

1989

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER/MEETING

The Congregational Dinner and Meeting will be held January 15, at 6:00 p.m. sharp. After a potluck dinner, there will be a slide show of 1988 activities and a brief business meeting. Call Lynn Bigler 983-1682 or Pat King 340-0456 to make a reservation and get a food assignment.

1989 GIVING

Each of you has been assigned a permanent PPC giving number. It is the number on your giving envelope. All records are being kept on a computer disc and recall is by number. Please use your number on all donations.

STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

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



KERRY ON ...

Due to snow on Sunday, January 1, only a few brave souls ventured out to worship. The sermon for the day is being reprinted here for your edification. Sit back in the comfort of home and consider "Resolutions or Repentance".

"Resolutions or Repentance"

Mark 1:9-15

January 1, 1989

I had enough time this morning before coming to church, since we did not have Church School and all, to peruse "The Washington Post" and turned to the Outlook Section to see what they might have to say about New Year's resolutions and so forth. And, of course, the lead editorial was entitled "Happy New Year" and has something to say about resolutions and I'll just read a portion of it to you as we begin this morning and the concept was everybody is into making New Year's resolutions and so forth.

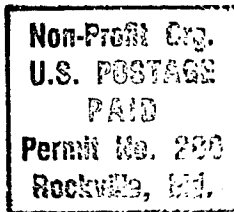
. . . it is firmly and unshakeably resolved:

Whereas, I have been watching too much television and eating too many potato chips, and

Whereas I have not ridden the Exercycle in four months or visited the art gallery since March, and

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POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
10301 River Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854



TEA & NEEDLEWORK



Will you join us in '89? We would love to have you!

EVERYONE is welcome. In January we will meet on the 5th and 19th from 1-3:00 p.m. in the church parlor.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jackie and Harry Evans on the birth of Colton Jacob Evans, their grandson and son of Kelly and Rob Evans in Tampa, Florida.

Jane and Bob Jordan on the birth of John Maxwell Maniglia, their grandson and son of John and Julia Maniglia.

Tom Eagleson who advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout last month.

Elizabeth A. Koonce who was selected a member of the Crossed Keys Honor Society at Denison U., Granville, O.

Arianna Smith selected for the Junior All State Band; Melissa Smith selected for the Senior All State Band, following November auditions.

MOVED:

Chuck and Trish Smith to: 20 Oaklyn Hills Street Aiken, South Carolina 29801 803-642-9488

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Charlene Brumbaugh and her family in the recent death of her father in St. Louis.

SERMON

radical change. And for the first time they find that what they do is also what they love. And, you know, no amount of effort or mental games would have been able to transform the old career. You had to turn and change.

Now repentance means, always, something new. The prophets talked about God giving the people - what - a new heart and a new spirit. And ultimately repentance is beyond human powers. More accurately, I think in a way it is both and something we do coupled with what we could never do for ourselves.

Repentance is our responsibility but repentance is also God's gift. Like that gift - the luxury of reexamining our basic assumptions.

Now our responsibility in the process is clear. All throughout the New Testament the word repentance is used and it often goes like this. Peter to the crowds at Pentecost. "Repent and be baptised. Repent therefore and turn again," he exclaims. Or, "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent." That is, all men everywhere to reexamine their basic assumptions.

But in Mark's account of the preaching of Jesus we have a clue that it is God's initiative that leads to all repentance. "The Kingdom of God is at hand." Prior to any repentance on our part God acts, God does something that radically affects us and what we need to do is repent in order to participate in what God is doing.

God's gift in the process is clear. Again, and in numerous places, "To bless you in turning everyone of you from your wickedness." Or, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance unto life." Or, "Do you not know that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?" What a wonderful concept. Don't you know that it is God's kindness that is meant to lead you to change and to something new?

Resolutions and repentance, there is a vast difference. The writer I referred to earlier contrasted Lyndon Johnson in the earlier quote with a reference to Mahatma Ghandi. And there was an occasion when a belligerent young man came up to Ghandi and said, "You have no integrity. Last week I heard you say one thing. Today you are saying something entirely different. How can you justify such vacillation?" Ghandi answered softly, "It is quite simple. I have learned something different since last week."

New Year's resolutions are mostly harmless. Go ahead and try if you wish. But the real hope for us and for God's world is repentance or what we might call the gift of reexamining our basic assumptions. Amen.

Unedited transcript of a sermon preached
by Kerry L. Stoltzfus
at Potomac Presbyterian Church

A Presbytery-wide


CELEBRATION

In honor of
ED WHITE

As he leaves his position
of Executive Presbyter

January 8, 1989, 4 to 7 PM
(Program, 5-5:30 PM)

National Presbyterian Church
4101 Nebraska Avenue NW
Washington, DC



Letters of appreciation from individuals and sessions are invited. (Please send to Joyce Jenkins, National Capital Presbytery, 4915 45th Street NW, Washington, DC 20016.)

Gratitude for the ministry of Ed White also may be expressed through gifts for this event and for New Church Development/Church Support sent to the treasurer of the Presbytery.

SERMON

And I give you the following example. A woman found her husband was coming home more often than not rather intoxicated and so she took to giving constant warnings in the morning before he went off to work and then when he came home at night she would launch into her constant harangue. Now all the while her stress increased and he seemed to have more freedom to drink. And the higher her stress the more free he seemed to be about the whole matter. But she was worried. She was extremely worried because she realized that she very well might be left a widow with two small children. Now you recognize the symptoms. He has the "problem" but she has all the pain and all the responsibility.

So after a period of therapy the therapist suggested, in my terms, "repentance" so she went home and told her husband in a very calm manner, when he was not drunk, "Honey, I've been thinking it over. You have the right to drink all you want, to enjoy life to the hilt, and even to risk it. After all, it's your life. And I would like to stop nagging you but I've got a problem. It's clear you won't make it much longer, and I don't want to be stuck with the mortgage and the car payments. So I'll make an agreement with you. If you will agree to triple your life insurance I will agree to never mention your drinking again."

Now the therapist observed this conclusion. Sticking someone with the pain of responsibility for his or her own destiny is far more sobering than giving the person black coffee afterwards.

The only way that change might come about in a family or in a nation is for people to reexamine their basic assumptions. And repentance is like that. It's like that throughout the Bible because it's a people that finally and once and for all decide to turn away from their sin and turn back to God. The word most often used for repentance in the Bible is turn or turning, turning away. And it is frequently used throughout the Gospels.

Now you remember that hellfire and brimstone preacher, John the Baptist, mentioned at the beginning of our passage and what did he come preaching? Repentance. And Jesus came after him and what did he preach? Repentance. Mark says that Jesus came preaching the Gospel of God and tells us what is that Gospel in one little verse, Mark 1:15, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand, Repent and believe in the Gospel."

For repentance means becoming a new person. Jesus said later one time when he had some children around him, and the disciples were not all that interested in having the children nearby, he said, "Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of God."

Perhaps another example might be what is behind what we have come to refer to "midlife career changes." A person becomes programmed by their parents and schools and colleges and graduate schools and locked into a position that lacks joy and fulfillment. And then one day, in an act which takes tremendous courage and is an act of repentance, they make a

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JANUARY 29, 1989

Theater

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



TOM MILES: JANUARY LEADER

The Adult Education Committee is happy to announce a new series of Sunday morning classes to start on January 8th and continue for the three remaining Sundays of January.

We will have as our leader our old friend TOM MILES. Tom's subject will be: "The Apostle Paul - The Most Enigmatic Figure of the New Testament". We will examine the cultural, religious, educational and family influences that formed the character of Paul, and how he shaped the early Church and remains a major factor in the modern Church.

Tom suggests that in preparation you may want to read the 7th, 8th and 9th chapters of Acts, where Saul actively persecutes the Christians and is converted on the Damascus road, as well as the remainder of the book from Chapter 13 on, as your time may allow. These chapters are where Paul's missionary work is recounted.

Tom commented that he was happy to do this series for us, since it gave him a chance to become reacquainted with Paul, the man, and recall the wonderful acts of God as exemplified in this man of contrasts who was, and remains, so influential on the Church's understanding of Jesus Christ.

We hope you will be able to come to receive these messages from an old and dear friend. Tom Miles is well known to us as a thoughtful student of Scriptures, and we are sure you will find these classes to be a stimulating way to start the new year. We start promptly at 9:45 a.m. We look forward to your presence.

Please note that while the subject of Tom's discussions will have a common theme, the four classes are NOT A CONTINUOUS SERIES, and each is an independent, free standing class. You are welcome to any or all of the classes, and we encourage your participation.

SEARCH COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

The Nominating Committee presents the following seven candidates who have agreed to serve on the DCE Search Committee, if elected.

MARY ANN BRUMBAUGH

Mary Ann was confirmed at PPC in 1986. She has been active in junior and senior highs, helped with the Enrichment program and in the nursery for several years, participated in the Dollars for Needy Children program, and has sung for the congregation on special occasions.

DIANE CHAPIN

Diane has served PPC as a Sunday School teacher and a Creative Enrichment teacher.

NELIA CHICHESTER

Nelia is a Deacon, has taught Sunday School, is presently a Senior High leader, chairs the Coffee Hour, and is a member of the Fellowship Committee.

Join Up

The following elders will be chairing Session Committees during 1989:

Sally O'Neal - Christian Education Fellowship - Pat King
Outreach - Lynn Matson
Mission - Elsie Reed
Property - Dennis McMahon
Stewardship, Finance, Personnel - Mike Willoughby
Worship - Shirley Tietjen

Committees meet at 8:00 on the second Monday of the month. Congregation members are invited and encouraged to join in the church's work by becoming active on one of the committees.

DIANE KENDALL

Diane was confirmed at PPC, was active in junior and senior high, helped lead the junior highs in '85 and '86, taught junior high Sunday School those same years, attended retreats, organized the young adults' volleyball team, and remains active in the young adults' parish group.

JIM REICHLEY

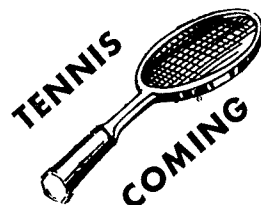
Jim chaired the Adult Education Committee in '85 and '86, has served on the Nominating, Personnel and Mission Committees, was assistant leader in '87-'88 of the Kerygma Bible Study Program, and was recently elected Elder.

BILL SKINNER

Bill is a former sitting Elder, taught Sunday School, was on the Mission, Property and Christian Education Committees as well as the Adult Christian Education Committee, and is presently legal counsel for the Community Ministry staff.

LYNDA TENNENT

Lynda has taught junior and senior highs as well as 6th grade Sunday School, was a member of the Fine Arts Committee, and newsletter editor for 2 years.



SOCIABLES TENNIS

WATCH THIS SPACE
FOR NEWS OF A
TENNIS EVENING
COMING IN MARCH

SERMON

But there is a problem, a serious problem, with making resolutions and I think it is summarized by the phrase, "I'll just try harder." Resolutions sound awfully good and they look good on paper, you know, but they are quickly forgotten. Most of them revolve around self improvement and if you go to the book stores you can find long shelves of books that are self help or self improvement of one kind or another.

Now we all know that as the new year begins, especially after the holidays, we all know that we don't exercise enough and that we eat too much. We know that our diets are too high in fat and the dreaded "C" word. And we all know we don't read enough serious literature. We all know we don't spend enough time with our families. And we could extend the list on and on and on. And for one brief, shining moment - New Year's Day - we resolve to try harder and are quickly disappointed along with our family and friends because they are disappointed because they might conceivably benefit from the resolutions.

Then how about the promise of repentance rather than resolutions summarized for me by the phrase "I'll try a new way" not "I'll try harder this year" but I'll try an entirely new and different way. Perhaps the lack of repentance is the best illustration. One writer who was speaking about Merle Miller's biography of Lyndon Johnson put it this way. I couldn't believe this when I read it. It's amazing, just amazing. Listen. The former president reflecting on his handling of the Vietnam crisis. And if ever there was an example of resolution, to resolve to just try harder, that was it. We can solve the problem if we just try harder. And the result, of course, is a wall with thousands of names and a place that to this day still elicits profound and conflicting emotions. But this is what Johnson said, "I never felt I had the luxury of reexamining my basic assumption. Once the decision to commit military force was made, all our energy was turned to vindicating that choice and finding a way to somehow make it work." All our energy.

I believe that repentance is the gift of reexamining our basic assumptions. It is a turning, a change of mind, even a change of heart, not more effort, but another route. Not trying harder but a new tactic, a different approach.

You know great scientific discoveries often result from an entirely new approach which sometimes come about by surprise or even by accident. It's the same with diplomatic breakthroughs. Someone changes and it stirs up the whole pot and something finally begins to move. Somebody changes their basic assumptions.

Now I would suggest to you that the theory of family therapy is based on this concept of repentance - the changing of direction, the changing of mind, the taking of a new approach. Not just trying harder in the system but changing the system because more often than not you are not going to be able to change someone else. So you may as well consider the possibility of changing your own viewpoint or your own basic assumption.

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Whereas I really should pursue the Johnson account with more vigor and also spend more time with my family, therefore be it Resolved this first day of January that I will: begin keeping a diary, drink only in moderation, give more to charity, read that book on the origins of the universe, learn the violin, be more sensitive and caring and rededicate myself to making a million dollars.

A question - well you don't have to raise your hands - How many of you can remember any of the New Year's resolutions you made last year? And how many of them did you keep?

The custom of making New Year's resolutions comes from the concept of starting out the year with a clean slate. And I studied a little bit and found out a little bit of research on this matter and there was one rather interesting concept I came across and that was - I think this might have started in Scotland - that when the new year began you should start out with no debts outstanding. That was before the days of credit, but wouldn't it be nice today to get no Visa bill in January? Wouldn't it be nice to begin the year with no federal deficit?

There's another part of it. People were instructed that they should look throughout their whole house and see if they could find anything they had borrowed during the past year and get it back to the owner before the year ended so they could start the new year clean.

And think of the symbols that we have - you know that old gray-bearded kind of hunched over fellow with the cane that symbolizes the old year just sort of whimpering out and the new, fresh baby with the diaper on, all pink skinned and so on, to symbolize the new year coming in.

It is also a fact that in the primitive cultures there were all kinds of new year's rites, things that they would do to begin the year, bring about a kind of regeneration of time, a brand new fresh start. They involved various kinds of purification rites which as a part of them had to do with confessing of sins of the previous year. They would wear masks and have various kinds of processions like the Mummers parade that we have today. And I also found there used to be fights between opposing teams. Now this is in primitive times. Today we call them the football bowl games.

And finally one of the most interesting ones is they used to have all kinds of noise makers that they would sound to drive away the evil spirits as one year ended and the next year began.

So we have all manner of customs and resolution making as the new year begins. And we start out today with kind of a fresh start because of the white, pure snow that is out there. CONTINUED...

MAILBAG

Dear PPC Friends,

I can hardly believe we have been back home in South Africa almost two years. We still love it to be home but do miss the U.S.

Thank you for still sending us "Steeple to People"; it is a wonderful way to keep in touch with all at PPC.

We hope you had a wonderful anniversary year!

We wish all at PPC a very blessed peaceful Christmas and a wonderful 1989.

Lots of love,
Pieter, Angelique and
Victoria Swanepoel

Dear Kerry - and the Congregation!

Merry Christmas from the Bryants and the International Church of Karachi. We are so gratified to have our continued relationship with Potomac Presbyterian and also to have the links between our two churches.

We continue to enjoy and feel useful in Pakistan, particularly with the exciting election the Pakistanis were about to carry off so successfully. It promises much for the development of the country.

We look forward to seeing you this coming summer.

Our love to all,
Jack and Nancy Bryant



Home Communion

During Lent there will be communion services held in the homes of deacons. Your deacon will call you and invite you to the service scheduled for his or her parish group. If you cannot attend with your group, you are welcome to attend any one of the other services. A schedule of home communion dates, times and locations will be published in the February newsletter.

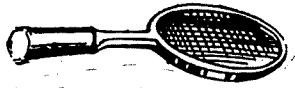
IN SESSION

On Monday, December 19, Elders were reminded of the January 5th New Officers dinner meeting which will include examination of new officers and brief reflections from retiring Elders Bigler, Clouse, Forgotson and Maxwell...were given copies of William Diehl's "In Search of Faithfulness" for continuing study of the topic introduced at the Session Retreat...heard a report from the Personnel Committee on staffing needs...received the auditors' report that financial statements for 1987 were in good order and no irregularities were found in any accounts...and were informed of the review of Deacons' minutes by Elder Reid.

JANUARY 1989

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
¹ No Sunday/Adult Education 11 Worship Noon Fellowship	² 6:30 Miriam's Kitchen OFFICE CLOSED	³ 8:30 Realtors 1-6 Lord's Table	⁴ 6:30 Masterworks Chorus 6:45 Confirmation Class	⁵ 1-3 Tea & Handwork 6:30 New Officer Dinner 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	⁶	⁷ 9-1 Adat Shalom
⁸ 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed Inquirer's Class 11 Worship/Communion Noon Fellowship 4 Reception for Ed White, Exec. Presbyter	⁹ 8 Committee Meetings inc. Worship	¹⁰ 8:30 Realtors	¹¹ 9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingswood 6:30 Masterworks Chorus 6:45 Confirmation Class	¹²	¹³ 6 Adat Shalom	¹⁴ 8:30-3 Deacons' Retreat
¹⁵ 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed Inquirer's Class 11 Worship/Installation of New Officers Noon Fellowship 3 Manor Care Worship Service 6 Annual Congregational Dinner/Meeting	¹⁶ NO SCHOOL 8 Session	¹⁷ 8:30 Realtors	¹⁸ 9:30 Bible Study 1:30 Wedding Guild 6 Masterworks Chorus 6:45 Confirmation Class	¹⁹	²⁰	²¹ 9-1 Adat Shalom
²² 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed Inquirer's Class 11 Worship Noon Fellowship	²³ 7:30 Deacons	²⁴ 8:30 Realtors Presbytery at Little Falls 10:00	²⁵ 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Masterworks Chorus	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸ 7:30 Adat Shalom SOCIABLES Theater Party
²⁹ 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed Inquirer's Class 11 Worship-Tom Miles, guest Noon Fellowship 6 Annual Dinner Snowdate 8 New Members Meet with Session	³⁰ NO SCHOOL	³¹ 8:30 Realtors				

TENNIS



Three courts have been reserved at Cabin John Tennis Facility for mixed doubles on March 11 from 9 p.m. to midnight. Please call Marilyn Shankland 983-0931 for reservations. There will be a limit of 24 sign-ups.

