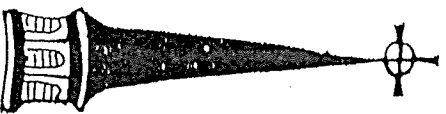


The ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will begin at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 24, with DINNER.

Highlights of the evening will be a slide show "The Year in Review at PPC", Dreams and Visions of the New Year, and the kick off of our 25th ANNIVERSARY YEAR.

Please make your reservations with Kay Mitchell or Lynda Tennent.



Kerry L. Stoltzfus
Senior Pastor

Diane P. Kramer
Associate Pastor

Lynn R. Bigler
Editor

January 1988

STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

KERRY ON ...

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

William Barclay, the Scottish Bible commentator, suggested at least three reasons. I have been reflecting on what he said as we begin the new year.

"Every time we go to church we tell the world where our loyalty is directed."

-- This way of expressing our loyalty is relatively easy; we need only contend with a multitude of mostly pleasurable demands on our time. Where Christians are not free to worship due to political circumstances, mere attendance at worship is a subversive activity.

"When we arrive in church we meet our brothers and sisters in Christ."

-- Fellowship we sometimes call that mysterious bond which holds us together and makes us one. We are committed to God and to his people.

"Each time we worship we expect to meet God." -- We come willing to lift up our hearts which is to present to God our deepest longings and heartfelt gratitude. If we can stop long enough from our fast paced schedules we may hear God's voice. Sometimes it is in the words and music of a familiar hymn or the words of Scripture come alive in anthem or sermon or sacrament.

The simple act of coming to worship holds tremendous promise. Let's all seek that promise in this new year.

Kerry

ALL IN THE FAMILY

IN SESSION



WELCOME:

ERIC ALAN DOUGLAS, son of Carrie and Bruce Douglas, grandson of Olie and Sydney Howe; born Nov. 24.

CLAIRE ELAINE DUFEK, born Dec. 29, to Gail and Bob Dufek.

ELIZABETH ALBEE TIETJEN, born Jan. 1 to David and Maggie in Augusta, Ga. - proud grandparents, Bob and Shirley Tietjen.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

JACK AND KAY TAMZARIAN FELLOWS who were married in our Sanctuary, Dec. 24.

JOHN AND KATE SHERFY ROGERS who were married in our Sanctuary, Dec. 30.

BOB AND KATHY MCMAHON who celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

HOWARD LEDBETTER, brother of Helen Hutchison, ill in Asheville, North Carolina.

JIM SPIVEY recovering at home after surgery at Sibley Hospital.

FRED BERGER and his family at home.

At the Session meeting held Dec. 21 . . . Elders welcomed as guests the four Elders-elect who will be installed this month . . . reviewed requests for rental of our facilities as presented by the Property Committee . . . noted the many programs, presentations and special worship services offered during the Advent season . . . heard of the distribution of sweat-suits purchased by the Mission Committee to some of the District's homeless street people . . . were reminded of the Annual Congregational Meeting to be held Jan. 24 and which, this year, will include a dinner . . . approved a proposal that the Moderator appoint a special committee to plan for special events in celebration of PPC's 25th Anniversary Year.

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Recognition of new members is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 6.

ATTENTION: 9th GRADERS

The Confirmation Class with the pastors will begin meeting January 13 from 6:45 until 8:00. The group will meet each week until May when their confirmation will be celebrated on the day of Pentecost. Any older students who have not yet been confirmed are invited to join this class of preparation for church membership. Call either pastor with questions.



Women's Bible Study
 resumes January 6.
 Library 9:30 a.m.
 Subject: ACTS

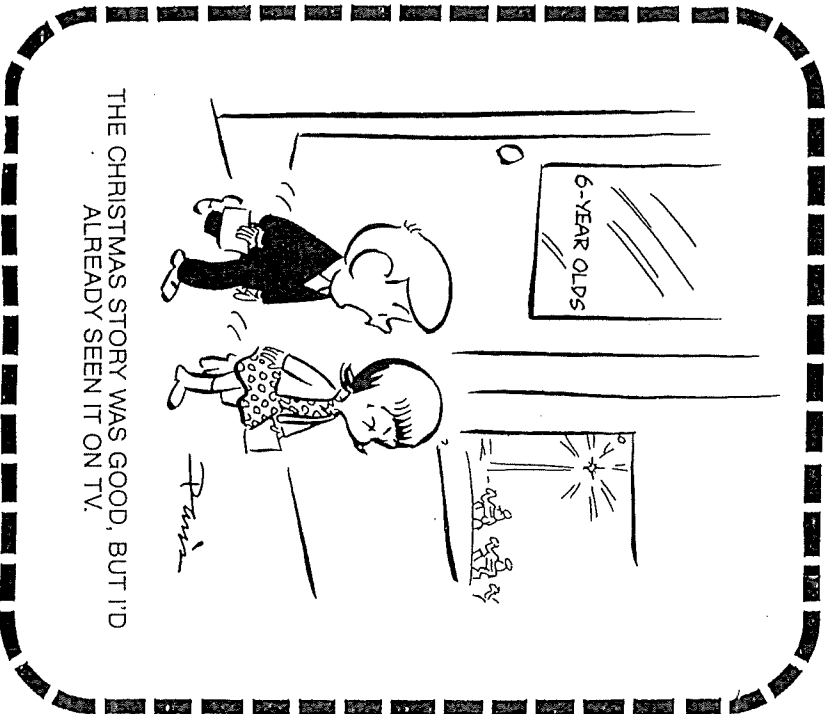


SPECIAL GIFTS

Six beautiful Hawthorn trees have been planted and accompanying landscaping completed in memory of Earl W. Stoltzfus and Ralph H. Mitchel (Ralph Mitchel's father). An additional memorial gift has been presented to Young Life of Florida in Mr. Stoltzfus' name.

The children's tree, a holly, has been planted to the right of the circle at the corner of the new wing. This is a gift of the children of the church which was presented at the Dedication of the New Building in May.

The Senior Highs have furnished their room as a contribution to the new building.



THE CHRISTMAS STORY WAS GOOD, BUT I'D
 ALREADY SEEN IT ON TV.

WOC

The WOC is pleased to announce the arrival of new DISHES which the women were able to provide through monies realized from bazaars, rummage sales and individual pledges. We now have dinner plates, 4" plates and cups which when added to what we had will enable us to serve 190 people.

Our church has been invited to join with women from St. Francis Episcopal and Potomac Methodist Churches to establish a THRIFT SHOP in Potomac. This would eliminate the need for 3 churches' holding rummage sales by providing an ongoing service and realizing mission money for our churches. If you are interested in working on this worthwhile project, call Dawn Thompson.

Mark your calendars for Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - to join us for our 4th year at the Villa Cortona, Bradley Blvd. We invite ALL women of PPC and their friends to what promises to be a VERY SPECIAL DAY which will help us discover God's will in our lives and enjoy warm fellowship. We will close the day by worshipping God and celebrating the sacrament of communion. Leaders will be Carlyn Moyer and Diane Kramer. Cost for the day which includes lunch is \$13.00. Call either the church office or Pat King to make reservations by Jan. 17. Checks should be made payable to WOC-PPC. Come, bring a friend, and prepare for a Day of Discovery.

SPECIAL NOTE TO WOMEN UNABLE TO ATTEND A WEEK-DAY EVENT: On Feb. 20 from 10-2:00 there will be an opportunity for you to participate. More information coming.

Watch for details of the WOC SPRING CALENDAR which will include:

- March 16 Tasters' Luncheon
- April 20 Trip/Out to Lunch
- May 6 Mother-Daughter Banquet

ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE WARMLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

Introducing

The following new members were recently received by the Session. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Donna and William Greenaway
14617 Gallant Fox Lane
Gaithersburg 20817; 963-5710

Bill and Donna come by Certificate of Transfer from Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, Monroeville, Pa. They have 2 children: Tom 19 and Liz 16. Donna is a secretary with Tracor Applied Sciences in Rockville and Bill is an engineer with NUS Corp. in Gaithersburg. Peggy Hawley's Parish.

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Leewai and Charles Hubbard
11505 Skipwith Lane
Potomac 20854; 983-1288

The Hubbards come by Certificate of Transfer from National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. Leewai and Charles have 3 grown children: Charles, Julia and Jane. Charles is a retired engineer and is currently a realtor with W.C. & A.N. Miller in Potomac. Maggie Fahs' Parish.

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Lisa McMahon
2400 Valleyway
Cheverly 20785; 772-1685

Lisa comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was recently married in PPC to Elder Dennis McMahon. Lisa is the Manager of Accounts Receivables with Arundel Oxygen Service. Clark Kendall's Parish.

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Sonia Russo
14801 Keeneland Circle
Gaithersburg 20878; 926-7580

Sonia comes by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, La. Her husband Ray is Chief, Planning Staff, F.D.A. The Russos have 2 children: Jennifer 4 and Peter 2. Alexander Rozner's Parish.

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Cathy and Richard Singleton
9810 Carter Road
Bethesda 20817; 469-0197

Dick and Cathy come by Certificate of Transfer from St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. The Singletons have 3 children: Sarah 13, Mary 10 and Adam 4. Dick is with Oxford Development Corp. in Bethesda. Nelia Chichester's Parish.

MAXSTORY TIME

Mark your calendars now for a Sociables evening at the theater, Saturday, Jan. 30. ALL PPC adults are invited to join the Tennents for dessert and coffee at their home at 7:30 p.m. prior to the Montgomery Playhouse production of NIGHTWATCH.

Written by Lucille Fletcher, author of "Sorry, Wrong Number", Nightwatch is another breath-taking thriller.

Tickets are only \$8 per person. Come join us; bring a friend. To sign up, call Lynda.

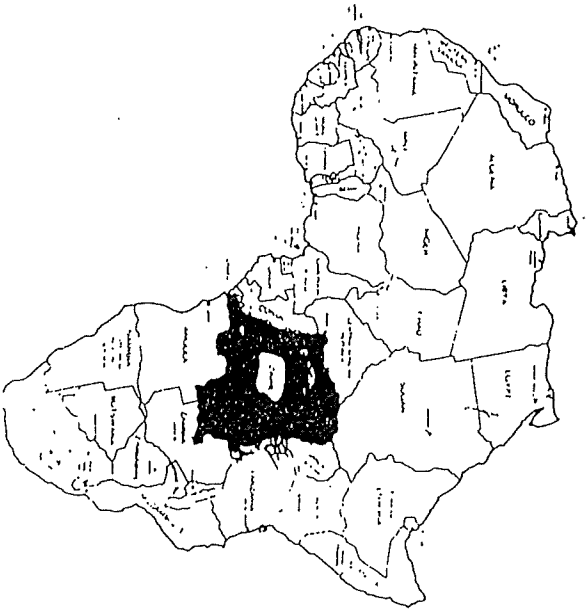
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OUT TO EAT

BILL AND GINNIE REINHOLD will be at PPC, Jan. 17. They will lead the Adult Education Class, participate in worship, and be our guests at a luncheon in Fellowship Hall.

Bill and Ginnie live and work in Kananga, Zaire. They serve the Protestant Press - helping its output to more than double since they've been there. Christian literature is taken for granted here but in interior Zaire the Press meets basic church needs plus the enormous demand by Zaireans, eager to read and learn, for reading material of almost any kind.

Come meet the Reinholds on that special Sunday! Call the church office, or John Lytle at 424-5279, to make your luncheon reservation.



GAP, the Emergency Assistance Program at Community Ministry of Montgomery County, needs volunteers to serve as Resource Counselors. This is an unusual opportunity to serve in a meaningful, hands-on position. Complete training is provided. If interested, call CMMC, 762-8682, for information.

CMMC and the Montgomery County Restaurant, Hotel and Licensed Beverage Association are sponsoring THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY for the benefit of local hunger relief. On Tuesday, Feb. 2, restaurants of the County have agreed to donate 10% of their evening's receipts to county hunger relief agencies. All you have to do is go out to dinner that evening!

Everybody wins! The agencies receive much-needed contributions; the restaurants get customers; the patrons enjoy an evening out and the special pleasure of being part of a great crowd of people all going out to do good!

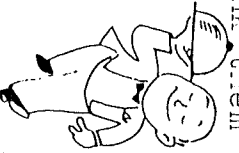
Plan now for Feb. 2 - THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY:

- = Take your family (extended!) out to dinner.
- = Pay off social debts in a memorable way.
- = Make a party of neighbors, friends, or colleagues.
- = Get a group together to honor someone special in your life.

Watch for the logo - a turkey on skis. The "Sharing Restaurants" will be listed in the newspapers. Restaurants which signed up immediately are: Anchor Inn, Boscoc, Blair Mansion Inn, Bubba Louie's, Chrisfield's Seafood, The Corner Pub, Danny's Spagnetti House, El Caribe, Flanagan's Irish Pub, Fred and Harry's Seafood, Frascatti Relstorante Italiano, Germantown Inn, Greek Boy, Gude Deli, J.J. Muldoon's, James III, Jaws and Claws Seafood, Jerry's Subs-Pizza, La Champagne, Michel's, Nickleby's, O'Donnell's, Paisano's Pizaza-Rockville, Partners, Ramino's, Shakey's-Bureau Dr., Gathersburg, Silo Inn, Sligo Deicatessen, Vagabond, Wurzburg Haus.

Patronize the Sharing Restaurants; tell them you're coming for THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY - and thank them for their community support.

THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY



GIFTS OF LOVE

It was not a particularly cold night, so we were unsure how we would be received. Through the resources of the Mission Committee we had spent several hours in Zayre's the week before, buying all the "large" and "extra large" sweatshirts and pants they had. The manager had graciously given us both the next day's sale price and a discount, enabling our limited dollars to stretch even further. On Sunday morning before the Birthday Party for Jesus early arrivals had been put to work wrapping the sweat sets, writing greetings on gift tags, and securing bows upon the packages; and then after a wonderful dinner at the Kendalls and caroling at the Bergers, we found ourselves downtown . . . preparing to distribute our gifts to the homeless men and women of Washington . . . the ones for whom a sweatshirt would be shelter as well.

We were greeted at the "bus shelter" near the Farragut West Metro Station by Steve, a volunteer from G.W. who helps to supervise the shelter. Hearing our story and our concern about the best way to give our gifts, he went inside the bus and came back quickly with an overwhelming "THANK YOU" from the men and the woman who had settled in for the night. We did our best to match sizes and went away wishing everyone a warm night. A few blocks away we encountered two souls on a bench who received us warmly, if not a bit hesitantly at first. When asked if he would accept a gift and our wish for a "Merry Christmas", one of the men asked if we were sure he would not be depriving another of a gift if he accepted his . . .

Later we walked toward the Pageant of Peace, attracted by the beautiful lights, the crowds and the music which traveled across the park. Between us and the Pageant were two men, already huddled down upon the grates for the night. They warily accepted our presence and then more joyfully our gifts. "Do you have any juice?" asked one; to which we had to say, "No." As we left a young couple walked over to share their feeling of appreciation at what they saw us do, wishing there were something which they could do. "Buy juice," we said, and bring it back to our friend. They departed upon their errand of mercy and somehow we felt we had given them a gift, as well.

It took a second night to distribute all that we had, and as we feared - we did not have enough to reach everyone. The man who was next in line only to be told that the bag was now empty simply smiled and said, "That's okay . . . you all have a Merry Christmas." Next year perhaps we can buy more . . .

There is something very special about being able to give gifts - that is, to put something into the hand of the one for whom it was bought. We sent many, many beautiful packages to children in Rockville whom we did not know; we sent 60 pair of socks to be added to the gifts for the guests at THE LORD'S TABLE in Gaithersburg. But the highlight of the holiday was visiting in the homes of two families for whom Christmas was brighter because of our love expressed in gifts and food, and our experience with the folk to whom we gave the sweats. And then, on Wednesday morning, December 23, to see one of those folk walking down the street with a smile on his face and a bright green hooded sweatshirt peeking out from under his coat.

Thank you, Lord, for making us instruments of your love.

AMEN

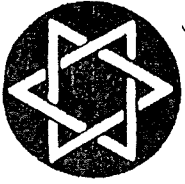
* We welcome the newly organized Reconstructionist Jewish Congregation who will be using our Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall two Saturdays a month. Led by Rabbi Sidney Schwarz, this group draws its members from the Rockville, Potomac, Gaithersburg and Northern Virginia area.

CHURCH CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

JANUARY 1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 AM - King David Choir 9:45 AM - Sunday School/ Adult Education 11 AM - Worship 12 PM - Fellowship 5-7 PM Princeton Review	6:30 AM Miriam's Kitchen 9-10 AM Aerobics 9-10 AM Aerobics 9 AM - King David Choir 9:45 AM - Sunday School/ Adult Education 11 AM - Worship & Communion 12 PM - Fellowship 6:30 PM New Officer Dinner w/Session	1-6 PM The Lord's Table 9-10 AM Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 1 PM - Wedding Committee 7-11 Masterworks	9-10 AM Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingwood 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks	8 PM Handbell Choir 8 PM Sanctuary Choir	8:30 AM Deacons Retreat 9:30-12:30 RJC*	8:30 AM Deacons Retreat 9:30-12:30 RJC*
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SHARING



At its December meeting, the Session voted to approve the use of our sanctuary and rental of Fellowship Hall to a newly-forming Jewish Reconstruction Congregation on a six-month trial basis. The group, which expects to draw members from the Potomac-Rockville area, will use the rooms from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, beginning Jan. 9. Events previously scheduled on the church calendar will not be affected by this move.

Sharing church facilities is becoming an increasingly more common practice especially where population growth is heavy. Rev. Stoltzfus notes that he and Dr. Schwartz, leader of the 30-member congregation, anticipate there will be opportunities for the exchange of various educational experiences between our two congregations.

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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DEM BONES, DEM BONES

There are five main bones in the body of the church.

The *wishbones* wishing somebody would do something about it; the *jawbones* doing all the talking but nothing else; the *knucklebones* that knock everything; the *backbone* that carries the load and does the work, and the *funnybone* that sees the hand of God in it all.

*Adapted from the
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BLACK PRESBYTERIANS OF WASHINGTON
present

A FESTIVAL OF CHOIRS

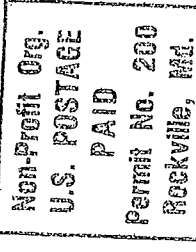
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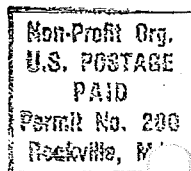
Saint Mark Presbyterian Church is searching for a full time office manager with word processor and office management skills. Needed by January 18. Salary commensurate with skills and experience. For interview, send resume, or call 530-0600.

Rev. Dr. James G. Macdonell
Saint Mark Presbyterian Church
10701 Old Georgetown Road
Rockville, Md. 20852



If the only prayer
you say in your
whole life is
"Thank you"
that would suffice.
Meister
Eckhart

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1988

PRESS RELEASE

**INTRODUCING A NEW FORMAT
PLUS THE PPC CENTERFOLD**

FEBRUARY



STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

KERRY L. STOLTZFUS, SENIOR PASTOR
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LYNN R. BIGLER, EDITOR

RELATIONSHIP AND DISCOVERY

How do we discern God's will in our lives? This difficult question was the focus of A DAY OF DISCOVERY attended by many of the PPC women last week. It was my pleasure to share the leadership for this event with Carlyn Moyer, a dynamic laywoman in the Roman Catholic Church. Our presentation included five resources available to all of us to help identify and claim God's will for us. They are: scripture, prayer, meditation, ourselves and others. As we moved through the day our discussion was enabled and enriched by everyone's willingness to share her own experiences of faith - truly a "faith share" day!

