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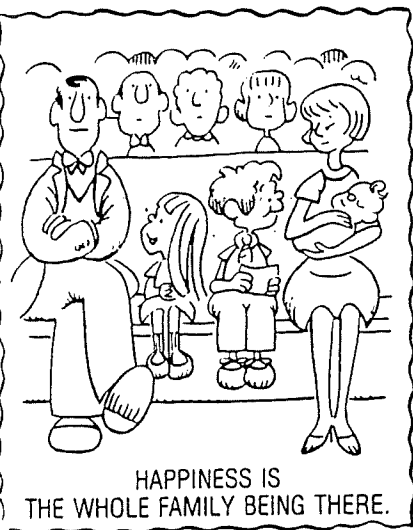


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KERRY on...

The Psalmist wrote, "Be still and know that I am God". It sometimes seems that we have very little time to be still. Our schedules are crammed with many good things, and we have long "to do lists" awaiting our attention. Even Christmas often seems overwhelming rather than peaceful and quiet.

The Post had an intriguing article last week entitled "Living in a Lower Gear: Downshifting: Redefining Success in the 90's". "Downshifting", it seems, is a new term used to describe professionals who are setting career limits in order to devote more time and creative energy to their families, communities and personal needs rather than to allow their careers to ride roughshod over their lives. As someone said, no one ever said on his death bed, "Gee, if I'd only spent more time at the office."

I believe that God is inviting us to slow down, carve out some quiet moments, and listen for that "still small voice". In so doing, we will open ourselves to spiritual and personal growth, and provide opportunities to be more in touch with the people we love and care about. My hope for all of us in this new year is that we will allow the advice of the Psalmist to become more a part of our lives.

Kerry

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

It's a new year - time to think about where our faith has led us thus far. It's also a time to think about how we can open ourselves to new experiences and God's work in our lives. I'd like to share with you the opening and closing verses of Psalm 35 - rewritten in contemporary language in a book called Psalms Now by Leslie Brandt. I think it speaks to how we often feel in the winter of our lives.

It is not easy, Lord, to follow after You.
While You take the hard road with joyous leaps and bounds,
I stumble over every stone and slip into every rut.
You calmly weather each storm and walk fearlessly through
the night.
I am buffeted by the winds, and I falter in the darkness.

Yet I must continue to follow You, O Lord.
It is a hard path to walk, and I will falter at times.
I long intensely for an occasional oasis along this journey
through wind and sand.
I need desperately Your touch of joy and enrichment as I
labor amidst the blood and tears of this distorted world.
I am empty, Lord, enable me to sense Your fullness, and
grant me the grace and the courage to be faithful as Your
child and servant.

May 1992 be a truly "new" year full of blessings and enrichment.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

SUNDAY NITE LIVE! for both Middle School and Senior Highs begins again on January 5. Both groups will meet at the church from 5:30-7:30 pm each Sunday evening. Come on January 5 ready to plan activities for this great "new" year. Also, mark your calendars for the all-day ski trip to SKI ROUNDTOP in Pennsylvania, for Sunday, February 9. This will be a joint Middle School/Senior High trip, leaving church at 6:30 am and returning about 9:00 pm. Watch your mail for more information!

IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL PARENTS OF SENIOR HIGHS - Sunday, January 12 at 7:30 pm at Diane and Lou Chapin's house, 10820 Admirals Way. Your support is vital to Senior High Ministry at PPC. If you are unable to attend, please call Diane at 983-1688.



COMMUNION PREPARATION: IF YOU WOULD LIKE A REWARDING JOB, AND ONLY ONCE A YEAR!, JOIN THE COMMUNION PREPARATION GROUP OF DEVOTED PEOPLE. IF WILLING, PLEASE CALL RUTH LINCOLN AT 340-0760.

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE AND ISSUES CLASS - "CRITICAL ISSUES IN ADULT LIVING"
LIBRARY 9:45 a.m.

- January 5 "Post-Holiday Blues". PPC member and psychologist Judy Forgotson will lead us on the subject of seasonal depression.
- January 12 "Conflict/Conciliation" led by Marsha Blakeway, member at Arlington Presbyterian Church.
- January 19 Father Gregory D. M. Maletta of All Saints Episcopal in Chevy Chase will speak to us on the subject: "The Aging Process - Coping or Celebrating?"
- January 26 "Living Wills" led by PPC member Elsie Reid, attorney-at-law.

SECOND SUNDAY will meet with ISSUES CLASS this month. Marsha Blakeway's class will cover "family conflict" as one of her topics.

A SPECIAL THANKS to JIM SPIVEY who is retiring as chair of the Adult Education Committee. We appreciate all his hard work over the past two years. We welcome Betty Yadlosky as the new chair. If you would like to be involved in planning education for adults at PPC, please call Betty at 469-8417. We need your input!



FLOWER CHART

Our new Flower Chart for 1992 is available now on the bulletin board outside the main office. Please sign up!

ALL IN THE FAMILY

REMEMBERED IN OUR PRAYERS:

Kenneth Kent and family on the death of his father; Bob Hazard and family on the death of his father; Victor Minton and family on the death of his wife; Ralph Hall and Tom Boogaard hospitalized; Sarah Lincoln Pagley recovering from surgery.

BAPTIZED:

Brian Vendette, son of Carrie and Ben, grandson of Bob and Phyllis Bartlett.

IN SESSION

IN SESSION on December 16th, Elders approved the position description for the part-time opening of Director of Music/Organist...reviewed briefly a number of new and expanded 1991 programs including "Dine with Nine", the Farmers Market, greatly enhanced Christmas giving to 22 families, and Project Share...noted the January 20th meeting will be devoted to goal setting...approved the first Sunday in February as Blanket Sunday.

MISSION

MESSAGES

DINE WITH NINE

FARMERS MARKET ?

CHRISTMAS GIVING. Our congregation responded splendidly to our appeal for toys and food baskets for needy families in the Montgomery County community.

Names of children and families were given out at the annual Williamsburg Breakfast and gifts were placed under our church Christmas tree the following Sunday at the Birthday Party for Jesus.

During the week before Christmas we distributed 22 food baskets and toys for 52 children whose names were provided by Montgomery County Community Ministry and the Montgomery County Welfare Service. This is more than triple what we were able to do last year! Among those delivering gifts to families were: Bill and Pat King, Bob and Ginny Crozier, George and Wilma Boddiger, Lew and Alice Smith, Bob and Kathy McMahon, Jim and Kay McClaine, Calvin and Elsie Reid, Scott and Melanie Mason, Jim and Mary Reichley and Harold and Doris Durfee. Melanie Mason directed the entire project for the Mission Committee.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who shared some of their Christmas with those financially less well off.

BAZAAR MANNA. The Christmas Bazaar provided \$1000 for the work of the Mission Committee which enabled us to fill several needs that would otherwise have gone unmet. Mission funds from the Bazaar were distributed as follows:

- \$250 to the Rainbow Place shelter for the homeless in Rockville.
- \$250 to Montgomery County Community Ministry for emergency aid.
- \$250 to the hospital in Karachi, Pakistan, that we help support as a foreign mission.
- \$250 for special Christmas mission projects in our local community.

BLANKETS FROM BLANKET SUNDAY. Last February on Blanket Sunday members of our church gave \$1,105 to help pay for blankets to be distributed to the poor and needy in all parts of the world.

During the winter some of the blankets purchased through proceeds from Blanket Sunday went for emergency relief among the Kurds and in Bangladesh.

On October 29, Church World Service distributed 20,000 blankets from Blanket Sunday to approximately 50 shelters for the homeless in the Washington area. Blankets we paid for on Blanket Sunday are being used now by homeless or underprivileged children and adults in Washington and our own community.

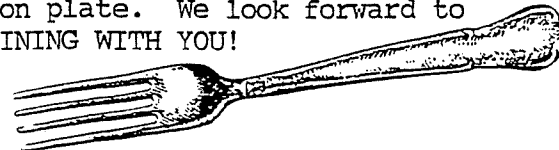
It is time again to sign up for DINE WITH NINE! New groups will form and begin meeting for dinner in February. This means we need your names as early in January as possible.

This evening out in one another's homes has come to mean a great to many of us.

We meet for dinner once/month, four times. Each member or couple takes a turn as host providing the main dish. Others bring an appetizer or salad or dessert so hosting is not a chore. There is only the joy of becoming better acquainted with other PPC members.

One of the first groups has just had a reunion dinner and another has compiled a cook book. Several participants have indicated how very much they appreciate the opportunity to become acquainted with fellow members. If you are one of our many new members perhaps you will help us to know you by joining DINE WITH NINE.

We do call this DINE WITH NINE; this means we hope to get to know single members as well as couples. Men and women, please consider joining us; just give us your names. Call Donna Mecklenburg h-330-9409, o-299-2500 or Marilyn Young h-294-3115. Or, sign up on Sunday by completing and tearing off the bottom of the bulletin insert and placing it in the collection plate. We look forward to DINING WITH YOU!



The Outreach Committee wants your input: how did you like having the Farmers Market at PPC over the summer? Suggestions? Comments? Please jot down ideas on forms found in the Sunday bulletin or contact Molly Newell Singerling (h)703-780-7554; (w)202-225-5034.



GENEOLOGY WORKSHOP

May we launch you on an exciting adventure in family history? The resources available to residents of the Washington area make it the best place in the country to work on your family history.

An introductory session to geneological techniques will be held in the PPC Library at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 25.

Field trips to the Mormon Library, the National Archives and other resource centers will follow for those with a continuing interest.

We have enthusiasm and experience to share. Everyone is welcome! For further information call Kathy McMahon at 762-2076.

January 1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			NEW YEAR'S DAY <u>OFFICE CLOSED</u>	12:00 AA-Library		
9:45 S.S./Adult Ed. 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 5:30 SNL	6:30 Miriams Kitchen 8:00 Fellowship	9:30 "Christian Living" in Parlor 1-6 Lord's Table	9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingswood	9-2:30-NCP Ed. - FH 9 12:00 AA-Library 1:30 Tea/Needlework 7:00 Session Dinner- Library Bell Choir 8:00 Sanctuary Choir MD Orni. Soc.- F.H.		8:30-3:30 Deacon's Retreat- Claggett Center
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9:45 S.S./Adult Ed. 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship 5:30 SNL	NO DEACONS MTG.	10:00 Presbytery @ National Presbyterian	9:30 Bible Study	9:30-3 - F.H. Educators Meet 12:00 AA-Library 7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanctuary Choir		



in February

sity of the problem.

Many people are unaware that hunger is a serious problem in Montgomery County. Every month thousands seek emergency assistance from private agencies. By County estimates there are 78,000 people who are struggling to feed their families. The number of requests for assistance has increased more than sixfold in the past ten years. Not only have the numbers increased but so has the complexity and inten-

You can help by supporting THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY (TGIF). On February 25, sharing restaurants will donate 10% of their proceeds to the Montgomery County Hunger Relief Fund. This fund will be distributed to non-profit organizations that serve meals to those in need. By going out to a neighborhood restaurant, you can have an enjoyable evening and help those who need assistance to feed their families. Many of us have a great deal to be thankful for and TGIF is a wonderful way to share with others.

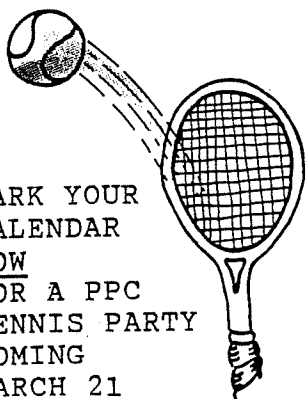
PLEASE HELP OTHERS BY DINING OUT ON FEBRUARY 25.

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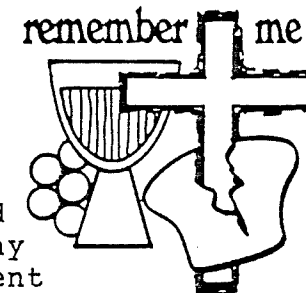
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KERRY on...

I want to invite you to share in our Communion Services this year. Please include these dates on your calendars.

February 2
March 8 - First Sunday in Lent
April 16 - Maundy Thursday
May 3
June 7 - Pentecost
July 19
September 6 - Labor Day Weekend
October 4 - World Communion Sunday
November 29 - First Sunday in Advent
December 24 - Christmas Eve, two services



A PRAYER AT COMMUNION by Pastor Stoltzfus

Lord, we come to your Table to remember that you suffered and died for us. To be reminded of the depth of your love for all the world and to rededicate ourselves to live in the light of your sacrifice. Each time we see a cross, Lord, we remember and now at this Table we ask your forgiveness. May we be new creations in your name.

Lord, we break bread and you make us signs of the unity we have in you. And here we see you face to face and recognize you among us. Amid all the distractions in our world, at your Table we meet you and go out strengthened and renewed to serve you more faithfully.

Lord, we come to the Table for Holy Communion - and here we are united with everyone who trusts in you. Christians who eat

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C.E. BAILEY-WICK

February is a strange month - cold, blustery, often snowy - yet also giving us signs of Spring. An occasional warm and sunny day, lengthening days - all foretell Spring will return. As I sit at my computer, my mind goes over the signs of new life at PPC. We have new CE people - Betty Yadlosky takes over the helm in Adult Education. Betty is a faithful attender both on Sundays and at Women's Bible Study; we look forward to her leadership - and we thank Jim Spivey for his work the past two years.

We also have a new CE Elder - Anne Bavier. Jon Hawley has moved to the Finance committee. We thank him for his work with Adults and in the Library. Diane Chapin will oversee the Adult Education area of CE; Anne will work with children/youth. I worked with Anne at my past church and am still learning about what a good educator she is personally. She will bring new vitality to our already exciting and growing program here.

With all the creative minds working in CE there are also signs of new ideas beginning to burst forth. A Youth Design Team is forming - a group of adults and teens who will help plan and oversee the Youth Ministry program. We still need interested parents/other adults who would be part of this much-needed team. We promise we won't meet too often or work you too hard! Also in the formative stages is a set of evening workshops for parents of young children worrying about getting ready for the 21st Century and all it may bring. If you are interested in helping plan this series, please talk to me as soon as possible.

Personally, I will be working for the next few months on an examination which will complete my Certification as a Christian Educator in the Presbyterian Church. This is an important step for me professionally and there is much hard work ahead. I ask for your prayers as I mix this task in with my work here. I also hope that you will consider some new way you can involve yourself in the life of your church. There is excitement in the air as we experience these new programs mingled in with the established ones, and we always need and want you to be involved. Feel free to talk with Diane, Anne or myself about how your talents can best be used.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a NEW song, God's praise in the assembly of the faithful! - Psalm 149:1

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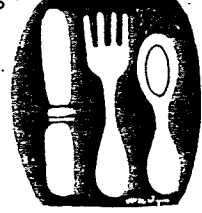
SUNDAY NITE LIVE!
MIDDLE SCHOOL
5:30-7:30

SENIOR HIGHS

February 2 No meeting -
PPC Annual Dinner/Meeting
and Slide Show. Attend
with your family.
9 YOUTH SKI TRIP
TO SKI ROUNDTOP. 6:30 AM-
9:00 PM
16 No meeting -
Clark and Diane out of
town.
23 What's Cooking?
Planning for Parents'
Dinner on March 1.

February 2 Annual PPC
Meeting
9 YOUTH SKI TRIP
16 President's
Weekend Lock-in. Watch
your mail for more infor-
mation!
23 No meeting

Coming in March! Presbytery-
wide Youth Retreat at Camp
Glenkirk, March 13-15. Come
meet other teens from all
over the DC area. Reserva-
tions for this terrific week-
end due February 9. Call
Lindsay Chapin, 983-1688,
for more information.



ROMANTIC OLD-FASHIONED
VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY



FEBRUARY 14 8:00 P.M. AT PPC

Join us for dancing, games, fun, and romance on February 14. When you make your reservation in the narthex after worship, you'll be asked to bring finger foods. Don't miss out on this LOVELY evening.

SAVE CANS

The children's offering and aluminum recycling has netted \$110 through January to buy animals for people all over the world. This self-help project sponsored by Church World Service is very worthwhile and we ask you to encourage your children to bring in their offering and to KEEP RECYCLING THOSE CANS!!

IN SESSION

IN SESSION on January 20, 1992...Elder Tom Cookerly served as facilitator as Elders identified outreach and evangelism as primary goals for the next three years. Session committees will be asked to consider and plan for specific actions which will support these efforts...Elder Gene Sharer was elected President of the Board of Trustees.

MISSION

MESSAGES

ADULT EDUCATION

MISSION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

You are invited to become a member of one of the most important committees of the church - the Mission Committee. Any member of the church is eligible to join and participate in planning the activities which range from events such as Blanket Sunday (February 2), SHARE program (which provides food at reduced cost to needy families), support of the Karachi, Pakistan Hospital where our former members, Jack and Nancy Bryant, are stationed, as well as local hunger relief service at the Lord's Table, and participation in Thanksgiving in February (where restaurants give a portion of their receipts on February 25 to Montgomery County Hunger Relief.)

Participation in the planning and execution of the Mission Committee projects is a satisfying experience. The Committee would like as many members as possible to join it and gain the good feeling of knowing that you have helped someone in need - as well as to spread the Gospel throughout the world.

Anyone interested in joining the Mission Committee, please leave your name at the church office or talk to Elder George Boddiger or Elder Jim McClaine.



REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Ralph Hall and Walter Maxwell at home; George Adrouny recovering from surgery.

The Boogaard family in Tom's death in mid-January.



TEA AND HANDWORK

COME! JOIN US IN '92.
WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

FEBRUARY 13 and 27
MARCH 12 and 26

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS
1:30-3:30



BLANKET SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

We will again participate in the Church World Service Blanket Program. A \$5.00 gift will purchase a blanket for warmth and shelter from cold, wind and rain for homeless children and their families and disaster victims all over the world.

Won't you support this effort with your gifts and love?

Last year contributions set a new record for which we received an award certificate.

The Bible/Issues Class for the month of February will be led by Tom Miles. This four-week course will be titled "Galatians: Gospel of the Reformation." Spend this wintery month learning more about this important epistle of Paul.

Second Sunday will meet on February 12 in a corner of Fellowship Hall. Led by Karen and Bill King, we will cover a topic of interest to parents. Come for coffee and good discussion.

Inquirer's Class, a class for those considering membership at PPC, will also be held the four Sundays of February in the Parlor. This class is led by Pastor Stoltzfus.

COMING SOON!! The Berger Lecture Series will be held the weekend of March 14-15. Our guest lecturer this year will be H. Price Gwynn, former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, USA; and prominent businessman. Mark your calendars for this important weekend in the life of your church.

Ongoing Weekday Opportunities

Women's Bible Study - meets every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30, in the library. Led by the Pastor.

Christian Living - a class for women interested in exploring their own particular faith journey in the world today. Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the Parlor. Led by Bev Bailey. Nursery provided.

Fourth Friday - a lunch/study group which meets the 4th Friday of each month at a restaurant downtown. Call the church office for reservations, or Jon Hawley, 424-7628, for more information.

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

the bread and drink the cup today - refugees and rulers, rich and poor, young and old. Make us mindful of your children wherever they are this day even as we give thanks for our loved ones who are no longer with us, yet are one with us in the communion of saints.

And, Lord, we come to give thanks. For all we are and all we have we truly express our heartfelt gratitude. Make us ever grateful and willing to share and be generous. May we eat and drink now in your name and for your sake.

Kerry

February 1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at PPC from June 22-26, 11:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m. Plans are underway for a week which includes crafts, music, recreation and adventure - all based around the theme of Bible stories and activities. Classes will be offered for pre-school (must be 4 years old in 1992) through 5th grade at \$15 per child. Friends in the community are also most certainly welcomed. We need help for the following positions: teachers, classroom helpers (YOUTH - THAT MEANS YOU!), recreation, crafts, drama, and especially for a co-chair in this great week. If you would like to join in this outstanding experience for our children, or have questions, please call Jane Ashbaugh at 840-0456.

GREAT PLANS



SENIOR HIGHS! Mark your calendars for our annual trek to Montreat, North Carolina, for the Presbyterian Youth Conference. The dates are July 26-August 1. We will again stay in Montreat-Anderson Dorm and the theme this year is "With Ears That See: Experiencing the Familiar in a New Way." Cost per person is \$345; PPC will be glad to help out with a scholarship to defray some of the costs. Please contact Bev Bailey to indicate your interest and watch your mail for more information.

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KERRY on...

The Session has committed itself to OUTREACH and a specific goal of 50 members in net growth over the next three years. The history of our congregation is one of continual turnover. In the last five years we have received 210 new members, but we have lost 188 members.

My perception is that if you ask the vast majority of active members they will tell you they are very pleased with their experience in our congregation. It is also my belief that all of us could do a great deal more in inviting friends, family members, and neighbors to join our circle of faith.

"The Church is a fellowship of believers which seeks the enlargement of the circle of faith to include all people, and is never content to enjoy the benefits of Christian community for itself alone."*

Quite honestly, I am not interested in or committed to institutional survival and I do not believe that it is the goal of OUTREACH. Rather, in grateful response to God's love in Jesus Christ, you and I can do no less than share the Good News with others.

If you have discovered God's love and the fellowship of God's people in this congregation, I invite you to share that discovery with someone who may come and enlarge the circle of faith. May the Spirit of God be with us.

*General Assembly, 1991, Presbyterian Church, USA

Kerry

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

In the next few weeks, the CE Committee will be organizing a Youth Ministry Design Team, a group of adults and teens who will plan and execute the Youth Ministry program here at PPC. This is the program for young people 12-18. Those 11 and younger would be called Children's Ministry. The adults on this team would be composed of parents, teachers, youth advisors, myself and any other adult who is interested in the future of our wonderful young people. But we really need you. Why is it that so often a church really wants to see an active and effective youth ministry program, but no one really wants to be involved? I'd like to share with you a portion of an article from Church Teachers magazine, entitled "Personhood: Youth Ministry's Challenge".

Youth need an older "Guarantor", someone who cares about them, who, if the occasion arises, will vouch for and support them. Guarantors model both faith and wisdom from their expanded experience. Each young person will be dealing in an individual way with three primary issues: relationship with others, relationship with self, and relationship with God.

Young people are learning how to enter trusting relationships with other people. They are learning, often with aching hearts, how to relate with persons of the opposite sex. They are learning skills in dependability, and they are testing dependability. They are learning about justice and injustice, about humanity's frequent inhumanity.

Each young person is also learning how to be an individual. They are learning how to be male or female, how to be responsible, and how to make decisions based on their personal value system. That means they will almost certainly be judgmental about themselves as well as about others. They are struggling to become, often in the face of tremendous odds.

Finally, young persons are learning how to move from a kind of "handed down" or "second hand" faith to a personal faith that belongs uniquely to them. It is this process that can be helped by Guarantors, older, trusting persons who can model faith without demanding conformity.

We need many of you to help with our youth. We need "Guarantors" as teachers of Sunday School, Advisors to our Sunday Nite Live!! Program, as planners on the Design Team. We'll find a way to use your talents,

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RECOGNIZED

"ORGANIZING MEMBERS" RECOGNIZED

The following members who joined PPC during the ministry of Dr. James Leitch, our organizing pastor, were recognized at the Annual Congregational meeting on February 9:

Jack Dart
Janet and Bill Harrison
Shirley and Bob Tietjen
Patty and Randy Dunnavant
Tony Ferrara
Ralph Hall
Compton Jones
Kathy and Bob McMahon
Miriam and Fred Sass
Ginny and Rudy Savage
Alice and Lew Smith

We are grateful for their continuing ministry at PPC.

