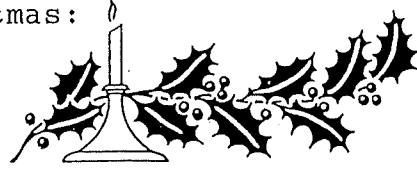


A BIG thank you to those creative folk (decorators and cooks) who were responsible for decorating the church so beautifully for Christmas:

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KERRY on...

When viewed in October, I tried to put the following tasteless situation out of my thoughts. However, with the coming of the recent Christmas season and its wonderful music, my upset returned. I, therefore, would like to share with you a letter I wrote to the President of ESPN in December. If you notice similar incidents on TV, I encourage you to write to the appropriate network or station.

December 24, 1990

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(Total Sports Network)
ESPN Plaza
Bristol, Connecticut 06010

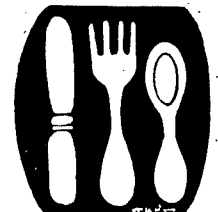
Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to call your attention to a commercial which ran on ESPN October 13, 1990 during the Tennessee versus Florida football game. Your sports coverage always gives me a good deal of pleasure. However I found the commercial in question to be in extremely bad taste from a religious perspective.

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CONGREGATIONAL DINNER & MEETING FEBRUARY 3 6:00



C.E. BAILEY-WICK

As we begin a New Year, with new resolutions to do things differently this year, may I share with you a small portion of a book entitled Meditations for Advent and Christmas, by James G. Kirk.

"FIND YOUR NICHE"

Paul begs his readers to lead a life worthy of the role to which they have been called. Some are called to be prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers. The goal is a unity of faith, maturity, and the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. There is one body and one Spirit, one hope to which all are called, one baptism, and one God who is above all and through all and in all. The body is joined together in Christ, so find the function you're to perform for the growth and well-being of the whole.

Not everyone has the same talents or strengths. Some are thinkers. They envision what should be done but cannot be bothered with the work it takes to accomplish it. We rely on these people to chart the course we'll eventually take.

Others are doers. They are most comfortable when told what to do and don't want to be bothered with theory or speculation. They are the workers within the community; some call them the backbone of the community.

A third group are the translators. They are the people who take the thinkers' visions and translate them into performable tasks for the doers to accomplish. They are important, since they have the capacity to stand with a foot in each camp. Paul knew well that everyone has unique gifts suitable to performing specific tasks. He stressed the importance of everyone working together. Nowhere was it said that one person is better than another since what some would consider menial, others would see as crucial to the body's performance.

The task is to find your niche. Everyone was crucial to Christ, and the Spirit depended on the cohesion that resulted from coordinated efforts. Each one of us has a part to play. Find your role and work well with others as all of us seek to attain maturity in Christ.

Have you "found your niche" here at PPC? There is a place here for your special talents, whatever they might be. Christian Education encompasses the many areas of church life. Join us, wherever you can be of help; join us here in this body of Christ.

Rev Bailey

Let me use DISAPPOINTMENTS as material for patience:
Let me use SUCCESS as material for thankfulness:
Let me use SUSPENSE as material for perseverance:
Let me use DANGER as material for courage:
Let me use REPROACH as material for long-suffering:
Let me use PRAISE as material for humility:
Let me use PLEASURES as material for temperance:
Let me use PAINS as material for endurance.

Teach me to use all the circumstances of my life today that they may bring forth in me the fruits of holiness rather than the fruits of sin.

-A prayer by John Baillie, a Scottish theologian

CHI POTLUCK AT PPC

CHRISTMAS HOUSE INTERNATIONAL held its annual potluck supper in Fellowship Hall, December 27, under the auspices of the PPC Mission Committee. Fifty-five international students from 11 different countries, their host families and friends attended despite the snow storm of that day and evening.

The students prepared many of their national dishes for the group to enjoy, along with the American food provided by the host families. Two came in their native costumes.

Following the supper, the students explained their languages and Mary Mungai showed slides of her native land of Kenya.

Three of the students this year came from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. One was a minister from Burma and another was the wife of a minister in Taiwan.

CHRISTMAS HOUSE INTERNATIONAL is an Atlanta-based organization that arranges for international students who are too far away from home to return for the Christmas holidays, to visit families in an area of the United States of their choice. Our church's Mission Committee has supported this endeavor as a way to broaden our mission effort. Dawn Thompson deserves thanks for heading the committee who handled this event.

KERRY ON (continued from page 1)

A choir in a cathedral was singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" except the words were changed from "he shall reign forever and ever" (referring of course to the Lord Jesus Christ) to "MTV forever and ever, Hallelujah, Hallelujah". The insensitivity on the part of the advertiser to persons of deep Christian faith was appalling.

I sincerely hope you and your staff will see to it that this kind of affront does not happen again.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kerry L. Stoltzfus

CHRISTMAS SHARING

Christmas sharing proved once again to be a very special mission project for PPC members. This season our extended family was really seven families; nine adults, 17 children ranging in age from four months to 17 years.

At the Williamsburg Breakfast, members selected from our "Giving Trees" tags specifying a gift for a named individual. Within a few minutes all 81 tags (3/recipient) were taken. In the next weeks members called the Mission Committee to see what else they could do: extra gifts, money, food.

At the Birthday Party for Jesus, our families presented their gifts. Quite simply, the response was overwhelming; over 200 gifts! These not only brightened the lives of our original seven families but enabled us to share extra blessings with families being helped by CMMC.

Gift delivery was a special treat for the messengers of your ministry of love - one home with a tree but no gifts became a beautiful sight as the gifts were placed underneath the tree and the eyes of the children filled with joy and wonder. Much, I suppose, as we are filled with joy and wonder when we contemplate the gift of the Christ child. Thanks to all who so generously and enthusiastically participated. It surely made all our Christmases merrier!

CONFIRMATION BEGINS

Confirmation, a time for the young people at PPC to make their own personal Affirmation of Faith and to study their church and their faith issues, will begin on Thursday, January 17. The class, which is for all young people in 8th grade or above, will be held in conjunction with "Thursday Nite Live". Confirmands will join the Middle School folk for dinner at 6:15, followed by class until 7:30. The CE Committee decided to offer the class to both 8th and 9th graders this year in order to have a larger group of students. There are currently no plans for a confirmation class next year. This important class will meet weekly until Pentecost in May and will be led by the Pastor and the DCEY.

VIDEOTAPE AVAILABLE

Charlie Kendall videotaped both the Birthday Party for Jesus and the Christmas Pageant this year. If you would be interested in purchasing a combined VHS tape of these events, it is available to you for \$10. Please order your tape through Bev Bailey. Any proceeds from the sale of the tape will go back into children's and youth ministry here at PPC.

MONTREAT

JULY 28 - AUGUST 3

Calling all Senior Highs! Mark your calendars now for the annual Presbyterian Youth Conference at Montreat, NC, deep in the heart of the Smokey Mountains. We have reserved 10 spaces in the same dorm as last year: Montreat-Anderson, and Bev Bailey is ready to spend a week with you having a wonderful time. We need one more adult to go with us this year - it's really a great opportunity. Please let Bev know if you can go. Senior Highs: watch your mail for more information!

DOG SITTER ?

A dog sitter is needed for Diane and Clark Kendall's dogs during the weekend of January 26-27 so that Diane and Clark can take the Junior High students on their annual ski retreat. Hobie and Rascal are two Labrador retrievers who promise to be a weekend of fun for anyone who wants them. Sorry, Whitney doesn't come with the package; Grandma Perry and Grandma Kendall already have dibs. Please call Diane or Clark at 977-5097.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Middle School Activities

- "THURSDAY NITE LIVE" 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the church
- 1-3 "Friendship and its Follies"
Dinner: ??????
 - 1-10 "Fun Night" (Ice Skating, Swimming??)
Dinner: Bring money to eat fast food
 - 1-17 Games, Retreat Planning, and welcoming Confirmands
Dinner: ??????
 - 1-24 No Meeting
 - 1-25-27 Ski Trip to Canaan Valley, WV
Leave church 6:00 p.m. Friday/return 9:00 p.m. Sunday
 - 1-31 "Outward Appearances"
Dinner: ??????

We need volunteers for the rest of the school year to help with dinners for 12. Sign up now with Bev Bailey.

Senior High Activities

- "SUNDAY NITE LIVE" every Sunday 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 1-6 "It's a New Year!! So What?"
Hosts: Jenny Gregg and parents
10413 Gary Road 299-6456 (First right, Chapel, on River Road past PPC; turn left on Gary)
 - 1-13 "Pizza and Game Nite" at church. Bring \$3 for pizza and be prepared for a competitive night with Trivial Pursuit, Outburst, Pictionary, Scruples - or bring your favorite game.
 - 1-20 "School Struggles II - Finals!" Take a break from studying; come talk about how to get through finals! Also, last minute details about the Ski Trip!
Host: Keith Bratt
892 Bayridge Drive, Gaithersburg 307-0674 (meet at PPC at 6:10 p.m. OR...take 270 N to Clopper Road exit. Turn left at second light, Quince Orchard. Turn right at fourth light, Sioux Lane. Park in second block and walk up Bayridge to 892.
 - 1-25-27 Ski Trip to Canaan Valley, WV. Leave PPC 6:00 p.m. Friday/return 9:00 p.m. Sunday.

TEA

AND HANDWORK



IT'S A GREAT WAY TO SPEND AN AFTERNOON... with friends in the church parlor. Bring your current needlework project and join us Thursdays at 1:30 on January 10 and 24 and February 7 and 21.

INQUIRERS SERIES

There will be a 4-part INQUIRERS SERIES beginning Sunday, February 3 and continuing on the 10th, 17th and 24th. The classes will be held at 9:45 in the parlor and will be taught by our Pastor. These classes are for those persons who want to learn more about Presbyterian Church and/or are interested in membership at PPC.

After the series has been completed, those wishing to unite with the Church will meet with the Session on Sunday, February 24 at 8:00. New members will be presented to the congregation during worship service on March 3. A luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall honoring the new members.

Anyone wishing additional information about the series may contact Kerry Stoltzfus.

BAZAAR

Planning and work for the 1991 Christmas Bazaar begins January 9 in the lower right classroom at 10:30 a.m. Anyone with ideas/willing hands is welcome to join the Crafty Ladies. First project: a different doll!

Recycle with the craft group. We need gallon bleach bottles, yarn and fabric scraps, trims, 3/4"-1" diameter, 2-hole buttons any color in pairs, old stockings, and an artificial Christmas tree, any size.

Following the planning session on January 9, the group will meet regularly from 9:30 til noon each Wednesday. Join in; it's almost as much fun as a rummage sale!



SQUARE DANCE

Join us January 26 in Fellowship Hall for an evening of square dancing and dessert. Call Lynn Bigler at 983-1682 to make your reservation. A small caller fee will be charged.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

WELCOME TO:

Curtis Alexander Mills, son of Laurin and Nancy Mills, baptized at PPC December 9. Laurin was confirmed in this congregation in 1972.

NOVEMBER BABIES:

Congratulations to Mike and Jackie Cronin on the birth of Jennifer Sue, November 21.

Congratulations to Christie and Daniel Hayes on the birth of Patrick Daniel on November 27.

MARRIED AT PPC:

Andrew and Melanie Sharer, December 1. Congratulations!

ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to Pat and Bill King who celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on December 30.

ENGAGED:

Gray Bedingfield and Tommy Dean;

Charlie Kendall and Becky Ledwith;

Sarah Lincoln and Larry Pagley;

Jennifer Lincoln and Bob DeRosa;

Kevin Perry and Pam Meader

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Those hospitalized/recovering in the recent month are:

Bill Albright, Millie Gimer, Bob Haack, Jack Trant, and Paul Yadlosky.

ADULT EDUCATION

The Adult Education Committee has been hard at work planning a stimulating and thought-provoking series of classes for the first half of 1991. January's schedule is listed below:

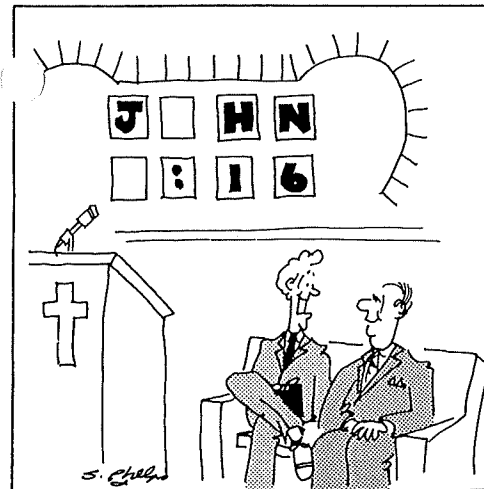
- 1-6 "New Year's and New Beginnings" PPC member Judy Forgotson and Tom Miles will lead the discussion which will center on "new being through faith and self-understanding".
- 1-13 The Memorial Garden Committee will lead an exploration of the themes of hope and gratitude as we discuss the significance of the PPC "Memorial Garden" to each of us.
- 1-20 through 2-3 Dr. Donald Miller, a former president of Princeton Theological Seminary and dear friend, will lead a 3-week Bible study. Watch your bulletins for more information.

Also... "Third Sunday" will meet January 20. The theme this month is "Talking with your children about... Discipline" and the discussion will be led by Karen and Bill King using a video called "Children and Discipline".

A THANK YOU NOTE TO PPC

As some of you know, we have recently moved back into our home on River Road which was severely damaged by fire one year ago this month. We were able to enjoy a truly wonderful Thanksgiving - at home - with our family. We would like to again thank Pastor Stoltzfus and the congregation for your great help and support during the past months, and particularly those members who loaned us numerous essentials while we were in temporary quarters. Please know that your kindness will always be remembered.

-Carolyn and Charlie Brooks



"IT'S INCREASED OUR ATTENDANCE 300 PERCENT!"

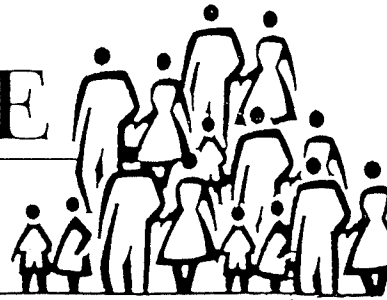
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 OFFICE CLOSED	2	3 5:30 TNL 7:00 New Officers Dinner	4	5
6 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:45 Sunday School/Ad Ed 11:00 Worship/Communion 12:00 Fellowship 6:30 SNL	7 6:30 Miriams Kitchen 8:00 Worship	8 9:30 "Coping As Christians"	9 9:30 Bible Study 10:30 Crafts 2:45 Collingswood 7:00 Curr. Planning 7:30 Masterworks	10 1:30 Tea/Needlework 5:30 TNL 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanc. Choir 8 MD Ornithological Society	11	12 8:30-3:30 Deacon's Retreat
13 9:45 Sunday School/Ad Ed 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 6:30 SNL	14 7:30 C.E. @ O'Neals 8 Committees	15	16 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Crafts 7:30 Masterworks	17 5:30 TNL 6:30 Confirmation 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanc. Choir	18	19
20 9:45 Sunday School/Ad Ed Third Sunday Class 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 3:45 Worship @ Manor Care 6:30 SNL	21 8:00 Session	22 10:00 Presbytery @ National	23 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Crafts	24 1:30 Tea/Needlework 5:30 NO TNL 6:30 Confirmation 7 Handbell Choir 8 Sanc. Choir	25	26 PPC Square Dancing 6 Sr/Jr High Ski Trip
27 9:45 Sunday School/Ad Ed 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowshp NO SNL 9:00 Return of Skiers	28	29	30 9:30 Bible Study 9:30 Crafts 7:30 Masterworks	31 5:30 TNL 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir		

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KERRY on...

A DAY IN A PASTOR'S LIFE - Thursday, January 24, 1991

This is my customary pattern I try to spend the major part of the morning preparing the sermon for Sunday. Today I studied a text in I Timothy which speaks of prayer and held it up to the concerns we all have with regard to the war in the Gulf. As always, I hope the sermon will help us all to hear a word from the Lord which will enable us to live our lives in response to God's love for us in Jesus christ.

Phone calls included scheduling a meeting with one of the elders to plan committee work; another regarding plans for Maundy Thursday service. I received a report from our Financial Secretary on 1991 pledges.

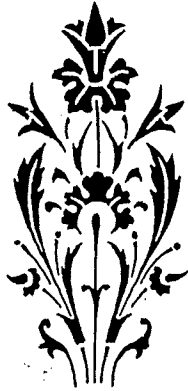
A man stopped by to ask for help with his insurance bill - he's on a small disability pension - and I have helped him before. Late in the morning I prepared for confirmation class which is in its second week with ten young people preparing for active participation in this congregation.

During lunch at the Tally Ho I read two periodicals I receive: "Christian Century" and "The Presbyterian Outlook." I didn't see any members from the congregation today as I often do. Then off to Sibley Hospital to visit with Jan Malone and bring the church's presence to her. Frequently I am amazed how much someone in the hospital appreciates this connection with their community of faith. After praying with Jan, I returned to the office and made a number of phone calls including one to Dennis McMahon regarding the installation of new thermostats in the sanctuary. I also talked with the Rev. Don Stewart of Hope Presbyterian in Mitchellville

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EASTER FLOWERS

Easter MEMORIAL FLOWERS contributions are invited. If you wish to sponsor a memorial, send your check to the PPC office marked: "In Memory Of..."; "Contributed By..." Names and donors will appear in the Easter bulletin. Questions? Call Wilma Sharer.



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INQUIRERS SERIES

A four-week Inquirers Class Series conducted by the pastor will be held on Sunday mornings February 3, 10, 17 and 24. All who are interested in learning about the Presbyterian Church or who may be interested in membership at Potomac Presbyterian Church, please come to the Parlor at 9:45 a.m.

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

During this period of war and unrest, I invite you to join your church family for study, prayer and worship each Sunday. Some times when we feel helpless, it's the small things we do for one another that help get us through the days. I continually rejoice at the wonderful stories I hear about members helping others; of little kindnesses in this stressful time. I offer you two prayers for your reflection - one written by a twelve year old child.

Jesus, when I am afraid,
help me to remember that
you are with me, nearer
than my breathing, closer
than my beating heart.
You understand my fears
better than I do, so let
me trust in you and give
me the grace to support
others in their fears as
you support me. Amen.

from 365 Children's Prayers

Out of the darkness of our
divided world we cry to
thee, O God. Let not the
hopes of men and women
perish, nor the sacrifice
of people be in vain. Turn
to thyself the hearts of
rulers and peoples, that
a new world may arise where
we may live as thy children
in the bond of thy peace -
through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

from The Illustrated Family
Prayer Book

Both of these books are in my personal library and I would be glad to share them with you.

Shalom,

Rev Bailey

MISSION

PPC will carry on a wide range of local and worldwide mission activities during February in which we urge as many as possible of our congregation to participate.

SOUP KITCHENS. Members of our church will be working at Miriam's Kitchen in DC and The Lord's Table in Gaithersburg. The need is particularly great during winter months. The number of persons appearing for meals during January was exceptionally high. Please let Hunger Coordinator Kathy McMahon know if you can give a few hours to help serve some of the neediest among God's children.

BLANKET SUNDAY was held February 3 - a special offering to buy blankets distributed by Church World Service wherever disasters or emergencies strike. Blankets are a "basic component of every disaster response program." A blanket costs only \$5 and may cover a child without a home or provide warmth for a refugee fleeing from tyranny or war.

MEDICAL SUPPORT. A delegation from PPC led by Melanie Mason will participate in a conference on medical benevolence at Gaithersburg PC, Sunday, February 10 at 1 p.m. Please let Melanie know if you can join this planning session on developing help for those in need.

MESSAGES

THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY. On Tuesday, February 19, a large number of local restaurants will give 10% of the money they take in for that day to Hunger Relief. Lists of participating restaurants will be available on Sundays, February 10 and 17. Enjoy a night out while helping a worthy cause!

THANKSGIVING HUNGER DRIVE
A \$120,000 SUCCESS

The Montgomery County Hunger Relief Drive was a spectacular success in 1990. More people were involved; we worked about 50% more precincts; publicity was better; Marriott Corp. provided a room and breakfast for 50, free of charge, for a kick-off event; several innovations were tried, and some worked; the overall planning and organization was much improved; and we will have a better record of the campaign than ever in the past.

We have raised \$120,000 and may pass our \$125,000 goal before the end of the month when MCHR closes. Credit Ruth and John Kean of St. Matthew Presbyterian Church with the triumph. They did a wonderful job. They brought a spirit of happy dedication and good-natured diligence to the task that inspired the whole office in the months they were coming in daily.

-from Community Ministry News
January, 1991



ALL IN THE FAMILY

THANKS:

For God's blessings and the generosity of all who contributed to the Christmas Joy Offering. Total received was \$2,980.00.

IN SESSION

IN SESSION, January 21, 1991, Elders began the New Year in a flurry of activity...approved the active membership of 447 effective December 31, 1990, to be reported to Presbytery...noted the annual congregational meeting to be held February 3 which will include all annual committee reports...reviewed suggested Terms and Conditions for the proposed Memorial Garden, proposing several changes...approved a request for Senior Highs to hold Super Dog Sunday following worship on March 3rd...reserved numerous dates on their personal calendars as the Fellowship Committee announced activities which will include a scavenger hunt, evening at the Arboretum with Marc and Mary Cathey, Mother/Daughter Banquet and church picnic...applauded efforts of the Outreach Committee to further publicize PPC within the community...approved observance of Blanket Sunday on February 3rd through the Mission Committee...authorized observing the Sacrament of the Lord's supper on 10 occasions during 1991, with additional dates for the Lenten Home communions to be approved when presented.

CONGRATULATIONS:

To Sarah Endicott on the birth of a daughter, Cheyenne Maria Furneau, born December 30, 1990.

NOTED:

Bob Crozier's Matthew Brady Civil War prints will be on display at the Potomac Library through February 22.

REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS:

The Trant family following Jack's death in late January;

Jan Malone at Sibley Hospital;

Joyce Jenkins, Jackie Galliher, Bill Albright, Paul Yadlosky, and Bob Haack, recovering.

Youth Fellowship News

Middle School

Sunday School: It's time to finish putting together the Lenten Magazine we've been working on all year. Teachers Lynn Matson, Bob King and Mary Margaret Smith urge all Middle Schoolers to come each week so that you can be a part of this exciting journalistic experience.

"Thursday Nite Live"

- February 7: "Cooking With Love"
Dinner: Fred Olalo and Parents
- 14: "We Love You, Parents!!" Valentine's Day Dinner with our parents as guests.
- 21: Fun Night - Swimming? You decide.
Dinner: Mary Singleton and Family
- 28: Backwards Night
Dinner: Meg King and Family

Confirmation Class - Every Thursday night at 6:30 in the Library. Please remember that you are invited to join with "Thursday Nite Live" for recreation at 5:30 and dinner at 6:10.

Senior High

Sunday School: Join teachers Lynda and Ed Tennent for Bible Study, a video study, "What's being Good, Good for?", and an interview with a visiting elder.

"Sunday Nite Live"

- February 3: 6:00 p.m. PPC Annual Dinner Meeting and Slide Show. Join other Senior Highs for dinner. See how your church works. Special important short meeting with your advisors.
- 10: ICE SKATING! Meet at Cabin John Ice Rink at 3:30. We'll go out for burgers afterward. Back to church no later than 7 p.m. If you need a ride, call Bev. \$4 skating; \$2 skate rental; money for dinner.
- 17: "Money, Money, Money!!" led by Keith Bratt
Hosts: Carolina Olalo and Family, 10120 Gary Rd.
- 24: "Feeding the Hungry" - A Mission Project (more information to follow)

ADULT EDUCATION

Bible and Issues Class: 9:45 Sunday mornings in the Library

- February 3: Dr. Donald Miller, former President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, concludes his 3-part series, "Aspects of Christian Belief." Week III: "I Believe in God the Father Almighty."
- 10 & 17: Dr. Abigail Rian Evans, Presbyterian minister and founder and former director of Health Ministries/National Capital Presbytery, will lead a 2-week series entitled "Health and the Christian Faith."
- 24: As part of our "Weekend with..." series, Dr. Lee Barrett will lead this class. Dr. Barrett is Professor of Theology at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia. The class will meet in Fellowship Hall.

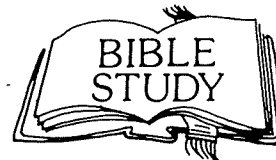
Third Sunday: February 17

"Talking with our Children about..." This once-a-month class led by Bill and Karen King explores issues of faith from a family perspective. Room 3 - Youth Wing.

Inquirers Class: each February Sunday, 9:45 in the Parlor.

Led by our pastor, this series is for persons who want to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and/or are interested in church membership.

Women's Bible Study: 9:45 Wednesdays in the Library led by the pastor.



"Coping as Christians": February 5, 9:30-11 in the Parlor.

A monthly discussion group which explores issues of importance in our everyday lives. Led by Bev Bailey.

SUPER DOG SUNDAY

The Senior Highs of PPC invite you to support their ministry here by joining them for lunch on Sunday, March 3. A delicious meal cooked, served and hosted by Senior Highs and Ed and Lynda Tennent is offered to you right after worship. Bring your appetites and the whole family.

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about their Maundy Thursday dinner and service. He will send me some material for our planning.

Received two wonderful letters - one from Elaine Lowry, long-time member now living in Kilmarnock, Virginia, expressing gratitude for the years she and Bill spent at PPC and telling of their decision to join St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, a newly organized congregation. Also a letter from Ann Niskanen with a picture of Thomas looking at his children's Bible. I remembered with joy Thomas' baptism in the Fall of 1989 with his grandparents, Bill and Kitty Albright, standing with him and his parents, Gary and Ann.

Then I began to prepare a memorial service for Jack Trant to be held on Saturday, reviewing notes from a meeting with Claudia the day before and outlined the service including the appropriate music. I remembered happy times spent with Jack and times of sadness as he struggled with cancer, including a phone call to Colorado the week before he died. I said, "God bless you, Jack," and he replied, "Thank you, and God bless you."

Home for an hour or so and back to the church to teach confirmation class with Bev.

