usual at 10:00 on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Room. Because the ladies are holding a TREASURE HUNT AND BAKE SALE on Saturday, October 28, from 10:00 until 3:00, help is needed in pricing the items already deposited in Lynn Bigler's garage. Therefore, the regularly scheduled craft workshops for October 4 and October 25 will be held IN Lynn Bigler's garage with sorting and pricing as the activity. Please come help: 8401 Brickyard Road, 983-1682, at 10:00. Rummage of all kinds is still needed to make our Treasure Hunt profitable: clothing, books, toys, games, household items, sports equipment - anything! Another collection depot is needed. Call Lynn or Celia 424-2670 if you have some room to spare for a month. A BAKE SALE will be held in conjunction with the Treasure Hunt on Oct. 28. Charlene Brumbaugh is chairing that activity and NEEDS baked items from each of us. Please call her and offer something! Proceeds from the day will go towards the partition to be erected in the Fellowship Room.

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On October 18, all PPC ladies are warmly invited to a COFFEE at the home of Lynn Bigler. Not only is this an opportunity to meet our newest members, but you will find the remaining Strawberry Festival items on display there to make your Christmas shopping easier! Bring your checkbook and help yourself to the bargains - and help the church by spending at the PPC boutique! See you at 10:00.

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A request was made last month to hear from ladies who have struck out on their own in the business world and several are engaged in some interesting work. Maddy Saxton is now the owner of Maddy's Craft Patch in Bethesda; Maddy carries craft supplies and gives lessons. Doris Yates and Lynn Bigler are sewing: dressmaking, alterations, repairing. Diane Norcross is a partner in Potomac Minute Maids, an organization which will team clean your home. What are YOU doing? Tell us and we'll tell others.

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Here is Rachel Harwell's recipe for the hot crab spread you enjoyed so much at Septemberfest: 6 oz. crab, 8 oz. cream cheese, 1 T milk, 2 t Worcestershire, 2 t green onion, chopped. Let cream cheese reach room temperature. Add milk and worcestershire sauce and blend until smooth.



Fold in chopped onion. Stir crab into cream cheese mixture and turn into a small oven-proof pottery dish (about the size of a soup bowl) that has been sprayed with Pam or buttered. Bake at 350 for 15-20 minutes. Then turn oven up to broil and brown lightly. Serve with Triscuits or coarsely textured crackers.

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Dr. Carol Hausman who led our seminar on the elderly earlier this year is giving a short-term counseling course (8 sessions) beginning Oct. 16 8:00-9:30 p.m., at the Community Psychiatric Clinic in Bethesda, md. Charges will be made on a sliding scale. For additional information, please call 966-1545.

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PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE pay up your 1978 pledges through September! The Session needs to know where we are in respect to the 1978 budget. Much more meaningful planning can be done if your pledges are kept current. The budget committee is working now on the 1979 budget presentation; with your help they can do a better job. Please aim for this coming Sunday to GET CURRENT! PPC thanks you!

# CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# OCTOBER

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| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                                   | SATURDAY  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|
| <p><b>1</b> Lay Ed. begins<br/>9:40 New Member Orientation<br/>12:00 Congregational Meeting<br/>World Wide Communion</p> | <p><b>2</b></p>                      | <p><b>3</b><br/>GS 3-5</p>                               | <p><b>4</b><br/>9:00 Bible Study<br/>10:00 Crafts</p>                                    | <p><b>5</b><br/>4:30 7-10's<br/>8:00 Choir</p>                                   | <p><b>6</b><br/>7-10's retreat</p>       | <p><b>7</b></p>   |
| <p><b>8</b><br/>9:40 New member Orientation<br/>6:30 Sr. Highs at Blochs</p>   | <p><b>9</b></p>                      | <p><b>10</b><br/>GS 3-5<br/>5:30 Chamber of Commerce</p> | <p><b>11</b><br/>6:45-10:00 Cub Scout Training</p>                                       | <p><b>12</b><br/>4:30 7-10's<br/>8:00 Choir</p>                                  | <p><b>13</b></p>                         | <p><b>14</b></p>  |
| <p><b>15</b><br/>9:40 New Member Orientation<br/>8:00 New Members at Manse with Sessi</p>                                | <p><b>16</b><br/>8:00 Committees</p> | <p><b>17</b><br/>GS 3-5</p>                              | <p><b>18</b><br/>9:00 Bible Study<br/>10:00 Ladies Coffee<br/>6:45 Cubs</p>              | <p><b>19</b><br/>4:30 7-10's<br/>8:00 Choir<br/>12:00 Luncheon in Fell. Room</p> | <p><b>20</b></p>                         | <p><b>21</b></p>  |
| <p><b>22</b><br/>12:00 Congregational Meeting</p>  | <p><b>23</b><br/>8:00 Session</p>    | <p><b>24</b><br/>GS 3-5</p>                              | <p><b>25</b><br/>9:00 Bible Study<br/>10:00 Crafts<br/>6:45-10:00 Cub scout Training</p> | <p><b>26</b></p>   | <p><b>27</b><br/>8:00 Square Reelers</p> | <p><b>28</b><br/>10:00 TREASURE HUNT<br/>7:00 singles and Doubles</p> |
| <p><b>29</b></p>   | <p><b>30</b></p>                     | <p><b>31</b><br/>GS 3-5</p>                              |  |  |  |   |

# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

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POTOMAC, MARYLAND

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OCTOBER

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## THE STORY OF THE "TATE FAMILY"

Can you find yourself in the family???

"There is old man Dic Tate who wants to run everything in the church. Uncle Ro Tate tries to change everything. And sister Agi Tate stirs up trouble everywhere possible. Her brother Irri Tate helps her. And whenever new projects are suggested brother Hesi Tate and sister Vege Tate pour cold water on the proposals.

"Then there is sister Imi Tate who tries to have the church mimic everybody else. When the church budget is announced, everybody tends to quake if brother Devas Tate stands up in the meeting. And brother Poten Tate wants to be a big shot.

"But not all members of the family are bad, for brother Facili Tate is quite helpful. A delightful member of the family is Miss Felici Tate. And the pastor is always delighted by brother Cogi Tate and his twin brother Medi Tate."

(Hopefully you will find yourself in the last paragraph.)

-copied from the Alpine Lutheran Church  
Rockford, Illinois

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A Congregational Meeting was held after worship service on October 29, 1978 at which the following were elected to three-year terms as Elders: Bill Skinner, Jim Harwell, Bill Albright, and Walter Maxwell. Miss Shelley Smith was elected to fill the remaining one year of Bo Heininger's term. The five will be ordained and installed in January.

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REMEMBER, NOVEMBER 5 IS PLEDGE SUNDAY

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A New Member Orientation Series will be held during the Advent Season. The three-part orientation series for prospective members will be held in Dr. Uhl's office at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays, November 26, December 3 and 10. New members will meet with the Session on Sunday, December 10, at 8:00 p.m. at the manse. The new members will be recognized at the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, December 17. Baby sitting will be provided and older children are invited to participate in the special Advent programs in the Fellowship Room at 9:45. Anyone wishing to unite with the church, please call Dr. Uhl 299-6007 or Camille Kendall 424-7539.

The following new members were received by the Session on Sunday, October 15. We welcome these new families into the work and fellowship of Potomac Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Joseph Despoj, Jr. (Gail), 9 Lodge Drive, Rockville, 340-8396. Gail comes to us by Certificate of Transfer from Pascask Reformed Church, Park Ridge, New Jersey. The Despoys have 3 children: Linda, James and Joseph. Gail's husband is with Aluminum Association in Washington, D.C. (Deacon Thornton's parish group)

Mrs. Glade Flake (Joan), 11804 Beekman Place, Potomac, 762-6892. Joan comes by Certificate of Transfer from Highland Presbyterian, Pittsburgh, Pa. The Flakes have 4 children: Jennifer, Jackie, Robert and Anthony. Joan's husband is an attorney. (Deacon MacDonald's parish group)

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Olmstead (Gail) and daughter Karol, 2895 Balmoral Road, Rockville, 279-2059. The Olmsteads come by Certificate of Transfer from the United Church of Kent, Kent, Ohio. Bruce is in the U.S. Air Force stationed at the Pentagon and Karol is a senior at Wootton. The Olmsteads have 2 other daughters: Karen, a student at the U. of Delaware, and Betsy, at Frost Junior High. (Deacon Thornton's parish group)

