

Library News

Among recent acquisitions are three books by the late Paul Tournier, a Swiss physician whose writings have won acclaim for their blending of psychiatric insights and the Christian faith. Learn to Grow Old, writes the magazine Christian Century, "ought to be read by persons in their twenties and should be required reading for those who have reached forty." Our other new Tournier titles are To Understand Each Other, a book on marriage, and A Listening Ear: Reflections on Christian Caring.

Other new additions to the library include Hostage Bound and Hostage Free, Ben (Presbyterian minister) and Carol Weir's story of his sixteen months' imprisonment by Shiite Muslim extremists in Lebanon, as well as The God Named Hallowed: The Lord's Prayer for Today and To My People With Love: The Ten Commandments for Today, both by John Killinger, a pastor and seminary lecturer.

Books may be checked out according to a posted procedure. Titles are shelved by subjects. New acquisitions are selected by the church staff and the library committee and are purchased with budgeted funds or received as gifts. - Jon Hawley, for the committee



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KERRY ON ...

Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "I will sing with the heart and sing with understanding also". (I Cor. 14:15). For me this expresses the unique contribution of the Reformed Tradition. As Presbyterian Christians we affirm that God calls us to respond with our hearts and our minds. Worship is a special opportunity to make our response to God in the company of God's people.

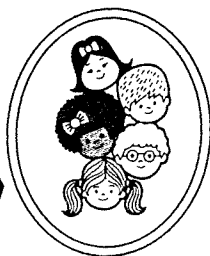
It would be a false dichotomy to suggest that preaching deals with the mind and music with the heart. When either is faithful, both the emotions and the intellect are touched by God. Good preaching helps us to understand what God has done for us in Jesus Christ and what God wants us to do about this Good News. It also, in the power of the Holy Spirit, seeks to move us to a deep response that comes from the heart. It is my conviction that the word "music" may appropriately be substituted for the word "preaching" in the previous statements.

Therefore, it is of utmost importance that music, scripture, sermon, prayers and all parts of the worship service be crafted and planned so as to speak to and elicit response from the heart and mind of the worshippers.

Nicholas von Zinzendorf wrote in the 1700's, "The hymnal is a kind of response to the Bible, an echo and an extension thereof. In the Bible one perceives how the Lord communicates with mankind and in the hymnal how mankind communicates with the Lord". (Paul Schilling, The Faith We Sing). The importance of hymn singing cannot be overestimated as it forms a primary way in which we are invited to respond to the love and grace of God. May we sing with the heart and sing with understanding also in the near year.

Kerry

Super Sunday



TV IS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL TEACHER
IN YOUR CHILD'S WORLD - BUT WHAT
IS HE LEARNING?

Coming to PPC on Super Sunday, January 31...Dr. C. F. Melchert from Lancaster Theological Seminary on "IS TV CHANGING YOUR RELIGION?"

TV is different from other forms of the media...what difference does that difference make? Are we affected not only by what we watch but even by the fact that we watch? TV is profoundly reshaping American culture, values and perhaps even our religion. The average American spends more than 15 hours/week watching TV but less than one hour in church. Does TV have values, beliefs, even theologies? Are they Christian? Does it matter? Do we know how to respond appropriately to TV? Is TV addictive? Should the church care that research claims that TV affects viewers' quality of life?

Dr. Melchert will lead the Adult Sunday School Class at 9:45 using video excerpts to show how TV sells us news, products, politics and the church.

From 1-3:30 a special seminar for parents will be held on the effects of TV on children and families. A light lunch will be served by the CE Committee; child care available by reservation. Join us on Super Sunday!

Overflow Shelter

Montgomery County has only one year-round shelter for women. Rainbow Place of Rockville PC is in its 11th year of opening its doors each November 1st to give winter shelter to women who cannot find space elsewhere. This November was an unusually difficult one for Rainbow. Within days of opening, the shelter was at capacity and Rainbow staff asked the county for help. An additional winter facility is now available, administered by CMMC, and providing minimal services. The shelter needs a variety of items: blankets, pillows, paper goods, casseroles, coffee, tea, hot chocolate, sugar, creamer. Contact Adrienne Carr at 762-8682 to donate items, offer evening assistance, or for more information.

In Session

IN SESSION on December 21, 1992... Session members welcomed Elders-elect Chip Dickinson and Bob King as well as Interim DCEY Diane Hutchins...approved January 24, 1993 as the Annual Congregational Meeting date...approved Mission Committee plans to investigate further details for providing shelter for the homeless on a one-week basis...wrestled with decisions regarding the need to make further 1993 budget cuts based on lower than anticipated stewardship pledge responses...acting as the Board of Trustees, approved extension of our five-year loan with Riggs Bank which offered the most favorable conditions of the three banks consulted.

Roast Dring!

The Lon Dring Roast December 2 to benefit the Montgomery County Mental Health Association was a great success. Everyone had a good time...even Lon! Even the County Council joined his many "roasters" with the following unusual proclamation:

WHEREAS: For the past 20 years, the Reverend Lon Dring has been building a reputation as a gentle man of the cloth, an inspiration to his fellow citizens in Montgomery County, encouraging them to do good works and assist the needy among us; and

WHEREAS: It's about time that the truth be told about the Reverend Lon Dring; time that the community at large be made aware of the nefarious and unfair tactics and strategies used by this alleged holy man as he seeks to make the world - as he sees it - a better place to live; and

WHEREAS: Now it can be told that Lon Dring does not use the gentle art of persuasion as he pursues his charitable aims; indeed, he twists arms, lays on guilt trips, engages in spiritual blackmail, and stabs at the consciences of his fellow Montgomery Countians with rapier sharp barbs of Judeo-Christian doctrines; and

WHEREAS: On the occasion of his "roast" for the benefit of the Mental Health Association it must also be revealed that Lon Dring will stop at nothing to accomplish his ends - he is utterly shameless and brazen and ruthless in the pursuit of good works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland hereby proclaims DECEMBER 2, 1992, NOW THE TRUTH CAN BE TOLD ABOUT LON DRING DAY IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland, hereby warns the good citizens of Montgomery County to BEWARE OF LON DRING - he will separate you from your money, he will make unreasonable demands upon your time, and he will with great force and persistence demand that you open your heart to the needs of your fellow man, and above all he will relentlessly insist that you love your neighbors - all of them!