Checked with our guest organist and Allis regarding the memorial service; greeting to our choir gathered to prepare to worship God this next Lord's Day. Then home to relax with my family thanking God for the privilege of being your Pastor.



MEMORIAL GARDEN

Several Adult Education sessions as well as a mailing to the congregation have been utilized by the Memorial Garden Committee to provide information about the proposed Memorial Garden to members of PPC. A response card was included with the January mailing and its return is crucial to determine if there is sufficient support from the congregation to enable the project to move forward at this time. Please let the Committee know right away whether or not you are interested by returning the response card immediately. If you have misplaced it or have additional questions, contact Janet Clark or John Clouse by telephone.

DINE WITH NINE



Who are we? Who am I? Who are you? We pass each other on Sunday morning with a pleasant smile, a "hello and glad to see you." Fellowship Hall is bustling with activity, messages are exchanged and we are anxious to begin Sunday afternoon activities...we leave church without getting to know each other.

In an effort to correct this situation, we invite you to "DINE WITH NINE." In February we will combine couples and singles to form groups of nine. Each group will then meet for dinner once a month for four months (March, April, May and June). You will be asked to be host/hostess for one of the four months and to provide the main course and vegetable. The other three times you will be asked to bring either an appetizer, salad or dessert.

In the fall we will form new groups to dine for four more months. A master list will be kept so that each four months we will Dine With a Different Nine!

Please join us. It is February - time to sign up for the spring group! Call Donna Mecklenburg (evenings) at 330-9409 or Marilyn Young at 294-3115. When you call please indicate if March would be a convenient month for you to host your group. If you cannot sign up for the entire spring season and would like to be placed on a substitute list for certain months, let us know.

STAFF SOUGHT FOR NURSERY/ENRICHMENT



We need your help staffing two vital programs. Both occur during the Sunday morning Worship Service and support PPC's children. Our Nursery (birth-2 years) is growing by leaps and bounds. We are looking for a paid worker to help each Sunday morning from 10:45-12:15; must be at least 18 years old. If you know of someone, please tell Bev Bailey or coordinator Katie Dickinson (926-7427). Meanwhile, please volunteer to help out one Sunday. Katie will be glad to hear from you!

Creative Enrichment is a supplementary program for children 3-8 which begins after "A Time for Children". Lisa McMahon coordinates and prepares the lessons. All you have to do is volunteer to help teach once or twice this spring. Lisa (681-1640) promises plenty of help from our Senior Highs, led by Lindsay Chapin. These programs only work with your help!



PPC '91 HOUSE TOURS

The holiday decorations are down and they are neatly packed in their boxes awaiting their 1991 display. Each of us has something that is uniquely our way of decorating or our way of celebrating the holiday season.

We share these things with our family and friends...why not our church family, too! This year we would like to have a holiday house tour for PPC members and their families.

NOW, while the past holiday season is fresh in your mind, we would like to hear from you with an invitation to visit your home in December. We will need a brief description of your decorations or customs and from this we hope to compile a tour that will show a variety of types of homes for all to enjoy.

For more information and to say, "Yes, you may visit my home," please call Barbara Perry at 299-6067.

CAPS FOR KIDS

Use your scrap yarn to knit or crochet a cap for a kid who needs one! We have instructions to share or use your own favorite pattern. Join us at TEA AND HANDWORK on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., February 7 and 21; March 7 and 21.



BAZAAR

Preparation for the 1991 Christmas Bazaar will be different this year. Most work will be done at home by individuals creating their special thing. There will be NO daytime craft workshops as in the past. Several evening workshops are planned for the spring to enable more women to participate.

If you sew, knit, crochet, cross stitch, etc. and are willing to create some things for the Bazaar, contact Lynn Bigler at 983-1682. If you don't do any of those things, Lynn has plenty of easy but vital projects to be completed. Everyone can help by donating gallon bleach bottles, 3/4" buttons in pairs, fabric and yarn scraps, trims and old stockings. Leave donations in the office marked "Bazaar".

MONTREAT

Senior Highs! Mark your calendars for our annual trek to Montreat, North Carolina - July 28-August 3. We will be staying in Montreat-Anderson Dorm and the theme this year is "Home By Another Way." Cost per person is \$325; PPC will pay \$100 making your cost \$225. We still need another adult volunteer. It's a wonderful opportunity. More information coming soon. Watch your mail.

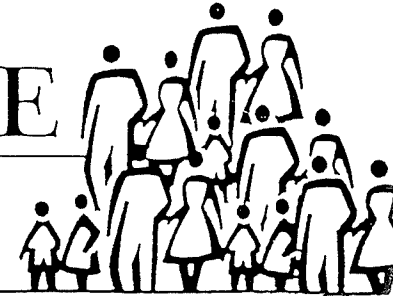
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KERRY on...

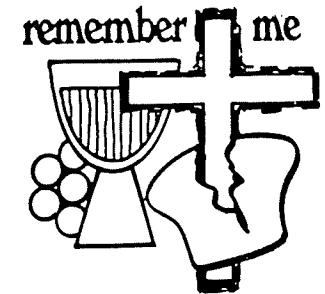
Many churches have planned a special meal on the Thursday before Easter to enact our Lord's Last Supper with his disciples. This year we will gather in our Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28 for such a meal. The symbolic foods of Passover will be served along with readings, prayers and singing. In addition, simple food of bread, cheese and fruit will complete the meal. Then "after supper", while still at table, we will hear the words of the Lord, "This is my body which is broken for you, do this to remember me." We will share Holy Communion around our supper tables.

I invite you to sign up with the Fellowship Committee and receive a food assignment. I believe this supper can be a truly memorable spiritual experience for us all.

Now I would like to share with you some background on the meaning of this supper.

By enacting in simple form and a prayerful spirit the "paschal supper", which our Lord celebrated with his disciples before going out to the Garden of Gethsemane, we hope to enrich our understanding of the Gospel and the Lord's Supper.

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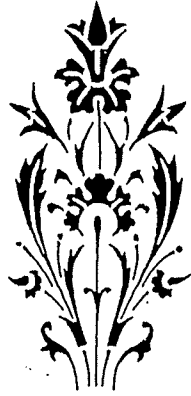
Maundy Thursday, March 28

Seder Dinner; Program; Communion

Watch Bulletin For Details

EASTER FLOWERS.

Easter MEMORIAL FLOWERS contributions are invited. If you wish to sponsor a memorial, send your check to the PPC office marked: "In Memory Of..."; "Contributed By..." Names and donors will appear in the Easter bulletin. Questions? Call Wilma Sharer.



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C.E. BAILEY-WICK

I received a new book of Lenten devotions in the mail yesterday. The thought of delving into a new book is always exciting, but I never have time to read for very long these days. But...this morning the book beckoned to me. Called Prayers from the Mount by J. Barrie Shepherd, it is a series of meditations on the Sermon on the Mount. The book opened to a particular page, and I began to read. May I share a portion of my reading...

You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored?

Matthew 5:13

Salt flavors, Lord, lends life, color, zest to all it touches, so our lives should be a source of gladness, vision, hope, yes, even gusto, to a jaded world. This parable tells me, God, that wherever people leap to greet the moment with a song, there is the salt of life. And if I am not there, then I have lost my birthright, given up my saltiness.

But most of all this parable of yours, Lord Jesus, issues forth a warning; states that if we Christians are not what we are supposed to be, do not preserve the very best, add flavor, and resist corruption and decay, then God will cast us out and seek new salt with which to serve this world.

Isn't this the purpose of the church - to be "the salt of the earth"? - to add flavor and gusto and gladness into the lives of all people? PPC has many new programs and offerings, all of which are being offered to you by many hard-working members. Add some salt to your lives - try something new. Join a new committee - come to a picnic or church family retreat. Come to home communion or offer your home for a youth meeting. Get involved with mission or outreach. PPC offers many ways to bring "flavor, sparkle, interest, excitement, life itself into all your endeavors."

Shalom,

Bar Bailey

MANY THANKS TO LUCILLE FERRARA for handling the newsletter Circulation Department in the past. New member, Ann McDonald, takes over this position with this issue. It'll take you less than 2 hours/month to help her; give her a call!

DINE WITH NINE

You are cordially invited to dinner and an evening of conversation and fun at the homes of some of your fellow Potomac Presbyterians. These dinners will take place once a month in March, April, May and June. Submit your name to Donna Mecklenburg (330-9409) or Marilyn Young (294-3115). You will be asked to be host/hostess and to plan the meal and provide the main course one time. The other three months you will be asked to provide appetizer, salad or dessert. Can't participate in all four? Get on the substitute list.

Let's get to know each other better!



SHARING



Sharing our Sunday flowers with shut-ins, recovering members, hospital patients and nursing home residents extends the boundaries of our sanctuary each week. Carolyn Brooks is organizing this new dimension of our flower ministry. Twelve ladies have volunteered to be on the new committee.

To ensure the freshness needed for this extended use of our sanctuary flowers, we have increased the donation to \$25 per vase. When making payment to the church for memorial flowers, please make your check payable to PPC and include your giving envelope number on the check.

There are still some dates available in 1991 for memorial flowers. You may donate a single vase or two vases. Please see the Flower Chart on the bulletin board outside the church office or call Carolyn Brooks (990-1757) for more details.

TEA

AND HANDWORK

Some of us are exploring the art of Battenburg lace. Most of us are doing "our own thing". Won't you join us in the parlor on Thursdays from 1:30-3:30, March 7 and 21; April 4 and 18.



KERRY on...

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The Last Supper was a Jewish passover, a "seder", a solemn sacrificial meal carried out according to ancient Jewish ritual by our Lord and his disciples. Why should we Christians re-enact the passover?

By understanding more clearly the context in which Christ chose to institute Holy Communion, our participation in it will be enriched. We can affirm that when we come together to share the bread and wine it is passover that we celebrate. As it is said, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." (I Corinthians 5:7)

Further, the great work of deliverance which Christ was to accomplish was rehearsed in a prophetic and symbolic form in the deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt. The blood of the sacrificial lamb sprinkled on the doorposts signified that God would pass over the houses of the Hebrews. This blood of the lamb foreshadowed the Lamb whose blood delivered the world from the slavery of sin. This is the meaning of the words of Jesus, "This is my body which is given for you" and why we say, at the Communion Service, "Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we remember the Lord's death until he comes."

(Adapted from "The Paschal Meal",
a publication of Abbey Press, 1976)

Kerry

IN SESSION

IN SESSION, February 18, Elders elected Bill Brill as Treasurer and Bruce Brumbaugh as Assistant Treasurer for 1991...learned that Middle School Students are preparing a Lenten Booklet for distribution to the congregation...voted to establish a Legal Advisory Committee staffed by attorneys within the congregation willing to serve in an advisory capacity on issues which may require legal definition and/or interpretation...received several "homework" assignments for reading and review prior to the regular March meeting...approved a joint meeting with the Deacons on April 22...supported a suggestion that the church be open one day each week from noon to 1:00 p.m. providing opportunity for prayer and meditation during the Persian Gulf crisis - specific days to be announced.

COMING EVENTS

IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

- March 3 SUPER DOG SUNDAY! The Senior Highs invite you to their spaghetti luncheon; \$6 adults, \$3 children. Support this PPC Youth fundraiser and have a great meal at the same time!
- March 24 Children sing for Palm Sunday. Join the children in the waving of Palms for the coming of our Savior.
- March 31 Annual Easter Egg Hunt between services for children 2-8 years of age. Sponsored by our Middle School and Senior Highs.
- April 14 Sacramental Education Day. This Sunday will be special in that all classes through Senior High will be concentrating on the Lord's Supper and what it means. Parents and children will meet together to gain more understanding into this special sacrament.
- May 12 YOUTH SUNDAY!!
- May 19 Our confirmation class will be welcomed as new members of PPC.
- June 16 Old Fashioned Church Picnic and Games.

ADULT EDUCATION

Bible and Issues Class - in the Library

- March 3 "Connecting the Aesthetic and the Spiritual" with Catherine Kapikian, founder and director of The Center of the Arts and Religion at Wesley Theological Seminary. An exciting multimedia presentation by this religious artist.
- 10 Pastor Kerry Stoltzfus will lead the class.
- 17 "Hosanna!! Blessed is he who comes..." a discussion of the Biblical foundation of Palm Sunday. Led by Bev Bailey.
- 24 A presentation by the PPC Mission Committee "One Great Hour of Sharing"

Third Sunday

- March 17 "How to talk with your children about... Death and Dying" - Bill and Karen King, Convenors; Room 3 - Upper Level

Women's Bible Study - each Wednesday 9:30 in the Library, led by the Pastor.

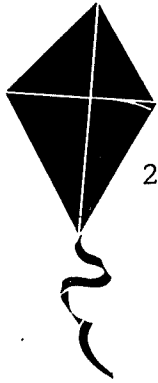
Coping as Christians - Tuesday, March 5, 9:30-11:00 in the Parlor, led by Bev Bailey.

NO ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES ON EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31.

Youth Fellowship News

"THURSDAY NITE LIVE!!" 5:30-7:30 in Fellowship Hall
(Middle School Fellowship for 6th-8th graders)

- March 7 "What do we think of the war?"
Dinner: Allison Chapin and family
- 14 "Money, Money, Money!!"
Dinner: Sara Hougen and family
- 21 No TNL because...
- 22 There's a LOCK-IN on Friday night!!!!!!
8:00 p.m. - arrive at church to be locked in for the night! Evening's theme: Relationships. Food, fun, games, talk, activities. We'll even let you sleep a little. The doors will open to let you out at 9:00 Saturday morning.
- 28 No TNL - Maundy Thursday.



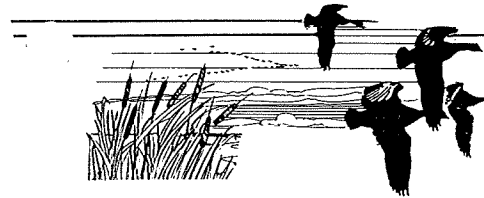
"SUNDAY NITE LIVE!!" 6:30-8:00
(Senior High Fellowship for 9th-12th graders)

- March 3 "You are important to PPC" Here's your chance to talk with Elder Gene sharer about your role at church - what you can offer and what the church offers you.
Host: Gene and Wilma Sharer 12404 Beall Spring Rd. 975-9411
Turn right 5 miles past PPC on River Rd. to 6th house on left.
- 10 "Bowling Party"; time and place to be announced. Questions? Call Charlie (963-0667) or Becky (703-553-9585)
- 17 "An Evening with Thaddeus Newman". Come hear this outstanding speaker from Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind talk to us about people with disabilities.
Host: Abby Clouse and parents 9308 Sprinklewood Lane/983-0518
- 24 A Palm Sunday Mission Experience. More information to follow. Questions? Call Susan Reichley (202-328-3175)



INQUIRERS SERIES

A three-week INQUIRERS CLASS SERIES conducted by the pastor will be held on Sunday mornings, April 14, 21, and 28. 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.



EVER GO ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE?

On purpose? Well, now's your chance! Lynda and Ed Tennent will host this adult fellowship event Saturday night, April 6. This is your chance to let your hair down, kick up your heels, and share in a little silliness.

Afterwards we will meet back at the Tennents for dessert. We guarantee this will be an evening unlike any other. Wear casual clothes and bring a coat just in case. Get ready for fun and challenges.

Call Lynda at 340-3031 to make your reservations. And remember, you are never too old to enjoy your youth!

BAZAAR

Katie is smocking; Alice is knitting; Jane is cross stitching; Bettina and Joan donated fabric; Janet is stuffing. What are YOU doing for the 1991 Christmas Bazaar?

Join the group of ladies who are already working at home on their own level at their own pace by calling Lynn Bigler, Chair, at 983-1682. She has lots of ideas and lots of projects that need completion.

It's only nine months away!

&
**RUMMAGE
SALE**
June 7-8

MISSION

BLANKET SUNDAY on February 3 was a great success. Our congregation contributed \$905, paying for 181 blankets to be distributed by Church World Service to families and individuals caught up in social or natural disasters all over the globe. This was an increase of \$150 over our 1990 contribution of \$755. PPC qualified for an award certificate that could be earned by meeting standards for either per capita giving or giving per family in the church. We met the requirements under both categories.

A BLOOD DONOR CATALOGUE is being prepared by the Mission Committee with Elsie Reid in charge. When completed, this guide will provide us with full information on blood types of all church members who wish to participate. In the past we have often had requests for blood donations needed by a member who has had an accident or is facing surgery. In more cases than not, these calls come on an emergency basis. The deacons have had to cast about trying to find donors with the appropriate blood type. With a catalogue, we will know immediately which of our members are able to fill each call for help.

Cards will be available to all church members who wish to list their blood type and

MESSAGES

to list their blood type and other pertinent health information. We will also distribute a data sheet issued by the American Red Cross, setting forth conditions of health or recent travel which cause the Red Cross and hospitals not to accept blood from volunteers, and the lengths of time for which each of these conditions apply.



ALL
IN THE
FAMILY

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Alan Beck and Barbara Barthelman whose mothers died in February.

Calvin Reid, Bill Albright, Bob Haack, and John Leaman (Camille Kendall's brother) recovering from surgery.

Jan Malone who is at the National Rehabilitation Hospital.

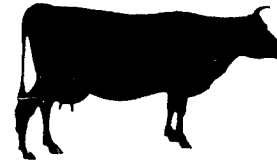
AND ALL THOSE WHO SERVE
OUR COUNTRY IN TIME OF
WAR.



CONFIRMATION CLASS for 8th-9th Graders/
Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

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| March 7 | Dinner with TNL at 5:30; Regular class. |
| 14 | Dinner with TNL at 5:30; Regular class. |
| 17 | Sunday - All Day Worship Retreat at church 9:45 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Explore the meaning of worship in the Presbyterian Church. Meet with Elder Sponsor. Conduct the worship service at Manor Care. |
| 21 | No TNL. Dinner at 6:00 with Confirmands only. Regular class. |
| 28 | NO CONFIRMATION CLASS. Maundy Thursday. |

SAVE ALUMINUM
CANS FOR
HEIFER
PROJECT



The HEIFER PROJECT is a little behind this year. This group purchases farm animals for people world-wide. Don't forget to recycle YOUR aluminum cans at PPC. See the lamb in the children's wing to find out how much has been collected.

LENTEN MAGAZINE

PPC's 6th-8th graders have been hard at work this year, studying the life and death of Jesus Christ. As a result of their study, they will be offering to all members a Lenten Devotional booklet, written and published in magazine form. This book will depict the events of Jesus's life that lead up to Holy Week. Teachers Lynn Matson, Bob King, and Mary Margaret Smith have worked with the young people to produce this aid to your Lenten devotional study. It will be available to you by March 17.

MONTREAT

It's time to sign up for the annual Senior High Trip to Montreat, NC, for the Presbyterian Summer Retreat. This year's theme is "Home by Another Way" and the dates are July 28-August 3. We've reserved rooms for 8 youth and 2 adults. The cost of the trip is \$325 minus \$100 paid for by the PPC Scholarship Fund. Reservations plus deposit of \$100 must be paid to Bev Bailey by March 31. Watch your mail for more information. BE THERE - IT'S A GREAT EXPERIENCE!! A video from last year's trip is available in the CE office. See PPC youth in action.

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MISSION MESSAGE

MEDICAL MISSION WORK OF THE MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FOUNDATION

Representatives from Potomac, Gaithersburg and Rockville Presbyterian Churches recently attended a presentation by Dr. Forrest C. Eggleston, Medical Consultant with the Medical Benevolence Foundation (MBF) of Woodville, Texas. MBF, while an independent foundation, works closely with the Global Missions Unit of the Presbyterian Church USA and has been actively involved in medical mission work in the third world for 27 years. MBF strives to inform members of the Presbyterian Church community of their work, recruit volunteers, obtain donations of equipment and raise funds to provide for the needs of over 100 mission hospitals throughout 30 countries. MBF is continually seeking short term volunteers (up to 3 months) who are willing to assist in the medical mission work in these hospitals. While medical personnel are certainly encouraged, all individuals, regardless of career or background, are needed. In addition, the need for equipment is great. Medical and support equipment often times discarded by hospitals and other organizations in this country, are usable in the third world. (Continued on p. 10)

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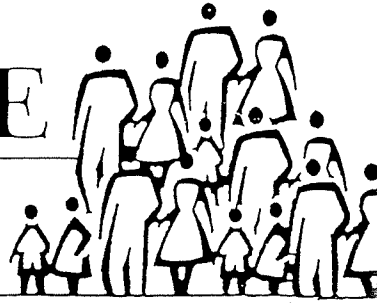
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KERRY on...

Recently, I received an alumni newsletter from my seminary and it contained the following prayer which is attributed to Sir Francis Drake. It spoke to me a word of challenge for us as a congregation and as individuals. I hope this prayer may speak to you as well.

Kerry

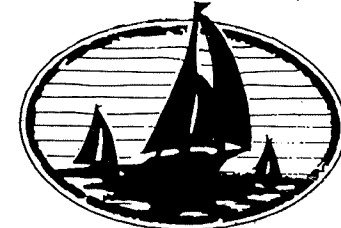
DISTURB US, LORD, WHEN WE ARE TOO WELL PLEASED WITH OURSELVES,
WHEN OUR DREAMS HAVE COME TRUE BECAUSE WE DREAMED TOO LITTLE,
WHEN WE ARRIVE SAFELY BECAUSE WE SAILED TOO CLOSE TO THE SHORE.

DISTURB US, LORD, WHEN WITH THE ABUNDANCE OF THINGS WE POSSESS,
WE HAVE LOST OUR THIRST FOR THE WATERS OF LIFE:
HAVING FALLEN IN LOVE WITH LIFE,

WE HAVE CEASED TO DREAM OF ETERNITY:
AND IN OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD A NEW EARTH,
WE HAVE ALLOWED OUR VISION OF THE NEW HEAVEN TO DIM.

DISTURB US, LORD, TO DARE MORE BOLDLY,
TO VENTURE ON WIDER SEAS WHERE STORMS WILL SHOW YOUR MASTERY:
WHERE LOSING SIGHT OF LAND, WE SHALL FIND THE STARS.
WE ASK YOU TO PUSH BACK THE HORIZONS OF OUR HOPES:
AND TO PUSH US IN THE FUTURE IN STRENGTH, COURAGE, HOPE AND LOVE.

THIS WE ASK IN THE NAME OF OUR CAPTAIN, WHO IS JESUS CHRIST.



C.E. BAILEY-WICK

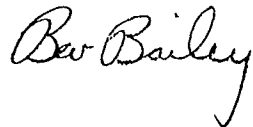
A couple of months ago Kerry wrote about his typical day at PPC. One of the most interesting aspects of working for the church is the daily variety - both in the people one sees or talks with and in the many different tasks to be accomplished. I would like to share two recent happenings that make my time with you both memorable and meaningful.

The first is a culmination. It is always exciting to conclude a job well done. For the past ten months a group called the Curriculum Planning Committee has met, diligently examining and critiquing the many different curricula available for Sunday School. Their task was to select a curriculum which was Bible-based, yet faithful to the Reformed Tradition and meeting the goals and objectives of your CE Committee. Yet it also had to be "educationally sound" and "teacher-friendly". This committee, led by Olivia Mabeus, whose members were Vicki Dorman, Diane Kendall, Judy Kahl and Cece Woodard, worked hard, each month studying a different curriculum. Then they came together to critique it. They took their task seriously and we all learned much in the process. The result is a new curriculum which will be introduced to the Session this month and is to be purchased for the Fall of 1991. We often don't think about the hard work that goes on behind the scenes when we drop off our children on Sunday mornings. It is truly a delight to see God's people working hard to be so faithful to the task they've undertaken. Thank you.

The second happening occurred Sunday, March 17. I had spent the day with the Confirmation Class at PPC, thinking/doing/talking about worship. They had led a worship service at Manor Care and I was feeling it had been a good day for everyone involved. Now I was off to Sunday Nite Live to listen to a speaker from Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind. Little did I know what a tremendous experience I was about to share. The young man who joined our small group of 12 youth and adults was Thaddeus Newman. He and his guide dog Jasper taught us much about love and faith and perseverance. To hear this young man's story, to eat with him, laugh with him, and to be simply in his presence was a real gift to our Senior Highs and to me. This opportunity was one I would not have had if I weren't here, sharing ministry with you.

I will lead the blind by a road they do not know, by paths they have not known I will guide them. Isaiah 42:16

Shalom,



NEW

MEMBERS (Continued from p. 10)

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson (Pat), 7125 Darby Road, Bethesda 20817, 469-7983

The Thompsons come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Bill is the founder and owner of a computer related business. He was born and raised in Pueblo, CO. Bill attended the U. of New Mexico and did his graduate work at Stanford U. He was a U.S. Air Force pilot for 8½ years. In his spare time Bill enjoys outdoor sports including hiking and trout fishing the mountains of the western U.S. Pat grew up in Clovis, NM; and attended the U. of New Mexico. Presently she enjoys art history, painting, travel and their vacation home on the Eastern Shore. The Thompson children are grown. Deacon Nettie Propps' Parish Group.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Walker (Peggi), 5 Midsummer Court, Gaithersburg 20878, 948-9052

Peggi comes by Certificate of Transfer from Warner Presbyterian Church, Kensington, MD and Jerry comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. The Walkers have three children: Richard Parker, III-15, Lauren-12, Steven-5. Jerry is a CPA with Walker and Walker. He went to work with his father, became a partner and finally bought the practice. Jerry is a native Washingtonian who grew up in the Palisades area of NW Washington before moving to Bethesda. He graduated from Walter Johnson HS and went on to get his accounting degree from Florida Southern College. Currently, Jerry is the treasurer on two swimming pool boards and enjoys tennis, golf, bowling and basketball in his spare time. Peggi was born at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda and grew up in the Kensington area attending Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery Junior College. Her mother and three brothers still live in this area. Peggi is a Pharmacy Technician by profession. While in her last position she was the recipient of the North Bethesda Rotary Club Award for exceptional vocational achievement. She has also taught exercise and fitness classes for the MC Department of Recreation. While at Warner Presbyterian Church, she was Director of the Dance Choir for five years. Presently, Peggi is singing in the PPC choir. Deacon Phyllis Matson's Parish Group.