RECOGNITION OF OUT-GOING CHURCH OFFICERS

Dr. Stoltzfus presented personalized certificates of appreciation to officers in the class of 1991:

Deacons: Bob Hazard
Jane Jordan
Bob King
Wanda Sherfy
Elders: Barbara Perry
Jim Reichley
Delbert Smith
Tom Cookerly

SUNDAY SNOW SCHEDULE

In the event of snow, Sunday School and Worship will be held as scheduled. Please use your own judgment as to whether you will attend. Teachers, please call the church office if you will NOT be here.



Mission

This year's BLANKET SUNDAY continued in grand style the success of this special event. There were 283 blankets bought for \$1,415 at the latest count. This compares with 124 blankets in 1990 for \$620 and 181 for \$905 last year, or a 56% increase over 1991. The Mission Committee thanks everyone who contributed to this worthwhile effort to give a bit of comfort to needy people in this area and around the world.



**ALL
IN THE
FAMILY**

ENGAGED:

Jennifer Gimer and Robert Hays.

Laura Leber and Tim Cleary

CONGRATULATIONS:

Ralph and Pat Hall on their 43rd wedding anniversary mid-February

John Randolph Sullivan who recently received his B.A. in international studies from Frostburg State U.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Ann Hazard and her mother on the death of Ann's step-father

Ralph Hall at home

RUMMAGE?

Dear Editor:

I've started cleaning out some closets these early spring days and I notice we also have some "unwants" in our basement and garage. Is PPC having a rummage sale this year?

Hopefully,
A PPC Member

Dear Hopeful PPC Member:

Good for you - starting to clean out all those extras so early! Yes, indeed, the church will be holding its annual RUMMAGE SALE in the late spring. We'll be happy to have your donations of clothing, books, shoes, games, appliances, brick-a-brack, rugs, furniture - whatever. Watch the bulletins and coming newsletters for details. And, please plan to help out during the set-up days, too.

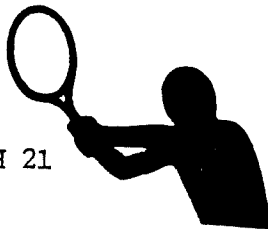
Your donations to the rummage sale help so many in different ways. It cleans your house! It provides low-cost shopping for the needy! The profits are used for mission work! The leftovers are donated to worthy organizations! And it provides fun and fellowship for church members! See you there!

Thankfully,
Rummage Sale Chair via
Newsletter Editor

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THANKS YOU HAVE BEEN RECEIVED  
FROM: The Board of Directors of  
The Lord's Table for a \$300  
donation; Betty Briscoe at  
Rainbow Place for a \$250 dona-  
tion; Scotland AME Zion Church  
for a \$50 donation.  
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SIGN UP NOW FOR THE

TENNIS PARTY
SATURDAY, MARCH 21
8:00-12:00



PLEASE SIGN UP AFTER WORSHIP
OR CALL JON OR PEGGY 424-7628

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR THE

6TH ANNUAL MOTHER/DAUGHTER
BANQUET
FRIDAY, MAY 15

DON'T MISS THIS SOLD OUT
EVENT!

"30 SOMETHINGS"

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE IS IN THE
PROCESS OF CONTACTING OUR
YOUNG ADULTS TO GENERATE NEW
IDEAS OR ACTIVITIES. PLEASE
BE THINKING.

TEA AND HANDWORK

March 12 and 26
April 9
1:30-3:30 Thursdays



Fit us into your busy schedule!
Take the time to relax and chat
with friends. Everyone welcome!

FREDERICK E. BERGER LECTURE

March 15, 1992

11:00 a.m. Worship and Sermon

4:00 p.m. Lecture, Questions, Reception

Price Henderson Gwynn, III, Moderator of the 202nd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will give the Berger 1992 Lecture. Mr. Gwynn was educated at the Mount Hermon School and Davidson College. He has been active at all levels of the church, serving as Deacon, Elder, Presbytery Moderator and culminating in his election as Moderator of the General Assembly in 1990.

He has served a distinguished business career including Vice President and Director of Lance, Inc. retiring in January, 1990. During the moderatorial year, Mr. Gwynn proved to be an outstanding spokesman for our denomination and an insightful and sensitive listener to the concerns of the persons in our Presbyterian Congregations. He has an inspiring vision of what the Presbyterian Church can become as we approach the twenty-first century.

His Pastor, Lewis Bledsoe, at the Steele Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina, said of Mr. Gwynn, "he is a man of keen wit, vigorous spirit, considerable talents, vibrant faith and courageous yet humble countenance." Someone else said, "Mr. Gwynn makes one feel proud to be a Presbyterian, even as he articulates the problems and challenges we face.

We are most pleased to welcome Price Gwynn to Potomac Presbyterian Church for the Frederick E. Berger Lecture.

The second Frederick E. Berger Memorial Lecture is presented by Potomac Presbyterian Church in memory of Fred who joined our congregation in early 1985, and died in 1988 after a long and gallant battle with cancer. Fred was committed to adult education--and especially the study of contemporary issues from a theological perspective.

ABOUT \$\$\$

At its February meeting, the Stewardship and Finance Committee decided to provide PPC members with regular reports on the status of the church's finances. It is our plan to make this a regular item, not to ask for money, but to keep you informed throughout the year. We hope you find these articles informative and interesting. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Gene Sharer, Committee Chair, or any committee member.

The budget for 1992 totals \$343,375.25. Congregational pledges of \$295,000 are the main source of income. To this we add income from other sources: gifts from members, fees for building use by outside groups, interest, and offerings from visitors.

The primary use of these funds is for three functions: Worship (about 30%), Education (about 20%), and Mission (just over 10% of the total). The balance is used for other necessities such as heat, light, telephone, and other administrative services needed to operate the church.

In future stories we will provide more details of the results we have been able to achieve through our stewardship of God's blessings.



NURSERY AIDE NEEDED

Beginning the first of April, we will be without a nursery aide. Joan Rasmussen will be leaving us after several months of wonderful care of our infants. She will be missed by the children and the grateful parents.

If anyone in the congregation knows of a person who would be interested in the job, please notify Bev Bailey. The salary is \$15.00 each time and the hours are 10:45 a.m. until 12:15.

IN SESSION

IN SESSION on February 17...Elders welcomed the Rev. Messrs. "Skip" Hansen and George Pike making a presentation on behalf of the PC (USA) Bicentennial Fund, and deferred action to allow for further study by the Mission and finance Committees ...received committee reports which included a number of suggestions for specific outreach planning... noted that PPC's history for 1991 has been completed by Lynn Bigler and mailed to the archives in Montreal, N.C....voted to encourage rotating commissioners to National Capital Presbytery meetings; any Elder is eligible for election as a commissioner and the Clerk would be pleased to know of anyone interested in representing PPC as a Commissioner.

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE AND ISSUES CLASS (Meets in the Library)

- March 1 Bill King and other PPC members will lead a discussion, "How can we be faithful during the Lenten Season?" with a focus on the Lenten booklet written by Tom Miles.
- 8 Kerry Stoltzfus will present "Atonement - Four Historical Views"
- 15 John Clouse, Outreach Committee Elder, will lead discussion on "Future Views of PPC". H. Price Gwynn, businessman and former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, USA will participate in the discussion.
- 22 Forest Eagleson will talk about Medical Mission Benevolence - sponsored by the Mission Committee
- 29 Rufus Lusk III, businessman and ordained UCC minister, will lead us in a three-week Biblical discussion on the events leading up to Easter.
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SECOND SUNDAY March 8 (Meets in Youth Resource Room)

Bill and Karen King led this discussion group for parents in topics concerning faith and families. Come for coffee and topical issues.

MARCH 15

THE BERGER LECTURE SERIES presents H. PRICE GWYNN
4:00 in the Sanctuary; Reception Following

Betty Yadlosky, new Chair of the Adult Education Committee, invites all of you who might be interested to attend the next meeting on March 8 immediately following worship. We will be setting goals and planning for the 1992-93 Church year. We would appreciate your input as we strive to provide interesting and timely issues in the faith.

BAILLEY-WICK (continued from p. 2)

if you'll give our youth a chance to know you. Working with these young people can be a most rewarding opportunity - if you give it time and effort. Please consider carefully this request and talk to me about your willingness to help in some way.

"Adults who minister with youth do not need degrees in the behavioral sciences. The people we remember who had significant impact in our own lives were primarily people who cared about us." Please show in a tangible way that you care about PPC youth. Join the Youth Design Team.

Shalom,

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

- March 1 "We Love You, Parents!!" dinner and program. Please RSVP to Diane Kendall, 774-4730
- 8 Activity Night
- 15 Mission Night
- 22 "Exploring Relationships" with special guest Barbara Jaquette, MCPS Family Living Teacher and Presbyterian. Very Important Meeting!!!
- 29 Planning meeting for . . . The Beach Trip!

Coming Soon!! Mark your calendars now for April 3-5 for the great Middle School Spring Retreat!! Leave church Friday afternoon and returning Sunday afternoon. Watch your mail for details.



SENIOR HIGHS

SUNDAY NITE LIVE!!

- March 1 "Conversation with a Montgomery County Cop". Come meet Police Officer David Sharer, son of members Gene and Wilma Sharer. Talk with him about issues of importance to teens. Bring \$3.00 for pizza. Meet in Youth Lounge.
- 13-15 National Capital Presbytery's Senior High Retreat at Camp Glenkirk. Friday, 6:00 p.m. - Sunday, 1:00 p.m. Call Bev with questions.
- 29 YOUTH SUNDAY!! Let's make this year's Youth Sunday the best ever. Bev Bailey will lead you in planning each week in March during Sunday School. Make this a priority to worship in a way especially meaningful to you.

THE SENIOR HIGHS WOULD LIKE TO SAY A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO PEGGY HAWLEY FOR HELPING THEM TO CREATE THE GREAT NEW MURAL ON THE WALLS IN THE NEW YOUTH LOUNGE. WE LOVE YOU, MRS. HAWLEY!!

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE, Montreat, North Carolina July 26-August 1

Mark your calendars and watch for information. We've reserved spaces for six Senior Highs, so get your reservations in early. Only the first six to register can go this year. A great week with 1000 teens from all over the US!

Home Communion



During Lent there will be communion services held in the homes of deacons. Your deacon will call you and invite you to the service scheduled for his or her parish group. If you cannot attend with your group, you are welcome to attend any one of the other services. The schedule is as follows:

- Wed. 3/4 Bettie Ann Johnson* and Barry Barthelman
12301 Rivers Edge Drive (963-5847)
- Wed. 3/11 Margie Bedingfield* and Nettie Propps
8217 Buckspark Lane, West (299-4801)
- Wed. 3/18 Jane Ashbaugh* and Phyllis Watson
13900 Turkey Foot Road (840-0456)
- Sun. 3/22 Melanie Mason* and Charlie Brooks
9730 Beman Woods Way (365-1115)
- Mon. 3/30 Charlene Brumbaugh* and Bob King
9124 Falls Chapel Way (340-0781)
- Mon. 4/6 Kenneth Kent* and Alyce Tamzarian
10405 Bridle Lane (983-5303)

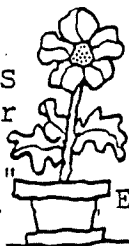
* Home Host Time: 8:00 p.m.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>9:45 SS/Adult Education Session Meets with New Members</p> <p>11:00 Worship/Recognition of New Members</p> <p>12:00 Fellowship Hour</p> <p>5:30 SNL</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30 Miriam's Kitchen</p> <p>8:00 Outreach Comm. Fellowship Comm.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>1-6 Lord's Table</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>8:00 Home Communion at Bettie Ann Johnson's</p>	<p>5</p> <p>12:00 AA</p> <p>7:00 Bell Choir</p> <p>8:00 Sanc. Choir</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:45-3:15 Lay School of Theology</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:45 SS/Adult Education Second Sunday class</p> <p>11:00 Worship/Communion</p> <p>12:00 Fellowship Hour</p> <p>12:15 Adult Education Comm.</p> <p>5:30 SNL (MS <u>only</u>)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 Committees</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:30 "Christian Living" class</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p> <p>2:45 Collingswood</p> <p>8:00 Home Communion at Margie Bedingfield's</p>	<p>12</p> <p>12:00 AA</p> <p>1:30 Tea/Needlework</p> <p>7:00 Bell Choir</p> <p>8:00 Sanc. Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:00 Sr. Hi. National Capital Presbyter Retreat at Camp Glenkirk</p>	<p>14</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>9:45 SS/Adult Education</p> <p>11:00 Worship</p> <p>12:00 Fellowship Hour</p> <p>3:45 Worship @ Manor Care</p> <p>5:30 SNL (MS <u>only</u>)</p> <p>8:00 Home Communion at Melanie Mason's</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:30 Deacons</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:30 "Christian Living" class</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:00 AA</p> <p>1:30 Tea/Needlework</p> <p>7:00 Bell Choir</p> <p>8:00 Sanc. Choir</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 Downtown Lunch Group</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:45 SS/Adult Education</p> <p>11:00 Worship/YOUTH SUNDAY</p> <p>12:00 Fellowship Hour</p> <p>5:30 SNL</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00 Home Communion at Charlene Brumbaugh's</p>	<p>31</p>				

EASTER FLOWERS

FLOWERS



Egg Hunt

EASTER AND CHILDREN

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS are invited. If you wish to sponsor a memorial, send your check to the PPC office marked: "In Memory Of..." "Contributed By...". Names of contributors/loved ones will appear in the Easter bulletin.

Two events occur in April which involve the children of the church. The first occurs at worship on Palm Sunday, April 12, during worship. The children participate in the Procession of the Palms and will be singing in church. Then on Easter, April 19, all children ages 2-8 are invited to an old-fashioned Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt takes place at 10:15 between the two worship services and the children should bring an Easter basket and meet in Room 5 downstairs. Our Middle School and Senior High classes sponsor this happy event.

Last year's support was overwhelmingly generous. In addition to the beautiful flowers and plants in the Sanctuary on Easter morning, the surplus donations enabled the Worship Committee, on behalf of the contributors, to purchase a silver bowl for Sanctuary use and to install a literature rack in the Narthex. This year CMMC has been designated to receive any surplus funds.

Thank you sincerely for your continuing support of this project.

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



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APRIL, 1992

KERRY on... Life in Our Congregation

We will miss our dear friend, Ralph Hall, and we give thanks for his life. Literally thousands of people were welcomed to worship at PPC by Ralph with a warm smile and a firm handshake. Our tribute to him will be to continue that same warm welcome to all who enter the doors of the church.

Former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) challenged us with a new vision for our denomination during his visit in early March for the Berger Memorial Lecture. Mr. Gwynn has been a special gift to our denomination and we thank God for his leadership.

Home Communion services continue, sponsored by the Deacons, and these gatherings have provided unique opportunities to come to know one another better and share something of our faith journeys.

Our Lenten journey is enriched this year by "A Journey With Yourself", written by Tom Miles, our Parish Associate. This is a wonderful resource for spiritual reflection and preparation for the culmination of the season with the Easter celebration.

The children of the church are exploring the Lenten Journey this year as they learn about some of the symbols of the suffering of Jesus: cross, silver coins, purple drape, crown of thorns, nail, sponge and palms.

We appreciate the ministry of Libby Hargrave, our Interim Organist/ Choir Director.

LENTEN SCHEDULE
SEE PAGE 8

Kerry

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

As I work with the people of PPC, so many good things happen each week - and I never seem to have a chance to share them with you. This month I'd like to give you a glimpse of the "wonderment" that occurs within the confines of this community of faith...

1. I'm working with the Senior Highs planning Youth Sunday (March 29). I ask, "What is the most important 'piece' in a worship service?" The answers are different, but each young person backs up his answer with good theology and even some Biblical knowledge. The excitement over being able to share their ideas with you in a worship service is contagious.
2. Sunday morning an eight-year-old young lady comes up to me at gathering music time and shares with me that she has written an Easter play complete with music. I ask if I could read it and she agrees. It's 18 pages of hard work.
3. A five-year-old boy who has had some trouble not giggling during "A Time for Children" during worship comes up to me with his mother after church on the first Sunday in Lent. He wants to show me what he has made - a cross cut out of yellow paper complete with a purple drape - just like the one in church. He will hang it in his window at home as a reminder.
4. The Vacation Bible School coordinator calls to say she is discouraged at the lack of people who will help, but adds that two of our Senior Highs have offered their time that week.
5. I spend the weekend with our Senior Highs at a Retreat sponsored by the National Capital Presbytery. One of the very capable leaders is our own Lindsay Chapin! She is excited and responsible and helps all of us to have a good time.
6. I attend an Adult Education Committee meeting and listen to them struggle about how to interest more of our adults in this vital program. I sense commitment and real care about this congregation.
7. I attend a home communion and listen to members share stories about their faith. Some are humorous, some poignant...all carry great meaning and help us learn more about each other as we share communion in small groups.

This is your community of faith - Potomac Presbyterian Church. As we explore the meaning of Christ's message this Lenten season, give thanks for the people in this place.

Rev

INQUIRERS SERIES

A three-week INQUIRERS SERIES for those wishing to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and/or interested in PPC membership will be held April 26, May 3 and 10 in the Parlor, 9:45 a.m. After the series has been completed, anyone wishing to unite with the Church will meet with the Session on May 17. For further information, contact Rev. Stoltzfus who conducts the series.

Welcome

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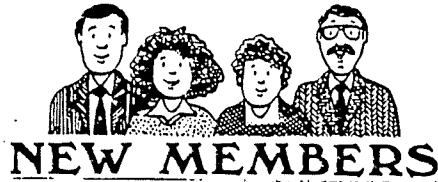
CHRISTINE D. RATKOVICH, 1030 Delf Drive, McLean, VA 22101, 703-356-1622
Christine comes by Baptism and Profession of Faith. She grew up in a military family (Air Force) and has two older brothers. One last transfer took them to Stuttgart, Germany, where her father was head of Intelligence for the European Command. (Her mother is of German descent so this was a very special assignment.) During this time, Christine went to boarding school in the Swiss Alps for her junior year in high school. Eventually she went on to Michigan State U for a BA in Business ('78). Since then, she has worked in the computer data communications industry and is currently working as the Training and Development Manager for U.S.Sprint. Her hobbies include boating and water skiing; she loves art museums and the theatre. Chris will be married to Brett Andrews in June at PPC. Deacon Charlie Brooks.

WILLIAM B. ROHRBAUGH, 14309 Brickhowe Court, Darnestown 20874, 301-926-1961
Bill comes by Profession of Faith. A native Washingtonian, Bill was reared in Bethesda and his family moved to Potomac in 1967. He attended Bullis High School and Otterburn College in Westerville, O ('72). In 1981, he opened a men's clothing store in Potomac. Recently he moved his store, William Austin's Men's Wear, to N. Washington Street in Rockville. Bill and his wife Ann have two children: William Shea, age 5, and Kimberley Ann, age 3½. In his spare time, Bill loves to play golf. Deacon Barry Barthelman.

JOY M. SCHWAN, 10212 Gary Road, Potomac, 301-469-0425
Joy comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was born in Texas and her family was Baptist. Joy is an attorney and is a former Assistant State's Attorney for Montgomery County. Presently, she has her own private law practice specializing in criminal law. Joy has two children: Amber, a junior at UVA and Scott, a freshman at Clemson. Her special interests include tennis, singing and trying (painfully) to learn golf. For quiet times, she relaxes by reading, doing needlework and painting. Deacon Charlie Brooks.



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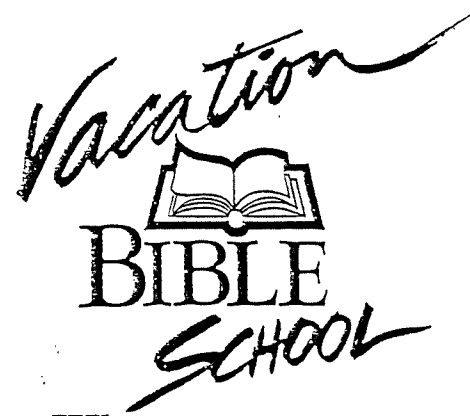
The following new members were received by the Session on Sunday, March 4, 1992. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our Church.

BRETT ANDREWS, 3925 Clare's Court, Fairfax, VA 22033, 703-591-1548
Brett comes by Certificate of Transfer from Springwood PC, Whitsett, NC. He is Vice-President of Sales for Continual Technology Corporation, McLean, VA. Brett grew up in a small community outside Greensboro, NC, called Whitsett. Many in the community were relatives; his mother had four sisters and six brothers and his father had four brothers and five sisters. All but a few still live within a 40-mile radius of Whitsett. Family reunions are now held at the church that his grandfather built. Brett won a football scholarship to East Carolina U. but a knee injury in his junior year ended his hopes for professional football. His degree from ECU is in industrial technology with a concentration in construction management. Brett is to be married in June at PPC to Christine Ratkovich. Deacon Charlie Brooks.

ROBERT H. BEST, JR., 10212 Gary Road, Potomac, 301-469-5458
Bob comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. A native Washingtonian, Bob was raised in Bethesda (BCC '58); graduated from UM, Civil Engineering (BSCE '64) and American U. computer science (MS '74). Thirty years in the computer/data communications industry with CDC, Boeing, GTE, and Ungerman-Bass has been both rewarding and fun for Bob. His activities in this field continue with American Computer Service. He has two children: Bob, a senior at Clemson, and Stacy, a sophomore at Endicott College in Boston. Also in his family is Bob Best, Sr. who lives in Bethesda and joins Bob frequently for church activities at PPC. In his spare time, Bob enjoys golf (anywhere), tennis (mostly doubles - old age setting in), skiing and yard work (in moderate doses). Deacon Charlie Brooks.

ROBERT H. DRUMHELLER, 9001 Potomac Station Lane, Potomac, 301-983-8062
Robert comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. Robert was born in Philadelphia and grew up in Edison, NJ. He received a BA from UPA and his MBAs from UChicago and the University of Leuven, Belgium. Robert lived in Europe for six years, 1 year in Belgium and 5 years in London. Working in international business, he has travelled throughout the world. He is the assistant treasurer of Mobil Oil Corporation and currently working on a company project in Saudi Arabia. The Drumhellers have two children: Byron, age 7, and Chelsea, age 19 months. His special interests and hobbies include reading, swimming, hiking and skiing. Deacon Alyce Tamzarian.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held at PPC from June 22-26, 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "The Bible: God's Call to Hope". The week will include music, drama, art, a field trip, and other adventures. This is an opportunity for your children to spend quality time in their church - not dressed up or hurrying from one place to another; but a time to get to know others and have fun in their place of worship.

Children of the church and community are invited to attend. Classes will be offered for children who will be 4 in 1992 through 5th grade. The cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child in the family. Bring your friends.

We really need help in the following positions: Co-Director, classroom aides (great for teens!), teachers, recreation. Please watch your mail for a letter and registration forms. Questions? Call Director Jane Ashbaugh at 840-0456.

MAKE THIS WEEK A PRIORITY IN THE SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN.

Home Communion

If you have been able to attend a HOME COMMUNION thus far this Lenten season, there are two remaining on the schedule:

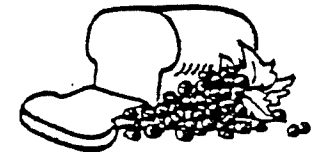
Monday, March 30:

Charlene Brumbaugh (hostess) and Bob King, 9124 Falls Chapel Way 340-0781, 8:00 p.m.