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oudersluy (Carol) and daughter Mary Beth and son Thomas Craig, 7917 Declaration Lane, Potomac, 983-1730. The Oudersluys come by Certificate of Transfer from Beverly Hills Presbyterian, Huntington, West Virginia. Dick is with Mineral Pigments Corp. in Beltsville, Md.; Mary Beth is a senior at Churchill, and Tom is a VPI student. The Oudersluys have 2 other daughters: Kathy, a 7th grader at Herbert Hoover and a married daughter Susan living in west Virginia. (Deacon Garcia's parish group)

Mrs. Marilyn Scott, 10301 Garden Way, Potomac, 299-6331. Marilyn comes to us by Certificate of Transfer from the Community Church at the Circle, Mt. Vernon, New York. Marilyn works for American Management Systems in Virginia. She has 2 sons: Gibbons and James, both students at Churchill. (Deacon Jordon's parish group)

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It hardly seems possible, but to those of us who must plan ahead, Christmas is just around the corner! This year, the Carol Service will take place on December 17, the format being the one that has become traditional and this year's "theme" being music of the Renaissance and even earlier. Mark your calendars - it's also not too late to raise your voice in song with a choir!

We could still use a couple of hardy souls to come and ring handbells at 4:00 on Thursdays. There are enough ringers to handle the very simple music we've been playing, but if anyone is absent, someone may have to grow an extra arm!

-JB

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November 19, at 8:00 p.m., will be the next dance of the season for the Square Reelers. Everyone is welcome who enjoys square dancing or wants to learn how to square dance. After this date, membership will be closed for the year. This means that it is your last chance to sign up with the group until next fall. If you have any questions, please call Velma Killion 299-5442.

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HELP! For the Family Advent series, please save: styrofoam meat trays, pine cones, hemlock cones, sweet gum balls, old Christmas cards or small pictures, acorns. Leave in Mary Cathey's office. Many thanks!

Senior High Retreat was held September 29-October 1 at the Chesapeake Center, Port Deposit, Maryland. The weather was spectacular and the spirit of the 25 youth and adults was marvelous. "What Does It Mean To Be A Christian?" was the theme for consideration. Amazing insights were shared by all those participating.

Some quotes from the evaluations are as follows:

"It was an excellent retreat."

"I would not change a thing. I had a real good time and met a lot of new people."

"No changes. It was really positive."

"Things worked out really well."

Next time we hope to have a good crowd to share our fellowship, fun, and learning. Plans are already underway for the winter ski-study retreat.

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7-10's Retreat was held October 6-8 at Camp Glenkirk. 25 youth and adults shared the special experience of discussions and activities about "What Is The Church?" and "What Is A Christian?" Samples of the fine work of our youth were on display in Fellowship Hall for all to enjoy. This time together was very special and very meaningful.

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Dear Friends,

Always I have been a great believer in the fellowship of the Christian Church. During the last six weeks I have come to a deeper appreciation and understanding of the meaning of that fellowship. So many of you have remembered me and my family in your thoughts and prayers during the difficult days of my mother's illness that I want to express my sincere gratitude for your expression of God's love through your calls, notes and words.

Very sincerely,  
Mary Cathey

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October has been an extra-busy month for PPC ladies. A mid-month coffee held at Lynn Bigler's home proved to be a time of good fellowship plus a Christmas bargain boutique. Many gifts were purchased from the Strawberry Festival leftovers.

Attic and basement "treasures" almost filled the narthex before our Treasure Hunt and Bake Sale, October 28. \$426.50 was realized which will go toward the purchase and installation of the partitioning wall for the Fellowship Room.

Following the sale, the ladies packed over 600 pounds of used clothing to be donated to the Church World Service clothing drive. 10¢ per pound postage is necessary to send this clothing; your help toward our \$60 goal would be appreciated.