INTRODUCING

We welcome the following new members to the work and fellowship of Potomac Presbyterian Church:

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Hougen (Susan), 11920 Cragwood Way, 299-83

The Hougens come to us by Certificate of Transfer from the Pilgrim Congregational Church, Sherborn, MA. Tom and Susan have three daughters: Amie-18, Malena-15, Sara-12. Tom is a physician at Children's Hospital National Medical Center. He was born in Minneapolis and spent most of his boyhood in Troy, NY and St. Louis, MO. He's played squash and likes to run, work outside and ski. Susan was born and grew up in St. Louis. She attended Northwestern U. and did graduate work at Tufts in Boston. Presently she works at the Kinsbury Center tutoring learning disabled students. Susan also enjoys drama and volunteers at the Folger Theater. Her hobbies include tennis, running, skiing, bread baking and gardening. Deacon Bettie Ann Johnson's Parish Group.

Mrs. Diann Onsted and Miss Laura Onsted, 9201 Moultrie Parkway, 983-9256

Diann comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was born in Jackson, MI, and attended Michigan State U. and Idaho State U. Her husband's job took the family to Idaho, California and finally to Washington, DC. There are three children in the family: Laura-25, Tony-21, Jeff-17. Diann's husband died last September after surgery. Diann has worked in real estate sales and enjoys golf, and bridge in her spare time.

Laura comes by Profession of Faith and Baptism. She was born in Jackson, MI but considers Sunnyvale, CA her "home-town". Laura went to the U. of PA., Wharton School of Finance in Philadelphia. She currently works for T. Rowe Price in Baltimore. Laura is to be married on the 6th of April. Deacon Alyce Tamzarian's Parish Group. (Continued on next page)

mission message

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The Mission Committee of PPC has decided to support the work of the Medical Benevolence Foundation with a small donation as we continue to learn more about their important and much needed work. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Dr. Eggleston at 717-691-9518.

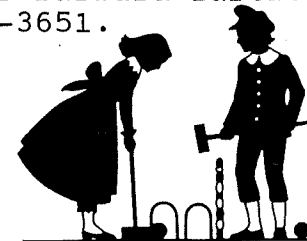
-Melanie R. Mason

VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at PPC from June 24-28, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Last year VBS was a great success and we are looking forward to another exciting, fun-filled week. Plans are already underway for a week which includes crafts, music, recreation and adventure - all based around the theme of Bible stories and activities.

Children of the church and community are invited to attend VBS. Classes will be offered for pre-school (4 years) through 5th grade at \$15 for the first child and \$10 for any additional child in the family. Friends are welcome.

We need help for the following positions: teachers, classroom helpers, recreation, crafts, drama, lunch period. We also need the special ministry of our teenagers as aides in the classrooms. The youth last year were an integral part of our program. If you would like to join in this outstanding experience for our children, or have any questions, please contact Co-Directors Jane Ashbaugh at 840-0456 or Barbara Barthelman at 977-3651.



CE SAYS THANKS

Many activities have happened recently that could not have taken place without much hard work by many people. The CE Committee takes this time to say "thanks" to the following:

To our Senior Highs and Lynda and Ed Tennent and Kay Mitchell for their hard work at Super Dog Sunday. The food was delicious and the company stimulating. Over \$200 was raised for several mission projects.

To the children for their beautiful voices on Palm Sunday, to Darcy Smith for her flute accompaniment, and to Jackie Galliher for all her hard work.

To Kay Mitchell and Mary Reichley for the Confirmation Class lunch at their worship retreat March 17.

To the Middle School Sunday School Class and their teachers, Bob King, Lynn Matson and Mary Margaret Smith, for the Lenten newspaper, The Jerusalem Times, which gave us much to think about this Holy Week and Easter Season.

To Middle Schoolers and Senior Highs, the Tennents and Clark and Diane Kendall for the joyful Easter Egg Hunt between services Easter Sunday.

To all the other people who make all our programs work so well that sometimes we forget how much hard work goes into each week - teachers, youth advisors, coordinators, committee members - we love each of you!!

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE AND ISSUES CLASS - Library

- April 7 Elder Jim Reichley will lead a 3-week series on the teachings of the early church leaders. The first week will be about Anthony and Clement.
- 14 Week II: Early Church Leaders - Ambrose and Jerome
- 21 Week III: Early Church Leaders - Augustine
- 28 The Church: an outstanding video series by theologian and professor Fred Craddock.

"THIRD SUNDAY" - Parlor

- April 21 A second session on "How to talk to our children about...Death and Dying". Last month's class left much unsaid. Join Karen and Bill King in this important discussion.

ALSO...A special intergeneration class for parents and children will be held on April 14. The topic is Communion Education, and the class will address this special sacrament from many different perspectives. Mark your calendars now for this important class for parents and children through 8th grade. Fellowship Hall.

Library

ENJOY BOOKS? Who among us wouldn't answer "YES". Want to serve the church? Again, the PPC answer is "YES". Here's a chance for you to put those desires together. The CE Committee seeks to form a group to guide and organize our church library. Thanks to the recent building program, we have a beautiful room for our library. The next tasks are to catalog the books and other resources we have, and to chart policies for the acquisition of additional materials and their use by the congregation. If you are interested in being on the library committee, please contact Jon Hawley at 424-7628.

INQUIRERS

A three-part INQUIRERS SERIES will begin in mid-April. The series will be held April 14, 21, and 28 on Sunday morning at 9:45 in the parlor. These classes are held at the same time as the Sunday School classes and nursery will be provided for the very young children. After the series is completed, those wishing to unite with the church will meet with the Session on May 5 at 9:45 a.m. Church recognition of these new members will be held at the 11:00 service that same morning. Anyone wishing more information about the classes, please contact the pastor.

CALLING ALL MOTHERS DAUGHTERS



Mark your calendar for May 17, 1991. Call your mother and tell her to mark her calendar May 17, 1991. Call your daughters and tell them to mark their calendars May 17, 1991.

Call PPC and say YOU'LL ALL BE THERE May 17, 1991!

It will be our 5th Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at PPC and it promises to be an enjoyable evening of fellowship and entertainment.

Coming with high recommendation, our program "Bosom Buddies to Bustles" will highlight fashions from 1750-1900. Styles of clothing have changed many times since the first fig leaf, some aspects of design have been repeated from time to time and have been influenced by political events and famous people. Members of the Blair County Historical Society in Altoona, PA, have woven together history with needles and thread to produce a memorable program for all ages. Don't miss it!

Our evening will begin at 6:30 and dinner will be served by our famous PPC waiters! The charge for the evening is \$8 for adults; \$5 for children under 12.

BAZAAR

Barbara is stuffing; Marilyn donated stockings; Diane and Jackie are cross-stitching; Celia is sewing. What are YOU doing for the 1991 Christmas Bazaar?

Please call Lynn Bigler at 983-1682 if you have a few minutes or lots of minutes. She has many ideas and projects that need completion.

The Bazaar is ONLY eight months away!

WE NEED ONE GALLON BLEACH BOTTLES!!

IN SESSION

IN SESSION on March 18, 1991...Elders approved the Pastor/Congregation Covenant, making plans for bringing it to the attention of the congregation in several ways...learned of the addition of Larry Dinterman to the staff as custodian, effective April 1, 1991...applauded the efforts of the Confirmation Class on Sunday, March 17, culminating with leading worship at Manor Care in the afternoon...were informed the CE Curriculum Committee has made a decision and will tell Session of their choice next month...look forward to the joint meeting with the Board of Deacons, April 22.

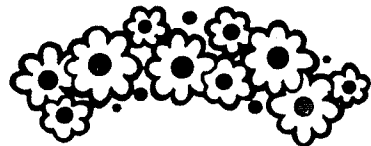
TEA

AND HANDWORK

Much scrap yarn has been used up in making 14 knit caps for some lucky kids in Baltimore. Many thanks to our knitters.

Renewed enthusiasm for counted cross stitch and smocking is keeping the needles flying.

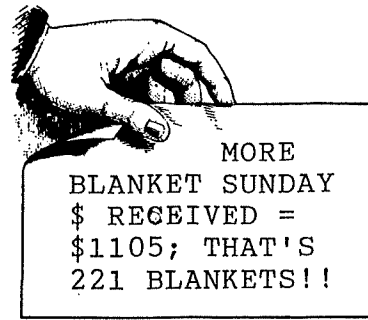
ALL are welcome for our spring get-togethers in the parlor. Thursdays at 1:30: April 4 and 18 May 9 (our last)



arboretum picnic & tour

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 3rd. Henry M. Cathey, director of the Arboretum (and former member of PPC) will take us to different areas of the park, each fascinating. The Bonsai Collection is outstanding, the azaleas and crab apple trees should be beautiful. Meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. It is on R Street, off Bladensburg Road (do NOT use the N.Y.Ave. Visitors Entrance). Arrange car pools.

Everyone brings his own picnic supper. Call Alice Smith at 469-8379 to say you'll be there.



MORE BLANKET SUNDAY \$ RECEIVED = \$1105; THAT'S 221 BLANKETS!!

RUMMAGE SALE June 6-7

Note the change in date: the annual RUMMAGE SALE will be held JUNE 6 and 7 - that's a Thursday and Friday. Set-up will begin Sunday afternoon, June 2. Your donations may be brought in after coffee hour that date, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. You are encouraged to bring your "treasures" earlier in the week rather than later to help the workers keep their sanity! NOTHING will be accepted on Thursday morning!!

Please clean closets, attics, garages - even look under the beds! And do it now! Last year's rummage sale was a BIG \$\$\$! Your donations do it! Tax receipts will be available from Lynn Bigler, Chair.

Many helpers will be needed from June 2-7; please set aside some time (or all that time) to be on hand for the work - and the fun!

PS: We'll accept anything for the sale that doesn't have to be fed and watered!

Youth Fellowship News

"THURSDAY NITE LIVE!!" 5:30-7:30 in Fellowship Hall (Middle School Fellowship for 6th-8th graders)

- April 4 NO TNL or Confirmation Class - Spring Break
11 "Mini-Ministry to PPC"
Meg and Nathan King and family - Dinner
18 "It's Whitney's First Birthday!!"
Dinner: Andy Wylie and family
25 "Dating - Is it time? How, when, why..."
Dinner: Chris Testa and family

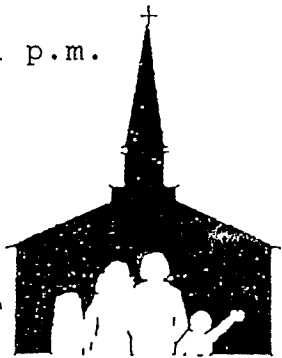
"SUNDAY NITE LIVE!!" 6:30-8:00 (Senior High Fellowship for 9th-12th graders)

- April 7 NO MEETING - Spring Break (Advisor meeting - 6:30 at church)
14 Discussion Night - "The Issues Surrounding Abortion" led by Bev Bailey. At church. Bring \$3 for pizza.
21 "Jeff Kuwabara Surprise Night"
Hosts: Edward Tennent and family
1411 Fallsmead Way; 340-3031
27 Saturday at King's Dominion
Leave church 9 a.m.; return about 11 p.m.
Details coming in the mail.

MONTREAT

It's not too late to sign up for the Montreat Youth Conference July 28-August 3. A few spaces are still available to young people 9-12th grade. Cost is \$325 minus \$100 PPC scholarship. A deposit of \$100 must be paid to Bev Bailey NOW. Bev says, "Don't miss this great opportunity to meet youth from all over the country, enjoy the mountains, explore your faith - and spend a week with me!!!"

ALL IN THE FAMILY



WELCOME TO:

Jennifer Sue Cronin, baptized February 24, daughter of Michael and Jacqueline Cronin.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Those hospitalized/recovering at home are: Bob Haack, Jeff Onsted, Bill Albright, Jan Malone, Jim Barnard

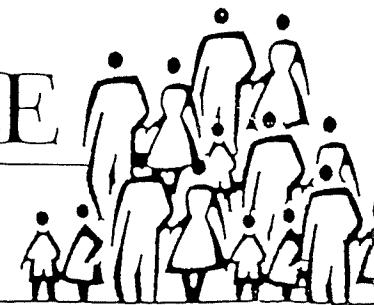
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COMMUNION SUNDAY 21 9:45 S.S./Adult Education Third Sunday Class Inquirers Class 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour 3:45 Worship @ Manor Care 6:30 SNL @ Tennent's	22 8:00 Deacons & Elders meet	23	24 9:30 Bible Study 7:30 Masterworks	25 12-1 AA 5:30 TNL 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanctuary Choir	26	27 9a.m.-11p.m.--- SNL to King's Dominion
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CONFORMITY vs TRANSFORMATION by tom miles

I've spent the best part of my adult life trying to understand and communicate the meaning of the gospel to other people for living our daily lives. In those lives threatened by the diabolical forces of violence, drugs, misused sexual powers, a near glut of consumer goods and the lust for them, as well as an often callous disregard for the lives of others and our own, I find one aspect of the gospel constantly pressing against my mind. Jesus taught it and the Apostle Paul echoed it in clear and impressive tones.

In verse 2 of the first chapter of his letter to the people who were the church in Rome, Paul wrote:

"Do not be conformed to this world
but be transformed
by the renewal of your mind,
that you may prove
what is the will of God,
what is good and acceptable and perfect."

My vision might be jaded - a common human failure - but I see what I believe is a head-long rush to conform for the sake of gaining approval from others, the questionable rewards of this world, what Jesus called "the chief seats," and a host of other "perks" available only to those who conform - to those willing to sell their birthright for a mess of porridge.

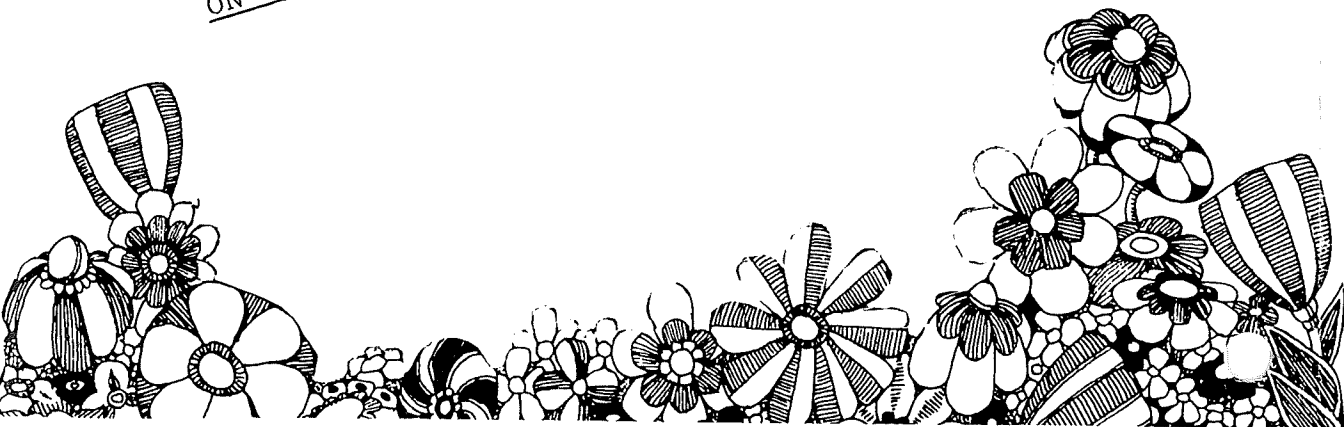
Use a national defense term, every one of us faces a clear and present danger - that we will succumb to the pressures and

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May is one of God's gifts - a glorious month full of flowers and temperate weather, and the occasional thunderstorms which are awesome in their power.

It is also a busy month as we try to combine work and play, as school schedules gear up and wind down. It's a busy time for our young people as they come home from college, attend proms, engage in sports activities, participate in concerts, plays and study for finals.

Two special events involving youth occur this month in the life of this church. These are worship experiences where our youth can share their unique and special talents with this congregation. The first event is Youth Sunday, May 12. The Senior Highs have created a service which will involve all the PPC children and youth. Join them for this special opportunity to praise God creatively through music, prayer, scripture, and drama. At that service, we will also honor our graduating high school seniors.

creatively through music, prayer, scripture, and drama. At that service, we will also honor our graduating high school seniors.

Then, on May 19, we will welcome a new group of young people into the life and ministry of this church. After spending five months studying what it means to be a member of God's church, and being reminded of the vows taken by their parents at baptism, the Session is honored to present the 1991 Confirmation Class to the congregation. This year's class of 8th and 9th graders will have breakfast with their families, elder-sponsors, and Session that morning at 9:30. At this time they will share their Statements of Faith and then will be welcomed by you at the 11:00 worship service. Kerry and I have really enjoyed working with this bright group of young people. They include:

Nathan King	Meg King	Steven King
Jim Barnard	Kathryn Styne	Mary Singleton
Samantha Toerge	Allison Chapin	Jennifer Gregg
Andy Wylie	John Paul Norvell	

We hope you'll join us on these two special Sundays in May to give thanks for the glory of God expressed through the love and work of our young people.

Thanks be to God!!



Potomac Presbyterian Church

FAMILY RETREAT

Sunday, September 29

9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Camp Glenkirk
Gainesville, Virginia

- a time to pause
- an opportunity to discover
- a truly inspirational experience for all ages

Mark your calendar now



conformity (Continued from page 1)

so-called promises of this age regarding what it means to be a person in an often depersonalized society. The world seems to become less hospitable to what the Apostle Paul calls "the things of the Spirit (Romans 8:5)." For that reason alone, we who possess and are possessed by that Spirit should, of all the people in the world, find the power in our faith to withstand molding ourselves or allowing ourselves to be molded by forces that in the end distort, maim, and eventually bring about the death of the soul.

The avoidance of conformity depends upon our willingness to live under the transforming power of Jesus Christ. May we all find in him and his gospel that capacity for ourselves and our children.

Youth Fellowship News

THURSDAY NITE LIVE 5:30-7:30 p.m. 6th-8th Graders

- May 2 "Ernie and Bert Meet Sick Children" - Crafts for children in the hospital.
Dinner: Sara Hougen and family
- 5 Special Sunday Afternoon Event!!
FUN SUNDAY MADNESS CIRCUS and UNDER THE BIG TOP FAIR
for all Presbyterian Middle Schoolers in the DC area. Food, fun, fellowship, games, meet others. Leave church 1:00 p.m.; return about 5:00 p.m.
- 9 NO TNL - your advisors are all out of town!
- 12 YOUTH SUNDAY!! Let Bev know if you wish to participate by ushering, singing or playing an instrument.
- 16 Craft Nite II and Discussion
Dinner: Chris Testa and family
- 23 Trip to Putt-Putt Golf. Bring money for dinner.
- 30 Presentation of crafts to the hospital.
Dinner: ?????????? (Who can help?)

SUNDAY NITE LIVE 6:30-8:00 p.m. 9th-12th Graders

- May 5 Youth Sunday Rehearsal and final plans for car wash.
Place: Camille & Cliff Kendall (Charlie's folks)
2 Tobin Court, 469-5866
- 12 YOUTH SUNDAY!!!
Rehearsal - 9:30 a.m./Service - 11:00 a.m.
- 19 Car Wash Service Project
Proceeds to go to youth mission projects (especially Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind)
- 26 NO MEETING - Memorial Day Weekend

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE AND ISSUES CLASS - Library

- May 5 WHAT'S THE CHURCH ANYWAY? Video series with theologian and Bible professor Fred Craddock.
- 12 Our own pastor, Kerry Stoltzfus, will lead the discussion on a timely Biblical subject.
- 19 THE PSALMS: POETRY, PROMISE AND POWER
led by Tom Miles
- 26 THE PSALMS: Week II with Tom Miles

Third Sunday - No class this month because of Confirmation Breakfast. We will meet again in September.

What Is Right With the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

By J. RICHARD BASS
Contributing Editor

I want to affirm what is right with the church.

- 1. Jesus is Lord of the Church.
- 2. The Church is the body of Christ at work in the world today.
- 3. The gospel of love revealed in Jesus Christ is more powerful than all the forces of evil.
- 4. The Word of God is studied, preached, taught and confessed throughout the world.
- 5. The sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are administered by the church.
- 6. Christian people pray for one another, for our enemies and the world in which we live, that God's will may be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- 7. Around 400,000 congregations gather for worship every Sunday in the United States. More than 11,000 of these are members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- 8. The Planning Budget for the General Assembly for 1991 is more than \$100 million. More than 24 percent goes for global mission and 18 percent goes for justice issues of hunger, development and peace.
- 9. Following the constitution of the church, more Presbyterian congregations are spending more for local mission and presbyteries are spending more to empower people in particular churches for effective witness to the world in Jesus' name. "The administration of mission should be performed by the governing body nearest the congregation that can most effectively and efficiently accomplish it" (G-4.90402). "Congregations

serve as essential mission arms of the presbytery and the larger church" (G-7.01021).

- 10. There are 2,938,830 members, 11,573 congregations, 171 presbyteries and 16 synods in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- 11. Presbyterians witness in their workplace every day around the whole world.
- 12. Vital congregations do effective ministries in the communities and beyond every day of the week.
- 13. We have 11 theological institutions in the United States and we are related to 68 colleges and six secondary schools.
- 14. We are at work in 80 countries around the world with more than 600 people involved in significant ministries in Christ's name.
- 15. Sixty people from partner churches around the world minister to us. There are 39 presbytery partnerships in cooperation with the Global Mission Ministry Unit and churches beyond the United States.
- 16. We have the best printed resources available that I know for pastors and other leaders prepared by the General Assembly staff for special offerings, special seasons and other emphases of the church.
- 17. The Lord God omnipotent reigns (Revelation 19:6).
The list could go on with what is right with the church. The gloom and doom folks will see only the bad. The overly optimistic will see only the good. Somewhere between those two is where I hope I stand. ☐

J. RICHARD BASS is executive presbyter, Savannah Presbytery.

VBS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 24-28, 1991 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

We are busy planning now for VBS at PPC! We have chosen our curriculum for this year. It is called "The Bible: God's Call To Love". It really looks exciting and is filled with Bible stories, crafts, music and other great activities. We also plan to do the special Olympics again this year. New games, but the same fun!

We have our teachers in place except for one class. So give us a call if you are able to help out this year. We also are looking for help during lunchtime so that our teachers get a break! If you can come for as little as an hour one day, we can use your help.

Registration forms will be mailed to members in May or you can pick one up in the church office. Children who are 4 years old up through 5th grade are invited to attend. Tuition this year will be \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child.

Parents, don't miss this opportunity for your children to have this wonderful summer adventure and lifelong memory.

Grandparents, invite your grandchildren to spend the week with you and attend VBS.

Mark your calendars today and plan to spend the week with us at VBS at PPC. Don't forget, friends are welcome, too.

Remember the quote from Proverbs and make that commitment for your children:

Proverbs 26:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it".

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in any way, please call Barbara Barthelman (977-3651) or Jane Ashbaugh (840-0456).

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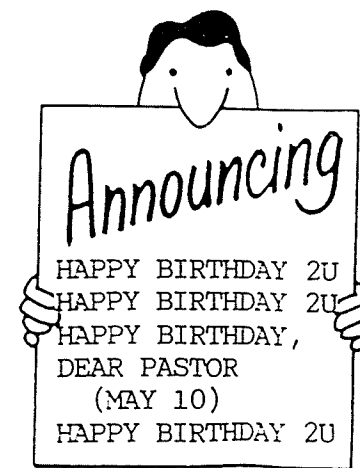


The previously rained-out Spring Clean-Up of the church yard has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 11 from 9:30 a.m. to early afternoon. Please contribute a few hours to help maintain the attractive appearance of the church property. Bring garden tools such as rakes, clippers, pruning shears, wheelbarrows, etc. A light lunch will be provided.

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BOTSWANA. John Hummon, recently returned to PPC with his wife, Jean, after four years as director of AID in Botswana, told an adult education class of his experiences with the needs and opportunities of that country. John reported that Christianity, often under conditions of extreme hardship, is flourishing among the people of Botswana. He emphasized that Christians in Botswana still welcome missionaries from American churches and are eager for all the help, evangelical and material, we can give them.

PRESCRIPTION FUND. The Mission Committee has contributed \$500 to the prescription fund of Community Ministry of Montgomery County, with further contributions to be made as funds are available later in the year. This fund is used to help pay drug prescriptions for needy Montgomery County families - a very worthy service as anyone who has recently paid a prescription bill at the drug store knows!



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES



The classrooms are full of busy children every Sunday. The creative energy of many people has provided a stimulating environment. The current activities and lessons exemplify the wonderful Christian education being offered. The 3-5 year old group has studied many stories of Jesus throughout the spring and acted out several scenes. Currently, they are focusing on the meaning of church as a group of people, much more than a building! The 1st and 2nd graders have examined the issues of Pentecost through stories and felt board pictures. They are learning about the Holy Spirit and having a spirit party to better understand the concept. The 3rd, 4th and 5th grade class integrated the family Sunday lesson on communion into a month-long series on worship, its meaning and the purpose of the parts of liturgy. They will culminate the lessons by being the church greeters on May 26.

WRITTEN BY ANN BAVIER

KATHY ON KITCHEN

AN INTERVIEW BY KATHRYN STYNE,
CONFIRMATION CLASS MEMBER

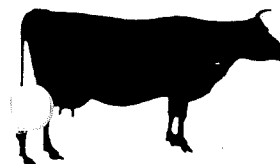
I learned many interesting things about Miriam's Kitchen from consulting a volunteer, Kathy McMahon.

Miriam's Kitchen is a "soup" kitchen located in the basement of Western P.C. in Northwest, DC. This kitchen provides breakfast five days/week, year round, to whoever walks through the church doors. Food is donated by restaurants and bakeries; in addition, the kitchen receives government surplus foods. Money is also donated by churches. Over 15 churches are involved in this project. Help is volunteer, the person in charge being the only one who is paid. Most of the volunteers on the first Monday of each month are G.W.U. law students who help regularly when school is in session. Volunteers must be 18 or older or under adult supervision. Kathy got involved in Miriam's Kitchen through PPC's Mission Committee. She prepares and serves food, cleans up, and does whatever else needs doing. She also volunteers at Rainbow Place, a shelter for homeless women, and The Lord's Table in Gaithersburg. She believes the most rewarding thing about working at Miriam's Kitchen is working with others while providing a much needed service for the homeless of Washington.