Monday, April 6:

Kenneth Kent (host) and Alyce Tamzarian, 10405 Bridle Lane 983-5303, 8:00 p.m.

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PPC Youth would like a microwave (550 watts or better) for the youth lounge and teacher resource room. If you have an old microwave you'd be interested in donating, please call Diane Chapin, 983-1698.

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE AND ISSUES CLASS - Library

- April 5 - "Lenten Studies in Matthew: Matthew 26 - Betrayal". Part 2 of a 3-part series led by Rufus Lusk III, former UCC minister and current businessman; graduate of Yale Divinity School.
- April 12 - "Lenten Studies in Matthew: Matthew 27 - Suffering". Part 3 of series led by Rufus Lusk III.
- April 19 - EASTER-NO SUNDAY SCHOOL. Two worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
- April 26 - Glynn Mays, Executive Director of Montgomery County's chapter of Habitat for Humanity, will speak to us about their work and history both here and elsewhere.

SECOND SUNDAY

- April 12 - Join Karen and Bill King in the Parlor for Danish and coffee and discussion of current issues in "Parenting in the Faith".

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

A great big THANK YOU to all of our young people for a great YOUTH SUNDAY, March 29. It's always a pleasure to be led in creative worship by all of you.

SUNDAY NITE LIVE!!

Middle School

- April 3-5 SPRING BEACH RETREAT
We'll stay at the Chapin's condominium in Bethany Beach, Delaware. Bring your swimsuits (there's an indoor pool) and clothes for cool weather. We'll go hiking, fishing, and exploring our coastal area. Leave PPC around 5:00 p.m. Friday and return around 5:00 p.m. Sunday. Sign up now for this great trip!
- April 12 Regular meeting 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the church.
- April 19 and 26 - NO MEETING FOR EASTER/SPRING BREAK. See you in May.

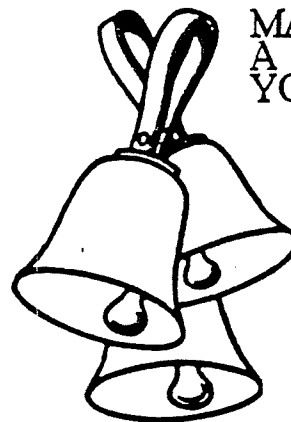
Senior Highs

Watch your mail for a great mission project!! Plans are underway to take a party to Stepping Stones Shelter. Our 3rd grade Sunday School class has made gifts for the children and we'll play games and have food with the residents. Date: April 5 or 12.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

FILL THE WORLD WITH LOVE

During this season of Lent we must consider why we are Christians and what it means to be a Christian. Before Christmas we are caught up in a spirit of giving because we have received a great gift. What greater gift could we receive than the promise of salvation because Jesus lived and died and rose again on Easter? At this season we have the opportunity to help many people through our gift to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. This program is a way of sharing our bounty with many people through our church. The OGHs program started in 1949 when whole populations had become refugees and whole nations faced reconstruction. Today we face many problems around the world not only from political changes but also social and environmental disasters. Let us reach out in love to sisters and brothers around the world as those people of faith did when they created ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.



MAKE MUSIC A PART OF YOUR LIFE

TWO PEOPLE urgently needed (any age) interested in an exciting/lively hour each Thursday evening learning how to ring handbells. Apply to Bev Bailey.

Fellowship SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL 9 TEA AND HANDWORK in the church parlor. Bring your own special project and join us for tea and talk.

APRIL 30 BAZAAR WORKSHOP
Join us in the library at 1:30 to craft some pinecone ornaments for the Christmas Bazaar! The only skill needed is being able to push a pin! Really!

MAY 15 MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET
Put this on your calendar now, ladies; we are all daughters! There will be a really surprising entertainment at this Fifth Annual Event!

JUNE RUMMAGE SALE. The first week of June will find us rummaging again! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to clean your closets and help the church with its good deeds at the same time. Join in the fun of organizing the sale with Chair Lynn Bigler.

THIRTY-SOMETHING
The Fellowship Committee is on the lookout for young singles and couples wanting to join together for fun and fellowship. Molly Singerling and Diane Kendall will be calling you in the weeks ahead.

Something New For 1992!

The Christian Education Committee, in an effort to meet the needs of our varied congregation, is offering a special series for parents of young children. This series, entitled "Families and Faith", will focus on life situations of people with children, birth through 10 years of age. This offering will be held on Sunday evenings and will include a light supper and baby-sitting will be available at the church upon request. The classes will be led by Bev Bailey and are titled:

- May 3: Who We Are as Couples
- May 17: Who We Are as Parents
- May 31: Where in the World Are We Going?

We encourage all couples to come for the entire series, 5:00-7:30 p.m. It will be a lively discussion and a time to get to know each other as we struggle with issues in today's world.

ACT NOW!

MONTEAT: JULY 26-AUGUST 1

Hurry and register for the great MONTEAT YOUTH CONFERENCE. Only six spaces are available for this wonderful week in North Carolina with 1000 Senior Highs from all over the country. Cost is \$345 (scholarships available). A deposit of \$100 to hold your place must be paid to Bev Bailey NOW. Now in our fifth year, all those who go have a great time. Don't miss it!

LENTEN SCHEDULE

+ A special note of thanks is due TOM MILES for creating our Lenten Booklet, "A Journey With Yourself"; a self-directed journey for forty days of introspection and spiritual growth.

+ You are reminded to attend HOME COMMUNION either with your parish group or any other.

+ HOLY WEEK will begin with our PALM SUNDAY SERVICE at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 12.

+ A CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE will be held on MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 16 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A service of responsive readings and hymns followed by communion at Table will bring special significance to the meaning of Maundy Thursday.

+ EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES will be held at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on April 19.



Worth Repeating

Worth Repeating

2ND ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT

After last year's successful CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT at Camp Glenkirk, we have a tough act to follow. Mark your calendars now for Sunday, October 25, as a day to glorify God in our beautiful "Indian Summer". Lynn Matson and Dave Chichester will be co-chairs for this "can't miss" event. If you want to help in any way, please talk to Lynn or Dave and give them your ideas.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Kent and Doreen Arnold on the birth of daughter Kathleen Lowry Arnold. Kathleen is the granddaughter of Bob and Kathy McMahon.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Joan Cole, Arnie Kramer and Larry Dinterman's mother-in-law recovering from surgery; Ken Kent whose mother died recently; the family of Ralph Hall in his passing.

Spectacular

GIANT REGISTER TAPES A SUCCESS STORY

PPC Senior Highs report that nearly \$90,000 in Giant register tapes were collected and donated to Buchanan Secondary Learning Center in Washington, D.C. Dr. Donna Graham, a teacher at the center, reports to us that the grand total was almost \$130,000 and they are very appreciative of our help. The tapes will be used to buy two television sets, two VCR's, printers, and other equipment for their existing computer system. Thanks to all of you who contributed.

ABOUT \$\$\$


Last week when Price Gwynn, former Moderator of the General Assembly, visited PPC, he emphasized the key role the people played in the successful ministry of a Presbyterian Church. This series of reports is intended to provide you with an insight into the financial concerns we face, and give you a feeling for our aspect of your part in the success of our ministry here.

Bill Brill, the church treasurer, reported that February had been a good month. Giving was on the schedule needed, but for the first two months of 1992 we are about \$7000 in arrears against pledges. Somehow this arrears came about in January but with the good level of receipts in February, we are confident we will make up the missing money soon. It is important to maintain giving during the early months of the year since when summer finally gets here, we usually experience some slowdown in giving until September when the church year resumes. The need for cash goes on all year, however, so please try to keep your pledge up to date.

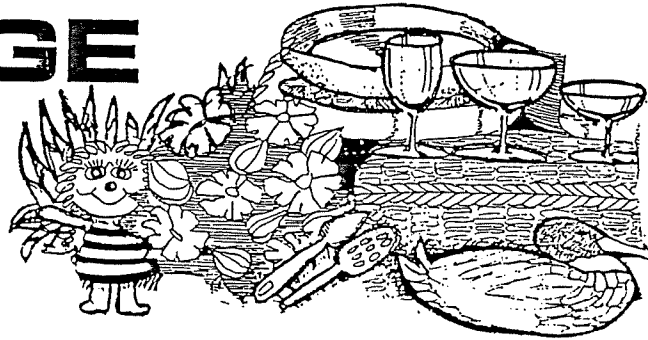
The expenditures are on or below budgeted levels and for this month we have only good news to bring to you. It is a pleasure to prepare a report with nothing to complain about. To give you some dimensions of the size of our job, PPC needs to receive an average of just over \$21,000/month to meet our budget. Keep up the good work, and thank you.

April

1992

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			9:30 Bible Study ¹	9:30 Nat'l. Capital Educators-FH ² 12:00 AA 7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir	5:00 Middle School Beach Trip ³	
9:45 S.S./Adult Education ⁵ 11:00 Worship 12:00 <u>Dedication of Memorial Garden</u> Fellowship Hour 5:00 Middle School returns from beach 5:30 SNL - Senior High	8:00 Home Communion at Ken Kent's (10405 Bridle Ln.) 8:00 Fellowship & C.E. Comm. meet ⁶	9:30 "Christian Living" class - Parlor ⁷	9:30 Bible Study ⁸ 2:45 Collingswood 8:00 Outreach Committee	12:00 AA - Library ⁹ 7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir MD. Ornithological Society in F.H.		
9:45 S.S./Adult Education ¹² 2nd Sunday Class 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour 12:15 Ad. Ed. Comm.-Library 1:30 SNL -(Middle School only)	8:00 Committees ¹³		9:30 - 4:00 p.m. ¹⁵ Presbytery Program Staff in Library NO BIBLE STUDY	12:00 AA - Library ¹⁶ 8:00 Maundy Thursday Worship/Communion		
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ¹⁹ 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship Hour 10:15 Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 Worship 12:00 Fellowship Hour NO SUNDAY NITE LIVE!	STOP DEADLINE ²⁰ Kerry's Golf Day! 	NO "Christian Living" class ²¹	NO BIBLE STUDY ²²	12:00 AA - Library ²³ 7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir	4:30 Jennison/Spivey reh. 6:00 King/Nasiff rehearsal ²⁴	11:00 Jennison/Spivey wedding 6:00 King/Nasiff wedding ²⁵
9:45 S.S./Adult Education ²⁶ Inquirer's Class 11:00 Worship/Tom Miles preaching 12:00 Fellowship Hour 13:45 Worship @ Manor Care NO SUNDAY NITE LIVE!	7:30 Deacons 8:00 Session ²⁷		9:30 Bible Study ²⁹	12:00 AA - Library ³⁰ 7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir		

RUMMAGE



PPC's ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE will be held in Fellowship Hall, June 5-6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Your donations may be brought in following the coffee hour on Sunday, May 31 and Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday - June 1-4 - from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING will be accepted on Friday morning, June 5. Please bring as early in the week as possible!

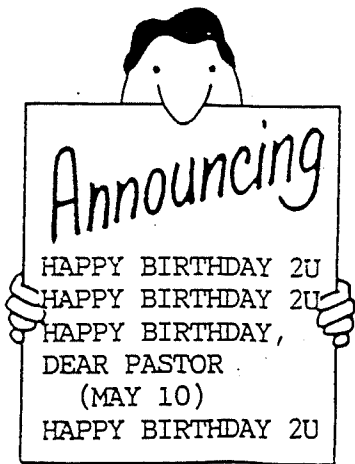
We will take almost anything! Clothing, shoes, books, furniture, lawn equipment, toys, linens, rugs, records, appliances, dishes and glassware, but no kittens!

WORKERS are needed to organize and work every day of that week from 9-3:00. Bring a lunch and come for hard work and fellowship of the best kind. Also needed are paper bags, clothes hangers, and card tables. Questions? Call Lynn Bigler, Chair, 983-1682.

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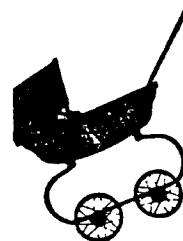
Welcome to our new music director/organist... Cynthia Wright

Cynthia Wright will begin her ministry of music with us on May 18. Mrs. Wright brings outstanding qualifications and a rich and varied experience to PPC. We look forward to an enhanced and expanded music program with children's music bring a new priority.

Mrs. Wright wrote to the search committee, "I love the church and direct all my church music activities toward the glorification of God. It is vital to me that my choirs enjoy what they are singing, enjoy the fellowship with others in their pursuit of good singing and especially feel a sense of worship in challenging rehearsals and morning service participation."

With this introduction see Cynthia's article on page 3.

Special thanks to the Music Director Search Committee: William King, Chair, Ann Hazard, John Hummon, Jackie Evans, Charlie Brooks, Mary Margaret Smith, Allison Chapin, and Joyce Jenkins.



RUMMAGE SALE June 5-6

See Page 12

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

May is an exciting month - the sun shines, flowers are blooming everywhere, the rains fall softly bringing new life. And here at PPC we welcome new staff members - bringing with them new ideas and new vitality. Our new secretary, FLO CASPER, is a life-long Presbyterian, and brings a new face and a new order to the office. We all shall miss ANN CLOAR and wish her well in her new life in Tampa, Florida.

I am especially excited at the prospect of our new Director of Music, CINDY WRIGHT. I have known Cindy about eight years through a musician's professional organization called Choristers Guild. She has been "doing music" with children, youth, and adults for a long while, and yet she brings an eagerness and enthusiasm to her work. She and I have already begun brainstorming ideas for drama and music together at Vacation Bible School. Watch for "The Lost Sheep" or some other Biblical parable - coming your way in June.

I hope that you will eagerly welcome these new folk to this community of faith. May is a month of changes - and these changes will make "all things new".

The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing
has come.

Song of Songs 2:11-12

Rev

EASTER FLOWERS



What a wonderful and generous response that enabled us to make the sanctuary beautiful for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord! After the service flowers were distributed to families in our congregation and Manor Care residents.

Loved ones were remembered with thanksgiving and the good news of Easter is being shared with a donation to Community Ministry of Montgomery County of \$700. CMMC is in the forefront of sharing Christ's love to our neighbors.

Special thanks to Wilma Sharer who chaired this project and to Marilyn Shankland and Kay McClaine who worked with her.

May 15 Banquet

The Fifth Annual Mother-Daughter Banquet is set for Friday, May 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Make your reservations NOW, any Sunday in the narthex, or call the church office.

This event has always been extremely popular and with magician Terry DeMay for entertainment the room is sure to be packed! (Who is willing to volunteer for the old saw-the-woman-in-half trick?)

The Fellowship Committee has a scrumptious dinner planned - see you there!

Garden Gifts

The following gifts have been made to the Memorial Garden:

Red Sunset Maple Tree
-by the Albright family in memory of William Albright

Kousa Dogwood
-by Kay Mitchell in memory of her parents, Ernest and Vada Hemingway

Daffodils
-by Ruthanne and Kerry Stoltzfus in memory of Ruthanne's father, Samuel Edgar Loveys

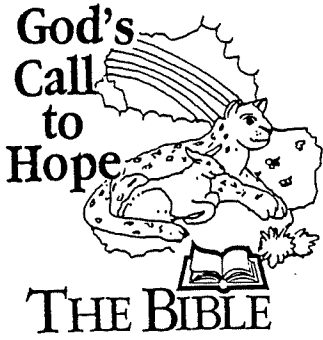
Gifts for plantings in the Memorial Garden are still being accepted.

ABOUT \$\$\$

By now you have received Gene Sharer's letter with your pledge statement/ other giving for the quarter. The good news is that giving in February and March has been right on schedule to meet the budget and things are going well. Somehow we remain about \$7000 short of planned receipts and January giving seems to be the shortfall source. This is puzzling since obviously folks are keeping to plan for the first quarter, except for the missing \$7000, and it is the intention of the membership to fulfill its obligations. We have no doubt that the missing giving will be made up as the year progresses but we wanted to share our dilemma with you.

In case you missed this important fact last month, we need about \$21,000 each and every month to fund the budget. As summer approaches and church attendance declines a bit, the goal becomes somewhat more difficult to achieve, so if possible, paying your pledge ahead would be most appreciated to help the cash flow problem.

Within the next year or so, the church mortgage is scheduled for renewal. We have begun discussions with several lending institutions and will have more to report soon. Church mission would be greatly enhanced if we could reduce the monthly mortgage payments. If anyone has any ideas to offer, please contact Gene Sharer who will be happy to bring you up to date on the issue.



Potomac Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School

June 22 - 26, 1992
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Children of the Church and Community are invited to join us for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Classes will be offered for children 4 yrs. old through 5th grade. This will be a Christian Education experience with adventures in Bible study, recreation, fellowship, and art - with an emphasis on music and drama. Each participant is asked to bring a bag lunch each day and to dress comfortably.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is sponsored and staffed by the Christian Education Committee, and is endorsed and supported by our Outreach Committee. There is a nominal fee of \$15.00 for each child and \$10.00 for each additional child if in the same family. Friends are welcome. PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL! Please complete and return the registration form with fee not later than June 1, 1992.

For more information call: Jane Ashbaugh (840-0456).

-----DETACH AND RETURN with fee to Potomac Presbyterian Church; 10301 River Road; Potomac, MD 20854 no later than June 1, 1992.

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

Allergies or other information teacher should know: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

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

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

(Parent Signature)

The Wright Note



How do I adequately respond to that fine letter of introduction that Kerry Stoltzfus wrote to each of you on April 1? In words I can only say a sincere thank you for his confidence and recommendation. When I actually join the church staff on May 18, I hope that my enthusiasm and willingness to work will assure you of my dedication to build a meaningful music program at Potomac Presbyterian Church.

You are the building blocks of such a program. In the coming weeks and months, I will try to know each of you. To know one another, it helps to work together. Therefore, while the faithful Sanctuary Choir and Handbell Choir take a much-deserved summer break from weekly rehearsals, I will be inviting special groups to rehearse briefly on Sunday mornings before worship and then share their musical selection during the service. You may see a group of dads and/or sons down front on Father's Day, a family choir of individuals who sing together only on long car trips, a group of adults who claim they haven't sung in a choir since high school, a group of children who may have learned a special song from Vacation Bible School and hopefully a group of teenagers who will share talents from a broad spectrum of high school and college experience. Watch for announcements of these groups in further newsletters, Sunday bulletins and posters throughout the church.

I will also be using vocalists and instrumentalists in solos and ensembles. Let me know who you are, where you are and when you are willing to share in our summer schedule. Since I do not as yet know you, I am depending on you to let me know of your talents.

I look forward to assuming my position as Director of Music and Organist. Let us discover together the dimension of worship that expresses itself so uniquely in music.

Cindy

I am Cynthia to my mother,
my bank and the I.R.S.
My friends call me Cindy!

OUR MUSICAL ORGAN-IZER

ADULT EDUCATION

BIBLE AND ISSUES CLASS 9:45 Library

- May 3 Questions of Faith - "What's the Use of the Bible?"
Video series with discussion.
- 10 "Rembrandt - The Artist as Theologian" with Margaret Parker,
artist and teacher at Virginia Theological Seminary in
Alexandria. Special program for Mother's Day.
- 17 Special speaker on drug abuse, sponsored by the Mission
Committee. Class for teens and adults.
- 24 "The History of Music in the Reformed Church" - 2nd in a
series begun last September, led by Bev Bailey.
- 31 "The History of Music" - part 3, with Bev Bailey.

SECOND SUNDAY 9:45 Youth Lounge

- May 10 "Secrets of Strong Families" - video and discussion for
Mother's Day - led by Karen and Bill King.

INQUIRER'S CLASS 9:45 Parlor

- May 3 Presbyterian Heritage class for prospective new members
and other interested participants. Led by the Pastor.
Second in a series of three.
- 10 Part III, led by Jon Hawley.

OTHER OFFERINGS:

FAMILIES IN FAITH - Seminar series for parents of young children
(birth through 10), developed and led by Bev Bailey. Meets every
other Sunday evening in May (3, 17, 31), 5:00-7:30 p.m. in Fellowship
Hall. Light supper and childcare are provided. Registration re-
quired - call the church office for more information.

CHRISTIAN LIVING - Meets May 5 and 19 (Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:00)
to continue our series "Journey to Wholeness". Childcare provided.
Led by Bev Bailey.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY - Continues each Wednesday morning through May,
9:30-10:30 in the Library. Discussion on ethical issues is led by
the pastor.

more youth news

Montreat Youth Conference - only
two weeks left to decide to be a
part of this truly "awesome" week
in North Carolina. Please turn in
your registration and \$100 deposit
to Bev by May 17. We have two more
openings.

THANK YOU from Buchanan Secondary
Learning Center. PPC send \$90,000
worth of Giant register receipts to
this DC school making their total
\$122,000. With this total, they
were able to buy 1 television, 1
VCR, 1 Apple IIe disc drive, and 3
software programs. They couldn't
have done it without the help from
PPC members. The Senior Highs
thank you for your support.

SNL - Senior Highs took a group of
children from Stepping Stones
Shelter in Rockville for a Sunday
outing to Putt-Putt Golf Center
and to McDonald's. It was a great
day for all - and our young people
enjoyed spending quality time with
children in much less fortunate
circumstances. We also took an
Easter basket filled with beanbags
and handpuppets made by the children
in Sonio Russo and Wendy Atwood's
Sunday School class. Thanks for
the hard work, children.



Vacation Bible School will be held
at PPC from June 22-26, 11 a.m.-
2:30 p.m. The theme for this year
is "The Bible: God's Call to Hope."
In order to better utilize the
talents of our new Director of
Music, Cindy Wright; and our DCEY,
Bev Bailey, there will be a focus
on music and drama. But there
will still be lots of time for
storytelling, games, crafts, and
even some cooking - because we
will be adopting a new format
utilizing centers. We will also
be going on a field trip which
will combine fun and helping to
care for our earth.

A registration form is included
in this issue of the newsletter
for your convenience. We are
still in need of help from our
teens - you are so important to
us! Parents - don't let your
children (ages 4-5th grade) miss
this wonderful faith experience.
Grandparents - invite your grand-
children to spend the week with
you and attend VBS. Questions?
Call Jane Ashbaugh, 840-0456.





ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jennifer Gimer, daughter of Dick and Millie, recently married at Georgetown PC.

Peter Spivey, son of Marilyn and Jim, and Mary Alice Jennison AND Katie King, daughter of Pat and Bill, and Scott Nasiff married at PPC April 25.

Wilma and George Boddiger who celebrate their 49th anniversary on May 23.

GODSPEED TO:

Velma and Larry Killion who moved to Phoenix in mid-April; former secretary Ann Cload and her family moving to Tampa.

WELCOME TO:

Flo Casper, new church secretary, former Clerk of Session at St. Mark PC, organizing member of New Hope PC.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Bob Conley and Ardis Kline whose fathers died recently, Ann Barber in the loss of her grandmother, Nettie Propps whose mother died recently in North Carolina.

Garden Dedication

In the life of any church there are moments which signify the increased importance Christian identity can play in the total life span of its members. Such an event occurred on April 5, 1992, when the Memorial Garden was dedicated on a bright sunny day as a continuation of the worship service. The congregation left the sanctuary to the Garden singing the recessional hymn "For All The Saints Who From Their Labors Rest."

The dedication and prayer was offered by our Pastor, Kerry Stoltzfus. The Garden now provides a final resting place for those members who have had a full Christian life spanning the sacred events of baptism, marriage and death as the motto on the memorial plaque proclaims "In Life and Death We Belong To God."