The happy affair brought to Lon's mind an Abe Lincoln story. A man was tarred and feathered and was being carried out of town on a rail. "How're you doing, Mister?" asks a little boy. "Well," he says, "If it wasn't for the HONOR of the thing, I'd rather be safe in bed."

A BIG THANKS

SPECIAL THANKS TO
KAY MITCHEL FOR ASSISTANCE
IN CREATING/PRESENTING THE
CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.

AND SPECIAL THANKS TO
DENNIS MCMAHON FOR INSTALLING
THE NEW POT RACK IN THE
KITCHEN.

2 Needed

HELP! The Creative Enrichment staff has dwindled down to a precious few. We need TWO adults each week to supervise the children for about half an hour during worship. There is no planning. Margie Bedingfield makes the plan each week. There is no preparation. Judy Bernstein gathers the materials that are needed each week. We'd like a staff of about 16 so that your turn would only come up every other month. We now have 6. We believe this enrichment time is important to both the children and their worshipping parents. Please volunteer to share this responsibility! Call Diane Hutchins to get your name on the schedule.

TEA

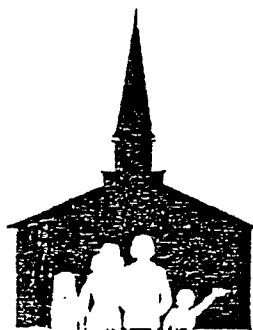
AND HANDWORK

For the New Year, learn a new needlecraft! We're prepared to assist you in learning to knit, crochet, embroider as in counted cross stitch and English smocking, to quilt, etc.

Enjoy our friendship as well!

From 1:30-3:30 at the church,
January 28
February 11 and 25

The January 28th meeting will also be a continuation of our discussion of the Christmas Bazaar. Bazaar participants are particularly urged to attend.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

BIRTHS: Charles Robert III (Rob) born December 3 to Chip and Katie Dickinson; Tess Hummon Stevens born December 11 to Sarah and Brian Stevens, granddaughter of Jean and John Hummon.

MARRIAGES: Jason Kelley, youth advisor, and Kristin Day on December 28; Swain Mills and Theodore Junko on November 21.

GRADUATIONS: Janis Bigler from NCSU; Gray Bedingfield Dean from U/Tenn; Scott McDonald from U/Col.

BAPTISMS: Brittany Lee Katz, daughter of John and Andrea on November 22; Rebecca McMahon on December 27, daughter of Lisa and Dennis.

40th ANNIVERSARIES: Bob and Kathy McMahon, December 27; Bob and Margaret Fahs, December 13.

HOSPITALIZED IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER: Laurie Dinterman, Paul Yadlosky, Don Thompson, Louis and Naomi Sigalas, Bob Gordon, Bob Jenkins, Jeanne Hazard Osborne.

DEATHS: Jane Steinmetz; Sister-in-law of Bettina Curtis; father of Danny Hayes; grandchild of Bob and Jane Jordan.

TGIF

THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY (TGIF) is a project concerning hunger - right here in Montgomery County. Over 100,000 Montgomery County citizens are struggling to feed their families. The restaurant community has come together with Community Ministries of Montgomery County over the years to help alleviate some of this burden by sponsoring the event THANKSGIVING IN FEBRUARY.

TGIF started in 1988 as a county-wide project to raise money to fight hunger. Similar programs exist in Baltimore, Md., Hartford, Ct., and other cities. On February 2, participating restaurants have agreed to give 10% of their gross proceeds for that day to TGIF. Charitable organizations, churches and synagogues recruit groups and individuals to dine at the participating eateries.

This is where YOU can help TGIF become a real success! Plan a social get-together at one of the restaurants listed on the flyer. You will have a delightful lunch or dinner with your friends AND the emergency help groups in the county will increase their capability to feed the hungry!

CHRISTIAN LIVING group will meet on Tuesday, January 12, at 9:30 in the church parlor. We will be discussing "relationships" using chapter 4 of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's book, Gift from the Sea. All ladies are invited to join us.

Fabulous

1992 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE SALE successes enabled the women who participated to offer \$3750 to the Mission Committee to support the following organizations: Rainbow Place, Stepping Stones, Miriam's Kitchen, Gaithersburg Soup Kitchen, Hand to Hand, Christmas International House and Recycle Bicycles.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS

For your convenience an envelope has been attached to the new flower chart. Each vase is \$25. Place your check in the envelope or mail it to PPC. Reminder: if you have not paid for your 1992 Memorial Flowers, please do so immediately.

ROCKVILLE FISH

ROCKVILLE FISH is an emergency help organization. For the past 25 years FISH volunteers have helped their needy Rockville neighbors in crisis. FISH is a success story!