TEA & NEEDLEWORK



Rescue that neglected project! Take it out of the drawer and we will help you complete it.

Come, relax and enjoy a Thursday afternoon with us in the church parlor from 1-3 p.m. We are very informal. Join us February 9 and/or March 2.

Retreat

The Fellowship Committee has had many requests for a WOMEN'S RETREAT and we are pleased to invite all women and their friends to attend this year for a really inspirational day. Carlyn Moyer, the inspiring Catholic lay woman who was with us last year, will be the leader for "A Transforming Time". We will meet in Fellowship Hall, February 23, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Please bring a sandwich and \$3.00; soup, dessert and beverages will be provided. Reservations may be made by calling Kathy McMahon at 762-2076 or the church office at 299-6007.

flower fund

A FLOWER FUND has been established by the Worship Committee for the purpose of providing decorations for the sanctuary at special time during the year such as Christmas and Easter and to supplement the memorial flower arrangements that are given by members of the church for Sunday services. The Flower Fund will be ongoing and may be contributed to at any time of the year. Please make checks out to PPC and mark them "Flower Fund".

R U GAME?

February 11, 7:30 p.m.

Come to Chichesters, 7504 River Falls Drive, for GAMES GALORE AND DESSERT. Take a chance! Call Nelia at 983-0385 to let her know you're game!

hospice help

Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring is offering a six session training course (9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesdays from 2-22 to 3-29) for hospice volunteers. Each volunteer must be 18 and available to work at least one 4-hour shift per week, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hospice volunteers provide emotional, physical, social, and spiritual support for terminally ill patients and their families. If this opportunity appeals to you, call Wanda Herb, Director of Volunteer Services, 565-1384, before February 10.



Home Communion

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| 2-8
Ash Wednesday | Bob King* and Maggie Fahs
13617 Query Mill Rd., Gaithersburg (921-0960) |
| 2-16
Thursday | Margie Bedingfield* and Bettina Curtis
8217 Buckspark Lane, West (299-4801) |
| 2-28
Tuesday | Clark Kendall* and Bob Hazard
7605 Quincewood Ct., Derwood (977-5097) |
| 3-5
Sunday | Gloria Leber* and Janet Koonce
9408 Copenhaver Dr. (340-9844) |
| 3-7
Tuesday | Ann Kier* and Lew Chapin
11932 Frost Valley Way (340-8918) |
| 3-14
Tuesday | Kitty Albright* and Marnel Williams
10701 Alloway Dr. (983-1338) |
| * Home Host | Time: 8:00 p.m. |

The Deacons and Worship Committee are pleased to provide for a new and unique worship opportunity during the Lenten Season. Home Communion is a reminder that the early Christians met in homes for worship and the Sacrament of Communion. We hope that these gatherings will enrich our experience of communion. Pastor Stoltzfus will lead these services and elders from the Session will assist.

FEBRUARY 1989

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			1 9:30 Bible Study 6 Masterworks Chorus 6:45 Confirmation Class	2 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	3	4 9-1 Adat Shalom
5 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 11 Worship/Recognition of New Members Noon Fellowship	6 6:30 Miriam's Kitchen 8 Worship Committee	7 9 Realtors 1-6 Lord's Table	8 9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingswood Home 6 Masterworks Chorus 6:45 Confirmation Class 8 Home Communion at Deacon Bob King's	9 1-3 Tea & Needlework 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	10 8 Adat Shalom	11 7:30 "Game Galore Night" at Chichester
12 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 11 Worship/Communion Noon Fellowship 6 New Member Supper	13 8 Committees	14 9 Realtors	15 9:30 Bible Study 6 Masterworks Chorus 6:45 Confirmation Class	16 7 Handbell Choir 8 Home Communion at Deacon Margie Bedingfield's 8 Sanctuary Choir	17	18 9-1 Adat Shalom
19 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 11 Worship Noon Fellowship 4 Manor Care Worship Service	20 No School 8 Session	21 9 Realtors	22 9:30 Bible Study 6 Masterworks Chorus 6:45 Confirmation Class	23 10 WOC Retreat 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanctuary Choir	24	25
26 9:45 Sunday School/Adult Ed 11 Worship Noon Fellowship	27 7:30 Deacons	28 9 Realtors 8 Home Communion at Deacon Clark Kendall's Tales of Potomac				

L A S T M I N U T E A R R I V A L S

CMMC Volunteer Needed - The CMMC office needs volunteers to man the reception desk from 9:30 to Noon, weekdays. The job is to answer the phone and to direct communications for the staff. Hopefully, a volunteer would work only one day/week. If you want to help, call 762-8682.

Concert to End Hunger - An evening of Jazz, April 2, at 7:30 p.m. to benefit the Grant Assistance Program (GAP) will feature a Jazz Ensemble with Jim Badola, Saxophone. It will be held at Bethesda United Church of Christ, 10010 Fernwood Rd., Bethesda. Call 365-3387 for more information.

One Great House of Sharing - Rejoice in the Service of Love - In March PPC will be participating in the ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING. This offering is the way in which the Presbyterian Church, through its Office of World Service, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Program, endeavor to reach out in Jesus' name to the world and its people. In the midst of catastrophies, among the poor, with the disabled of society, our Church is there BECAUSE of the gifts of us and other Christians across the country. Please think about your gift for the upcoming OGHs offering and act generously.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE MARCH 23, 8:00 p.m.
 EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES MARCH 26, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
 EASTER EGG HUNT MARCH 26, 10:30 a.m.
 EASTER COFFEE HOUR MARCH 26, 10-11:00 a.m.



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**SESSION APPROVES
 NEW ORGAN PURCHASE**

At its regular meeting on Monday, February 20, 1989, the Session accepted the proposal of the Worship Committee to buy a new Allen Digital Electronic organ for our sanctuary. The new organ will offer the great sounds of a traditional pipe organ at a cost affordable by our church.

The Jordan Kitt's Music Company will bring their demonstration organ to our church so that we can actually hear the wonderful music of the new organ in our own surroundings.

The only way we can bring this dream to fruition is for the congregation to give its wholehearted support to the special fund drive we will hold this spring. Details of the campaign will be announced within the next few weeks. Watch for future plans. Especially plan to attend worship when the demonstrator will be in our sanctuary. You will be thrilled by the true pipe organ sound of the new organ.

Special Hymnals
 Two new hymnals in EXTRA LARGE PRINT have been provided by the Worship Committee. If you bring guests with sight impairment, ask Ralph Hall for use of a special hymnal as you enter.

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like to sing?
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 lone wolf...

Join choir and sing with the pack!

Thank you

Have you seen the very beautiful new Hardanger bread covers for communion? THANK YOU, Shirley Tietjen, for your wonderful handwork.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Charlie Kendall who won the International Television Association's (ITVA) Award for Student Production of the Year. Charlie is a senior at Ohio University.

Glenn Sanders, son of Bob and Florence Sanders, who was married to Michele Hinds on January 7. Michele and Glenn reside in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Melissa Smith who won the Montgomery County Senior Piano Concerto Competition in February. She will be performing the 3rd Movement of Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 13 with the Montgomery College Orchestra at 7:30 p.m. on March 12 in the Montgomery College Performing Arts Center.

MARCH ADULT ED

The Adult Education classes for March will include a varied menu of subjects. On March 5th our old friend, Dr. Dick Hutcheson, will speak about his new book about Christ in the White House. Dick has spent a good deal of time considering what the impact of faith has been on the Presidency, with particular interest in Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. Dick will also preach at the Worship Service that day and we will have a chance to visit with him after the service.

The Presbytery has prepared an excellent video reviewing our mission in the Greater Washington area. On March 12th we will present this interesting TV tape. The Mission Committee will have representatives present to answer any questions you may have about our role in this work.

On Palm Sunday, March 19th, Bill Skinner has invited Mr. Abraham Neustadtler to give a talk and sli presentation on recent archeological work in Jerusalem. Mr. Neustadtler has recently returned from a trip to Israel, and will have some interesting new findings to discuss.

We will not hold our regular class on Easter since we have two services that morning.

We hope you will find the subjects to be discussed in March of interest. The class is growing in attendance and we hope you will join us. We start promptly at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

MISSION DOLLARS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

The largest single recipient will be CMMC to which organization a total of \$6,000 will be directed. CMMC serves as an advocate for the needy in our County. Part of its ministry is one of direct service. \$1,500 of our gift will be earmarked for the GAP fund, Grant Assistance Program, from which small cash gifts are made to the poor to avoid eviction, pay a medical bill, buy food, pay a utility bill, etc. The remaining \$4,500 will be used by CMMC for all its programs. CMMC is a ministry of compassion, sponsoring housing assistance programs, providing moving services for low income families, assisting in food distribution and providing counseling for the poor at a nominal cost. Beyond that effort, however, CMMC also acts as a "conscience" for our County by researching selected issues and enabling the poor and powerless to have a voice in public affairs. CMMC works with elected, appointed and other government officials as a ministry for social justice. One of its newest task forces is on AIDS.

The Committee has set aside a reserve of \$500 for such things as the "sweatsuit" purchase or other contingencies that may arise. This fund allows the Committee to respond to emerging needs identified during the year that deserve immediate attention. In addition, our pastor has available a discretionary fund for mission purposes of \$500.

As you can see, your mission dollars are busy in the world around you. The demand far exceeds our resources, however. We welcome your input on ways we can improve our mission programs and the level of support we can provide.



The Mission Committee
Elsie Reid, Chair

IN SESSION

On February 20, Elders approved the presentation to the congregation of the Worship Committee's proposal to purchase an Allen organ (see complete article on page 1). Session refined the proposed contract with Adat Shalom. We now have four Commissioner openings for National Capital Presbytery meetings. Any former or present elder who would like to fill a position should contact Joyce Jenkins.

TEA & NEEDLEWORK



March 2, 16, and 30 from 1-3 p.m.

Come as you are or feel most comfortable - everyone is welcome. We chat up a storm as well as enjoy our special interest in needlework.

SOCIABLES TO SUPPORT PIRATES



Join the SOCIABLES
April 8
7:30 p.m.

for an evening at The New Potomac Theatre production of "THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE" presented at the Potomac Community Center. For reservations call Virginia Wright at 469-7855. Tickets are \$10 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens and students. Dessert following the performance will be served at the home of the Tennents; call Lynda if you are willing to contribute to that production.

Reserve early; seating is limited at the community center. Deadline is March 18.

PSSST! You really don't want to miss this production. THREE FAMOUS PPC PIRATES ARE APPEARING IN IT! See you there!

YOUR MISSION DOLLARS



In 1989 PPC will distribute \$42,000 of funds raised from its members in implementation of our "mission priorities." Of this total, \$5,000 is expected to come from three special offerings: the Church World Service Blanket Appeal Sunday (held Feb. 26), the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering at Easter, and the Joy Gift collection at Christmas time. This money is passed directly to the fund recipients.

Of the Church's general funds, \$37,000 will be allocated between denominational giving and local mission projects and needs. To the Presbytery will be disbursed \$23,000 to support local, national and global activities sponsored or supported by the Presbyterian Church. These projects include new church development, missionaries in the world, and service and social justice programs for those in poor health, without sufficient food, shelter or clothing, or those who may be illiterate or disabled.

The remaining \$14,000 of the mission budget is divided by the Mission Committee among several worthy and needy causes. Our Church will continue its past financial commitment to the NEW HOPE MISSION (to be chartered in May, 1989) with a \$1,000 gift. (Bill Skinner has also presented New Hope with a check for \$1,300, representing funds made from last spring's Rummage Sale and the special offering collected at our 25th Birthday celebration.)

In support of theological education, the Committee plans to direct \$625 to the Presbytery's educational fund. Another \$375 has been set aside for our Mission Yearbooks and for honorariums for missionaries whom we hope to have visit.

The remaining funds go for programs of direct service, reflecting our commitment to show compassion and love. Miriam's Kitchen and the Lord's Table, where a number of our members volunteer, will receive a total of \$2,200. Another \$750 will be divided among three shelters which our members also support: Stepping Stones, Rainbow Place, and Elizabeth House. \$1500 we hope to transfer to the Bryants in Karachi, Pakistan, to use in connection with the International Church of Karachi to assist in the alleviation of the economic, health and other human needs they have found so pressing. Another \$500 will be given to Community Ministry of Montgomery County (CMMC) to administer as an emergency fund for prescription drugs to those in need.

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Rummage? Yes

Want to get a sore back, dirty hands, and increase your laugh lines? Want to get drawers and closets cleaned out? And have you looked in that garage lately?

Yep, it's RUMMAGE SALE A'COMIN again. June 9-10 in Fellowship Hall. All your castoffs, no-fits, and why-did-we-ever-buy-these? will be happily accepted by the members of the Fellowship Committee.

NOW is the time to start cleaning out and collecting your donations. After that's done, join us and help set up the sale June 5-8. This is definitely THE social event of the season!! Questions? Call Lynn Bigler 983-1682.

Welcome to

The following new members were received by the Session on January 29, 1989. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Keith Bratt, 892 Bayridge Drive, Gaithersburg 20878 (963-0667)
Keith comes by Certificate of Transfer from Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Md. He is a Budget Analyst with the Department of Justice - Executive Office for U.S. Trustees. Clark Kendall's Parish.

James and Josephine-"Jerry" Kaple, 13408 Bonnie Dale Dr., Gaithersburg (963-1694)
The Kaples come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Jim is with the Health Services Research Administration in Rockville; Jerry is a Medical Economist and has her own company. The Kaples have three grown children and Bobby, age 5. Bob King's Parish.

Alyce Tamzarian, 9932 Logan Dr., Potomac 20854 (299-4187)
Alyce comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is presently a substitute teacher in the Montgomery County Public School System. Alyce, recently widowed, has two grown daughters, Kay and Karen. Bettina Curtis' Parish.

INQUIRER'S CLASS SERIES

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April 9 - A Faith For Today
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April 30 - A Place For You

After completing the series, those wishing to unite with PPC will meet with the Session on April 30, 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor. New member recognition is set for the 11:00 service, May 7.

Sadly, we bid farewell to Church Secretary JEANNIE SPARGUR, as she leaves PPC for a full time position. Many many thanks, Jeannie, for your service to each of us; we wish you Godspeed!

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



Beginning in March the flower arrangements in the chancel during Sunday worship services will be larger and will cost \$17.50 each.

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY



FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY is set for March 12. All members are encouraged to bring neighbors and friends to worship at PPC that morning, particularly those who do not have a church home.



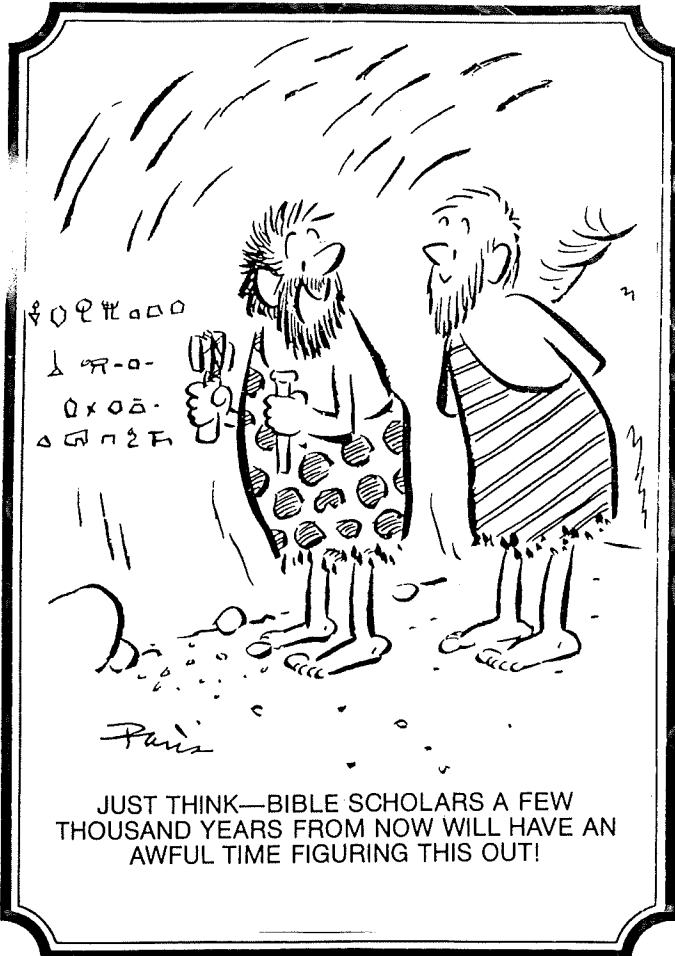
A PALM SUNDAY DINNER followed by a short program will be held in Fellowship Hall March 19 at 6:00 p.m. Call the church office or Nancy Barr 299-7229 for food assignments.

*Lift up
your hearts
We lift them up to the Lord!*

Tom Miles, a former PPC interim pastor, will be sharing the pulpit with our pastor during the March 23 Maundy Thursday service. Communion will be served.

**MONTREAT
YOUTH CONFERENCE
JULY 16-22**

Registrations are due by March 15. They may be given to Ruthanne Stoltzfus, Sally O'Neal, or turned in to the church office. Checks for \$50.00 should be made out to Potomac Presbyterian Church. Don't miss out this year!