The committee responsible from the initial development of the project through to completion was co-chaired by Janet Clark and John Clouse. Other members of the committee were Nelia and David Chichester, Phyllis Matson, Lew Smith, Robert Crozier, Jack Dart, Joyce Jenkins and Arthur Heming. Special recognition should be given to Bob Crozier who applied his artistic talents to both the preparation of the very attractive brochure which introduced the proposed project to the congregation and to the design of the memorial plaque. Also special thanks should be given to Lew Smith who supervised the construction and the plantings around the Garden.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

SUNDAY NITE LIVE!! - Middle School

- May 3 "Odds and Ends" 5:30 p.m. in Youth Lounge. Pizza Nite.
- 10 No meeting - Spend the day with your Mothers.
- 17 We'll meet after church, have lunch together at SUPER DOG SUNDAY, then plan a worship service for Manor Care Retirement Home. Rev. Stoltzfus will be going with us to greet the residents. Back to church about 4:45 p.m.
- 24 No meeting - Memorial Day Weekend.
- 30 A SATURDAY!!! A late afternoon Mall Scavenger Hunt/End-of-Year Picnic at the Kendalls.

COMING IN JUNE!! A JOINT MIDDLE SCHOOL-SENIOR HIGH TRIP TO KING'S DOMINION!! Watch your mail.


Senior Highs

- May 3 "Capital Punishment vs. Life Imprisonment". Informational discussion led by Keith Bratt who works for the Justice Department. Meet in the Library - Pizza Nite (\$3 for pizza).
- 10 No meeting - be nice to your Mothers!!
- 17 SUPER DOG SUNDAY!! Work begins at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. College students will be home to help. We really need the fundraising to help pay for some of our mission activities this year. Watch your mail for more informatin.
- 24 No meeting - Memorial Day Weekend.



Super Dogs

Make plans now to attend PPC's 4th annual SUPER DOG SUNDAY immediately after the 11:00 worship service on Sunday, May 17. Come to Fellowship Hall to chow down on hot dogs, hamburgers, chili dogs, cole slaw, baked beans, desserts, and drinks. Please support our Senior Highs with their annual fundraiser for special mission projects. Some of your favorite Senior High Alums will be there, too...so don't miss this great way to have lunch with your PPC family.

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			9:30 Bible Study 2:45 Collingswood	12:00 AA - library		9:30 Presbytery 6th Pres. Ch.
	8:00 Committees		8:00 Outreach Committee	7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir 8:00 MD Ornith. Soc.	6:30 Mother/Daughter Banquet	
9:45 S.S./Adult Education 17 1:00 Worship/Rec. of New Members 2:00 Super Dog Sunday 3:45 Manor Care - middle sch. 5:00 Families in Faith	18	19	20	21	22	23
	STOP DEADLINE	9:30 "Christian Living"	9:30 Bible Study	12:00 AA - library		
	WELCOME - Cynthia Wright 8:00 Session			7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir		
9:45 S.S./Adult Ed. 24/31 1:00 Worship/Baptism (31) 2:00 Fellowship 5:00 Families in Faith (31) 5:30 No SNL	25	26	27	28	29	30
			9:30 Bible Study	12:00 AA - library		3:00 SNL Middle School Picnic-Kendalls
	7:30 Deacons		STOP MAILING	7:00 Bell Choir 8:00 Sanc. Choir		

The Wright Note

Since I'm the newest staff member and since I wanted to start off just right with everyone here at PPC, I thought I would entitle this article "The Wright Foot." Then I did something very careless. I fell down two steps in my very own home and severely tore ligaments in my foot. There went my plans for the article title, plus my ability to walk, plus my capability to manipulate the pedal keyboard on the organ. Yes, major responsibility in organ playing lies in both feet. Come up to the choir loft sometime, and I'll be happy to demonstrate the organ and show you the three separate staves (manuals and pedals) in organ music. For a short time I will compensate by trying to play much of the pedal work on the manuals. I will still play enthusiastically, and hopefully lead you in meaningful hymns and anthems.

I am anxious to begin working with the Sanctuary Choir. They will sing through June 14. Following that date we will be enjoying solos, ensembles and special interest choirs that I will advertise. Watch for sign-up posters outside the music office and throughout the church. Happy singing, and please watch your step!

Cindy

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KERRY on...



On Monday, May 11, our family celebrated Emily's graduation from the College of Wooster. I imagine many of you have felt like I do: a mixture of relief and sadness. The tuition bills will not be missed; but we will miss parents' weekend, the trips to move in and out of the dorm, and the joy of sharing the college experience with our daughter.

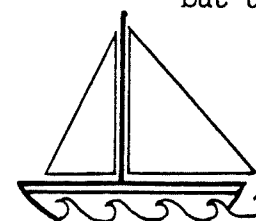
We also share a sense of hope in the future as our young people leave academia and begin careers, though some are continuing on to graduate school. At the same time we sense their anxiety in the face of a tight job market.

Most of all I think we experience a profound gratitude for the gifts of learning and talents that enrich the lives of our graduates. God has truly blessed us with these gifts and with the opportunities afforded us to develop them to the fullest.

To our graduates this year (see page 3), I join the congregation in saying CONGRATULATIONS and may God go with you into an exciting future. Always remember the following which I read somewhere (a wise saying for parents, too):

"Success is not a destination to be reached
but the quality of the journey we make."

Kerry



Summer Schedule

BEGINS JUNE 14 WITH 9:30 A.M. WORSHIP

C.E. BAILEY-WICK

June is the month for thank-you's - to all the people who have helped make this past year so successful in Christian Education here at Potomac. It has been a year of growth in the Sunday School, and much of that is due to the wonderful cadre of teachers who have shared of themselves. On June 6 we will celebrate the faithfulness of this caring group of people during worship. Some of our teachers and coordinators will be retiring this year after several years of loyal, hard work. We wish to say a special thanks to Linda and Ed Tennent for 5 years of teaching our Senior Highs and running Super Dog Sundays. Your easy senses of humor and your apparent love for our youth does not go unnoticed. We also wish to recognize Mary Reichley, our SS Superintendent for the last two years, Lisa McMahon, Creative Enrichment Coordinator, and Sherry Bond, Nursery Coordinator. You have all done an excellent job of working with an expanding group of young children.

Our Sunday Nite Live Fellowship groups will greatly miss learning and being with Diane and Clark Kendall and Keith Bratt. Diane and Clark are single-handedly responsible for the great group of Middle Schoolers who spend every Sunday evening here at church. After two years of hard work, they will turn the group over to an enthusiastic band of parents. Keith has worked with Senior Highs for 3 years - even enduring a hard year at Montreat. We thank you for your continuing loyalty.

The CE Elders, Diane Chapin and Anne Bavier, and I want you to know how much all of you who work on any committee or aspect of this very important ministry are appreciated, and how very important all of you are. The Children's, Youth, and Adult Ministry of Education is one of the most important anchors of our faith. If you would like to be involved in any way with the CE program here at PPC, please talk to one of us and we'll find a way to use your talents so that all might benefit.

"Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep thy law and observe it with my whole heart."

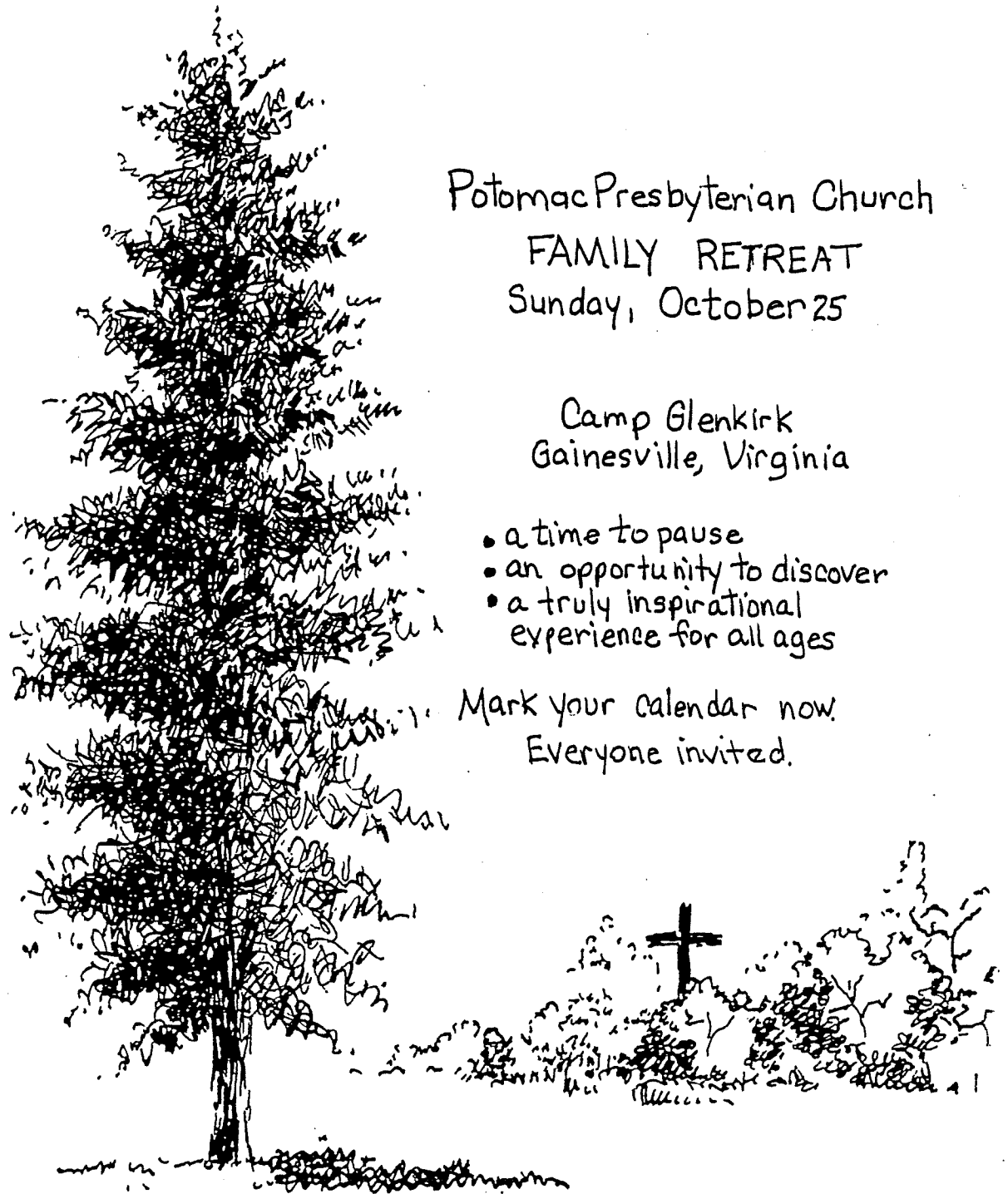
Psalms 119: 33-34

Shalom,

Rev

New Summer Nursery Worker

We welcome MELISSA NORVELL as the Nursery Caregiver for the summer. Melissa is a PPC member who has just completed her first year at Bowdoin college in Maine. She will be taking care of our children through 2 years of age until mid-August, and we are grateful for her cheerful presence and competent manner. Welcome, Melissa!



Potomac Presbyterian Church
FAMILY RETREAT
Sunday, October 25

Camp Glenkirk
Gainesville, Virginia

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

Mark your calendar now!
Everyone invited.

PPC Endowment Program

IN SESSION

"An endowment is a gift of a portion of a person's life that will eternally keep the light of God alive in the world."

After considerable research and investigation, the Session has established an Endowment Program for PPC. Judy Forgotson, Jack Dart, and Tom Cookerly (chair) have been appointed to serve on a committee whose purpose it is to communicate the advantages to the church, and to us individually, of being involved in this effort. A copy of the Incorporating Resolution is available at the office and it will answer many questions you might have.

A few thoughts about what an Endowment Program is:

- * It will allow us to make gifts to the PPC Endowment Fund.
- * Only the proceeds of the fund may be spent. The principal remains in the fund in perpetuity.
- * Those who give to this fund can specify how they want the proceeds to be used or their gifts can be undesignated and they will be distributed as indicated in the Incorporating Resolution.

and what an Endowment Program is not:

- * It definitely is not designed to interfere with, or diminish in any way, the very important annual Stewardship campaign. It is a supplemental opportunity for Stewardship - a gift that keeps on giving.

The Session believes that an endowment program can become an avenue of enriching and expanding the programs of PPC. It can provide us with an opportunity to extend our Stewardship beyond a lifetime, to fund the mission of our church forever!




During the next few months, you will be receiving additional information from our committee. In the meantime, if you are interested in the Endowment Program or if you have questions, contact any one of us.



IN SESSION on May 18, 1992...Elders devoted considerable time to review of the proposed Outreach Plan: A Plan To Retain Current Members, Get Visitors to Join and Reach More Visitors; developed in response to the stated goals of the fall retreat...elected Janet Clark and Gene Sharer to the Representative Nominating Committee, with Gene serving as Chair ...appointed Lew Chapin to fill an unexpired Deacon term...commended the Middle School for conducting Worship at Manor Care on May 17 with 15 residents in attendance...noted the Senior Highs' successful "Super Dog Sunday".

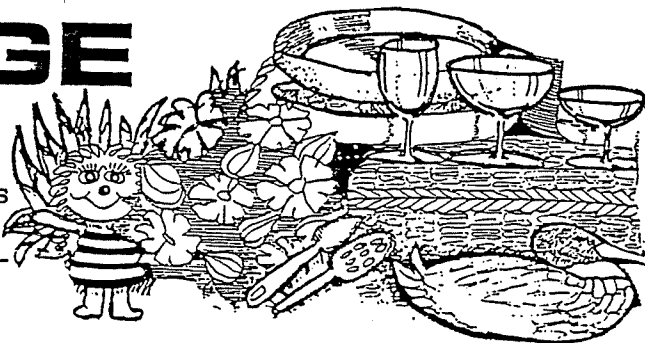
BRAVO! BRAVO!

BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE CONGREGATION OF POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO ITS GRADUATES!

KATHERINE BENTZEN		CHURCHILL H.S.	BOSTON UNIVERSITY
LINDSAY CHAPIN		CHURCHILL H.S.	WITTENBERG UNIV.
WHITNEY CHICHESTER		WHITMAN H.S.	COLGATE UNIVERSITY
ABBY CLOUSE		CHURCHILL	U. OF DELAWARE
KRISTIN KAHL		ST. MARGARET EPISCOPAL SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO, CA.	CARROLL COLLEGE
SARAH SINGLETON		CHURCHILL H.S.	U. OF MICHIGAN
EDWARD TENNENT		WOOTTON H.S.	NC STATE UNIVERSITY
JOHN MATTHEW CLOUSE		COLLEGE OF WOOSTER	
TOM GARVEY		HARVARD UNIVERSITY	
GRETCHEN HUMMON FRY		HARVARD UNIVERSITY	
EMILY STOLTZFUS		COLLEGE OF WOOSTER	
TRICIA SKINNER		TOWSON STATE UNIVERSITY	
KACIE LYNN WOODARD		OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE	

RUMMAGE

PPC'S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE will be held in Fellowship Hall, June 5-6 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Your donations may be brought in following coffee hour on Sunday, May 31, and Monday-Thursday, June 1-4, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. ABSOLUTELY NOTHING will be accepted on Friday morning, June 5. Please bring as early in the week as possible!



We will take almost anything! Clothing, shoes, books, furniture, lawn equipment, toys, linens, rugs, records, appliances, dishes, glassware but no gerbils!

WORKERS are needed to organize/work every day that week from 9-3:00. Bring a lunch and come for hard work and superb fellowship! Also needed are paper bags, clothes hangers, card tables and clothes racks. Questions? Call Lynn Bigler, Chair, 983-1682

The Fellowship Committee recently voted to use some of its fund raisers' profits to pay for supplemental sanctuary and exterior lighting as well as some new tile flooring in the Sunday School area. Please donate your unwanted items to the sale and come help with the work, also, so that we can continue to do good things for our own church as well as help outsiders in need.



calendar

- JUNE**
- 1 Deacons' Picnic at Barthelman's 7:00; Fellowship Committee 8:00
 - 3
 - 5-6 RUMMAGE SALE 10-3:00
 - 7 Communion Sunday, Day of Pentecost
 - 8 Committee Meetings 8:00
 - 10 Outreach Committee 8:00; Collingswood 2:45
 - 11 Bazaar Workshop 9:30
 - 14 WORSHIP AT 9:30 - Summer Schedule
 - 15 Session 8:00
 - 16 Presbytery Meeting at Trinity, Herdon, VA 10:00
 - 21 Manor Care 3:45
 - 22-26 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 - 22 Deacons 7:30



ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Mark and Susan Sharer on the birth of their son Eric Andrew, grandson of Gene and Wilma Sharer.

NOTED:

Carol Garvey, new president of the Montgomery County Medical Society.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Bob Haack in Georgetown University Hospital; Wally Rowan recovering from surgery at home; Olivia Mabeus whose grandmother died recently; Diane Chapin and her family whose father died in early May.

TO MARKET TO MARKET



The second annual FARMERS MARKET is in progress at PPC as a service of our Outreach Committee for the area.

Every Thursday from 1:30-4:30 the produce is displayed under the tall trees beside our parking lot. Come view the tempting array of fresh vegetables, fruits and flowers. It's good for you, you can visit with old friends, and meet new ones.

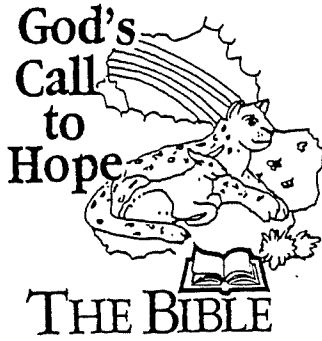
WANTED: SEWING MACHINES

Anacostia Partnership in the District of Columbia is looking for donations of used sewing machines to begin a self-employment project at the Barry Farm Public Housing Development. Dorothea Ferrell, past president of the Residents' Council, is starting to organize this effort. One of the objectives of the participants is to achieve independence from the welfare system. If you could contribute a sewing machine that is not being used, please call the Church office or Dan and Polly Dyer, members of Darnestown PC, 926-4654. They will pick it up and transport it.

THANKS TO PPC

"On behalf of the Montgomery County Department of Social Services, we want to thank you for your support of our 1991 Holiday Giving Program. There was a 52% increase in the number of requests for families in need during this past holiday. The response from the community was overwhelming. With support from individual families, churches, civic organizations, and businesses, over 4,800 families received food baskets and gifts during the two holidays.

Your generous donation of food and gifts to our program was very much appreciated by the families who received your assistance and by our staff who work with these families. Your caring made a difference."



Potomac Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School

June 22 - 26, 1992
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Children of the Church and Community are invited to join us for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. Classes will be offered for children 4 yrs. old through 5th grade. This will be a Christian Education experience with adventures in Bible study, recreation, fellowship, and art - with an emphasis on music and drama. Each participant is asked to bring a bag lunch each day and to dress comfortably.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is sponsored and staffed by the Christian Education Committee, and is endorsed and supported by our Outreach Committee. There is a nominal fee of \$15.00 for each child and \$10.00 for each additional child if in the same family. Friends are welcome. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL!** Please complete and return the registration form with fee not later than June 1, 1992.

For more information call: Jane Ashbaugh (840-0456).

-----DETACH AND RETURN with fee to Potomac Presbyterian Church; 10301 River Road; Potomac, MD 20854 no later than June 1, 1992.

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

Allergies or other information teacher should know: _____

Parent(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

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

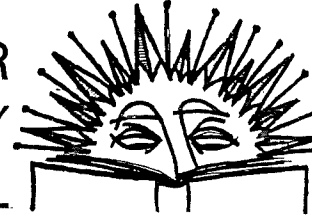
In case of emergency, and parents are unavailable, I give permission for the staff of Vacation Bible School at Potomac Presbyterian Church to seek medical attention for my child(ren). Our family doctor _____ can be reached at _____.

(Parent Signature)

Bible Challenge

On Sunday, June 7, children, youth, and adults will gather at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall to test their Bible knowledge. For the third consecutive year we will gather into three teams to play a form of Bible Jeopardy - complete with Vanna White (or her look-alike). Join us as we explore our knowledge of Biblical times, as we work and laugh together, and get 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 on June 14. See you there!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL



Beginning June 14, 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 using our regular Bible Discovery curriculum, the class will combine the use of story, music and crafts. Bev Bailey will be the lead teacher, and Olivia Mabeus will substitute.

Children 4th grade and older will attend worship with their families. If any of our teens are interested in helping with this class, please let Bev know. See you this summer!

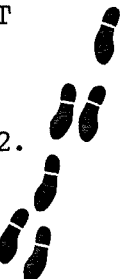
THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

INVITES YOU TO TOUR AND VISIT

OUR REFURBISHED CLASSROOMS!

FELLOWSHIP HOUR, JUNE 7, 1992.

COME ON DOWN!



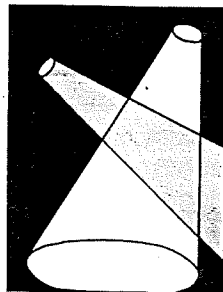
AWARDS FOR MEMORIZATION

Did you know that the children in Sunday School, 1st through 5th grade, were memorizing Bible verses each month this past year? The following children have been presented with a special bookmark for their Bibles because they participated in this challenging program.

CAROLINE ASHBAUGH	BYRON DRUMHELLER
MARGUERITE ASHBAUGH	ANDREW GRIER
CARL ATWOOD	JENNIFER KING
CHRIS ATWOOD	JONATHAN KING
ROBERT BAVIER	ERIN LYONS
JOEY BERNSTEIN	MICKEY OLALO
TREVOR BOND	SHARON REID
CHRIS BRANDELEONE	BETSY RUDNIC
COURTNEY CHAPIN	MEG RUDNIC
KELLI CISSEL	JENNIFER RUSSO
KIMBERLY CISSEL	PETER RUSSO
BRANDON CURRY	LOUIS SIGALAS

Courtney Chapin won a special award for being the only child to memorize a verse and recite it to Bev Bailey every month this past year. Congratulations, Courtney, and to all our children!

Spotlight on people



The following new members were received by the Session on May 17, 1992. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our Church.

MRS. JOHN BUSBICE (ANNETTE), 708 Harrington Rd., Rockville 20850, 279-5959. Annette comes by Letter of Transfer from Covenant PC, Jackson, MS. She was born in Jackson and comes from a Presbyterian family where father has been an Adult Sunday School teacher/elder for many years and mother has been very active in the WOC. Annette attended Mississippi State U. and the U of M where she received a degree in elementary education. Before moving to Rockville, she taught 2nd and 3rd grades and was a member of the Jackson Junior league. She met husband John who is a media services technician at Wootton HS in London. Annette works as a Paralegal at McCarthy, Wilson and Ethridge in Rockville. She enjoys gardening, cooking and playing the piano. Deacon: Jane Ashbaugh.

MRS. RICHARD CANNON (GAIL), 9413 Kentsdale Dr., Potomac 20854, 365-8632. Gail comes by Letter of Transfer from Rockville PC. Born in San Jose, CA, she grew up in Tulsa OK, and graduated with a BSN (Registered Nurse) from Vanderbilt U. specializing in surgical and pediatric intensive care units. She married a medical student and his internship took them to St. Louis and her work changed to neonatal intensive care. Presently, Richard is a Cardiologist on the NIH staff. His work enables the family to travel world-wide. Gail is a full-time mom to Jennifer and Leah, supporting the girls as their scout troop leader and soccer coach. She is also an instructional assistant at Seven Locks Elementary. Gail likes to garden, bike and read mysteries. Deacon: Margie Bedingfield.