The next day I found myself experiencing in a very real way all that we "discussed" the day before. Waiting during a long and risk-filled surgery, we were so aware of how important those resources are to us. And, we experienced them. We felt the strength of our foundation in faith through the Word of God and through our time of prayer. But mostly we felt the strength of God's presence with us through the prayers and presence of others. In many ways that day became for me a "day of discovery."

The desire to know God's will is a gift to us. We are truly blessed when we claim that gift and fully realize that we are not alone; that we do not have to "make it" on our own. I believe that the will of God is not some mysterious set of sealed orders which we search for and receive if we happen to hit upon the right formula. Rather, the will of God is a relationship - a relationship in which God's purpose, his power, and his plan for our lives are disclosed. I also believe that this disclosure takes place when we are in relationship with one another.

My prayer for this year is that it will be one of relationship and discovery for each of us. Shalom!

DIANE

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE: Beginning 2-21 through Lent, an informal Prayer Service will be held Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. 7-7:30 a.m. - private meditation/prayer; 7:30 a.m. - pastor-led 15-minute service. Members are invited to participate in all or part of each week's service.

IN SESSION

At the meeting held January 18, Elders approved the 1988 Budget contingent upon approval of Pastors' terms of call by the congregation at the annual meeting . . . learned of Lenten devotional booklet to be prepared and mailed to members . . . set Communion schedule for remainder of 1988 . . . heard of opportunities for individual and group involvement in several newly developing mission activities through CMMC . . . noted a number of forthcoming Fellowship activities . . . elected Lynn Matson Commissioner to the January 26 Presbytery meeting.

All in the Family

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

BOB AND GINNY CROZIER on the birth of a granddaughter in early December.

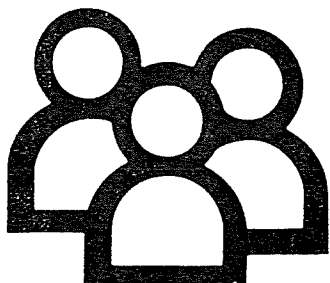
WALLY AND MILDRED ROWAN on the birth of a granddaughter on January 4.

DON AND DAWN THOMPSON who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on January 19.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

DIANE CHAPIN recovering from surgery.

FRED BERGER recovering from surgery.



DECISIONS ABOUT RELIGION ? ?

This is the theme for the Senior High Sunday School Class which began January 24. Led by Diane Kramer, with assistance from members of the congregation, this class will explore the decisions which young adults are called to make about their faith and the way they choose to live that faith. We will look at other faith traditions alongside our own, particularly paying attention to similarities and differences. Whenever possible we will visit other worship experiences in order to heighten our understanding of that tradition. If you are in the 9th-12th grades, plan to join us at 9:45 each Sunday morning in the Senior High Room on the second floor of the new wing.

Reflections

From a New Member

One of the strongest assets of this church is the genuine warmth and openness of its congregation. I recall the first times we came to PPC just over a year ago, and specifically, I recall Kerry's invitation to the congregation to turn to someone new in the pew in front of, behind, or next to us and to say, "Good Morning" before leaving the church.

The reason this stands out for me is because, as a visitor, I was impressed by how naturally and enthusiastically those in the pews around me sought out someone new to greet and how cheerful and welcoming you were each Sunday. My decision to join PPC came just as naturally and eagerly.

It's surprising how far a little smile and a heart-felt hello will go. I thank the Lord for creating this wonderful community of faith and acknowledge each of you for spreading "The Good News".

- Don Piper

GREETINGS

FROM THE BRYANTS

"On Christmas morning we attended the Karachi International Church. Helping to start a new church in an Asian country is a special experience; one that has helped us appreciate the ways in which a church can be socially and spiritually binding among people from many lands. Of the 65 attending, a third children, eleven languages were spoken: in singles, groups or by families each brought a Christmas message in Urdu, Uzbeki, Azerbyjani, Persian, Aramaic, Tagalog, Cebuano, Sindhi, Finish, Dutch, English. It was deeply moving, that people from so many ethnic and linguistic backgrounds, some refugees, some simply transients in Pakistan, even one a Muslim who had studied in Indiana and wanted to be with Christian friends on Christmas Day, would come together in a spirit of love and friendship, in a desire for peace and solidarity, and do so in this newborn church in the subcontinent of Asia.

Jack has been absorbed into a once-in-a-lifetime kind of assignment. In 1978, a major international conference was held in Alma Ata, USSR, resulting in the now famous goal of WHO-Health for All by the Year 2000. Now, ten years later, the Soviets will host another conference, to review progress and problems since Alma Ata. The conference will be in Riga, USSR, in March, 1988. Dr. Halfdan Mahler, Director General of WHO, asked Jack to write the background paper for the conference. The paper and the discussions in Riga will go into a document to serve as the basis for debate at the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May, 1988, leading to a resolution on what WHO and the member nations should do over the next ten years in pursuit of the goal of Health for All. The paper is nearly done and the interesting work in Riga and Geneva are ahead.

Warmest greetings and blessings, love and best wishes -

-Nancy and Jack Bryant"

PREPARATION

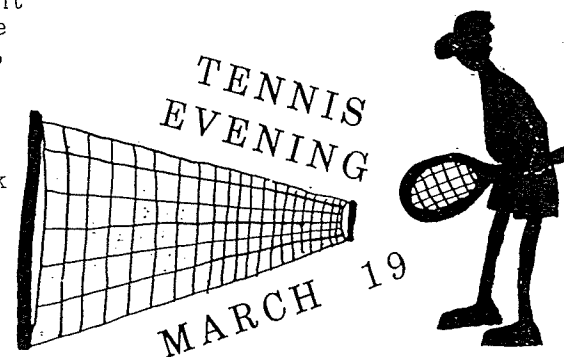
The Mission Committee is delighted to share with you the news that Marc Hummon of our congregation has begun studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School in preparation for Christian ministry. Marc attends school part-time while continuing to pursue a career in music which he hopes to incorporate into his ministry. The Mission Committee has pledged to support Marc in his work and with his expenses. Below is an excerpt from a recent letter:

"All is going quite well and I often find myself wishing I were attending full-time, but then I spend the afternoon in my dual personality as a country singer and confusing as it seems, I know I'm doing what is best for me.

I've been doing some work at various shelters around town. Every day I find new ways to minister and be ministered to. I am reminded that although we engage ourselves in theological discussions on the issues of salvation and redemption, etc., there's little doubt that Jesus seems to have been most concerned on a day-to-day basis with those directly in need about him. I can also envision creative ways to use success in the music industry for ministry.

Thanks again for your support. I hope all is well with my Potomac family.

-Marcus"



Dear Friends,

It is difficult for me to express fully my deep appreciation for your very generous contributions which have made a living memorial for Kerry's dad possible. I will be interested to see the trees when I visit again in the Spring. Also Young Life has announced the establishment of the Earl Stoltzfus Memorial Scholarship Fund and your contributions will be a part of that.

Thank you so very much.
-Mrs. Earl Stoltzfus



Thanks

WOC

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History

GOLD DISCOVERED IN POTOMAC!

Did you know gold was discovered right here in Potomac? Do you know the origin of the name Cabin John? Would you like to learn about the time Congressional Country Club was a secret training center for the OSS? Or hear about President Roosevelt's visits to Marwood, the Potomac retreat of Joseph Kennedy?

Learn all about these exciting stories out of Potomac's past plus much more about the people and events that shaped our town. Come to:

POTOMAC HISTORY NIGHT

on Thursday, February 25, 1988, at 8:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to this free community event.

Our guide through Potomac's past will be Mrs. Ann Peterson Harris. Ann is the author of a book on

Potomac entitled "The Potomac Adventure," a member of the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Committee, and a 25-year resident

of Potomac. She will tell the story of Potomac's rich history in a slide presentation followed by questions from the audience.

You'll also have a chance to meet some of the long time resi-

dents of Potomac who will be special guests. Plan to visit with them over refreshments following Ann's talk.

Join us on Thursday, February 25, and learn more about the history of your town. Who knows, you may discover that gold strike was right in your backyard!

-Created by The Outreach Committee
Lynn Matson, Chair

RETREAT

The Deacons gathered for retreat at the Claggett Center on January 9. Following a get-acquainted exercise was a discussion of the requirements and characteristics of the position of Deacon. A highlight was a discussion led by Diane Kramer on "Servanthood vs. Servitude" extracted from Kenneth Haugk's "Christian Care-giving, A Way of Life." Other topics covered were the composition of parish groups and the final plans for the new member chili supper set for February 7.

Lew Chapin, Chair

WHERE WILL YOU EAT ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND?



in February

On Tuesday, February 2nd, Sharing Restaurants will give 10% of their gross evening's receipts to help people in need in Montgomery County.

Dine at a Sharing Restaurant

*Always check the business of the restaurant before dining.

Here's a QUILT BLOCK CODE



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Can you figure out this Bible verse? Clue: 1 John 4:16



Answer to code: So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God. And God abides in him.

CHURCH CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 1988

CENTERFOLD !!!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 6:30AM Miriam's Kitchen 8:45AM Aerobics	2 1-6PM Lord's Table PM CMMC Thanksgiving 8PM Worship Committee in February	3 8:45AM Aerobics 9:30AM Bible Study 1:00PM PW Board 5-7 PM Jr. Highs 6:45PM Confirmation 7-11PM Masterworks	4 7PM Handbell Choir 8PM Sanctuary Choir	5	6 9-1 Princeton Review
7 9 AM King David Rehearsal 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Education 9:45AM Inquirer's Class 11:00AM Worship 12:00PM Fellowship 5:30PM New Members Dinner	8 8:45AM Aerobics 8PM Committee Meetings	9 6-9PM Princeton Review 8PM Outreach Committee	10 8:45AM Aerobics 9:30AM Bible Study 2:45PM Collingswood 5-7 PM Jr. Highs 6:45PM Confirmation 7-11PM Masterworks	11 7PM Handbell Choir 8PM Sanctuary Choir	12 6:30 Sprague Rehearsal	13 9-1 Princeton Review 9:30-12:30 RJC 1PM Sprague Wedding 4-10 NCP Singles Dinner/SqDance
14 9AM King David Rehearsal 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Education 9:45AM Inquirer's Class 11:00AM Worship 12:00PM Fellowship	15 8:45AM Aerobics No School 8PM Session Meeting	16 6-9PM Princeton Review	17 WEDNESDAY 7AM Prayer Service 8:45AM Aerobics 9:30AM Bible Study 5-7 PM Jr. Highs 6:45PM Confirmation 11PM Masterworks	18 7PM Handbell Choir 8PM Sanctuary Choir 8-10 Princeton Review	19	20 9-1 Princeton Review 10-2 Women's Day
21 9AM King David Rehearsal 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Education 9:45AM Inquirer's Class 11:00AM Worship/Communion 12:00PM Fellowship	22 8:45AM Aerobics 7:30PM Deacons Meetings	23 6-9PM Princeton Review	24 7AM Prayer Service 8:45AM Aerobics 9:30AM Bible Study 5-7PM Jr. Highs 6:45PM Confirmation 7-11PM Masterworks	25 7PM Potomac History Night 7PM Handbell Choir 8PM Sanctuary Choir	26	27 9-1 Princeton Review 9:30-12:30 RJC 9AM College of Elders
28 9AM King David Rehearsal 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Education 11:00AM Worship 12:00PM Fellowship	29 8:45AM Aerobics					



MASTERWORKS: concert course

A singing celebration of America's musical heritage will be offered by MASTERWORKS CHORUS AND ORCHESTRA in a concert of 20th century American music at PPC, on Sunday, March 13, at 4 p.m.

Since September of 1987, Masterworks has been rehearsing weekly in our Fellowship Hall. Artistic Director William Gray commented, "Rehearsing here is turning out wonderfully for us. The room is visually lovely and acoustically live . . . everyone at Potomac has been very warm and welcoming to us . . . We are delighted with the collaboration with the church and hope that our first concert here will be an enjoyable experience for many members of the congregation."

Tickets for this concert may be purchased after church services on Sunday, March 6, at the discounted price of \$9.

Masterworks Chorus and Orchestra announces its first Adult Education Course, Choral Musicianship I - Ear Training and Sightsinging, aimed at developing a basic set of musical skills. No previous musical training is required.

Taught by Masterworks Artistic Director William Gray, the classes will meet at PPC Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:20 p.m. for 10 sessions beginning March 2, at a discounted fee of \$40 for PPC members.



GOOD DEED OF MANY THANKS to Leewai THE MONTH Hubbard, Naomi Ulmer, Janet Harrison, Molly Trueb, Nancy Mellem, Shirley Tietjen, Bettina Curtis, Marilyn Spivey and Nancy Barr for helping with the Lenten Booklet mailing.



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DIANE P. KRAMER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
LYNN R. BIGLER, EDITOR

KERRY ON ...

Someone has called them the six last words of the church: "We've always done it that way." - as if tradition has veto power over any proposed change in the life of a congregation. Perhaps we have a certain advantage in that our history is relatively short. It has been only twenty-five years since ten families began to worship at the Potomac Elementary School. More than that ours is a congregation that has experienced rapid changes in its membership. 70% of the members today have joined since 1978.

We are; however, a part of a larger family and a longer story. This year as Presbyterians we begin our 200th anniversary. Beyond that the Russian Orthodox Church remembers 1000 years of Christianity in the Soviet Union and soon all Christians will mark 2000 years since the birth of the Church. Finally, we look back centuries to the covenant with Abraham.

No community can survive without a healthy regard for its past. We would do well in this anniversary year to grow in our appreciation for the words and actions of our mothers and fathers in the faith. Our ministry will be strengthened as we appropriate the wisdom of the past to the present challenges of ministry. To be reminded of what has been said and done is vitally important, but it is not the final word.

I was reading about the new Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation which worships in our sanctuary and one of the principles which guides their life as a community of faith. It is: THE PAST HAS A WEIGHTY VOTE, BUT NOT A VETO. We might wish to adopt a similar stance as we celebrate our 25th anniversary and anticipate the future.

Kerry

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY



On Sunday, March 13, PPC will celebrate Friendship Sunday. Our focus will be to look out to the community and invite friends and neighbors to join us for our Sunday service.

On Friendship Sunday we hope to welcome many new visitors to PPC. We would like these guests to join in the fellowship, meet our outstanding staff, hear our music, share in an educational experience, see our new wing and worship with us that morning. In short, we would like to share our blessings with our friends and invite them to consider PPC as their church home.

Friendship Sunday also recognizes the important role each member plays in the outreach mission of our church. It is the genuine warmth, openness and caring of each member that makes PPC such a welcome church home for so many of our new members. We encourage all our members to invite neighbors and friends who do not have a church home to join us on March 13. Let's really reach out to the community on Friendship Sunday.

IN SESSION

At the Session meeting held February 15, 1988, Elders were advised of the election of Bob Tietjen to the Board of Directors of National Capitol Presbytery . . . elected Lynn Bigler and Lynn Matson to the Representative Nominating Committee for 1988 with the former serving as chair . . . learned of plans for Friendship Sunday, March 13, when PPC members will be urged to bring friends to worship with them . . . reviewed responses to survey taken at the Annual Meeting which were compiled by Claudia and Jack Trant . . . received notice that PPC is entitled to two lay commissioners to Presbytery meetings . . . were informed that both Minute and Register books of PPC were again approved without exception at the Session Records Review held February 6.

LAY COURSES

Wesley Theological Seminary's LAY RESOURCE CENTER is offering the following courses and workshops through April:

SPIRITUAL GROWTH: TOOLS FOR SELF DISCOVERY; 4 Tuesdays, April 5-26

LAY MINISTRY WORKSHOP: OFFERING MY UNIQUE GIFTS IN SERVICE TO OTHERS; 1 Monday, April 25

PRE-HOLY WEEK RETREAT: THE JOURNEY OF CHRIST'S PASSION; Saturday, March 19

THE STUDY OF SCRIPTURE: INTRODUCTION TO TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES; Saturday, April 16

HOW CAN CAREGIVERS CARE FOR OTHERS AND THEMSELVES? Saturday, April 30

BASICS OF FUNDAMENTALISM, OR WHAT MAKES JERRY FALWELL TICK? 4 Thursdays, April 7-28

For More Information See Diane.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



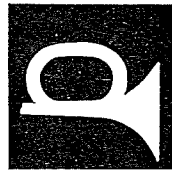
CONGRATULATIONS to Marty and Edwin Stobie on the birth of granddaughter Kaitlin Marie Carr, January 2, to Nancy and Bill Carr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Pat King's mother who was 94 on the 20th of February.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Janet Clark's father hospitalized in Illinois.

Jess Begley recovering from surgery.



Calling All Elders

The Session is interested in identifying anyone in the congregation ordained as an Elder in any other Presbyterian Church. We are required by the Constitution to maintain accurate records of all ordained persons in our congregation. If you have been ordained elsewhere, please call Joyce Jenkins, Clerk of Session; Shirley Tietjen, Worship Committee Chair; or the church office.

Psssst!

FELLOWSHIP and OUTREACH are overseeing various 25th anniversary activities. Historical bits will be printed weekly in the bulletin. You may find yourself highlighted as we take PEEKS AT THE PAST.

ADULT EDUCATION

Make It A Habit

Habit is a human characteristic that has both good and bad features. Smoking, for example, is one of the questionable habits that many people try to drop, with mixed success. Attending Adult Education sessions on Sunday morning is another activity that can become habit forming, if you give it a chance!

Before the construction program deprived us of a suitable place to hold our classes, we had gathered a growing group of folks. The discussions were generally stimulating, and we hope informative on a range of subjects of interest to Christians in the penultimate decade of the 20th Century.

Unfortunately, the time required for the construction of the new facilities has taken its toll and many of the people who had been regular attenders have "shaken" the habit and no longer come to hear what we have to present. (I bet you wondered how I was going to tie habit back in!)

Now that things are back in order, the Adult Education Committee has been working hard to produce an interesting and varied program of discussions and presentations. Last year we had a series attempting to trace the common roots that connect Christians, Jews, and Muslims back through Father Abraham, and try somehow to gain some understanding of the bitter enmity between the Muslim world and the nation of Israel, in spite of our common ancestor. This year we are continuing to delve into issues where it makes a difference to be Christian. We have just completed a two-week discussion of the Central American problem, where the Protestant Church is a leading force for change, and where our denomination has taken a controversial position with which some Presbyterians disagree. We will begin a series on

what Presbyterians believe, lasting through Lent. After Easter, Dr. Donald Miller will join us to lead us through the significance of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus. Dr. Miller is an old friend, and it is always a privilege to have him with us.

At the request of some members a second track was established that devotes itself to Bible study using the excellent Kerygma course resource materials. This program offers an alternative opportunity to enrich your life by studying thematically how God relates to his people through the Scriptures. Anyone interested is welcome to begin at any point in the theme study.

As the newly appointed chairman of the Adult Education Committee, I would like to invite all the members of the Church to attend one or the other of the classes we offer. We are not limited to two, and if an interest develops that will take us into other paths of study, we now have virtually unlimited capacity to accommodate whatever you want to pursue. Regular Sunday School classes are available for the children at the same time, and it is easy to join us while they are in their own classes.

One more tie back to the "habit" theme. I especially urge those of you who were once regulars in the past to make an effort to give the "New Program" a try. You may find it easy to reacquire the old habit. We will be happy to see you.

-Bob Tietjen, Chair
Adult Education Committee

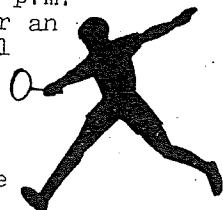
Great rewards

TENNIS ANYONE?