Volunteers are needed! Helping people is rewarding work. FISH exists only because volunteers give their time to make available a 24 hours/day, 7 days/week emergency service. Our volunteers deliver food and drive the elderly to appointments. With the generous gifts from Rockville people FISH is able to help financially with rents, utilities and prescriptions.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION OR TO PARTICIPATE IN FISH, PLEASE CALL 762-8763 OR 460-5027.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| JANUARY 1993 | | | | | | |
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| <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Fellowship | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | 8:00 pm Bicentennial Cmte | 1:00 - 6:00 pm The Lord's Table | | 12:00 AA library 1:00 pm caregivers 6:30 pm handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary | | 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Deacons Retreat Clagett Center |
| <p style="text-align: right;">10</p> 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Fellowship | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | 8:00 pm Cmte Mtgs Worship Fellowship CE Mission Stewardship | 9:30 am Christian Living Class | 9:30 am Bible Study 7:00 pm New Officer Dinner | 12:00 AA library 6:30 pm handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary Ornith. Soc. of MD | | |
| <p style="text-align: right;">17</p> 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Ord.- Installation of Officers 12:00 Fellowship 3:45 pm Manor Care Worship | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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| <p style="text-align: right;">24/31</p> 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Fellowship 6:00 pm Annual Mtg. 1/24/93 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| | 7:30 pm Bicentennial Cmte | 10:00 am Presbytery National Pres. Church | 9:30 am Bible Study | 12:00 AA library 1:30 pm Tea and Needlework 6:30 pm handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary | | 6:00 - 10:30 pm Zoroastrian Assn |

Presbytery-Wide Mission Conference



Theme - "Walking and
Leaping and Praising
God" Acts 3:8

Friday Evening, February 5th

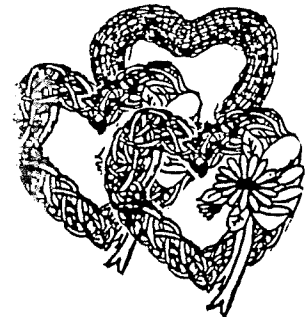
**S a i n t M a r k
P r e s b y t e r i a n C h u r c h**
(Rockville, MD)

- 6pm Registration and Dinner
(suggested donation of \$4)
- 6:50 Opening Worship and
Keynote Speaker Cliff Kirkpatrick,
Director of the Global Mission
Ministry Unit of PC(USA)
- 8-10pm Ten Mission Sessions (choose two)

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FEBRUARY 1993

KERRY ON ... BLANKET SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 14 BLANKET THE WORLD WITH LOVE

One year we stretched a blanket from the front pew to the Communion Table and the children all crawled under it. You see some families use blankets for their only shelter. Another year we passed a blanket around and thought about how warm it makes us feel. Then we talked about small baby blankets little children have and how they give us security. One of our members shared a blanket he had been given in Poland just after WWII.

Perhaps this year everyone could bring a blanket to church and we could turn down the heat and all experience just how much warmth and comfort this gift can bring. Just kidding. Blankets are distributed worldwide to people in desperate need. It is more than a bit of protection from the biting chill, it is tangible proof that in the name of Jesus someone cares.

Even this week more blankets are being distributed in Bosnia and places around the world. In fact 244,00 blankets have been shared this past year. Each year our sharing has increased. In 1990 we gave 124, 1991 we gave 181, and 1992 we gave 283.

What if we all gave one blanket for each member of our immediate family?

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14



Kerry

In Session

IN SESSION on January 19, 1993...Session members welcomed newly ordained and installed Elders to their first meeting...approved Communion dates for 1993...established February 14th as Blanket Sunday and October 10th for family retreat at Camp Glenkirk...reviewed agenda and plans for Annual Congregational Meeting on January 24th...agonized further about reduced income from pledges for 1993 and reluctantly approved a budget which will curtail needed programs and plans for PPC...discussed new approaches to informing members of needs of the church.

| ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| 7 | Jean Fisler - children and the Judicial System |
| 14 | Karen Mabeus/Guangjie Yang - Christianity in China Today |
| 21 | Dewey Wallace } GWU Professor, |
| 28 | Dewey Wallace } Calvin and the Reformation |

Rainbow Place

RAINBOW PLACE is a loving refuge. Women of all ages come to find warm shelter, food, kindness and a sense of belonging. Those who find themselves homeless have arrived at this condition for many reasons. Mental illness, divorce, and general inability to cope with a mainstream of lifestyle are the most frequent.

The commitment of RAINBOW PLACE is CARING. The shelter is in its 11th year. The overriding desire of the shelter staff is to accept the women with a non-judgmental outlook, to make them physically comfortable (hot water, showers, laundry facilities go a long way) and well fed. There are casseroles from many churches; also volunteers who help with dinner and prepare lunches for the next day. Everyone who participates in this Christian outreach shows endless patience, understanding and a lot of hard work.

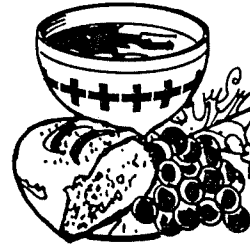
Rockville PC should be commended for housing this shelter and for supervising its activities.

A couple of years ago one of our girls wrote the following poem for the Rainbow Staffers:

"May there always be work for your hands to do
 May your purse always hold a coin or two
 May the sun always shine on your windowpane
 May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain
 May the hand of a friend always be near you
 May God Christ Jesus fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

With gratitude, Maggie

GOD BLESS THE HEART THAT CARES FOR OTHERS. - Dawn Thompson



1993 COMMUNION DATES:

- February 28, 1st Lenten Sunday
- April 8, Maundy Thursday
- May 2
- May 30, Pentecost/Confirmation
- July 11
- August 29
- October 3, world communion
- November 28, 1st Advent Sunday
- December 24

INQUIRERS SERIES

A 3-week INQUIRERS SERIES will be held on February 21, 28, and March 7. This series is for those persons who would like to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and/or who might be interested in membership. The three classes are taught by the Pastor and are held at 9:45 a.m. in the Parlor.

After the series is over, those persons wishing to unite with the Church will meet with the Session at 9:45 a.m. on March 14. Church recognition will be that same Sunday morning during the 11:00 worship service. All visitors are welcome.