MISS JAN COOKERLY, 4519 Sangamore Rd., Bethesda 20816, 320-0671. Jan is restored to active membership in PPC, having been confirmed here but went inactive when she moved away. She was born in Charlotte, NC, but grew up in Bethesda. After attending East Carolina U. in Greenville, NC, majoring in Drama/Broadcasting-Technical Design, she moved to Atlanta. There she worked for a TV station and a large hotel before deciding to return to Washington. She presently works at Nordstroms in the Customer Service Department. The store recently selected her to sit on the Human Resources Committee Cultural Diversity Board. Jan is the daughter of Tom and Mary Ann Cookerly. Her special interests are tennis, swimming and her cat Poncho. Deacon: Nettie Proppes.

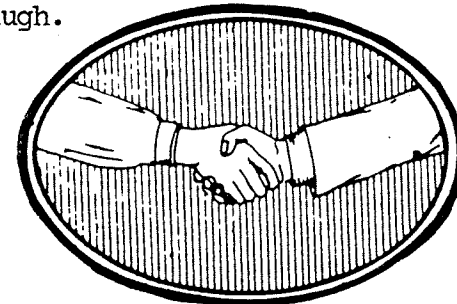
MRS. EDWARD RATKOVICH (PRISKA), 1030 Delf Dr., McLean, VA 22101, 703-365-1622. Priska comes by Profession of Faith. Born in Germany, she has lived in Czechoslovakia, England, Scotland and North Wales. She met husband Edward who is a retired Major General of the USAF while she worked in Germany as an interpreter. The Rakovichs have a daughter, two sons and three grandchildren (almost four!). Christine will be married at PPC in June to Brett Andrews. Priska is busy with wedding plans now but in her spare time likes to garden, read, listen to music and participate in discussion groups of current affairs. Deacon: Charlie Brooks.

MRS. ROY SANDSTROM (DEBBIE), 9724 Brimfield Court, Potomac, 20854, 983-2064. Debbie comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She grew up in this area and left to attend Wake Forest U. in NC. She received her Master's Degree from Tulane U. in New Orleans. The next several years she taught English in Charlottesville, VA and Guilford, CT before returning to Washington and a career change. She now works for Apple Computer as a Federal Account Manager. Debbie is married to Dr. Roy Sandstrom. She enjoys sailing, skiing, biking and loves to travel. She holds a commercial pilot's license and has been a flight instructor. Deacon: Alyce Tamzarian.

MR. JAMES SINGERLING, 6108 Woodmont, Alexandria, VA 22307, 703-329-9561. Jim comes by Letter of Transfer from St. Joseph Congregational Church, St. Joseph, MI. He was born in Muskegon, MI and attended Washburn College in Chicago. He served in Viet Nam. Jim has been the Manager of several clubs: The Century Club of Muskegon, The Point-of-Woods Club in St. Joseph, MI, and the Robert Trent Jones Club in Coral Ridge, FL. He is presently Executive Vice President of Club Managers Association. Jim has two college age children: Chris and Heather. His wife is the former Molly Newell, a PPC member. Deacon: Lew Chapin.

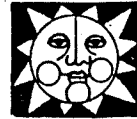
MR. BEN VENDETTE, 1211 Edmonston Dr., Rockville 20851, 340-6580. Ben was received by Profession of Faith. He was born in Montreal, Canada, but raised in the US. He attended local schools and went to Montgomery College. For five years, he was a member of the US Naval Reserves Sea-Bees. Ben has been in the construction business for 12 years and works as a Construction Project Manager. His wife is the former Carrie Bartlett, a PPC member. The Vendettes have one son, Ryan, 9 months old. Deacon: Jane Ashbaugh.

Welcome



AUGUST

calendar



- 3 Fellowship Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 10 Stewardship Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 14 Schwan/Best wedding 8:00 p.m.
- 16 Steeple to People Deadline; Manor Care 3:45
- 24 Session 8:00 p.m.
- 31 Deacons 8:00 p.m.



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KERRY on...

TEN PROMISES OF WORSHIP

1. WE WILL BRING DELIGHT TO GOD.
2. WE WILL BE CHALLENGED TO SERVE OTHERS.
3. WE WILL EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD.
4. WE WILL FIND STRENGTH AND COMFORT IN TIMES OF LOSS AND SORROW.
5. WE WILL HEAR GOD'S MESSAGE FOR TODAY.
6. WE WILL ENJOY FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD'S PEOPLE.
7. WE WILL BE INSPIRED TO LIVE FAITHFUL LIVES.
8. WE WILL BE A MODEL FOR OUR CHILDREN.
9. WE WILL GROW IN OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES.
10. (PLEASE ADD YOUR OWN PROMISE OF WORSHIP).

Kerry

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C.E. BAILEY-WICK

As I complete my third year as Director of Christian Education and Youth at PPC, I've discovered that I wear many hats and fill many different roles depending on what day it is and who one might ask. So I'd like to share with you how The Book of Order of the PCUSA defines the role.

Christian Educators are persons called to and employed in the ministry of education in a particular church or governing body. They are persons who demonstrate their faith in and love for Jesus Christ, are dedicated to the life of faith and are serious in purpose, honest in character, and joyful in service. Christian Educators, with the session and pastors, share the responsibility of providing for the spiritual growth of members for their ministry. They perform a variety of tasks including teaching the Bible, recommending curriculum materials and resources, training and supporting lay workers, and planning and administering the educational program of their congregations. Christian Educators shall be persons with skills and training in Biblical interpretation, Reformed theology, human development, religious educational theory and practice and the polity, programs, and mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA). They shall be encouraged by their session and presbytery to meet the certification requirements of the PCUSA.

At this writing I have just completed the written examination for Certification as an Educator in the Presbyterian Church. It was a take-home exam and I have been working on it in my spare time for the last six months. The results of this work is a 60-page document which has been reviewed by a committee which included Kerry and Diane Chapin, and has now been sent to General Assembly offices in Louisville. It will be read by three judges around the country and then go before the certification commission. I should receive the results sometime in November.

I have placed a copy of my exam on the table in my office and I invite any of you who might be interested to peruse it at your leisure. My hope is that you will be further enlightened as to the role of your church educator. Thanks for your care over the years.

Shalom,

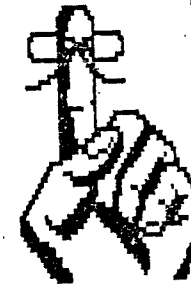
Bev

Volunteers Needed For Fall Ed Program

There are still openings for Sunday School Teachers, Creative Enrichment Teachers, Youth Fellowship Advisors, and many other areas in our Christian Education program beginning in September. If you would be willing to help in any way, please call the church and talk with our DCEY, Bev Bailey. We'll find a way to use your unique talents!

SRS TO MONTREAT

"With Ears That See" is the theme for this year's Senior High Youth Conference at Montreat, NC. Bev Bailey and four of our young people - Alison Chapin, Meg King, Nathan King and Caroline Olalo - will spend the week with 1000 other Presbyterian youth from all over the US. Here they will explore faith issues, recreate, sing, climb mountains, and enjoy the beautiful Smokey Mountains. Upon their return on August 2, they will share some of their experiences with you during worship. We ask that you remember these young people and their advisor in your prayers and greet them upon their return. They'll be renewed and filled and anxious to tell you all about their week.



Thanks, David!

(and, Weeders,
remember
your plots)

Our grounds look beautiful! DAVID EAGLESON, a rising Whitman senior and PPC member, has just finished weeding, landscaping, and mulching our entire church grounds as his Eagle Scout project - AND IT LOOKS GREAT!!

We all thank David for the wonderful job he did. AND to insure that the fruits of David's hard work do not revert to the wild, please keep up with weeding the plot you volunteered to maintain.

30 in '93! ... Bicentennial Fund

The Session has been busy planning for next year when our congregation will mark its THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY. Aided by the Mission and Finance Committees, the Session has decided to observe our milestone in fellowship, faith and mission through a special two-dimensional stewardship campaign. The receipts will support, over a three-year period, our denomination's vital Bicentennial Fund for specific mission work both within our county and abroad, and address our own church's need to reduce the debt associated with our beautiful building. You will be hearing more about this capital campaign early in the new year.

CAN YOU FIND THE 20 BOOKS?



In the following paragraph are 20 books of the Bible. If you wish to challenge yourself, try finding them! See how long it takes!

SOMEONE SHOWED ME THIS STORY AND REMARKED THAT THERE ARE TWENTY BOOKS OF THE BIBLE HIDDEN HERE. HE CHALLENGED ME TO FIND THEM. SURE ENOUGH, THEY'RE ALL HERE. STILL, THIS THING'S A 'LULU'-KEPT ME LOOKING SO HARD FOR THE LONGEST TIME! SOME OF YOU WILL GET BOGGED DOWN WITH FACTS, OTHERS ARE HIT BY THEM LIKE THEY WERE SOME KIND OF REVELATION OF SOMETHING! YOU MAY GET IN A JAM-ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NAMES ARE NOT CAPITALIZED AND OFTEN LEAP THE SPACES BETWEEN THE WORDS. THIS MAKES IT A REAL JOB TO FIND THEM, BUT IT'LL PROVIDE A MOST FASCINATING FEW MINUTES FOR YOU. YES, THERE ARE SOME REALLY EASY ONES TO SPOT, BUT DON'T GET THE BIG HEAD, CAUSE TRUTHFULLY, YOU'LL SOON FIGURE THAT IT WOULD TAKE MOST FEDERAL JUDGES AND PREACHERS NUMBERS OF HOURS TO FIND THEM ALL. I WILL ADMIT THAT IT USUALLY TAKES A MINISTER TO FIND ONE OF THEM, AND THAT IS NOT UNCOMMON FOR THERE ARE TO BE LOUD LAMENTATIONS WHEN IT IS POINTED OUT. ONE LADY SAYS THAT WHEN SHE IS CONFRONTED WITH PUZZLES LIKE THIS, SHE BREWS A CUP OF TEA TO HELP HER CONCENTRATE BETTER. BUT THEN, THIS GAL'S A REAL PRO! VERBS, NOUNS AND ALL THAT STUFF ARE HER THING. SEE HOW WELL YOU CAN COMPETE. RELAX! THERE REALLY ARE TWENTY NAMES OF BIBLE BOOKS IN THIS STORY. IF YOU FAIL TO FIND THEM THERE'S A PENALTY! YOU'LL HAVE TO GO FLY A KITE, SIT ON A BANANA, HUM THE "BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC", OR HOSE A DOG (A MEAN ONE). GET TO IT.



BAZAAR

NOVEMBER 14 isn't far away! That's the date of PPC's Christmas Bazaar and the ladies have been at work on projects since January to make the coming event bigger, better, and more beautiful!

Mildred Rowan and Doris Durfee have consented to be Bake Table Co-Chairs and they're bringing new ideas and enthusiasm to the job. You'll be hearing from them in the fall on how you can help.

Watch for Bazaar "Teasers" at fall coffee hours. We're anxious to show off our new projects.

We'd like to develop a MAILING LIST beginning now so that we can contact individuals with a postcard near Bazaar time. We'll be asking you for lists of persons to tell about the Bazaar: your golfing partners, bridge club members, Newcomers friends, neighbors, parents of children in your child's classroom, teachers, secretaries in the offices you visit. We need to bring the public in; that's where you can help us immensely. Please prepare an address list NOW and give it to Lynn Bigler, Wilma Sharer, Shirley Tietjen, Alice Smith or Pat King. Make it as long as you like!

If you're not using your artificial Christmas tree between November 12-15, may we please borrow it on which to display our ornaments? Contact Lynn Bigler, 983-1682, if you are willing. We promise to take good care of it!



SAVE ALUMINUM CANS FOR HEIFER PROJECT



CMMC Seeks Helpers

COMMUNITY MINISTRY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY in which PPC is an active participant needs two volunteer workers to fill part-time positions in its office at 114 W. Montgomery Avenue in Rockville:

A helper for the CMMC Administrative Assistant who would be able to work for about 15 hours each week on 2 or 3 days, carrying out office project assignments. Skills that would be helpful include work processing/typing, experience in general office procedures, experience with bulk and mass mailings, ability to work independently, and ability to prioritize work.

A person to enter data to maintain CMMC mailing lists. This job requires only a few hours per month at a time convenient to the volunteer. Computer know-how would be helpful but little training is needed.

Anyone interested in discussing either of these positions should call CMMC Director Lon Dring at 301-762-8682.

All in the Family



NEW BABIES:

Michael Ryan Smith, born June 26 to Alan and Mary. Lew and Alice Smith are the delighted grandparents. Calloway Thomas Burns, born May 14 to Stan and Christa. The Burns family now live in Baltimore but maintain their PPC ties. Christopher Mark Lyons, born June 11 to Dan and Kathy.

BAPTIZED:

Peter Russo and Gregory Adrouny, grandsons of George Adrouny and Alyce Tamzarian. Thomas Burks and Elizabeth Baihly Underhill, children of Jim and Liz Underhill.

MARRIED:

Christine Ratkovich to Brett Andrews, June 13 at PPC.

GODSPEED:

Bob and Ginny Crozier, One Little Cove Lane, Orleans, MA 02653; Art Heming, 200 Laurel Lake Dr., E. 281, Hudson, Ohio 44236; Bob and Jane Jordan, Nine Santa Maria Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29926.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Lori Beck, recovering from surgery; the family of Bob Haack who died in mid-June. Bob was a PPC member since 1965.

★ Your MISSION COMMITTEE received a letter of grateful thanks signed individually by 36 members of the New Hope Presbyterian Church for our gift of \$500 towards their new church program. We have supported the efforts of this group for several years with your Mission dollars.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We had a great time at VBS again this year, June 22-26, with an outstanding group of teachers and the support of four of our young people.

Bev Bailey planned our opening worship time together; then the children went either to Art or Music with lunch between. Afternoons were spent with the teachers. Special activities included Olympic Games, a visit from Moses's Mother (Jean Fisler), and a trip to Locust Grove Nature Center at Cabin John Park. There we cleaned the grounds and walked one of the trails.

On Friday we presented a closing program for parents, friends and family with Kerry giving certificates and a few special words for each child. We also had a wonderful mini-musical about the Lost Sheep, directed by Cindy Wright. The musical was also presented the following Sunday during Worship.

THANKS to all who helped - Teachers Pat King, Margie Bedingfield, Kathy McMahon, Miriam Sass, Elaine Skinner, Ann McDonald. Teen Aides were Phil Bailey, Lindsay Chapin, Nathan and Meg King (Meg was there every day!). Lunch Aides included Mildred Rowan, Chris Dowd, Sonia Russo, Beth Rudnic; Carol French accompanied teachers on the field trip. Thanks to church secretary Flo Kasper for her help with last minute announcements and bulletins.

SPECIAL THANKS to Bev Bailey for her expertise. Flexibility describes Bev as we had to switch our format at the last minute! With her ideas and great execution, VBS was a big success.

I hope all the children had fun and will be back next year. Some of you can even join us as Teen Aides! So, mark your calendars now for next June 20-24, 1993.

Our VBS can only be as good as our volunteers and this year's group was terrific! Thanks for making my last year as Coordinator a great one!

Love always,
Jane Ashbaugh

★ A FALL INQUIRERS SERIES will begin in September. Those wishing to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and/or become a PPC member will meet with Pastor Stoltzfus in the Parlor on September 27, October 4 and 11 at 9:30 a.m. Those wishing to unite with the church will meet with the Session October 18.

INTO AFRICA

KACIE LYNN WOODARD, daughter of Keith and Cece, will be flying to Africa at month's end to participate in a community development project set up by Operation Crossroads Africa, the model for the Peace Corps.

Woodard, a biology major at Occidental College, Los Angeles, and other group members will spend seven weeks in Africa, the bulk of them in Senegal where her project is located.

Before heading overseas, she will participate in a three-day NYC orientation at the OCA national headquarters. There she will have an intense, in-depth orientation, talking with Africans and Africanists, and getting to know members of her group.

Fellowship SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

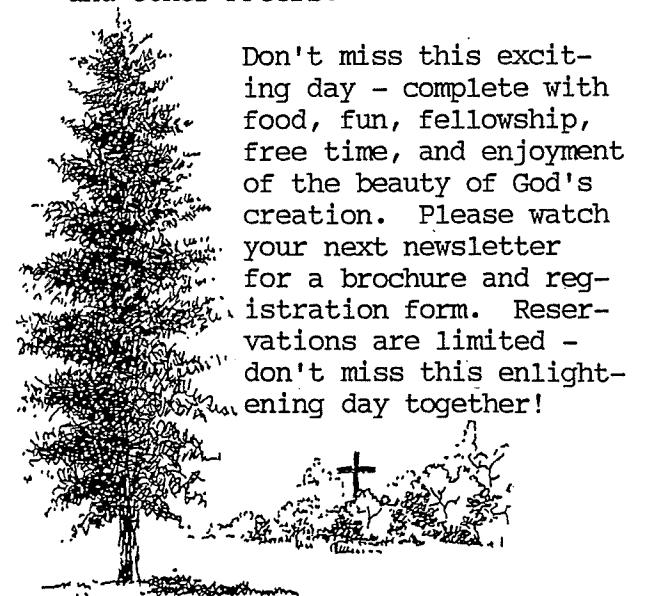
THIRTY SOMETHING: 32 folks shared food and fellowship in early July at a PPC picnic. Elegant prizes such as squirt guns and paddle balls were given to volleyball, balloon toss and frisbee golf winners! Watch for future activities in the bulletin.

RECIPE LUNCHEON: Reserve Oct. 8, 11:30 a.m., for a salad/dessert luncheon. Bring your recipe and receive all the recipes. Sign up begins Sept. 13 in the narthex.

All-Church Retreat At Glenkirk

Mark your calendars now for the 2nd ANNUAL PPC ALL-DAY RETREAT to beautiful Camp Glenkirk in Gainesville, VA. The date is Sunday, October 25, a guaranteed gorgeous Indian Summer day. We'll leave PPC at 8:45 and return about 7:00 p.m. Transportation will again be provided by bus.

This year our worship leader and keynote speaker will be Dr. Diane Sherwood, editor of EcoLetter, the newsletter for the North American Coalition for Religion and Ecology. Dr. Sherwood attended the environmental summit in Brazil this past month and her keynote address will be "The Challenge of Rio". While in Rio, she presented a drama called "The Cosmic Story" with the help of John Denver and Olivia Newton-John. She will re-offer this story to us - with the help of Ann Hazard, Bev Bailey, and other PPCers.



Don't miss this exciting day - complete with food, fun, fellowship, free time, and enjoyment of the beauty of God's creation. Please watch your next newsletter for a brochure and registration form. Reservations are limited - don't miss this enlightening day together!

How Can We Help?

All of us have been touched by the unspeakable suffering in Somalia and in Yugoslavia. Pray for the victims of violence, homelessness, and starvation. Pray for those who bring relief, assist refugees and minister to those in need. Pray for political leaders throughout the world as they search for peaceful settlement to the conflict.

Just this past week our own country was hit by Hurricane Andrew and South Florida and Louisiana were devastated. Massive relief efforts are underway, including significant help from various church agencies. We can help by making financial contributions. Gifts through our Presbyterian Church are used 100% for relief. Please make checks payable to PPC marked for "World Relief." Gifts will be forwarded for this relief effort - half for overseas and half for victims of Hurricane Andrew.

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KERRY ON ...

The Last Baileywick

Christian worship is not utilitarian. Its purpose is not to propose solutions to personal or social problems. The question is not, "What will I get out of worship?"*

Worship is an act whose end is to give glory to the living God whose gospel is unconditional love and unbounded justice.*

It's really a matter of first things first. Give glory to God and our needs will be addressed. Our greatest need is to, in the words of the Catechism, "glorify God and enjoy Him forever". Actually we are not all that clear on what our real needs are until we truly hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the context of giving glory to God, direction for our personal lives and social issues will emerge. It's like going to be with someone to honor them or express your love and afterward realizing that you got as much out of the encounter

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ENDINGS AND BEGINNINGS

As most of you probably know by now, I have resigned my position here at PPC, and will be going to a new church in Northern Virginia. My last Sunday with you will be September 20. It is with many mixed emotions that I leave all of you after three years of ministry here. It has been hard work, but I will carry with me wonderful memories. Some of the highlights of my time here include:

* Working with the Youth of the Church - the overnight trips to the beach, skiing, Camp Glenkirk - getting to know each of you - listening to your stories - watching you grow in your faith - working with you in Confirmation Class - spending a week with some of you at Montreat. I hope that we can stay in touch so that I can see what fine young men and women you become.

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* Working with the CE Committee to establish a set of Goals and Objectives, plus an Action Plan - watching ideas gel and excitement build as everyone worked together in real educational ministry.

* Beautification of the Sunday School Rooms - what fun, what success, what creativity! The result is glorious to behold - and is so inviting as it uplifts God's creation. And that night at the Senior High Lock-In as we painted our young people's shadows on the wall - capturing the uniqueness of the individual in God's world.

* The Advent/Christmas Celebrations - attending my first Birthday Party for Jesus and seeing the three Wise Men and hearing Chan Chung play carols on the saw! - making sure all the children are included for the wonderfully spontaneous Pageant of Christ's birth - my first Children's Sermon on Christmas Eve as I experience the excitement of the youngest children - the beauty of candlelight, music, and communion.

* The First All-Church Retreat - the long evenings of planning, the joy of success as 91 people attend - the beautiful weather as we worship together at the edge of the lake - playing, singing new songs, sharing, relaxing - enjoying God's creation.

* Youth Sundays - planning, creating, learning about worship, learning about the glory of God through the eyes of the children and young people - fresh views, new ideas, budding talent - Praise the Lord!!

I have many other memories and many hopes for this congregation. I want to thank all of you who have helped the program grow, who have been there for me during times of pain and times of joy, who did not shrink from helping out when I called upon you, who added creative energy and ideas to all the planning. I ask that you continue to move forward as you do God's work. The Youth of this church, particularly the teens, need to visibly see that you support and care for them. The people here at Potomac have many blessings - I hope that you will continue to pray about how you may use those blessings to do God's work.

I will miss working with Kerry, Cindy, Flo, Kay - on a daily basis - getting strength from each other as we do God's work. And I will miss all of you. As I begin a new challenge, I offer Paul's closing words to the church at Corinth: "Finally brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you." II Corinthians 13:11

Fondly,

Bew

REACH HIGHER-REACH OUT

The Stewardship Committee has been hard at work this summer planning the fall campaign to fund the 1993 church activities. Chip Dickinson has agreed to chair the campaign and we have things well under way.

This year we will present our 1993 plans in a somewhat different manner from the way we have done in the past. We will provide the details as the campaign develops, but for now we hope you will begin to think about 1993 at PPC and the expanded work we can do for Christ with the proper support.

IN SESSION

IN SESSION on August 24th, Elders accepted, with deep regret, the resignation of Beverly Bailey as Director of Christian Education and Youth and expressed appreciation for her time and commitment with PPC...reviewed plans for the 1993 Stewardship Campaign...approved the sale of poinsettias at Christmas...welcomed Calvin Reid as new Chief Usher...approved providing opportunities for PPC members to respond to needs in specific disaster areas through the Presbyterian Church (USA) relief funds.



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as they did. The key is that your motivation was not to get something for yourself.