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At 9:30 a.m., Thanksgiving Day, four Potomac churches will gather together at Potomac Presbyterian for an ecumenical service. Rev. Thorpe of St. Francis Episcopal will preach the sermon; Our Lady of Mercy and Potomac Methodist will also participate with us. **EVERYONE WELCOME!**

CHURCH CALENDAR  
OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

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| SUNDAY  | MONDAY                     | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY                   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|--------|----------|
| <p>5 PLEDGE SUNDAY<br/>Nursery School<br/>Open House 1:00</p> | 6                          | 7   | 8                           | 9   | 10     | 11       |
| <p>Sr. Highs at<br/>Hutchisons 6:30</p>                       | <p>8:00<br/>Committees</p> | <p>Election Day</p>                                   | <p>9:00 Bible<br/>Study</p> | <p>4:30 7-10's<br/>8:00 Choir</p>                               |        |          |
| <p>12</p>   | 13                         | 14  | 15                          | 16  | 17     | 18       |
| <p>Sr. Highs at<br/>Kendalls 6:30</p>                         |                            |   | <p>9:00 Bible<br/>Study</p> | <p>4:30 7-10's<br/>8:00 Choir</p>                               |        |          |
| <p>19</p>   | 20                         | 21  | 22                          | 23  | 24     | 25       |
| <p>Square Reelers 8:00</p>                                    | <p>8:00 Session</p>        |   | <p>9:00 Bible<br/>Study</p> | <p>9:30 Thanks-<br/>giving Day<br/>Service<br/>Thanksgiving</p> |        |          |
| <p>26</p>   | 27                         | 28  | 29                          | 30  |        |          |
| <p>Orientation 9:45</p>                                       |                            | <p>Potomac Pony<br/>Club Awards<br/>Dinner 6-8 pm</p> |                             |   |        |          |

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Dear Friends,

It's in the sixth chapter of Galatians that the apostle Paul urges his readers to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Thank you, Potomac friends, for so lovingly helping Jean, Joel and me to bear our burden these past two months. Your notes, cards, telephone calls, prayers and loving support continue to help us day by day.

And, thank you, too, for the beautiful flower arrangement you provided for the chancel at Westminster the evening of Nathan's memorial service.

We know that because you were there hoping with us, weeping with us, praying with us, hurting with us, and at the memorial services on November 5, worshipping with us, that we have been ministered to and comforted. Thank you.

Faithfully,

Dick

On December 17, the ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE will be presented. Our theme this year is "An Old-Fashioned Christmas", but don't take that too literally! All the music sung (and rung!) will be "old" - ranging from plainsong through the Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque eras. This year's service will have an added dimension in that the handbell choir will make its long-awaited debut. If you've never heard handbells before, you have a real treat in store. See you on December 17!

King David Choir members are requested to come at 9:30 during the Advent Sundays for rehearsals.

There will be two services on Christmas Eve. The King David Choir will sing at the 6:00 service; the Sanctuary Choir at the 11:00 service.

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O Come All Ye Faithful to sing carols with THE SINGLES AND DOUBLES at the Fernwood Nursing Home at 6530 Democracy Boulevard on Friday, December 15. Meet at the Home at 7:00 P.M. and join us for supper afterward with Pat and Bill King, 8912 Saddle Lane. Price is \$2.00 per person. R.S.V.P. to Pat King 340-0456 by December 10.

SCHEDULE OF FAMILY GATHERINGS FOR THE ADVENT SEASON

December 10:  
10:00-10:45      PREPARATION - "Christmas Everyday"  
December 25 is a day to be remembered and celebrated with sincere, deep, glowing warmth, love and meditation. What about the other 364 days of the year? The morning activity will be making Christmas tree ornaments for our homes and Fellowship Hall. Bring small pictures from Christmas cards or magazines, cookie cutters, scissors, and styrofoam meat trays.

December 17:  
10:00-10:45      CELEBRATION - "Christmas Through Music"  
In keeping with the joy of the Advent Season, we will look at joy as it is expressed in song. We will have a brief discussion of some of the Songs of David, an informal sing-along, and make surprise Christmas presents for some of our special singing friends. Please bring one-half grapefruit for each family member.

December 24:  
10:00-10:45      PRESENTATION - "The Christmas Story"  
The children of the Church School will present the story of Christmas through a pageant with music, choral speaking, and lines.

Church School classes will meet during the church worship hour all Sundays except December 24 and January 1. Nursery care will not be provided from 10:00-10:45 but will be provided during the church worship hour.

WE WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 10:00 A.M. There will not be a Coffee Hour during early hour except on December 24.

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It's RED POINSETTIA TIME again. Orders will be taken in the narthex before and after church until December 17. This year the poinsettias will be \$9 for a 7½" pot of 3 plants, 14-18 blooms per pot. They will be delivered in time to decorate the church for Christmas Eve and may be picked up after early or late services on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.