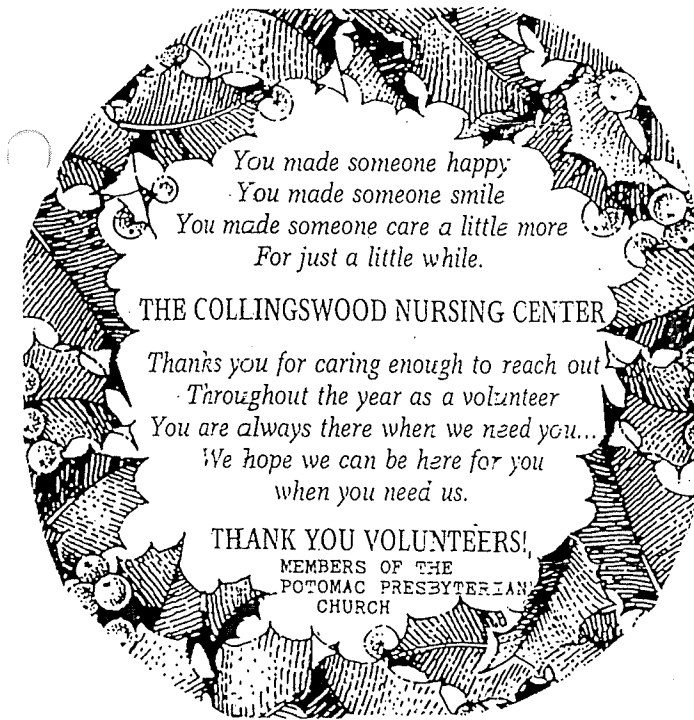


EASTER EGG HUNT

At 10:30 on Easter Sunday, March 26, the 6th Annual PPC EASTER EGG HUNT will be held for 3rd Graders and under. If you come to the 9:00 service, stay for the HUNT. If you come to the 11:00 service, come early. Parents may attend the Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall from 10-11:00.

Children should meet in the lower level classrooms at 10:15. Bags for the HUNT will be available or you may bring your own basket. Older children should come, too. During the 9:00 service, the Junior and Senior Highs will hide the eggs. If by 10:45 all the eggs aren't found, the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will hunt. Prizes will be given by age categories.

All children will receive a special Easter Basket in Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday.



A THANKS

A THANK YOU from Collingswood Nursing Center: "Enclosed is the 'thank you' that Collingswood would like to share for your many members' dedication and caring. The many kindnesses offered so enhance the lives of our residents. Sincerely,
Susan Zanner
Activities Director"

Search Committee Update

Our CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR SEARCH COMMITTEE has formulated a job description and prioritized our needs. We have advertised within the Presbytery network and the following ad was placed in the Washington Post, Potomac and Bethesda Almanac, Montgomery Journal and the Gazette newspapers.

"CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR - Growing church seeks Director of Christian Education and Youth to help eager congregation plan/implement innovative program emphasizing youth activities. Active exchange program with partner church in Scotland. 30 hours/week. Competitive salary/benefits. Send resume to: Potomac Presbyterian Church, 10301 River Road, Potomac, Maryland 20854"

Your Search Committee urges our own PPC community to be a part of the search by actively networking. If anyone knows of or learns about a possible candidate, please contact the church office or one of the committee members: Diane Chapin - chair, Mary Ann Brumbaugh, Nelia Chichester, Diane Kendall, Jim Reichley, Bill Skinner, Lynda Tennent.

MARCH 1989

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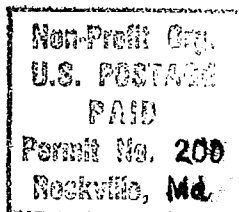
MEET DELLA
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Collingswood Celebrates 15

Over the past several years PPC members have provided monthly birthday cakes for the residents at Collingswood Nursing Home. In doing so, we have established a strong relationship with this facility and its people. Collingswood has asked us to join in their anniversary celebration by featuring some of their residents in our newsletter over this anniversary year. In doing so, it is hoped we will build an even stronger bond with this community.

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MAILED TO YOU ON MARCH 23



REMEMBER APRIL 30! 10:45 ORGAN PRELUDE.
SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE WITH
DEMONSTRATION OF THE NEW ALLEN ORGAN.



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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

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

KERRY ON ...

LEARNING HOW TO LIVE

Thomas Merton, the great Christian mystic, wrote, "The score is not what matters. Life does not have to be regarded as the game in which scores are kept and somebody wins. If you are too intent on winning you will never enjoy playing. If you are too obsessed with success you will forget how to live. If you have learned only how to be a success, your life has probably been wasted."

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PIPE ORGAN SOUNDS AT PPC

DID YOU KNOW that the earliest form of organ was an ancient Greek instrument called the syrix or the PIPES OF PAN???

DID YOU KNOW that in about 200 B.C. Ctesibius, an Egyptian engineer from Alexandria constructed an instrument that used water power to force air into pipes???

DID YOU KNOW that Byzantium (Istanbul), in the Second and Third Centuries A.D., was the first important center for the building of pneumatic pipe organs???

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LEARNING HOW TO LIVE

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In the sport-crazed world of major college athletics we are all too familiar with the philosophy of success at any cost. How many successful people have we known who never learned how to live? The danger is, of course, that we will measure the value of persons in terms of our culture's definition of success.

Jesus said, "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (Matthew 6:33) Being faithful to God and what God requires is learning how to live. Is it any wonder that many of God's servants go unnoticed as they quietly seek the kingdom and minister in his name? There is the reward of truly living with a deep sense of joy and satisfaction.

Kerry



IN SESSION

In Session, Elders received the final report on Blanket Sunday Offering of \$530 which will provide 106 blankets . . . heard a letter of appreciation from New Hope Mission for a recent gift of \$1300 and learned that they will be organized on May 14 at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church with Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus and Elder Joyce Jenkins participating . . . were told of the Confirmation Class's recent field trip to The Lord's Table in Gaithersburg and of plans for their participation in the April worship service at Manor Care . . . PPC Minute Book and Register were approved without exception at the Session Records Review on March 4, 1989.

Banquet

The Fellowship Committee-sponsored event for April, attending "The Pirates of Penzance", has had wonderful response and sold out quickly.

The Mother-Daughter Banquet this year will be held on May 12 at 6:30 p.m. The Olney Sounds Chorus, a local chapter of Sweet Adelines, will perform for us. This "female barbershop" group will provide music for all tastes and includes our own Ann Hazard.

All this for \$7/adults; \$6/girls 8 and under. Reservations may be made with Bettina Curtis 294-2268, deadline May 4. All women are invited; remember, we're all daughters!

Bill Shankland would appreciate a call at 983-0931 if any of you males would be willing to help serve and/or clean up that evening. If you would like to help prepare food, help is needed Saturday, May 6 at 1:00 p.m. and Friday morning, May 12. Call Pat King 340-0456 to volunteer.

Coming up in June - RUMMAGE SALE

RUMMAGE SALE June 9-10

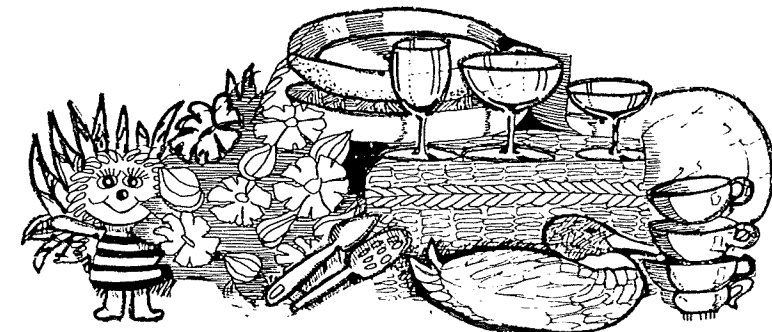
It's been a month since you were reminded to start cleaning out drawers, closets, the attic, garage - get rid of the kids' things they can't fit into or don't play with anymore. Have you done it?

You still have a little time left to gather up your donations to PPC'S RUMMAGE SALE and get them to Fellowship Hall starting after worship June 4 - and June 5, 6, 7, and 8.

The sale runs from 10-3:00 Friday, June 9, and 10-2:00 Saturday, June 10. Please tell chairman Lynn Bigler you'll spend a few hours unpacking, sorting, lunching and laughing with her that week.

NEW FEATURE THIS YEAR: a white elephant table where we'll sell your NEW but unwanted "treasures". Here's your chance to get rid of that funny lamp, figurine, or wild shirt Aunt Min gave you last year!

Participating in some way in this Fellowship Committee event gives you an easy opportunity to provide EXTRA\$ for mission in and out of PPC





ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Betty and Paul Yadlosky on the birth of their grandson, Paul Anthony Macciocca.

Ed and Janet Clark, new grandparents of Andrew Joseph Clark, born February 24, son of Steven and Cheryl Clark.

SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY:

Pastor Kerry Stoltzfus began his 5th year at PPC on Easter Sunday!

TEA & NEEDLEWORK



April 13 and 27
from 1-3:00 p.m.

Now that Easter is past, are you looking forward to the more leisurely days of summer? Plan and begin these projects with us! Everyone is welcome.

Search Committee Update

The SEARCH COMMITTEE for a new Director of Christian Education continues its weekly meetings. The group has received several resumes and is in the process of studying them at this time. The newsletter will continue to keep you informed about the committee's progress.

SERIES

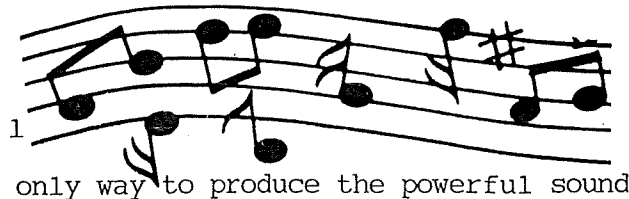
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ORGAN

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For the next two millennia, the only way to produce the powerful sounds of the organ was by the use of pipes with air blown into them. No one reports who provided the pumping power to propel the organs used by J.S. Bach and his peers, but it must have been a very laborious task. The pipe organ, except for using electricity to power the air compressor, remains virtually unchanged through the centuries.

In the 1940's the electronic organ came on the scene. Up until the late 1970's, these instruments were looked upon with disdain, since they could not produce the sounds of the genuine pipe organ. We are all familiar with the old Hammonds, for example, that while producing pleasant music, could hardly be compared with a pipe organ. Our current organ was one of the best performing organs using that technology.

But now things have changed. The Allen digital electronic organ is now fully capable of producing organ sounds that rival those of the pipes of the past, and that is what we propose to install in our church, with the support of the congregation. They are now played by the finest traditional organists, many of whom would not deign to play an electronic organ. A brief review of how Allen got where we are follows.

About 17 years ago, Mr. Jerome Markowitz, the founder of the Allen Organ Co., working with the Rockwell International folks, devised a way to use the space age technology of integrated circuits and digital codes to produce pipe organ sounds. Mr. Markowitz explains: "Analog technology (which our organ uses) had simply reached to the limits of its capability."

To create the tone generation system for the new computer organ, Allen engineers spent months analyzing the unique tonal qualities of fine organ pipes and reduced the sounds to a series of numbers. These were then translated, with the use of a computer, into a binary code that is stored in the memory of the new organs.

On Sunday, April 30th, we will have an Allen digital organ, of the same model as we propose to purchase, INSTALLED IN OUR SANCTUARY FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICE. We will hear, in our own building, played by our own Director of Music, Jacquelyn Galliher, the organ sounds we have never had the benefit of hearing before. We are sure you will be thrilled at the true pipe organ sounds you will hear, and the beautiful clear tones the new organs are capable of producing.

PLEASE BE SURE TO PLAN TO COME TO WORSHIP ON APRIL 30TH. You will be as excited as we are when you hear this wonderful organ.

DELLA EVANS

Della Evans has been a resident of Collingswood Nursing and Rehabilitation Center for several years. She has made her home at Collingswood. Mrs. Evans broke her shoulder and needs physical therapy on a regular basis at Collingswood with our staff of physical therapists.

When Mrs. Evans came to Collingswood, she was anxious about the move and the new friends she was going to meet and live around. That anxiety was gone very shortly. The residents and the volunteers from your church worked very hard to make her feel welcome.

As Mrs. Evans says, "I brought my personal belongings and my typewriter so I could keep in touch with friends and relatives. Because of my injury I haven't used my typewriter as I had in the past. The other reason is that we have so many activities to get involved in which keep me busy. The only thing I don't like are peas on the menu. But when I tell them, they give me something else to replace them."

When you walk into Della Evans' room you will find photographs of her family and friends on the wall. You will even see a photograph of Nancy Reagan in the midst of all this.

Collingswood is a 159-bed skilled care nursing rehabilitation center dedicated to the dignity and well-being of the resident. As a center focusing on the care of the older community, Collingswood tries to meet all the specialized needs of the resident.

ADULT EDUCATION

The April schedule for Sunday morning Adult Education is not yet complete, but the sessions we have firmly set will be of interest to us all.

On April 2nd, we will present a video tape from the series "Questions of Faith." The ladies of the daytime Bible study class have found these tapes to be of special interest. They are high quality presentations.

On April 9, Bob Jordan, a member of our church, and a retired senior editor of National Geographic Magazine, will present a talk on the history and future of the Armenian people. Bob wrote a lengthy piece for the Geographic a few years ago on the subject, and has maintained a warm relationship with the Armenian community in Washington ever since. His personal experiences among these people should prove to be fascinating.

Beginning on April 30th, and continuing for the first two Sundays of May, our old friend, Dr. Donald Miller, will discuss the Book of Exodus, and the profound influence it has on our Christian faith. Don is always a very popular lecturer in our Adult Education program and we are sure this series will be equally well received.

wanted: christian love

Great Oaks Center, located in Silver Spring and operated by the State of Maryland, is home to 344 individuals, most of whom are severely retarded and also physically handicapped. Some have little, if any, family contact.

Great Oaks offers tours for visitors to learn about the Center, its residents, and their goals and accomplishments. Friendly visits, simple gifts of cookies, or a special gift, even a walk outdoors, can put a smile on these folks' faces.

If you would enjoy offering as little as one hour per month of your time, or if you would like a tour, please call VOLUNTEER SERVICES at 595-5000, ext. 340.

over \$100k

CMMC collected more than \$100,000 during the 1988 Montgomery County Hunger Relief Drive.

The funds were divided roughly equally among the primary beneficiaries: the MANNA Food Center, the Capital Area Community Food Bank and five overseas relief organizations.

SOMETHING WARM AND WONDERFUL

To a refugee or a disaster victim a blanket provides welcome warmth, protection from the weather, and something even more - the gentle comfort of knowing that someone, somewhere cares. On February 26, the families of PPC showed they cared by contributing \$530 to donate 106 blankets to Church World Service. THANK YOU!

CONCERTS

CONCERTS TO END HUNGER
SPRING 1989 SERIES

April 2 Jim Badolato
Saxophone Jazz Ensemble
7:30 p.m. Benefit: G.A.P.

May 7 Brian Ganz, Piano
and Friends
7:30 p.m.
Benefit: Shepherd's Table

Donations Requested

Bethesda United Church of Christ
10010 Fernwood Road in Bethesda



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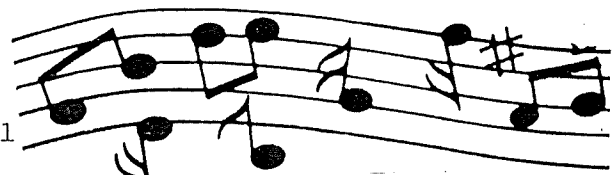
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We have good news to report on the Organ Project! After the wonderful worship service, during which the role of music in worship was emphasized, we received gifts and pledges of about \$36,000 toward the purchase of the Allen digital electronic organ we have been telling you about.

By special arrangement with Jordan-Kitts, we are able to keep the new organ another week, and we will have it for worship on May 7.

There is still time to make your commitment to the organ fund. Remember, we need to know whether you can support the project by a pledge or gift NOW. We can wait until later in the year for your payment if you wish to delay that part.

IN ANY EVENT, WE MUST KNOW HOW MUCH YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE, NO LATER THAN MAY 14TH. THE FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE BY SESSION ON MAY 15.

Our sincere thanks to those members and friends who have responded so well. We are ALMOST THERE. We need about \$10,000 more to fully fund the project. Please do whatever you can.

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KERRY ON ...

WELCOME, PARISH ASSOCIATE, TOM MILES

The Session is pleased to announce the Rev. O. Thomas Miles will begin serving our congregation as a Parish Associate May 1.

A Parish Associate is a minister who may be retired or whose occupation is found in other than a local congregation, yet who wishes to maintain a relationship with a particular congregation in keeping with his or her ordination to the ministry or word and sacrament.

Tom has been working full time in the US Department of HUD since 1970. During those years he served fifteen congregations in our Presbytery as Interim Pastor, including his able ministry at PPC in 1984-5.

The following responsibilities have been established by the Session in consultation with Tom and our Senior Pastor, taking into consideration both Tom's other professional commitments and our church's staff needs: preaching ten Sundays/year, teaching twelve classes/year, pastoral care in the pastor's absence and as available, occasional worship leadership, and committee resource for special projects.

Working under the pastor's direction, the Parish Associate and a new Director of Christian Education and Youth (for whom a search is actively under way) will complete our staff and enable us to move forward in ministry.

Tom will preach on Sunday, May 7, and you may welcome him following the service at the luncheon sponsored by the Senior Highs.

PIPE ORGAN SOUNDS AT PPC? SEE PAGE 12



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THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF BRIT CHICHESTER HAVE ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION OF THE BRITTON N. CHICHESTER MEMORIAL FUND AT WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL.

THE INCOME FROM THE FUND WILL BE USED ANNUALLY TO HELP ADVANCE THE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL AND TO ASSIST WHITMAN STUDENT/ATHLETES WITH COLLEGE AND EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES.

THE FUND IS INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THE HARD WORK, KINDNESS, SPIRIT AND DEDICATION EXEMPLIFIED BY BRIT, A FOUR YEAR WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE. BRIT PARTICIPATED ON THE VARSITY SOCCER, BASKETBALL AND BASEBALL TEAMS AND WAS AN EDITOR OF THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER.