TEA AND HANDWORK

An afternoon with friends in the church parlor? Join us with your favorite needlework. Everyone, all friends and neighbors, are welcome Thursdays from 1:30-3:30.

February 11 and 25
 March 25

SQUARE DANCING/SUPPER
COMING MARCH 27
WATCH BULLETIN FOR INFO

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A NEW SINS LIST FOR THE NEW YEAR... the first addendum to the Roster of Wrongs published by the Council of Trent in 1545 listing acts and behaviors which would jeopardize one's soul...by Francis Buckley, Jesuit Theology Professor at U/San Francisco.

1. FAILING TO VOTE
2. DRUNKEN DRIVING
3. FORGING CHECKS
4. CHARGING UNJUST RENTS
5. PAYING UNFAIR SALARIES
6. WASTING RESOURCES (such as conspicuous consumption or pampering pets while people starve)
7. DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AGE, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN OR HANDICAP
8. TAX EVASION
9. DOING SHODDY WORK
10. ARTIFICIALLY MANIPULATING THE MARKET TO INFLATE PRICES
11. POLLUTING
12. PILFERING AT WORK

Questions for the New Year



The opening exercise for the Confirmation Class this year was a getting-acquainted activity in which the young people were asked to tell us a few things about themselves including a time when they felt God's presence and a faith question that they wanted to ask.

I would love to do this exercise with the whole congregation! Where were you the last time you felt God's presence in your life? Did you get a chance to tell someone about it? Too often these moments in our lives go by too fast. We don't take the time to reflect on what happened and celebrate the moment and file it away in our memory bank so that we can call up that experience when we need some emotional reassurance. It helps your remembering process to actually put that feeling into words by telling someone about it. It also helps whoever you tell to recognize God working in their life, too. (In the olden days they called this witnessing - too bad that it has gone out of fashion!)

I suppose you know that Kerry and I won't be able to answer all the faith questions that the young people ask. I've just finished reading Why Did God Make Bugs and Other Icky Things? by Kel Groseclose (now available for lending to anyone interested) and I want to share a paragraph from his introduction.

"Children and adults do not always need answers, at least not those of a final, ultimate nature. What they do want is to be heard, to be taken seriously. Children, in particular, need the significant people in their lives to join their quest for knowledge. All of us could benefit from periodic reminders that questioning is not only permissible but highly desirable. It never indicated a lack of faith. Quite the contrary, questioning is one essential mark of a serious seeker. Frequent inquiries ought not to be the exclusive province of four and five year olds. Questioning is intended to be a lifelong endeavor. Those who stop wondering, stop growing."

So ask us your questions, too! We want to answer the easy ones and ponder with you over the really tough ones.



Waiting to hear from you,

DIANE



ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Don and Dawn Thompson who celebrated their 50th anniversary on January 19!

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Jim Spivey and Don Thompson at home; Paul Yadlosky at Manor Care; Bob Gordon at Collingswood; Laurie Dinterman at Johns Hopkins; the Johnston family in Flo's death in mid-January.

BAZAAR

WE'VE GOT YOUR NUMBER...and it's spectacular! The Fund Raising Group cleared \$7300 on the Christmas Bazaar in November! Plans and projects are well underway for the '93 BAZAAR already and we need your help. What can you contribute? Please talk to any of the FRG and offer to pitch in: WILMA SHARER, NEW BAZAAR CHAIRMAN, Lynn Bigler, Carol Clouse, Miriam Conley, Pat King, Mildred Rowan, and Shirley Tietjen.

ELDERS & DEACONS

The following were ordained and installed as Elders on January 17: Marjorie Bedingfield, Charles Dickinson, Bob King, Olivia Mabeus; and the following as Deacons: Jackie Evans, Peter Fisler, Millicent Gimer, Thaddeus McDonald, Edward Rudnic, and Dawn Thompson.

Hotline

HELP OTHERS WHILE LEARNING:
VOLUNTEER FOR HOTLINE

Volunteers, 18 years or older, are needed for Montgomery County Hotline, a 24-hour telephone crisis intervention service. Volunteers will receive a 36-hour training and 16 hours of individual on line supervision, learning fundamental clinical listening skills that all mental health professionals are taught. In return, volunteers are asked for a commitment of 4 hours/week for at least 1 year. Interviews to be eligible for the training begin January 5.

Volunteers help hot line callers who may be struggling with personal relationships, family stress, depression, or mental illness as well as give information and referral. Volunteers who learn the art of listening achieve greater self-understanding which can help transform their own personal relationships.

Call the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County, 301-424-0656, X 116 or 117, for an application to volunteer.

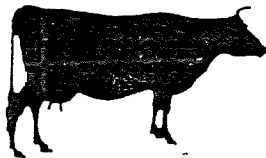
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Update

- * Verses are being memorized (have you noticed the many fish on the chart in the downstairs corridor?)
- * Lots of "hands-on" projects are being created.
- * K-1 students are studying the place of worship and prayer in our lives.
- * 2-3 youngsters are analyzing The Lord's Prayer.
- * 4-5 grades are studying the chronicles of temptations in Jesus's life.
- * Middle Schoolers are looking at the Book of John to discuss Jesus's presence on earth and its implications for us.
- * And lastly, the Senior Highs are exploring approaches to religion by examining Confucianism, Taoism and Shintoism.

All in all, our Sunday School program is on a full upswing with lots going on.
-Alyce Tamzarian



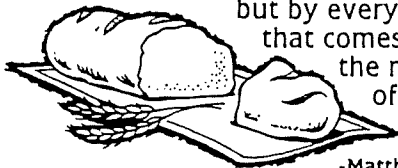
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"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that comes from
the mouth
of God."