IN SESSION

IN SESSION on April 22, 1991, Elders and Deacons met jointly and viewed a video presentation by Professor Jack Rogers of San Francisco Theological Seminary on "Essential Tenets of the Reformed Faith"...at the Session meeting following, Elders received a report from the Memorial Garden Committee... will meet at 9:45 a.m. on May 5 to receive new members...approved a resolution commending the Middle School Class and its teachers for the publication of The Jerusalem Times...heard a letter from South Parish Church, Girvan, Scotland expressing the wish of their Session that the link of Faith-Share Partnership be continued and encouraging visits whenever possible...voted to inform the congregation of the process through which the recently well-publicized Human Sexuality Report will come before the June General Assembly Meeting and also voted to prepare a statement at the May Session Meeting to be sent to National Capital Presbytery Commissioners to General Assembly.

SAVE ALUMINUM
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ALL IN THE FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE
ENGAGED YOUNG LADIES:

Caroline Clark, daughter of
Ed and Janet

Heather Clark, daughter of
Harold and Mavis

Suzette Guffey, daughter of
Neal and Wanda

Gretchen Hummon, daughter of
John and Jean

Molly Newell, daughter of
Hal and Ruth

Margaret McClaine, daughter of
Jim and Kay

REMEMBERED IN PRAYERS:

Kathy McMahon and her family in
the death of her father

Lynn Bigler and her family in
the death of her great aunt

Sue Toerge and her family in
the death of her niece

Bill Albright, Bob Haack, and
Jan Malone recovering at home

CALLING ALL MOTHERS DAUGHTERS



Mark your calendar for May 17, 1991. Call your mother and tell her to mark her calendar May 17, 1991. Call your daughters and tell them to mark their calendars May 17, 1991.

Call PPC and say YOU'LL ALL BE THERE May 17, 1991!

It will be our 5th Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet at PPC and it promises to be an enjoyable evening of fellowship and entertainment.

Coming with high recommendation, our program "Bosom Buddies to Bustles" will highlight fashions from 1750-1900. Styles of clothing have changed many times since the first fig leaf, some aspects of design have been repeated from time to time and have been influenced by political events and famous people. Members of the Blair County Historical Society in Altoona, PA, have woven together history with needles and thread to produce a memorable program for all ages. Don't miss it!

Our evening will begin at 6:30 and dinner will be served by our famous PPC waiters! The charge for the evening is \$8 for adults; \$5 for children under 12.

RUMMAGE SALE June 6-7

It's magic! You bring your unwanted items to church on June 2-5; we sell them June 6-7. Voila! Your trash has been turned into treasure which in turn is used to help others.

The annual RUMMAGE SALE will be held in Fellowship Hall in early June. Start now to weed out the clothes that don't fit, extra books, knick-knacks no longer on display, shoes, appliances, furniture, patterns, baskets - just about anything.

Items may be left at church after coffee hour on June 2; nothing will be accepted after 3:00 p.m. June 5!

Lots of willing workers (with lunch bags) are needed June 2-5 to help sort and price. Please set aside as many hours as you can to help with this church-wide project.

BAZAAR

Ann is crocheting snowflakes; Shirley is cross stitching bibs; Nettie brought buttons from the West Coast; Lynn is making potholders. What are YOU doing for the 1991 Christmas Bazaar?

We need one gallon bleach bottles and someone to head the bakery department. Can you help? The Bazaar is ONLY seven months away!!



March 20, 1991

To: The Session
Potomac Presbyterian Church, Potomac

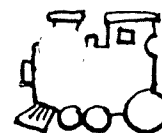
The Minister and Kirk Session of Girvan South Church extend to Potomac Presbyterian Church our most cordial greetings.

At our meeting on 19th March 1991 Session asked me to convey to you their most earnest wish that the link of Faith-Share Partnership be continued in faith and friendship. We continue to treasure the memories of your visits and look forward to welcoming both old and new friends into our midst whenever visits might be possible.

You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Cowie
Session Clerk



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983-1682

Resolution

WHEREAS the Middle School Class of Potomac Presbyterian Church did, in September, 1990, undertake a project requiring much study, research and writing, and

WHEREAS the result of the project was publication of THE JERUSALEM TIMES, published once for the families and friends of Potomac Presbyterian Church, and

WHEREAS the aforementioned publication did embody all of the elements of a newspaper, and

WHEREAS the completed project is evidence of knowledge and understanding of our Biblical tradition with fresh perspective and language, and

WHEREAS the same publication has been received with sincere appreciation by the members of the congregation;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Session of Potomac Presbyterian Church wishes to commend the Middle School Class members, the teachers and all who contributed to publication of THE JERUSALEM TIMES.

9 April 22, 91

MISSION

MESSAGES

REFUGEE RELIEF. Responding to the terrible plight of Kurdish refugees in northern Iraq, the Mission Committee on April 12 dispatched a \$500 contribution to Church World Service's Mid-East Refugee Program which is joining with other church agencies in rushing supplies to refugee camps.

We learned from telephone contact with the United Presbyterian Church Office in Louisville that Church World Service and the Vatican have put up initial contributions to what is expected to be a major relief program. On April 10, CWS began chartering planes in Denmark to undertake an air-lift of high protein foods, medicines, and blankets to Kurdish men, women and children fleeing attempted extermination by Saddam Hussein. These people are pinned on snow-covered mountains in northern Iraq and southern Turkey. Some of the blankets being distributed were paid for by our contributions to Blanket Sunday in February.

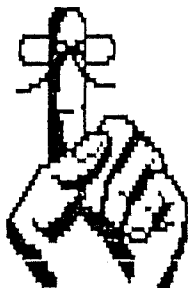
Other supplies are being distributed through the Middle Eastern Council of Churches which CWS judges to be the best means to assure that help goes directly to refugees.

Anyone wishing to contribute through the church to Kurdish refugee relief may write a check to the PPC Refugee Fund and mail it or bring it to the church office.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL. Frank Bond once again is leading PPC's participation in Christmas in April, a program of Montgomery County churches that undertakes home repairs for needy families. Please let Frank know if you have time and skills in household maintenance that you would be willing to contribute to this very worthwhile program.

BLOOD DONOR REGISTER. All church families have received through the mail cards to be filled in with blood type and other pertinent information from persons willing to give blood for members of our church at times of surgery or other emergency need. If you will fill in these cards and return them to the church office, we will be able to establish a blood donor register that will permit us to spring into action when emergencies arise.

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FAMILY PICNIC RETURNS TO PPC

Wear comfortable clothing, pack your picnic basket and bring your lawn chairs or blankets to PPC on Sunday morning, June 16. Weather permitting we will have an informal worship service outside at 11:00. This will be followed by an OLD FASHIONED FAMILY PICNIC at noon. Invite old friends; former members; bring the college kids!

After all of your favorite "picnic goodies" have been shared with family members, ants and gnats, there will be games for everyone. Pick your partner and start practicing for the three-legged, wheelbarrow, and egg toss races. Bring your mitts, bats and balls...we've reserved the all diamond at the school. There will be many other games ranging from duck-duck-goose to volleyball and some you didn't know existed! If you have a game you'd like included in the activities, call Barbara Perry, 299-6067.

This is a special day! It is the last Sunday before school closes, it is FATHERS' DAY, and it is our CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC. Bring the whole family and bring your camera to record surprises and special events. By mid-afternoon you should be returning home filled with memories to cherish.

Should the weather not allow an outside day of activities, we will proceed as planned (with certain modifications) within the church building. Either way, don't forget to follow the instructions in the first paragraph of this article.



We are exploring the formation of a downtown lunch group and would appreciate hearing from PPC members who would like to participate. We envision a monthly gathering, probably on Friday at noon, at a centrally located restaurant where participants could order individually from the menu. At each meeting, one member would be responsible for presenting a brief program of his or her choosing - perhaps a ten-minute presentation, with time thereafter for discussion, on a devotional theme or on a recently read book or other subject of general interest. Please advise Jon Hawley at 424-7628 or Bill King at 340-0456 of your interest; details on the first meeting will follow, for those who have replied.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MAY 1991			9:30 Bible Study 1 7:30 Masterworks 8:00 Legal Advisory Comm. 8:00 Memorial Garden Comm.	12-1 AA 2 5:30 TNL 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir	3 5:30 Trip/Arboretum	4
RECOGNITION SUNDAY 5 9:45 New Members meet with Session S.S./Adult Education 11:00 Worship - Baptism 12:00 Fellowship Hour 6:30 SNL @ Kendall's	6:30 Miriams Kitchen 6	9:30 7 "Coping As Christians" 1-6 Lord's Table	9:30 Bible Study 8 2:45 Collingswood 7:30 Masterworks	12-1 AA 9 1:30 Tea/Needlework NO TNL NO Confirmation 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir 8:00 MD. Ornithological Society	10	11
YOUTH SUNDAY 12 9:45 S.S./Adult Education 11:00 Worship - Youth Sunday 12:00 Fellowship Hour 2-7 Masterworks 6:30 SNL @ church	8:00 Committees 13	9:30 VBS Teachers meet 14	9:30 Bible Study 15 7:30 Masterworks	12-1 AA 16 5:30 TNL 6:30 Last Confirmation 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir 8:00 Retreat Comm.	6:30 Mother-Daughter banquet 17	18
COMMUNION SUNDAY 19 9:00 Confirmation Breakfast 9:45 S.S./Adult Education 11:00 Worship - Confirmation 12:00 Fellowship Hour 3:45 Worship @ Manor Care 6:30 SNL	S.T.O.P. Deadline ²⁰ 8:00 Session	1:00 Presbytery (Westminster) 21	9:30 Bible Study 22	12-1 AA 23 5:30 TNL 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir	4:00 Clark/Nickum rehearsal 24	12:00 Clark/Nickum wedding 25
9:45 S.S./Adult Education 26 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour	OFFICE CLOSED 27 7:30 Deacons	28	9:30 Bible Study 29	12-1 AA 30 5:30 TNL 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir	Our Fellowship Hall was dedicated on this date in 1987. 31	

ACTIVITIES

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THE POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - A DAY RETREAT TO CAMP GLENKIRK EXPLORING "GOD'S CREATION - - THE WORLD OUR CHILDREN WILL INHERIT." HEAR THE REV. TRUMAN NABORS, DIRECTOR OF CAMP GLENKIRK, SPEAK TO US ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

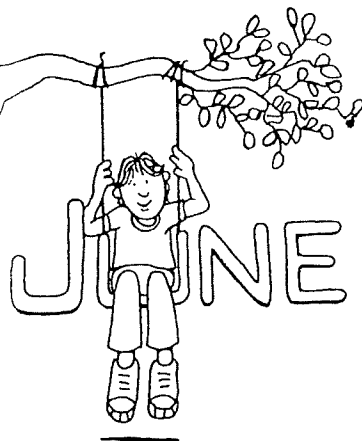
RESERVATIONS ARE LIMITED. WATCH FOR INFORMATION TO COME. QUESTIONS? CALL SALLY O'NEAL, COORDINATOR.

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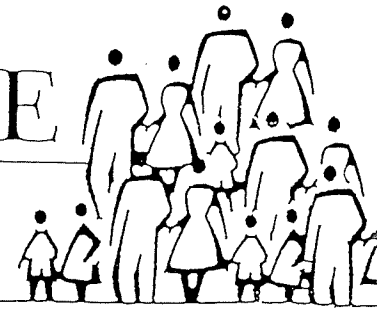
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Tom Miles, Parish Associate
Beverly Bailey, DCE/Youth
Lynn Bigler, Editor



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FROM THE SESSION

After much study, discussion and prayer, the Session of Potomac Presbyterian Church passed the following motion at its May 20, 1991 meeting:

"In order that we may complete the task the 199th General Assembly wished to begin, when the Special Committee on Human Sexuality was appointed, we recommend that the Ministry Unit of Theology and Worship be directed to develop ongoing study materials that could assist the church in our expression of the gifts of human sexuality and our witness to God's order amidst the culture in which we live. Such materials should be based on the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as our rule for faith and life. They should be prepared under the guidance of our historic confessions. We believe such materials would be helpful to congregations and members in their ministry and mission".

We respectfully urge the 203rd General Assembly (1991) to reject the report, "Keeping Body and Soul Together" and dismiss the committee.

We would also like to share with you some of our reflections. No issue for many years has elicited so much response in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as has the Majority Report of the Special Committee to Study Human Sexuality.

There seems to be two basic reasons for this response. One, the subject is sex, which almost guarantees a high level of interest. Even the newspapers will report church news when this is the subject. More importantly, the challenge to Biblical authority which the report endorses, serves to reverse

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the Reformed understanding of the Scripture. Further, the confessional tradition which we hold to be authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do is simply ignored.

We are grateful that one third of the committee believed strongly enough in the witness of Scripture and Confessions that a Minority Report was produced which challenges the Majority's position.

One article in particular has been especially helpful to our thinking, "An Empty Sexual Ethic" by Gary L. Watts writing in the May 8, 1991 issue of Christian Century. He writes:

"Calvin held that fallen humanity is not capable of independently arriving at true knowledge of God and his ways in the world, but must rely upon the revelation in Scripture.

"We are told that the way things are demand that we change our opinion concerning what they should be.

"Karl Barth has noted that we 'cannot speak about God by speaking about man with a loud voice'. The same is true in the realm of Christian ethics: we cannot talk about what should be merely by talking about what is in a loud voice.

"Certainly the church must speak a word to the current situation. But the church must find that word not in the situation, but in Scripture and its creeds.

"A Church which maintains its credibility by abandoning its creeds in order to accommodate itself to society is a church that will soon be indistinguishable from that society.

"The call of the church is not to make itself credible, but to faithfully maintain the gospel which has been entrusted to it."

It is our hope and prayer that our continuing study of these crucial issues of human sexuality in the light of Biblical authority may serve to strengthen our witness to Jesus Christ in a culture that desperately needs to hear a word from the Lord. Finally, we hope that our deliberations and subsequent ministries will be both prophetic and filled with the grace of the same Lord.

amen

BIBLE CHALLENGE

On Sunday, June 9, children, youth, and adults will gather at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall to test their Bible knowledge. Do you remember last year - gathering into three teams, as we played a form of Bible Jeopardy? Did your team win? Well, join us again this year as we explore our knowledge of Bible times, working together, laughing together, and getting to know each other in a new way. This activity is the culminating event of our Sunday education classes before we go to our Summer Worship Schedule. See you there!

DINE WITH NINE

DINE WITH NINE had 54 participants this spring, obviously a popular/successful program. Plan ahead now to join in the evenings of fun and conversation in the homes of fellow PPC members. Dinners will take place once a month in September, October, November and December. Even if you participated before you must sign up again as new groups will be formed. Those who did not DINE WITH NINE are strongly encouraged to enjoy this program in the fall. Submit your name to Donna Mecklenburg 330-9409 or Marilyn Young 294-3115. You will be asked to be host/hostess and to plan the meal and provide the main course one time. The other three months you will be asked to provide appetizer, salad or dessert. Can't make all four? We NEED you on the substitute list!

Let's get to know each other better!



The Outreach Committee happily announces a Farmers Market to be held every Thursday from 2-6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. From one to four farmers will be selling their fresh produce there from now to October.

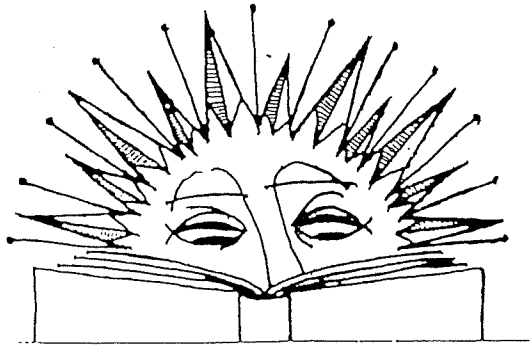
Three such experiments are being tried in the county sponsored by the Office of Economic Development: one at the Silver Spring Armory, one at NIH, and one at PPC! Everyone is encouraged to support this project - and bring your friends and neighbors. Unsold produce will go to homeless shelters.

WELCOME

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DANIELLE M. PUGLIESE, 14410 Pebble Hill La., N. Potomac 20878, 309-0096. Danielle comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She grew up in Potomac and attended Churchill. Danielle went to college in Florida where she received a degree in business. After graduation she spent the summer in Europe. For the past four years Danielle has been with Marriott Corp. as a National Sales Rep (where she met Doug). In her spare time she likes taking long walks on the beach and boating. However, she says she spends all her spare time now in making plans for her wedding. Danielle and new member Doug Baarman will be married at PPC on October 26, 1991. Deacon Bob Hazard's Parish.

MRS. GEROGE L. SIGALAS (NAOMI), 10804 Rock Run Dr., Potomac 20854, 983-2201. Naomi comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. The Sigalas' have two boys: Louie 9 and Jonathan 22 mo; they are expecting an addition to their family in June. Naomi and her husband George have their own business, Stat Courier Service in Washington, DC. Naomi was born and raised in Baltimore. She attended Catonsville Community College and the U. of Md. majoring in business administration. Until recently she was Director of Communications at Suburban Hospital. In her spare time she enjoys reading and doing needlepoint. However, she says she spends most of her "spare time" driving car pools! Deacon Jane Jordan's Parish.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday, June 24, and continuing through Labor Day Weekend, the CE Committee will offer a broadly-graded class for children 3-8 years of age. This class will be held during the worship service. Based on the Creative Enrichment model - yet with a different course of study called "Stories of the Bible", Bev Bailey will be the lead teacher. The class will combine the use of story, music and crafts. Children 4th grade and older will attend worship with their families - but look for something new in church during July and August.

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

What an exciting year! What a busy month!! The CE program at PPC has seen much growth this past year. It has been a challenging and rewarding year as we attempt to meet the needs of all ages in our never-ending journey of faith. The last few weeks have been particularly rewarding for me as I worked with the confirmands and the youth and children to create a Youth Sunday which was both creative and worshipful. Your young people learn so much about worship and the church when they are so involved in the creative process. They thank you for letting them have this opportunity to share with the entire congregation - and I thank you for letting our young people know how much you appreciate them.

As we move into the summer months, don't forget that there are still activities here at PPC. If your children have not participated in Vacation Bible School before, please put it on your agenda for this year. It is a chance for them to be very involved in exploring their faith in a really fun way. The week includes art, drama, music, recreation, and service to their community. Sign up now with Jane Ashbaugh or Barbara Barthelman.

Also, for children, we offer a Summer Sunday School. This is a great opportunity for me to get better acquainted with the younger children (ages 3-8) of the church, because I am the lead teacher for this group. Also, the classes are smaller in the summer and there is a better chance for me to spend some real "quality" time with your children.

In July, a group of Senior Highs will be traveling to Montreat, North Carolina to participate in your denomination's Youth Conference. This year the theme is "Home By Another Way" and six of our youth will be attending. I will be going with them ...and we are in real need for a second adult to go with us. If you are over 21 and are interested in a wonderful experience of sharing your faith with a group of young people, please call me at church as soon as possible. We need you!!!

I look forward to the slower pace of summer - but do hope that all of you will keep in touch - with me, with your God, and with your church.

Take a look at the future

CONGRATULATIONS TO PPC'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES (Colleges)

BRYAN DOBBS	Wooton (El Camino College)
ROBERT GOELTZ	Wooton (U. of Md.)
AMIE HOUGEN	The Potomac School (Johns Hopkins)
MICHAEL KAMARA	Emerson Prep (undecided)
ALYSE KING	Whitman (U. of Md.)
MELISSA NORVELL	Holton Arms (Bowdoin College)
NICK PROPPS	Whitman (Florida Southern)
JOSH STOLTZFUS	Wooton (Berkeley College of Music)
SARAH VINCENT	Whitman (W. Va. Wesleyan)
TERI WOODARD	Connelly School of the Holy Child (Scripts)
T.J. WYLIE	Whitman (Washington and Lee)

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO PPC'S COLLEGE GRADUATES

THOMAS BOOGAARD	Haverford College
ALYSON BROOKS	University of Richmond
JACKIE FLAKE	Cornell
JENNIFER FLAKE	Virginia Tech
JENNIFER GIMER	Duke University Law School
ANNIE HAWLEY	College of Wooster
STEVEN KAHL	Dartmouth
KATHLEEN KOONCE	Virginia Tech
MICHAEL LEBER	Penn State University
SHARON MATSON	University of Richmond
CHRISTINE NORVELL	Yale
DAVID MALONE	Vanderbilt University
AMY PROPPS	Reed College
CHRIS STANTON	University of Vermont
SCOTT SHANKLAND	New England College
ELIZABETH SHERFY	American University Law School



IN SESSION

IN SESSION on May 20, 1991...Elders approved a statement to be sent to all General Assembly Commissioners (see lead article) ...authorized establishment of Potomac Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund to be administered by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation...supported the recommendation of the Outreach Committee to permit a Farmers Market for the sale of fresh produce in our parking area each Thursday afternoon.

Wicker Workshop June 19

Learn to create a new and beautiful piece of decor for your home or for a gift AND create an item for the church Bazaar as well. Our own Ginny Savage (Board Member - Metropolitan Chapter of the National Guild of Decoupeurs) will teach the craft of applying fabric to baskets. Join us at 9:30 and bring a sandwich. You should be able to complete your own project plus one by early afternoon. For your own project bring a basket or other small item (wastebasket, tray) and fabric scraps in colors of your choice. Sheet-weight fabrics, cotton drapery remnants, and chintzes (the best) are easy to work with.

For your project - and ours - choose kids' designs, animals, large flowers, Christmas prints. See samples of fabrics and finished projects in Fellowship Hall during coffee hours on June 2 and 9. Bring your basket pre-spray-painted in your color choice or use it natural. You'll need 2 pairs of scissors: one large, one small, both sharp. There will be a small fee to cover supply costs.

EVEN if you're not coming to the workshop, please help the Bazaar by donating baskets of all sizes - especially small ones which could hold a set of cocktail napkins - and fabric remnants for this project. These items should be given to Lynn Bigler by June 16.

LEMON LUSH

Here's the recipe for that wonderful dessert we enjoyed at the Mother-Daughter Banquet: Dawn's Lemon Lush.

1-12 oz. Nabisco "Nilla wafers	2 fresh lemons,
1-3 oz. lemon jello	squeezed
1 cup (less 2T) boiling water	1 grated rind
2/3 cup sugar	1-13 oz. evaporated
	skim milk

Crush wafers, spread $\frac{1}{4}$ " layer on bottom of 9 x 13 pan. Reserve $\frac{1}{2}$ cup for top. Put evaporated milk in freezer until crystals form or freeze - then whip. Add boiling water to lemon jello, plus $\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar. Cool. Add lemon juice and rind to jello mixture, fold into whipped milk. Spread over wafers and garnish with remaining wafers. Freeze. Top with Cool Whip (optional).

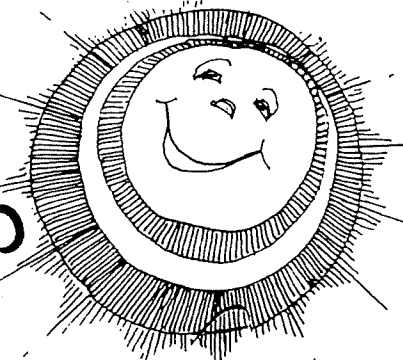
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BANGLADESH. Each month seems to bring a new national tragedy in some part of the world. This month we have all been moved by the terrible situation in Bangladesh, an already impoverished country, after monstrous storms. The relief situation in Bangladesh is somewhat different from that among the Kurds. The U.S. government has moved quickly to bring what help it can. And our denomination has for some time maintained an ongoing program in Bangladesh to train the people to make better use of their food supply. We have contributed \$250 to the emergency relief effort that has now been attached to the continuing program.

SOUP KITCHENS. Kathy McMahon, coordinator of our soup kitchen program, has issued a special appeal for volunteers to work in the soup kitchen in downtown Washington that we help staff during the summer months. College students who work in the soup kitchen during the winter and spring leave Washington in the summer and as a result we are often short-handed. We need workers from 6:30-8:30 a.m. on the first Monday in the month. Some of our own students who are home for the summer should find this an opportunity to provide much appreciated Christian service.

**ADULT
EDUCATION &
Youth Fellowship**



are on summer break

Vacation Bible School



June 24 - 28, 1991
11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Children of the Church and Community are invited to join us for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Classes will be offered for (4 yrs.) through 5th grade. This will be a Christian Education experience with adventures in Bible study, recreation, fellowship, music and art. 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 a nominal fee of \$15.00 for the first child in a family and \$10.00 for each additional child for Vacation Bible School. Friends are welcome. PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL. Please complete and return the registration form no later than June 9, 1991.

For more information call: Jane Ashbaugh (840-0456) or Barbara Barthelmar (977-3651).

Detach and return with fee to Potomac Presbyterian Church no later than June 9, 1991.
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Student(s) Name(s): (same family)	Birth Date	Grade in School Last completed
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Allergies or other information teach 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

MISSION

MESSAGES

THE HOMELESS. The Mission Committee has undertaken a study of how our church might best utilize its resources to help relieve the plight of the homeless. We already give financial support to two shelters for the homeless in Montgomery County, and provide workers and money for two soup kitchens (see below). At the direction of the Session, however, we are trying to find if there is some way we can become involved more directly in helping to deal with this problem.

At its May meeting, the committee heard from the Reverend Ambrose Lane, director of the One Church-One Home program in the Washington area. Rev. Lane gave us a good overview of the homeless problem and urged that our church commit itself to take responsibility for a particular project during the coming year. In June we will meet with representatives of two other organizations that operate programs for the homeless in Montgomery County. It is our present plan to identify a project to be presented to the Session in early fall.

We have so far divided the homeless problem into at least two separate though somewhat related problems. One group among the homeless are the so-called street people - individuals who have no regular housing and often are operating outside family or other kind of structured existence. Another group have housing but are having trouble keeping it. The latter group includes many families with children, often headed by a single parent. The problems of both groups are severe but differ in important ways. At this point we believe that it may be best for our church to concentrate on trying to help particular families in the second group. The committee will appreciate suggestions and counsel from members of the congregation as we go forward.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. Our congregation this year contributed \$1,821 to the One Great Hour of Sharing appeal on Palm Sunday and Easter. Funds collected through OGHS go to Church World Service which carries on both ongoing and emergency relief programs for people in need throughout the world.