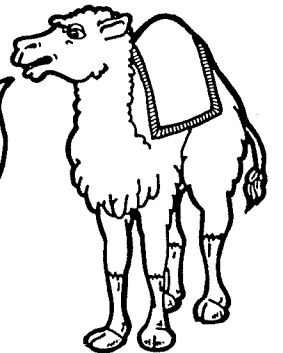
On Sunday, September 13, our Fall Schedule resumes with WORSHIP at 11:00 a.m. Come and give glory to God, and you will likely go away with God blessing - new insight, fresh motivation, comfort and challenge.

* From: The Teaching Minister by Williamson and Allen

Kerry

For Kids

Have you ever heard this:
"Your actions speak louder than words?"



When you do the things that Jesus teaches, your goodness shows through! You don't have to tell anybody that you are good.

What is the name of a person who follows the teachings of Jesus?
Write the first letter of each picture on the line above it to find the answer.



The Wright Note



This month's article is a do-it-yourself project! Sing the following text to the familiar St. Gertrude hymntune ("Onward Christian Soldiers"):

Onward Christian singers,
Marching into fall,
With our busy schedules
Calling one and all,
As we do our planning
May we keep in mind
What our church now offers
In the music line.

Sunday morning Children's Choir,
For grades two through five,
Handbells, then the Sanctuary Choir
Keep our Thursdays live.

The Children's Choir is NEW this fall. We will begin regular Sunday morning rehearsals September 20th promptly at 9:00 a.m. All second through fifth graders are invited to meet with me in the choir room just behind the choir loft area. We are already scheduled to sing in church on October 11, so don't delay joining the singing fun. Interested parents are invited to attend the first rehearsal to relate to the program of the choir and to membership commitment.

The Sanctuary Choir resumes regular Thursday night rehearsals September 10 at 8:00 p.m. After working with these fine singers briefly in the late spring and early summer, I am anxious to begin a fall season of exciting repertoire and voice building. We welcome NEW MEMBERS to this group who sing to the glory of God in a setting of good Christian fellowship and yes, hard work. I don't crack the ship too hard, so please join us.

The Handbell Choir will meet Thursday evening, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. (new time) to polish handbells and discuss rehearsal plans and ringing expectations for the coming year. Give me a ring (pun intended) if you wish to apply your music reading skills to this challenging, satisfying activity. The choir rings several times a year in worship.

In closing, may I thank all who participated in the special music offered this summer. The Father's Day Chorus, the Bible School musical message and the Family Choir were great fun. Thank you Ann Hazard, Bev Bailey, Diane Rose, Joyce Jenkins, Darcy, Derek, Melissa and Ariana Smith, Mary Ann Brumbaugh and the Hummon family for your talents and your willingness to share them with the congregation. I enjoyed this time to get to know you all a bit better.

-Cindy Wright (home 926-7015)



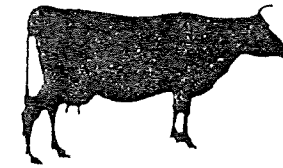
COMMUNITY NEWS

NEEDLEWORK INGATHERING is set for Friday, October 23, at the Bethesda United Methodist Church, 8300 Old Georgetown Road, 1:00-3:00 p.m. This is the 107th year the NEEDLEWORK GUILD has collected new clothes for the needy. All warm clothing for elementary school children is needed; health kits are necessary to teach hygiene in the Chapter I Schools; lap robes for the elderly and layettes for our youngest citizens are always appreciated. Money to buy clothing is also necessary. Call Jo Allen (301-986-1972) or Aethel Allen (301-652-7457) for further information.

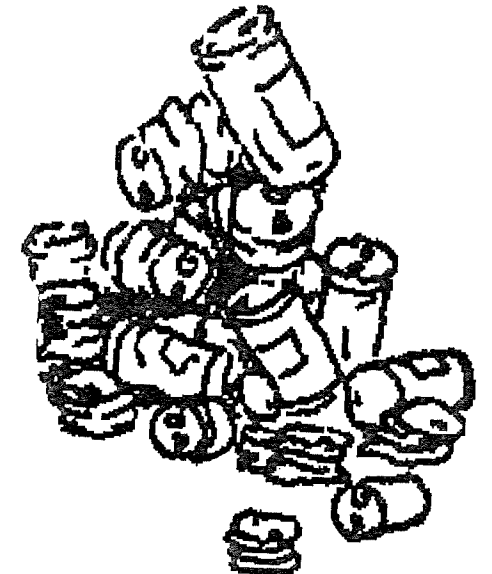
New Way To Help MK

If you are a Federal employee, you may want to consider designating a part of your CFC contribution to Miriam's Kitchen. PPC has supported MK for many years through its mission program and many of our members work in the Kitchen as volunteers. MK serves a hot, nutritious breakfast meal every weekday to the downtown Washington homeless. Each meal costs about \$1.25 and only 2% of the budget is used for administrative costs.

SAVE ALUMINUM CANS FOR HEIFER PROJECT



Thanks to all who have been bringing aluminum cans to church to support the Heifer Project adopted by our Sunday School children. We hope more of you will participate. Instead of putting your aluminum cans in the blue county bucket, bring them to PPC and put them in our bucket - located next to the Coke machine in the hallway off Fellowship Hall. Please dump your cans into our plastic bag from your plastic bag to make the next step easier for our Recycling Queen! And if you crush them, we can pack more in a smaller space. (Squeeze the can to make a slight dent; then stomp on it; it's fun!)





ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jim Reichley whose new book The Life of the Parties has just been published.

Janet and Calvin Koonce married 25 years on July 22; Lynn and Bill Bigler married 34 years on August 9.

GODSPEED TO:

Donald, Jane, Carolina and Marguerite Ashbaugh who have moved to 316 Loudoun Street, Leesburg, VA 22075.

NOTED:

Thomas Eagleson has been named "Athlete of the Year" by the Bucknell University campus newspaper.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

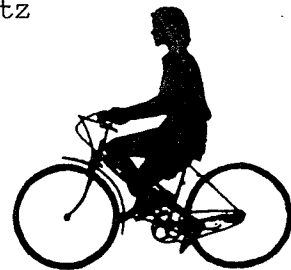
Chan Chung and his family in the recent death of his father in Seoul, Korea; Dan Dowd and Marilyn Spivey recovering at home from hospitalization

We Get Letters

Just a note to thank you for allowing RECYCLE BICYCLES to use your parking lot. It really helps us to keep our costs down to have various places available to collect donations. Further, it enables us to collect more bikes from various suburban communities. Thanks for your support.

We plan to begin organizing for next summer in late March of 1992. Our first year has been quite successful; we've donated bikes to the following organizations: Boys and Girls Clubs of Washington, Ionia Whipper Group Home, Starting Over, Second Mile, Sasha Bruce Youthwork, For Love of children, Evergreen Family Center, Orphan Foundation, Latin American Youth Center. If you know of any organizations that are in need, please have them contact us at 202-986-9470. We focus on giving bikes to children in foster care, group homes, halfway houses and shelters.

For Recycle Bicycles,
Karen Katz



ED. NOTE: PLEASE SAVE YOUR OLD BICYCLES FOR THIS GROUP AND WATCH STEEPLE TO PEOPLE FOR NEWS OF THEIR 1993 PICKUP DATES.



Rally Day Sept. 13

Sunday School for all ages will officially begin here at PPC on September 13 with our Rally Day Kick-Off. Everyone will meet in Fellowship Hall for a Continental Breakfast and Registration for all ages. We will sing some songs, get acquainted, and hear about the great program for 1992-93. The children and young people will meet their teachers and find out where their rooms are. Cindy Wright will tell us her plans for a new choir season. Join us to renew friendships and greet new people who will join this family of faith.

youth news

SUNDAY NITE LIVE!!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!! SNL will begin its 1992-93 season for both Middle School and Senior Highs with a cookout on Sunday, September 20, 5:30-7:30. Come say goodbye to Bev Bailey and hear about the plans for a great new year!! DON'T MISS THE FIRST MEETING OF THE SEASON!!!

FAREWELL FOR BEV BAILEY
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
FELLOWSHIP HALL
IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP.
YOU MAY CONTRIBUTE TO THE
GIFT PRESENTED TO BEV BY
SENDING YOUR CHECK TO THE
CHURCH OFFICE MARKED
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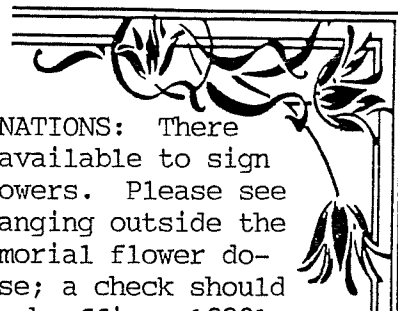
SS Needs Volunteers

The following people have volunteered to be a part of the Sunday morning program here at PPC: Lynn Muys, Naomi Sigalas, Annette Busbice, Linda Lyons, Wendy Atwood, Cece Woodard, Robert Drumheller, Sonia Russo, Olivia Mabeus, Mary Margaret Smith, Bob King, Lynn Matson, Alyce Tamzarian, Mildred Rowan, Margie Bedingfield, Betty Yadlosky, Chris Dowd, Anne Bavier and Diane Chapin. We thank all these people for sharing their time and talents with the children and youth of PPC. There is still a place for you in this wonderful band of volunteers. Teachers are still needed for the Pre-School Class, Kindergarten-First Grade, and Middle School. We are in dire need of a coordinator for our Creative Enrichment Program. Please reflect on whether you would be willing to give of your time to help the children of the church and call the church office to volunteer.

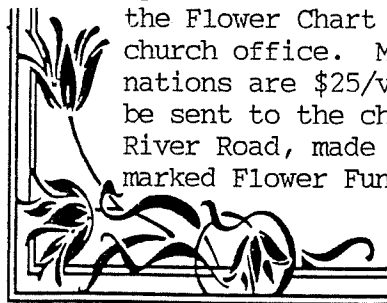


SRS AT MONTREAT

Four PPC Senior Highs and their Advisor, Bev Bailey, attended the PCUSA Youth Conference held at Montreat, North Carolina. Those young people making the nine-hour trek included: Allison Chapin, Meg and Nathan King, and Carolina Olalo. The theme for the week of July 26-August 1 was "With Ears that See: Experiencing the Familiar in a New Way." Our small group joined about 1200 other Senior Highs from all over the country. We shared a dormitory floor with kids from Arkansas and Florida. It was a time to renew friendships and make lots of new ones. The week was filled with all kinds of activities - except sleep! - an old-fashioned carnival, Open-Mike night, small group time, keynotes by different characters from the Bible, and worship. We talked alot, laughed alot, thought alot, even prayed alot. Ask any of us to tell you about our trip. We had a great time - and hope that other PPC Senior Highs will join us next year for a week like no other you have ever experienced!!



MEMORIAL FLOWER DONATIONS: There are still Sundays available to sign up for memorial flowers. Please see the Flower Chart hanging outside the church office. Memorial flower donations are \$25/vase; a check should be sent to the church office, 10301 River Road, made out to PPC and marked Flower Fund.



MAINTENANCE

SOME LOOK GOOD; SOME LOOK BAD!
The entire church offers a thank you to those of you who have weeded your garden plots and a request to those who have not to please keep up with it. This wet weather really makes the weeds thrive; please help us keep ahead of them, keeping our grounds looking great. Thanks for your conscientious help.

CHRISTMAS SHARING

It's not too early to start dreaming of a most unusual Christmas! Christmas International House, sponsored locally by Gaithersburg churches, has hosted 278 students over the past 13 years. Host families are needed for one or two week periods from December 18 to January 1. Call Eleanor Munch, CIH Chairman, 926-3728, for more information and watch Steeple to People for details.

BAZAAR



POTOMAC CUTTING BOARDS will be available for you to order starting September 20 at Coffee Hours. They are made in New Hampshire of select maple hardwood and beautifully finished in color especially for the PPC Holiday Bazaar via a new computer process. 3 designs are available; yule'll love them!

Please help us develop our mailing list by giving names and addresses of local friends/neighbors when you are called. The Crafty Ladies are looking for old stockings again; also all kinds of pinecones, and hydrangea blossoms picked at peak and dried.

Fellowship SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

* GREETERS are needed through October. Please sign up on the list outside the church office.

* RECIPE LUNCHEON set for 11:30 on October 8 in Fellowship Hall. Sign up in September and enjoy friendship, good food, fun - and get a new recipe booklet!

* THIRTY SOMETHING (20's, 30's and 40's). Please complete the questionnaires sent to you and return to the church office. If you weren't sent one, please let Molly Singerling (703-329-9561) or Diane Kendall (301-774-4730) know.



TEA

AND HANDWORK



Make a date to join us for an afternoon of friendship in the church parlor on Thursday, September 24, 1:30-3:30. Everyone is most welcome.

Questions? Call Kathy McMahon at 762-2076

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 1992						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Fellowship	Labor Day office closed		9:30 a.m. Advent Booklet Meeting 2:45 p.m. Collingswood	12:00 AA - library Choirs: 6:30 pm Handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary; MD Ornith. Soc.	6 p.m. rehearsal	Sunday School Teacher Workshop 9:00-11:00 am 4:00 p.m. Pearre/Liposty wedding
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9:45 am Sunday School/ Rally Day 11:00 am Worship/Installation of Teachers 12:00 Fellowship 12:15 pm Fellowship Committee Meeting	8 pm Committees	9:30 am "Christian Living Group"	9:30 am Bible Study	12:00 AA - library 1:00 pm Caregivers 7:00 pm Retreat Committee Handbells 8:00 pm Sanc. Chr.	5:30 pm rehearsal	10 am Walker/ Smith wedding
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9:00 am Childrens 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Bibles 12:00 Reception for Bev Bailey 3:45 pm Worship at Manor Care	8 pm Session	10 a.m. Presbytery	9:30 am Bible Study	12:00 AA - library Handbells 8:00 pm Sanc. Chr.		National Capital Presbytery teacher train- ing event: Burke, VA 9 am - 1:15 pm
27	28	29	30			
9:00 am Childrens Chr 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 1:00 pm Deacons Brunches	7:30 pm Deacons	9:30 am - 3:30 pm Bradley Hills PC Staff retreat	9:30 am Bible Study			

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KERRY ON ...

AND ALL THE PEOPLE SAID, "AMEN."

In some congregations the pastor uses this lead in to encourage the congregation to respond with an "Amen" to signify their affirmation of what has just been said. Other congregations are more spontaneous with their "Amens" and people signify their affirmation during sermons and prayers.

The word "amen" comes from the Hebrew and means "so be it" or "that's what I say, too." It is especially appropriate after a prayer that has been said on behalf of the people. In the Middle Ages Christian worshippers did not sing hymns, rather the choirs sang and the people responded with an "Amen." Doxologies were sung following Psalms and ended with an "Amen."

During the Reformation the people themselves began to sing hymns and they no longer needed to sing "Amen" at the end. The great hymn writers Luther, Watts, and Wesley did not include "Amens" on their hymns for singing had been given back to the people. During the early 1800's the Oxford Movement in England began to translate earlier Latin Hymns which always ended with a doxology and therefore an "Amen." Gradually the doxologies were omitted, but the "Amen" somehow remained. By the late 1800's hymnbooks included "Amens" at the conclusion of all hymns.

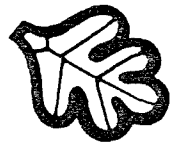
By the 1920's hymnbooks began to omit the "Amens" as more authentic expression of the Reformation heritage and because most hymn writers did not include "Amens" in their texts. Furthermore, many times the "Amen" is not appropriate musically or theologically to the hymn thought or musical design. (continued on p. 11)

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Place: Camp Glenkirk
Date: October 25, 1992
Time: 8:45-7:00
Cost: \$16/adult; \$12 youth (6-12); \$6 child (under 6)
Fee includes transportation, dinner, snack, supplies.

Come let Dr. Diane Sherwood help you discover your role in healing God's Earth. Diane is editor of the Ecoletter, the newsletter for the North American Coalition for Religion and Ecology. She attended the Environmental Summit in Brazil earlier this year.

Enjoy small group activities including nature hikes, art in nature, nature through the lens, nature scavenger hunt, and raptors in our ecosystem.



SIGN UP AFTER CHURCH IN THE NARTHEX. QUESTIONS? CALL LYNN MATSON 279-5598 OR THE CHURCH OFFICE 299-6007.



Thank You

I don't think I can adequately express how much I appreciate all the kindness shown toward me over the last few weeks. As I move on to a new call in a new church, all I can say is, "This is going to be a hard act to follow". The "Godspeed" and the reception after worship on September 20 were lovely. The children and teachers of Sunday school went out of their way to create wonderful remembrances of PPC. I love the thumbprints of the children, the scrapbooks from the Senior Highs and the 4th-5th graders, the cards and pictures from the other children, and the book of memories from all of you. Thank you also for the framed picture of the church, the crystal biscuit jar, and for all the other wonderful remembrances. A special thanks to Kay Mitchel for making the delicious cake, and to Ann Bavier and Margie Bedingfield for secretly arranging all the Sunday School gifts. Thanks to all of you who worked behind the scenes to make that Sunday so special for me.

I hope that if you ever find yourself in Virginia on a Sunday morning, that you will stop by Providence Presbyterian Church on Little River Turnpike in the city of Fairfax. It would be lovely to see a familiar face smiling at me. I am not saying "good-bye" because I know that I will see all of you again. We Presbyterians are "connectional" - besides, I consider many of you to be good friends. Please stay in touch - I will miss all of you.

Rev

KERRY on... (continued from p. 1)

Since last Advent Season we have omitted the singing of "Amens" at the end of hymns. While I always wish to be sensitive to traditions that have meaning in our worship experience, I believe that this omission is more authentic to our Reformation heritage and more appropriate musically. Many wonderful hymns end in a glorious and uplifting way and I encourage you all to sing them with joy and thanksgiving. Occasional "Amens" during or at the end of sermons might surprise me at first, but I'll get used to it.

Kerry



CIH

Join hands with the students of the world. You, too, can provide a small stabilizing influence for world peace. Join our CIH program in the Gaithersburg area as we prepare for our 14th annual visit of foreign students over the Christmas holidays. This year, from December 18 to January 1, twenty international visitors will be arriving from colleges all over the United States. We are one of over fifty communities around the country participating in the 1992 program, providing an opportunity for Americans to demonstrate and to share the real meaning of Christmas. Dialogue and exchange of ideas characterize the program - peacemaking at the grassroots level.


One of last year's guests wrote, "I want to tell you what wonderful ambassadors of America you are and how important is what you do. I only wish to have the proper means, once at home, to pass along this message." He is back home now, teaching in a large university in Romania, and what a wonderful ambassador he was from his country. In all, nine foreign countries were represented, leaving treasured memories of Christmas 1991.

Please join us in a planning meeting for our 1992 program on Sunday evening, October 18, at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church with special emphasis on planning for three trips to Washington, three extra parties, and possibly other trips or tours. We need help planning and hosting these international students - a very Christian way of celebrating Christmas. For further information, call Eleanor Munch, Chairman, 926-3728.



The Wright Note

We are back to our fall schedule and that means that our choir program is in full swing. Some of us have jumped on the swing, but it is going to take many more of you to keep the momentum going. Let me give you some attendance statistics for rehearsals thus far:

- Sanctuary Choir - September 10: Nine
September 17: Eight (seven women, one man)
- Handbell Choir (Eight ringers necessary to ring two octaves of bells)
September 10: Seven
September 17: Five
September 24: Four (verified in advance)
- Children's Choir
September 20: Eight 

My challenge as Director of Music is to choose and prepare music that a small number of singers and ringers can present with good musicianship and a sense of inner satisfaction and true worship. That is a tall order. In the meetings I've attended and the church literature I've read thus far, I've been reminded of this statement: "Music is a very important part of our church life." I couldn't agree more. But to support the quality and effectiveness of the musical contribution to worship, we really need more of you to commit to participation. May I remind you of the schedule under which we are presently working:

- Children's Choir: Sunday mornings, 9:00, grades 2-5. Children will sing in worship once a month and take active rolls in Christmas pageants, musical dramas and children's music festival activities.
- Sanctuary Choir: Thursday nights, 8:00. Sing regularly for Sunday worship. Prepare anthems weeks in advance to allow for those of you who travel. A love for singing, not a solo voice, is required.
- Handbell Choir: Thursday nights, 6:30. Ring once a month in worship as a choir. Serve as resource group for special accompaniments to anthems and hymns. Skills in rhythmic music reading are helpful.



Please read this article as an invitation, not an admonishment. I hear you singing so well on Sunday mornings during the hymns that I yearn for more of you to share in the further joy of singing or ringing in the choir.

Cindy

BAZAAR

DON'T PLAN ANYTHING for November 14 until AFTER you've visited PPC's HOLIDAY BAZAAR. "HOLIDAY" means you'll find fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas items galore!

Our fabulous Potomac cutting boards will be available for you to order early - at coffee hours.



No kidding, this year's event really is our biggest and best one yet. Our Potomac Hunt Tree is just one of our special features filled with foxes, horns and horsey things - come UNdecorate it! Dawn Thompson has painted charming Santa faces on genuine Chesapeake Bay oyster shells - you'll have to have one! Wilma Sharer has created the most special one-of-a-kind wreaths! You'll find a wide variety of hostess gifts, stuffed animals, baskets, hand-painted Santa necklaces so popular last year, angel and Santa tree toppers, centerpieces, baby gifts - and delicious baked goods!

Don't forget to bring the postcard you'll receive for your 10% discount! And bring a friend!

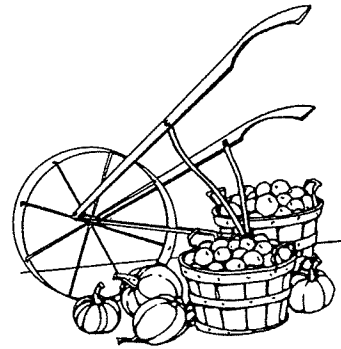
Time to find those favorite cookie recipes! Bake Sale Chair Mildred Rowan will be calling to ask you to help fill our goodie table. Please continue to save clear, muffin-type boxes from Giant; old stockings, too.

Bake Sale

TEA AND HANDWORK



In October we shall get together Thursday afternoons, October 15 and 29 at 1:30 in the Parlor. Two ladies are learning how to do counted cross stitch. Do join us!



Fellowship SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

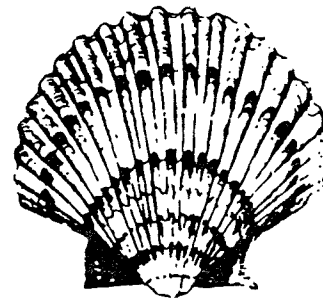
RECIPE EXCHANGE LUNCHEON with guest speaker, October 8 at 11:30 a.m. Bring a dish and the recipe.

"THIRTY SOMETHING" HAY RIDE for fall time fun! Come join the singles, couples and families at PPC November 8 at 2:00. We'll caravan to Homestead Farms for a hayride and bonfire. \$3.50 each.

ARE YOU LOOKING for a simple way to volunteer at PPC? How about greeting ONE Sunday a year? We need you now!

youth news

INTRODUCING JASON KELLEY, our new Assistant for Youth Program. Jason graduated from Gordon College this May with a degree in Youth Ministry. The past two summers he has been an Intern at the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church. He will meet with our youth groups, do planning with our parents, spend time with the young people and teach Sunday School on an occasional basis. Welcome Jason and let's all support him in this vital ministry with our youth.



CHRISTIAN LIVING MEETINGS

Christian Living is a group of women studying everyday issues we face as Christians. This year, we will meet the first Tuesday of the month in the Parlor from 9:30-11 a.m. Our topic for the first meeting will be the first chapter of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's Gift From The Sea. Bring a copy of the book to the meeting. We welcome newcomers!