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Potomac Presbyterian Church, in cooperation with Community Ministry of Montgomery County and its associated churches, is participating in the presentation of a "FAMILY FESTIVAL: Celebrating the Family as the Living Presence of God" to be held from 1-6:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 11, 1979. Please mark your calendar and reserve this date for this most interesting and worthwhile family event. Volunteers to work on the Festival are also needed. If you can help, contact George Boddiger (365-0748), Sally O'Neal (365-0258), our church office, or Community Ministry (762-9407). This is a major project of our Session's Church and Community/Mission Interpretation Committee and participation in it by all members of PPC is urged by the Committee.

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Girl Scout Troop 1644 is saving recyclable aluminum cans, foil, and pans as a service project/fund raiser. Will you help? Call Tink Brady at 299-8326.



The evening of the first Redskins-Cowboys game, Sue and I were the guests of Bob Sanders and his family for dinner and later for the game at RFK. When we were seated for dinner, Bob looked at me and said, "I know you always are asked to pray in situations like this, but tonight I'm going to let you off the hook." The following is the prayer which Bob offered that night. It is presented here with the hope it will give some solace to Redskin fans. -DLU

Dear Lord, I hope you hear this prayer  
in the spirit it is meant  
'Cause I know not to ask for victories  
that are purely heaven sent.  
But you have to sort of understand  
we don't have Jones or White or Pugh.  
Our guys are old like Ron McDole  
so I have to look to you.  
And also, Lord, I recognize  
that before the night is through  
The other side will want your ear  
so you will hear from David, too.  
And it's not completely even --  
what you'll get from here below  
"Cause it's like a little amateur  
who is up against a pro.  
As I recall, the Bible says  
that we are equals in your sight,  
And in my heart I have to say  
that I know that that is right.  
But I ask, dear Lord, before this game  
as you hear from me and him,  
Could you please tonight just treat us  
a bit more equaler than them?

Amen

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Plans are under way for an in-church AUCTION in the spring. what we have in mind is a talent and service auction for church members only. About all we need to have such an auction is something to auction. That's where you all come in. Surely someone has a service or talent he or she can offer to be auctioned off: lawn mowing, car washing, window cleaning, house sitting, pet care, riding lessons, golf lessons, tennis lessons, swimming lessons, etc. Does anyone out there have a vacation home and are you willing to let us auction off a weekend or week there? Do you have a pool and could provide a poolside bar-b-que for 10 some evening? Do you own a boat and could provide a day of fishing or sailing? Could you prepare and serve a dinner for 10? This idea has worked well in other congregations and is a fun way to raise funds. If you have something you're willing to have auctioned off, please contact Lynn Bigler at 983-1682 who is chairing this new event. AND we're looking for an auctioneer also!

In the distant future is OCTOBAZAAR, October, 1979. That's only eleven months away! Call Celia Sullivan, bazaar chairman, to get in on the ground-floor planning for this one. The ladies already have some new and super ideas for this fall/Christmas event. Craft workshops will resume on Wednesday, January 3, at 10:00 a.m.

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| SUNDAY                                   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY       | WEDNESDAY              | THURSDAY                        | FRIDAY                                  | SATURDAY |
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| 3<br>First Sunday in Advent              | 4   | 5<br>3:00 GS  | 6<br>9:00 Bible Study  | 7<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir  | 1<br>8                                  | 2<br>9   |
| 10<br>New Member Orientation; Manse 8:00 | 11<br>8:00 Session Committees   | 12<br>3:00 GS | 13<br>9:00 Bible Study | 14<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir | 15<br>7:00 Singles and Doubles Caroling | 16       |
| 17<br>Recognition of New Members         | 18<br>8:00 Session  | 19<br>3:00 GS | 20<br>9:00 Bible Study | 21<br>4:30 7-10's<br>8:00 Choir | 22                                      | 23       |
| 24<br>Carol Service Square Reelers 8:00  | 25<br>Christmas Day   | 26            | 27                     | 28                              | 29                                      | 30       |
| 31<br>No Church School                   | <p>HELP us make a mitten tree! Bring in mittens for boys or girls, any size, to decorate a mitten tree. Mittens should be unwrapped and brought in on December 17 to the Fellowship Room. Mittens will be collected by the Needlework Guild for distribution to needy hands in Montgomery County.</p> |               |                        |                                 |   |          |