CALLING
ALL
PPC
TENNIS
SOCIA BLES

Four courts have been reserved at the CABIN JOHN TENNIS CENTER for March 19 from 8 p.m. until midnight - for an evening of fun. All levels of play are welcome. There will be a charge for the court time and everyone will be asked to bring munchies and drinks. Call Marilyn Shankland 983-0931 for reservations and food suggestions.



Mission

VOLUNTEER BANK

In conjunction with Community Ministries of Montgomery County, each of us now has the opportunity to reflect God's love by providing direct assistance to the lonely, the troubled, the sick, and the poor. CMMC is setting up a VOLUNTEER BANK from which donor resources can be withdrawn for the use of someone in need.

Our Session has endorsed this program as an extension of PPC's mission commitment. Nothing can replace the witness and joy that comes from personal ministry.

Soon you will receive in the mail some further information on the VOLUNTEER BANK plus a form to complete. Please give serious consideration to joining in this effort.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

-The Mission Committee
Judy Forgotson/Elsie Reid.

WOC: GUEST LUNCH BANQUET

DR. MARC CATHEY, Director of the National Arboretum, will be our very special guest at the WOC Spring Tasting Luncheon, set for March 16, at noon. Call Lynn Bigler 983-1682 to make reservations and tell her what you will bring: punch, appetizer, salad, main dish, dessert. Also bring your recipe and \$1 which will cover the costs of preparing a recipe booklet. These may be picked up later in the church office.

On APRIL 20, the ladies are going out to lunch. Watch for details.

MAY 13 is the Mother-Daughter Banquet date. A room full of moms, grandmas and daughters enjoyed this get-together last spring. This year the program will feature a fashion show with PPC models! Sign up with Phyllis Matson when reservation-time is announced.



HOWARD STRINGER

MY SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER SAYS YOU SHOULD NEVER TELL A LIE.

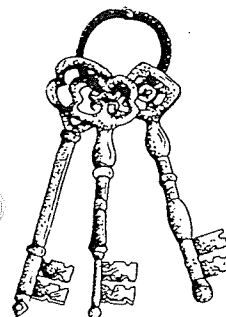
A THANKS

FROM COLLINGSWOOD NURSING HOME:

"On behalf of all of the residents and staff here at Collingswood, I would like to thank you for the lovely table decorations that you made for our dining room. All of the residents said that they truly made the room look festive - what beauty - and a great deal of time and talent obviously went into making them!

We can't thank you enough for everything your congregation has done for Collingswood. The relationship that your members have with our residents is a very special one - and all that you do is certainly appreciated."

Fondly,
Susan Zanner
Activities Director



IF

YOU HAVE KEYS TO THE CHURCH WHICH YOU NO LONGER USE, PLEASE RETURN THEM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. THERE IS A SHORTAGE FOR THOSE WHO NEED THEM.

SLIDES, PLEASE

Wasn't that slide show of 1987 activities great? Thanks from all of us to the Matson family who created it for us to enjoy.

PLEASE take pictures - slides are best - of any church activities in which you participate during 1988. Then get the slides to Lynn Matson so he can prepare another show for us to share at next year's Annual Meeting.

Two Worship Activities

The Worship Committee brings two worship-related activities to your attention which play important roles in assisting with the orderly conduct of special services.

SANCTUARY GUILD. Duties include: preparation of the elements for Communion, changing the paraments as required to comply with the liturgical colors of the church year, and assisting the Worship Committee with other various aspects of worship. Dawn Thompson serves as chair. Workers normally organize themselves into teams responsible for one month. Several couples have been serving together. The Guild performs important work and contributes greatly to the worship of the congregation.

WEDDING COMMITTEE. Last year the Worship Committee produced a Wedding Book for the guidance of couples planning to be married in our church. A committee was formed to offer assistance to the wedding party. Members serve as coordinators between church and bridal party, assisting them for approximately two weeks before the ceremony. They are available throughout the rehearsal and the wedding itself, and remain until the wedding party has left the building. This has proved very useful both to the bridal party and the church.

If you are interested in serving on either committee or obtaining more information about them, please call the office, Pat King 340-0456, Dawn Thompson 299-6214, or Shirley Tietjen 299-3272. We are always happy to have additional help and you will be very welcome.

LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE: Throughout Lent, an informal PRAYER SERVICE will be held Wednesdays in the Sanctuary. 7-7:30 a.m. - private meditation/prayer; 7:30 a.m. - pastor-led 15-minute service. Members are invited to participate in all or part of each week's service.

March 1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 1-6 The Lord's Table 6-9:30 Princeton Review	2 7 Lenten Prayer Service 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Sole St / 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	3 6-9 RJC 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	4	5 9-1 Princeton Review
6 9 King David Choir 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed. 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	7 6:30 Miriam's Kitchen 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 8 Worship Committee	8 No School 6-9 Princeton Review	9 7 Lenten Prayer Service 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingswood Party 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	10 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	11	12 9-1 Princeton Review 9:30-12:30 RJC
13 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY 9 King David Choir 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed. 11 Worship 12 Fellowship 4 Masterworks Chorus	14 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 8 Committee Meetings	15 1 - Presbytery at Fairfax 6-9 Princeton Review	16 7 Lenten Prayer Service 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Sole St WOC Tasting Luncheon 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	17 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	18	19 9-1 Princeton Review PM Tennis Party
20 9 King David Choir 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed. 11 Worship 2 Fellowship	21 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 8 Session	22 6-9 Princeton Review	23 7 Lenten Prayer Service 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	24 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	25 6:30 Rehearsal	26 9:30-12:30 RJC 11:30 Jordan Wedding
27 PALM SUNDAY 9 King David Choir 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed. 11 Worship 2 Fellowship 6 Pot Luck Dinner/Program	28 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 7:30 Deacons Meeting	29	30 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	31 8 Maundy Thursday Communion		

interfaith TV concert

It opens with the Islamic Call to Prayer chanted in the front of the synagogue by an Egyptian - the Eighth Annual Interfaith Concert, Sunday, April 3, from 8-9:00 a.m., WHMM-TV, Channel 32. Highlights include choirs from the Jewish, Mormon, black and white Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh, and Ukrainian Catholic and Orthodox traditions as well as a joint handbell choir, and a combined choir of 250 voices directed by Dr. J. Weldon Norris of Howard University.

love from Florida

Dear Friends,

We do enjoy the weekly bulletins in addition to Steeple to People. The warmth of our memories of the many years with PPC is even stronger than that of the Florida sun - and equally as bright. Come see us.

Love, Virginia & Bob Fredlund

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IN

June 25-July 1 for MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE, rising 9th graders through graduated seniors, in Montreat, NC

AND

CAMP GLENKIRK, entering grade 3 through 12, June 20-August 20.

For "up close and personal" info on these camps, talk to Edward Tennent, Josh or Ruthanne Stoltzfus, Chip Kramer, or Abbie Clouse.

job opportunity

The Property Committee is looking for one or two people to oversee the lawn, trees, and shrubbery on the church property. This requires periodic inspections of the property, reporting to the committee, arranging to get approved work done, and leading clean-up days (usually in spring and fall). If you would be willing to help maintain the appearance of our church grounds in any way, please contact Walter Maxwell or Dennis McMahon.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE MARCH 31 8:00 P.M.

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE APRIL 3 9:00 and 11:00 A.M.

There will be a coffee hour following each service on Easter.



REFLECTIONS

As a part of the celebration of our 25th anniversary, your Editor has invited former pastors to share their reflections in your newsletter about their time in Potomac. We begin with Dr. James K. Leitch, our founding pastor.

"It will be different," I said to Helen upon my return to Garden City, NY, from a visit to meet with a committee of Presbytery and representatives of eight families from Potomac who were petitioning Presbytery to start a new church. How little I knew how different!

For thirteen years I had been directing the establishing of new congregations - 854 of them, the making of grants and loans for property purchases, manse purchases and the erection of buildings. My last pastorate was in a 1200 member congregation with a very formal building, multiple choirs and a 300 member church school. Now, there would be no congregation, no building, not even a name.

The first problem was where to live. Presbytery's limit of \$30,000 meant no realtor was interested in spending time with us. Finally, after a fruitless search in Potomac, a developer in Rockville agreed to let us rent a house in Rockville intended as a sales model. It was on Gainsboro Road, off Seven Locks. Thirty more houses were under construction. Little did we know that work on Churchill High School was to begin that summer with the levelling of a hill which meant literally hundreds of truckloads of dirt would pass our house, totalling destroying our ungaraged Chevy convertible. Months later, after hearing on the 11:00 evening news that the County Health Officer was moving to California, two of us went to his house early the next morning to talk about buying the house before he contacted a realtor. It became the first manse at 9300 Marseille Drive. Although it had no central air conditioning, very little insulation, and was also part of a development, at least it was closer to Potomac. Besides, across the street was a pond where we delighted in watching giant turtles, a heron and a muskrat in their daily rounds.

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WOC

At the March 3, 1988, WOC Board meeting, the nominating committee reported no luck in recruiting new officers. Therefore, the Board reluctantly voted to recommend to the members and to the Fellowship Committee that the formal organization of the WOC be disbanded. The Board also recommends that the assets of approximately \$7000 be allocated as follows:

Gaithersburg Help \$200, Rainbow Place (women's shelter) \$250, Montgomery County Ministries \$500, Hospice \$200, Stepping Stones (family shelter) \$200, Elizabeth House (unwed mothers) \$200, Sunnyside (Presbyterian Retirement Home) \$200, Medical Benevolence Foundation \$500, for a total of \$2,250 plus \$300 to the Presbyterian Birthday Offering which this year supports Stillman College and Women's Prisons, making the total for Mission giving \$2,550. \$1200 will be held for seed money for the Potomac area church's thrift shop project. In the event that doesn't become a reality, the money would go to our Mission Committee for disbursement. The remainder of the money will be kept in the Fellowship budget earmarked for kitchen equipment.

The Board hates to see many of its programs end and hopes that some of them will continue under the auspices of various standing committees of Session. For example: luncheons and outings - Fellowship Committee; casseroles for Rainbow Place, birthday cakes for Collingswood Nursing Home, stamp collecting - Mission Committee; Women's Retreat - Christian Education Committee.

We are comforted by the hope that some if not all of our programs will survive. We have not been discouraged by small attendance at our events, but we feel that the lack of people willing to lead makes this necessary.

-Pat King
President

Golf

GOLF OUTING
FOR GENTLEMEN.

WATCH YOUR
BULLETIN FOR
DETAILS.

SIGN UP SHEET
ON SCREEN IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL.

APRIL 16.



MISSION NOTES

VOLUNTEER BANK: If you are interested and need a form to complete, contact Elsie Reid or the church office.

YOUR MISSION DOLLARS: - provided support to Mark Hummon who is in seminary at Vanderbilt; - lent financial aid to the founding of a new Presbyterian church in Upper Montgomery County; - supplied funds to alleviate hunger by assisting Miriam's Kitchen in D.C. and The Lord's Table in Gaithersburg.

TO PONDER: Ways to support the International Church of Karachi in meeting the needs of the people of Pakistan. PPC members Jack and Nancy Bryant living in Karachi have opened our eyes to a variety of needs which relatively small amounts of our dollars can address. For example, \$30 is all that is needed to support a newly widowed family for several months; \$15 would buy 10 Bibles for poor but interested people.

UPCOMING: Possible promotion of a Church World Service CROP walk to raise funds to combat hunger. Dedication ceremony for the new offices of CEMC at the Magruder House in Rockville; Promotion of the Belfast Children's Summer Program bringing Irish children to American host families.

reflections (continued from page 1)

Potomac was a delightful countryside close to teeming civilization. On the masthead of its newsletter was the phrase "We're against Progress" which meant "no water and no sewers" because they would bring development. Few of the homes had yards because it was "horse country" and white fences enclosed from "two acres up" to provide pasture for beloved horses. The new pastor soon learned that few houses had doorbells.

Our meeting place was the all-purpose room in the elementary school - far too large for our early groups of twelve to twenty - far too bare for any feeling of warmth - a real challenge to someone who had been away from the pulpit, except for special occasions, for thirteen years and, before that, had always been buttressed by the "necessary" church accessories like pulpit, communion table, organ, and accomplished choirs.

Our meetings were held in homes. Our social life centered, for the most part, at the Hunt Club with housewives bringing luscious covered dishes. The manse family room became the choir room once a week; the double garage was converted into a study/office, committee room, and Session room. Helen tended the children whose parents had come to the various meetings in the space "in-between". Five afternoons each week were devoted to door-to-door calls and we became familiar with names like Turkey Foot, Persimmon Tree, 'sworthy, Travilah, Glen, Seneca, Piney Meeting House, Stoney Creek, Sandy Landing, etc.

Perhaps the greatest joy came from the teen response. Our youth group of fifteen to twenty-five met from six to nine every Sunday evening. That length of time enabled us to build friendships and led many parents to become involved, too. We still hear from some of those "kids" - many are now parents and send us pictures of their kids!

Finally, came the organization, in December of 1963 and the election of elders. Now we were structured but what a shaky structure it was before inexperience finally grew into experience. A search for property for the church eventually resulted in a gift of three acres which had been "off the tax roll" for years due to "faulty soil" but might be used pending the inevitable arrival of the dreaded sewers. What a joy it was to break ground in June of 1966 and to watch the construction of the building, to hold the first service - Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, to perform the first wedding on Saturday, and to celebrate Easter Sunday with a spectacular attendance of 296. Then came the dedication on the last Sunday of April 1967 which also marked our retirement from the active ministry. What a joy it is to have helped with the groundwork for what has become a truly vital church! Thanks be to God!

-JKL

youth ministry update

In a recent letter to PPC parents and teens Associate Pastor Kramer reviewed several new approaches to our youth ministry. As a result of a meeting held in February attended by interested parents and young people and led by CE Elders Olding and O'Neal, it has been decided that a priority will be placed on Sunday School for both Junior and Senior Highs. Attendance has been somewhat sparse at this hour for a number of months and it is hoped that a recommitment will be made by all to our education hour. The Tennents assisted by Bill and Karen King have agreed to teach the Senior High Class; Suzanne Kowalski continues to teach the Junior Highs. Since that mailing we are delighted to report that attendance has "soared" on Sunday mornings!

As for Fellowship, the Junior Highs will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings (5-7 p.m.) with Kay Mitchel and Diane Kramer. Dinner is being provided by loving and caring parents! The Senior Highs are taking a "break" from organized Fellowship, and special THANKS are due Dennis McMahon, Carrie Vendette, and Mark Skinner for running herd on this group this year. (Shh - there is a rumor that there may be a sailing trip in the offing for Senior Highs - stay tuned!!!)

new members join

The following new members were recently received by the Session. Welcome to the work and worship of our church.

ROBERT E. AND NANCY BARR
10725 Stanmore Drive, Potomac 299-7229

Bob comes by Reaffirmation of Faith and Nancy comes by Certificate of Transfer from Webster Groves Presbyterian Church, Webster Groves, MO. Bob is an architect with Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum; Nancy is a broker with W.C. & A.N. Miller Realtors. The Barrs have two grown children: Julie and John. Parish Group: Nella Chichester.



Presenting

JEFFERY A. BEAUDRY
7921 Deepwell Drive, Bethesda, 20817 365-0130

Jeff comes by Affirmation of Faith. He is a laboratory technician in the Department of Anatomy, Georgetown University School of Medicine. Parish Group: Clark Kendall.

Hello

MICHAEL E. AND LILLIAN DEARING
13920 Mustang Hill Lane, Gaithersburg, 20878 424-8716

The Dearings come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Michael is Director of Corporate Financial Planning at Marriott. The Dearings have one daughter, Tess, age 8 months. Parish Group: Bettina Curtis.

VICKI E. DORMAN (Mrs. Steven W.)
7912 River Falls Drive, Potomac 299-4246

Vicki comes by Certificate of Transfer from Parkview United Presbyterian Church, Oak Park, Illinois. The Dormans have three daughters: Melissa 7, Catherine 5 and Carolyn 6 months. Vicki's husband is an agent with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company. Parish Group: Gloria Leber.

LINDA LYONS (Mrs. James M.)
8803 Daimler Court, Potomac 299-3138

Linda comes by Certificate of Transfer from Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, Silver Spring, MD. Her husband Jim is an attorney and Linda is a systems engineer with IBM. The Lyons have two daughters: Elizabeth 7 and Erin 4. Parish Group: Janet Kocnce.

MARY JOEL ROTH (Mrs. Christopher)
10509 Montrose Ave., Bethesda, 20760 530-6669

Mary Joel comes by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Youngstown, NY. Mary Joel was married last September to Chris Roth. She is a geotechnical engineer with Woodward-Clyde Consultants; Chris is a structural engineer with S.K. and A. Parish Group: Clark Kendall.

their names,
addresses and



phone
numbers

INQUIRER'S SERIES

A four-week Inquirer's Class Series conducted by the pastors will be held in the Church Parlor during the month of May. These classes are for those persons who want to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and those persons who might be considering joining PPC. Come at 9:45 a.m. on the following Sunday mornings:

May 1	A Faith for Today
May 8	Our Family Story
May 15	The Church and You
May 22	A Place for You

After completing the series, those wishing to unite with Potomac Presbyterian Church will meet with the Session on Sunday evening, May 22, at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Camille Kendall 2 Tobin Court, in Potomac.

Recognition of new members will either be held at the 11:00 service on Sunday May 29 or Sunday, June 5.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS to Zidi Berger who became a citizen of the United States on March 11; to Shirley Tietjen who just took "Best in Show" at the Woodlawn Plantation Needlework Exhibition for her reproduction in blackwork of a 1661 sampler on which she lovingly labored for two years (there were 900 pieces exhibited!); Carol Neel Fox (Hood College, Frederick) and Janis Bigler (NCSU, Raleigh) who have been named to Dean's List at their respective schools.

ANNIVERSARY! Three years ago on March 26, Kerry began his work at PPC.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:
Pat King whose mother died March 3 in New York; Jim Miller whose mother died recently in Pennsylvania.

HIDING: A card table belonging to Jane Steinmetz is the subject of a search. Call her if you find the wayward one.



IN SESSION

At their March 21 Session meeting, Elders . . . noted special plans for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday services . . . learned of plans for additional lighting and acoustical ceiling to be installed in lower level classrooms in original wing . . . were informed that PPC is presently "leading" community ministry churches in volunteer bank responses . . . heard entertaining and enlightening report of March 15 Presbytery Meeting by Lynn Bigler . . . gripped their pencils and gritted their teeth while taking 10-question quiz on Presbyterian history prepared by Confirmation class . . . publication of responses is not expected to be forthcoming!

ASAP

The CE Committee has received an overture from our neighbors at the Methodist Church to combine our resources for Vacation Bible School, June 20-24. We need to know ASAP how many of our families would be interested in sending children (ages 3-3rd grade) and/or helping staff this cooperative effort. Please call Janet Olding 294-9665 NOW!

April 1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 GOOD FRIDAY Service at St. Francis 12-3	2 9-1 Princeton Review 9:30-12:30 Adat Shalom (Passover)
3 EASTER SUNDAY 9 Worship/Fellowship 11 Worship/Fellowship (No Sunday School)	4 8 Worship Committee	5 1-6 Lord's Table 6-9 Princeton Review	6 9:30 Bible Study (NO Junior Highs) (No Confirmation Class) 7-11 Masterworks	7 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	8	9 9-1 Princeton Review 9:30-12:30 Adat Shalom
10 9:45 Sunday School/ Adult Ed. (Dr. Miller) 11 Worship 12 Fellowship	11 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 8 Committee Meetings	12 6-9 Princeton Review	13 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingswood Party 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks	14 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	15	16 9-1 Princeton Review Golf Outing
17 9 King David Choir 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed. 11 Worship/Communion 12 Fellowship	18 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 8 Session	19 6-9 Princeton Review	20 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks	21 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	22	23 9-1 Princeton Review 9:30-12:30 Adat Shalom 1:30 Wilson Wedding
24 9 King David Choir 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed. 11 Worship 12 Fellowship Deacons Curtis/Hawley Brunch	25 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 7:30 Deacons	26 6-9 Princeton Review	27 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45-8 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks	28 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	29	30 9-1 Princeton Review

YARD "SUPER" SOUGHT

One or two outdoors-type folks are needed to oversee the greenery around the building. Job description: periodic inspections, reports to the Property Committee, arranging to get approved work done and leading spring and fall clean-up days. If willing to help maintain the appearance of the church grounds in any way, please contact Walter Maxwell or Dennis McMahon.