CHECKS MAY BE MADE PAYABLE TO:

THE BRITTON N. CHICHESTER MEMORIAL FUND
C/O WALT WHITMAN HIGH SCHOOL
7100 WHITTIER BLVD.
BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20817



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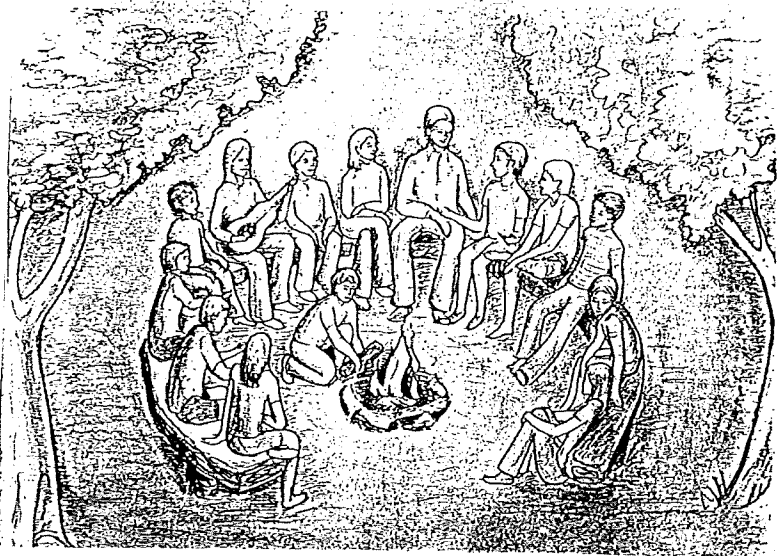
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CAMP GLENKIRK



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1989 CAMP VISITATION DAY
-sponsored by National Capital
Presbytery
-for campers entering grades 3-6

Interested persons are invited to Camp Glenkirk in Gainesville, Va., on its CAMP VISITATION DAY, Sunday, May 21, from 2-6:00 p.m. This will provide an opportunity to see the camp and learn about the summer camping programs. There are Resident camps for the younger children and Resident and/or Adventure camps for the older children whereby campers have the opportunity to spend part of their camping experience canoeing on the Shenandoah River. The camp begins the season on June 19. For further information you may contact the Camp Director, Truman Nabors, at 591-3362 or contact our church office for a camp brochure which includes the schedule and registration form.

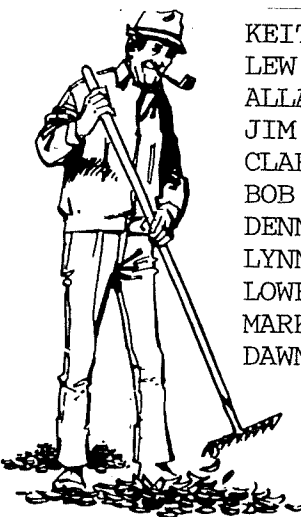
search update

The Search Committee for a Director of Christian Education and Youth has narrowed its field to three persons. Interviews of these persons will be conducted in early May and hopefully some successful results will be announced to the congregation soon.

OH, MY ACHING BACK!

Many thanks to all the yard laborers who gave their time last month to do a spring cleanup around PPC. The results are bee-u-ti-ful!!

- KEITH BRATT
- LEW AND LINDSAY CHAPIN
- ALLAN AND CAROL ANN KAMARA
- JIM KAPLE
- CLARK AND DIANE KENDALL
- BOB JENKINS
- DENNIS AND BOB MCMAHON
- LYNN MATSON
- LOWELL AND BARBARA PERRY
- MARK SKINNER
- DAWN THOMPSON



IN SESSION



ALL IN THE FAMILY

On April 17th, Elders welcomed Allan Kamara, Elder-elect, for examination and upon completion moved to set his ordination and installation for the earliest possible date. . . heard that the Search Committee for a Director of Christian Education and Youth is reviewing promising resumes for scheduling of interviews. . . approved Senior High's request for "Super Dog" Sunday on May 7, following worship (details will be available throughout the church). . . received report that the pictorial directories will be shipped from the printer on April 28. . . were told that One Great Hour of Sharing offering totaled \$1,477.00. . . supported the naming of Art Heming as PPC's new Commissioner to Community Ministry of Montgomery County.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Jim Gregg recovering from an automobile accident

Alice Smith who recently underwent surgery

Phyllis Matson and her family in the death of her father

John Casey in the death of his wife Margaret

David, Nelia, and Whittney Chichester in the tragic loss of son and brother Britton

mission news: heming / OGLS / blankets Con't. to p. 11

Art Heming has agreed to serve our church as our Commissioner to Community Ministries of Montgomery County (CMMC), replacing Cal and Elsie Reid. Art will surely be a valuable member of the CMMC Commission and an able representative for PPC. As the "conscience" of the County, CMMC is one of the ways we put our faith to work in the lives of our community and in the governmental structures that so affect the quality of life for County citizens. We look forward to hearing from Art as he assumes this job and we know he can count on our support in this undertaking.

WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS (continued from p. 5)

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Mecklenburg (Donna)
12304 River's Edge Drive
Potomac, Maryland 20854
330-9409

Both Bob and Donna come to us by Certificate of Transfer from St. Mark Presbyterian Church, Rockville, Maryland, where Donna served as an Elder. Donna is in real estate and Bob is a consultant in health and health policy. The Mecklenburg's have three grown children.

Parish Group - Deacon Kitty Albright

Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Turner (Elizabeth - "Liz")
12630 Three Sisters Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854
975-1084

Both Liz and Mike come by Certificate of Transfer from Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas. Mike is an advertising executive with Earle Palmer Brown of Bethesda. Liz's career has been being a wife, mother and volunteer. The Turners have six grown children, three of whom are still living with them.

Parish Group - Deacon Ann Kier



DON'T FORGET TO WISH YOUR PASTOR
A HAPPY BIRTHDAY ON MAY 10!!!!!!

new members join

The following new members were received by the Session on Sunday, April 30, 1989. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Avancena (Noreen)
1997 Lancashire Drive
Rockville, Maryland 20854
279-9389

Jim comes by Profession of Faith and Noreen comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. The Avancenas have two daughters: Cassy 5, and Lindsay, 3. Jim is a Commercial Real Estate Broker and Noreen works for Wang Laboratories, Inc. in Computer Sales.

Parish Group - Deacon Bob Hazard

Mrs. John E. Coligan (Nelda)
10913 Broad Green Terrace
Potomac, Maryland 20854
983-8209

Nelda comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith. Both Nelda and her husband work at NIH. Nelda is a Medical Librarian in the National Library of Medicine.

Parish Group - Deacon Gloria Leber

Mr. and Mrs. Bradford S. Kline (Ardis)
9129 Persimmon Tree Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854
299-7572

Brad comes by Certificate of Transfer from Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D. C. Ardis comes by Certificate of Transfer from Fort Valley United Church of Christ, Fort Valley, Virginia. Both Brad and Ardis are in real estate.

Parish Group - Deacon Margie Bedingfield

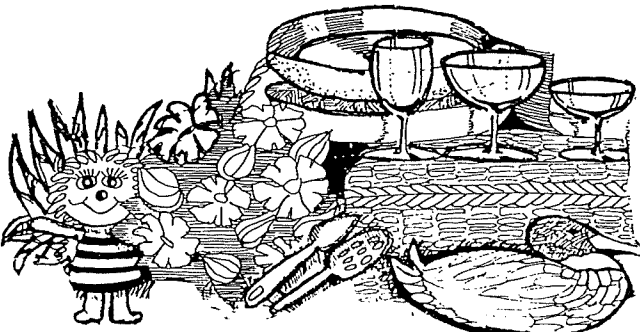
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Gray & White Elephants Sought

A new feature at the June 9-10 RUMMAGE SALE will be a table of white elephants. We'll sell your NEW but unwanted "treasures". Look in the closet; you have them!

Of course, we're also very interested in your grey elephants (used treasures). They may be found in basements, garages, drawers, just about anywhere in any house. It would be wise to start gathering them now. The sale is only about a month away. You may bring your donations to Fellowship Hall following worship June 4 - and June 5, 6, 7, and 8.

The sale runs from 10-3:00 Friday, June 9 and 10-2:00 Saturday, June 10. We can really use your help any day that week. There is much work to be done on this Fellowship Committee event and the happy result is that we can provide extra dollars for mission both in and out of the church.



Merci

Merci Beaucoup! Thank you all for your many cards, phone calls and visits. They all helped during my stay in the hospital. Most of all, thanks for your prayers and loving concern. It is wonderful to have so many friends. God bless you all.

-Alice Smith



TEA AND HANDWORK

May 18 1:00-3:00 p.m.
During our last session we will encourage you to complete your work. For those who were unable to join us thus far, we will see you in the fall.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE...

Watch the Sunday bulletins for news of the June family event planned by your Fellowship Committee. Did the headline give you a hint? Anyone interested in attending an Orioles baseball game???



RAINBOW THANKS

Rainbow Place says THANK YOU! to the women of the church who provided casseroles and volunteer help this past year. The following ladies sustained their well-earned reputation for providing the best casseroles in town: Bettina Curtis, Lilian Dearing, Gail Dufek, Jane Jordan, Pat King, Ruth Lincoln, Wanda Sher and Naomi Ulmer. And to Kathy McMahon a special thanks for her volunteer help in the shelter. You all are the greatest!



VBS

Vacation Bible School will be held at PPC from June 26-30, 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. It has been four years since VBS was held at our church. Enrollment and attendance is up in Sundry School. We are enthusiastically planning VBS for this summer.

Children of the church and community are invited to attend VBS. Classes will be offered for pre-school (3 years) through 6th grade. Friends are welcome.

Registration forms are in the church office. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help, please call Margie Bedingfield at 299-4801.

ATTENTION: ALL PROUD FAMILIES

Please let the church know if you have family members graduating from high school or college this spring. We want to feature them in our June issue. Call the office with your information as soon as possible.

New MC Hotline Number

MC Hotline has changed its 24-hour, seven day/week number to

738-CALL (738-2255)

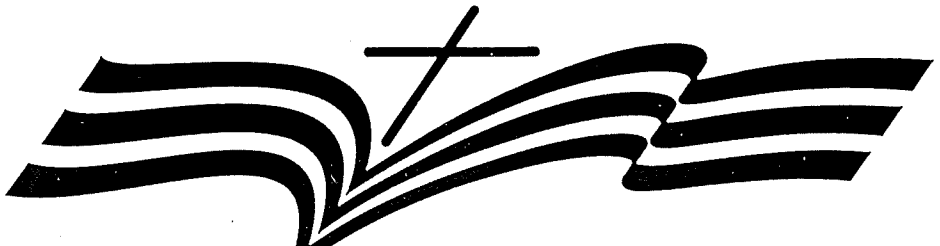
Individuals in crisis or with such problems as difficult personal relationships, family stresses, drug abuse or depression may call day or night for free confidential, anonymous help.

Well-screened volunteer listeners trained in listening and problem solving offer caring, sensitive help supervised by professional staff. Referrals are made as needed.

The Hotline is certified by the American Association of Suicidology as a Suicide Prevention Center and is managed by the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County.

MHAMC is a private, non-profit, voluntary United Way organization concerned with the promotion of mental health and the prevention and cure of mental disease. Recognized as an authority and advocate for over 30 years in the mental health field, the association also currently manages 15 major direct service programs for children, teens, families, the elderly, and individuals with a long term mental illness.

Celebrate



God's Love

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10301 River Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854

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MAILED TO YOU ON MAY 30

If you spent no more than an hour a day on the spiritual development of your children, in eighteen years your total investment of time would be over seven thousand hours. Can a Christian parent afford less?

RUMMAGE SALE June 9-10

JUNE



STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

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

KERRY ON ...

USE GOOD JUDGMENT

You may be a graduate marching across the stage to receive your high school diploma or college degree or proud parents watching the ceremony. This is the season for commencements and all the attendant pomp and circumstance. You may be thinking of the long nights of study, endless papers and final exams and be glad they are over. Or you may be rejoicing that those twice a year escalating tuition bills have finally stopped.

We would all do well to take a few moments to reflect on the responsibilities of the educated. By educated I mean something more than an accumulation of data. We are far more interested in using what we have learned for good.

Ed White, our former Presbytery Executive, said recently, "I heard that the upscale retailer Nordstrom has a one sentence policy manual which says, 'Use your own best judgment at all times.' I would add only one thought to that policy: When in doubt consult with someone whose judgment you trust and who has experience with the matter at hand."

How would any number of political and corporate issues have turned out if the principals would have followed this advice? It is interesting to note how often people in the public eye have eventually confessed to using bad judgment. As Christians I believe we would make one more addition to the policy. In all matters strive to discern judgment that is based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May the Lord be with you.

Kerry



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!

1989 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

BENTZEN, Helen Elizabeth	Radford University
BIGLER, Jason William	West Virginia University
BRILL, Craig Andrew	Villanova
BRUMBAUGH, Mary Ann	DePauw
DOBBS, Tony	Southern Methodist University
EAGLESON, Tom	Bucknell
GIMER, Tom	Tulane
GREENAWAY, Liz	Montgomery County College
KOWALSKI, Kristin	Occidental College (L.A.)
KRAMER, Virginia Hudson	U. of N.C. at Greensboro
SULLIVAN, Sandra	Unsure
TRUEB, J. T.	Auburn
WILLETTS, Robert	University of Maryland
SHANKLAND, Cristi	Montgomery County College

1989 COLLEGE GRADUATES

COMBS, Cynthia	Georgetown University
FLAKE, Anthony Wilson	Virginia Tech
HUMMON, Gretchen Mary	Yale
KAHL, Greg	Wake Forest
KENDALL, Charles Scott	Ohio University
LEBER, Laura	North Carolina State University
MAXWELL, Carol Jeannine	University of South Carolina
PARR, Frances Katherine	University of Maryland
PERRY, Kevin Rine	Lehigh
TRUEB, Margaret Ann	Auburn
SHARER, Andrew Kurt	Clemson University (Dec. '88)
FORGOTSON, Betsy	George Washington University Law School
GORDON, Kathryn	Lafayette College
McCLAIN, Margaret Lise	Duke

All in the Family

WELCOME TO NEW GRANDCHILDREN:

Steven John Sharer, son of Mark and Susan Sharer, born on May 13; Gene and Wilma Sharer, grandparents

Nicholas Alan Smith, son of Alan and Mary Smith, born on May 14; Lewis and Alice Smith, grandparents

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Del Smith and his mother who is recovering from surgery in Wisconsin

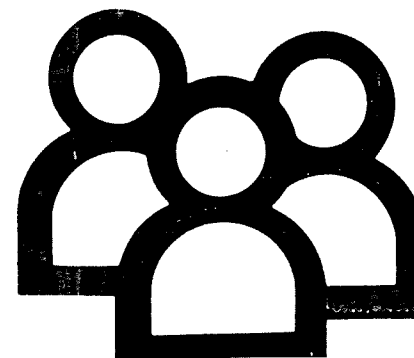
Mary Margaret Smith and her mother, Alma Jackson, who is in Shady Grove Hospital

Barbara Shamel and her mother, Dorothy Wykert, who is recovering in Manor Care Potomac following surgery

Bill Malone, whose father died in April

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Susan C. Kier who has been named Alfred E. Lyon Scholar by the marketing department in the E. Claiborne Robins School of Business at the University of Richmond.



It's To Laugh

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM MOTHERS' WEEKEND

Several weeks ago while Camille Kendall was enroute to Mothers' Weekend at Ohio University, she and the three other mothers with whom she was traveling stopped at Shoney's Restaurant for a quick lunch. To save time, they all ordered salad bar and coffee. During lunch, the conversation turned to their churches and Camille mentioned she had been an Elder at PPC but was now retired. They laughed that "Retired Elder" sounded so old!

Shortly thereafter, the waitress brought their individual checks. Camille noticed her bill was quit a bit less than the other ladies' even though they had all ordered exactly the same thing. She called the waitress over and asked if a mistake had been made on the check.

"No," replied the waitress. "I overheard you say you were a 'Retired Elder' so I gave you a Senior Citizens Discount."

Dear PPC Family,

Your expressions of love and support have been and continue to be a tremendous source of strength for us as we come to grips with Britton's death. We are trying as best we can to celebrate the 18 years of life, love, and laughter we had with Brit.

Over the past month as we've thought about Brit's relatively short life, Ralph Waldo Emerson's description of success that hangs on our refrigerator has taken on new meaning.

"To laugh often and love much;

To win the respect of intelligent persons and the affection of children;

To earn the approval of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty;

To find the best in others;

To give of one's self without the slightest thought of return;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a rescued soul, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;

To have played and laughed with enthusiasm and sung with exaltation;

To know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived;

This is to have succeeded."

With love and thanks,

David, Yelina & Whit



VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 26-30 11:30 A.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Plans for Vacation Bible School are well under way. The curriculum, Celebrate God's Love, includes fun crafts and Bible stories. Music and special activities are also being planned.

We need a few more children to make the program fun for everybody. If you know of anyone who might be interested in sending his child, please give him the registration form found in this issue of the newsletter. We have extended the registration deadline until June 20.

GRANDPARENTS - You might want to invite your grandchildren to spend the week with you and attend VBS.

If you have a special talent you would like to share with the children, let Margie Bedingfield know. We also need help at lunch time so the teachers can have a break. If you can come one day for an hour, it would be greatly appreciated.

If you have questions, a special talent to share or can help at lunch time, please call Margie at 299-4801 or the church office at 299-6007.

Many, many thanks to the following for agreeing to teach VBS:

Ardis Kline	3 yrs - 4 yrs class
Pat King	K - 1st grade class
Kay Mitchel	2nd - 3rd grade class
Mary Margaret Smith	4th, 5th, and 6th grade class

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26 - 30, 1989
11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Children of the Church and Community are invited to join us for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Classes will be offered for pre-school (3 yrs.) through 6th grade. This will be a Christian Education experience with adventures in Bible study, recreation, fellowship and music. Each participant is asked to bring a bag lunch each day and to dress comfortably.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is sponsored and staffed by our Christian Education Committee, and endorsed and supported by our Outreach Committee. There is no charge for Vacation Bible School. Friends are welcome. PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL. Please complete and return the registration form no later than June 10, 1989.

For more information call: Margie Bedingfield at 299-4801.

Detach and return to Potomac Presbyterian Church, no later than June 10, 1989.
10301 River Road, Potomac, MD 20854

Student(s) Name(s): (same family)	Birth Date	Grade in school last completed
#1. _____	_____	_____
#2. _____	_____	_____
#3. _____	_____	_____

Allergies or other information teacher should know: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ (During VBS) _____

In case of emergency, and parents are unavailable, I give permission for the staff of Vacation Bible School at Potomac Presbyterian Church to seek medical attention for my child(ren). Our family doctor _____ can be reached at _____.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

RUMMAGE HELP NEEDED

RUMMAGE SALE IS COMING FAST!

You've wasted all these weeks; now you MUST clean out those closets and drawers and bring your donations to PPC after the June 4 worship service or Monday through Thursday of the following week between the hours of 9 and 3. The sale runs June 9-10 from 10-3.

HELP is needed in many ways. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Sorting/pricing/fun-loving persons should appear Monday through Thursday from 9-3; bring a sandwich. Floor walkers are also needed during the sale times and afterward for the big clean-up!