In April our Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. contributed \$50,000 raised through OGHS and an additional \$45,000 from the denomination's world service fund to help bring relief to the Kurds and other refugees from the Gulf War and its aftermath.

The world service fund included the \$500 PPC gave for this purpose from our mission fund and an additional \$555 given by members of our congregation individually or as families to help the Kurds.

FAMILY PICNIC RETURNS TO PPC

Wear comfortable clothing, pack your picnic basket and bring your lawn chairs or blankets to PPC on Sunday morning, June 16. Weather permitting we will have an informal worship service outside at 11:00. This will be followed by an OLD FASHIONED FAMILY PICNIC at noon. Invite old friends; former members; bring the college kids!

After all of your favorite "picnic goodies" have been shared with family members, ants and gnats, there will be games for everyone. Pick your partner and start practicing for the three-legged, wheelbarrow, and egg toss races. Bring your mitts, bats and balls...we've reserved the ball diamond at the school. There will be many other games ranging from duck-duck-goose to volleyball and some you didn't know existed! If you have a game you'd like included in the activities, call Barbara Perry, 299-6067.

This is a special day! It is the last Sunday before school closes, it is FATHERS' DAY, and it is our CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC. Bring the whole family and bring your camera to record surprises and special events. By mid-afternoon you should be returning home filled with memories to cherish.

Should the weather not allow an outside day of activities, we will proceed as planned (with certain modifications) within the church building. Either way, don't forget to follow the instructions in the first paragraph of this article.



A SUMMER PLAN MUST

As you make your plans for the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, be sure to include an enjoyable dinner theater evening with PPC friends.

Plan to see "The Boys From Syracuse" at the Montgomery College (Rockville Campus) Fine Arts Theater, on Saturday, July 27.

"The Boys From Syracuse" is a musical comedy based on Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" (no Shakespearean language in this one!) and the score sparkles with familiar Rogers and Hart songs.

The menu features several entrees, salad bar, vegetables, dessert, breads and coffee or hot tea. Soft drinks, iced tea, beer and wine are available for an extra charge.

Tickets for the dinner and show are \$17.55 for adults and \$13.50 for children (12 and under). Make your reservations now by calling Barbara Perry 299-6067 or Lynn Bigler 983-1682.

You're
Welcome at

PPC

The following new members were received by the Session on May 4, 1991. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

DOUGLAS A. BAARMAN, 949 Pointer Ridge Rd., Gaithersburg 29878 977-7768. Doug comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. He grew up in Grand Rapids, MI, where he attended Calvin Christian HS. Then he attended Florida State U. where he received his BS in Hospitality Management/Marketing. He joined the Marriott Corporation in 1987 and worked for them until 1990 at which time he switched to Liberty Mutual. Currently he sells business insurance in Montgomery County for Liberty. Doug's parents live in Florida and he has two brothers, one of whom is serving in the Persian Gulf. In his spare time he enjoys boating and all sports. Deacon Bob Hazard's Parish.

MRS. ROBERT E. CONLEY (MIRIAM), 9001 Saunders La., Potomac 20854, 469-6316. Miriam comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. The Conleys have three grown children and four grandchildren including a set of twins. Her husband Bob is an electrical engineer. Miriam grew up in Stow, Ohio, and graduated from Ohio Wesleyan U. The Conleys moved to Maryland in 1959 and Miriam taught elementary school in Prince George's County for two years. Presently she is a homemaker and enjoys crafts and music in her spare time. Miriam is a member of the PPC Bell Choir and she also plays the organ. Deacon Jane Jordan's Parish.

MR. AND MRS. JEROME MUYS, JR. (LYNN), 7105 Masters Dr., Potomac 20854, 299-2818. Jerry and Lynn come by Certificate of Transfer from Grace Presbyterian Church, Springfield, VA. The Muys have two young sons: Christian 2½ and Cameron 7 mo. Jerry was born in Stroudsburg, PA, spent his early childhood in California and then moved to Bethesda, MD, where he grew up. He attended UNC where he received his Bachelors in Political Science. Then he attended GW Law School where he was awarded a J.D. and later received a L.L.M. in Tax Law. After working for the EPA and the Justice Dept., he is now in private practice with the firm of Swidler and Berlin. Jerry enjoys tennis, biking and the outdoors. Lynn grew up in Springfield, VA. She attended Longwood College in Farmville, VA, studying music. Then, she attended GWU where she received her Paralegal Certificate. She, too, worked for the Justice Dept. - where they met. In her spare time, Lynn enjoys cooking, running, handwork and loves being a "mom." Deacon Judy Kahl's Parish.

Spotlight

The following young people were confirmed on Sunday, May 19. We welcome them to membership at PPC:

James Carlton Barnard
Allison Mulford Chapin
Jennifer Wayne Gregg
Margaret Gwynne King
Nathan Thomas King
Steven Rudey King
John Paul Norvell
Mary Elizabeth Singleton
Kathryn Peterson Styne
Samantha Adrienne Toerge
Andrew Langford Wylie

RUMMAGE SALE June 6-7

If you're reading this before June 2, you still have time to bring your RUMMAGE SALE donations to the church! Items will be accepted from noon-3:00 on June 2 and from 9-3:00 on June 3, 4, and 5. The sale runs from 10-3:00 on June 6 and 7.

And please don't stop at providing some donations; we also need oodles of help setting up the sale - and at the sale. Please lend us your cardtables. And, we can use paper bags and clothes hangers.

ALL
IN THE
FAMILY



NEW BABY:
Stephen Michael Albright, son of Bill and Stephanie; grandson of Bill and Kitty.

BAPTIZED:
Cameron Forrest Muys, son of Jerry and Lynn

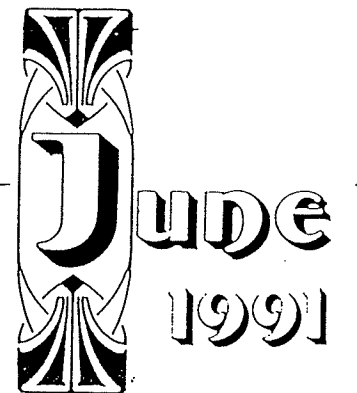
Samantha Adrienne Toerge on her Confirmation Day, May 19

MARRIED:
Suzette Guffey, daughter of Neal and Wanda, to Steffen Porter, May 18

35th ANNIVERSARY:
Congratulations to Ed and Janet Clark, May 12

REMEMBERED IN PRAYERS:
Steve and Vicki Dorman whose uncle, Dr. Hamilton Dorman, died recently; Jean Hummon whose mother died recently in Michigan; Carolyn Beck's mother who's in a nursing home in Rhode Island; Jackie Galliher's son Paul recovering from knee surgery; Edward Tennent recovering from foot surgery; Bill Albright, Bob Haack and Jan Malone who are at home.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 9:45 S.S./Adult Education 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour	3 6:30 Miriams Kitchen 6:30 Deacon's @ Bob King's 8:00 Stewardship @ Cookerly's Fellowship	4 9:30 "Coping As Christians"	5	6 10-3 Rummage Sale 2-6 Farmers Market 5:30 TNL	7 10-3 Rummage Sale	8
9 9:45 S.S./Adult Education 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour	10 8:00 Committees	11	12 7:30 Masterworks	13 2-6 Farmers Market	14	15
16 11:00 Worship 12:30 All-Church Picnic 3:45 Worship @ Manor Care	17 8:00 Session	18 10:00 Presbytery	19 9:30 Wicker Workshop 2:45 Collingswood 7:30 Masterworks	20 2-6 Farmers Market	21	22
23 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Hour	24 11:30-3 VBS	25 11:30-3 VBS	26 11:30-3 VBS	27 11:30-3 VBS 2-6 Farmers Market	28 11:30-3 VBS	29
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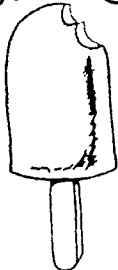
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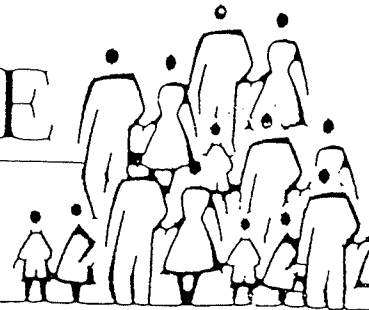
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KERRY on...

"If you work hard enough, sacrifice enough, then you will win. That's what many coaches teach. Or should we say preach? It might be more honest, and healthier, to say that if you work very hard you will become excellent, and because of that excellence, you may do great deeds and win great prizes. Unless, of course, you don't. Because, sometimes, the other player is better or luckier. In which case you simply have to be satisfied with your excellence and the dignity of your effort."

From Game Day, p. 385. By Tom Boswell

Many of us love sports, both as participants and as spectators. We encourage our children to develop their athletic skills. However, some of us are becoming increasingly troubled by the "winning at any cost attitude". We are appalled at the little league coach who berates one of the players, the college athletes who are victimized by recruiting violations and the professional athletes who seem motivated by nothing more than greed.

"Being satisfied with excellence", as Boswell says, is for me the key to athletic participation, and life as well. God has given us gifts to be developed to the fullest and called us to utilize those gifts for the benefit of others. Christian excellence acknowledges the source of the gift and seeks to employ it for others.

A guideline to Christian excellence was suggested by Eric Liddell, the Olympic runner featured in the movie "Chariots of Fire". He said, "I believe that God takes pleasure when I run." There are many reasons to do our best in whatever we pursue. May the number one reason be to please God.

Kerry

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

Summer is a special time for me at PPC. It's a time when programs slow down, and I can take the time to enjoy the people here. I can work with your children in summer Creative Enrichment. I can really get to know all of you who volunteer to work with Vacation Bible School. I can spend a week singing with all the children who attend VBS. I can really get to know a small group of youth who travel with me to Montreat, North Carolina, for the Presbyterian Youth Conference. I can actually relax and enjoy visiting with you at coffee hour after church. And I don't feel so harried during the week that I can enjoy your phone call, or go to lunch with many of you over the summer. I hope that all of you are feeling some "let-up" in your regular routine. I miss seeing many of you on a regular basis, but enjoy seeing you when you are able to get to church.

One of the most meaningful and best activities that your church offers you in the summer is Vacation Bible School. Each year I become more convinced of its importance in the religious life of our children. There are so many exciting summer offerings that I am sure that VBS doesn't look all that wonderful to your child, but it is truly a "blessed" week, and this year was no exception. How often do your children get to come to church in shorts and tee shirts, not rushed out the door by their parents, and get to spend quality time learning about their faith through music, art, drama, recreation, and - most importantly - with "tender, loving, care". We get to know each child in a way that can't happen in that short hour every Sunday. And they get to know their faith community in new ways - trusting and happy ways. They get to share something of themselves with a group of older adults at Manor Care - and this year the children outdid themselves in their kindness to these people. They get to know teachers and other adults well - to have new role models in their faith journey. They get to play and laugh in this building, so that it begins to feel more and more like their church home. We also have many children who come here each year only for VBS. It is our one chance to spread the gospel to these children and their families. Please mark your calendars now for June 22-26, 1992, and put a big star by the date. It will be one of the most meaningful experiences of your child's summer.

Shalom,

MISSION

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PROJECT SHARE. In July we will begin participating in Project Share, through which on the third Saturday of each month we will distribute to needy families packages of food worth \$35 each in return for \$13 and two hours of community service, which it will be our responsibility to monitor. Each package contains from 40-50 pounds of food, including 6-8 pounds of meat, fresh fruit, and staple items.

Project Share started in 1983 in San Diego. It now operates in many parts of the United States and Central America. Potomac Presbyterian is the first participating institution in our immediate area.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY. We contribute \$1,750 every three months to support the work of the Montgomery County Community Ministry. Rosaly Thompson of Community Ministry writes: "Your check, which arrived Tuesday, was especially celebrated. The balance in the checking account was just over \$300, and we average \$400-500 a day in emergency grants...Potomac Presbyterian has been such a faithful supporter...You have 'saved the day' more than once!"

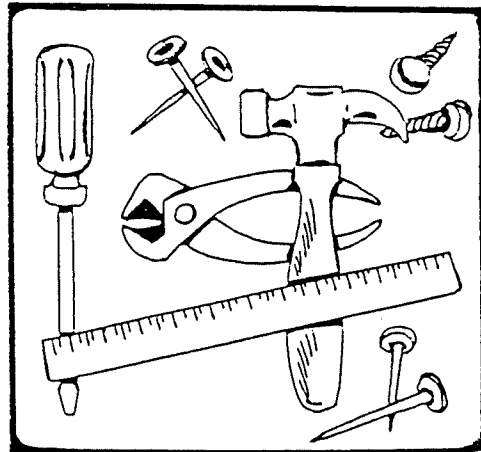
NOW THAT SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE DRINKING MORE SODA POPS. PLEASE SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS FOR THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HEIFER PROJECT CANS MAY BE LEFT BESIDE THE COKE MACHINE. MOO-NY THANKS!



The highest reward
 for man's toils is not
 what he gets for it,
 what he becomes by
 it. - John Ruskin

"Have thy tools ready.
 God will find thee
 work."

- Chs. Kingsley



Report

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School at PPC was a great success! With a wonderful group of teachers, teens, and children, everything went well. Thanks to all who helped in any way. Our outstanding teachers were: Gail Dufek, Amaya Barrera, and Pat King. Kathy McMahon assisted Amaya in her classroom. Lisa McMahon and Dawn Thompson were our fabulous art teachers, and Bev Bailey was the music teacher. Special thanks go to Diane Kendall for putting on our special Olympics with games for the kids the first day. Cheryl King was a substitute teacher and Jackie Galliher helped with music at Manor Care. Our secretary, Anne Cloor, was a tremendous help in too many ways to name here. Thanks to all.

We had 27 children this year with many returning from last year. From playing games and having popsicles, to greeting and entertaining the residents of Manor Care, to our program for our families on Friday - a good time was had by all. It's a very special mission that we do during the summer. Many of our older children wanted to know when they could be teen aides. That says a lot to us, especially about our teens who help each day. This year they included Meg and Nathan King, Arianna Smith, Jenny Gregg, Caroline Olalo, Steven King, and Dawn Thompson's grandson Derek Reese. We couldn't operate VBS so well without their help.

A very special thanks goes to Bev Bailey whose wisdom, guidance, and talents carry us through months of preparation. We could never undertake this "mission" without her help.

If your children were unable to be with us this year, they missed out on a special opportunity to feel "at home" in their church. Mark your calendars now for next year - June 22-26, 1992.

Jane Ashbaugh
 Barbara Barthelman
 Co-Chairs, Vacation Bible School

PS: AND A GREAT BIG THANKS TO JANE AND BARBARA, TOO, FROM ALL OF US AT PPC!

Mark your calendars now !!

Rummage Sale Results

When the last of the pennies had been counted, the total made from our June Rummage Sale was \$2536.29! Again, many thanks to all who donated treasures to sell and all who worked so hard to prepare the sale. Let's do it again!

As is PPC policy, the profits have been divided into three parts: one third has gone into the seed fund for future adventures (Christmas Bazaar coming November 23!); one third has gone to the Mission Committee with instructions that the money be used IN Montgomery County; one third has gone to the Property Committee to fund the new exterior lighting, to provide a new door handle on the kitchen freezer, and toward rerouting of the guttering system to keep water out of the lower level (recently refurbished with Rummage Sale funds from last year!).

Leftovers from the Rummage Sale went to Scotland Church, the Frederick Mission, and books to the Potomac Library Used Book Sale.

Coming Activities

Dine With Nine - New groups will be mailed out mid-August. They will meet September, October, November and December or January.

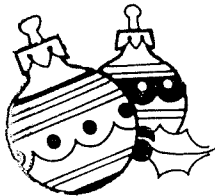
Saturday Tea Luncheon - Saturday, October 26, a "high tea" luncheon will be held in Fellowship Hall. Speaker will be Nancy Dodson on the history of and art of tea and tea drinking.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday, November 23

December - Saturday, December 7 - Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, December 8 - Holiday House Tour

Sunday, December 22 - Annual caroling at nursing homes and supper at Cliff and Camille Kendall's



Don't Forget!

They're out there...
sneaking up on us...
those nasty weeds!

Don't forget your weeding assignments during the summer. A few minutes by many hands makes for a beautiful church yard!

IN SESSION

IN SESSION on June 17, 1991, Elders heard reports from Jim Reichley and Beverly Bailey on events relating to the Human Sexuality Report as presented at General Assembly...received copies of the pastoral letter from the GA Moderator, the Stated Clerk and the Chair of the Committee detailing the actions which resulted in a vote not to adopt either the Majority or Minority Report of the Special Committee; reaffirmation of the authority of the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as well as the sanctity of the marriage covenant between one man and one woman; and instructions to the Theology and Worship Unit to prepare a plan to encourage us in our theological and ethical decision-making... learned of the purchase of a silver Revere Bowl for floral arrangements with funds from the Easter Memorial Fund and of plans for a periodical rack and small table for use in the Narthex...prepared for submission of budget requests due at the July 22nd Session Meeting...noted with appreciation the efforts of Lynn Bigler and her helpers in conducting the rummage sale which netted \$2400.

Senior Highs Off To Montreat

"Home By Another Way" is the theme for this year's Senior High Youth Conference at Montreat, North Carolina. Six of our young people, accompanied by Bev Bailey and Annie Hawley, will spend the week with 1,000 other youth from all over the United States studying their faith, singing, having fun, and enjoying the beautiful Smokey Mountains. We ask that you remember these young people in your prayers and greet them upon their return. They are: Nathan and Meg King, Jim Barnard, Allison Chapin, Kristin Kahl, and Caroline Olalo. They'll be anxious to tell you all about their week!!

NEW BABIES:

Hannah Ruth Cook, daughter of Robert and Janice Cook, born May 23. Robert was pastor at South Parish Church in Girvan, Scotland before going to Knoxville.

Stephanie Lynn Dorman, born May 28, to Vicki and Steve.

Harrison Levi Hummon, born July 1, to Marc and Rebecca in Nashville, TN, grandson of Jean and John.

A son born May 17 to Jack and Kay Fellows; proud grandmother is Alyce Tamzarian.

Katina Sigalas, born June 20, to George and Naomi.

MARRIED:

Gray Bedingfield and Tommy Dean

Julie Barr and David Jones

Penny Sampson and Compton S. Jones, Jr.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Rosa Egan and Margery Orem elected first vice regent and chaplain, respectively, of the Potomac Chapter of children of the American Revolution.

Dr. John Toerge awarded the John W. Goldschmidt Award for Excellence in Rehabilitation. He is associate medical director of the National Rehabilitation Hospital.

ALL IN THE FAMILY

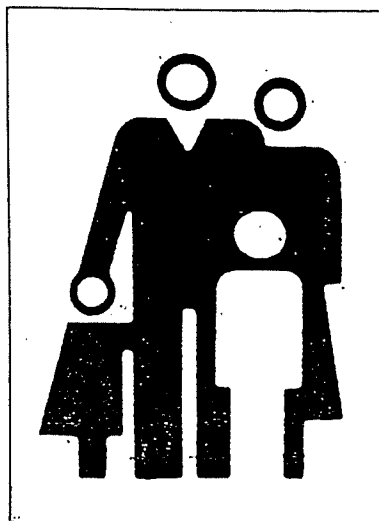
REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

The family of Bill Albright following his death last month.

Carolyn Beck and her family following her mother's recent death.

David Mitchel recovering at home from an automobile accident.

Neal Guffey in Bethesda Naval Hospital.



BAZAAR

DINE WITH NINE

DINE WITH NINE had 54 participants this spring, obviously a popular/successful program. Plan ahead now to join in the evenings of fun and conversation in the homes of fellow PPC members. Dinners will take place once a month in September, October, November and December. Even if you participated before you must sign up again as new groups will be formed. Those who did not DINE WITH NINE are strongly encouraged to enjoy this program in the fall. Submit your name to Donna Mecklenburg 330-9409 or Marilyn Young 294-3115. You will be asked to be host/hostess and to plan the meal and provide the main course one time. The other three months you will be asked to provide appetizer, salad or dessert. Can't make all four? We NEED you on the substitute list!

Let's get to know each other better!



The sewing, cross stitching, knitting, crocheting, crafting, painting, whatever continues through the summer months. Many ladies are working at home to produce items for the coming Christmas Bazaar. Surprise us with your creations! Donate something you've made to be sold at the Bazaar. Over the years we've prided ourselves on presenting high quality, beautiful items - handmade is our byword!

Some projects lend themselves well to group work and plans are being made to hold several workshops between now and the big day. Please plan to attend to help with the Bazaar work (it'll be easy crafting) and to enjoy the fellowship of the group. We'll have some daytime and some evening groups.

Two wicker workshops have been held this summer to learn how to decoupage on wicker items and to make the Stiffy Bows which complete the beautiful look of the basket. Ask Bettina Curtis, Millie Gimer, Barbara Shamel, or Gloria Russell to show you their magnificent results.

Watch for coming workshops to make ornaments from communion cups, baskets with curly chenille Santas, and scrap trees. Sound interesting??

MISSION

MESSAGES

THE HOMELESS. The Mission Committee is continuing its exploration of means through which our church can help deal with problems of people who are without homes or who have homes but are having trouble keeping them in Montgomery County.

In June we met with representatives of two organizations that deal with homelessness. Mary Pelz of the Homestart Program told us how her agency works to resettle homeless families and to stabilize families that are in danger of becoming homeless. Homestart not only provides rent supplements on a temporary basis but also assists families in developing a plan to attain economic self-sufficiency. There are more than 550 families on the waiting list for affordable housing in Montgomery County so Homestart's resources are heavily overtaxed.

Ann Reiss of the Springboard Program told of her group's efforts to bring housing assistance and support services to single mothers and their children. Springboard finds homes for young women from ages 18 to 25 with children who have been living in overcrowded county family shelters. At present the program can help only six young mothers a year, but the need goes far beyond this.

The Mission Committee is combining what we have learned from Homestart and Springboard with information from other sources. We plan to come up with an overall plan by early fall.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. In our talk with Homestart we learned of a family in the Potomac community with special problems and in immediate danger of losing its modest housing. The family fled from Nicaragua after the father had been tortured by the Sandanista government. Although there has been a political change in Nicaragua, the father would risk being killed by Sandanistas still in powerful positions if he were to return. The family includes nine children, the eldest of whom is retarded. The father has found work as a gardener, but is having trouble meeting the rent on the family's small home near his job.

In keeping with our belief that our church can probably be of most assistance in helping intact families with problems keep the homes they have, we are providing this family with a rent subsidy of \$100 each month from July through December of this year.

I Know Something Good About You

Wouldn't this old world be better

If the folks we meet would say,

"I know something good about you!"

And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy

If each handclasp warm and true

Carried with it this assurance,

"I know something good about you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,

If the good that's in us all

Were the only thing about us

That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy,

If we praised the good we see? —

For there's such a lot of goodness

In the worst of you and me.

Wouldn't it be nice to practice

That fine way of thinking, too? —

You know something good about me!

I know something good about you!

(Author Unknown)

All in the Family



WELCOME:

Samantha Frances Brooks, born July 20 to David and Beth Brooks; proud grandparents are Charlie and Carolyn Brooks.

Ryan Peifer Vendette, born August 18 to Ben and Carrie Vendette; proud grandparents are Phyllis and Bob Bartlett.

MARRIED:

Charlie Kendall and Becky Ledwith, August 3, in the PPC Sanctuary.

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GODSPEED:

Jess and Suzanne Begley moving to 23950 Lyman Blvd., Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122.

THANK YOU:

Gregory Lynn Tennent for being the nursery aide this summer, giving up your Sunday mornings to work with our babies.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Wanda Guffey and her family on the death of Neal; Charlie Brooks and his family on his father's death; Jennifer Gregg, Shirley Tietjen, Bill Harrison, and Jack Crawford all recovering from surgery.

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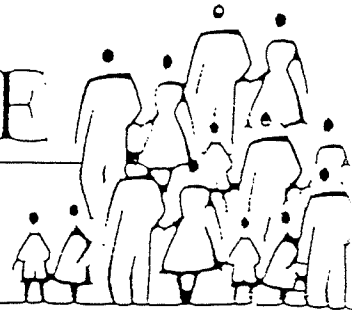
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KERRY on...

"Sickness is a place more instructive than a long trip to Europe", wrote the great Southern writer, Flannery O'Connor. She spoke out of her prolonged and agonizing experience with lupus, the disease from which she died at the age of thirty-nine.

Arthur Frank wrote a book while battling cancer called At The Will Of The Body: Reflections On Illness. "The ultimate value of illness is that it teaches us the value of being alive. Illness restores the sense of proportion that is lost when we take life for granted." Perhaps we learn this best when we are ill. Or equally well when it is someone we love who is ill.

We are so competent, so skilled, so accomplished that we tend to think we can do anything. Until we are forced to call the office and say, "I won't be in today because I have the flu." Because of our competence and our need to control things, we even avoid those who are sick.

It's a stinging reminder that we do not have all power to control things. Belden Lane, whose mother was dying of cancer, said, "Sickness exposes our compulsive fears of being vulnerable in a society that values only competence".

I would want to say to you that I have seen greater spiritual depth, greater power of the human spirit and a more profound sense of values in people whom I have known, spent with with, who are deathly ill than in most people who are the picture of health. Paul wrote that God's power really is made perfect in weakness.

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

As I begin my third year of Educational Ministry at PPC, I am heartened by the dedication of the CE Committee in their planning and implementation of an exciting program for all the people of God here in this place. Much is new:

1. A NEW curriculum called Bible Discovery will be in place for children ages 2-5th grade. This Presbyterian curriculum brings us more in touch with basic Bible stories and lessons to be learned from them. We hope children will begin memorizing verses again - which they will carry through their lives.
2. A NEW emphasis on "being Presbyterian", including Presbyterian Sunday, September 15. Come meet and listen to Terri T. Taylor, National Capital Presbytery's new General Presbyter. She will teach the Adult class and also lead worship at 11:00. ALL classes that day will spend time learning more about what it means to be Presbyterian. Don't miss this important educational event!
3. A NEW Church Family Retreat, September 29, at Camp Glenkirk (see enclosed brochure). Come worship the glory of God's creation and spend a great day in the woods with the PPC Family at the same time. Reservations are limited to the first 100 people, so sign up for this great experience now!!