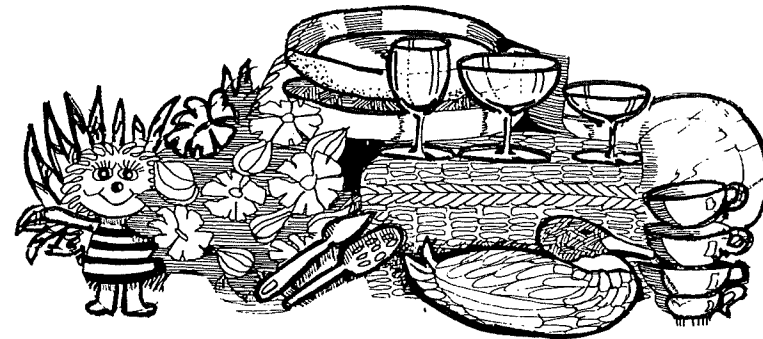
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HALL TO
SERVE COFFEE

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10301 River Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854

IN SESSION

At Session -- Elders devoted a portion of their April 18 meeting to consideration and response to the proposed "Brief Statement of Faith" prepared by a committee of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) ... were informed of review of the new curriculum - Presbyterian and Reformed Education Ministries - by the CE Committee ... learned of numerous social activities scheduled for May by the Fellowship/Outreach Committee ... discussed further 25th anniversary celebration plans ... agreed that the joint meeting with the Board of Deacons would be an evening meal to be held May 16 at the church for deacons, elders and spouses.

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PARTNERS IN MISSION

Plans have been underway for some time by our Mission Committee to join hands in mission with the congregation in which our members, Jack and Nancy Bryant, are participating while living in Karachi, Pakistan. The desire of our committee members is to put some of our mission dollars to work in global concerns, yet to have some first-hand knowledge of how those dollars are being used. Jack and Nancy have been involved, through the International Church of Karachi, in efforts to relieve some of the suffering among the poor of Karachi. They are involved in health "ministry" professionally, and through ICK have identified specific ways in which our two congregations might work to alleviate some of the deprivation so rampant in that part of the world.

We have now made our first commitment. A check in the amount of \$500 was recently forwarded to the Mission Committee of ICK and will be used in the following ways:

\$100 will provide funds for 25 patients at the Mary Adelaide Leprosy Center for personal spending money for a one year period. The Mary Adelaide Leprosy Center is a highly responsible and effective church related organization that looks after lepers all over Pakistan. There is a need for small amounts of spending money so the patients with advanced disease who cannot support themselves and who need to be able to buy toothpaste, reading materials and pay for simple transport to visit with friends or family in the city, can do so.



partners cont.



\$300 will establish a loan fund that will enable 5 to 10 women to borrow the money needed to buy a sewing machine or loom, thus providing a means to earn a living. (This fund will rotate loans, thus providing more to many).

\$100 will provide seed money for a fund which will be matched by community people to meet basic shelter needs of a few families. Shelter improvement for the truly destitute is almost impossible. Some have neither a roof nor even a blanket to provide shelter.

In their letter to our Mission Committee, the members of the Finance, Benevolences and Missions Committee of ICK wrote:

You will see that we are involved in mission giving mainly to the very poor, where the need is great, and we give to people of all faiths -- Christian, Muslim, Hindu. Where possible, we give through grass roots community leadership and/or organizations, and we try to give in a manner that promotes self reliance and dignity, and therefore often with some sharing of costs, or return of loans.

We look forward to this new shared ministry. We also look forward to the ways in which this ministry will come alive for our congregation. Jack and Nancy will be in Potomac this summer and promise to bring slides and perhaps a video, which will help us to see some of the results of our work as ...partners in mission.

CALL NOW!

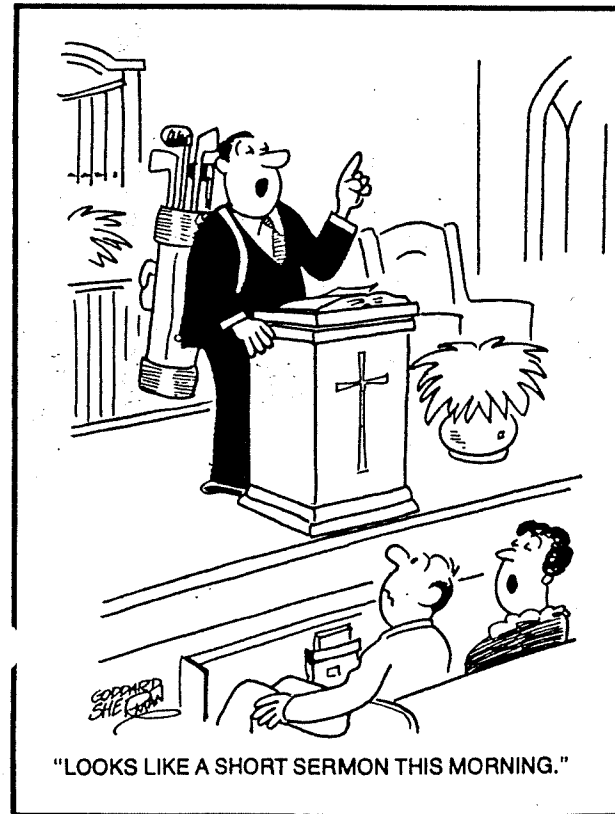
The Worship Committee will be ordering new hymnals. If anyone in the congregation would like to have a copy for personal use copies will be available for \$8 each. Please call the office, 299-6007, by May 1 to place an order.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

The Mission Committee reports, with gratitude, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering this year totaled \$1987.63

extraordinary

This isn't any ordinary card table we're looking for - it once belonged to famous bridge player Charles Goren and was given by him to Tom Steinmetz's grandfather! Jane painted the legs dull black and describes the table as sturdy and sentimentally valuable. Following the May 1987 rummage sale, it disappeared! Is it hiding somewhere in the church? Is it hiding in your closet at home? Please call Jane at 299-4027 with info.



SPRING DINNERS, May 21. This is the last SOCIABLE activity for the season - no Progressive Dinner this year. Call Nelia Chichester 983-0385 or Lynn Bigler 983-1682 to reserve and/or play hostess... OR sign up on the poster in Fellowship Hall. The plan is to have several 10-couple dinner parties going the same evening. We hope 100's of you will dine with us MAY 21.

recipes

Cookbooks from the March Tasting Luncheon still remain in the office to be picked up. Ladies, you paid for them; don't forget them!

SERIES

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BIRTHDAYS... 95 AND 25

Nancy Mellem's mother celebrated her 95th birthday on April 21!



Happy Birthday To Us! Our 25th anniversary year has already been brought to your attention in a number of ways. As we continue celebrating throughout 1988, the Fellowship/Outreach Committee presents to you its extra-special plans.

On September 25, a special worship service will be held at Potomac Elementary School where it all began. Immediately following worship the congregation will be invited to cross the parking lots to our Fellowship Hall for an anniversary party: lunch and activities to celebrate the past and recognize the dedication invested by so many people to get PPC where it is today.

In December, the Worship Committee will present a special service of rededication to reconfirm our commitment to continue to build our church and our personal faith.

To say thank you for our blessings and to share our abundance, the Outreach and Mission Committees will present opportunities to give of our talents and resources to help others in a very personal way. This all-church project will get underway this spring and continue through the year - and beyond. The plan is to help in every way possible with the new church development in Olney, Maryland, which has been named New Hope. They are presently meeting in a school just as we began.

With your involvement in these activities, indeed, it will be a **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - MAY 1 following worship to act on a recommendation by the Session to change the financial terms of call of Associate Pastor Diane Kramer. A letter is being mailed to the congregation outlining the recommendation.

RUMMAGE

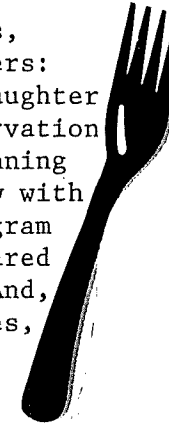
A Rummage Sale is planned for June 3-4. IT'S CLOSET CLEANING TIME FOR PRESBYTERIANS!

Beginning May 30, you may bring ALMOST ANYTHING to Fellowship Hall; tax receipts provided.

Beginning May 20, HELPING HANDS will be needed to set up, sort and price. Sign up on the RUMMAGE POSTER during coffee hour if you can help. Friends, you are promised a week of hard work, hours of laughter, and a good deed done.

BANQUET vacation

Announcing to all mothers, daughters, and grandmothers: May 13, 6 p.m., Mother-Daughter Banquet. Make your reservation with Phyllis Matson beginning April 24. A fashion show with PPC models is on the program plus a gourmet meal prepared and served by our MEN. And, there'll be some surprises, too! Don't miss it!



An Alternative Family Vacation: Consider this -- an opportunity for individuals and families to worship, play, study and experience a Christian community for a week of learning, sharing and growing. The 1988 Synod School, sponsored by the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, will be held July 10-15 at Massanetta Springs Conference Center, Harrisonburg, VA. See brochure on screen in Fellowship Hall.

A TREAT - MONTREAT

We would like to introduce Montreat Youth Conference to Potomac. WHY? We think it is a fantastic place for our young people - very professionally planned with a guaranteed great experience for every high schooler!

NOW is the time to block off the week of June 25-July 1 for your high schooler (entering 9th grade to graduating seniors) to enjoy a week at Montreat with other PPC young people.

Montreat is located 20 miles east of Asheville, NC, in a beautiful cove surrounded by the Blue Ridge mountains on the campus of Montreat-Anderson College.

The program, well designed by a creative staff, includes small group discussions, large evening gatherings with contemporary Christian music, and appealing recreational activities. Some of the activities include swimming, rock-hopping, canoeing, hiking, competitive sports, movies and dances.

We hope you can set aside this time now to guarantee a great time for our youth. Attending Montreat together will help to cement our groups for better youth participation next fall.

On May 1, we will be showing slides of the youth conference at 9:45 a.m. Parents and youth are encouraged to attend. Brochures are in Fellowship Hall. We will also plan for next fall.

Kathanne Stoltzfus will be accepting registration forms after church each Sunday until May 15. The Christian Education Committee has made a commitment to award each young person of Potomac Presbyterian the full registration fee of \$115.00 this year. The remaining cost is approximately \$145.00 Don't miss out on this unique experience!

MAY 1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9 King David Choir 1 9:45 Special: Sr High/Parents Sunday School/Adult Ed. Inquirer's Class 11 Worship Noon Congregational Meeting Fellowship 3-5 Open House at the Presbyterian Home	6:30 Miriam's 2 Kitchen 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 8 Worship Committee	3 1-6 Lord's Table 6-9 Princeton Review	4 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	5 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	6	7 8:30 Senior High Sailing Trip
9 King David Choir 8 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed./ Inquirer's Class 11 Worship Noon Fellowship	9 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 8 Committee Meetings	10	11 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	12 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	13 4:30 Proctor Rehearsal 6:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet	14 10:30 Proctor Wedding
9 King David Choir 15 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed./ Inquirer's Class 11 Worship/Sacrament of Baptism Noon Fellowship	16 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 7 Session/Deacons Meeting	17 1 National Capital Presbytery at Silver Spring	18 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 5-7 Junior Highs 6:45 Confirmation Class 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	19 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	20 7 Cullers Rehearsal	21 5 Cullers Wedding Spring Dinners
PENTECOST/COMMUNION 22 9 Confirmands' Breakfast 9 King David Choir 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed./ Inquirer's Class 11 Worship/ Noon Fellowship 8 New Members at Kendall's	23 8:45-9:45 Aerobics	24	25 8:45-9:45 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 5-7 Junior Highs 7-11 Masterworks Chorus	26 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	27	28 9:30-1 Adat Shalom
9 King David Choir 29 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed. 11 Worship Noon Fellowship	30 Holiday	31				

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING



The Session is pleased to announce that a Pictorial Directory will be produced this our 25th anniversary year. The Directory will enable us to recognize faces and names and be especially helpful for our many new members.

Families with college students will be photographed on Thursday, June 2. If you are one of these families and have not received a call for a sitting, please call Judy Kahl, 365-4445. Other families will be contacted in September to be photographed on October 2 & 3. If you know you will not be available on those dates, contact Judy Kahl so you can have your family's pictures taken in June.

VBS INVITATION

The Director of Vacation Bible School at St. Francis Episcopal Church has graciously invited any Potomac Presbyterians ages 3-12 to participate in their VBS June 20-24. The hours are 9:30AM to 12:30PM and the cost is \$10 per child. Pre-registration is necessary to do so call the St. Francis Office at 365-2055 by June 6. [Teenagers who might like to serve as teaching assistants that week are also invited to call the St. Francis office.]

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JUNE



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KERRY ON ...

"WEEP WITH THOSE WHO WEEP"

As I walked back to the house last Sunday and opened to the front page of the Washington Post, I was shocked to read of a church bus accident in Carrollton, Kentucky in which 27 people were killed. I immediately thought of Paul's words to the Romans when he encouraged Christians "to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15).

The papers continue to report details of the accident including indictment of the driver of the pickup truck on 27 counts of capital murder. The members and families of the Radcliff First Assembly of God Church struggle with profound grief and anger at this senseless tragedy. We may weep with these our brothers and sisters in Christ, persons we will probably never meet, and thus share God's love with them.

A number of the families of our own congregation have personally experienced similar tragedies and shared their gratitude for those who have been there to weep with them.

Beyond weeping, is it not time to work vigorously for ways to see that this kind of tragedy caused by drunk driving is eliminated from our highways?

Kerry

RUMMAGE SALE

June 3-4

Beginning June 19, worship will begin at 9:30 A.M. There will be no Sunday School or Adult Education. Enrichment will be provided for preschoolers. We will return to the regular schedule on September 11.

Welcome to

the following new members who were received by the Session Sunday evening, May 22. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Mr. & Mrs. Paul M. Vincent (Joan) 299-5722
7616 Brickyard Road, Potomac

Joan comes by Certificate of Transfer from Bream Memorial Presbyterian Church, Charleston, West VA and Paul comes by Certificate of Transfer from Boyd Memorial Christian Church, Charleston, West VA. The Vincents have two daughters: Elizabeth (9) and Sarah (15) who was received as a member of the Confirmation Class on May 22. Joan is a Manager, Staff Development, at Sibley Memorial Hospital. Paul is an attorney with Ober, Kaler, Grimes and Shriver. Parish Group: Deacon Nelia Chichester

Mr. & Mrs. Paul E. Wright (Virginia) 469-7855
9224 Beech Hill Drive, Bethesda 20817

Both Paul and Virginia come by Certificate of Transfer from United Methodist Church, Haddonfield, New Jersey. The Wrights have four grown children; their youngest, Anne, is in college in New Jersey. They are the proud grandparents of Kristen Bethany. Paul is President/COO of Fairchild Industries. Parish Group: Deacon Janet Koonce

BOUQUETS TO BILL

Thanks to Bill Shankland and his "cast of a thousand" who created a memorable evening for the women in their lives, May 13, at the Mother-Daughter Banquet. From a tuxedoed welcome by Bill Harrison, through a barbershop serenade by the Chord-on-Blue Singers, a fabulous boeuf and poulet kabob menu plus a fashion show featuring clothing from two boutiques (On The Left Bank and Clouds For Kids), the daughters, moms, and grandmoms thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Many thanks from the Fellowship Committee and the Women of the Church to all who contributed so much time and talent to the evening's activities:

WAITERS AND SINGERS
Bob Barr, Barry Bar-
thelman, Jeff Beau-
dry, Mike Bentzen,
David Chichester,
Chan Chung, Jim
Kahl, Arnie Kramer,
Lynn Matson, Chuck
Smith, Del Smith,
Lew Smith, Kerry
Stoltzfus, Ed
Tennent

CHEFS
Bill Bigler
Lew Chapin
Bill Shankland
Kay Tamzarian

MODELS
Nelia & Whitney Chichester
Phyllis & Sharon Matson
Carol & Erin Piper
Sharon Reid & Jennifer Russo
Mary Margaret & Arianna Smith
Jane & Molly Stanton

TABLES-Jane Stanton
RESERVATIONS-Phyllis Matson
PROGRAM-Mary Margaret Smith
FASHION SHOW-Carol Piper
Ellie Pissaro



HAIL/FAREWELL

Nancy Miller is leaving us; she's headed for a new home in Williamsburg, VA. Nancy has, for the last five years, been that lovely voice on the telephone asking you to be a greeter at the door on Sunday mornings. Many mercis to Nancy for a job well done. Claudia Trant has agreed to take over this task, sooo, when Claudia calls, say, "Yes, yes, yes!" The Fellowship Committee applauds Nancy's ars of dialing and is pleased to have Claudia on board.



MALE CALL

Come out to the ball park (or at least the Potomac Elementary School field) on SUNDAY, JUNE 12, at 4:00 P.M. for our first annual FATHER-SON Softball Game & Picnic !!!!! Men and boys of all ages are invited and encouraged to share this special afternoon. We do need to know that you are coming, though, so please call the Church Office and tell us how many men in your family we can count on. (Afterhours the answering machine will take your message.)

Special note to women related to these men. . . .your help will be needed in putting together the post-game feast. Please call Diane Kramer for food assignments.

RUMMAGE HELP NEEDED

Help! We need your white elephants, outgrowns, extras. Bring your rummage sale donations to Fellowship Hall beginning Monday, May 30. Help! is needed to sort and set up all those treasures every day that week from 9-3. Bring a sandwich and please come give us a hand. The sale runs on Friday and Saturday from 10-3; help is needed both days to manage the crowd! Volunteer to Lynn Bigler, 983-1682.

new members

On May 22, following a breakfast prepared by eighth grade parents with Carol Clouse and Martha Bentzen chairing, 8 confirmands presented their Statements of Faith to an audience of elders and parents. The group was formally welcomed into membership during the worship service. We welcome to our family the following young people:

Robert Christian Goeltz II
Alyse Marie King
Melissa Lynn Norvell
Walter Nicholson Propps
Joshus Andrew Stoltzfus
Sarah Catherine Vincent
Teri Jean Woodard
Terrence John Wylie

MISSION

Thanks to all of you that enrolled in the Volunteer Bank. Organizational difficulties have delayed implementation but you should be tapped soon for service. Remember, it's not too late to complete a Volunteer Form. See Diane Kramer or Elsie Reid for information.

CMMC opened its new offices at Magruder House in Rockville on May 15. Bill Skinner represented PPC for the ceremonies.

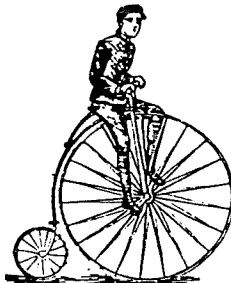
The Committee invites all interested members to join us for our June meeting when our Partners in Mission-Karachi Project will be discussed along with other mission ideas for education, fundraising and service. We will also respond to the request of Saint Mark House (St. Mark Presbyterian Church) for assistance in its elderly housing project introduced to us by Bill Reinsch at the May 8 Adult Education Sunday School. See you on June 13.