MEMORIAL GARDEN

WHO ARE ALTA AND HARVARD HULL???

Have you looked at the Memorial Plaque which graces our Memorial Garden and wondered who Alta Zera Hull and Harvard Leslie Hull are? They are my parents and are interred in the memorial garden at the First Congregational Church, Western Springs, Illinois, the church I grew up in. Mom and Dad were instrumental in the creation of their memorial garden; thus, my inspiration to create our beautiful garden. They loved their church, as I love mine; and I take great comfort in having them memorialized both in Western Springs and at Potomac Presbyterian.

The plaques are a wonderful way to express the expanse and extension of our congregation - a congregation of persons from many other places who frequently move onto other places - but forever remain a part of us. Please take another look at the Plaque and reflect upon how it might bring you the joy it has brought to me. I will be delighted to talk with you.

Janet Hull Clark
Co-Chairman
Memorial Garden Committee



All in the Family



WELCOME TO:

Rebecca Kelly, born September 14, daughter of Dennis and Lisa McMahon; grand-daughter of Bob and Kathy.

Susan Lelia, born July 9, daughter of Lee and Brenda Peters.

Sarah Kathryn, born September 2, daughter of Kevin and Pam Perry. Lowell and Barbara Perry are the proud grandparents of both Susan and Sarah.

Samantha Amelia, born September 8, daughter of Robert and Kelly Evans; grand-daughter of Harry and Jackie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Janet Wilson and Scott Peek who were married September 19 in Portland, Oregon.

Judy Forgotson recently married to Jim McKelvey. We also wish Godspeed to Judy who is moving: 9861 Copper Hill Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124.

NEW ADDRESS

Rice and Elizabeth Trolan, 106 Woodmere Dr., Williamsburg, VA 23185 AND Marv and Kay Summers, 111 N. Sea Pines Dr., Hilton Head Island, SC 29928.

NOTED:

Klara Rozner displayed her paintings recently at an art show at White Flint Mall.

New For Hearing Impaired

We are very pleased to announce that PPC has acquired a new sound system for the hearing impaired. If you occasionally have difficulty hearing the children's sermon or the lay leader's announcements and would like to use the new system, please pick up one of the remote receivers and ear piece on the table just inside the sanctuary. We hope that this new system will make your worship experience even more meaningful. Please return the receiver to the same table following the service.

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YOU ARX A KXY PXRSON

XVXN THOUGH MY TYPXWRTXRX IS AN OLD MODXL, IT WORKS VXRY WXLL - - - XX-XXCXPT FOR ONX KXY. YOU WOULD THINK THAT WITH ALL THX OTHXR KXYS FUNCTIONING PROPXRLY, ONX KXY NOT WORKING WOULD HARDLY BX NOTICXD: BUT JUST ONX KXY OUT OF WHACK SXXMS TO RUIN THX WHOLX XFFORT.

YOU MAY SAY TO YOURSXLX - - - WXLL I"AM ONLY ONX PXRSON. NO ONX WILL NOTICX IF I DON'T DO MY BXST. BUT IT DOXS MAKX A DIFFXRXNCX BXCAUSX TO BX XFFXCTIVX AN ORGANIZATION NXXDS ACTIVX PARTICIPATION BY XVXRY ONX OF ITS MXMBXRS TO THX BXST OF HIS OR HXR ABILITY.

SO THX NXXT TIMX YOU THINK YOU ARX NOT NXXDXD OR IMPORTANT, RXMXMBXR MY OLD TYPXWRTXRX. YOU ARX A KXY PXRSON.

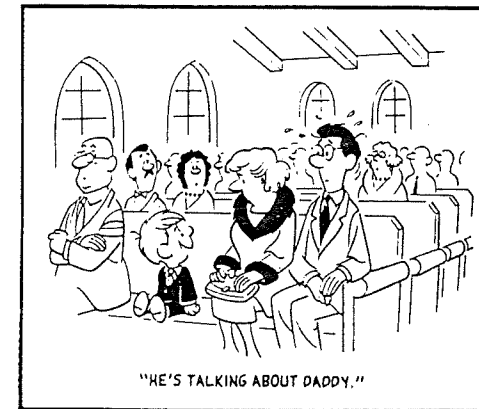
REACH HIGHER-REACH OUT

The annual congregation-wide appeal for pledges to fund the 1993 programs of the church is about to begin. This year the Session has decided to place major emphasis on the Outreach mission of the church and we have adopted the theme "Reach Higher, Reach out" for the campaign.

A verse in the hymn from a recent worship service is particularly appropriate:

"With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to You.
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neighbors too.
O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son.
Help us to give ourselves each day Until life's work is done."

The Committee plans to provide a great volume of information about the plans of each of the church programs for 1993 in the weeks to follow, but unless the Holy Spirit works within each of us, our efforts will be for naught. We respectfully urge you to begin to consider your response to this year's appeal, and try to "Reach Higher, Reach Out."



IN SESSION

IN SESSION on September 21, 1992...Elders considered individual Committee budget requests for 1993 with rationale presented for increases over 1992 budgeted levels...reviewed the Stewardship Campaign Promotion Plan...approved the slate for the Director of Christian Education and Youth Nominating Committee which consists of Anne Bavier, Chair, Vicky Dorman, Bob King, Nathan King, Olivia Mabeus, Lynn Matson and Beth Rudnic...welcomed the addition of Jason Kelley, graduate of Gordon College, as Assistant for the Youth Program...noted with thanks Frank Bond's efforts in erecting "Visitor Parking" signs in the side parking lot.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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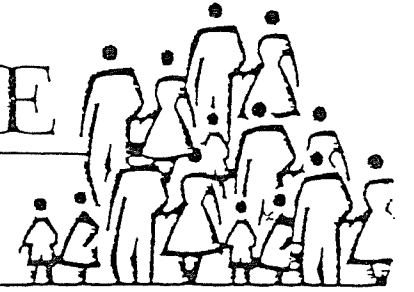
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KERRY ON ...

You got a phone call last night. "I'm calling for the Nominating Committee at the church. We would like to nominate you to serve as an elder (a deacon) in our church."

What's behind that phone call? Certainly, the Nominating Committee prayerfully and thoughtfully considered a number of candidates. One's previous activity and service in our congregation or in other churches is important. The Committee also seeks the guidance of the Holy Spirit in its deliberation. Being called to serve is not a reward for previous service but a recognition of the gifts and dedication of the candidate.

When a person gets this phone call, he must consider another "call" and ask himself, "Is God calling me to this office?" Sometimes an affirmative answer is immediate and other times further thought and prayer is required.

In the end, once again, we must listen to God's Spirit. When an affirmative answer is given, the words of the ordination service echo, "God has called you by the voice of the church to serve Jesus Christ in a special way."

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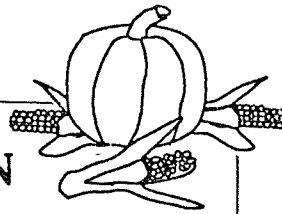
BAZAAR

As you're reading this, PPC's HOLIDAY BAZAAR is about two weeks away. A few of us have spent all of this year working on projects for this event. Here's your chance to participate: bake something for our goodie table and bring it to Fellowship Hall Friday morning, November 13. Then all that remains for you to do is tuck your 10% off postcard in your pocket, grab a friend (that's another 10% off!), and come and see what we've done.

There will be three Christmas trees loaded with a wide variety of ornaments; one will be covered in Santa ornaments only! There are only 30 hand painted Chesapeake Bay oyster shell Santas so get there early! Our Potomac Hunt Tree filled with foxes, horns and "horse" gifts will also delight you. Many quality hand-made items are waiting for you as hostess gifts, baby items, stuffed animals, jewelry - even Thanksgiving decor.

Support the Crafty Ladies' efforts so this Fellowship Committee event can continue to support projects in and outside PPC. I'll be waiting for you at the door at 10 a.m., November 14.

Lynn Bazaar!



A FALL HYMN (to the tune *Kremser*)

We gather together to plan the church program.
We need to get busy and fix up the sink.
The stewardship dinner is bound to be a winner.
Oh, should we have a movie or slides, do you think?

The lawns all need cutting and let's trim the bushes.
The church and the manse need a new coat of paint.
The cushions are losing their stuffing and our tushes
Need something soft for worship, for martyrs we ain't.

The calendar's filling, each day an addition.
The Sunday School party next week it will be.
We're being so Christian that there's no time for mission.
Next fall we'll make the time, O Lord make us free.

Inspired by (and with apologies to)
Spinning Your Wheels for Jesus
by Sandra and Edward McNulty.

TEA AND HANDWORK



In November, TEA AND HANDWORK shall get together Thursday the 19th at 1:30 in the Church Parlor. Plan to be with us and "do your own thing."



M/M Dwight Self (Pam), 10500 Tanager La., Potomac, 309-9559.
The Selfs come by Transfer from New York Avenue PC, Washington, DC. Pam grew up in Morristown, TN, and attended UT. Pam and Dwight moved to this area in 1982, and Pam was director of finance of Georgetown U until the birth of daughter Hannah in 1989. Dwight has his own business, Selbre Associates, and Pam helps out several mornings/week as his accountant.
Deacon: Bettie Ann Johnson.

Miss Matania Smiley, 415 Russell Ave., #510, Gaithersburg, 20877, 216-5271.
"Tania" comes by Transfer from Mountview Boulevard PC, Denver, CO. She holds the record for having visited PPC the longest as she has been visiting and worshipping with us for about 20 years! She is the sister of Miriam Sass and would always come to PPC when visiting the Sasses. Tanis is a retired teacher. Deacon: Nettie Propps.

M/M Jon Warnick (Connie), 8800 Twin Creek Ct., Potomac, 299-9475.
The Warnicks come by Transfer from the New Canaan PC, New Canaan, CT. They have just recently returned from four years in Japan. Jon is retired from IBM and is now a vice president with Northern Telecom of McLean, VA. He enjoys all outdoor sports. Connie was with IBM, too, but "retired" several years ago to stay home with son Scott who is now 12. Connie stays busy with tennis, school and volunteer projects. Deacon: Alyce Tamzarian.

M/M Richard Weaver (Fran), 8113 Paisley Pl., Potomac, 983-8578.
The Weavers come by Transfer from Bethesda PC, Bethesda, MD. Richard is a pediatric dentist with the Public Health Service. In his spare time he stays busy working with cub scouts and coaching a soccer team. Fran is also in the field of public health and handles training programs for professionals who deal with alcohol and drug abusers. Most of her free time is spent carpooling but she'd like more time for reading, tennis, hiking and camping. The Weavers have two children: Karen, 13, and Michael, 10. Deacon: Lew Chapin.

Mrs. Charles R. Yager (Pam), 7312 Burdette Ct., Bethesda 20817, 365-5610.
Pam comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. Pam is Vice President of Human Resources with the Kronheim Co. Inc. and her husband Rick is Vice President of Finance with DGA, INTL. The Yagers have two children: Tyler, 7, and Cameron, 3.
Deacon: Nettie Propps.

Please reserve the VISITOR PARKING spaces on Sunday mornings for...

VISITORS



REACH HIGHER - REACH OUT

The annual campaign to tell the congregation about next year's plans is well underway. This year's theme is "REACH HIGH - REACH OUT". We are emphasizing the Outreach aspects of our mission here in Potomac in the hope that we can expand our mission in the community resulting in God's Word reaching folks not even in our church family as well as adding new members to our roles.

The budget is being presented in a somewhat different way this year. The idea is to show how each budget item plays its part in the program of the church. If you will review the "pie chart" in the center section of the Stewardship Brochure, you will quickly see that the Christian Education program utilizes the largest portion of the budget, and properly so, since we of the Reformed tradition believe that educating our children and adults provides the base upon which a strong faith can stand.

The stewardship goal is for each member to pledge an additional 1% of income to the church. If we achieve this objective, we will be in a position to really...REACH HIGH - REACH OUT.



IN SESSION

IN SESSION on October 19, 1992, Elders welcomed the news that Diane Hutchins will serve as Interim Director of Christian Education and Youth...planned the agenda for the November 14-15 Session Retreat... called a Congregational Meeting following worship on November 1 for the purpose of electing officers...endorsed the nomination of Elder Jon Hawley for consideration as a Commissioner to General Assembly, June 2-9, 1993, in Orlando, Florida...expressed appreciation to Elder Bob McMahon for his willingness to audit PPC financial books.

Make A Joyful Noise

You're invited... to the THIRTEENTH ANNUAL CONCERT - GREAT MUSIC OF SEVEN RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS, at the Washington National Cathedral, 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 17, 1992. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, \$17.50 reserved. Highlights this year are...the first Native American participation, the first orchestral ensemble, and the largest combined choir ever - 225 voices! Music of diverse traditions will be performed by choirs of the Jewish, Latter-day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic and Sikh faiths and the Islamic Call to Prayer.

WELCOME TO

The following new members were received by the Session on Sunday, October 18, 1992. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Kent Arnold, 6630 Tucker Ave., McLean, VA 22101-5271, 703-356-5469.

Kent comes by Profession of Faith. He was born in Washington but grew up overseas. With a degree from Dartmouth, his career in electrical and astronomical engineering has led him to NASA. He is married to Dr. Doreen Arnold-McMahon who is a PPC member. Kent and Doreen have one daughter, Kathleen, 8 months old, and are expecting again in April. Kent enjoys rugby, skiing, hunting, distance running and bicycling. His parents live near San Francisco but his in-laws are Bob and Kathy McMahon, PPC members. This makes another three generation family at our church. Deacon: Alyce Tamzarian.

M/M David Fowler (Jackie), 9450 Newbridge Dr., Potomac, 983-5009.

The Fowlers come to us by Transfer from the Second Congregational Church of Greenwich, CT. David grew up in a small farming community in Missouri where he worked in his father's grocery store from the time he was a young boy until he went away to college. After graduation from U/MO and an Army tour, he joined a CPA firm. His Peat Marwick career took the family to Jackson, MS, Honolulu, HI, NYC, and DC. In June, 1992, David retired and became Dean of the School of Business and Public Management at GWU. He serves on the boards of the Corcoran Gallery, the National Symphony, and the Washington Theatre Awards Society. In addition, he is on the executive committees of the Greater Washington Research Center and the Federal City Council. Jackie, also a Missourian, graduated from U/MO in home economics. She enjoys community projects as well as tennis, skiing, hiking and cycling. The Fowlers have two married sons, in Mississippi and Florida, and are proud grandparents of two grandchildren. Deacon: Alyce Tamzarian.

Mrs. Mark D. French (Carol), 8017 Greentree Rd., Bethesda 20817, 365-3510.

Carol comes by Profession of Faith. Born and raised in Texas, she attended UT at Austin. She married and moved to Maryland in 1982. She is involved in many volunteer projects and enjoys tennis and skiing in her free time. Mark and Carol have two children: Kathleen, 8, and Brian, 5. Deacon: Margie Bedingfield.

M/M Frank Hermann (Violet), 8002 Grand Teton Dr., Potomac, 469-0808.

Frank comes by Reaffirmation of Faith and Violet by Profession of Faith. Both were born and raised in Hungary. They left their native country during the 1956 uprising. They have one daughter, Judy Bernstein, a PPC member. Their three grandchildren are their pride and joy. The Hermanns love to travel and love the outdoors. Frank is retired and Violet works as a cosmetic consultant. Deacon: Margie Bedingfield.

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NEW MEMBERS

M/M William Hodges (Linda), 10735 Normandie Farm Dr., Potomac, 299-3930. The Hodges come by Transfer from Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC. Bill was born in Charlotte, baptized at Myers Park, and has been a member there since 8th grade. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill and received an MBA from Georgia State U. He is in commercial banking with Nations Bank, Bethesda. His hobbies include woodworking and carpentry as well as gardening. Favorite sports are water skiing, snow skiing, golf and cycling. Linda was born in Durham, NC, and attended East Carolina U. She enjoys tennis and just walking their dog. However, she says her special interests are her two children and their activities: Julie, 14 and Will, 12. Deacon: Charlie Brooks.

Mrs. Jon Katz (Andrea), 5026 Warren St., NW, Washington 20001, 202-362-0903. Andrea comes by Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church, Long Branch, NJ. She grew up in West Long Branch, attended VPI and the Medical College of Virginia. Husband Jon is an obstetrician at Columbia Hospital. The Katzes recently built a new home, moving in last February 14 - a nice Valentine's Day gift! Andrea loves to travel and loves all sports - both to watch and to participate. She swam competitively for 10 years. The couple has one daughter, Brittany, 17 months. Deacon: Nettie Propps.

M/M Wayne Lee (Hillary), 7205 Masters Dr., Potomac, 299-1141. The Lees come by Transfer from Northfield Congregational Church, Weston, CT. Wayne is a DC area native, growing up in Bethesda. He attended UVA received his law degree from William and Mary and his MBA from GWU. He is chairman of the board of Ryan, Hartley and Lee, a financial investment firm. Hobbies include golf and tennis when he has time. Hillary, also a DC native, considers this "home" as her Marine Corps father was assigned to DC every other tour. She attended Salem college in Winston Salem, NC, and received her master's degree in education from George Mason U. She loves to read but never has enough time. The Lees are building a new home in Avenel so she spends most of her time on that project. They have three children: Ellen, 15, Anne, 12 and Nora, 7. Deacon: Ken Kent.

M/M John Rachlin (Terri), 11908 Hunting Ridge Ct., Potomac, 294-6334. John comes by Profession of Faith and Baptism; Terri comes by Transfer from the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC. John was born in California and moved to Montgomery County in 1966. He did his undergraduate work at American U; graduate work at GWU. For the last 12 years, he has worked for Merrill Lynch as a stockbroker and financial consultant. He enjoys golf and coaching children's soccer in his spare time. Terri was born in New Jersey but has lived in this area since junior high days. She attended American U for both undergraduate and graduate studies. She is currently on the Wayside Elementary School PTA Board and a member of the board for the Cluntry Place Citizens Association. In her spare time, she is attempting to learn golf! The Tachlins have two children: James, 8, and Thomas, 6. Deacon: Phyllis Matson.

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Fellowship SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

30 SOMETHING HAYRIDE is set for 2:00 p.m. at the Allnutt's Homestead Farm in Poolesville, Maryland, on November 8. \$4 per adult, \$2 per child gets you the ride, marsh-mallow roast, singing and fellowship. Let Katie Dickinson or Molly Singerling know you want in on that afternoon of fun.



Join other members of PPC for dinner and "getting to know you" time. We will be organizing a new DINE WITH NINE program in 1993. Dinners will begin in January and continue for four months. Let's plan to save the second Saturday of each month for these evenings in one another's homes.

Those who have participated in former groups have enjoyed the opportunity to get better acquainted with other PPC members in the home setting. New friendships have been made, some groups have continued, some have had reunions, and one group published a cook book of the menus and recipes they had enjoyed together! Won't you join us in this warm opportunity for fellowship?

Plan now! Watch for the sign up form in the December newsletter or tear-off forms in the Sunday bulletins. Be ready to join us in January.

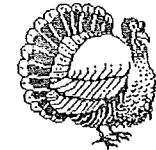
-Donna Mecklenburg for
the Fellowship Committee

All in the Family



NEW ADDRESS: Gloria and Charlie Russell, 2242 Penstemon, Wichita, Kansas 67226

FROM THE "IT'S A SMALL WORLD" DEPARTMENT: Read in a recent letter from Velma and Larry Killion: "Last Sunday we united with Valley Presbyterian Church (Phoenix, AZ). A surprise for us was that Jerry, Margaret, and Kristina Peek were in the same group joining with us." (The Peeks were also former members of PPC!!)



Welcome

WELCOME TO... Diane Hutchins began her work as Interim Director of Christian Education and Youth this week. Mrs. Hutchins has just completed an interim at Providence Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia. We are pleased that she will be able to step in and insure that our education program continues and grows.

Diane will have regular office hours and looks forward to working with us. Stop by and introduce yourself and look for an article in the newsletter from Diane soon.

CHRISTIAN LIVING will meet the second Tuesday of November due to Election Day. Our topic will be the third chapter of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's Gift From The Sea. Newcomers welcome!



Please save EMPTY PAPER TOWEL TUBES for a Creative Enrichment Project. Marjorie Bedingfield and Judy Bernstein are collecting them.



KERRY on...

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I am pleased to announce that the following persons have answered the call:

Elders

Marjorie D. Bedingfield
Charles Robert Dickinson
Robert S. King
Olivia Mabeus

Deacons

Thaddeus A. McDonald
Edward M. Rudnic
Millicent Gimer
Jackie Evans
Peter Fisler, 2 year term
Dawn Thompson, 1 year term

The congregation will meet on November 1 following the worship service for the election of Elders and Deacons.

Kerry



CIH

Now is the best time to start thinking about how you will spend your Christmas holidays. In Gaithersburg, Christmas International House will entertain 20 foreign students from December 18-January 1, 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. We would like to have all arrangements made before Thanksgiving. For further information, call Eleanor Munch at 926-3728, Chairman.

Poinsettias

This year the Worship Committee is offering poinsettias for sale to the congregation in place of the greens that have been offered the past few years. As many of you know, the profit from the sale of these items defrays the cost of the holiday decorations for the sanctuary, fellowship hall and other places in and around the church.

The poinsettias are grown by Behnke Nurseries and are of excellent quality. They are available in red, white or pink.

POT SIZE	NUMBER OF BLOOMS	PRICE
6 inch	5 - 7	\$ 8.95
6-1/2 inch	9 - 12	\$14.95
7-1/2 inch	12 - 16	\$19.95
10 inch	20 plus	\$34.95



SIZE	QUANTITY	COLOR	PRICE
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		TOTAL	---



NAME _____

PHONE _____

Poinsettias may be picked up on December 4 from 1 pm to 4 pm or December 5 from 9 am to noon.

Checks should be made out to Potomac Presbyterian Church and must accompany the order. Orders may be placed in the collection plate or given to Carol Clouse or Pat Thompson.

Deadline for orders is November 24.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
9:00 am Children's Choir ¹ 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Congregational Mtg Election of officers Fellowship 5:30 pm SNL	2 6:30 pm Miriam's Kitchen	3 1-6 pm The Lord's Table	4 9:30 am Bible Study	5 12:00 AA library 1:00 pm caregivers 6:30 pm handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary	6 7	7
9:00 am Children's Choir ⁸ 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Fellowship 5:30 pm SNL	9 8:00 pm Committee Meetings	10 9:30 am Christian Living Class	11 9:30 am Bible Study	12 12:00 AA library 6:30 pm handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary	13	14 8:30 am Session Retreat 10:00 am - 3:00 pm BAZAAR
Session retreat continued ¹⁵ 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Fellowship 5:30 pm SNL Steeple to People Deadline	16 1:00 pm Presbytery National Pres.. Church	17	18 9:30 am Bible Study	19 12:00 AA library 1:00 pm caregivers 1:30 pm Tea and Handwork 6:30 pm Handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary	20 wedding rehearsal	21 4:00 pm Mills/Junko wedding
22 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Baptism 12:00 Fellowship 3:45 pm Worship at Manor Care	23 7:30 pm Deacons meeting	24 6:30 pm Handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary	25 9:30 am Bible Study	26 Happy Thanksgiving	27 office closed wedding rehearsal	28 12:00 Lee/Kim wedding
29 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Communion 12:00 Fellowship	30					
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Make an Advent Wreath or a Yule Log.