MAY WE BORROW your cardtables? Also needed are clothes hangers and paper bags. Does anyone have a coat rack to lend for displaying fashions in our Sack's Thrift Avenue Department? Call Lynn Bigler at 983-1682 to say you'll join in the Fellowship Committee's "event of the year."

P.S. Don't forget we're also accepting white elephants this time: new, but unwanted.

IN SESSION

On May 15, the Elders voted to authorize the purchase of the new Allen electronic organ based on pledges received totalling \$45,795 ... discussed possibility of changes in the method for conducting annual stewardship campaign... learned of the preparation by the Mission Committee of a pamphlet outlining Opportunities for Christian Service ... heard of Christian Education Committee plans for Vacation Bible School, Youth Sunday and of the evaluation forms sent to teachers who have served this year... finalized plans for receiving the Confirmation Class members on Sunday, May 21, during the Worship Service.

WELCOME TO new members

On May 21, following a breakfast in Fellowship Hall, ten 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:

Katherine Bentzen, Lindsay Chapin, Whitney Chichester, Jimmy Chung, Abigail Clouse, Kristin Kahl, Chip Kramer, Sarah Singleton, Jason Sullivan, and Edward Tennent

BITS

PLEASE place your giving number on all checks to the church. This number is on your giving envelopes. If you do not have your number, call Kay Mitchell at 340-7768.

classifieds

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED JULY 16-22


HELP WANTED

Station wagon or van needed to transport senior highs to Montreat Youth Conference July 16-22 (Sun-Sat) Trade of vehicles easily made for your convenience. Borrowed vehicle will be driven by competent adult youth sponsor. If interested please respond to Ruthanne Stoltzfus at 424-2058 evenings.

Part-time work with youth; one hour each Sunday morning plus a few hours during the week. Low pay, high satisfaction. No summer hours. Training provided. Contact Kay Mitchell or Lynda Tennent.

Beginning June 25, 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 3.

Sept 10


 VOLUNTEERS needed to staff the nursery during the summer services. If you are willing to spend one summer Sunday supervising the youngest children of our church family, please call Lillian or Michael Dearing at 424-8716 or the church office.

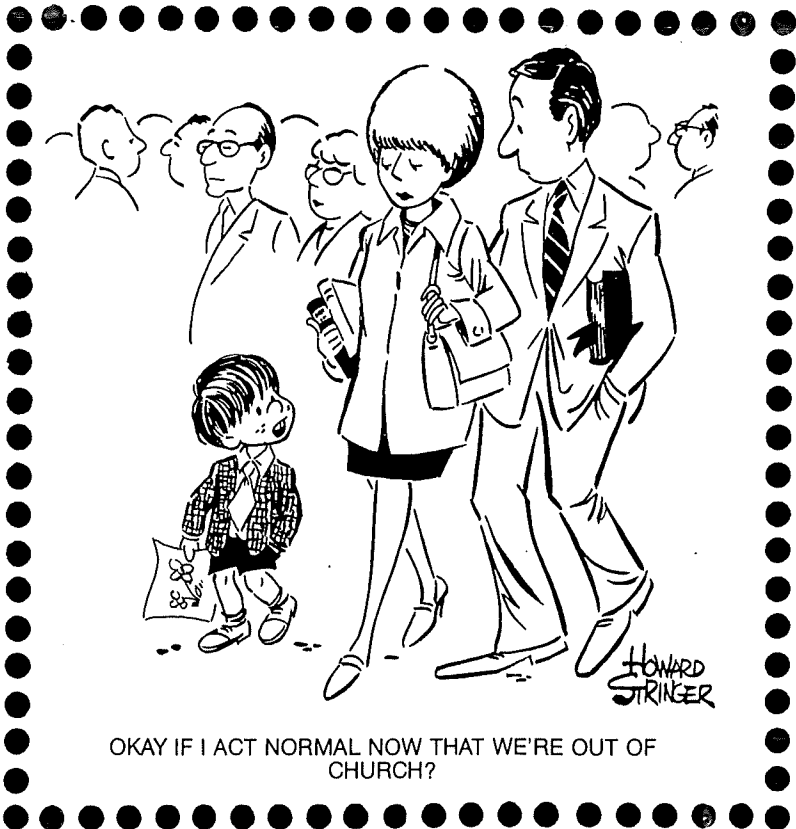
CAMP GLENKIRK

The Christian Education Committee announces limited scholarships are available for Camp Glenkirk for children entering grades 3-6 in the fall of 1989. Please call Pastor Stoltzfus.

HOW WILL OUR GARDENS GROW? People are needed to water our church gardens on a regular basis during the summer. Can you volunteer to fill this position for two weeks or more? Please call Barbara Perry at 299-6067 to get on the schedule.



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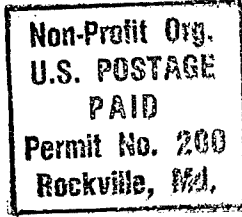
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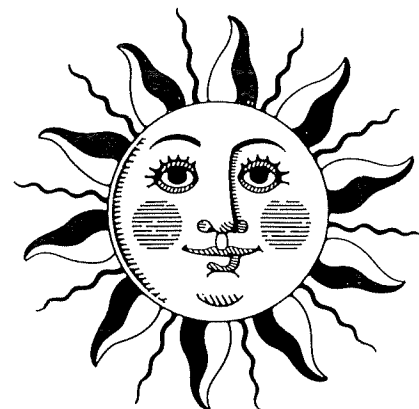
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- 7-30 9:30 Communion
Tom Miles preaching
8-4 4:00 Worship at Pres. Home
8-6 9:30 Tom Miles preaching
8-7 6:30 Miriam's Kitchen
8-7 through 11
Anne Cloar away
8-13 9:30 Christa Burns
preaching
8-20 4:00 Worship at Manor Care

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Search Ends

Since February our PPC Search Committee has been hard at work finding someone for our new Christian Educator position.

We placed ads, we talked with various educational institutions, we poured through resumes - some from candidates who wanted to come here from other parts of the country.

But in the final analysis, we found our candidate much closer to home.

On June 19, we enthusiastically presented our choice for the position, Beverly S. Bailey, to the Session and she was unanimously approved.

Bev will officially join the PPC staff on August 28 when her current commitments end. But before you meet her, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce her to you and tell you about her outstanding qualifications.

A lifelong Presbyterian and an experienced educator, Bev is a graduate of the Presbyterian School of

Meet Bev

Hello!

This is an exciting and busy time for me as I prepare to take this important step and join all of you at PPC in your ministry of education. Director of Christian Education and Youth - the title of the position you have offered implies so much. My own commitment to quality Christian education is real. As we live and work in this secular society, our commitment to a community of faith becomes ever more important. I look forward to meeting and working with you as we explore your faith issues and as we nurture together the children and young people in the ways and teachings of Jesus Christ. I am encouraged by your desire to provide a real and visible program of ministry for your young people - and for yourselves. And I am eager to meet all of you - to talk with you, learn with you, play with you, and worship with you - as I become part of the special church community which is PPC. Those of you whom I have met have impressed me with your sincerity and interest

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Christian Education where she received a Master of Arts in Christian Education last May.

Upon completing the required on-the-job experience, taking a few additional post graduate courses and an exam, she will achieve certification as a Christian Educator. This is the highest professional level in the CE field.

Bev, her husband and two sons, ages 13 and 16, live in Kensington, Maryland, where they currently attend Warner Memorial Church. Bev's husband also retains his membership at Georgetown Presbyterian where his family has belonged for many years.

Bev, until coming to PPC, had two parttime jobs. One was as Associate Director of Music at Warner Memorial where she worked primarily with the teen and children's music program. She also worked parttime as administrator of the SOURCE, an ecumenical resource center in Takoma Park, Maryland.

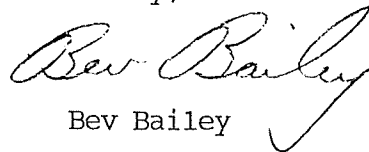
Pursuit of a Christian Education degree represented not a career change, but a career redirection for Bev whose bachelor's degree and previous experience were in music education. As she worked in the music field, however, she felt called to a new career and for two years she commuted to Richmond and lived in a dorm during the week to complete her degree in Christian Education at PSCE. (Continued on p. 3)

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in the possibilities that quality educational ministry can bring.

Please feel free to come by my office or call me to share with me your hopes and dreams for the future of Christian Education. Together I know that we will find ways to put your ideas into action so that we might all grow in the knowledge of who we are as people of Christ.

Fondly,


Bev Bailey

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Miriam and Fred Sass on the marriage of their grand-daughter Tammy.

Carol and Alan Kamara on the marriage of their daughter Heather.

Claudia and John Trant on the marriage of their daughter Marsha.

Mary Cathey who will have at least one and possibly more hymns published in the new Presbyterian hymnal.

Molly Newell, daughter of Hal and Ruth Newell, who has recently received the Unsung Hero Award from the Hemophilia Association of New Jersey for her services.

Charlie Kendall, son of Camille and Cliff Kendall, who received "Outstanding Senior Award" from Ohio University.

Robert Benning Jr., son of Sue and Bob Benning, who has graduated from Arizona State University, and

Brian Smith who will be attending the University of South Carolina.

Louis and Laura Cardona on the birth of Louis Anthony IV.

Bill Skinner who received this year's Community Ministry Citation.

Kerry Stoltzfus whose 19th anniversary of his ordination occurred on July 16!

ALL IN THE FAMILY



REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Sally O'Neal whose mother is hospitalized.

Sylvia Dobbs and her family on the recent death of her mother.

Wanda Sherfy and her family on the recent death of her husband Raphael.

Bob Olding and his family on his father's death last month.

Bob Jordan and his family on the death of his aunt.

Taylor Johnson and his family on the death of his mother.



NEED A BABYSITTER?
Please call
Caroline Olalo, age 14
at 299-3164

In Session, July 17, Elders welcomed the Rev. Richard Ness and Elder Charity Singletary from Warner Church who represented Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, discussing the mission and ministry of PPC . . . voted to donate the old Allen organ to the Korean Community Service Center located in Northminster Presbyterian Church in the District . . . reviewed the present format of the Session meetings to receive new members and suggested a number of revisions for consideration . . . were reminded of Session Retreat scheduled for November 11-12, 1989.

UP2DATE

What has the church been doing for earthquake victims in Armenia and people starving in the Sudan? Who handles designated funds for missionaries? How can I apply for scholarship aid? These are some of the questions callers have asked Presbyte1, 1-800-UP2DATE, a new toll-free information service. Those handling the calls in Louisville possess the combined skills of detective, counselor and reference librarian! Try them.

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Bev received extremely high marks from everyone the Search Committee talked to and we feel she will bring a number of special abilities to her CE work:

- + skill and experience as a teacher in a school setting and in planning and executing workshops and other learning experiences for adults
- + ability to relate to children, particularly teenagers
- + creativity in devising unique educational experiences
- + ability to work well with other adults
- + broad knowledge of available educational and ecumenical resources
- + broad knowledge of music and how it can be used as a tool in an educational program
- + administrative and research experience

The Search Committee is confident that Bev is superbly qualified for our CE position and also will bring us "something extra" in skills and background knowledge that will enhance an innovative program for our youth.

We look forward to welcoming her to our congregation and hope you will have the opportunity to meet her soon.

PPC Christian Educator Search Committee:

Diane Chapin, chairperson
 Mary Ann Brumbaugh
 Nelia Chichester
 Diane Kendall
 James Reichley
 William Skinner
 Lynda Tennent



HOWARD
 SPRINGER

HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO SIT PERFECTLY STILL?

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Davis-Stuart, a Presbyterian therapeutic residential center for youth, can use labels from food products to redeem for needed equipment. Following is a description of the kinds of labels they save and the portions of those labels that should be kept:

- Campbells canned products - front portion of label
- Campbells Fresh Mushroom soup the label
- Campbells Quality Soup-Recipe Mix - bottom flap-UPC panel
- Swanson Frozen Foods - proof of purchase seals
- Pepperidge Farm Products - proof of purchase seals
- Prego Spaghetti Sauce - front portion of label
- Prego Frozen Entrees - proof of purchase seals
- Mrs. Paul's Frozen Foods - "Quality Pledge Panels"
- Vlasic Pickle Products - the lid

Please save over the summer and give to Ruth Lincoln, 340-0760.

Mrs. Paul's

GOOD IDEA

Fantle's is the new owner of the former Dart Drug Stores. They have established a Good Neighbor Fund to encourage shopping at their store. Fantle's will donate 5% of your total sales receipt (less sales tax) to Community Ministry of Montgomery County. All you do is save your receipt and give them to us. Fantle's then reimburses Community Ministry directly.

We are going to try to use the Good Neighbor Fund to raise monies for GAP. If you shop in Fantle's stores, please turn in your receipts to the church office or put them in Elsie Reid's box.



MISSION

Mission opportunities upcoming: Mark your calendars now for two weekends in October. On October 14, we hope to join other churches and interested civic groups in a CROP walk to end hunger. CROP, a Church World Service program, recruits walkers with pledged sponsors to raise money for local and international hunger relief. The Mission Committee hopes to sponsor our Senior Highs and others on such a walk on October 14 in the Seneca area of the county.

MISSION

Please also save the 21st of October for County Community Service Day; a day we hope to plan a "hands-on" helping or civic improvement project for us all to "go and serve."

Pastor Stoltzfus will be on vacation July 25-August 12. If there is a need for pastoral care, you may call Parish Associate, Tom Miles at 588-5954.

ABOUT \$\$\$

That two-day extravaganza known as the PPC RUMMAGE SALE brought us a bit over \$1900, thanks to your wonderful donations!

The Fellowship Committee has disbursed the money in the following way:

- + \$1000 to the Organ Fund
- + Remainder to the Mission Committee to be spent on needs of their choice

Social

Pat King, Fellowship Chair, informs us that 29 Potomac fans attended a recent Orioles game (they lost even with our cheers!) together. \$2.50 of each ticket price went toward support of the Maryland Hunger Committee.

Watch this space for fall social activities. Got any super ideas for events? Call Pat, 340-0456.

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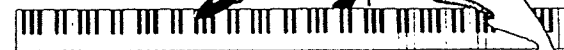
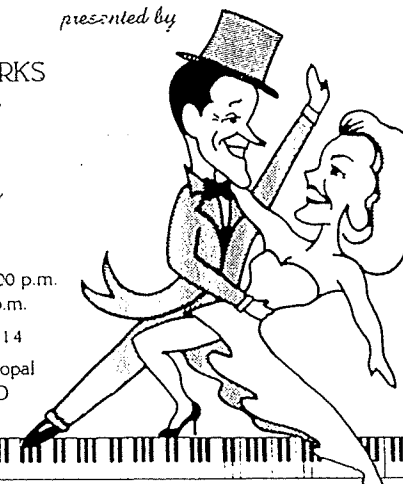
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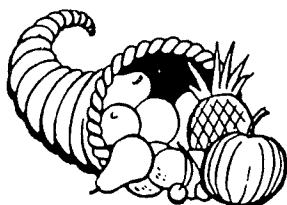




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PPC EDUCATION PLANS

As we move into September, I'm sure your calendars begin to get fuller. Please include the education program at PPC in your fall plans. It is exciting for me to come in new to a church with such an active Christian Education Committee. Teachers are being secured and plans are under way for the beginning of church school classes on September 10.

Several interesting options and subjects will be available to adults this fall and our regular class will include teachers such as Tom Miles, Ann Hazard and Mary Cathey, Elsie Reid, and Louise Winfield. There will also be an Inquirer's Class during October led by our Pastor for all interested in joining PPC. In addition, we will also offer a 3-week class in October on Family Communication.

Our children and young people will be using the CELEBRATE curriculum again this year. CELEBRATE is a part of the Presbyterian and Reformed Educational Ministry and is both Bible-based and organized around the church year. Nursery and Creative Enrichment will also be provided.

We will be sending you a brochure describing the Sunday morning program in detail and hope to see you all here on Rally Day, September 10. Our worship service will include a service for the Commissioning of Teachers.

Teachers, I look forward to meeting all of you. Please remember and take advantage of the two teacher-training sessions:

Saturday, September 9 9:30-11:30 at PPC
 Saturday, September 16 9:00-1:15 Presbytery-wide workshops at
 Warner Memorial Presbyterian

My time here so far has been busy and productive. Those of you I've met have been very welcoming. I look forward to working and worshipping with you.

Bev Bailey
 Bev Bailey

PIPE ORGAN SOUNDS AT PPC

The new organ has arrived and has been installed. Voicing and some details of the final configuration remain to be determined, but with the assistance of the acoustical consultant and the Jordan-Kitts people, these issues will soon be completed.

The organ is already being used to support our worship service and plans are under way to dedicate it during the worship service on Sunday, October 8.

Jackie Galliher is preparing an expanded music program both with the organ and the choir, and the day promises to be a great service of thanksgiving to our Sovereign God for his goodness to this congregation.

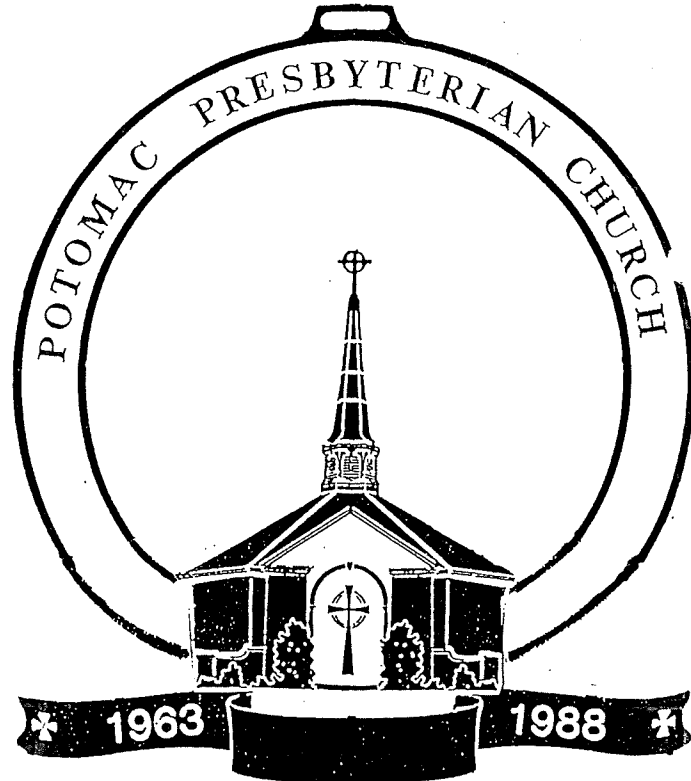
The Worship Committee and the Session invite everyone to make a special effort to attend on October 8th for the organ dedication.

ornament available

Aren't you sorry you didn't buy just one more ornament last year? And aren't you lucky they will be available again before Christmas?