-Matthew 4:4

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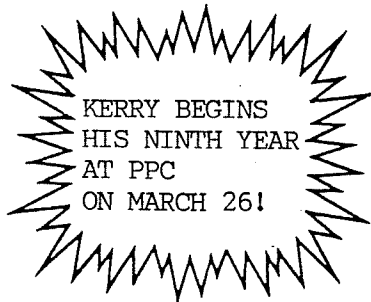
Between the two great celebrations of Christian faith, Christmas and Easter, stands the season of Lent. Both are times of unbounded joy in the life of believers. For these forty days however we are challenged to consider the profound love of Christ that led from a humble stable to a horrible cross. We are asked to acknowledge our complicity in his suffering and death. Perhaps we cannot celebrate Easter unless we honestly see "love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all".

I hope this poem by Ann Weems, "Put Away the Tinsel" will help us all to prepare for Easter.

Put Away the Tinsel

When Lent comes,
you have to put away the tinsel;
you have to take down your Christmas tree,
and stand out in the open ... vulnerable.
You either are or you aren't.
You either believe or you don't.
You either will or you won't.
And, O Lord, how we love the stable and the star!
When Lent comes the angels' voices
begin their lamenting,
and we find ourselves in a courtyard
where we must answer
whether we know him or not.

Kerry



EASTER FLOWERS. Dawn Thompson has agreed to chair the Easter flower sale. Proceeds from the sale fund our sanctuary flowers on Easter and support Rainbow Place, one of PPC's mission programs. Dawn needs volunteers. Please call her at 299-6214. Anyone interested in decorating the sanctuary for Easter, please contact Janet Clark, Worship Committee chairperson.



MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

| \$\$\$ | Actual | Plan |
|--------------|----------|----------|
| Pledges | \$27,573 | \$24,500 |
| Other Income | 5,308 | 5,940 |
| Jan. Total | 32,881 | 30,440 |
| Yr. to Date | 32,881 | 30,440 |
| Expenses | \$25,684 | \$26,468 |
| Yr. to Date | \$25,684 | \$26,468 |
| Balance | \$ 7,197 | \$ 3,972 |



The Wright Note

When I meet with other church musicians, they invariably ask, "How are things going over at Potomac?" I answer without hesitation, "Great! My singing and ringing groups are working hard, having fun, listening to one another, and you know what's very interesting? They are commenting that they feel a greater sense of participation in worship."

One reason for the worship comment is that Kerry and I plan each service carefully so that preludes, hymns, anthems and responses lift up the scriptural and sermon message of the morning. We try to keep in mind your participation as a congregation. We want to incorporate the songs you know and love, but we also want to broaden your horizons so that in time you will have more and more songs that remind you of moments when you have felt God's presence. Since we are all different, the selection of music will effect us all individually.

One of my goals is to carefully select and prepare appropriate service music which utilizes and challenges the capabilities of our fine singers, ringers and other church instrumentalists. In their musical practice and presentations they are tuning in together to the music and the worshipful purpose. This is exciting! Come join us.

Cindy

TEA

AND HANDWORK

At the moment, counted cross stitch is in! Projects range from beginner designs to birds and flowers on a sweatshirt with waste canvas.

See you all on Thursdays 1:30-3:30 in the Parlor.

March 25
April 15 and 29



RUMMAGE SALE

Before you know it, Sunday, June 6 will be here! Will you be ready? That's the first day you can bring your RUMMAGE SALE donations to the church. These cold/wet days we're having are the perfect times for cleaning closets, basements, sorting clothes. Start now - no procrastination allowed!

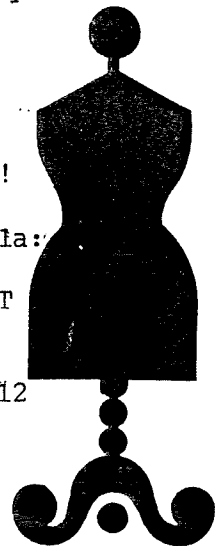
We're turning picky this year: please don't bring broken TV sets, tires, and kitchen sinks. They're just too heavy for us to schlep around and they don't sell. Also, as usual, no used bathing suits or undergarments.

We need HELP the entire week of June 6. A few of us pack lunches and simply put in a 35-hour week in Fellowship Hall. It's not a bad life. There are plenty of laughs and the fellowship is outstanding! There's really nothing better than giving away your junk, having a great time organizing it, then selling it for mission project funds. Tax receipts and back liniment both available!

Here's the simple formula:

CLEAN HOUSE - YOU PROFIT
HELP US - PPC PROFITS

RUMMAGE SALE - JUNE 11-12
10:00-3:00



Country Dancing

Saturday, March 27th

8:00 - 10:00 PM

\$5.00 per person

Singles are welcome

Dress is casual or country

Price includes lessons by

Bob Applebaum and dessert

Money will be collected
at the door

Sign up in the narthex
on March 14 or 21

Call Barbara Barthelman,
977-3651, if you have
questions or if you are
unable to sign up at church



ALL IN THE FAMILY

NEW BABY: Coleen Elaine, born February 10, to Jacqueline and Mike Cronin.

50th ANNIVERSARY: Congratulations to Ruth and Hal Newell who will celebrate on March 15.

ELECTED: Congratulations to Joyce Jenkins who was recently elected Stated Clerk of National Capital Presbytery.

GODSPEED: John and Jean Hummon will be in Geneva for the next two months. John is a representative of the Agency for International Development to the UN. Address: US Mission Geneva, AID Representative, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER: Jim Spivey and Don Thompson at home; Tony Ferrara at Sibley; Bob Gordon at Collingswood; Laurie Dinterman at John Hopkins; Bill Malone recovering from surgery; John and Marjorie Orem's infant grandson at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

MARCH ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE

- 7 Dewey Wallace
Calvin and the Reformation
- 14 Tom Miles
A Lenten Study from Romans
- 21 and 28 Tom Miles



YOUTH

PLAN AHEAD! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS SET FOR JUNE 21-25. PLEASE PLAN YOUR CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE THIS WEEK OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION/FELLOWSHIP. SEE DIANE HUTCHINS OR ANNE BAVIER TO HELP ORGANIZE THIS EVENT.