In addition to these programs, all occurring in September, we also welcome new teachers, new age-groupings in Sunday School, and many new faces in our congregation. Here at PPC we care for and honor tradition, but we also welcome and embrace those things which are "new".

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"
II Corinthians 5:17

Shalom,



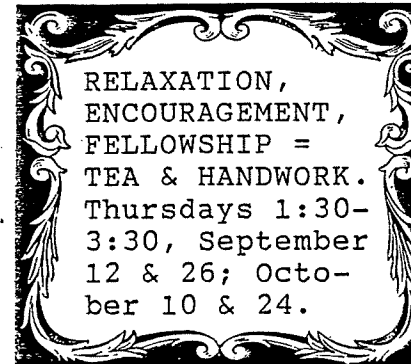
HIGH TEA

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Our guest speaker, Nancy Dodson, will entertain us with a delightful presentation she does on the history of tea and the art of tea drinking around the world.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship and fun at PPC. Call Barbara Perry at 299-6067 to reserve your cup at "tea time".



DINE WITH NINE

YES, THERE IS STILL TIME.
COME JOIN US FOR DINE WITH NINE.
MEET OTHERS FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP
FOR FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.
FALL GROUPS START IN SEPTEMBER.
IT'S THE SECOND SATURDAY, REMEMBER.

For information, more poetry,
or to sign up, call Marilyn
at 294-3115 or Donna at 330-
9409.

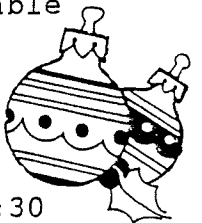


BAZAAR

As your Editor/Bazaar Chair is typing this article, it's only THREE months until our Christmas Bazaar! YOU can help! Ladies have met during the summer for decoupage/bow/gift tag workshops. Two workshops are planned for September on the 12th and 26th at 1:30. At-home workers have been producing fine items all year which we are proud to present at the Bazaar. Even if you can't take a stitch, you can support this effort by telling your neighbors and friends about the event, and COMING!

We're still in need of old stockings, one gallon bleach (or whatever) bottles, and 16 oz. Bush Baked Beans cans (or equivalent). Items may be left in the church office.

PS: Charlene Brumbaugh, Bake Chairman for the Bazaar, will be putting out a COOKIE CALL in October. Be thinking of your favorite recipe to prepare for our delectable tables!!



SEPTEMBER 12 AT 1:30

JOIN US FOR A BAZAAR
WORKSHOP TO MAKE "SCRAP
TREES" AND RIBBON TREES.
BRING YOUR RULER AND A PAIR
OF SCISSORS.

MONTREAT MEMORIES

Montreat Youth Conference '91
Really was a ton of fun.

"Home By Another Way" was the theme for the week,
What did that mean?--How would they speak?
The long ride down was really fun,
As we stopped the cars for a "Brownie Run".
Even with the rain and heat,
The people there were hard to beat.
There we met people from many states,
Seemed like everyone was looking for hot dates.
At morning warmups we really grooved,
But at evening worship we were moved.

Keynote and small groups were in between,
Lots of meaningful talk for every teen.
Eight of us went from PPC,
The week made us closer as you can see.
Bev was corny, saying things like "that's neat",
Caroline danced until she was beat.
Allison was watching guys with "good hair",
But, unfortunately, we didn't care.
Jim had his "babes" down the hall,
Nathan was always playing ball.
Meg left here a Potomac chick,
Only to return as a North Carolina hick.

Kristin's poetry is a gift,
She was always there to give us a lift.
Annie was bouncy, cheery, and caring,
On Friday night, she even got daring.
Scavenger hunts, parades, and dances at night,
We hardly ever had time to fight.
At candlelight service we lit candles of love,
And God looked down on us from above.
Bev's van had a flat as we headed home,
But she stayed cool, not even a moan.
So, as we go "home by another way",
Our memories of Montreat will forever stay.

-Jim Barnard, Allison Chapin, Kristin Kahl,
Meg King, Nathan King, Carolina Olalo,
Anne Hawley, Bev Bailey

Break Bread Together

You are invited to the
3rd Annual
Deacons' Brunch
after worship
September 22.
All the members of your
parish group plus two
other groups will gather
at the home of a Deacon for a
wonderful hour of good food
and fellowship.

There's
nothing to
bring! The
Deacons do all
the cooking!
Please save
that date for
an enjoyable
church outing
for the whole
family.

Your Deacon
will contact
you soon to
let you know
the hosts and
location of
the brunch for
your group.

NURSERY AIDE NEEDED FOR PPC NURSERY SUNDAYS
10:45-12:15. MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD,
MATURE, RESPONSIBLE, LOVE TO WORK WITH INFANTS
AND THEIR PARENTS. CALL SHERRY BOND 840-9587
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH SUGGESTIONS.

Rally Day

On September 8, PPC will return
to its fall schedule; Sunday
School for all ages at 9:45
and Worship at 11:00. To
celebrate everyone's return
from summer excursions, the
Christian Education Committee
invites you to Rally Day.
Join your fellow congregants
for a continental breakfast,
registration, and activities
in Fellowship Hall. After a
time together, children and
youth will meet their teachers
and find their rooms; while
adults hear about the exciting
Fall schedule of classes.
Don't miss this important
event!!!

Welcome

On September 8 and 22, Bev
Bailey will hold a special
class during Creative Enrich-
ment for all 4th and 5th
graders. Called Welcome to
Worship, the class will ex-
plore the various parts of
our worship service and why
we express our faith in cer-
tain ways. PPC children be-
gin staying for the entire
service in 4th grade, and we
hope to enhance their worship
experience with this special
class. Simply bring your
children to worship and they
will be dismissed after the
Children's Sermon.

Youth Fellowship

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6th-8th GRADERS

THURSDAY NITE LIVE!!!!!!

TNL is back for another exciting year with Diane and Clark
Kendall (Whitney, too), Bev Bailey and other fun adults. Every
Thursday at the church, 5:30-7:30 beginning SEPTEMBER 19. We
will have a Welcome/Potluck Dinner with Parents!! Don't miss
this important meeting - bring friends!!

SENIOR HIGHS 9th-12th GRADERS

SUNDAY NITE LIVE!!!!!!

SNL begins again on SEPTEMBER 15, 6:30-8:30. Meet at church
for a Pizza Party, renew old friendships, and meet new people.
Bring your friends!! We offer food, games, planning for the
new year. Meet new adult sponsor Anne Hawley. Susan, Keith,
Bev, Charlie and Becky (they're married now!!) will all be
there to see you. We missed you!!!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 1-6 Lord's Table	4 7:30 Masterworks	5 12:00 AA 2-6 Farmers Market 8:00 Sanc. Choir	6 6:00 Misperetta rehearsal	7 4:00 Misperetta/ Shannon Wedding
8 RALLY DAY 9:45 S.S./Adult Ed. 2nd Sunday Class 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 12:10 Nominating Committee in Library	9 8:00 Committees	10 8:00 Fellowship	11 9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingswood 7:30 Masterworks 8:00 Nominating Committee 8:00 Retreat Committee	12 12:00 AA 1:00 Tea/Needlework 2-6 Farmers Market 7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir 8:00 MD Ornithological Society 1:30 Bazaar Workshop	13	14
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29 ALL CHURCH RETREAT at Camp Glenkirk 11:00 Worship @ PPC NO SUNDAY SCHOOL NO SNL	30					

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES

1991-1992

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Beverly Bailey
Director of Christian Education/Youth

Diane Chapin, Jon Hawley
Christian Education Elders

Mary Reichley
Church School Superintendent

"And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children..."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Worship, education and mission are three moments of the Christian life which are interrelated. In worship we take the moment to pray and we are in communion with God. In education we take the moment to nurture and be nurtured as we grow in the faith. In mission we take the moment to witness and serve as we testify to what God has done for us and all people.

The Christian Education Committee at PPC understands the importance of education in uplifting all other ministries of the church, and would like to share with you the goals which serve as guidelines for programming CE.

The Goals of the CE Committee of PPC are: To Enable the Congregation....

1. To have a working knowledge of Biblical Usage and Interpretation.
2. To be knowledgeable in elements/style of worship of the Reformed Tradition.
3. To have an appreciation of the values of Christian nurturing.

ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM
FALL, 1991

BIBLE AND ISSUES CLASS: meets each week in the library.

9/8: Rally Day. An intergenerational experience in Fellowship Hall.

9/15: PRESBYTERIAN SUNDAY with the Rev. Teri Thomas Taylor, General Presbyter for National Capital Presbytery.

9/22: COMMUNION FROM MANY PERSPECTIVES.
The Rev. Tom Miles.

9/29: No Sunday School--All Family Retreat at Camp GlenKirk.

10/6: REPORT FROM THE 1991 GENERAL ASSEMBLY at Baltimore. Robert Means, elder - commissioner from Neelsville Presbyterian will share his experiences.

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10/20: Video on the Reformed Tradition with Dr. Lee Barrett, professor at Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

10/27: ESSENTIAL TENETS OF THE REFORMED FAITH, week 2.

11/3: OUTREACH COMMITTEE will present a speaker on this important topic.

11/10: HYMNS OF THE REFORMED TRADITION, led by Bev Bailey. Meet composers and writers influenced by the Reformation.

11/17: PRESBYTERIANS AND SPIRITUALITY with Rufus Lusk, III.

11/24: PRESBYTERIANS AT WORK IN THE WORLD. Week 1 of 2. Meet people whose work intersects intersects their faith.

12/1: PRESBYTERIANS AT WORK IN THE WORLD. Week 2.

12/8: WILLIAMSBURG BREAKFAST to celebrate the Advent Season.

12/15: BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS. This event, led by our children and youth, has become an annual tradition.

12/22: HANDS-ON MISSION, led by Elsie Reid.

SECOND SUNDAY CLASS: meets once a month to discuss faith issues of interest to families.

9/8: RALLY DAY

10/20 & 27: Two-week series with the Rev. Ken Haman, Methodist minister and Pastoral Counselor. He will speak on the important topic, FAMILY COMMUNICATION.

11/10: Discussion on Family Issues led by Bill & Karen King.

12/8: Williamsburg Breakfast.

INQUIRER'S CLASS: led by our pastor, Kerry Stoltzfus. This 4 week series held during the month of October, is for persons who want to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and/or are interested in membership at PPC. Class is held in the parlor.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY is a weekly Wednesday morning class led by the pastor and covers a variety of Biblical themes. 9:45 am in the library.

CHRISTIAN LIVING: a women's discussion group centered on "our lives, our faith, and our daily commitment as Christians. Meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, beginning Oct. 1. Led by Bev Bailey--nursery available on request.

DOWNTOWN LUNCHEON GROUP meets the last Friday of every month at 12:00 noon for fellowship and study. Call Jon Hawley (424-7628) for information.

BERGER LECTURE SERIES will present H. Price Gwynn, businessman and former Moderator of the General Assembly of the PCUSA for a weekend series, early Spring, 1992.

4. To attain greater commitment to their faith and church.
5. To have a working knowledge of church history, including Presbyterian heritage.
6. To become knowledgeable in the area of mission/social action as defined by the mission committee.
7. To minister to each other through Christian fellowship.

Our Sunday morning program begins September 8, and continues through June 14, 1992.

Classes for all ages are held at 9:45 am.

All children ages 2 through 5th Grade will be using a new curriculum chosen this year called Bible Discovery. It is Bible-based and Christ-centered, and is one of two curricula recommended by our denomination. It is also written to meet the needs of children at their levels of maturity.

NURSERY

Nursery care is provided for all infants and 1 year-olds during both the Sunday School hour and the regular Worship Service. 2 year-old children may also use the nursery during the Sunday School hour. At this time young children will begin to experience the nurture of their faith community.

Coordinator: Sherry Bond

AGES 2 & 3

This is a new class created especially for our burgeoning population of young children. This class will meet during Worship (11-12 noon) and will cover topics such as: We are God's People, A Child is Born, Jesus is Special to Us.

Teachers: Katie Dickinson*, Lynn Muys

AGES (3), 4 & 5

This year's themes include: God's People Help Others, Jesus & His Helpers, God's Good Creation.

Teachers: Susan Toerge*, Julie Young, Jeannine Maxwell

FIRST-SECOND GRADE

Themes include: God's Promises, Jesus Helps People, Walking with Jesus.

Teachers: Sonia Russo*, Wendy Atwood

THIRD GRADE

Themes include: David, God's Chosen Leader, Jesus is called to God's Service, Jesus is Here--Rejoice! Bibles are also presented to this class at the beginning of the year.

Teachers: Amaya Barrera*, Cece Woodard, Alyce Tamzarian

FOURTH-FIFTH GRADE

Themes include: Leaders in Time of Trouble, God's Promise Fulfilled, Acting on the Good News.

Teachers: Olivia Mabeus, Anne Bavier

SIXTH-SEVENTH-EIGHTH GRADES

Our Middle Schoolers will spend the Fall studying Old Testament "Prophets & Poets". In the Spring they will also use Bible Discovery curriculum, "The Church Responds to Challenges".

Teachers: Lynn Matson*, Mary Margaret Smith, Jane Stanton

GRADES NINE-TWELVE

Our Senior High Class will study Parables of Jesus, as well as using the video series, "Questions of Faith" and time spent with the pastors and elders.

Teachers: Lynda & Ed Tennent, Bob King

* indicates class coordinator

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

CREATIVE ENRICHMENT is offered during the Worship Service after the Children's Sermon. It is a supplement to Sunday School with different teachers; and the curriculum includes Bible stories, music, crafts, and games. Two groupings: 4-5 years, 6-8 years.

THURSDAY NITE LIVE: Middle School Fellowship begins Sept. 19 at 5:30-7:30 pm. Meets weekly at church for recreation, dinner, and discussion. Advisors: Clark & Diane Kendall, Bev Bailey.

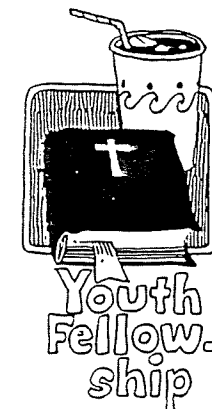
SUNDAY NITE LIVE: Senior High Fellowship begins Sept. 15 at 6:30-8:30 pm. Meets weekly at church and in member's homes for fun, food, and study. Advisors: Keith Bratt, Anne Hawley, Charlie & Becky Kendall, Susan Reichley, Bev Bailey.

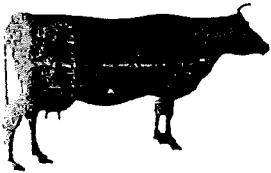
CONFIRMATION CLASS (for 8th, 9th graders) occurs every other year (next course in Spring, 1993). Teachers are the Pastor and DCEY. Class prepares young people to make their own Profession of Faith.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will take place June 22-26, 1992--for children 4 years through 5th grade. Coordinator: Jane Ashbaugh.

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE--denominational retreat for all Senior Highs, July, 1992.

MUSIC AND SPECIAL EVENTS including seasonal pageants and Youth Sunday occur throughout the year. Coordinators: Kay Mitchel, Jackie Galliher.





HEIFER PROJECT

1990-91 Sunday School Children's Offering	\$175.00
Recycling of Aluminum Cans	45.00
TOTAL	\$220.00

What could this money buy for people all over the world so that they might become self-sustaining?

1 sheep, pig, or goat	\$120.00
a trio of rabbits	60.00
1 hive of bees	30.00
10 baby chicks	10.00
	<u>10.00</u>
	\$220.00

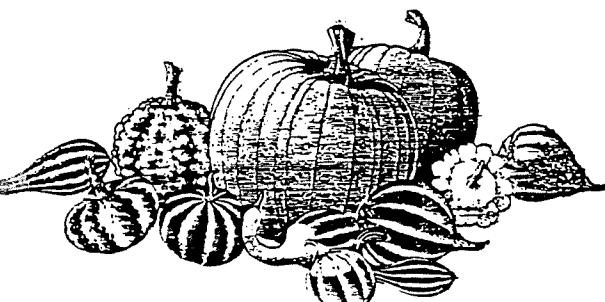
SAVE ALUMINUM CANS

We know you are all conscientiously recycling glass, paper, plastic and aluminum now in county containers. Since you are already sorting these items, how easy it would be to BRING YOUR ALUMINUM CANS TO CHURCH! We thank you for your past donations and remind you that cans may be left beside the coke machine. Let's try for a new record for the coming year!

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Lynn Bigler, Editor



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KERRY on...

BRING JOY!

Bill Diehl tells the following story in his book, The Monday Connection. Once each day some customer at the Hausman's Precision Welding shop gets a big surprise: There is no charge for the work. No one - not even the owners, Ron and Judy Hausman, knows at the beginning of the day who it will be. "It just happens," says Ron. "At some point in the day I get the feeling that the next one to come in the door is for free."

"God has given us so much in our lives," explained Ron, "much more than we ever expected. Every day he sends us blessings. And it's all free, with no merit of our own. So we just decided that we'd do the same things with at least one of our customers each day."

"I'll bet people are surprised," I said.

"Yeah, it's funny sometimes. They can't believe it. Many of them think there's a catch to it. Some of them insist on paying, but we refuse to take the money."

"What do you tell them?"

"I just say it's a gift from us. I tell them that God has given us so many gifts that we want to give a gift to them." He paused. "I really don't know if it is God's urging that makes us give to a certain person. I just know that we feel we need to share a part of what we have received."

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C.E. BAILEY-WICK

Christian Education is alive and well and working at PPC. In fact, program is going so well - with new families and new ideas and new curricula - and I am so busy that I offer you thoughts from another church teacher, Marsha Whitmore Hickman, in her book Prayers and Devotions for Teachers.

Rev

The Class as Blessed Community

Our Sunday School classes are not only places for teaching about God, they are holy communities where healing and love and support act out God's love for us.

A young father brings his four-year-old daughter to Sunday school. He says, "We just took Charlotte's mother to the airport for a business trip. After the plane took off, Charlotte said, 'Now I'm going to my class. I want someone to give me a hug and a kiss.'" He adds, "It's the first time she hasn't cried when her mother left."

An adult Sunday school class postpones its scheduled lesson to ask instead that the teacher help them discern how they can minister to one of their members who has recently been diagnosed as having cancer.

A junior high boy speaks up in a discussion of the elderly: "We can learn a lot from old people." I, the teacher, think how proud his parents and grandparents would be, and I feel my own affection and regard for older adults enlarged.

On the way into Sunday school, some children have spotted a wounded bird. They tell me about it and we go out to see. The bird cannot fly. We find a box, line it with soft grass and, tenderly, move the bird into the box and take it to the veterinarian around the corner. He is kind, sympathetic, but he cannot save the bird, and it dies as we watch. We take it back and bury it in the churchyard. We stand quietly. Today, this is the lesson - occasions lived in acknowledgment of the presence of God.



NEEDED FOR THE NURSERY: A "PLAY-GYM" SET;
DOLLS MADE OF FABRIC ONLY; PLASTIC BOOKS;
A BOOSTER SEAT; SOFT BLOCKS. PLEASE KEEP
IN MIND THAT THESE ARE FOR OUR LITTLE ONES
UP TO AGE TWO.

MESSAGES (CONTINUED FROM P. 9)

DRUGS. We also met in September with Richard Kief, director of the Clean Start program based at Suburban Hospital. Clean Start works at rehabilitating young people between the ages of 15 and 29 who have problems with drugs or alcohol, and carries on an education program in Montgomery County schools aimed at steering youth away from drugs and alcohol before they get started.

Kief reported that use of cocaine and crack among county teenagers is currently somewhat in decline, but that use of alcohol and various kinds of hallucinogens is on the rise. He asked us to help spread the word of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and we agreed to sponsor a session as part of our Sunday morning education program to which both adults and teenagers will be invited.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE in Gaithersburg needs help in providing housing for 20 foreign students who will be spending two weeks during the Christmas holidays in our area.

These international guests are currently studying in the United States and have special needs during the Christmas season while they are far away from their homes and families.

Host families are needed for one or two week periods, as well as persons who will help with three all-day trips, three evening parties, and dinners for small groups.

Several families in our church have participated in this program in the past and have found it most interesting and rewarding. If you would like to help this year, please get in touch with our church office or with Mission Committee Chairman, Jim Reichley.

PPC SATURDAY LUNCH

Ladies and Gentlemen, break from your Saturday chores and come to PPC for a light and tasty luncheon at noon, Saturday, October 26.

Guest speaker Nancy Dodson will entertain us with a delightful presentation on the history and art of tea drinking around the world.

Don't miss this opportunity for fellowship and fun. Call Barbara Perry 299-6067 for a reservation. Cost will be \$4 per person.

NATIONAL PASTORAL CARE WEEK OCTOBER 21-27

Life's not perfect... All people grow; hurt; change; experience fear and loss; love; work; seek meaning in life. Help along the way is a blessing. Sometimes help is a necessity.

October 21-27 is NATIONAL PASTORAL CARE WEEK, a time to lift up and make known the ministry of caring to each other. The ministry of pastoral care is one of the oldest and most vital ministries of the faith community. PPC joins with congregations nationwide in celebrating NPC WEEK.

INQUIRERS

There will be a four-week INQUIRERS SERIES during the month of October. These classes will meet on October 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. The classes are taught by the Pastor. We invite anyone interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church or who may be interested in membership in PPC to attend.

After the series has been completed, those desirous to become members will meet with the Session on Sunday, November 3 at 9:45 a.m. and be recognized at the 11:00 a.m. service that same morning.

For further information about the classes, please call the church office at 299-6007.

COME ON UP!

This is the year to join the group in the balcony. We sing, we ring, we have fun and we help everyone raise his voice in songs of praise. The Sanctuary choir will be singing a work by Telemann on November 3 with instruments. The Handbell Choir has six new pieces that they began working on last month. Diane Rose, our soprano section leader, has just finished her Masters of Music in Voice at the University of Maryland, and will be with the choir on a regular basis. Call Jackie Galliher, 469-7752, with questions.

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE AND ISSUES CLASS - Meets in the Library

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- Oct. 20: Video on the Reformed Tradition with Dr. Lee Barrett, professor at Presbyterian School of Christian Education.
- Oct. 27: ESSENTIAL TENETS OF THE REFORMED FAITH, week 2.

SECOND SUNDAY CLASS - Meets in Fellowship Hall, begins this month with a special two week session on October 20 and 27. The Rev. Ken Homan, Methodist minister and pastoral counselor with The Pastoral Counseling and Consultation Centers (PC&CC) will lead us on the subject of Couples Communication. All great family relationships spring from the ability of the parents to communicate with each other. Join him for this important class.

CHRISTIAN LIVING - a women's discussion group centered on "our lives, our faith, and our daily commitment as Christians." Meets the first Tuesday of each month, beginning Oct. 1 Led by Bev Bailey; nursery available on request. Call Jane Ashbaugh 840-0456 with questions or nursery reservations.

KERRY ON ... (CONTINUED FROM P. 1)

"You know, it's funny," he said. "Most people don't know how to receive a free gift. One lady resisted so much that she came back the next day with a big cake she baked for us. She just couldn't accept our free gift. I think a lot of us are that way about God. We can't believe that the gifts we have been given have been without merit."

The driving force in Ron and Judy's lives is a deep gratitude for all the blessings they have received, and a strong conviction that they want to share as much as they can with others.

Our Stewardship Theme this year is Bring Joy! Will you prayerfully consider what God wants you to do to share the joy he has given you?

Kerry

BAZAAR

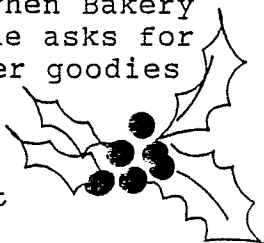
Bazaar activities continue at a furious pace! The "larder" grows larger each day! It looks like our best ever will open on November 23.

You're going to find a huge variety of items when you step into Fellowship Hall at 10:00 that morning: hostess and baby gifts, toys and dolls, baskets and bows, miniatures, decorations and ornaments, fashion accessories, Morris Fork Crafts and baked goods. Even cookie decorating for the children while you shop!

Watch the weekly bulletins for special announcements. During October will you have the opportunity to preview the quality of our handwork and purchase some plump stuffed pumpkins for your fall/Halloween/Thanksgiving decorations. They make great centerpieces.

A second opportunity coming will be to order personalized cross-stitched ornaments for the special folks on your list. The stitchers guarantee delivery on or before December 15. See these items at coming coffee hours.

Please say YES when Bakery Chairman Charlene asks for cookies and other goodies for the Bazaar. Together, we're going to make this a smash hit this year!



We Get Letters

Dear Kerry,

You probably know that we joined Crestview PC in August. It is a large but friendly church near where we live (Cincinnati, Ohio).

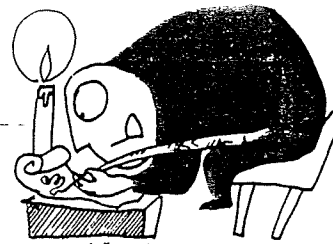
It is sad not to be a part of PPC as that experience is one of our happiest memories of our ten years in Maryland. We are fairly well settled here and are enjoying many family get-togethers. We find, however, that retirement is a busier time than we had anticipated.

John and I want to thank you and the PPC members for the wonderful Christian fellowship we experienced at Potomac and we send our love and best wishes to all.

With affection,
Marjean Gray

PS: A special "hello" to the Bible Study Group. I miss you all!

May we PLEASE have addresses of your sons and daughters who are off to college this fall? We would like very much to be able to keep in touch with them during the school year. Please call the church office with this information.



MISSION MESSAGES

HOMELESS. The Mission Committee during the last several months has been meeting with representatives of various groups that deal with the problem of homelessness in Montgomery County. At the request of the Session, we have set out to find the best means for our church to have impact on this serious problem which takes somewhat different forms in Montgomery County than, for instance, in downtown Washington, but which nonetheless causes much suffering and loss of human resources here as elsewhere.