You may purchase our beautiful 25th anniversary ornament which comes in a gift box with a brief history of the church for \$5 by calling Lynn Bigler at 983-1682. Bob Tietjen is again willing to frame the ornament for you for \$18.

Surely there's a new baby in your family who should have one or a special friend who would cherish such a commemorative of PPC.



PUPPETEERS WANTED

KIDS ON THE BLOCK is an educational community service volunteer program designed to teach children to think and talk about sensitive, important issues facing kids and teens today such as: AIDS, DRUG ABUSE, CHILD ABUSE, CULTURAL DIFFERENCES, EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES.

Get involved in this fun and innovative program using child-size puppets to help our kids.

No experience necessary! We just need committed individuals with a concern for these social issues.

For more information about upcoming trainings, call the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County now at 424-0656.

INQUIRERS

A four-week INQUIRERS CLASS SERIES conducted by our pastor will be held in the Church Parlor during the month of October. 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 on the following Sundays:

October 1	A Faith For Today
October 8	Our Family Story
October 15	The Church And You
October 22	A Place For You

After completing the series, those wishing to unite with PPC will meet with the Session on October 22 at 8:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Recognition of new members is scheduled for Sunday, October 29.

CIH

December will be here before you know it. We need your help in preparing for 20 foreign students who have been invited to spend two weeks in the Gaithersburg area when their dormitories are closed over the holidays. Our Christmas International House program has hosted 207 students in Gaithersburg over the last ten years, an important and meaningful ministry to the international students. They are currently studying in the U.S. and have special needs during the Christmas season when they are separated from their own families. This is a time to develop lasting friendships, intercultural exchanges and peacemaking at the grass roots level.

We will need host families for one or two week periods, help with three all-day trips and three evening parties, dinner invitations for small groups, etc. It's not too early to start dreaming of a most unusual Christmas. Call Eleanor Munch, CIH Chairman, at 926-3728 for further information.

TEA AND HANDWORK

Come, relax and enjoy a couple of hours with us in the church parlor. EVERYONE is welcome. You may need encouragement in your current project or instruction in a "new to you" needlecraft. Some of our interests are knitting, crocheting, counted cross stitch, English smocking, and quilting. We shall meet Thursdays from 1:30-3:30 September 14, October 5 and 19. For more information, call Kathy McMahon at 762-2076.

VBS: Report - Invitation

Forty-one children attended Vacation Bible School at PPC this summer. Pictures from VBS will be on display in Fellowship Hall in September. It is easy to see from looking at the pictures that it was a rewarding experience for the children and also for the volunteers who gave of their time and energy. Pat King, Ardis Kline, Kathy McMahon, Kay Mitchell and Mary Margaret Smith were our teachers. Abby Clouse and Caroline Olalo were teacher assistants for the entire week.

A special activity was planned each day. Phyllis Matson planned a "mini olympics," Jane Ashbaugh and Lynda Tennent planned crafts and Judy Kahl and Nelia Chichester organized "Make Your Own Pizza" day. Kristin Kahl, Arianna Smith, Edward Tennent and Gregory Lynn Tennent were teen assistants. Sherri Bond helped organize the closing ceremony. Kay Norvell was a substitute teacher and Mary Reichley helped with lunch. Peggy Hawley, Lynn Matson, Bob King and Cheryl King helped with the advertising. Sally O'Neal assisted with the planning AND Margie Bedingfield was the coordinator of this very successful VBS.

It is clear our church is committed to Christian education. Almost half the children who attended VBS were from our congregation. Three were grandchildren of members. Mark your calendars now for the VBS next year. Don't miss out on the fun. 1990 VBS DATES: JUNE 18-22.



IN MEMORIAM

Betty Wolden Endicott

Betty has journeyed with us as a member of this household of faith and now we claim the promises of the Gospel, commending her life to the tender care and keeping of God, and recalling the words of Jesus our Lord: "You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

Our prayers are with Betty's family, especially Sarah and Matt.

Memorial contributions may be made to Church World Service, 28606 Phillips Street, Elkhart, Indiana 46514. CWS is especially involved in ministry with refugees around the world and this was a particular concern of Betty's. Special thanks is given to those who provided refreshments at the reception on August 22.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

ASSORTED NOTES:

Our new Director of Christian Education and Youth, Bev Bailey, will be installed on Sunday, September 24. A reception will follow.

A portrait of our former Associate Pastor, Diane Kramer, has been hung in the upper hallway.

The Kendall Parish Group is going to the beach, September 8-10. \$25 per. Call the Kendalls at 977-5097 or the McMahons at 681-1640 for reservations and more information.

Please call the church office with addresses of your college students so we may keep in touch with them during the coming school year.

RETURN TO FALL SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30
WORSHIP 11:00

LOOKING AHEAD:

October 1, our Faith Share friends will join us for World Communion; special guest preacher will be former pastor David Uhl

October 8: Organ Dedication
Sunday; special prelude beginning at 10:45

CONGRATULATIONS:

Glòria and Charles Leber who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August

Jeanne Hazard and Troy Osborne who have just become engaged

Pat and Bill King who have just become grandparents of William Fairbanks, son of Barb and Greg Fairbanks

Ann and Gary Niskanen on the birth of son Thomas Gallant, July 23

Kevin Rine Perry who received his B.S. in electrical engineering from Lehigh University

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

The family of Betty Endicott who died last month

Gloria Leber recovering from surgery

Bill Albright recovering from surgery

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE

Active peacemaking takes on a new meaning when our foreign students visit us over the Christmas holidays. This year, from December 19 to January 2, twenty international visitors will be arriving from schools all over the United States. CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE provides an opportunity for people to demonstrate and to share the real meaning of Christmas. "It was a very elevating and inspiring experience for me. I think there is very little room for improvement." "Christmas International House is such a good program that it left us a wonderful memory that I shall never forget."

The Christmas International House program in Gaithersburg has provided homes for 207 students over the past ten years. They have come from 35 countries, and were studying in colleges as far away as California and Texas. Our program is one of sixty in the United States, all expressing concern for world peace in a way in which each of us can participate.

Please join us in a planning meeting for our 1989 program on Sunday evening, October 8, at 7:30 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, with special emphasis on planning for three trips to D.C., three extra parties, and suggestions for other trips or tours. We need alot of help in planning this very Christian way of celebrating Christmas. For further information, contact Eleanor Munch, Chairman, 926-3728.

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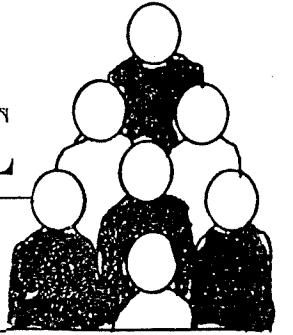
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KERRY ON ...

\$75 BILLION ENTERPRISE

"If U.S. religion were a company it would be number 5 on the FORTUNE 500, its \$50 billion of revenues putting it behind IBM and just ahead of GE." (FORTUNE MAGAZINE, September 25, 1989, p. 116) In an equally startling comment, "The figures don't include volunteer work, worth a jaw-dropping \$75 billion a year."

Consider a moment the value of that volunteer work or the devastation that would result if all those volunteers suddenly quit or went on strike. That is not the case and day in and day out ordinary people give of their time and talent to do the Lord's work. Hungry people receive warm meals, lonely people are visited, children are taught and innumerable lives are touched by someone who cares.

One simple act of caring may not seem like much, but the combined efforts of Christians throughout our land cannot even be measured by the \$75 billion price tag. As you do your volunteer work in the Lord's name, take heart - you are part of something great! If you would like to become more involved, give me a call or speak to Mission Committee Chair Elsie Reid. Perhaps COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY would be a good place to start.

Kerry

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED



October 22 has been designated FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY. Now is the time to reach out to your friends and neighbors without a church home and invite them to worship with you that morning and meet your PPC family.

THANK YOU, COMPTON JONES, FROM ALL OF US FOR DESIGNING THE NEW MASTHEAD!

Montgomery
County
Community
Service Day



OCTOBER 21

Our congregation has been asked to join Montgomery County in celebrating its third annual COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY on Saturday, October 21. Last year, over 16,000 people were involved in a day full of community service projects in our county. This year Gov. Shaefer has asked all counties in Maryland to join in celebrating our communities through service to our neighbors. The First Lady, Mrs. Barbara Bush, is the honorary chairman of this event.

The Session and Mission Committee believe this is an excellent opportunity for you and your family to do something for our community and our fellow citizens. In the past, people from other civic groups and churches volunteered to beautify neighborhoods, fix shelters, collect canned goods for the hungry, and clean parks.

This year PPC members will have two different opportunities to participate in Community Service Day. Although all the details are still being worked out, we will assist elderly shut-ins in the Rockville-Bethesda area who have requested a visit or an errand to be done for them during the week of or on October 21. You may find you want to continue the relationship or simply help with a single chore or make one visit. Whatever the circumstance, the joy of giving and receiving will be there.

The second activity we hope to set up will be to assist an emergency shelter in our area. This shelter has asked for help in "grooming" its playground, putting down mulch and installing a slide. Perhaps this is a project in which residents and our members can work side by side. Afterwards, it may be possible to host a Hallowe'en party for the 20-25 young children who are staying there. This is a great chance to make a "physical" contribution to the happiness of others.

This, remember, is an important way for us to help improve the quality of life in our community and represent PPC as a concerned, caring Christian community, grateful for our collective blessings and mindful of the needs of our neighbors. Announcements in the Sunday bulletins and during Worship will be forthcoming, but you need not wait to be recruited. Please call Elsie Reid (340-8142 after 6:00 p.m.) or Janet Olding (294-9665), or leave your name at the Church office (299-6007) to show your interest. SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 21st!

TSK TSK, NO ADDRESSES



In the June issue was a long list of high school graduates and the colleges they planned to attend. Would you believe none of those young people seem to have college addresses! We've asked for them but haven't received any response! C'mon, Moms, call the church and tell us the room number, dorm and school name, city, state and zip code. It won't hurt a bit and it will enable us to keep in touch with your children while they're away from Potomac. And it will also enable them to keep in touch with each other! That becomes a very important thing for college freshmen. Call now!



**ALL
IN THE
FAMILY**

Merci

I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of you for the many outpourings of love I received following surgery last month. It certainly helped to keep my spirits up and to give a special meaning to the word "caring."
-Gloria Leber

PPC'S 25th ANNIVERSARY
ORNAMENT IS AVAILABLE
FOR \$5.00 AND MAKES A
WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS
GIFT. CALL LYNN BIGLER
(983-1682) TO ORDER.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Charlene and Bruce Brumbaugh who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last month.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to work in the nursery during adult education and worship hour. Please call Lilian Dearing at 424-8716 or leave your name with the church office. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

BIBLE STUDY is every Wednesday morning at 9:30. Pastor Stoltzfus is leading a study of I Peter.

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

Sunday Church School got off to a rousing start this year with approximately 60 children and young people, and 30 adults in attendance. There is still plenty of room in each class, so we urge you to come, register your children, and stay yourselves for new insights into your own faith journey.

Children age 3 through 5th grade begin their church school hour with a time together in the sanctuary. Led by Jackie Galliher and myself, this is a time of singing and learning about the elements of worship. "What is an altar, a baptismal font? Why do we pray? How do we pray? We feel that this is an important time for your children and hope that you will try to have them here promptly at 9:45. Occasionally they will share what they learn here in the 11:00 worship service. During this opening time we also collect the church school offering, all of which goes to Heifer Project International, a non-profit, church-related agency that provides livestock and agricultural aid to people in developing areas in the U.S. and overseas. Last year we collected \$160.00 which purchased a sheep, a hive of bees, and 10 baby chicks.

October offers several classes for Adult Education. Our regular class begins the month with our Scottish friends and Faith Share. Then we offer a 3-week study on "Music in the Reformed Church"; and end the month with a study on Mission Programs. An additional class begins October 15 called "Family Communication-Problem Solving." This 4-week class is geared toward those wishing to discuss family issues in contemporary society. Please see your C.E. brochure for more information about these classes. In addition, our pastor will be offering an Inquirers Class for prospective members the first four Sundays in October.

The C.E. Committee is working hard to secure adult advisors for a monthly youth program for both middle school and senior high students. If you are interested in being involved with our great young people (whom I am just getting to know) as we provide opportunities both for fellowship and mission outreach, please call me at church. We need you - for your care, your concern, your interest - your presence.

Bev Bailey

BUS TRIP

WILLIAMSBURG POTTERY SHOPPING

A bus trip is being planned on Wednesday, October 11, to the Lightfoot Pottery in Williamsburg, Va. We will meet at the church at 6:00 in the morning and should return home around 9:00 in the evening. Cost will be \$20.00 to cover the cost of the bus.

Lightfoot Pottery includes a number of outlet stores as well as terrific discount prices on glassware, pottery, silk flowers, candles, Christmas supplies, and much much more!

Please contact Gloria Leber at 340-9844 or Pat King at 340-0456 for further details and reservations. Space is limited so please call early.



THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE announces its ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER coming October 21. Appetizers and dessert will be served in private homes; the main course in beautiful Fellowship Hall. Watch bulletins for more details. Call Marilyn Shankland, 983-0931, for reservations/food assignment.

TEA AND HANDWORK

JOIN US in the church parlor. Share your Christmas project(s) with us whatever it may be. It's more fun to work in the company of others. Everyone is welcome to Tea and Needlework. We shall meet Thursdays from 1:30-3:30, October 5 and 19; November 2, 16, and 30.



IN SESSION

At the September 18, 1989 meeting, Elders...welcomed as a guest Bev Bailey, new Director of Christian Education and Youth, who highlighted her activities during her first three weeks at PPC...presented preliminary committee budget requests for 1990 programs...noted a number of important dates and activities in the coming months including installation of Bev Bailey on Sunday, September 24 and dedication of the new organ on October 8...authorized the calling of a congregational meeting on October 29, 1989, for the purpose of electing Elders and Deacons for the Classes of 1992.

INQUIRERS

A four-week INQUIRERS CLASS SERIES conducted by the pastor will be held on Sunday mornings, October 1, 8, 15, and 22. All who are interested in learning about the Presbyterian Church or who may be interested in membership at PPC, please come to the Parlor at 9:45 a.m.

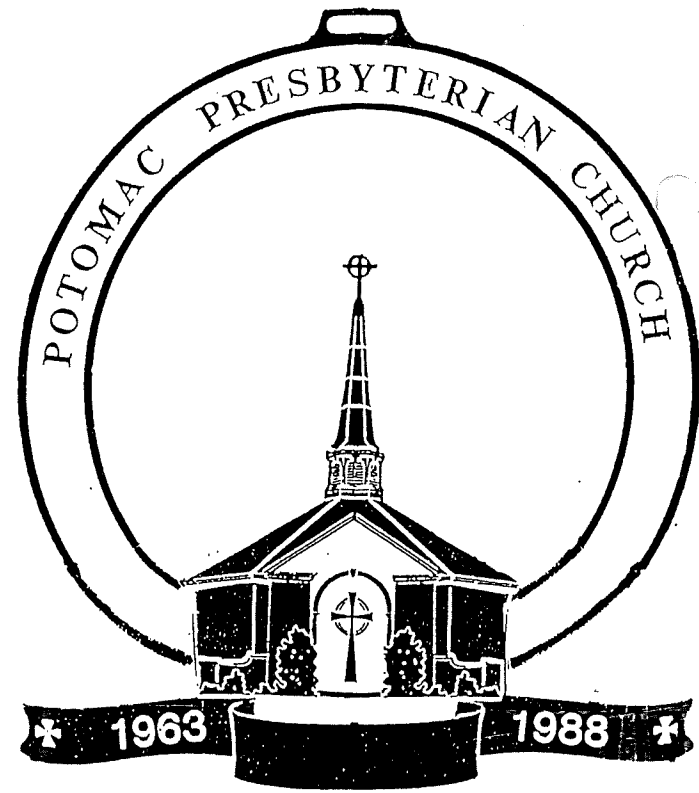
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22 FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY 9:45 Sunday School/Ad. Ed. Inquirer's Class "Family Communication" Class 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 8:00 New Members w/Session	23 7:30 Deacons	24	25 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Masterworks	26 7:00 Handbell 8:00 Sanctuary	27 6:30 Holsinger Rehearsal	28 3:00 Holsinger Wedding 7:30 Potomac Week (FH)
29 RECOGNITION SUNDAY 9:45 Sunday School/Ad. Ed. 11:00 Worship (Youth Ushers) Congregational Meet (Elec. of Officers) 12:00 Fellowship	30	31	OCTOBER 1989			

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Aren't you sorry you didn't buy just one more ornament last year? And aren't you lucky they will be available again before Christmas?

You may purchase our beautiful 25th anniversary ornament which comes in a gift box with a brief history of the church for \$5 by calling Lynn Bigler at 983-1682. Bob Tietjen is again willing to frame the ornament for you for \$18.

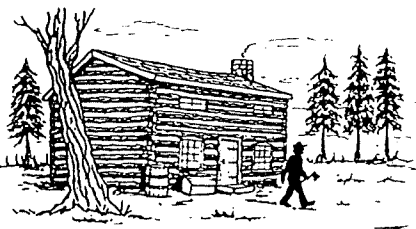
Surely there's a new baby in your family who should have one or a special friend who would cherish such a commemorative of PPC.



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KERRY ON ...

What makes our congregation attractive to new members? "Everyone is so friendly and welcoming", is the response I hear most often. After the initial welcome, people are drawn to this place because they are seeking a deeper spiritual life.

- + Worship and music provide an opportunity to meet God and give thanks for God's abundant blessings.
- + Christian Education for children, youth and adults challenge us to know God better and helps us to live faithful lives every day.
- + Our Mission program makes a strong statement of concern to witness in word and deed to the love of Jesus Christ.
- + Our building stands in this community as a sign of our Christian commitment and a place of fellowship and welcome.

These four essential parts of our ministry cost money and their excellence can only be continued by your generous pledge for 1990.