You will need:

- 5 candles — 4 purple (one for each of the 4 Sundays of Advent. Purple reminds us of preparation and repentance). 1 large white candle (which is lit on Christmas morning for the coming of Christ).
- Large bowl or pan and sand, or
- A log with 5 holes drilled the diameter of the candles.
- Evergreen boughs or holly.

How to make:

- Fill the pan or bowl with sand, or drill holes in the log.
- Place the large white candle in the center and the 4 purple candles around it. Anchor them good — well down into the sand or holes.
- Circle the bowl or log with evergreens reminding us of God's unending love.

How to use:

- 1st Sunday of Advent — light 1 purple candle
- 2nd Sunday of Advent — light 2 purple candles
- 3rd Sunday of Advent — light 3 purple candles
- 4th Sunday of Advent — light 4 purple candles
- Christmas — light all 5 candles
- Read part of the Christmas story each Sunday. Think about what you can do to Make Room For Jesus this holiday season. Pray that Jesus will be part of your life now and throughout the year.



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you is born
this day...
a Saviour,
which is
Christ the
Lord!”**

Luke 2:11

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STEEPLE to PEOPLE

Kerry L. Stoltzius, Sr. Pastor
Tom Miles, Parish Associate

Cynthia Wright, Music Dir./Organist
Lynn Bigler, Editor



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KERRY ON...

Did you know that John Calvin stole Christmas from the church calendar? He led a band of reformers who saw Christmas as a "popish" holiday wrongfully exalted above the Sabbath by the Roman Catholic Church.

Did you know that in 1583 in Glasgow, Scotland, the church session passed an ordinance dismissing anyone from the church who kept the Christmas holiday?

Did you know that England's love of yuletide was hard to snuff out and in the mid-sixteen hundreds carol singing went underground?

Did you know that the Puritans considered Jolly Old Saint Nicholas a bad custom? One preacher said, "It points children to the saint, while yet we know that not Saint Nicholas but the Holy Christ child gives us all good things for body and soul." (continued on p. 9)



ADVENT SERMON SERIES

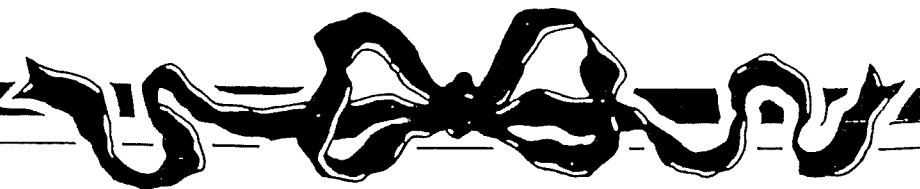
Four beloved carols will be the focus of our worship during Advent. The music and words touch our minds and hearts in this special season. You are invited to worship each week, sing these glorious words and listen for God's word in these cherished carols.

November 29 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

December 6 Once in Royal David's City

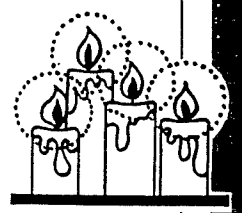
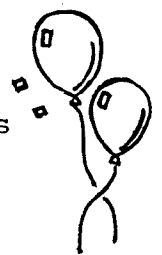
December 13 The First Noel

December 20 Hark the Herald Angels Sing



<u>November 29</u> 9:45 am	<u>First Sunday of Advent</u> Sunday School Adult Education: John Clouse "Outreach"
11:00 am	Worship
<u>December 6</u> 7:00 am	<u>Second Sunday of Advent</u> Shopping for Needy Children Senior Highs and Young Adults
9:30 am	Williamsburg Breakfast
11:00 am	Worship
<u>December 13</u> 9:45 am	<u>Third Sunday of Advent</u> Birthday Party for Jesus
11:00 am	Worship
<u>December 20</u> 9:45 am	<u>Fourth Sunday of Advent</u> Pageant Rehearsal Adult Education: "Hands on Mission," with Elsie Reid
11:00 am	Worship and Pageant
4:00 pm	Adult caroling at Manor Care and Collingswood followed by pot luck supper
	Middle School/Senior High Youth caroling with party following, location TBA
	No Sunday Nite Live!
<u>December 24</u> 5:00 pm	<u>Christmas Eve</u> Candlelight Family Service Children's Story and Carols
7:00 pm	Candlelight Communion
11:00 pm	Candlelight Communion
<u>December 27</u> 11:00 am	<u>First Sunday after Christmas</u> No Sunday School Worship: College students participating
	No Sunday Nite Live!

Advent



Potluck Supper

"Hello" From Diane Hutchins

I thank many of you for the warm welcome I have felt in my first weeks as your interim Director of Christian Education/Youth. I come from a family of Presbyterian school teachers, and both the institution of the Presbyterian Church and the business of education have been a part of my whole life. I come to you from a two-year interim as the DCE at Providence Presbyterian in Fairfax. The hardest part of being an "interim" anything is a certain unwillingness to wait for things to happen - please forgive me if I seem to be pushing too hard or too fast! I firmly believe that none of us can be serious about our faith unless we are consciously working at passing on that faith to the next generation - which includes learning for all ages so that the Church as a whole is equipped for this task. You can expect to find me in the office Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I look forward to my time with you, and pray that we will see the Grace and Peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ as we minister together in this place.



The Gospel Alive in Pakistan

Many Presbyterian mission workers feel they have done their job when the people they minister to become full partners in the evangelism effort.

Fred and Margi Stock are experiencing this joy in Pakistan where they teach the gospel to those living near Kurachee. They have seen the most dramatic impact of the gospel in the lives of the Hindus there who have lived with oppression and the traditional Pakistani caste system.

One Hindu man made a tremendous difference in his village and today works as a partner to bring the gospel to other villages. He was introduced to Christianity during a stay at a local Church of Pakistan hospital. He was drawn to Christ's messages and stories; but, like many Hindus, was hesitant to proclaim his faith publicly for fear of being ostracized. One day he came to the Stocks and asked to be baptized. His baptism was planned for Easter morning. When the Stocks arrived at his village to transport him and his family to the church, they found 35 others also wanting to be baptized. Today he and his wife teach the gospel in the villages near Kurachee. They have also helped begin an adult literacy program.

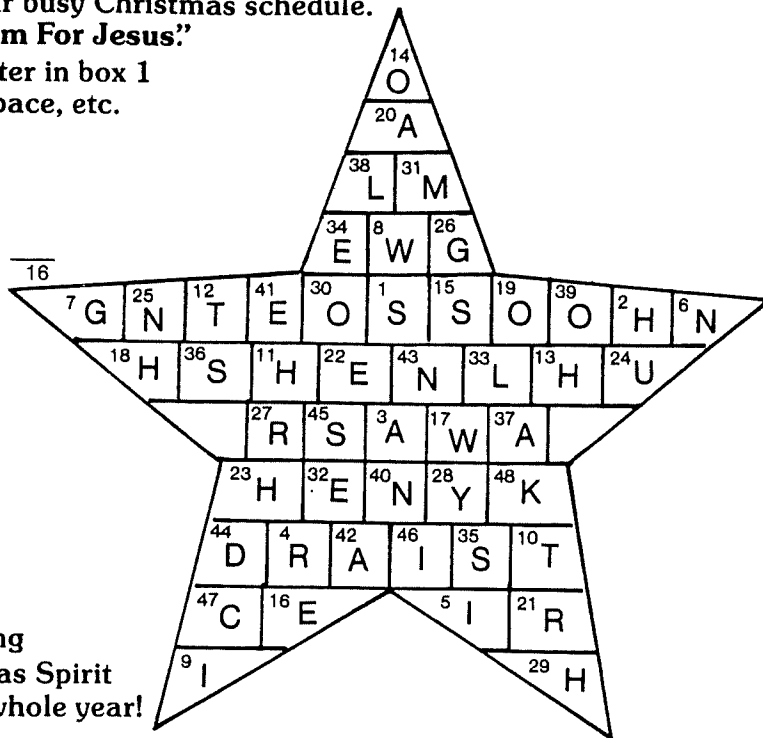
In today's political climate in Pakistan, it is difficult for foreigners to travel without government escorts. The Stocks are thankful that the Pakistani couple is able to take the gospel message to villages where they are unable to go. These newly literate Christians are taking on the responsibility of true hand-in-hand evangelism.

Sometimes Jesus gets left out of our busy Christmas schedule. Here are some ways to "Make Room For Jesus."

Fill in the blanks below with the letter in box 1 in the 1st space, box 2 in the 2nd space, etc.

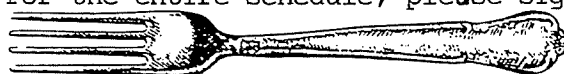
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Do this all year long
 and the Christmas Spirit
 will live the whole year!



come dine with us...

DINE WITH NINE is about to begin its third successful season. Many of us have found this a wonderful/easy/fun opportunity to get to know each other better. Register now for an evening of food and fun in one another's homes. Dinners will begin in January and continue for four months. Those who register by calling or signing the forms provided in the Sunday bulletins will be organized into groups of nine. One of the group will be chosen as the first host/hostess. That person will organize the first dinner by planning the menu, preparing the main dish, and arranging for other group members to contribute salad, appetizer or dessert. The dinners can be casual or formal, each hostess decides. The suggested dining date will be the second Saturday of each month, however adjustments can be made within groups to accommodate schedules. We also need substitutes so if you are unable to participate for the entire schedule, please sign the substitute list.



We need your names by December 13 so groups can be organized and letters sent to participants. Those who have enjoyed DINE WITH NINE in the past should register again for this series. You may call Donna Mechlenburg at 330-9409 or Marilyn Young at 294-3115 after 5:30 p.m. or fill in the form on Sunday and place it in the offering plate. Please join us; we want to get to know you!

PPC Gift Giving Program

The PPC Christmas Gift Giving Program for needy children/families within the county kicks off again this year at the Williamsburg Breakfast, Sunday, December 6. We will provide the opportunity for you to donate wrapped presents for children and/or a basket of food for their families. At the Breakfast, you may select a child's name for a gift and/or a family name for a food basket. Wrapped presents and food baskets should be brought to PPC for the Birthday Party for Jesus, Sunday, December 13. Members of the Mission Committee will pick up gifts and baskets after the worship service that day so that deliveries may be made prior to Christmas.

If you are interested in participating and are unable to attend the Breakfast, call the church office the week of December 7 for the name of a child. ALL GIFTS MUST BE BROUGHT TO PPC NO LATER THAN 11:00 AM ON DECEMBER 13. If you are interested in delivering any presents, please contact Melanie Mason 365-1115. Questions? Call the church office or Melanie... and thank you for your generosity.



THE RAISING OF THE GREENS (AND WREATHS AND BOWS) WILL COMMENCE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 9:00 AM. IT'S ALWAYS FUN DECORATING OUR CHURCH FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS AND WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR HELP.

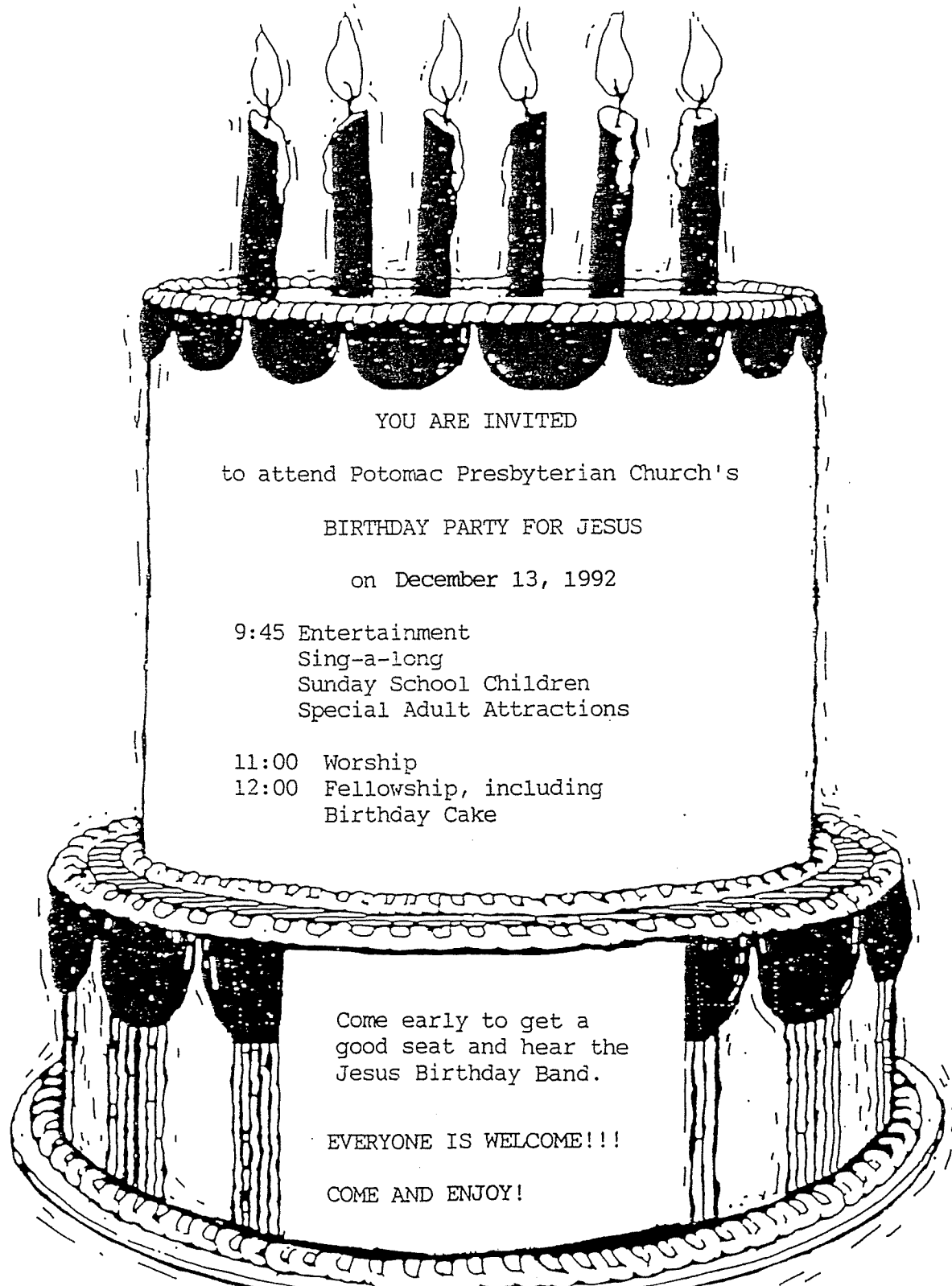
BRING CLIPPERS IF YOU HAVE THEM; WE'LL HAVE THE COFFEE POT ON AND STIR UP SOME CHRISTMAS SPIRIT. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CAN COME AND HELP, PLEASE CALL CAROL CLOUSE 983-0518.

Potomac United Methodist Church begins an extensive new community concert series with "Words and Music" on Sunday, December 13 at 5:00 p.m. The choir and orchestra will feature works of Handel, Vivaldi, Randall Thompson and Richard Dirksen.



CAROLING

JOIN US DECEMBER 20 AT 4:00 PM AT MANOR CARE NURSING HOME FOR CAROLING - THEN ON TO COLLINGSWOOD NURSING HOME - ENDING AT CLIFF AND CAMILLE KENDALL'S FOR A POTLUCK SUPPER. SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX DECEMBER 6 AND 13.



YOU ARE INVITED

to attend Potomac Presbyterian Church's

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

on December 13, 1992

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!

Save
Stamps



PLEASE SAVE THE CANCELLED
COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS FROM
YOUR CHRISTMAS MAIL. YOUR
MISSION COMMITTEE SENDS THESE
ON TO CHURCH WORLD SERVICE TO
HELP THOSE IN NEED AROUND THE
WORLD. STAMPS MAY BE LEFT
IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

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one of you a warm and wonderful
Christmas and a joyous New Year.
We invite you to come and visit
us in 1993.

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KERRY on... (continued from p. 1)

Did you know that in 1621 Pilgrim Governor William Bradford scolded a group of frolicking colonists for game playing on Christmas Day, telling them they should work first, then celebrate Christ's nativity quietly at home later like everyone else?

Did you know that Christmas finally slipped through the Sunday School into the sanctuary as a religious festival in the late nineteenth century?

Our first response is probably, "Sounds typical of dour Scots and straight-laced Puritans". Yet most of us as Christians have questioned the awesome influence of a secular Christmas culture...gift giving excess, mad party schedules, carols as background music for the ringing of cash registers, and a frenzy of family activity.

The question is this, who is going to determine how we will celebrate the birth of the Christ child? Will it be the secular tradition or the spiritual center of our faith?

"Where meek souls will receive Him still,
the dear Christ enters in."

(I wish to acknowledge the research of George Kroupa for the information regarding the Reformed and Presbyterian history of Christmas celebrations. Mr. Kroupa is a member of National Capital Presbytery and an article on this subject appeared in a Presbytery Newsletter several years ago.)

Kerry



ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Amy Lee Propps (daughter of Nettie and Walter) wed October 18 to Aaron Rogers.

Kerry and Ruthanne Stoltzfus who will celebrate their 25th anniversary on December 23.

NOTED:

Elsie Reid has been selected for the 1992-93 class of Leadership Montgomery. Elsie is a partner in the law firm of Furey, Doolan & Abell, and will be one of 40 county leaders participating in this program.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Don Thompson at Bethesda Naval Hospital; Paul Yadlosky at Sibley; Marilyn Young's father seriously ill in Buffalo; Naomi Sigalas recovering at home; Kay McClaine's sister recovering from surgery; Donna Mechlenburg undergoing tests.

**"We have seen
his star in the
east, and have
come to
worship him"**

Matthew 2:2



in February

PPC will again participate in the Thanksgiving in February program sponsored by Montgomery County Community Ministry. Under this program, to be held in 1993 on Tuesday, February 2, many local restaurants turn over 10% of their total receipts for that day to support the work of MCCM. We will distribute lists of participating restaurants in January.

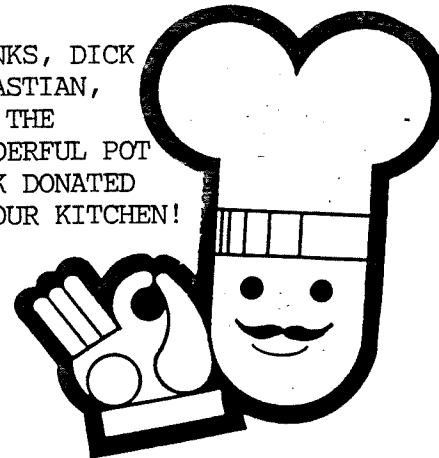
MCCM needs help in preparing the program from volunteers who will distribute flyers, make phone calls, or recruit restaurants. Anyone who can assist with this most worthwhile program, please call program coordinator Diane Fuchs at 762-8682. Restaurants interested in participating should call the program's special telephone number, 762-8689.

BAZAAR

The final figures were not available as we went to press, but be assured PPC held its most successful BAZAAR ever! (Watch future bulletins for details). Thanks again to all who helped and all who came as customers (we always wish more of the congregation would appear on Bazaar day!!). Mildred Rowan, Bake Table Chairman, sends special thanks to those who brought their beautiful "flour arrangements"!! And, yes...we will have a bazaar in 1993; the planning has already begun! See Wilma Sharer or Lynn Bigler if you'd like to join in the fun.



THANKS, DICK SEBASTIAN, FOR THE WONDERFUL POT RACK DONATED TO OUR KITCHEN!



The Wright Note



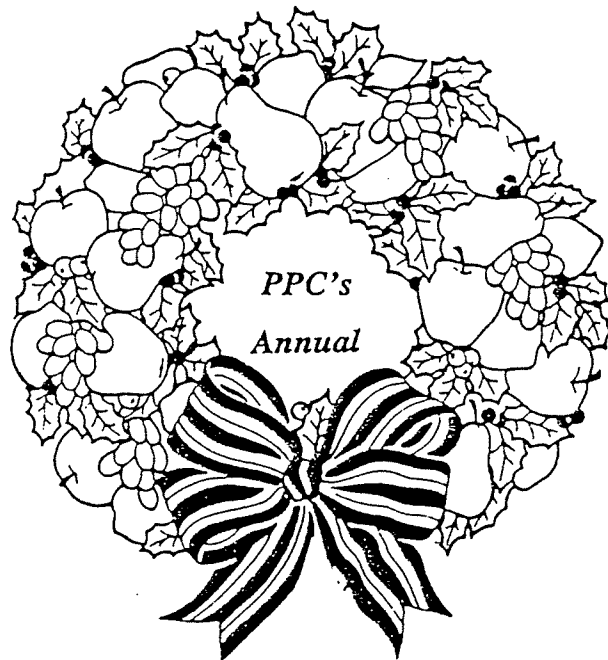
I am writing this article on the morning before the bazaar. The church is humming with activity and glowing with obvious results of creative talent. The energy of Christmas preparation has begun.

This spirit of cooperative preparation continues as we experience the events of Advent. Music is a vital piece in that delightful puzzle. The members of the Jesus Birthday Band are dusting off their instruments for this year's party. The children in the Sunday School are learning songs for the Christmas pageant. The Children's Choir is providing the musical narrative for the pageant as well as a special anthem for worship. The handbells are ringing more bells than they thought humanly possible for special carols with the Sanctuary Choir and solo pieces for Christmas Eve. The Sanctuary Choir will carry us through each Sunday and Christmas Eve with inspiring anthems and carol arrangements. Listen for special organ arrangements and instrumental ensembles as well.



All of our musicians are busy getting ready. "O Come All Ye Faithful" to each rehearsal.

Cindy



WILLIAMSBURG BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 6 - 9:30 a.m.

Bring your favorite breakfast bread or pastry to share and come enjoy the spirit of the season.

The deacons are again hosting this favorite church family event.

My 1992-93 Shopping List for the World

While planning your gift giving this holiday season, consider gifts provided in area Alternative Gift Markets. Started in 1980 at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church, the Alternative Christmas Markets now extend across the United States. Hundreds of churches, organizations and schools will hold markets this year nationwide.

The founder and president of Alternative Gift Markets, Inc. says, "The Alternative Christmas Market offers shoppers the opportunity to preserve our endangered planet as well as help hungry, sick, and homeless people -- the world around -- help themselves. Instead of shopping for presents friends and family here may not really need or even want we can give gifts of hope and new life to a needy world."

All of the gifts purchased in the markets will be sent to the developing nations of the Third World and to poverty areas in the United States by eighteen relief and development agencies. These include The Mennonite Central Committee, The American Friends Service Committee, World Relief, The Medical Assistance Program, plus several food pantries and overnight shelters in the United States.

As individuals purchase the gifts, they receive Christmas cards with their gift(s) inscribed, ready to mail as alternative presents for family and friends. Donors, gift card recipients and hungry-homeless people all receive joy at Christmas, a turn-around from the usual materialistic holiday celebration. Goats and water buffalo, antibiotics and eye surgery, trees for reforestation and rain forest acreage, water wells and sewing machines, food stuffs for hungry people and shelter for the homeless in the United States -- these are the kinds of Christmas gifts made available through the Alternative Christmas Markets.

Plan now to attend the Alternative Christmas Market at National Presbyterian Church; 4101 Nebraska Avenue, N.W.; Washington, D.C. 20016, in the Stone Fellowship Hall, offered December 13 and 20 after worship - 2:00 pm. or the market offered by New Hope Presbyterian Church December 5 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm in a storefront in the Olney Town Centre. The shopping center is located on Route 108 in Olney, Maryland. New Hope Presbyterian Church is a newly chartered church that has been identified as a recipient of PPC's budgeted gifts.