Calendar

- June 2-Directory Photos 5-10 PM
- 3-Rummage Sale 10-3
- 4-Bike Trip/Rummage Sale
- 5-Sun. School/Adult Ed 9:45; Worship 11; Fellowship 12
- 6-Miriam's Kitchen 6:30 AM; Worship Com. 8 PM
- 7-The Lord's Table 1-6 PM
- 8-Collingswood Home 2:45
- 11-O'Neill/Skinner Wedding 11
- 12-Sun. School/Adult Ed 9:45; Worship 11; Fellowship 12
- Father/Son Softball/Picnic 4 PM
- 13-Committee Meetings 8 PM
- 19-SUMMER SCHEDULE
- Pick-up Choir 9 AM; Worship/Communion 9:30; Fellowship 10:30
- 20-Session 8 PM
- 21-Presbytery at Fifteenth Church 10
- 26-Pick-up Choir 9 AM; Worship 9:30; Fellowship 10:30

BIKE TRIP

THE ROARING 20'S (young adult parish group) announces its 3rd Annual Bike Trip to St. Michaels, MD on June 4. Meet at PPC at 8 AM; bring bike, water bottle, suntan lotion, repair equipment, \$\$ and BEN GAY! Open to all college students plus the resident young adults. Call Diane or Clark Kendall 977-5097 (h); Clark 897-9600 (w); Diane 983-0060 (w) to say you're coming.



GRADS

PPC is proud to list the following high school and college graduates who are ALL IN THE FAMILY. We wish you the very best as you take the next step in your life. CONGRATULATIONS!

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

- Gray Bedingfield - Churchill/Univ. of Tennessee
- Mark Carlsen - Wootton/Undecided
- Matthew Clouse - Churchill/The College of Wooster
- Ann Cookerly - Bullis/Southern Methodist Univ.
- Sarah Endicott - Churchill/Endicott College
- Tommy Garvey - St. Albans/Harvard
- Christopher Grandi - Churchill/UCLA
- Geoff Grier - Churchill/Univ. of Colorado
- Erin Hayden - Churchill/UNC-Wilmington
- Christine Innerst - Wootton/Univ. of Maryland
- David Rose - Churchill/Univ. of Florida-Gainesville
- Missy Smith - Wootton/Montgomery College
- Emily Stoltzfus - Wootton/The College of Wooster
- Kacie Woodard - Whitman/Occidental College
- John Young - Churchill/Univ. of California-Berkeley.

COLLEGE GRADUATES

- Carol Fox - Hood College
- Jennifer Gimer - Univ. of Virginia
- Suzette Guffey - Univ. of Virginia
- Brent Harrall - Westminster College
- Jeanne Hazard - Virginia Tech
- Katy King - Virginia Tech
- Jeff Kuwabara - Wake Forest
- Elizabeth Malone - Duke
- Ralph Mitchel - Univ. of Maryland
- Elizabeth Sherfy - Duke cum laude

With the summer months coming, COFFEE HOUR changes to LEMONADE HOUR. Please sign up following worship to hostess the refreshment/fellowship time during June, July and August.

Macnee Installed



On May 18, the Rev. Iain Macnee was installed as the new Pastor of South Parish Church, our partner congregation in Girvan, Scotland. Mr. Macnee comes to Girvan from a church outside Edinburgh, is 41 years old, and is a newlywed! In his letter to Iain on behalf of our Faith Share Committee Lynn Matson wrote:

"It is our sincere hope that you and your wife will be among the next group of visitors whom we welcome from Scotland. As members of the Faith Share Committee we very much look forward to the opportunity to introduce you to our full congregation and to celebrate your joining our family of faith."

We rejoice with our South Parish friends as they embark upon a new dimension of their ministry.

We also rejoice with Robert and Janice Cook who will be moving next month to Knoxville, Tennessee, where Robert will become Pastor of West Emory Presbyterian Church.

A WAY TO CELEBRATE: NEW HOPE

In December of this year Potomac Presbyterian Church will celebrate the 25th anniversary of its organization. A special 25th Anniversary Committee has been hard at work, planning several wonderful ways in which we will celebrate our "birthday" (see May newsletter). One of the vital components of our organization was the support we received from neighboring churches, particularly in the families who were initially involved in helping us to get started. Elders from nearby churches made a commitment to help Potomac organize its life and ministry; after that commitment was fulfilled, several made the decision to move their membership to Potomac Church!

The 25th Anniversary Committee, mindful of the support and nurture which we received 25 years ago, has begun to explore some ways that we might now pass on that support and nurture to a new church being developed in Olney -- New Hope Mission. Our Mission Committee made a three year commitment to New Hope last year, to send some of our mission dollars to help them in their new ministry. Now we are ready to do more. The pastors of the two congregations have met and have done some initial brainstorming about the variety of ways our two congregations might relate to one another. Soon there will be a meeting of a combined committee -- lay leaders from Potomac and New Hope -- to map out specific activities in which we can become involved.

To kick off our new "partnership," Diane Kramer will preach at New Hope on July 3, carrying the greetings and best wishes of Potomac Church during this, our anniversary year.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

BON VOYAGE:

John and Carol Fox are moving to Omaha, Nebraska. Carol, a recent Hood College graduate, will be entering an MBA program and John will be going into private practice with other neurosurgeons. Carol's son, Mark Carlsen, graduates this month from Wootton. Godspeed.

Roger and Nancy Mellem are moving to a new home Roger designed 100 feet above the Chesapeake Bay in Port Republic, MD. Visitors are welcome at 3610 Bay View Drive; 1-301-586-3193. Godspeed.

Jim and Nancy Miller are moving to Williamsburg. Godspeed. Matt Clouse - off to Russia and Ireland with the Churchill Showstoppers, June 22-July 9. Next year Melissa Smith and J.T. Trueb will be members of the group.

Charlie Kendall - off to Indonesia to do some filming for 4-5 weeks with one of his Ohio University (the school where you fall and break shoulders!) professors!

CELEBRATION:

Chan & Eun Hee Chung celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in May; George and Wilma Boddiger their 45th.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

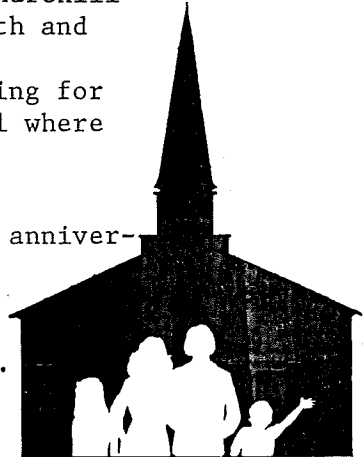
Hilda Heming, recovering at home following surgery.
Janet Clark, whose mother died in early May.

BEST WISHES TO:

Former members Jayne and Michael Beach on the adoption of Andrew Osborne and Elliott Griffin Beach, born April 12. Greetings may be sent to the Beaches at their new home: 6650 Rockland Drive, Clifton, VA 22024 (968-0374)

GIVEAWAY:

Upright piano. Call Celia Sullivan, 424-2670.



While you're away this summer, don't forget to worship. Bring us a copy of a Sunday Bulletin.

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REFLECTIONS

Continuing, as part of our 25th Anniversary Celebrations, former pastor Richard Blice sends his greetings to PPC.

"Greetings to our friends at the Potomac Presbyterian Church. It must be an exciting time for you all as you devote 1988 to the celebration of the church's 25th anniversary. Jean and I join you from afar in that celebration. I'm sure that even as the Potomac Church gains in years, it also gains in an increasingly effective witness to the love and justice of Jesus Christ. God be with you all in that witness.

"My ministry in Potomac began in August of 1967 and concluded in September of 1974. The words that best describe what was happening to us all during those years are that we were an aggregation becoming a congregation. It was my predecessor Dr. Leitch who first described the folks who gathered to worship at the Potomac Elementary School as an aggregation. His work was to organize this aggregation so that it could be chartered by the then Washington City Presbytery. He did so with much love for the charter member families and with great skill in new church development.

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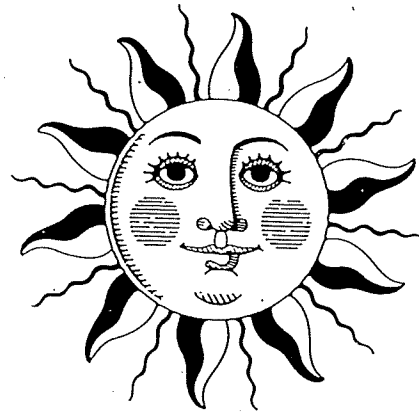


VISIT SCOTLAND
IN SEPTEMBER:
DETAILS INSIDE

Calendar

July 18 Session 8 PM
Aug. 1 Miriam's Kitchen 6:30 AM
Aug. 22 Worship Committee 8 PM
Sept. 25 SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE AT
POTOMAC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
FOLLOWED BY BIRTHDAY PARTY!

We will return to our regular worship schedule (Sunday School/Adult Education at 9:30 AM and Worship at 11 AM) on September 11.



WHAT EVER HAPPENED TO?

I am often asked what we do with the unsold rummage items. The children's clothing was sent to a Florida church for distribution to migrant workers. All other items were given to The American Rescue Workers. For 80 years, ARW has served the community with a combination of material and Christian aid. Over the years, their social programs have evolved; today their rehabilitation center provides employment and residential care to over 60 alcoholic men per day. Last year they opened a shelter for homeless women. ARW operates eight thrift stores in the DC area. Our rummage leftovers are repaired/refurbished and sold thereby providing employment, rehabilitation, and money to support the residential centers. Everyone benefits! See you at PPC's next rummage sale!

-Lynn Bigler

TO KEEP

In the early fall, the 25th Anniversary Committee will make available to the congregation a beautiful commemorative Christmas ornament. This 24-karat gold-plated intricately detailed keepsake will be offered at only \$5; the company producing them makes the White House ornaments which sell for \$9.95! We have ordered a limited number. Make your Christmas list now. In addition to yours, you'll want one for each son or daughter who grew up at PPC plus another to send to a friend who has moved away. A sample will be available in September at which time you may pre-order. Don't be left out - this is a real KEEPER!

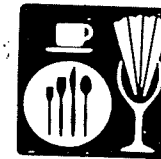
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Anyone interested in participating in this week in Girvan, please contact the church office ASAP.

BRUNCH



A brunch honoring Jack and Nancy Bryant will be held following worship on July 17. The occasion is their "home leave" from Pakistan where they are currently working. After brunch hosted by the Mission Committee we invite you to meet with the Bryants in the Library where they will present slides, a video and conversation about their work and the mission projects which our congregation shares with the International Church of Karahi. Please plan to stay for this special morning. We will adjourn by noon and there will be planned activities for your children during the Library presentation.

FUN

Mark your September calendar now for the celebration that will follow worship on Sunday, September 25. Plan on two hours of family fun, entertainment, good food and great fellowship! Looking back - looking forward at PPC is what it is all about. Watch for more details in the September newsletter. Listen for your phone to ring. But you don't have to wait; we would love to hear from some volunteers with more ideas now! Our numbers are 983-1856 at home; 986-9380 at the office. It will be a party for everyone!

Ed and Janet Clark

BICENTENNIAL ISSUE
NOW AVAILABLE

The Bicentennial Issue of our denomination's magazine, "Presbyterian Survey", is available for \$5 a copy in the church office. Please leave your money or check (made out to PPC) in the box next to the magazines on the counter.

NEW CLASS

There will be a new Inquirer's Class Series forming in the early fall. Watch for details.

BEACH RETREAT

Attention: Young Adults/College Students - call Diane or Clark Kendall at 977-5097 to join the Bethany Beach Retreat July 22-24.

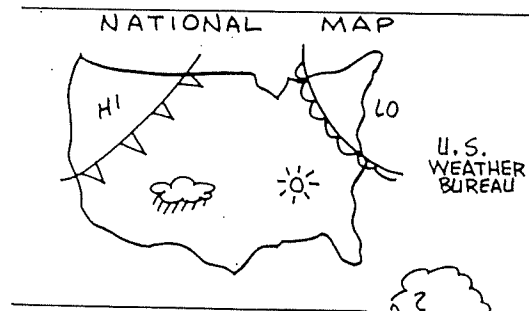
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"The original church building had been completed in the spring of 1967. When I arrived in late summer the Session was ready to begin work on developing a church program. And as I reflect on it now, that's how I spent most of my time and energy for the next seven years. Aggregation to congregation is a never ending process in every church. While I was minister at Potomac our goal was to assist that process by developing the best parish program possible given the people and financial resources available to us. We succeeded in some areas and failed in others. Growth is sometimes painful, sometimes exhilarating. It was for us. We struggled with the debt service. We celebrated the success of the Seven Tens Program. There was a strong commitment to worship, but interest in, and support for, Presbyterian global mission was difficult to maintain. Yet all the while we were confident that God was working in us and through us. I believe that God blessed our work and our worship and that we all became more effective in our personal and corporate discipleship.

"Did the aggregation become a congregation during my years in Potomac? No, but we moved a bit closer toward that goal. God was good to us.

"Thanks for giving me this opportunity to reflect in writing about my years in Potomac. Happy Anniversary to all the Potomac Presbyterians!"

Dick



COME ON, EDDIE—GO TO CHURCH WITH ME.
THIS SUNDAY, THERE'S A 30 PERCENT
CHANCE OF INSPIRATION.

CHILDCARE NEEDED

The Adat Shalom Reconstructionist Congregation would like to hire several teenagers (age 13 or older) to help with childcare during their religious services held at PPC on Saturday mornings and on other Jewish holidays. Experience with children would be helpful but not required. Please contact Michele Bloch at 762-8943 if you are interested.



KIDS & ANIMALS

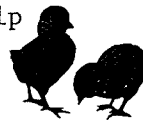


CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPORTS HEIFER PROJECT

Throughout the past Sunday School year the children of PPC faithfully contributed their dimes and quarters to the Sunday School Offering. As the year progressed excitement mounted because a goal was about to be met. The children of PPC had decided last Fall that all of their offering for the year would go to support the HEIFER PROJECT INTERNATIONAL, a special mission program which places livestock in underdeveloped countries--giving residents of those countries a chance to support themselves.

As the year came to a close and the year's offering totaled, it was announced that \$130 had been collected, which was enough to ship a goat, rabbits, a bee hive and 10 chicks to a rural community somewhere in the world. We have sent our check off and now await news of where our farm animals have gone. We also await a letter from a friend of Diane Kramer's who is working this summer at the Heifer Project's International Learning and Livestock Center in Perryville, Arkansas. It is from this Center that our gift will be shipped.

So, we wait, thanking God for the blessings which enable us to help others.



OOPS !

Forgot to give kudos to Bill King in last month's issue for his dishwashing talents following the Mother-Daughter Banquet. He did a superior job! Pat tells us his dishpan hands have finally returned to normal!

Lost it? We found it!

L.L. Bean gray shorts and Malibu Surf Shop black shirt can be picked up in the office. Found after Sr. High Sailing Trip. Also found: 1973 Wootton class ring with DJR initials.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Scott Smith who made Dean's List at Duke; Jeannine Maxwell - Phi Beta Kappa at the University of South Carolina; Chip Kramer who won the "best male athlete" award at Julius West Middle School; Emily Stoltzfus and Kacie Woodard - selected as winners in the 1988 National Presbyterian College Scholarship Competition.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Janet Harrison whose aunt, Helena J. Boss, passed away recently; Janet Koonce and Su Kuwabara recovering from surgery last month; The family of Ginger Hubbard O'Neil in her death last week.

MOVING:

Former secretary Shea Johnson has been accepted by Oxford University to do graduate work in English Literature. Shea would love to see any PPC friends coming to England: 1 Norham End, Norham Road, Oxford OX2 65G, England. Phone 011-44-0865-57031.

VACATION:

Diane Kramer will be away July 17-30; Kerry Stoltzfus will be away August 2-25.

HOUSING NEEDED:

A mature couple (Kathy McMahon's sister-in-law) is looking for a furnished place to rent for two years in D.C. starting September or October 1. Please give suggestions to Kathy at 762-2076.



THANKS:

To Tom Eagleson, Ann Eagleson, and assorted scouts from Troop 1427 for the strenuous and beautiful grounds-keeping during one of June's hottest weeks! The church yard never looked better and Tom has now completed his service hours on his way to the rank of Eagle Scout. Congratulations!

TRAVELING:

Immediately after putting down his rake and pruning shears, Tom Eagleson put on his running shoes. Representing Whitman High School, Tom participated in track meets in Russia and Finland early this month.

FLOWERS

If you would like to give the flowers for the chancel for a worship service, sign up on the chart outside the office. There are still dates available in 1988. Please specify if you are giving one or two arrangements. Each arrangement is \$12.50.

ADDRESSES NEEDED

Call the office with your college students' away-address so they can be kept on our mailing list.

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"Feed my sheep."

Beginning October 1, Potomac Presbyterians will again participate in the donation of casseroles for RAINBOW HOUSE, the shelter for homeless women at the Rockville Presbyterian Church. If you can assist in this important mission project by contributing a casserole for 12, please contact Dawn Thompson at 299-6214.

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REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES SEPTEMBER !! WITH A FEW CHANGES

On Sunday, September 11, when the Worship Service returns to 11:00 a.m., we will be introducing a few changes in the Order of Worship. The organist will begin to play at ten minutes before the hour. It is suggested that the congregation use this time for private prayer, scripture reading or a time of quiet meditation before the start of the Worship Service.

At 11:00, one of the pastors will greet the congregation followed immediately by the prelude.

The Service of Friendship and announcements will follow the Children's Sermon and will be given by the pastor conducting that portion of the service.

A word should be said about the Service of Friendship. The signing of the Friendship Pad by all worshipers, both visitors and members, is a valuable part of the Worship Service. First, and foremost, it enables us to identify our visitors and gives us their addresses so that we may contact them following the service. It also helps the members to know who is sitting in the pew with them, be they visitors or new members whom you may not yet know. Please make sure that each of you signs the pad as it goes by and looks at it upon its return to familiarize yourself with those sitting with you. If a visitor happens to be sitting at the end of the pew where the booklet is located, please prompt him to start the process.

There will also be a quiet time during the silent prayer with no organ music.

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Choir Rehearsals begin September 8

- Handbell Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Sanctuary Choir 8:00 p.m.

We need all voice parts and two new bell ringers.

Call Jackie Galliher - 469-7752

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

The 25th Anniversary Committee is making available to the congregation a beautiful commemorative Christmas ornament. This 24-karat gold-plated keepsake will be offered at \$5 and we have ordered a limited number. The ornament comes in a gift box with a printed history of the church. Make your Christmas list NOW. In addition to yours, you'll want one for each son or daughter who grew up at PPC plus another to send to a friend who has moved away. A sample will be on display soon at Coffee Hour at which time you may pre-order.

SIMPLE MATHEMATICS

There are approximately 150 member families at PPC. If my calculator is correct, looks like you'd only have to be a coffee hour host once every TWO YEARS! Why, during that time period you MIGHT even say "yes" to being a greeter, too! PPC works best when everyone does his share! Sign up in Fellowship Hall to serve coffee; Claudia Trant will phone you with a greeter assignment.



Afternoon Tea and A Little Handwork!

Come, relax and enjoy an afternoon with us in the Church Parlor. You will receive encouragement and/or instruction for a 'new to you' needlework or an in-progress project. Everyone is welcome. The emphasis this month and next will be on English smocking, counted cross stitch, knitting and crocheting. See you Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. - September 15 and 29. For more information call Kathy McMahon 762-2076.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

December will be here before you know it. We need your help in preparing for 10 foreign students who have been invited to spend two weeks in the D.C. suburban area when their dormitories are closed over the holidays. Our Christmas International House program has brought 180 students to this area in the last nine years. It is an important and meaningful ministry to the international students. They are currently studying in the United States and have special needs during the Christmas season when they are separated from their families. This is an opportunity to develop lasting friendships, intercultural exchanges and peace-making at the grass roots level.