We have decided that the best way for us to have effect is to help intact families, with one or both parents present, who now have some kind of housing but are having trouble keeping it going. In September we met with Katherine Evans and Elaine Shire of the Dwelling Place, a group based in Gaithersburg that subsidizes housing and provides support services for families in need.

Each of the Dwelling Place's client families is assigned a case manager who helps the family work out a plan to meet its material needs. The family is called upon to pay one-third the cost of the housing found for it by the Dwelling Place. Another third is put up by the county and the Dwelling Place pays the final third. The Dwelling Place now sponsors six families and hopes to double that number in 1992.

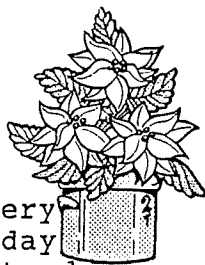
In October we will go over the suggestions we have received from the Dwelling Place and other groups and develop an overall plan for our church's involvement.

A FAMILY IN NEED. In one of our earlier meetings with welfare groups we learned of a family of refugees from Nicaragua, mother, father, and nine children, who were in imminent danger of losing the modest housing they had found in Montgomery County. We agreed to pay a small subsidy through the end of this year to help them keep their home.

The Fellowship Committee generously allotted \$796 from its highly successful Rummage Sale in June to the work of the Mission Committee. In August we learned that the refugee family we are helping with housing was having trouble finding money to pay for clothes for the children to go back to school in September. We have approved use of \$400 of the money given to us by the Fellowship Committee to pay for socks, underwear, and other clothing items. We will have a fuller report on this project in a future issue.

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POINSETTIAS



There will be no greenery sale prior to the holiday season this year. Instead, The Worship Committee has decided to offer poinsettias from Behnke's which you may order beginning in mid-October. Profits from this sale defray the cost of decorations for the church for the holidays. Watch coming bulletins for details.

IN SESSION

IN SESSION on September 16 Elders noted numerous dates for fall events: the Family Retreat, Saturday High Tea on 10-26, Christmas Bazaar on 11-23 (with several congregational previews), Friendship Sunday on 11-3, Stewardship Campaign and the on-going "Dine with Nine" dinners...noted that pledge payments are behind anticipated receipts and may require strong budgetary limits in the coming months...elected Charles Dickenson as auditor for 1990-91...appointed Janet Koonce and Ann Kier to fill out 2 unexpired terms as Deacons until election, ordination and installation of new officers takes place.

Bibles For Russian Troops

While Soviet troops were stationed in Moscow at the height of the coup crisis August 20, staff of the Bible Society in the Soviet Union and volunteers distributed New Testaments to the soldiers. Bibles were delivered by Father Borisov, a member of the Moscow city council/board member of the Soviet Bible Society, dressed in his clerical robes and riding in a mini-bus containing 4500 New Testaments. The Bibles were given only to soldiers poised to attack coup resisters, and only one officer opposed the distribution.

"This is a real miracle of our Lord," said Michael Seleznev, translation consultant to the SBS. Soldiers were asked not to kill their brothers and to obey legitimate authorities, with positive reaction. Obviously, God's word is very much respected in Russia even among those who haven't read it previously, a most common case among the soldiers.

All in the Family



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mark and Liz Gustafson on the birth of their daughter, Devin Anne, in Durham, NC. Proud grandparents are Taylor and Bettie Ann Johnson.

Dawn Thompson who is now presiding as President of the Montgomery County Art Association.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

STOP THE PRESSES!!! Changes have been made!! Thursday Nite Live!! for Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) is on a new night. Beginning right now both Middle School and Senior Highs will meet on Sunday nights from 6-8 p.m. SUNDAY NITE LIVE!! IS EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER. We hope that this will enable more young people and their families to make the commitment to this important ministry.

MIDDLE SCHOOL 6-8th grade
6-8 p.m. at PPC

- Oct. 6: No meeting - Clark & Diane away
- Oct. 13: Outing Nite - Where Shall We Go? Bowling? Skating? Scavenger Hunt?
- Oct. 20: "Have you ever been Hungry?"
- Oct. 27: Hallowe'en Party - UNICEF



SENIOR HIGH 9-12th grade
6-8 p.m. at PPC/members' homes

- Oct. 6: Senior High Car Wash 12:30-3:30 p.m. at PPC. \$5 donation goes to Sr. High Mission Projects, including Martha's Table, Ronald McDonald House, Summer Workcamp to California (?)
- Oct. 13: Malena & Tom Hougen talk about their Medical Mission Trip to Equador. Hosts: The Hougens, 11920 Cragwood Way
- Oct. 20: Scavenger Hunt! We'll begin and end at PPC.
- Oct. 27: To be Decided We need a host family!



BIBLES GIVEN

The following third graders received Bibles on September 8 during the Worship Service:

Marguerite Ashbaugh
Chris Atwood
Catherine Dorman
Philip Gautier
Bobby Kaple
Erin Lyons
Mickey Olalo
Sharon Reid
Jennifer Russo
Jeffrey Toerge



TEA

AND HANDWORK

At our September get-together we had new folks who were interested in English smocking. Won't you join us with your project of the moment?

Thursdays 1:30-3:30
October 10 and 24
November 7 and 21



October 1991

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		9:30 "Christian Living" 1-6 Lord's Table	9:30 Bible Study 7:30 Masterworks	12 AA 2-6 Farmers Market 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir	3:45 Hummon/Fry Rehearsal 5:30 McClaine/Black Rehearsal	11:30 McClaine/Black 3:00 Hummon/Fry wedding
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:45 S.S./Adult Education Inquirers Class - I 11:00 Worship Stewardship II 12:00 Fellowship Hour 6:00 TNL 6:30 SNL	6:30 Miriams Kitchen		9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingsworth 7:30 Masterworks	12:00 AA 1:30 Tea/Needlework 2-6 Farmers Market 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanctuary Choir MD Ornithological Society - F.H.		
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MESSAGES (continued from p. 10)

IMMIGRANT FAMILY. During the past month we have bought clothing items for some of the nine children in the family of Nicaraguan immigrants whose rent we help subsidize. These items, which the children needed to go back to school, were paid for out of the proceeds of the Fellowship Committee's highly successful rummage sale.

The family, which is determined to stay together, also needs bunk beds, large pots and pans, bedding sheets, blankets and pillows. If you can help, please contact the church office or Mission Committee Chairman Jim Reichley.

HUNGER RELIEF. The Montgomery County Thanksgiving Hunger Relief Drive will conduct a door-to-door solicitation during November. Last year this drive, which funds the Manna Food Center in Rockville among other projects, raised \$124,000. The Manna Relief Center reports requests for food this year running more than ten percent above last year's level.

We contribute to this drive as a church, but also urge you to be generous when the door-to-door solicitors visit your home.

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FAREWELL FOR JACKIE

Jackie Galliher, our Music Director, has accepted a new position at St. John Lutheran Church in Rockville. She will be honored at the coffee hour Sunday, November 3. During worship, the choir will present a number of favorite anthems enjoyed in recent years.

Over the past nine years, Jackie has served PPC with energy, creativity, dedication and love. We have many wonderful memories of anthems, organ offertories, handbell presentations and children's choirs. Many of us are also personally grateful for her musical contributions to weddings, funerals and other special events. Our choir has truly enabled us all to better glorify God.

The Session is planning to secure an Interim Music Director and to form a search committee to find a new director.

Bring Joy

On October 27, members of the Stewardship Committee distributed pledge cards/envelopes to worshipers. For those unable to attend, the cards were mailed to your homes. On November 3, we ask that you return the pledge card and place it in the offering plate. If unable to attend, we ask that you mail the pledge card to the church so that it arrives by November 3.

On November 10, visitors will call on those who have not returned their pledges. This will occur after worship from approximately 2-5 p.m.

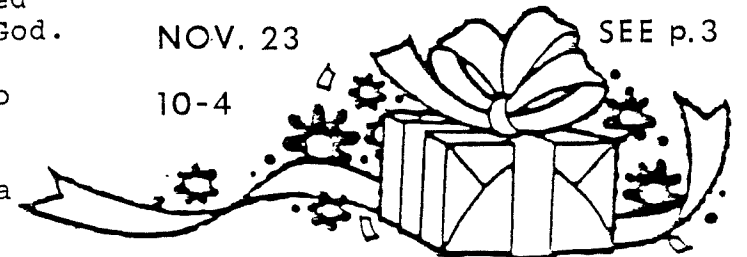
Please join the PPC family and give joyously on November 3.

BAZAAR

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C.E. BAILEY-WICK

In May, 1990, a group of people interested in youth at PPC came together to plan the future of Youth Ministry here. They wrote a Mission Statement which says:

We at PPC believe that youth are part of the people of God now; and that youth ministry is for, with, and by youth. It is a partnership with caring adults which strives to develop and encourage the youth to live out their own ministries through the development of a sense of moral responsibility; desire for a meaningful life; religious participation; social action; self-regard; feeling for people; and especially a God-relationship. Above all, it is hoped that here is a place where our youth can be a part of a family of faith - both with their peers and the church at large.

Much has happened

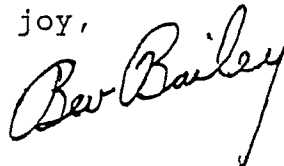
Much has happened in the last 1½ years to build up our Youth Ministry program - good Sunday School classes, weekly fellowship programs run by a group of caring young adults volunteering their time. But one very important, yet illusive, ingredient is still missing - a support system - a Youth Committee. We need a group of adults - singles, parents, grandparents, all ages - who care about the faith life of a great group of teens at this fragile juncture in their lives. These adults would work with teen representatives to help plan and organize important program. I will be glad to resource this committee - but we really need you - people who have good ideas and are ready to help follow through on mission activities, uplifting speakers, retreat weekends; and to occasionally get dirty with us as we wash cars, help build houses, or present a talent show. This committee won't even meet every month! Please, prayerfully consider "bringing joy" by the stewardship of your time and talents in this vital part of your church's ministry. Call me, either at PPC (299-6007) or at home (946-1999) and offer your help.

"Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the Lord."

Psalms 148:12,13

With joy,



DOWNTOWN LUNCH GROUP

Since its formation in June, the monthly downtown lunch group has heard a review of Jonathan Raban's books, learned about a drug-abuse education program, heard a first-hand account of climbing Mount Ranier, been challenged by a publication of the Rev. Ed White, and heard from Jim Reichley about his recent trip to Eastern Europe. Prayers have been shared; devotions offered. If you are interested in attending these luncheons, held the last Friday of each month on a reservation basis, please notify Jon Hawley (424-7628) or Bill King (340-0456).

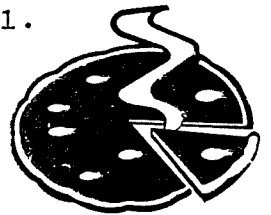
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

SUNDAY NITE LIVE - Middle School 5:30-7:30 p.m. at PPC

- 11-3 Game Night at the Bedingfield's. Margie and Bob Bedingfield have offered to be our hosts. They have a great game room! Also, try-outs for the Advent play to be presented at the Birthday Party for Jesus will be that night. Be sure to come if you want a part.
- 11-10 Play Practice, Games, Peanut Butter & Jelly Month
Dinner: Pizza Night with Senior Highs
- 11-17 Same Schedule
Dinner: Melissa Dorman and Family
- 11-24 Same Schedule
Dinner: We need a volunteer!!

Senior Highs 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- 11-3 Computer Mission Project. Come hear teacher Sharon Craig tell us about our adopted school.
Place: Lindsay & Allison Chapin
10820 Admirals Way
- 11-10 "Have You Ever Been Hungry?"
Place: Church
Pizza Nite with Middle School
- 11-17 Care Packages for College Freshmen.
Bring goodies to help them get through finals.
Place: Meg & Nathan King
7121 Darby Road
- 11-24 Program to be decided - You choose!
Place: Church or ???



MISSION

MESSAGES

RAINBOW PLACE. For several years Dawn Thompson has led a group from our church that work during the winter months in the Rainbow Place shelter for homeless women at the Rockville Presbyterian Church.

Rainbow Place, which operates from November 1 through March 31, is now beginning its tenth year. Last year, the emergency shelter provided food and a place to sleep for 80 different women for a total of 3,101 bednights.

According to Marion Lehr, director of Rainbow Place, there are "many more women on the streets" this year. At the same time, the supply of volunteers has been dwindling.

We give financial support to Rainbow Place, but as part of our program to help deal with the problem of homelessness in Montgomery County, we aim to increase our volunteer help at the shelter.

Shelter attendants are needed who can serve from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. or from 7 to 10 p.m. The shelter also requests volunteers who can bake a casserole once a month that feeds 12 to 20 people, bake or buy a dessert once a month, or bake or buy cookies for lunches once a month.

If you can participate, please contact Dawn Thompson or our church office.

THE LORD'S TABLE. We also provide volunteers who, under the leadership of Barbara Perry, help staff the Lord's Table soup kitchen, which provides a meal for needy persons at 3:30 every afternoon except Sunday at St. Martin's Church in Gaithersburg.

The Lord's Table has just issued an emergency appeal for additional financial support and volunteers. We are increasing our financial contribution and would like to send more volunteers to work in the kitchen and serve meals. Those who come to the Lord's Table include many families with small children.

If you can work at the soup kitchen one afternoon a month, please contact Barbara Perry or the church office.

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BAZAAR

The sewing machines are quiet; needles laid aside, paint brushes cleaned...the 30+ ladies who've worked for the past 10 months to prepare the PPC holiday bazaar are READY.

As we count down the last few days to our opening at 10 a.m. on November 23, here are a few reminders/ways each of you can help:

+ Mail the letter you received at church on November 3 to a local friend and make a date to come with that friend. Or, for sure, bring your neighbor with you.

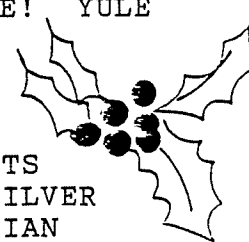
+ Bake a batch or two of cookies (or bake anything) and deliver them to the kitchen the morning of November 22. Stay and help wrap, carry, tie, hang up, move furniture, or just fret with the chairman!

+ Save your grocery bags, shopping bags, plastic bags for us. We could also use a few card tables.

+ Did we mention we're taking attendance at the bazaar? BE THERE! YULE LOVE IT!

ANNOUNCEMENT:

MORRIS FORK CRAFTS
WILL BE AT THE SILVER
SPRING PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH ON DECEMBER 7-8.



All in the Family



WELCOME TO:

Franklin Cruise Cardona, newborn son of Louis and Laura Cardona.

Victoria Lauren, daughter of Bob and Tammy Clark; proud grandparents are Ed and Janet Clark.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Margaret McClaine and Christopher Block; Gretchen Hummon and Peter Fry who were married in our sanctuary on October 5.

Kevin Perry and Pamela Meader married October 5 in Hopkinton, New Hampshire.

Molly Newell and Jim Singeling married in our sanctuary October 19.

TEA

AND HANDWORK

KNITTING ANYONE?
For husband, children and/or grandchildren - 'tis the season!

Join us on Thursdays at 1:30 for TEA AND HANDWORK, November 7 and 21. Questions? Call Kathy at 762-2076.

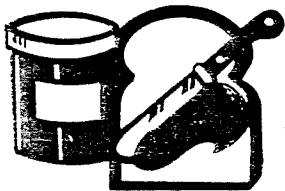


POINSETTIAS

This year the Worship Committee is offering poinsettias for sale to the congregation in place of the greens previously offered. Profit from this sale defrays the cost of the holiday decorations for the church.

A 6" pot with 5-7 blooms is \$8.95; a 6½" pot with 9-12 blooms is \$14.95; a 7½" pot with 12-16 blooms is \$19.95; a 10" pot with over 20 blooms is \$34.95. The plants are grown by Behnke Nurseries and are of excellent quality, available in red, white or pink. Poinsettias may be picked up on December 6 from 1-4; December 7 from 7-9 a.m.

Checks should be made out to PPC and must accompany the order. Orders may be placed in the collection plate or given to Carol Clouse or Shirley Tietjen. Deadline: November 24.



YOUTH MISSION PROJECTS

The Middle School has designated November as "Peanut Butter and Jelly Month". They ask each PPC member to bring a jar of peanut butter and a jar of jelly or jam to church this month. Everything collected will go to Manna Food Center in Rockville to be distributed along with other food to those who need help in our county. Place these easy Thanksgiving offerings in the box in the narthex.

Senior Highs have adopted Buchanon Secondary Learning Center, a SE D.C. school, 7-12 grade, and would like to help them earn computers, VCR's and P.E. equipment by asking PPC members to donate their register tapes from Giant. This takes no extra monetary commitment from you. The 100 students are some of the most severely emotionally and learning disabled youth in D.C. and many of them have poor motor coordination. Computers make getting their work done and done well so much easier. Red and white boxes for tapes are located in Fellowship Hall, the office, and the parlor.

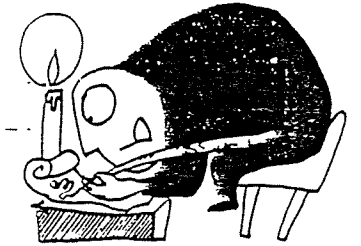
Senior Highs also thank everyone who supported their car wash which cleared a little over \$175 in one hour! THANKS A LOT!!

GWYNN TO BE NEXT

BERGER LECTURER

The past week marked the birthday of the late Frederick E. Berger, who was a vital part of our congregation from his joining the church in early 1985 until his death in 1988. As we remember Fred, his family, and his commitment to adult education, we look forward to the second guest lecturer whom the church will host in his memory. We are pleased that the immediate past Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Mr. Price H. Gwynn III of Charlotte, N.C., has accepted our invitation to be with us for the weekend of March 14-15, 1992.

We Get Letters



Dear Mr. Reichley,

We wish to thank the members of PPC for their donation of \$400 from the rummage sale. This money was used to purchase school clothing and shoes at J.C. Penney's for a low income Homestart family with 6 children, 4 of whom are school age. The Homestart program and the donor family appreciate your generosity. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Candace Harrington and
Darlene Enix-Barnum
Homestart - Department
of Social Services,
Rockville

Christmas International House

Now is the best time to start thinking about how you will spend your Christmas holidays. In Gaithersburg, Christmas International House will entertain twenty foreign students from December 19 to January 2, and we will need host families as well as help with three planned trips, extra meals, etc. CIH provides an opportunity for people to demonstrate and to share the real meaning of Christmas. Dialogue and exchange of ideas characterize the program - peacemaking at the grass roots level.

If you can house a student for one or two weeks, or if you can help in any other way, please let us know early in November. For further information call Eleanor Munch, 926-3728, Chairman.

ADULT EDUCATION

November - Bible and Issues Class (meets in the Library)

- 11-3 Outreach Sunday. Our speaker will be Dale Anderson, elder at Southminster PC in Oxon Hill, MD, and member of National Capital Presbytery's Evangelism Committee.
- 11-10 "Communion from many Perspectives", led by Tom Miles. This class is a follow-up to our Communion Education Sunday last spring.
- 11-17 "Presbyterians and Spirituality" led by Rufus Lusk, III. Mr. Lusk is a graduate of Yale Divinity School and is currently affiliated with Darnestown PC. He will answer questions such as: Why would a Presbyterian visit a monastery?
- 11-24 "Presbyterians at Work in the World" A two-part series on people whose work intersects their faith.

Also...

Second Sunday, a monthly class which discusses faith issues of interest to families will meet November 10 in the Parlor. Discussion led by Bill and Karen King.

Christian Living

All PPC women are invited to this monthly discussion group which normally meets the first Tuesday of each month from 9:30-11 a.m. in the parlor. This group centers its discussion around "our lives, our faith, and our daily commitment as Christians", and is led by Bev Bailey. This month we will meet on Tuesday, November 12. Please note the change of date. Nursery will be provided at the cost of \$3 per child.

NEW FREEZER; MORE

The Property Committee reports that gutters/downspouts have been rerouted. There is a new freezer in the kitchen. Funds for these improvements came from the rummage sale.

IDEAS, PLEASE

The Fellowship Committee is planning 1992 activities and would like to know what you would like to do. Contact Barbara Perry, 299-6067, with your suggestions for activities.

Enrichment Program Needs Volunteers

Creative Enrichment is that wonderful class for 4-8 year olds which meets during worship (after the Children's Sermon). But did you know it doesn't just happen automatically? It needs volunteers. Lisa McMahan, the Coordinator of this extended opportunity for your child to learn about his faith, is looking for a few good people to help out one Sunday/month. The curriculum is easy to use with little or no advance preparation. This class only exists with your help. If you would be willing to give your time, please call Lisa at 681-1640 or call Bev Bailey at church.

BE A SUMMER HOST

The Belfast Children's Summer Program seeks families willing to host 1-2 children, 10-11 years old, for 6 weeks next summer. Children are selected from elementary schools in Belfast and Londonderry in faction-torn Northern Ireland. Transportation and insurance costs are paid by the program. Host families are asked to provide LOVE, room and board ...in that order. Families with or without children at home are welcome. One adult must be at home full time during the child's visit. Call 301-6496 for more information.

ONLY HALF THE DAY

CHURCH WORK DAY
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Actually, it's a work half day. If you would be willing to spend a few hours painting some trim, pruning a few shrubs or replacing light bulbs, etc., come join us on Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. You don't even need to bring any tools or know how to drive the back hoe!

IN SESSION

IN SESSION...October 21, 1991, Elders received the resignation of Jackie Galliher, Director of Music for nearly ten years, with deep regret and sincere appreciation for her many contributions to the music program at PPC...approved a proposal from the Middle School Fellowship (Sunday Nite Live) to hold a Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive during November for MANNA Food Center...learned that Lindsay Chapin has been nominated to serve on the Presbytery Youth Committee...adopted revisions in the fee schedule for use of Fellowship Hall and other meeting rooms...voted to call a Congregational Meeting following worship on November 10 for the purpose of electing new officers...made plans to head to New Windsor, Maryland for the annual Session Retreat on November 16-17.

November 1991

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9a.m. - 2 2p.m. Adat Shalom- F.H.
3 9:45 SS/Adult Education New Members Meet with Session 11:00 Worship 5:30 SNL - Middle School @ - Beddingfields SNL - Senior Highs @ Chapins	4 6:30 Miriams Kitchen 8:00 Committees	5 1-6 Lord's Table	6 9:30 Bible Study 7:30 Masterworks	7 12:00 AA 1:30 Tea/Needlework 2-6 Farmers Market 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanctuary Choir	8	9 8:30 a.m. - Noon ALL CHURCH WORK DAY
10 9:45 Second Sunday class 9:45 SS/Adult Education 11:00 Worship 12:10 Congregational Meeting - Election of Officers 5:30 SNL - MS & SH @ church 7:00 Officer Training	11	12 9:30 "Christian Living"	13 9:30 Bible Study 7:30 Masterworks	14 12:00 AA 2-6 Farmers Market (Last one) NO Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanctuary Choir 8:00 MD Ornithological Society	15	16 8:30 a.m. Session Retreat at New Windsor
17 9:45 SS/Adult Education 11:00 Worship 5:30 SNL - MS @ church.. SH @ Meg & Nathan King's	18 S.T.O.P. DEADLINE	19 1:00 Presbytery 6:30 Churchill Cross Country Banquet - FH	20 9:30 Bible Study 7:30 Masterworks	21 12:00 AA 1:30 Tea/Needlework 7:00 Handbell Choir 8:00 Sanctuary Choir	22 12:00 Downtown Luncheon	23 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
24 9:45 SS/Adult Education 1:00 Worship 3:45 Worship @ Manor Care 5:30 SNL - MS & SH @ church	25 7:30 Deacons	26 7:30 Masterworks	27	28 OFFICE CLOSED	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30

HOW TO ENJOY DECEMBER

These days, "Christmas" seems to come right after Halloween. How can Christian couples celebrate Christ's birth joyfully and appropriately - while still finding time for each other? Here are a few ideas:

Take a few minutes early every morning or at night after the kids are in bed to read a good Advent devotional.

As much as possible, turn Christmas chores into an opportunity to have fun together. For example,

card-sending can be a good time to sit together and reminisce about old friends. (Kids love to help with this too.)

Sing carols in the car. Do not worry about what people think.

At some point during the season, take a walk together, preferably away from crowds and noise. Try to be silent.

Do something for someone else.

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KERRY on...

Probably all of us shared the pain of the announcement by NBA superstar Magic Johnson that he has contracted the virus which leads to AIDS. For million who thought that AIDS always struck someone else, this tragic news from someone so widely admired, hit much closer to home. Almost immediately, Johnson forthrightly said he would work to get the message out, especially to young people. He has since been named to the President's Commission on AIDS.

What message? "Safe sex is the way to go." However, as Colman McCarthy wrote in the Saturday edition of the Washington Post, "Fine, as far as it goes, which isn't far at all." I am not going to paraphrase all that McCarthy wrote, although I highly recommend that everyone read what he has to say.

The essence of what he says, "Safe sex joins two words that don't belong together. Safe sex suggests intimacy with no risk. Such a relationship is rarely without risk to safety: to the emotions of the couple, to their moral lives, and to their definitions of commitment, honesty and mutual trust." Those words are the essence of the Gospel and the call of our Lord to lead a life that is faithful to Him and to others. Maybe Christians have a new opportunity to stand for something in a society that values "doing your own thing" above all other values.

I believe that we must stand FOR something, not just be against "sleeping around", for example. It would be hard to do better than to share the good news of commitment, honesty and mutual trust. May God grant us the courage and the grace to live out these values and to share them with others.