We can be proud of our accomplishments over the past five years. Contributions of over a half million dollars made possible our new addition and renovation. Also, the beautiful new organ was purchased this year in a special campaign.

As we enter the 90's, our challenge is to duplicate that kind of commitment to the ministry of Potomac Presbyterian Church. As you read and hear of our ambitious goals for next year, please join in making them possible by your increased pledge.

Kerry

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

As I move into my third month of work with you, I am encouraged by the enthusiasm I see for the Sunday morning program. The number of children we see downstairs increases weekly but we also have many children who have come every week. Teachers are enthusiastic and creative, and eager to spend time with your children. The addition of Diane Chapin as Church School Superintendent has helped things run smoothly. The nursery is getting crowded as we see more babies accompanying parents to church.

Upstairs in the Junior-Senior High area we are averaging 25-30 young people each week. Take a peek in the 6-8th grade classroom and see the colorful displays on the walls as they explore the beginnings of the Christian church. Last week I sat in on the Senior High class as they talked about Pentecost and Peter's first sermon - and as they decided what question they would ask their parents in their "Stump Your Parents" contest.

The last two Sundays we have had over sixty adults taking part in the education program. The class on Family Communications is exploring how we talk to each other and our children and how we listen. Much communication is happening - the class hates to stop talking! The regular Adult Class has just finished a good program on music in the church, and looks forward to a time for Mission - both overseas and at home - and then begins a study on the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Louise Winfield, popular educator from St. Mark's Presbyterian, leads this exciting class.

So, join us on Sunday morning. All of us need to exercise and feed our minds with new ideas. We're coming up to the Christmas season - let us all move into it thoughtfully, remembering who we are as Christians and as members of this community of faith.

Bev Bailey

BITS & Pieces

LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY, the annual e-day event sponsored by the National Capital Presbytery, will be held at Westminster PC in Alexandria on November 4 from 9-4:00. See Bev Bailey for more information.

KINDERGARTEN-FIRST GRADE Sunday School class is collecting aluminum for recycling as part of their learning to care for God's world. Please put your donations in the box in the Narthex.

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED. If you know of an adult who loves working with children and would be interested in a paid position with PPC every Sunday morning from 9:30-12:30, please contact the office.

UNICEF. Because the school system will no longer take the responsibility of collecting money, churches and other organizations have been asked to collect for UNICEF. We will place UNICEF boxes on the coffee table in Fellowship Hall for your support of health and education programs for children around the world.

ADVENT BOOKLET. This year's theme will be Christmas Carols. If anyone would like to write about what a particular carol means to him or about the history of a carol, please call Shirley Tietjen (299-3272) or Dawn Thompson (299-6214). Let us know as soon as possible which carol you have chosen.

DRIVERS NEEDED. The Montgomery County Red Cross urgently needs daytime volunteers to take the elderly and handicapped to medical appointments using Red Cross vehicles, and to assist three area hospitals (Suburban, NIH Clinical Center, Bethesda Naval) in support of patient care. If you like to drive and enjoy meeting people, please call Denise Ridgely (588-2515) weekdays 8:30-4:30.

LON DRING was asked to umpire a baseball game between Montgomery County Democrats and Republicans. When the game was rained out, Lon reminded the group of Jesus' saying, "The rain falls on the just and the unjust." He did not indicate which was which!

SIGNS ALONG THE WAY. This sign greets motorists passing the Pencader Presbyterian Church near Glasgow, Delaware. In the summer of '88 the area suffered a drought; in July of '89, it had almost 12 inches of rain!

LAST YEAR'S PRAYERS FOR
RAIN WERE BACK ORDERED
AND NOW BEING FILLED.

And from the Biglers recent tour of the Carolinas, the following two roadsigns were noticed:

LET GOD'S SON SHINE IN YOU
and

SEVEN DAYS WITHOUT JESUS
MAKES ONE WEAK

IN SESSION

On October 16, 1989, Elders reviewed names of members for contact by the Clerk regarding their membership on the active roles...evaluated informational materials to be distributed to members during the Stewardship campaign...learned of developing plans by the Mission Committee to provide direct support to a South Carolina Presbyterian Church damaged during Hurricane Hugo...received recommendations from the Personnel Committee on proposed staff salaries for 1990...approved plans to provide UNICEF boxes in the Narthex for use by the children on Hallowe'en...eagerly anticipate the installation of new gas furnaces which will replace the present oil burning furnaces.

MUSICIANS SOUGHT FOR PARTY BAND

Preparations are now underway for our annual Jesus' Birthday Party set for December 17 at 9:45 a.m. Planners are looking for anyone (ALL AGES WELCOME) in the congregation with musical talent (instrumental or vocal) who would like to participate. Please contact Mary Margaret Smith (299-3331) or Bev Bailey (299-6007) to indicate your interest.

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SKIERS NEED HELP



The Junior-Senior High Fellowship groups have requested to go skiing this winter and need your help. We are in search of a chalet or mountain cabin where we could stay together instead of the impersonalness of motel rooms. Does anyone in the congregation have or know of some place like this which we might be able to use? Please call Bev Bailey at church or home (946-1999) as soon as possible. We would like to plan this outing for some time in February. Time is growing short!

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Fellowship activities for young people in 6th through 12th grade are beginning to get underway. Several activities are being planned and we hope all PPC youth will join us - and help make Fellowship a meaningful experience for each of us.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP will meet the third Sunday of each month. In October nine young people, grades 6-8, joined Bev Bailey, Dawn Thompson and Susan Hawley as we created pumpkins (babies, Mexican señoritas, and horrible monsters) for centerpieces at Manor Care Nursing Home. On Sunday, November 19, we will meet at the church at 12:30 and go out for hamburgers and an afternoon of Putt-Putt golf. Watch your mail for more information.

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP will begin its activities with a Retreat on November 4-5. We'll gather at the church at 2:00 on Saturday and travel to Bush Hill Presbyterian in Alexandria, Va. We'll borrow their facilities as we spend time together which will include: food, parachutes, planning, volleyball, movies, sleep, worship, and more food. Reservations must be in by Wednesday, November 1. Call Bev Bailey at church or home (946-1999) for more information.

In December, Senior Highers will go to see "Butterfingers Angel..." at Olney Theatre. We have only reserved 16 seats for the Sunday matinee so be sure to sign up early. We'll gather at church at 12:30 for pizza and then go to Olney. We should be back around 6:00. Check the bulletin boards in Fellowship Hall and in the Youth Rooms for more information.



WREATHS

Once again Potomac Presbyterian Church will be selling Christmas wreaths and white pine roping for the convenience of the congregation. These wreaths are from the same wholesaler from whom we obtain the greens that are used to decorate the church and are priced at less than retail.

Checks made out to Potomac Presbyterian Church and marked "Christmas Greens" MUST accompany the order. Deadline for the orders is November 22. Orders may be picked up at the church on Friday, December 8 from 1:00-4:00 p.m. or on Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

For further information, please call Shirley Tietjen, 299-3272 or Anne Cloar at the church office, 299-6007.

18" wreaths	\$7.25 each
22" wreaths	\$8.50 each

The sizes are outside diameter.

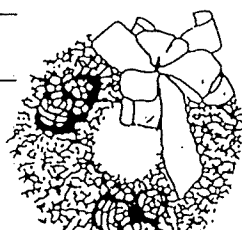
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EMERGENCY RELIEF EFFORTS

Only one month ago Hurricane Hugo slammed into the Caribbean and then lashed the coast of South Carolina before assaulting the Carolina Piedmont region. Several billion dollars of damage was done. As many as 50 lives were lost and more than a dozen church buildings in the U.S. alone were damaged.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been active in relief efforts, both through the Caribbean Conference of Churches and Church World Service. Affected Presbyteries and Synods in the U.S. are evaluating their situations and seeking help from the Office of World Service in Louisville, Ky.

The Mission Committee is seeking to establish a direct helping relationship with a church, probably in South Carolina, to aid in rebuilding and the delivery of vital human services. Perhaps we will be able to donate new BIBLES or hymnals if needed, or do other needed work.

Meanwhile, however, the disaster relief funds of our own denomination and others are being tapped at an alarming rate. With the recent devastation of the earthquake in the California BAY area, these funds will once again be called upon to pay for food, clothing, temporary shelter, medicine and counseling. If you wish to assist in this critical ministry, you may send contributions to our denomination as follows:

CENTRAL TREASURY CORPORATION, PC (USA)
 100 Witherspoon Street
 Louisville, Ky. 40202-1396

These contributions can be specifically designated, for example, "FOR HURRICANE HUGO RELIEF." One hundred percent of gifts so marked will be used for relief and rehabilitation efforts so chosen.

Other organizations are also collecting contributions for the earthquake and other disaster victims. These include the following:

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS DISASTER RELIEF
 P.O.Box 37243
 Washington, D.C. 20013

OR

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE
 P.O.Box 968
 Elkhart, Ind. 46515

INACTIVE? CALLED!

DID YOU KNOW that our books are reviewed annually so that the membership figures reported can more accurately reflect the active communicant members? The key word is ACTIVE. We will pay \$17.50 per active member to the higher governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for the calendar year 1990.

The General Assembly encourages all congregations to pay the apportionment only for those who are active, but it is always calculated on the reported figures - therefore the only means by which it can be lowered is by transfer of inactive members to the inactive rolls.

An inactive member of a local congregation is one who, for various reasons, does not participate on a regular basis in the activities of the church. College graduates who have moved from the area but who have not yet requested a certificate of transfer to another church are logical candidates for a transfer to the inactive rolls of the church. Being placed on the inactive list does not constitute removal from the rolls and those who are noted as inactive may participate fully in worship and all other activities of the church; however, they may not be elected to office or vote at a congregational meeting. They may be restored to the active rolls or receive a certificate of transfer to another church by notifying the Clerk of Session who will bring the request before the Session.

If you know of someone who would like to be placed on the inactive list, please contact Joyce Jenkins, Clerk of Session, by the end of November. You may leave word in her box in the church office or telephone 424-6288 evenings or 244-4760 during the day. All such requests will be considered at the December session meeting for action.



KEEP DECEMBER 17 RESERVED
ON YOUR CALENDAR FOR A
CAROLING/SUPPER PARTY WITH
PPC FRIENDS

TEA AND HANDWORK

Spend a Thursday afternoon or two with us in November as we share friendship and our work. We shall get together on November 2, 16, and 30 from 1:30-3:30 after which we shall break for the Christmas holiday season.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

WELCOME TO:

Emily Marie McMahon, daughter of Lisa and Dennis McMahon, granddaughter of Kathy and Bob McMahon, born October 21.

Thomas Gallant Niskanen, son of Ann and Gary Niskanen, grandson of Kitty and Bill Albright, baptized October 1.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Louella Bender, Marilyn Shankland's mother, who is hospitalized in Cleveland, Ohio.

Barbara Shamel whose mother recently died is in Suburban Hospital.

Donna Mechlenberg's mother who is recovering from surgery in Minnesota.

Bob Sanders who underwent surgery in early October.

Lynn Matson's father who is recovering from surgery in Florida.

Peggy Hawley whose father died October 1.

Jim Kaple whose mother died in early October.

Volunteers Needed At Rainbow Place

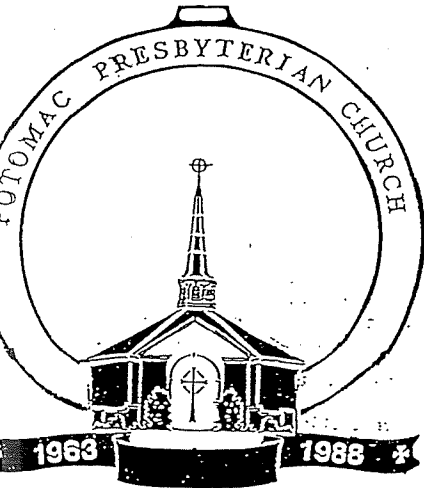
Alice Baker, the Director of Rainbow Place Shelter, is preparing for the opening of the facility on November 1. This shelter at the Rockville Presbyterian Church has asked for our help to become a staff member or a shelter assistant or to do other important jobs, such as launder/fold towels, repair torn blankets, make occasional desserts, or provide "on call" driving services. Dawn Thompson has been coordinating the efforts of our members in making casseroles once a month for the residents.

If you think you can lend a hand by agreeing to work one day a month or even on occasion, please call Alice Baker at the church (762-3363) or at her home (762-8413). They need bag lunches made for day meals and desserts to lighten winter evenings for the residents. Parents and kids are welcome. Elsie Reid (340-8142) has a list of the shelter's on-going needs for donations, too. It is important for the shelter residents to experience the fact that SOMEONE CARES.

NOVEMBER 1989

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9:30 Bible Study 1 3:15 Cub Scouts 6:30 Masterworks 8:00 Memorial Garden Comm.	2 1:30-3:30 Tea/Needlework 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir	3 7:00 Lee/Woo Reh.	4 9:30 Adat Shalom 2:00 SR HI Retreat 3:00 Lee/Woo Wedding
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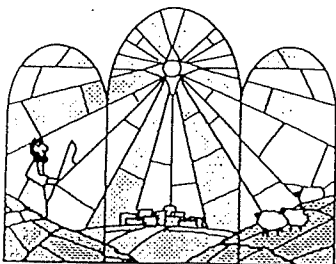
Following are restated titles of Christmas Carols. How many can you identify?

1. Exalted heavenly beings we have perceived by our auditory mechanisms.
2. May the omnipotent Supreme Being grant you respite, ecstatic personages of the male gender.
3. Proceed forth declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation.
4. The first person nominative plural of a triumvirate of oriental potentates.
5. In awe of the nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity.

ANSWERS: 1. Angels We Have Heard on High 2. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen 3. Go Tell It on The Mountain 4. We Three Kings 5. Oh, Holy Night

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KERRY ON...

I remember reading an article last December by Michael Kernan of the Washington Post about "Carol overload" on Muzak. For program managers at Muzak headquarters in Seattle, it's a tough time. Kernan writes, "Science tells us that music makes people buy stuff as surely as the flute charms the cobra. Eight million human beings a day around the world hear Muzak." Vocals are out. Always have been. A vocal would make you pay attention, and the firm's aim is not to intrude. Nevertheless, up to 60% of the music is Christmas Carols.

Shopping malls evidently believe that hearing carols, without intruding, helps business. I certainly support honest business and free enterprise, but what troubles me is this matter of carols that do not intrude. God coming to earth in a baby born in a manger is intended to intrude into our comfortable self-centered lives.

What if we really listened to some of the words?

"No more let sins and sorrow grow"

"God and sinners reconciled"

"The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight"

"Christ the Savior is born"

What if we really allowed the words of the beloved carols to intrude into our overscheduled holiday calendars? Or stopped for a few quiet moments of reflection upon God's greatest gift? What if?

Kerry



WHAT IS CHRISTMAS? IT IS BELIEF IN THE PAST, COURAGE FOR THE PRESENT, AND HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS A FERVENT WISH THAT EVERY CUP MAY OVERFLOW WITH BLESSINGS RICH AND ETERNAL, AND THAT EVERY PATH MAY LEAD TO PEACE.

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel..."

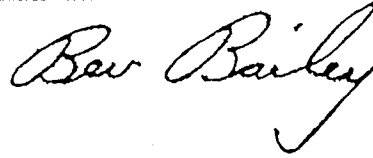
Emmanuel, which means "God With Us" - as we sing these ancient words, they remind us that Advent is here. This season of preparation, the four weeks before Christmas, is one of the busiest times for all of us. As we get absorbed in the frenzy of this season, let us try to set aside time to remember the real purpose of this special time - to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ Child.

Elsewhere in the newsletter you will find a calendar of activities for the month. I would like to mention two activities of special concern to C.E.

Adult Education, December 10. Shirley Tietjen will present a program on Chrismons. Chrismons (monogram of Christ) are Christmas tree ornaments using the early signs of our faith that bring out distinctly the real reason why we celebrate this special day. Come see the beautiful Chrismons made by the women of PPC, and hear the stories of these symbols of Christ.

The Birthday Party for Jesus, December 17. Celebrate Jesus' birth with the whole PPC family. The individual Sunday School classes have been working hard preparing gifts of their talents to share with all of us. Come hear the music of Christmas by different members and small ensembles. We'll all join in on the familiar and beautiful carols. If you like, bring a gift for a needy child in our community. We will place these gifts under the tree to celebrate the birth of our Lord. Gifts should be wrapped in white paper and bright ribbon, and should include a tag which indicates the child's age, sex, and what the gift is.

CHRISMONS - MISSION - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCRIPTURE - PAGEANTS - all are a part of the PPC Advent Season. And may I add my personal wishes to all of you for a blessed and joyful holiday season.



Casserole Time At Rainbow

HELP! Rainbow Place Shelter for women needs casseroles. This is an easy form of local mission in which you can participate.

If you're making your favorite "everyday dish", why not double the recipe and freeze half for Rainbow? Bring the dish to PPC and put it in the freezer, labeled as to content. It will be delivered for you! Could anything be easier? Call Dawn Thompson (299-6214) for more information.

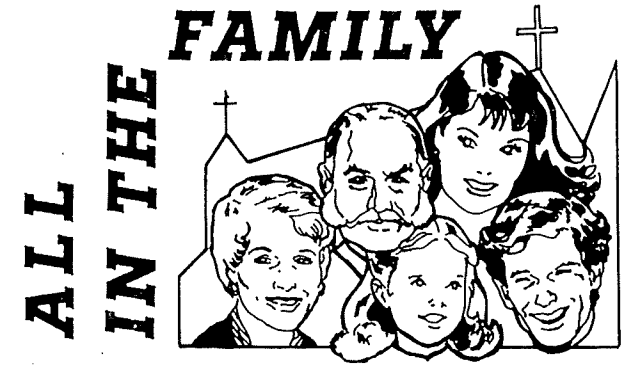
Memorial Gifts



Memorial gifts of nearly \$3000 have been given in memory of Raphael Sherfy, Jr. to Community Ministry of Montgomery County, Rainbow Place and Montgomery County Hospice. Also a gift was made to Woodrow Wilson Center, a ministry that emerged out of Old Central Presbyterian Church in D.C. Ray and Wanda were married at Central and their children were baptized there.

Memorial gifts of \$3,500 have been given in memory of Betty Endicott to Church World Service. In a letter we received from C.W.S., Ted Stanley wrote, "Your congregation's gift and leadership is a wonderful tribute to a person whose life touched and will touch so many." It was Betty's wish that these memorial funds go to C.W.S. to help in their ministry of compassion throughout the world.