TRUE COLORS, A 4-DAY CONFERENCE FOR 6th-8th GRADERS, JULY 11-14, MASSANETTA SPRINGS, VA. ALSO SUMMER CAMPS AT CHESAPEAKE CENTER AND CAMP GLENKIRK. SEE DIANE HUTCHINS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

5 THINGS TO TEACH KIDS ABOUT TV

1. You are smarter than TV
2. TV's world is not real.
3. TV keeps doing the same things over and over.
4. TV teaches us that some people are more important than others.
5. Somebody is always trying to make money with TV.

THANKS TO PPC

Letter to PPC from Phyllis Davenport, MC Special Projects Coordinator:

The Montgomery County Department of Social Services and our clients are especially thankful for your caring and sharing spirit. There has never been an effort greater than the participants who make it successful. You are the best. Because of overwhelming generosity by groups like yours, 7000 families were served at Thanksgiving and in December for a total of 26,000 individuals.

We are never able to serve every family because of the number of requests. However, with many families, we were able to provide special joy during the 1992 holiday season because of special people like you. We look forward to your continued support in the future.

Mission

Over the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend, the Presbyterian Church hosted an ecumenical re-entry retreat at the Stony Point, NY Mission Conference Center for returning missionaries, co-workers and volunteers. Having been sponsored by the PC to spend two years in China as an English teacher, I was invited to attend. The retreat was outstanding in every way. I felt very proud that my denomination's leadership set the pace in meeting the needs of returning mission workers.

-Karen Mabeus

GOD ♥
LOVE ♥



About six years ago, when the Rev. Lon Dring asked Armen Mardigoussian to start the Thanksgiving in February program at his Flaming Pit restaurant in Gaithersburg, he didn't really know how successful a plan he was inaugurating.

On February 2, PPC members, families and friends joined with hundreds of other supporters of the CMMC to patronize cooperating restaurants to raise money for the non-profit organizations that provide food to the county's needy.

The program has grown every year with wider participation by restaurants (120 this year) and supporters. Mr. Mardigoussian estimates that 80% of his February 2 business came because of Thanksgiving in February.

Restaurants contribute 10% of their gross revenues on the night of the TGIF program. Final results are not yet available; we'll publish the totals at a later date.

Thanksgiving in February is a project of the PPC Mission Committee. Your support is appreciated.

| <p style="text-align: center;">MARCH 1993</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">1</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p>9:30 am Christian Living Group 1-6 pm Lord's Table</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>9:30 am Bible Study</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">4</p> <p>12:00 High Nooners 1:00 pm Caregivers 6:30 pm Handbells 8:00 pm Sanctuary</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">5</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">6</p> |
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"This do in
Remembrance
of Me."
Luke 22:19

MAUNDY THURSDAY
HOLY COMMUNION - APRIL 8, 8:00 PM

"MAUNDY" from the Latin "mandatum"; a command of Jesus given to the Disciples at the Last Supper. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." John 13:34. Of course this command was given in the context of the supper when Jesus said, "This is my body broken for you, do this remembering me." Come and share Holy Communion as a fitting preparation for Easter.

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



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KERRY ON ...

ANNIVERSARY - a time of joyful and grateful participation in the present reality of an event that is recalled from the past. Wedding anniversaries remind us of the day we stood "before God, our family and friends and promised to love one another." We remember that day, perhaps watch the video of our wedding, if we're young enough to have utilized that modern technology. In my case we have a three minute "super eight" movie.

I like the line from the TV commercial which says, "Tell her you would marry her all over again." The implication points to the future and a renewed dedication to the vows and promises we made, whether last year or twenty five or fifty years ago.

ANNIVERSARY FUND - a time of joyful and grateful participation in the present reality of an event that is recalled from the past. The event of course is the founding of our congregation in 1963. A gift to the Fund is like saying, we would do it all over again. It is a renewed dedication to the vows and promises we made when we became a member of PPC, whether last year or ten or thirty years ago.

We have been blessed beyond measure over these thirty years. I am personally asking each one of you to make a significant gift to the Anniversary Fund. You have been hearing how the gifts will be used to support the ministry of PPC; within our congregation, in Montgomery County and in North India. May God bless you as you share in the ministry of our Lord.

Kerry

On Going to the Mountains...

Every day my mailbox has at least one new brochure for a summer camp or conference. I want to go to all of them!

I wish I could share with each of you the excitement and enthusiasm I feel after spending a few days nourishing my faith in a new and different place. Most adults tell us their most intense spiritual experience was in a camp setting, but few of them ever consider going to a church camp as an adult or as a family vacation.

Ask me about the week I dragged my family - including two small children, a very sulky teenager, and a reluctant husband who couldn't imagine a vacation that didn't include a golf course - to the Presbyterian camp at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico. Best family vacation ever! I've got schedules for family camps at Ghost Ranch, at Montreat in North Carolina, or at Massanetta Springs in Virginia. Or how about the Peacemaking Conference in Estes Park, Colorado, August 7-10? There are a variety of accommodations from plush hotels to a trailer hook-up or a concrete slab on which to pitch your tent.

Ask me about putting my teenage son on a bus full of strangers to spend a week at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium last summer. Ask him about what a great time he had! We have places for 9-12th graders for Montreat, August 8-14. How about the "True Colors" Conference for 6-8th graders, July 11-14?