Kerry

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

I love the Advent-Christmas season because so many people are involved in the preparations here at PPC. And that is what Advent is - the season of preparation for the arrival of Christ. It is also the time for the retelling of one of the most familiar stories in our Christian heritage. By the end of December most of you will have been involved in some way in the retelling of that story here - by the giving of gifts to the needy, by participating in the shopping trip to help inner-city children select Christmas gifts, by attending the Williamsburg breakfast in fellowship hall with this community of faith, by participating and sharing your talent at the Birthday Party for Jesus, by adding your voice in the choir, by being involved in the children's Christmas Pageant, by caroling - either with the youth or the adults, by decorating the church, by participating in the bazaar, or by worshipping with us on Christmas Eve. We hope that all of you will find some way to make this season of preparation a special one in your faith lives. May I offer to you as my small gift a prayer that you might use with your families in this special season:

God, our Creator,
we are getting ready for Christmas:
buying presents, preparing for carol services,
rehearsing nativity plays.
We thank you for all the preparations you made
for the first Christmas:
through the prophets you told people to get ready
for Jesus:
you gave a baby, John, to Zechariah and Elizabeth;
you chose Mary to be Jesus' mother, and Joseph to
provide a home for them;
you called the Magi from far away.
As we prepare to enjoy Jesus' birthday, make us
ready to listen carefully to the Christmas story
and to make room for Jesus in our hearts.

Amen.
(from 365 Children's Prayers,
Carol Watson.)

Have a Blessed Christmas,

Bev Bailey



On Sunday, December 15, the youth of PPC would like to go caroling at members' and friends' homes. If you know of someone who lives in the general area who would like some special Christmas cheer, please call Bev Bailey. This would include anyone in our congregation who is home-bound or ill, or even someone you know who would appreciate the presence of a group of young people full of the Christmas spirit.

**Save
Stamps**



Please save the cancelled stamps from your holiday mail - and your everyday mail - for the Mission Committee. Cut out with a quarter inch border of envelope around them and turn them in to the church office. These are sent to Church World Service who sells them and uses the money to help feed and clothe worldwide. See how easy it is for you to HELP!

MEMORIAL GARDEN



The bulldozers are gone and construction is almost complete. It's a good time to walk out on the patio and take a look. We think you'll agree it is going to be a beautiful spot.

For those of you who wanted to see the finished product before committing, now is the time to make your move. You can still take advantage of the 1991 price. On January 1, the price of a niche will increase from \$2000 to \$2500. Plaques will stay at \$750 for the time being.

The Memorial Garden Committee appreciates the support you all have given this project and invite you to attend the dedication during the Easter season.

Thought for the month

The blessedness of
Christmas is all
wrapped up in the
person of Jesus. Our
relationship determines
the measure of the
blessing.



ALL IN THE FAMILY



COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
AND SING TO OUR NEIGHBORS

Sing for Joy and Spread Love at Potomac Manor Care and Collingswood Nursing Homes on Sunday afternoon, December 22. Be a PPC Caroller and share your gift of loving and caring by taking time during a busy season to spend some time with neighbors and other church members.

Carolling will begin at 4:00 at Manor Care, progress to Collingswood and then to Camille and Cliff Kendall's home for fellowship and supper. Members will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad or vegetable or dessert AND EACH PERSON SHOULD BRING AN OUTRAGEOUS GIFT (can be old or new - wrapped and tied with a bow). [Editor's note: last year the gifts weren't very outrageous; let's see if we can do better this year!] Other foods, drink and entertainment will be provided.

For reservations call Barbara Perry at 299-6067 or sign up in the narthex any Sunday morning.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

SUNDAY NITE LIVE!!
5:30-7:30 pm



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

MIDDLE SCHOOL
December

- 1 Rehearsals for Advent Play
Dinner provided by Ruthanne Stoltzfus
- 8 Play Rehearsal - Final Dress
Dinner: Pizza Night (bring \$3)
- 15 Joint Caroling with Senior Highs, then back to church for Christmas Party
- 22 and 29 No meeting for Christmas Holidays.

SENIOR HIGHS
December



- 1 No Meeting - Thanksgiving Holidays
- 8 Gifts for Needy Children. Meet at the church at 7:15 am. Travel downtown to help DC children purchase gifts. Return to PPC by 1:30 pm. Let Bev know if you will be going.
- 15 Joint Caroling with Middle School, then Senior Highs will go to dinner at restaurant of your choice. Everybody come!
- 22 and 29 No meeting for Christmas Holidays

Other activities: Don't forget the Williamsburg Breakfast, the Birthday Party for Jesus, and the Christmas Pageant. We need your talents for all these church activities.

ADULT EDUCATION

December 1

Lang Bruce from Montgomery Hospice will speak to us about their work as a part of our "Faith at Work" series.

*8

Williamsburg Breakfast: A Family Affair. All are welcome.

15

Birthday Party for Jesus. A family celebration of Christ's birth led by the children of the church. Coordinated by Mary Margaret Smith.

22

"Hands-On Mission" led by Elsie Reid. Come help prepare a surprise for our adopted families.

29

No Sunday School.

* Second Sunday will not meet this month because of family activities.



A Child Is Born!

It's Great To Have You

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Rudnic (Beth), 796 Quince Orchard Blvd., #201, Gaithersburg 20878, 869-4622. Ed and Beth come by Certificate of Transfer from the Congregational Church of Boca Raton, Boca Raton, FL, where they both served as Deacons. Ed is originally from NY; he received a BS in pharmacy and a PhD in pharmaceuticals at URI. He is now a vice president of research at Pharmavene in Gaithersburg. Ed loves to spend time with daughters Betsey 7 and Megan 5 as well as sail, golf and lacrosse. Beth was raised in northern NJ and CT. She also graduated from URI with a BS in pharmacy and received her MBA in April. Beth loves to sail, ski and snorkel. Deacon Barthelman's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. David W. Simpson (Patricia) and daughter Jane, 11614 Karen Dr., Potomac, 299-7139. David, Patricia ("Paddy") and Jane will be with us as Affiliate Members. Their home church is the First Reformed Church of Nyack, Nyack, NY. David was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He did his undergraduate work in Halifax, Canada, and received his PhD from the Australian National U, Canberra. David is a seismologist involved in field work following the Armenian quake of 88 and the San Francisco quake of 89. Paddy was born in Montreal, Quebec and raised in St. Anthony, Newfoundland. She has worked with the Nyack, NY school system both as a substitute teacher and special services tutor. Paddy has been an occasional organist, and Sunday School teacher and superintendent. Jane, 13, was born in Inverness, Nova Scotia. She is in the 8th grade at Hoover; plays piano and clarinet, involved in lacrosse and softball and loves horseback riding. Three other Simpson children are: Tim 22, Scott 19 and John 11. Deacon King's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Underhill (Elizabeth), 9004 Quintana Dr., Bethesda 20817, 469-9038. Elizabeth ("Liz") comes by Certificate of Transfer from Webster Hills United Methodist Church of St. Louis, MO. Jim comes by Profession of Faith. Jim was born and raised in Babylon, Long Island, NY. He attended Washington & Lee U in Lexington, VA, and received an MBA from Harvard Business School. He works for the Staubach Co. in commercial real estate. Jim enjoys tennis, golf, biking, the beach and sailing. Liz was born and raised in the Webster Groves area of St. Louis. She graduated from Southern Methodist U. Her hobbies include tennis, cooking, sailing and golf (beginner). The Underhills have 2 children: Thomas 16 months and Elizabeth 2½ months. Deacon Propps Parish.

TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR A GREAT CHRISTMAS

1. Thou shalt prepare early. Don't wait until the last minute to try to get into the Christmas spirit.
2. Thou shalt keep Christ at the center of Christmas. Don't allow yourself to be overwhelmed by the commercialism of the season. Resolve to read one of the Gospels during December and meditate upon what it means that Christ came into the world.
3. Thou shalt make Christmas a family time. Do things together: decorate the tree, play games, bake cookies, shop, write cards, have devotionals and go caroling.
4. Thou shalt remember those who are less fortunate. Contribute significantly to an organization serving the needs of others throughout the year.
5. Thou shalt give thyself with every gift. Put some thought into the gifts you purchase. Give a gift that represents you. If possible, make something instead of buying something.
6. Thou shalt learn to be a good receiver. Most of us have more trouble receiving than we do giving.
7. Thou shalt put music into Christmas. Buy several Christmas albums and wear them out. Attend the church's special Christmas programs. Sing carols as a family.
8. Thou shalt slow down. Remember, Christmas is supposed to be a season of peace, not hypertension.
9. Thou shalt remember to worship. The church is the place you are most likely to be reminded of the true meaning of Christmas.
10. Thou shalt receive the Christ into thy life. Don't just talk about the Christ of Christmas. Receive him into your life as Savior and Lord. - First Baptist Church, Nashville, GA

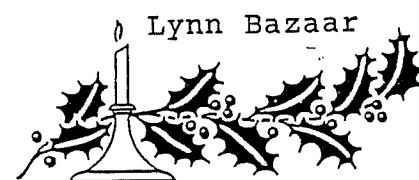


BAZAAR



When I started planning the Bazaar last January, I dutifully wrote down the names of ladies as they "came on board" with ideas, donations, workshop attendance, and finished products. My plan was to thank this small group in this issue of the newsletter. I had things under control, even as my list topped 30, until we announced the need for bakers. You rushed forward with such enthusiasm that I would now need two columns to list all your names! I suggest you simply peruse your PPC Directory because there you will find the many persons who helped make this year's event a smash hit! It has truly been an all-church event this time; more folks have become involved than EVER before. And I thank each of you for the way you've warmed my heart and, I'll wager, your own!

1992 planning is already underway! We still need old stockings and 1-gallon bleach-style bottles. If you didn't play the Bazaar game in 91, sign on in 92; YULE LOVE IT! This was my 20th fund raiser for PPC and I'm not tired yet! Thanks to all and a special hug for Shirley and Celia.



Lynn Bazaar

The church will be decorated for Advent/Christmas on Saturday, December 7, beginning at 9:30 a.m. If you can come and help, we'll have the coffee pot on and get into the spirit of the season. Call Carol Clouse, 983-0518, to say you will come or for more information.



Elected

At the Congregational Meeting held November 10, the following were elected:

ELDERS: James E. McClaine, Lewis F. Bond, Anne Bavier, John Clouse
DEACONS: Kenneth Kent, Charles Brooks, Marjorie Bedingfield, Melanie Mason, Jane Ashbaugh

Thanks to the Nominating Committee of Gene Sharer, Lew Chapin, Ann Hazard, Phyllis Matson, Elsie Reid and Bill Skinner for preparing this slate of officers.

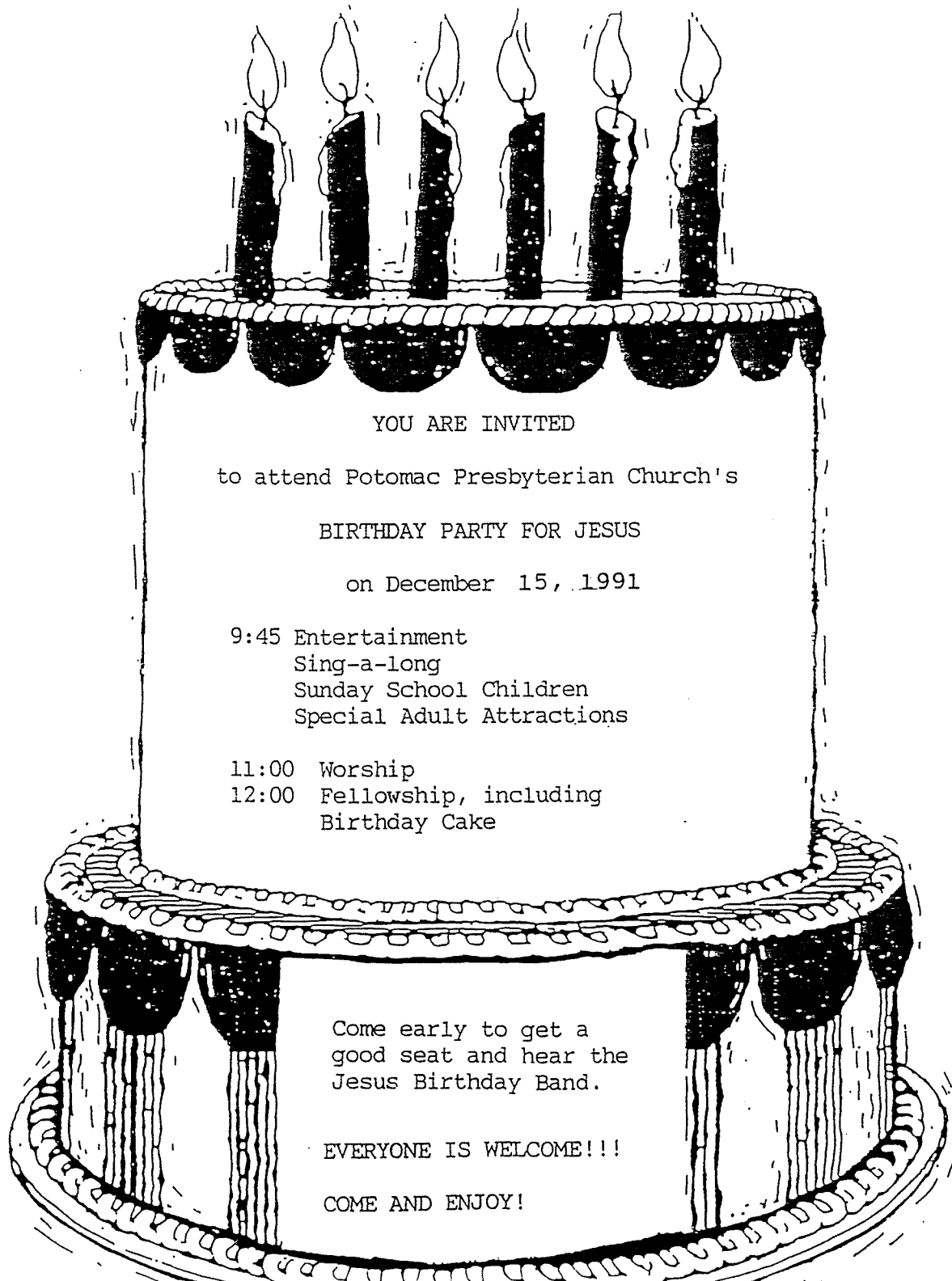
-Molly Newell Singerling
Chair

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Lyons (Kathy), 1336 E Street, SE, Washington, DC, 20003. Both Dan and Kathy come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Dan was born in Weymouth, MA, and after four years in the Coast Guard, he attended the U of CA, Berkeley, where he graduated with a degree in Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering. Presently he is employed at the David Taylor Research Center. He enjoys most outdoor activities. Kathy was born in DC and moved to Potomac when she was in the first grade. She graduated from Marymount U in Arlington, VA, with a fashion design degree. She enjoys sewing for herself and her home and does freelance work for local theatres in costume making. Presently, she teaches at the House of Representatives Child Care Center. The Lyons, who were married at PPC last year, are expecting their first child in June. Deacon Matson's Parish.

Mr. Victor L. Minter, 8412 Pittsfield Ct., Potomac, 299-4172. Victor comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. Born and raised in Carlsbad, NM, he came to DC 50 years ago. Victor is a retired CPA. He served as Treasurer as well as a member of the Stewardship and Finance Committee of a former church. He and his wife Mary have grown children. Their daughter, Chris, and her husband Dan are in this group of new members. Victor enjoys classical music, opera, the arts and travel. Deacon King's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Newton, 10 Dale Dr., Rockville 20850, 762-9388.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Newton (Bridget), 10 Dale Dr., Rockville 20850, 762-9388. A Certificate of Transfer from Geneva PC brings us Fred and Bridget. Fred was born in Detroit, MI, and moved to Bethesda at 13. They both graduated from Ohio Wesleyan U. Fred is a CPA with his own firm, Corporate Recovery, Inc. He enjoys music, playing ice hockey and spending time with the children. Bridget is a full-time mom for Kyle 4 and Meggie 6 months. She also considers herself part-time general contractor as they try to finish renovation of their home. She's active in local fund raising/volunteer work and wishes she had more time for swimming and reading. Deacon Brumbaugh's Parish.



YOU ARE INVITED

to attend Potomac Presbyterian Church's

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

on December 15, 1991

9:45 Entertainment

Sing-a-long

Sunday School Children

Special Adult Attractions

11:00 Worship

12:00 Fellowship, including

Birthday Cake

Come early to get a
good seat and hear the
Jesus Birthday Band.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

COME AND ENJOY!



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel V. Dowd, (Chris), 10812 Larkmeade, Ln., Potomac, 299-3835. Dan comes by Reaffirmation of Faith; Chris by Profession of Faith. Dan was born in NYC; he received his BS from Old Dominion U, Norfolk, and a MS in Accounting from Georgetown U. He is an International Banking Loan Officer for the Export-Import Bank of the US. Dan enjoys tennis, racquetball and home improvement projects. Chris was born and reared in DC and Bethesda. She attended Salem College, Winston-Salem, NC and graduated with a BS in Home Economics and English. Chris has lectured, been published and was Director of the DAR Museum in Washington from 83-87. She is presently active in the Junior League. The Dowds have 2 children: Damon 4½ and Colin 1½. Deacon King's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Fisler (Jean), 8036 Herb Farm Dr., Bethesda 20817, 469-6475. Both Pete and Jean come by Certificate of Transfer from the Presbyterian Church of Palentine, Palentine, IL. Pete, now retired, attended the US Naval Academy and later received his MS from MIT. He has been an Elder in two former churches. Jean was born in Hollywood, CA; she received her BA in Psychology at UCLA and later her LLB. She has also been active in former churches serving as Superintendent of Adult Education, involved in a Mariner Group and organized adult and family retreats. The Fislers have 3 married daughters and seven grandchildren. One daughter, Wendy Atwood, is a member of PPC. The Fislers love to travel; Jean enjoys photography and has a foreign doll collection. Pete's special interests are golf, skiing, racquetball and hiking. Deacon Koonce's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude M. Gordon (Jessie), 13212 Valley Dr., Rockville 20850, 762-0412. Claude and Jessie come by Certificate of Transfer from National PC. Claude was born in TN but grew up in OK. He graduated from the U of OK with a BSEE. He was ordained an Elder in 1958. Now retired, yard work and home maintenance keep him busy. Jessie was born in Ft. Worth and grew up in the Southwest. She received her AB Degree in social work at the U of OK. Jessie, too, has been active in her former churches serving as Primary Department Superintendent and Circle Bible Study Leader. The Gordons have 2 grown sons. Deacon Hazard's Parish.

THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS WERE RECEIVED BY THE SESSION ON NOVEMBER 3, 1991. WE WELCOME THESE NEW FAMILIES INTO THE WORK AND WORSHIP OF POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. MEET THEM BELOW AND ON THE NEXT THREE PAGES.



Mrs. Bradley S. Bernstein (Judy), 10912 Martingale Ct. Potomac, 299-8442. Judy comes by Profession of Faith. Born and raised in New Brunswick, NJ, she graduated from UM with a BS in Art Education but is now in the field of interior design with her builder/developer husband Brad. Judy loves to read and loves most sports. They have 3 children: Joseph 6, Brittney 4, and Eric 2. Deacon Tamzarian's Parish.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Alfred Cissel, Jr. (Sherri), 9421 Turnberry Dr., Potomac, 469-0694. Both Al and Sherri come by Certificate of Transfer from Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. Al was born in DC, grew up in Silver Spring and is presently selling commercial real estate with The Carey Winston Co. Sherri was born in Salisbury, MD; received a BS in Family Development from UM. Sherri loves Al enjoys golf and tennis. Sherri was born in Salisburry, MD; recieved a BS in Family Development from UM. Sherri loves to dance; has taught children's jazz dance classes and worked at a home health agency. The Cissels have 3 children: Kelli 5, Kimi 4, and Kyle 18 months. Deacon Jordan's Parish.

Mr. Robert E. Conley, 9001 Saunders Lane, Bethesda 20817, 469-6316. Bob comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. Born and raised in Akron, O, he received a BSEE from U-Akron, then a MSE from UM and a PhD from GWU. Bob has his own business, Conley & Assoc., Inc., where he is a consultant, and he likes to play golf. The Conleys (Miriam is already a PPC member) have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren. Deacon Jordan's Parish.

SHOPPING ANYONE ?

The Senior Highs and Young Adults of PPC will again participate in their annual project of helping DC children purchase Christmas gifts. Sponsored by the Downtown Jaycees, this project enables children to shop and purchase gifts for their families, and we get to help with the shopping. We will leave PPC at 7:15 a.m., Sunday, December 8 and return about 1:30 p.m. There is a party for all volunteers after the shopping trip. If you wish to participate, call Clark Kendall at 977-5097.



CARE PACKAGES

On Sunday, November 17, the Senior Highs and their advisors gathered at the King home for chili and lots of hard work. Their job was to put together seven care packages for PPC college freshmen who will soon be studying for first semester finals. Shoe boxes were filled with gum, candy, "good-luck" dolls, buttons, pencils and pens, and other incentives to get them through those horrendous finals. Our hope is that these collegiates know that the youth back home are thinking about them and praying that they have a great semester. What a wonderful early Christmas present!

YOUTH MISSION PROJECTS

Our children and young people have been very involved this fall season in various mission projects:

HEIFER PROJECT. Money collected through Children's Offering and by saving your aluminum cans. About \$75 has been collected so far.

UNICEF AT HALLOWE'EN. \$46.76 was collected by children and youth and sent to help children in need around the world.

PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY MONTH. Sponsored by the Middle School, we thank you for your contribution which will go to Manna food pantry in Rockville.

MARTHA'S TABLE. Senior Highs made and delivered 104 sandwiches to be given to the homeless through McKenna's Wagon.

GIANT "APPLES PLUS". Senior Highs are collecting Giant register tapes and double coupons to help Buchanon Secondary Learning Center in Southeast DC. Over \$10,000 in tapes has been collected so far. We will be collecting through February of 1991.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!!

MISSION

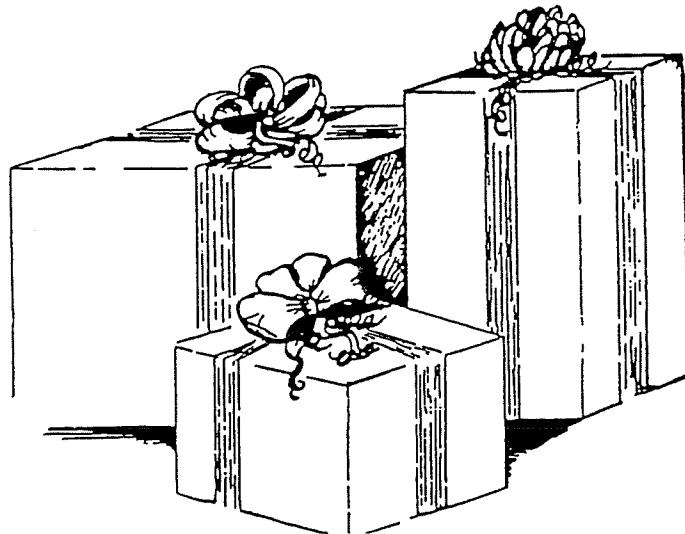
SHARING CHRISTMAS. As part of our celebration of Christmas, our church will once again this year distribute toys and other gifts to children of needy families in Montgomery County.

The response to our Christmas program for needy children last year was so great that we are increasing the number of families we aim to help by almost threefold. We will be bringing gifts to a total of 20 families. Ten of these families have been selected for us by our friend Lon Dring at Montgomery County Community Ministry, and nine more have been named by the Montgomery County Department of Community Services. The remaining family on our list is the family of Nicaraguan refugees whom we have been helping provide with housing since July. Lon told us that his staff at MCCM was "thrilled" when they learned of our program and were asked to suggest families whose children would particularly benefit.

Melanie Mason will be directing the Christmas gift program for the Mission Committee.

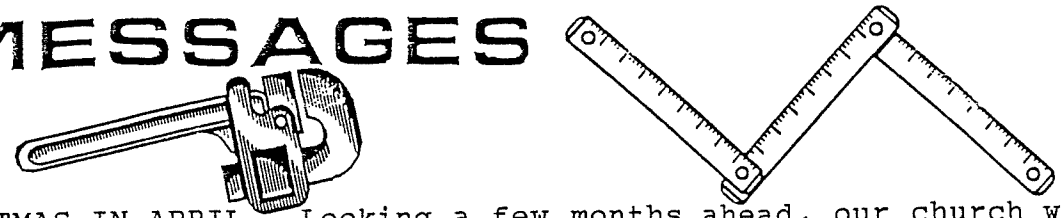
Names and ages of children, and suggested gifts, will be made available at the Williamsburg Breakfast, December 8. At the Birthday Party for Jesus the following Sunday, December 15, everyone who has taken the name of a child will be asked to bring gifts forward and place them under our tree. Please note that this year because of the church calendar there will be ONLY ONE WEEK in which to obtain gifts between the Williamsburg Breakfast and the Birthday Party for Jesus.

Gifts will be distributed to the children by the Mission Committee during the week before Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring some extra warmth to Christmas for children who are in need.



SHARING

MESSAGES



CHRISTMAS IN APRIL. Looking a few months ahead, our church will participate next spring in the Christmas in April program in Montgomery County. Under this program, organized by the Bethesda Presbyterian Church and the Rotary Club, teams of volunteers work on the last Saturday in April at household repairs or simple construction on homes of needy families or elderly shut-ins. We have given both personnel and financial support to this program in the past.



Pastor Allen Timm of Bethesda Presbyterian would like to have names of families who would benefit from this program by December 15 of this year. If any names occur to you, please contact Pastor Timm directly at 301-986-1137, or get in touch with Jim Reichley, Mission Committee chairman. We will be asking for volunteers to form a team prepared to work on simple repair tasks early next year.



BUDGET CRUNCH. Our church's budget crunch for the current fiscal year has hit our mission program particularly hard. We have been forced to hold back on funds we had planned to give for soup kitchens and shelters for the homeless in Montgomery County, for our local drug rehabilitation program, for the soup kitchen we help support in downtown Washington, and for foreign missions.

We hope that contributions by our members during December will be sufficient so that we can carry through on support for at least some of these programs.



SPECIAL THANKS TO CREATOR/EDITOR CALVIN REID FOR HIS EFFORTS ON THE ADVENT BOOKLET WHICH YOU WILL RECEIVE. AND THANKS ALSO TO LISA MCMAHON FOR ENCOURAGING THE ARTISTRY FROM OUR ENRICHMENT HOUR CHILDREN FOR THIS PUBLICATION.