We will need host families for 1 or 2 week periods, help with three sight-seeing trips and three evening parties, dinner invitations for small groups, etc. It's not too early to start dreaming of a most unusual Christmas!!

For more information and plans for a "how to" meeting at PPC with Eleanor Munch (Area Chairman) call Dawn Thompson 299-6214.

INQUIRERS' CLASSES

The fall Inquirer's Class Series - for those wishing to learn more about the Presbyterian Church or those wishing to become members of Potomac Presbyterian Church - has been set for:

- September 11
- September 18
- September 25

On the evening of September 25, those wishing to join the church will meet with the Session at 8:00 p.m. Recognition of new members will be on October 2.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Janet Olding's father recuperating in California following heart surgery; Norton Schonfeld recovering from surgery; Mary Thompson in the death of her father.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Bill and Lynn Bigler who celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary early in August.

David and Lisa Weaver O'Neal who were married on August 6 at Raquette Lake, New York.

RETURN TO REGULAR SCHEDULE

We will return to our regular Sunday morning hours on Sept. 11. Sunday School and Adult Education will be at 9:45; Worship will be at 11:00 followed by refreshments and fellowship at Noon.

SEPTEMBER 1988

- 3 Adat Shalom 8-10pm
- 4 Worship/Communion 9:30am
Fellowship 10:30am
Weiss Wedding 1pm
- 5 Miriam's Kitchen 6:30am
- 6 The Lord's Table 1-6pm
- 7 Wedding Committee 1:30pm
- 8 Handbell Choir 7pm
Sanctuary Choir 8pm
- 11 Sunday School/Adult Ed 9:45am
Inquirers' Class 9:45am
Worship 11am; Fellowship Noon
Adat Shalom 8-10pm
- 12 Adat Shalom 9:30am-12:30pm
Steeple to People Deadline
Committee Meetings 8pm
- 13 Adat Shalom 9:30am-12:30pm
- 14 Collingswood Party 2:45pm
Masterworks Chorus 6:30-11pm
- 15 Handbell Choir 7pm
Sanctuary Choir 8pm
Finance Committee 8pm
- 17 Adat Shalom 9:30-12:30pm
- 18 Sunday School/Adult Ed 9:45am
Inquirers' Class 9:45am
Worship 11am; Fellowship Noon
- 19 Session 8pm
- 20 Adat Shalom 6:30pm
- 21 Adat Shalom 9:30am-2pm
Adat Shalom 5-7:15pm
- 22 Handbell Choir 7pm
Sanctuary Choir 8pm
Boy Scouts 6:30-10pm
- 25 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Sunday School/Adult Ed 9:45am
Inquirers' Class 9:45am
Worship 11am at Potomac School
Party Noon in Fellowship Hall
Session/New Members 8pm
- 26 Adat Shalom 9:30am-12:30pm
Deacons Meeting 7:30pm
- 28 Masterworks Chorus 6:30-11pm
- 29 Handbell Choir 7pm
Sanctuary Choir 8pm
- 30 Sitz Wedding Rehearsal 7pm

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES FALL PROGRAM

The ACE Committee announces the Adult Sunday School program for the Fall of 1988. It has been decided that study units of four weeks' duration will be used to permit members to switch back and forth from the Christian Faith and Life classes to Bible Study, as each person's interest and time may dictate.

Bob Tietjen, Chairman of the Committee, said that the Bible study will continue to use the Kerygma curriculum as the outline for the thematic study of Scripture. The class is not necessarily a continuing program, but can be entered at any time, and especially at the end of each theme study, without interrupting the work underway.

The Christian Faith and Life classes will feature timely considerations of Religion and Politics, a study of the General Assembly's paper on the relationship between Christians and Jews, which will culminate in a joint discussion between our members and those of the Adat Shalom congregation, and will consider issues related to the dynamics of the Christian family.

The committee urges everyone to participate in some way in the adult education program. Beginning September 11, Adult Christian Educations is offered each Sunday, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. See class schedule below. YOU WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

Adult Christian Education

	<u>Bible Study (Kerygma)</u>		<u>Christian Faith & Life</u>
Sept. 11	Introduction to	Inquirers' Class Prospective Members	Religion & Politics
Sept. 18	Thematic Bible Study		(Jim Reichley)
Sept. 25	---- 25th Anniversary Celebration ----		
Oct. 2	Wisdom Literature		Discussion of Study
Oct. 9	in		Paper "On Christian
Oct. 16	Old and New		and Jewish
Oct. 23	Testaments		Relations " *
Oct. 30	Worship	Inquirers' Class for Prospective Members	Family Issues
Nov. 6	in Ancient		Series
Nov. 13	Israel &		Campus Ministry +
Nov. 20	the N.T. Church		Mission Interpretation
Nov. 27	---- Advent Study from "Celebrate" ----		
Dec. 4	---- Williamsburg Breakfast for All ----		
Dec. 11	---- Advent Study from "Celebrate" ----		
Dec. 18	---- Birthday Party for Jesus (Adults & Children) ----		
Dec. 25	---- Worship Only / No Sunday School ----		

* Oct. 16 Evening Presentation & Dialogue with Adat Shalom 7-9 p.m.

+ Bill Crawford from George Washington University

A NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR TO BEGIN. . .WE ARE READY FOR "CELEBRATE!"

On Sunday, September 11, our new Sunday School year will begin at 9:45 a.m. This year all classes will be using a new curriculum, one which has been developed by and for our own denomination. It is titled "CELEBRATE."

CELEBRATE is a Bible-based curriculum rooted in the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition. Each resource helps the teacher and learner discover how our rich and diverse heritage has shaped our understanding of Scripture. The CELEBRATE resources grow out of the confession of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Each part of Scripture is studied on its own terms, while discovering how it fits into the historic confessions of the church.

CELEBRATE lessons tie together the great themes of Scripture, relating each narrative to the history that preceded it and the tradition that followed. CELEBRATE draws on our connections with the rest of the Christian community, and points to our mission to all God's children. CELEBRATE celebrates our ministry in worship, service and mission. . .celebrates the sacraments in Presbyterian/Reformed life. . .and celebrates the seasons of the Church Year.

The Christian Education planning team and the staff of the Sunday School are excited about this new tool for our educational program at Potomac Church. Students of all ages are encouraged to make Sunday School (and Adult Education) a priority this year. We look forward to seeing EVERY-ONE on September 11.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF 1988-1989

Co-ordinator, Children's Education: Ann Hageman

Teachers: 4,5,6 year old class (includes Kindergarten & 1st grade)

Vicki Dorman, Linda Lyons, Ruth Willoughby
2nd, 3rd, & 4th grade class

Judy Kahl, Molly Newell, Cathy Singleton

5th & 6th grade class

Ann Eagleson, Marge Healing, Jane Stanton, Joan Vincent

Co-ordinator, Youth Education: Sally O'Neal

Teachers: 7th & 8th grade class (Jr. Highs)

Suzanne Kowalski, Don Piper, Mary Margaret Smith

9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade class (Sr. Highs)

Ed & Lynda Tennent, Bill & Karen King

[3rd couple, to be announced]

Co-ordinator, Creative Enrichment: Carol Piper

During the 11:00 Worship Hour a Creative Enrichment time is offered to our pre-school and early elementary aged children. Immediately following "Children at Worship" these children are dismissed to the lower classrooms for a time of study, crafts and fellowship. This Fall we anticipate fewer numbers of children in this program, therefore we will provide one class for ages 4 through grade 3. Two adult volunteers will lead this.

A SEMINAR: YOU & YOUR AGING PARENTS
Four Sunday Evenings, 6:30-8:30
Sept. 11 - Oct. 2 at St. Mark Presby-
terian Church. All are invited.

CONFERENCES AT MASSANETTA

Massanetta Springs, the Conference Center of the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, is offering two conferences in October -- The Fall Foliage Festival (an Adult Retreat to enjoy Autumn's Beauty) on Oct. 10-14 and A Recreation Workshop (a Weekend of Training in Recreation Leadership) on Oct. 20-21. For more information, check the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

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HOME FROM MONTREAT!!!

On July 23, three of our Senior Highs, Sarah Singleton, Josh Stoltzfus and T.J. Wylie, arrived at the Montreat Conference Center near Asheville, N.C. to attend the Youth Conference [sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.]. This was the first time that young people from Potomac Presbyterian Church had attended a conference at Montreat, but we are now sure that it won't be the last! Our three "conferees" report that a great time was had by all. T.J. reflects on his experience:

My first impression was of a boring camp, due to our arrival one day early. But, by the next morning, there were over a thousand kids there! This always made for a really bustling atmosphere. Of course, the main point of the conference was to focus on our faith; therefore, we had two worship experiences a day. On top of these gatherings, each person was assigned to a small group of about 20 people, in which we discussed the different parts of our worship services, as well as shared many personal experiences. This was the part I enjoyed the most, along with the different sports activities scheduled in the afternoons.

We hope to double the size of the Potomac contingent to Montreat next summer. We will announce the date of the conference this Fall so that plans can be made for our Senior Highs to attend. The Youth Conference is open to all rising 9th graders through graduating seniors. The attendees come from across the nation and the leadership from among the best in our denomination. It is truly an experience to be had!!!! So, begin to plan now for '89. And, stay tuned for more information

"feed
my
sheep..."

From November 1 through April 1, Potomac Presbyterians will again participate in the donation of casseroles for RAINBOW PLACE, the shelter for homeless women at the Rockville Presbyterian Church. Simple, hearty, well-seasoned food is preferred by the women, and if you can assist in this important project by contributing a casserole for 12, please contact Dawn Thompson at 299-6214.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Don't forget to make/keep your photo appointment in October; we want you in the PPC Pictorial Directory.



scottish dance

The Scottish Country Dance Society of Washington is offering a Beginners Class at Potomac Elementary School, Sept. 26-May. Classes will provide basic instruction in Scottish dancing; also included: background information such as history of the dance, its music and ballroom etiquette. Call Betty Lee Barnes, 966-3595, for information.

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A Moment with Him

We mutter and spuller
We fume and we spurt,
We mumble and grumble,
Our feelings get hurt.

We can't understand things,
Our vision grows dim,
When all that we need
Is a moment with HIM.

—Author unknown

october



STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

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REFLECTIONS

Continuing the celebration of our 25th year by publishing reflections from our former pastors, the following is a letter from Dr. David L. Uhl, our third senior pastor.

"We are told that in life timing is everything. How often have we heard someone remark that his success was a matter of 'being at the right place at the right time?' If you prefer it put in the poetic language of Shakespeare it comes out like this:

'There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune omitted. All the voyage of their life is bounded in shallows and miseries; and we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures.'

"Looking back on the time I spent at Potomac I realize how true those words are. Little did I know when I drove to my new home in Maryland near the end of December of 1975 what the next eight years would bring. There were so many questions which filled my mind and so few answers. As excited as I was to accept the call to be your Pastor I knew that it was not without risk. I remember Ed White's telling me that while the Potomac Church had had some difficulties, it had as much potential for ministry as any church in the Presbytery.

"Looking at the church today it's hard to remember that we struggled to pay the bills, depended on the Potomac Village Nursery School to keep us in the black and worried daily if we could heal wounds which remained. Yet there were so many of you who believed in the church, whose commitment was extraordinary and whose willingness to give of yourselves truly made the difference.

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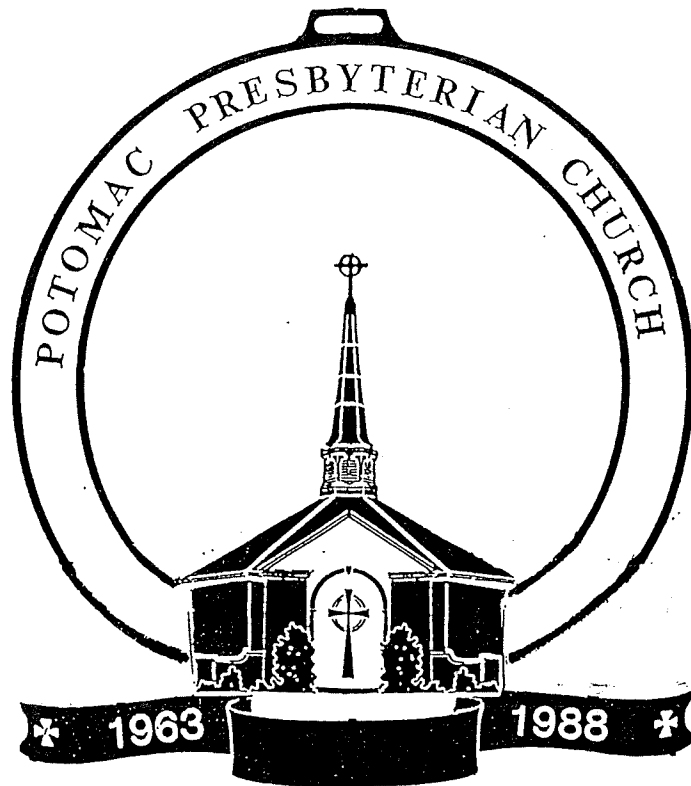
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"As for me I am still amazed that I did happen to be 'at the right place at the right time.' Not leaving all of that to fate on blind chance we know in our faith the word for such events is Providence. God was truly at work in our life together and we were fortunate enough to realize a dream that so many had envisioned when the church was begun twenty-five years ago.

"For all that each of you gave me, for the opportunity to serve with you, to share our lives together and to call each of you friend, is one of my greatest joys. I shall always remember my years there with a smile on my face and a tear in my eye. I thank God that it was my privilege to be your Pastor and your faces will live in my heart forever.

David

"God Bless!"



THE PPC COMMEMORATIVE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT IS ALIVE AND WELL!

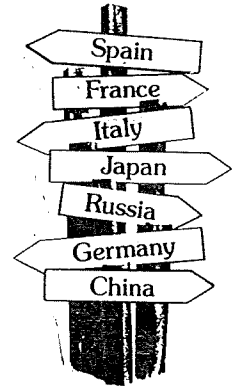
WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING WHEN YOU MAY BEGIN TO PLACE ORDERS.

B R I E F S

BON VOYAGE to
Kerry & Ruthanne Stoltzfus
Ralph & Kay Mitchel
Roger & Nancy Mellem
as they embark on their Faith
Share journey.

All the ladies of the church are invited to Molly Trueb's home on Oct. 19 for coffee. See Sunday bulletins for time and directions.

Our traditional
INTERNATIONAL COFFEE
will be held following worship
on October 2, World Communion
Sunday. Hostesses are Virginia
Wright, Gloria Leber, and Nelia
Chichester. Everyone is welcome.



GOLF FOR MEN

Watch your bulletin for details on the October Golf Outing or call Bill Shankland at 983-0931.

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE - BLOOD
A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Tuesday, October 18, from 3-8 p.m. We have been asked to join with other local churches in supporting this drive.

Thanks to assistant editors Kramer and Spargur for publishing the September issue of STEEPLE TO PEOPLE while I was "temporarily unavailable."
-LRB



PLEASE
SIGN UP IN
FELLOWSHIP
HALL TO
SERVE COFFEE

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

A letter was mailed in September to the 48 families of PPC who have 7th - 12th graders to announce the plans for Youth Ministry for the 1988-89 church year. In response to the demands on our teenagers' time PPC will NOT have weekly fellowship meetings, rather will focus on the fellowship which is engendered in Sunday School and on several well-planned events. Each month this fall and early winter both the Jr. Highs (7th & 8th) and the Sr. Highs (9th - 12th) will participate in special activities which will include the young people of St. Mark Presbyterian Church and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. In addition to these joint activities there will be a once-a-month "in house" activity for the Jr. Highs and one for the Sr. Highs. Here is a sampling of things to come:

CALENDAR

Sat. October 1: SENIOR HIGH/DAY QUEST -- a wilderness course near Great Falls, VA. 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. An exciting and powerful outdoor experience designed to foster self-discovery, confidence, teamwork, communication and group process skills. Carefully structured and supervised. JOINT EVENT with St. Mark and Bradley Hills. Cost: \$20-30 (exact amount TBA 9/25) Rain or Shine!

Sun. October 2: JUNIOR HIGH/OUTDOOR DAY & PICNIC -- at Black Hill Park (upper Mo. Co.) beginning at 2:00 P.M. JOINT EVENT with St. Mark and Bradley Hills. Canoeing, hiking, frisbee and food! Rain date: Oct. 9.

Sat. Oct. 22 &

Sun. Oct. 23 : JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT/Chestertown, MD. Come to the picnic Oct. 2 and hear all the details.

If you are one of the 48 families and did not receive the full calendar of events for your Jr. or Sr. High, please call the church office and one will be sent post-haste!!!!



299-6007

ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Brian Smith who took 2nd place in the Juvenile Division War Canoe Race in the Pre-Olympic Trials held this summer in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The parents of Barbara Barthelman and Hilda and Art Heming who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in August.

BAPTIZED:

Tess Alexandra Dearing, daughter of Lillian and Michael Dearing.

Henry Harris Sterne, son of Kathleen and Robert Sterne and brother of Joey.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Zidi Berger and sons Christian and Jonathan in their recent loss of husband and father Fred.

Inquirers

A series of Inquirers' Classes - for those wishing to learn more about the Presbyterian Church or those wishing to become members of Potomac Presbyterian Church - has been set for:

October 30
November 6
November 13
November 20

At 8:00 P.M. on November 20 those wishing to join the church will meet with the Session. Recognition of new members will be on November 27.



IS THERE A BOOK LOVER IN PPC ?

Do you love books? Do you have several hours a month which are unscheduled? Perhaps you would be willing to combine those two factors and volunteer to help us with our PPC Library. Since our new Library was opened and organized many generous folk have donated volumes to our collection. There is a need now to go through our shelves and take an informal inventory, organize by subject and develop some possibilities for publicizing titles of interest to the congregation. This is the type of "job" which can be done on your own time or as a "team" effort. If you can help us with this part of our ministry, please call Diane Kramer.

Mission

" . . . I was hungry and you gave me food . . . "

We are fast approaching two significant anniversaries for the PPC Mission program. On December 4, 1984, members of PPC -- along with members of St. Francis and Potomac United Methodist Church -- began a monthly commitment to THE LORD'S TABLE (a community "soup kitchen" in Gaithersburg). Each first Tuesday since that day PPC has been represented as hot meals are prepared and served. On our first day the guests numbered 37. Today THE LORD'S TABLE may feed as many as 100 a day. In 1984 most of the guests were men; today often the majority of guests are mothers and their children. Those who use THE LORD'S TABLE are not, for the most part, homeless; they live in low income housing and struggle each month to continue to keep a roof overhead -- often in lieu of food on the table. THE LORD'S TABLE is often the only hot meal the children have each day.

In February of 1985 a team of PPC'ers was organized to help staff MIRIAM' KITCHEN, a breakfast program housed at Western Presbyterian Church in D.C. Unlike THE LORD'S TABLE, this program caters almost exclusively to the homeless, the significant majority of which is male, and feeds up to 150 people each morning. Our volunteers met at Western Church at 6:30 A.M. on the first and third Mondays of each month and were finished with their duties and on to their jobs by 8:00. Our commitment to MIRIAM'S KITCHEN is now only the first Monday of each month, to provide 2-4 volunteers who, with volunteers from other churches, will set up the dining room, prepare breakfast and serve the guests.

Here are two opportunities for you! One allows you to volunteer during the afternoon, the other in the early morning before working hours. Our faithful team members need some relief -- even if only a month here and a month there. Below you will find the names of all the persons who have staffed these two feeding programs during the past four years. . . .ask them about their experience. . . .then, let us know if you are able to respond to this need. Call Diane Kramer (299-6007), John Lytle (424-5279) or Pat King (340-0456).