Didn't you go to church camp? Both the programs and in many cases - but not all - the accommodations have improved dramatically in recent years. Programs at Glenkirk go from three day experiences for rising third graders up to Canoe Adventures for 5th and 6th graders. Chesapeake Camp has programs for kids from 7-16 including Choir, Drama, and Soccer Camp.

I'm going to the Synod Women's Conference at Greensboro, NC, June 25-28. We're staying in the college dorms at Greensboro College - air conditioned and very comfortable. Do you want to come with me? Synod Men are gathering at Massanetta July 16-18. Churchwide Women's Conference is at Montreat July 6-11. Cindy Wright is planning to go to a Music Conference; ask her for details about what might be available.

If we truly want our children to confront their faith, we need to be intentional about sending them (or better yet, taking them) to a place where this is likely to happen. If we don't send them to the mountains, how can we expect them to have a Mountain Top Experience??!!

Diane

IF OUR SPIRIT GROWLED LIKE OUR STOMACH, WE'D FEED IT MORE OFTEN!



NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members, received by Session on Sunday, March 21, 1993, into the work and worship of the Church.

Lisa Bryant, 9000 Rouen La., Potomac 20854, 299-6779.

Lisa comes by transfer from Toms River PC, Toms River, NJ, where she taught Sunday School. Lisa went to elementary school in Potomac; then moved to NJ where she finished high school and attended college. She presently lives with her grandparents and works as a secretary/assistant for a Shannon & Luchs agent in Bethesda. Her hobbies include collecting rocks, stamps and playing the piano. Deacon: Jackie Evans.

M/M James L. Dart (Beth), 825 Bowie Rd., Rockville 20852-1042, 279-2061.

Both Jim and Beth come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Jim was born in Media, PA; his family moved to Potomac in 1962 and he attended Potomac Elementary, Hoover and Churchill. He graduated from Oglethorpe U. and went into building material distribution. Presently he is employed as the sales associate for Greenwald Supply in Springfield, VA. Jim enjoys a "rare" game of golf and working on home projects. He is the son of Jack and Rachel Dart. Beth was born in Maryville, MO, and lived in Grant City until age 14. Her family moved to Florida where she finished high school. Beth attended U/MD and U/WI. She is a medical transcriptionist and also has her real estate license. Presently she is working part-time with Nancy Crave Real Estate, Inc. in Rockville. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, gardening, swimming, going to movies and volunteering at her daughter's school. Daughter Jennifer is 5. Deacon: Dawn Thompson.

M/M Thomas R. McPherson (Kathy), 12050 Wetherfield La., Potomac, 926-2792.

The McPhersons come by Transfer from Menlo Park PC, Menlo Park, CA, where they both served as Deacons. Tom was born in Mebane, NC, and grew up on a farm in Caswell Cty, NC. He attended Davidson College and received a BS in Physics. He also received a BS and MS in EE from NCSU plus an Engineers Degree from GWU. He has also attended the Stanford Executive Program. Presently he is an executive with Hughes Network Systems in Germantown. In his spare time, Tom enjoys golf and skiing. Kathy was born in Burlington, NC, and also grew up in Caswell Cty, NC (a county so rural it didn't have a stoplight until 1980!). She attended UNC-Greensboro and received a BA in education. Kathy enjoys being a full-time homemaker; her hobbies include needlework, photography, baking and traveling. The McPhersons have two children: Richmond 11 and Katherine 7. Deacon: Betty Ann Johnson.

The Wright Note



The Children's Choir is working on a short musical drama entitled THE SINGING BISHOP to be presented as a Call to Worship on Palm Sunday and to Manor Care. It will increase our appreciation for the widely sung Palm Sunday hymn "All Glory, Laud, and Honor."

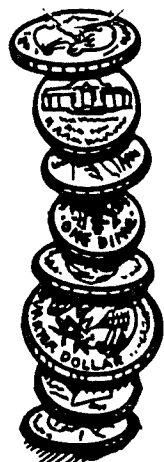
The Handbell Choir is busy supporting our vocal choirs with ringing anthems and preludes for Lenten services. We have nine dedicated ringers with very busy personal schedules. Because of the varying weeks of availability, I am using at least five ringers at a time. Listen for them on Palm Sunday and Easter.

The Sanctuary Choir has been meeting the challenge of the sermon series on the symbols within the Presbyterian seal. Travel schedules of members are confusing, but we are getting quite clever at voice arranging. Even then, having just one bass is difficult for whoever that one man happens to be. Don't hesitate, men, to give me a call about Easter choir. We guarantee you a warm welcome, even a standing ovation, if you like.

Cindy

APRIL 15 and 29
1:30-3:30
IN THE PARLOR

TEA
AND HANDWORK



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Coin Boxes were distributed in Sunday School. We hope you will continue to help your children to remember the needs of other children around the world every day during Lent by adding something to their boxes. Extra boxes are available. Filled boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday.

TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY MINISTRY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY...

A Barry Scher Roast/Silent Auction/Dinner, Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 at the Indian Springs Country Club.



ALL IN THE FAMILY

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Tom and Meg Cole on the birth of a daughter, Frances, February 9; proud grandparents are Tom and Joan Cole.

Mrs. Maude MacQuaid who celebrated her 99th birthday March 3; Maude is Cecie Phair's mother.

Ralph and Kate Mitchel on the birth of a daughter, Colleen Elizabeth, March 12; proud grandparents are Ralph and Kay Mitchel.

DIRECTORY UPDATE:

Frederick and Miriam Sass, 415 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg 20877; 216-5769. . . Al and Sherri Cissel, 10121 Donnegal Ct., Potomac 20854; 299-1993.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

John and Marjorie Orem's grandson, Thomas, who is now at home; Louis Sigalas now in Children's Hospital; the family of Arnie Kramer in his death March 7; the family of Tony Ferrara in his death March 20.