With the generous contributions made to Brit's Memorial Fund, Walt Whitman High School has instituted the Britton N. Chichester Sportsmanship Award. Six awards will be presented to members of the class of '89 on December 20. The Fund Committee created these scholarship awards to recognize those student athletes who exemplify dedication, perseverance, spirit, leadership and kindness on and off the field.



WELCOME TO:

Elizabeth Hartwell Kent, daughter of Kenneth and Carolyn Kent, born November 9, 1987; baptized October 29, 1989.

Raymond William Palmer, son of Ray and Carolyn Palmer, grandson of Bill and Kitty Albright, born November 6.

Bradford Steven Kline, son of Brad and Ardis Kline, born November 17.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

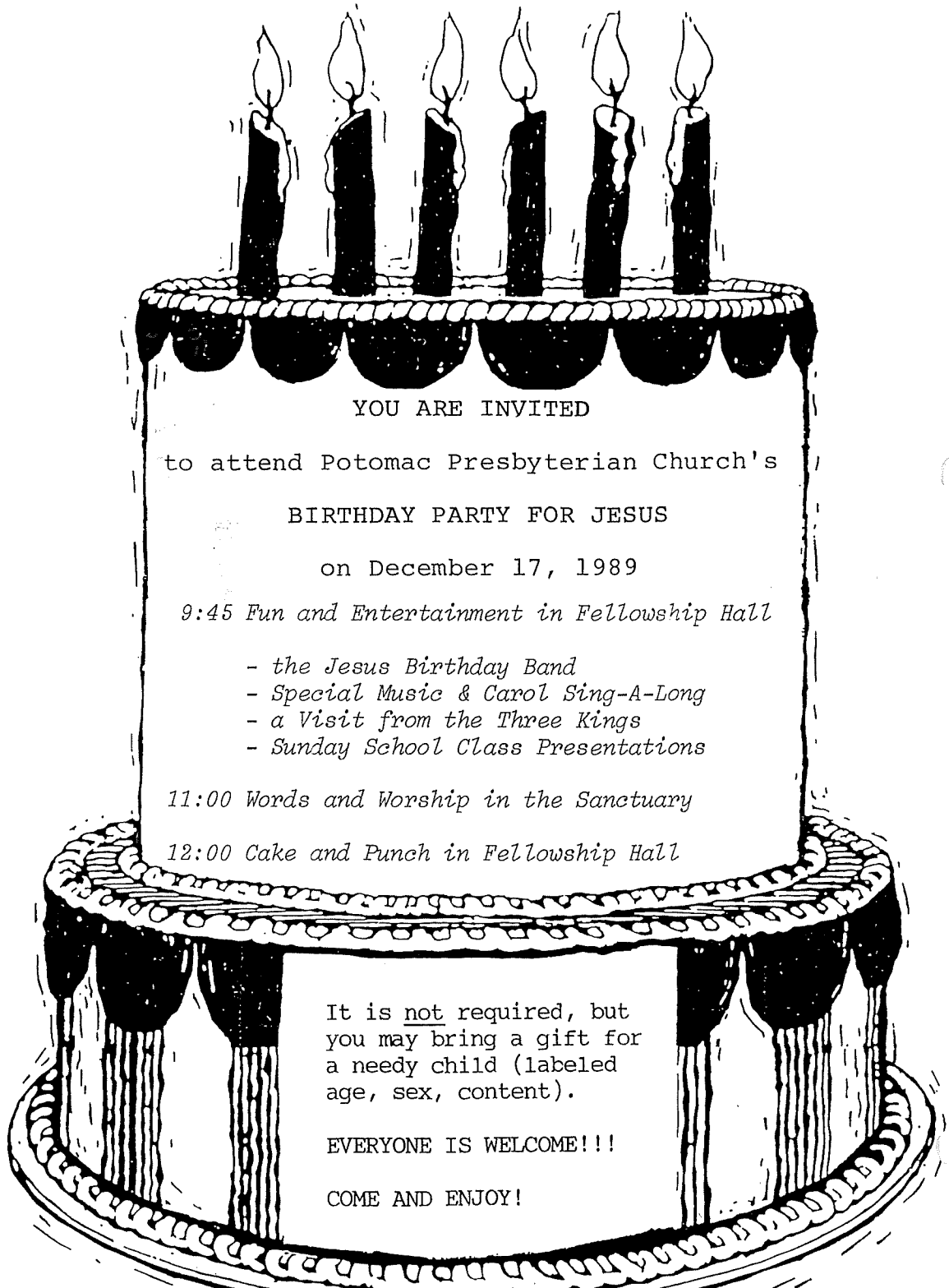
Jim and Marilyn Spivey who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 4.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Kay Summers and her family on the death of her mother in Missouri.

WISH LIST:

The Nursery is in need of a rocking chair. If you have an adult-sized rocker just begging to be used, we promise to put it in service immediately. Please call the church office, 299-6007.



YOU ARE INVITED

to attend Potomac Presbyterian Church's

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

on December 17, 1989

9:45 Fun and Entertainment in Fellowship Hall

- the Jesus Birthday Band
- Special Music & Carol Sing-A-Long
- a Visit from the Three Kings
- Sunday School Class Presentations

11:00 Words and Worship in the Sanctuary

12:00 Cake and Punch in Fellowship Hall

It is not required, but you may bring a gift for a needy child (labeled age, sex, content).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

COME AND ENJOY!

Here are Some Special Happenings

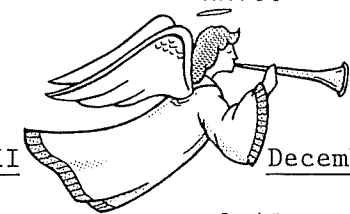
Advent

December 3 - Advent I

9:30 Williamsburg Breakfast
 11:00 Worship and Communion
 1:30 Senior High play at Olney

December 10 - Advent II

7:30 Senior High Dollars for Needy Children
 9:45 Adult Education --- "Chrismon Program"
 11:00 Worship

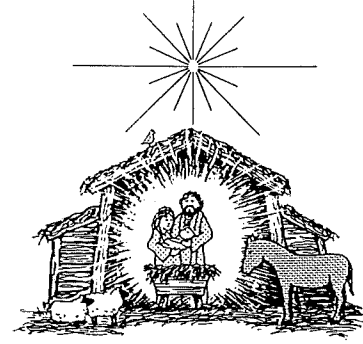


December 17 - Advent III

9:45 Birthday Party for Jesus
 11:00 Worship
 12:30 Junior High Fellowship
 4:00 Caroling at Manor Care, then on to Collingswood and the Kendalls for supper

December 24 - Advent IV

9:45 NO ADULT EDUCATION
 Sunday School-Practice for Pageant
 11:00 Worship including CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
 5:00 Informal Family Worship service
 7:00 &
 11:00 Candlelight Communion service



OTHER DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

December 9	9:30 A.M.	Church Decorating
December 11	8:00 P.M.	Committee Meetings
December 18	8:00 P.M.	Session Meeting
December 31	11:00 A.M.	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT ED Worship - Tom Miles preaching (College students will participate in the service)

Christmas Eve
Communion

Memorial Garden Committee Meets



- WHAT is a Memorial Garden? A Memorial Garden is a beautifully landscaped plot of land designed to receive urns of human cremains. It can enhance the landscape of our church.
- WHY has PPC formed a Memorial Garden Committee? A number of families in our congregation specifically requested that we consider the creation of a Memorial Garden. A committee has been formed to look into developing a plan. Cremation has become an acceptable form of dealing with final remains.
- HOW does this affect funeral services at PPC? PPC would continue to offer customary funeral and memorial services. The Memorial Garden would become an additional option for interment.
- WHERE would a Memorial Garden be located? Historically, church cemeteries were located on adjacent land. PPC has ample land for a suitable site.
- WHEN would the Memorial Garden be constructed? Our committee is in the very early stages of developing a plan which will include recommendations for design, location, and financial issues which will be presented to the Session.
- WHO is involved? Committee members are: Nelia Chichester, Janet Clark, John Clouse, Tom Cookerly, Art Heming, Joyce Jenkins, Phyllis Matson and Lew Smith.
- The Memorial Garden Committee welcomes your interest and suggestions. Please contact any of the committee members.

IN SESSION

In Session on November 20, Session members welcomed Deacons, Deacons-elect, and Elders-elect for a joint meeting during which "matters of common interest" (Book of Order G-6.0405) were discussed including the providing of additional opportunities for congregational interaction and participation in the offering of programs that are unique to the church...Deacons planned for the Williamsburg Breakfast while Elders were informed of extensive Advent plans by several committees including Christian Education, Fellowship, and Worship...approved the receiving of three special offerings for 1990: Blanket Sunday, One Great Hour of Sharing and Joy Gift...were told the office staff is enjoying the new computer.

Community Service

Thanks are to be extended to all our members for the success of the Green-tree Project on Community Service Day which we celebrated on October 28. Your financial contributions made possible the donation of 24 cubic yards of wood chips to this shelter for homeless families and children. The labor of 14 of our members finished the job of making safe for play both climbing apparatus and a swing set for the shelter children. News from the Shelter attests to the worthwhile nature of this project - the kids were delighted with the job! Let's give a hand to the Kent family, Wendy and Christopher Atwood, Lew Smith, the Sharers, Jeannine Maxwell, Keith Bratt, Janet Olding, and the Reids for pitching in.

Also four of our members have established links with two of the elderly shut-ins identified during Community Service Week. If others of you have an interest, please let members of the Mission Committee know.

-Elsie Reid

COMMITTED

On October 29, we had the privilege of meeting the Garcia Family from San Jose, Costa Rica. The Garcias - Andrés, Gloria, Ofir and Varinia - are spending one year on a study and mission interpretation leave with Union Seminary in Richmond, Virginia.

As part of this program, the Garcias make themselves available to churches throughout the United States to share their lives and the life of the church in Central America.

Through music and slides, Andrés presented a picture of his people and their struggles to our Adult Sunday School class. The situation in Central America is not an easy one to understand. We must first become aware of its past history and its needs today. Andrés believes strongly that peace is most likely to come from the people themselves - people helping people.

With the help of missionaries like Andrés and Gloria, our opportunity for understanding is greatly enlarged. We hope that before their year is finished they can visit with us again.

-Janet Olding

WORKING ALL TOGETHER

Mission

November proved a busy month for members in mission: Rainbow Shelter reopened for the winter season, large numbers were served at Miriam's Kitchen and the Lord's Table, and the Mission Committee presented its budget requests to the membership during the Stewardship Campaign.

Three special highlights this past month deserve sharing. Janet Olding will tell you about our visit from Costan Rican missionaries, the Rev. Andrés and Gloria Garcia. This couple have dedicated their lives to ministry in a very troubled part of the world and yet are filled with the joy of God in their lives in such a way that it infects others.

Labors of Love

We were reminded very recently that one does not have to spend an entire life as an "official" missionary in order to serve as missionaries for our church. Marvin and Rosie Smith, Rockville Presbyterian Church members, spoke to our Adult Education class about their experiences as "Volunteers in Mission" under the auspices of the national Presbyterian Church. Having reached retirement age with one grown son and his wife who were willing to house and pet sit, the Smiths accepted an assignment for what they thought would be two years near Boonesville, Ky. "In the hills and hollers" of Appalachian Kentucky, the Smiths went to administer and establish as a viable business a self-help crafts cooperative started a few years earlier that had some 20 or so participants. Three and one-half years later, the Smiths left their log cabin to return home, but the crafts cooperative, now with 100 or so craft artists, is a busy enterprise.

Begun as a self-help development project, the coop seeks to build the self-esteem of the artists, to preserve their heritage, to introduce these people to the business world, and to supplement the cash resources of these mountain residents. Perhaps what struck me most is Rosie's observation that she came to love and be known by all the country folk so that a return to her Rockville home was disorienting. Busy people in their cars pass her home every day but they are strangers. In Morris Fork all the people became the Smiths' friends - dropping in for a chat was the norm and no one remained a stranger for long. As the Smiths explained to our children during the Children's Sermon, we find our neighbors wherever we are or have been because God loves people everywhere.

May God help each of us to find opportunities like the Smiths to serve others. We can do so by remembering our "neighbors" here in Potomac or Washington, or by seeking out possibilities to be mission volunteers for short-term or longer term assignments like the Smiths. If anyone is interested in more information about what is now called the "People in Mission" program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), please let Elsie Reid or Rev. Stoltzfus know.

Where miracles never cease

Fellowship SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



December 17

4:00 meet at Manor Care Nursing Home; 5:00 at Collingswood Nursing Home for caroling; 6:00 dinner at the home of Cliff and Camille Kendall. Call Marilyn Shankland for your food assignment (983-0931). Part of your admission price is to carol!



January 14

FREE BOWLING/FREE SHOES

Bowl with us at 1:00 at Fairlanes/Shady Grove Road. All ages are welcome. Call Pat King (340-0456) to sign up.

January 21

CONGREGATIONAL DINNER MEETING.

Details in bulletins.

February 10

SQUARE DANCE



All kinds of help is needed the morning of December 9 to decorate the church for Christmas. Bring your clippers and join the group at 9:30 a.m. Pat King and her Fellowship Committee will be serving a soup lunch. Let Pat (340-0456) or Shirley Tietjen (299-3272) know if you're coming. Christmas wreaths which you have ordered may be picked up at church Friday, December 8 from 1-4:00 or Saturday, December 9 from 10-1:00.

LADIES! TREAT YOURSELF TO TWO HOURS OF RELAXATION WITH FRIENDS ON THURSDAYS AT 1:30.

WE SHALL RESUME OUR GET-TOGETHERS IN JANUARY ON THE 11th AND 25th. BRING A FRIEND AND/OR NEIGHBOR FOR TEA AND NEEDLEWORK.



Williamsburg Breakfast

a beautiful Christmas tradition at PPC - will be held at 9:30 on December 3. Each family is asked to bring a coffee cake to share. Your Deacon will call you to get an accurate count.

Welcome new members

The following new members were received by the Session on Sunday, October 22 and presented to the congregation on Sunday, October 29, 1989. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our Church.

Mrs. James Atwood (Wendy), 8020 Greentree Road, Bethesda 20817 (469-7318). Wendy comes by Certificate of Transfer from the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C. Her husband Jim is a lawyer and she is a teacher (currently on leave) with the Washington International School. The Atwoods have two sons: Christopher 6 and Carl 4. Deacon Janet Koonce's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Brooks, Jr. (Carolyn), 12711 River Road, Potomac (990-1757). The Brooks come by Certificate of Transfer from Hunts Memorial United Methodist Church, Riverwood, Maryland. Charlie is an Investment Counselor with Robert Torray in Bethesda and Carolyn is helping with a dress shop in which she was formerly part owner. The Brooks have two grown sons: David and Bruce, and a daughter, Allyson who is a senior at UVA. Deacon Kitty Albright's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Dickinson (Kathryn), 12348 Sweetbough Court, Darnestown 20878 (926-7427). Chip and Katie come by Certificate of Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina. Chip is a CPA with Ernst and Young and Katie stays home with their twin daughters Mary and Virginia, age 14 months. Deacon Bettina Curtis' Parish.

Mrs. B.P. Doctor (Ellen), 10613 Great Arbor Drive, Potomac (983-9142). Ellen comes by Certificate of Transfer from Northwood Presbyterian Church, Silver Spring. Ellen is a Community Health Nurse with the Prince George's County Health Department, New Carrollton, Md. Ellen's husband is a research bio-chemist. The Doctors have three grown children: their youngest daughter, Carol, is in regular attendance with her mother. Deacon Marnel Williams' Parish.

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Kent (Carolyn), 10405 Bridle Lane, Potomac (983-5303). The Kents both come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Kenny is a cardiologist. He is Director, Cardiac Lab, and Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Georgetown Medical Center. Carolyn is a Research Associate recently with the Georgetown Medical Center. The Kents have one daughter, Elizabeth 2, and they are expecting twins in December. Kenny has teenagers (Mark and Laura) from a previous marriage. Deacon Lew Chapin's Parish.

Mrs. Mark Matsko (Carrie), 9530 Reach Road, Potomac (251-9652). Carrie comes by Certificate of Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church, Great Falls, Montana. Her husband Mark is a financial analyst with Growth Stock Outlook, Inc. and Carrie stays home with their three daughters: Kellee 6, Karen 3, and Robin 18 months. Deacon Gloria Leber's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Murphy (Carol), 8101 Glenmore Springs Road, Bethesda (299-3187). The Murphys come by Certificate of Transfer from Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, Bethesda. Hugh is in Development Banking with the World Bank. Carol is a retired public school music teacher and is presently doing volunteer work as a secretary with WBVS (a World Bank wives organization). The Murphys have two grown children; Timothy and Jennifer. Deacon Bob Hazard's Parish.

Youth Fellowship News

MIDDLESCHOOL FELLOWSHIP, Sunday, December 17, 12:30-3:00. Join us for an afternoon holiday party which will include food, games, making gingerbread houses for children in homeless shelters, and a special story about the Christmas season. Hope to see all of you!

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP, Sunday, December 3, 1:30-5:30. Meet in the church parking lot for a trip to Olney Theatre for Butterfingers Angel. This delightful play about the Nativity as seen from the viewpoint of the angel Gabriel has a modern twist - a perfect way to start the Advent Season. Cost: \$13. Deadline for reservations is Monday, November 27. Only 20 seats reserved - call the church office or sign up in Youth Room.

Also Sunday, December 10, 7:30-2:30 \$\$ FOR NEEDY CHILDREN. Help Metropolitan area underprivileged children choose presents for their families and themselves. After shopping there is a party for all volunteers.

OTHER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH in December: December 17 - Birthday Party for Jesus; December 24 - Christmas Pageant at the 11:00 a.m. service. We will be contacting you about how you can be involved.

FUTURE DATES TO THINK ABOUT: Monday, January 1 - New Year's Day. Both Fellowship groups have been invited by the Mission Committee to help serve breakfast at Miriam's Kitchen in downtown D.C. What a great way to start the New Year - with a resolution to help the homeless! More information to follow.

SKI TRIP!! A joint fellowship activity tentatively set for February 2-4, 1990. We have been offered the use of two of our members' homes at Deep Creek Lake. Mark your calendars now!