MIRIAM'S KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS

John Lytle	Dennis McMahon
Jim Reichley	Kathy McMahon
Barbara Heming	Clark Kendall
Charlie Smart	Kay Mitchel
Ann Hazard	Chip Kramer
Bob Hazard	Edward Tennent
Dorre Lytle	Katherine Bentzen
Steve Lytle	Diane Kramer
Douglas Reichley	(and from Scotland
Lynda Tennent	Bill & Isobel Paterson
Ruthanne Stoltzfus	Ron & Agnes Gibson)

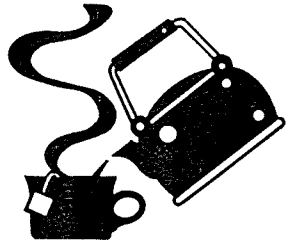
THE LORD'S TABLE VOLUNTEERS

Rachel Harwell	Chip Kramer
Carol Clouse	Edward Tennent
Wanda Guffey	Ginger Kramer
Art Heming	Diane Kramer
Hilda Heming	Lew Smith
Pat King	Kathy McMahon
Marty MacDonald	
Jim Reichley	
Barbara Perry	
Dawn Thompson	
John Lytle	

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Join in the fun December 19 - January 2. Find out from the Boddigers, McMahons, Tennents and/or Thompsons the details of having international students as your guests at Christmastime. Share your Christmas customs and receive the added joys of the holiday spirit. Be merry! Call Dawn at 299-6214 or Lynda at 340-3031.

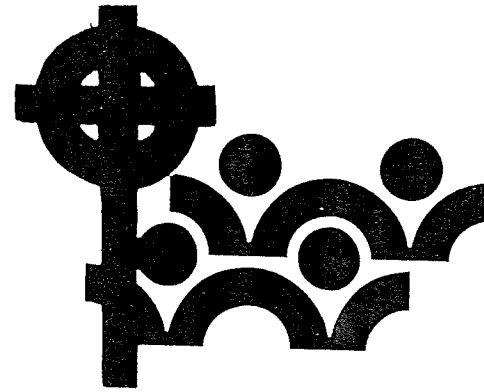
Tea & Chatter



WE HAVE CHANGED THE TIME from 2-4:00 to 1-3:00 p.m. Now mothers can come while children are in school. In the church parlor we receive encouragement on an individual basis - so come when you can and bring your needlework project or start a new one.

Last time we worked on English smocking, counted cross stitch and knitting along with much chatter and laughter. In October we shall get together on Thursdays, the 13th and the 27th.

NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY



LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

SATURDAY, NOV. 5, 1988

8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

DETAILS AVAILABLE IN PPC OFFICE.

A VISIT TO MANOR CARE

Sunday, September 18th, Reverend Kramer, accompanied by six church members, led five of our newest Potomac neighbors in worship at the Manor Care Nursing Home. Three men and two women from the Home attended the afternoon service, sharing something of their rich past and their still-young spirits with those of us there.

Your Session hopes that this inaugural visit with the residents of Manor Care will result in a further outreach of our church into the community and a service to the residents there. Kerry and Diane have agreed to lead the residents in worship one Sunday afternoon per month at 3:30 p.m. Following the service there will be opportunity for members of our church to visit with the residents of Manor Care. These services not only extend spiritual fellowship to the residents of Manor Care (for example communion will be served at the October service) but they are an opportune way for us to become friends and neighbors to these senior citizens.

the September service favorite hymns and familiar Psalms were enjoyed together. Diane led the group to reflect on God's amazing grace and His infinite love. Even though the competence of these gentle folk is no longer what it may once have been, their dignity as creatures of God's creation was truly evident. We encourage all of you to visit the some thirty plus residents of the center, not only on these Sunday occasions, but whenever you have a moment to be enriched.

IN SESSION

In Session - September 19, Elders. . . Voted to invite Ed White, General Presbyterian, National Capital Presbytery, to participate at Session Retreat addressing the issue of strengthening the ministries of our members. . . Noted that Robert Cook, former pastor at South Parish Church, Girvan, Scotland, is to be installed as Pastor of West Emory Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, TN and Diane Kramer will participate in his service of installation. . . wished Kerry and Ruthanne Stoltzfus Bon Voyage as they head for Scotland and empowered him to invite their new pastor, Iain MacNee, and his wife to visit us. . . Enthusiastically previewed the sample anniversary ornament as displayed by Lynn Bigler. . . And voted on the proposed 1989 budget to be presented to the congregation by the Stewardship, Personnel and Finance Committee.

88-89 Frosh

The following youth have just begun their freshman year at college. Below are their addresses; a cheerful, encouraging word from home would be most appreciated!

Miss Gray Bedingfield
Massey Hall, Box 308-B
825 Volunteer Road
Knoxville, TN 37916

Mr. Geoff Grier
85 Nichols Hall
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado 80310

Mr. Matthew Clouse
Box C 1367
The College of Wooster
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Miss Erin Hayden
Box 22325
UNC-W Station
Wilmington, NC 28407

Miss Ann Cookerly
S.M.U. Box 753538
Dallas, Texas 75275-3538

names

Miss Christine Innerst
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University of Maryland
College Park, MD 20742

Miss Sarah Endicott
Endicott College
Box 227
376 Hale Street
Beverly, MA 01915

and

Mr. David Rose
University of Florida
18-012F Rawlings Hall
Gainesville, FL 32612-1801

Mr. Tom Garvey
Matthews 37
Harvard College
Cambridge, MA 02138

addresses

Miss Missy Smith
11432 Frances Green Drive
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Miss Emily Stoltzfus
Box C-2806
The College of Wooster
Wooster, Ohio 44691

Mr. Christopher Grandi
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Los Angeles, CA 90024-1316

Miss Kacie Woodard
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1600 Campus Road
Los Angeles, CA 90041

OCTOBER 1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed ² 11:00 Worship/Communion Noon Fellowship 10-12 Activity Pictures 1-6 Family Pictures 2 Jr. High Picnic 6:30-9:30 Adat Shalom	6:30 Miriam's Kitchen ³ 9-10 Aerobics 5-10 Family Pictures	⁴ 8:30-11:30 Realtors 1-6 Lord's Table	⁵ 9-10 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Masterworks Chorus	⁶ 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	⁷	¹ 10 Sr. High Day Quest 4:30 Sitz Wedding ----- ⁸ 9:30am-1 Adat Shalom Young Adult Canoe Trip
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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY ²³ 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship Sr. High Activity	²⁴ 9-10 Aerobics 7:30 Deacons	²⁵ 8:30-11:30 Realtors	²⁶ 9-10 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Masterworks Chorus	²⁷ 1-3 Tea & Handwork 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	²⁸	²⁹
CHOIR SUNDAY ³⁰ 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed Inquirers' Class 11:00 Worship/Communion Noon Congregational Meeting & Fellowship	³¹ 9-10 Aerobics					

CHOIR SUNDAY

ON NOVEMBER 6, AT 11:00 A.M. THE CHOIRS WILL BRING US A SERVICE OF AMERICAN MUSIC. THE HANDBELL CHOIR WILL PLAY TWO SHAKER SONGS AND JOIN US ALL IN THE OPENING HYMN. CHAN CHUNG WILL PLAY THE SAW AND BILL SHANKLAND WILL SING A SOLO. THE SANCTUARY CHOIR WILL SING SEVERAL SPIRITUALS AND A MORAVIAN ANTHEM. THERE WILL BE A WOMEN'S AND A MEN'S CHORUS. WE WILL ALL HAVE THE CHANCE TO SING SOME OF THE "OLD FAVORITES" IN OUR HYMNAL AS WELL. DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL SERVICE.

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Until we meet again...

One of the vivid memories of the beginning of my ministry at PPC is that of David Uhl saying "goodbye." I arrived on September 1, he departed on October 23. I remember thinking, "Gosh, it must be hard to say goodbye." Now I know just how hard it is! But, looking ahead to my new position has allowed me to look back and reflect on the past. . .and in the midst of my sadness over leaving there is a warmth and joy brought to me by our shared ministry.

Remember?? Our 20th anniversary dinner. . .and then our 25th anniversary luncheon. . .Retreats: Session, Deacons, Sr. Highs, Women, Confirmation . . .Kerygma. . .Shalom. . .WOC Bible Study. . .Confirmation Class. . .committee meetings. . .the Parsons project. . .sweat suits at Christmas . . .candlelight communions. . .Maundy Thursdays. . .morning worship services. . .children at worship. . .Faith Share. . .Miriam's Kitchen. . .The Lord's Table. . .caroling. . .praying. . .singing. . .birth. . .death. . .lambs. . .kittens. . .laughter. . .tears. . .construction. . .dedications . . .ordination. . .godspeed. . .

I could go on and on and on and on. . .! I once said that my call to ministry began at my grandmother's knee. I believe that. God often speaks to us through the words and witness of other people and I know that God has guided and nurtured my ministry through the persons around me. These past five years have been the formative years in what I pray will be a long and rewarding ministry. I thank you for all of your love and encouragement, your energy and involvement, your advice and guidance. . .and most of all for allowing me to share your own faith journeys.

I told the Session that I am sure that I leave having ". . .left undone those things which ought to have been done, and done those things which ought not to have been done. . .", and for that I trust you will forgive me. You will always be in my prayers and I look forward to watching -- from afar -- the next chapter in the life and ministry of Potomac Presbyterian Church. Godspeed, until we meet again.

Diane

KERRY ON ...



It is with special joy that I report to you the very warm welcome the Faith Share travellers received in South Parish Girvan Scotland. Since our partnership began in 1984 with the visit of Robert Cook and his young people until Sunday, October 2, 1988, when I preached at Girvan, the bonds of faith and friendship have grown stronger. Robert Cook and his wife Janice have now been called to the West Emory Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

As Diane leaves to accept a new call to the Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church we remember with gratitude her initiative and leadership that has made Faith Share a vital part of our ministry. With these changes in leadership it was especially meaningful to me to meet Iain McNee, new Pastor at South Parish and begin to see how it is truly the members of our respective congregations that make this partnership so vital.

Of course, as some of you have observed I now have a glint in my eye and a special place in my heart for our Faith Share friends.

It is my hope that our partnership will continue to grow and that the faith we share in Jesus Christ will be strengthened. We look forward to our friends' visiting us next year and hope that Iain and his wife Anthea will be able to accompany the group. Mark your calendars for our next visit to Girvan in the Fall of 1990.

Kerry

Class A "Worship Traditions in the Old and New Testaments"

Class B

Oct. 30 "Issues Around Death and & Nov. 6 Dying" Guest: Ken Barnett, Chaplain, Potomac Valley Nursing Center

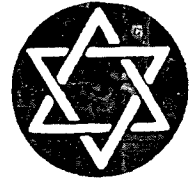
Nov. 13 "Faith During the College Years" Guest: The Rev. William Crawford, Campus Ministry at George Washington University

Nov. 20 "Ministry to Families in Need" PPC Mission Com.

Calendar ADULT EDUCATION



Report



On Sunday evening, October 16, about 35 folks from our congregation, and the Adat Shalom reconstructionist Jewish congregation met with the intention of discussing the Presbyterian study paper "A Theological Understanding of the Relationship between Christians and Jews".

The paper has been the subject of study by our Adult Education group for the past three weeks. It presents a number of controversial positions vis a vis our Jewish neighbors, and the discussions have been vigorous. The Jewish congregation has had the paper for its consideration, and we were prepared for a discussion of the theology involved.

Rabbi Sidney Schwartz and Dr. Stoltzfus introduced the subject, and a discussion period followed. To our surprise, the subject of the paper was addressed only peripherally, and the heart of our conversation revealed the vast gulf of ignorance that exists on both sides, concerning the basics of our beliefs and practices, that makes mutual understanding very difficult.

For example, some of our Jewish friends were surprised that we place so much emphasis on the roots of our understanding of God as revealed in the Old Testament scriptures. Likewise, we were not aware of the real concern for the safety of Jews and Judaism in the penultimate decade of the 20th Century, even in the United States. Rabbi Schwartz said that while regular participation in worship by young Jews is declining, and assimilation into the American culture goes on, 98% of Jews feel a kinship with the State of Israel, and feel it to be important to the survival of Judaism. One man said to me after the formal meeting broke up that his family had lived for over 70 years in peace and prosperity in highly cultured Germany before Hitler and the subsequent Holocaust, so why should they not have some concern for their safety in the U.S.?

The first session was successful, our friends from Adat Shalom are very grateful for the use of our building for their services, and we appear to have a warm relationship developing between our two congregations. We will have another discussion evening with them again soon; I hope you will be interested and will participate at that time.

-D. R. Tietjen

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS September 20, 1988

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10713 Stanmore Drive

CLARK, Ed and Janet 365-9708
9708 Beman Woods Way

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13920 Mustang Hill La, Gaithersburg 20878

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7912 River Falls Drive

FORGOTSON, Judith and (Edward) 656-9536
5600 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase 20815

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15115 Interlachen Dr, #524 Silver Spring 20906

KAMARA, Allan and Carol 948-2818

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8803 Daimler Court

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7425 Democracy Blvd, #106 Bethesda 20817

VINCENT, Paul and Joan 299-5722
7616 Brickyard Road

WRIGHT, Paul and Virginia 469-7855
9224 Beech Hill Dr, Bethesda 20817

ALL IN THE FAMILY

WELCOME TO:

Melanie Elizabeth Kendall,
daughter of Diane and Craig
Kendall and granddaughter of
Camille and Cliff Kendall.

John William Orem, born in Hawaii,
grandson of Margery and John Orem.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Law and Alice Smith who recently
celebrated their 40th wedding
anniversary.

Becca Stevens and former member
Marcus Hummon who were recently
married in Nashville, Tennessee.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Hilda Heming who is ill at home.

Janet Clark in the death of her
father.

Alice Tamzarian and her family
in the death of husband Kay.

Daniel Dyer in the death of his
brother.

NEW ADDRESSES:

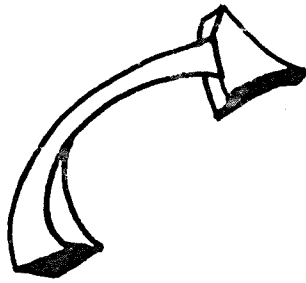
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Charlottesville VA 22901
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Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034
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News Briefs

SWING YOUR PARTNERS AND DO SI DO!

A square dance and potluck supper is planned for all you SOCIABLES November 19, at 6:30 in Fellowship Hall. Call Lynn Bigler to reserve and get a food assignment; 983-1682.



LOOKING AHEAD TO ADVENT

December 4 Williamsburg Breakfast
December 10 Church Decorating 9:30 a.m.
followed by a soup lunch
December ? Caroling at Collingswood
Nursing Home followed by
a supper at Kendalls

*Yule
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it!*

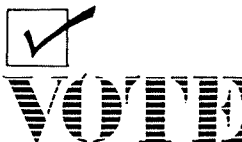
The FUNERAL BOOKLET has been mailed.
Extra copies are available in the
office.



A new FLOWER CHART for the giving of the chancel flowers during 1989 worship services has been posted outside the office. The arrangements are \$12.50 each and you will be billed directly by the florist. When signing up, please be sure to specify whether you are giving one or two arrangements.



PPC ladies enjoyed a bountiful coffee and informal meeting at Molly Trueb's home in mid-October. Next women's event will be a retreat planned for our own facility in January of 1989.



WELCOME TO

The following new members were received by the Session on Sunday, September 25. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Dr. Ann Barber, 9101 Clewerwall Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20817, 469-8304
Ann comes by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Greenwich, Connecticut. Ann is a Physician of Internal Medicine and is presently doing medical research at N.I.H. Deacon Fahs' Parish.

Mr. Louis Cardona and Miss Laura Clark, 10910 Whiterim Drive, Potomac, Md. 20854, 983-3112

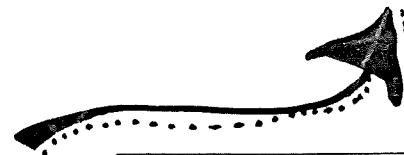
Louis and Laura, who are to be married in late October, come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Louis is a Property Manager for Southern Management Corp. Laura works for Electronic Data Systems in their Technical Development Division. Deacon Koonce's Parish.

Mrs. David B. Dempsey (Elizabeth - Betsy), 8509 White Post Court, Potomac, Md. 20854, 469-8354

Betsy comes by Reactivation of Membership; she was a member of PPC as a teenager when PPC was first formed. Betsy is a Registered Nurse and her husband, David, is an attorney. The Dempseys have one son, Walker, age 10 months. Deacon Kier's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Shamel (Barbara), 12030 Wetherfield Lane, Potomac, Md. 20854, 983-5714

The Shamels come by Certificate of Transfer from First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, North Dakota. Charlie is President of the Seigar Associates, Inc. Charlie has served as an elder and a deacon in former Presbyterian churches. The Shamels have grown children. Deacon Curtis' Parish.



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SESSION IN

On October 17, 1988, Elders shared a short time of fellowship with Diane Kramer . . . were told of the need for a new Superintendent of Sunday School, new Coordinator of Creative Enrichment as well as a Junior High Sunday School teacher replacement . . . learned of a number of up-coming church and social activities which will be headlined by both Fellowship/Outreach and Worship Committees . . . approved special Joy Gift offering in December and Blanket Fund in February . . . heard that sweat-suits have been purchased for distribution to street people in December . . . noted the Session Retreat to be held November 12 and 13 with the Rev. Ed White participating.



Cheerful Giving

HANDYPERSONS TAKE NOTE!

Montgomery Habitat for Humanity, Inc., is a local chapter of a nationally-sponsored organization building homes for those in need. The Habitat organization utilizes the donated time, material and services of concerned citizens and businesses to make affordable housing a reality for families.

Community Ministries of Montgomery County (CMMC) assists the local Habitat program. An exciting event takes place this Fall and Winter as the second Habitat house, this one in Sandy Spring, is begun with completion to occur in February of 1989. If you would like to, literally, lend a hand, please review the remaining work schedule and give the persons listed below a call.

APPROXIMATE RANGE OF STARTING DATES

Nov. 1-12
 Nov. 12-19
 Nov. 1-19
 Nov. 12-19
 Nov. 19-26
 Dec. 3-10
 Dec. 10-24
 Jan. 2-10
 Jan. 10-20
 February

TASK

Rough In Heating
 Exterior Trim
 Landscaping
 Rough In Plumbing
 Rough In Electricity
 Insulation
 Dry Wall Installation
 Interior Painting & Finishing
 Interior Painting & Finishing
 House Dedication!

Help.

Please notify Ed Pollock 231-1480 (w) 831-7223 (h) or Bob Schneider 427-5210 (w) 593-1301 (h) of your availability. The time commitment can be brief - a day or an evening.

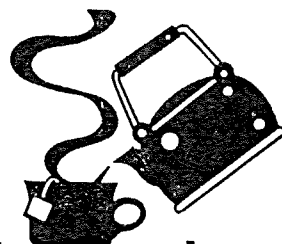
MUSIC PROGRAM

For six years, Bethesda United Church of Christ has produced concerts to raise money for combating hunger and educating people on the dimension of the problem.

On November 20, at 7:30 p.m., the Vienna-Falls Sweet Adelines will provide an evening of women's barbershop music at the church, 10010 Fernwood Road, Bethesda. This concert will benefit the Dinner Program for Homeless Women in downtown Washington.

Phone 365-3387 for ticket information.

Tea & Needlework



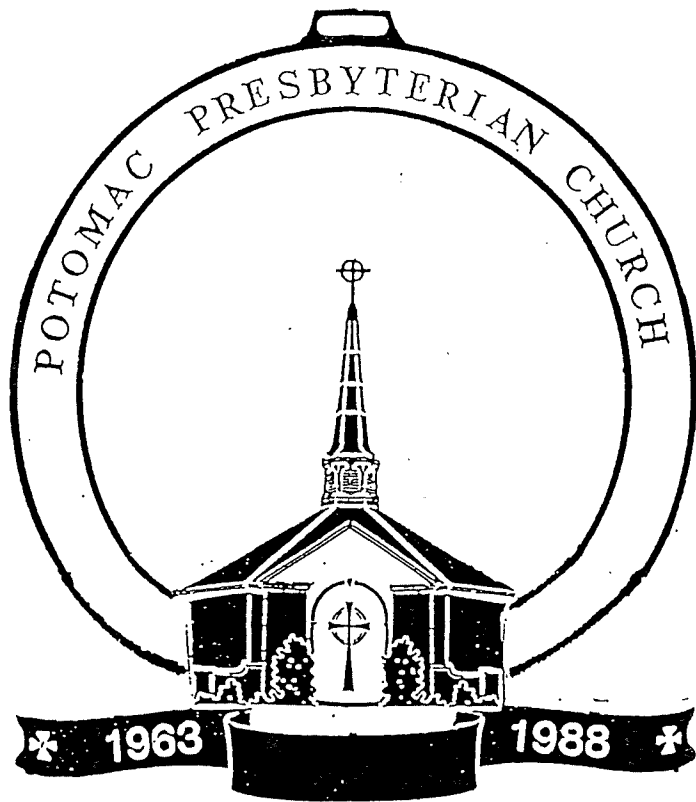
WE HAVE ADDED QUILTING! to:
 English smocking
 counted cross stitch
 knitting
 crocheting

May we add your special interest?

EVERYONE is welcome. Our next three get-togethers will be Thursdays, Nov. 3, 17; and Dec. 1, from 1-3:00 p.m. See you in the church parlor.

NOVEMBER 1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 8:30 Realtors 1-6 Lord's Table	2 9:25 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Masterworks	3 1-3 Tea & Handwork 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	4	5 9-1 Adat Shalom 9-4 Lay School of Theology
6 CHOIR SUNDAY 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 9:45 Inquirers' Class 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship New Officer Training	7 6:30 Miriam's Kitchen 9:25 Aerobics 8 Worship Committee	8 ELECTION DAY 8:30 Realtors	9 9:25 Aerobics 9:30 ble St 6:30 Masterworks 7:30 Youth Ministry Planning Meeting	10 6:30 Smith Rehearsal 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	11 Sr. High at Saint	12 8:30 Session Retreat Rockathon at Saint Mark
13 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 9:45 Inquirers' Class 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship 1:00 Hawley Parish Group Lunch	14 9:25 Aerobics 6 NCP Planned Giving Dinner & Meeting 8 Committee Meetings	15 8:30 Realtors 1:00 Presbytery at Chevy Chase	16 9:25 Aerotics 9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingswood Party 6:30 Masterworks	17 1-3 Tea & Handwork 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	18	19 9-1 Adat Shalom 6:30 Dinner & Square Dance
20 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 9:45 Inquirers' Class 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship 3:30 Manor Care Worship Jr. High Scavenger Hunt 8 New Members Meet with Session	21 9:25 Aerobics 8 Session Meeting	22 8:30 Realtors 6:30 Masterworks	23 9:25 Aerobics 9:30 Bible Study	24 THANKSGIVING CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25	26
27 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 11:00 Worship/Communion Recognition of New Members	28 9:25 Aerobics 7:30 Deacons	29 8:30 Realtors	30 9:25 robics 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Masterworks			

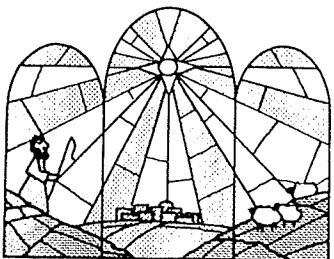


THEY'RE HERE

The PPC commemorative ornaments are here! You may pick up yours at coffee hour any Sunday through the end of the year. THERE ARE EXTRAS - so don't be shy - step right up and take home a few more! Cost is \$5 each which includes a gift box, hanger, and condensed printed history of the church.

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Peace On Earth

December

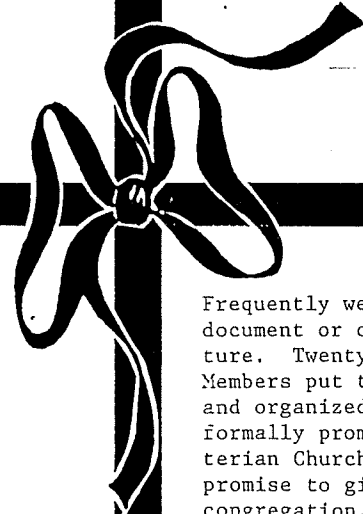


STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

KERRY L. STOLTZFUS, SENIOR PASTOR
 DIANE P. KRAMER, ASSOCIATE PASTOR
 LYNN R. BIGLER, EDITOR

WILL YOU PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LINE?



Frequently we are asked to do just that. We sign a document or contract and promise to stand by our signature. Twenty five years ago this month our Charter Members put their names on the line. Having worshiped and organized the day came (December 15, 1963) and they formally promised to become the Potomac United Presbyterian Church. The name on the line meant that we promise to give ourselves to the ministry of this new congregation.

In December of 1988 we conclude the celebration of our Twenty Fifth Anniversary. It seems appropriate that once again we put our names on the line, and rededicate ourselves to the ministry of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in and through our congregation.

On Sunday, December 4, we will join together in a joyous tradition - "The Williamsburg Breakfast." Then in the worship service we will have an opportunity for rededication. Everyone will receive a "gift package" to sign. Be thinking about a new way that you can give yourself to the ministry of PPC. Along with your name, write the gift you plan to give on your "gift package." These will be collected and displayed in the fellowship hall as a grand gift collection.

I invite you to "put your name on the line."

Kerry

Mission

Montgomery Habitat for Humanity (MHH) is sponsoring, as a fund-raiser, the "showing" of historic "Rockland", a home just restored at 3100 Brimstone Academy Drive in Olney, where it played an important part in the life of eastern Montgomery County in the 1800's. Showing times are 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays, November 19-December 15 (except Thanksgiving), and MHH will receive 15% of each \$5.00 entry ticket. See the announcement on the church bulletin board. Come see a touch of local history and help the Habitat program.

Interested in serving as a volunteer host or hostess for one of the ten specially furnished Rockland rooms for a three hour period during the "showing"? Call Alice Carter at 854-0955 after 7:00 p.m.

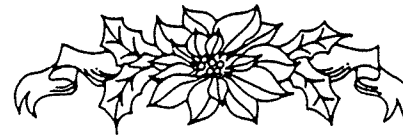
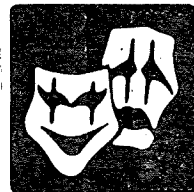
IN SESSION

On Monday, November 21, 1988, Elders welcomed Elders-Elect Barbara Perry and William R. King . . . established the Fred Berger Annual Memorial Lecture to provide special adult education lecture/speaker programs . . . noted that sweat suits and socks have been wrapped to be given to homeless people in Rockville and Gaithersburg during the Christmas season . . . approved Communion dates for 1989 . . . called Annual Congregational Meeting for January 15 (snow date January 29) following a 6:00 p.m. dinner . . . voted to support distribution in the narthex of red ribbons provided by Mothers Against Drunk Driving to encourage a safer holiday season.

JANUARY 29, 1989 2:00 P.M.

Join the SOCIABLES for an afternoon of theater. The Roundhouse Theater group will be performing "More Fun Than Bowling" at the Black Box Theater on the campus of Montgomery College. Cost is \$11.90 per ticket. Call Bettina Curtis by December 31 to indicate your interest.

Theater



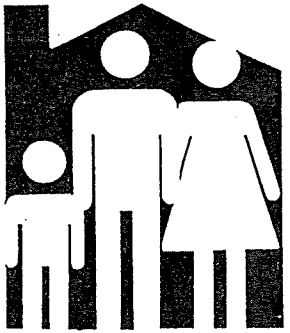
STAMPS

'Tis the season - for your mailboxes to be filled with greetings from friends - AND cancelled commemorative stamps! Please save the stamps with a ¼" border around them and ring them to the church office. They are sent to Church World Service where they're turned into money to help the needy!

JANUARY INQUIRERS SERIES

A four week Inquirers Series will begin on Sunday, January 8, 1989. The classes are for those people interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church and/or for those who might be interested in membership in PPC. The classes meet at 9:45 a.m. in the church parlor and are taught by Rev. Stoltzfus. After the series has been completed, those persons who wish to unite with the church will meet with the Session on Sunday evening, January 29, 1989. Recognition of new members will be held at the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 6, 1989.

ALL IN THE FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS:

Ronald R. Hayden who recently received the Superior Public Service Award of the Department of the Navy.

Melissa Smith who has recently been accepted into the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra.

Thomas Gimer, one of 46 Churchill students named National Merit Commended.

Robert Cook installed November 20 as pastor of West Emory Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Millie Gimer, recovering from surgery.

Bill Albright, whose mother died in mid-November.

MISSING:

A round glass tray 12-14" in diameter hasn't been seen since Diane's reception. Did you take home the wrong tray? It was a wedding gift and has sentimental value for Wanda Guffey. Please call 983-1192 if found.

THANK YOU

Dear, dear, dear friends,

What a wonderful leavetaking you allowed me!!!!!! You knew that I hated to go and you let me depart with such grace and love. All of the events of my last Sunday with you are etched in my heart and soul. The worship service, especially communion and the choir's response to the benediction. . . the party. . . the gifts (yes, I did wear my robe and stole on my first Sunday at WMPC) . . . the book of thoughts and memories . . . the check . . . the hugs and kisses . . . the tears . . . the squeezes of encouragement as I went on my way . . . all contribute to my warm memories of that day. THANK YOU ALL, for everything.

My work at Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church goes well. I cannot believe that, as I write this, I have been there two weeks! The people of Warner are warm and very receptive to me and to my ministry. They are a congregation excited about their future as they conduct their search for a permanent pastor. I have caught that excitement and look forward to the ministry which we will share this next year. That does not mean, however, that I won't miss you. I already do. In my memory book one family related to me the reaction of their youngest member upon hearing that I would be leaving Potomac. She exclaimed, "But, she loves us!" I do, indeed, love you, one and all. I shall always care about you and what you are doing at Potomac, and I believe that I shall always feel your presence with me as I serve WMPC and future churches. And, I know that you will support Kerry and will be present with him in every way as he continues to serve you and share your ministry.

Again, thank you for everything. Happy Thanksgiving and may each of you have a blessed Advent and joyful Christmas, and - - as Red Skelton always used to say - - may God bless.

Diane

Thanks to all the ladies who helped put together the Advent Booklet for mailing - especially to Lucille Ferrara and Marilyn Spivey.

A POEM FOR US



THE RETURNING OF THE KING

(Written by the wife of the Pastor at South Parish Church in Girvan)

When gloom is all around you, and pain is deep within,
When darkness seems to master you and grips, and tempts with sin.

When sorrow overwhelms you, and all you love departs
When life is cold and empty, and fear grips your hearts.

Then listen now, my loved ones, let Hope arise within,
Listen to the story of the 'Returning of the King'!

For One who walked through darkness shall be revealed in light,
One who snatched the keys of death shall bring again New Life!

All that you sowed in sorrow shall then spring forth in joy,
All that in you is marred and stained shall be washed away by Blood.

And this is all made possible, for the King who died still lives!
He has passed through darkest death, for you, and now new life He gives.

For us, again, the King shall come, face radiant like the sun,
"Meekness" clothed in "Majesty" shall take his rightful throne.

His eyes shine as a blazing fire, His justice shall be done.
He bears the Name 'Faithful and True', the promised 'God the Son'!

A day shall soon be coming when old shall be made new,
Marred 'Earth' shall like a scroll be rolled, Creation starts anew.

With endless awe and glory we shall forever sing
The story of the Ones redeemed by the Returning of the King.

- Arthea Macnee
Revelation Ch. 19 v. 11-16
Ch. 21 v. 1-5

ADULT EDUCATION

Third Sunday of Advent - December 11
"Judgment: Preparing the Way"

Pastor Stoltzfus will lead this class. Utilizing new resource material from the Presbyterian Curriculum Bible, theology and ministry are interrelated.

Advent

Pastor Stoltzfus will present a series of sermons for Advent based on beloved Christmas Carols. The choirs will share some special arrangements and we will sing these carols throughout the season.

Dec. 4 "O Come All Ye Faithful"
Dec. 11 "Silent Night, Holy Night"
Dec. 18 "Joy to the World"

*You are
invited*

BIRTHDAY PARTY
FOR JESUS
DECEMBER 18, 1988
9:45 - 12:30



COME at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall and enjoy the ENTERTAINMENT (songs, music, dance) provided by all ages from our congregation, including our traditional visit from the three men from the East. See and HEAR the Jesus Birthday Band. You may BRING A GIFT (labeled for age and/or sex) for a needy child, but it is NOT required.

CONTINUE at 11:00 in the Sanctuary with WORSHIP, including the Children's Nativity Pageant. AND...

CELEBRATE at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall with the JESUS BIRTHDAY CAKE, coffee, and punch.

KING ON RETREAT

The junior high retreat was a fun experience. The ride in the car was long but fun and gave us a chance to meet each other. I was the only kid from P.P.C. so I had to make friends fast, but it was easy.

The camp we stayed at is a Y.M.C.A. camp that overlooks the bay. It has very high cliffs and a path that leads to the beach. Some of us walked a long way down the beach along the cliffs in hopes of reaching the boat house. The camp had tennis courts and cabins and they were in the middle of building a swimming pool. My favorite part of the retreat was staying up late Saturday night, first in group discussions and then just being crazy. To all junior highs - you really missed a fun weekend!

Nathan King

YOUTH MINISTRY IN MISSION

Both Jr. and Sr. High Youth have been involved in mission activities with young people from St. Mark and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Churches. The Sr. Highs participated in a Rock-a-thon to benefit the Stepping Stones Shelter, a family shelter in Rockville. The Jr. High Youth went on a Scavenger Hunt for canned or packaged foods to help replenish the food of Bethesda Help.

It has come to our attention that the Living Will distributed with the Funeral Booklet is not valid in the state of Maryland. We do have copies of one that is valid in the church office. If you would like a copy of the valid one, please contact the Church Secretary, Jean Spargur. We regret any inconvenience caused by this oversight. Please also note that Living Wills are not necessarily reciprocal in other states.

- The Worship Committee

WELCOME!

Eight new members were received by the Session on November 20th. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Ashbaugh (Jane)
13900 Turkey Foot Road, Darnestown, Md. 20878 840-0456

Don and Jane come by Reaffirmation of Faith. The Ashbaughs have two daughters: Caroline 8 and Marguerita 5. Don is a homebuilder with Ryan Homes. Jane just loves staying home being a mother, wife and homemaker. Deacon Koonce's parish.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. McClaine (Kay) and daughter Margaret
8944 Barrowgate Court, Potomac, Md. 20854 983-8039

The McClaines come by Certificate of Transfer from Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, PA. Margaret is a senior at Duke University. Kay and Jim have another grown daughter who lives in the State of Washington. Jim is Vice President of Pulse Electronics. Kay is "in-between" jobs due to their recent move here. Kay's expertise is evaluating long term care needs of elderly and disabled persons. Deacon Leber's parish.

Dr. and Mrs. John Toerge (Susan)
9429 Tobin Circle, Potomac, Md. 20854 469-4876

John and Susan come by Reaffirmation of Faith. The Toerges have three children: Samantha 11, J. Erick 8 and Jeffrey 5. John is with the National Rehabilitation Hospital in Washington, D.C. Susan, a former teacher of German, is with the Community Coordination Experiment in International Living. Deacon Hawley's parish.

Mrs. Paul Yadlosky (Elizabeth)
7524 Royal Dominion Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20817 469-8417

Betty comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. Betty is a lawyer; her husband Paul is retired. She has a grown daughter and two grown step-sons. Deacon Fahs' parish.

Christmas is Coming

December 4 the Second Sunday in Advent
9:30 A.M. Williamsburg Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (each family bring favorite breakfast bread)
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP (25th Anniversary Dedication)
12:00 P.M. Fellowship

December 9
8:00 P.M. "Messiah" by Masterworks at National Presbyterian Center

December 10
9:30 A.M. Greens Decoration of Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall and Soup Lunch

December 11 the Third Sunday in Advent
9:30 A.M. Sunday School and Adult Education
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP
12:00 P.M. Fellowship
2:30 P.M. "Messiah" by Masterworks at National Presbyterian Center

December 18 the Fourth Sunday in Advent
9:45 A.M. Birthday Party for Jesus begins (all ages in Fellowship Hall)
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP (our celebration continues with re-enactment of Nativity)
12:00 P.M. Fellowship and Birthday Cake
5:00 P.M. Caroling at Collingswood & Manor Care for whole congregation, followed by Supper for adults at Kendall's

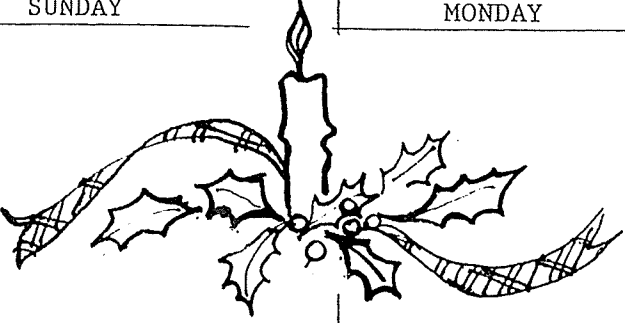


December 22 P.M. Kendall Parish Group Caroling Party with College Students at Kendall's

December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
5:00 P.M. Informal FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE
7:00 & 11:00 P.M. CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION/LESSONS AND CAROLS (Prelude begins at 6:45 and 10:45)

December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP (College Students Participate)
12:00 P.M. Fellowship

DECEMBER 1988

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 1-3 Tea & Handwork 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	2	3 10-2 Masterworks
SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT 4 Anniversary Dedication 9:30 Williamsburg Breakfast 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship 2-5 Adat Shalom	5 6:30 Miriam's Kitchen 9:25 Aerobics	6 8:30 Realtors 1-6 Lord's Table 3-5 Masterworks 6-11 Masterworks	7 9:25 Aerobics 12:00 Bible Study Lunch	8 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	9 8 Messiah at Nat. Presby. Center 8-10 Adat Shalom	10 9:30 Sanctuary & FH Decorating/Lunch
THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT 11 Dollars for Needy Children Shopping 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship 2 Messiah at Nat. Presby. Center	12 9:25 Aerobics 8 Committees	13 8:30 Realtors	14 9:25 Aerobics Noon Staff Lunch 2:45 Collingswood Party 6:30 Masterworks	15 25th Anniversary of Organizing of PPC 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	16	17 9-1 Adat Shalom
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT 18 9:45 Birthday Party for Jesus 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship & Cake 3:00 Manor Care Worship 5 Caroling at Collingswood & Manor Care & Pot Luck Dinner at Kendall's	19 8 Session	20 8:30 Realtors	21 6:30 Masterworks	22 6:30 Young Adults Caroling Party 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 5 Informal Family Service 7 & 11 Candlelight Communion Services
CHRISTMAS DAY 25 College Student Sunday No Sunday School 11:00 Worship Noon Fellowship	26 Office Closed	27 8:30 Realtors	28 6:30 Masterworks	29 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	30	31