Fellowship SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The handsomest waiters in town will be serving at the MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET, Friday, May 7, 6:30 p.m. Irish Stepdancers will perform! Mark your calendars now!



TENNIS PARTY, Bethesda Country Club, Sat. April 17, 7-11 p.m. Call Peg Hawley 424-7628 for reservations which are limited to the first 24 persons!

The Fellowship Committee has been busy spring cleaning the kitchen. Please check the server located in the corner of Fellowship Hall for items which may belong to you. Unclaimed items will be sold at the rummage sale.



Well, you missed the first two BAZAAR WORKSHOPS! Sorry about that! In your absence we made 20 small Christmas trees, three dozen hair ribbon barrettes, and three dozen paper twist angels! Don't worry, more workshops are planned during the year and we hope you'll attend. We really need your hands helping!

Did you clean those closets last month like you were asked to do to prepare your RUMMAGE SALE DONATIONS? Better get at it... June 6 will be here before you know it. You can bring your "treasures" that day and through the 10th. And please plan to stay and help us organize the sale. It takes hours and we need lots of hands.





APRIL ADULT EDUCATION SCHEDULE

- 4 Tom Miles - A Lenten Study from Romans
- 11 No class - EASTER SUNDAY
- 18 Diane Hutchins, Interim DCEY
- 25 Library Committee - Reviews of new books in our library

COMING IN MAY...Jim Reichley on "Renaissance and Reformation"

Did You Know . . .

Diane Hutchins, our Interim Director of Christian Education, is being installed as Moderator of Presbyterian Women of National Capital Presbytery during a worship service offered as part of the Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women of National Capital Presbytery. The Annual Gathering is to be held April 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Providence PC on Little River Turnpike (Route 236) in Fairfax, Virginia. Keynote speaker at the gathering will be Dr. Isabel Rogers, Professor of Applied Christianity at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia.

Check it out!

SNL APRIL SCHEDULE

- 4 and 11: No SNL-Spring Vacation
- 7: Easter egg decoration
- 18: 5:30-Life in China presented by Karen Mabeus
- 25: SUPER DOG SUNDAY at noon; no SNL in the evening

Super Dogs

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT



| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Plan</u> |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Pledges | \$24,041 | \$24,500 |
| Other Income | 3,664 | 2,930 |
| Feb. Total | 27,705 | 27,430 |
| Yr. to Date | 60,586 | 57,870 |
| Expenses | 32,171 | 31,491 |
| Yr. to Date | 57,855 | 57,959 |
| Balance | 2,731 | (89) |

homeless stats

Montgomery County has a Shelter Network of 14 programs which serve the needs of families and single adults. Last year the following statistics were noted: 3,650 persons were served in the shelter system; 93,205 bednights were provided, an increase of almost 10,000 over the previous year; the rate of occupancy averaged 101%; 4,459 requests for shelter were denied because the facility was over capacity; 75,161 meals were served at three soup kitchens; Montgomery County expended \$3.6 million in homeless services; the volunteer support in County Homeless Programs including financial support, in-kind services, and the comparable worth of volunteer hours equalled \$3.7 million.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR

A Letter Received By

Rainbow Place

"On Christmas Day I went back to Rainbow Place to do some volunteer work. Boy, was it strange at first to be volunteering alongside the same people who used to see me as a client!

I talked to the women who were there about how I had once been where they are now and that it is not impossible to get off the street (as it once seemed). And I enjoyed myself so much I've been back a few times since. I've made lunches, served dinner and visited with the clients at the shelter.

The pain of street life is due, not only to the stigma that goes along with homelessness, but also to the person's feeling of being a lost soul, one who is wandering among the discarded trash and forgotten memories, one who is non-existent to family and friends. There is no one else to care what happens.

Some of the women turn to drugs and alcohol to deal with, or not deal with street life. Some turn to sex. Some decide it is a good time to get pregnant, although sometimes that just happens.

The ladies are much more appreciative and sincere than I was. I really enjoy being with them.

I thank God each day for the blessings He has given me by letting me experience the hardship of being homeless and mentally and emotionally ill and then letting me get well and help others to get off of the street. May God help them to succeed and bless them along the long, and sometimes hard, winding road back to where they belong."

We know that you will be glad that your Easter flower "overflow" money will be going to this worthwhile mission. God does bless a cheerful giver. -Dawn Thompson



MISSION

MORE BLANKETS!

Our congregation continues its growing support for the Church World Service Blanket Sunday by this year contributing 304 blankets (\$1520 at \$5 each) for distribution world wide to the needy.

Our blanket record keeps growing:

- In 1990 - 124 blankets
- In 1991 - 181 blankets
- In 1992 - 283 blankets
- And this year we set a new record - 304 blankets

Your Mission Committee is proud of the PPC response to this desperate need. The Committee believes this is a true outpouring of concern for those around the world who are struggling to stay alive.

Thanks to everyone - and to the Mission Committee for bringing these kinds of needs to the attention of the congregation.

MESSAGES

STEPPING STONES THANKS

In a recent thank you letter to PPC's Mission Committee, Helayne Baker, Executive Director of Stepping Stones Shelter said, in part: "I wish to thank the members of your congregation for their generous support of Stepping Stones Shelter..."

"The program for our residents is one of helping them to learn to help themselves by providing them with information regarding available resources, job training, job placement, and housing... We could not continue these services without help from the outside community. Churches such as yours not only help us to provide the basic essentials of food, clothing, and shelter, but by making others aware of our residents' needs, increase the effectiveness of our work."

Our small gift of \$250 from the Mission Committee budget seems much appreciated and helpful.

The Search Is On

On March 25-27, Olivia Mabeus, Beth Rudnic and Anne Bavier, as representatives of the Director of Christian Education Search Committee, traveled to Richmond, Virginia for a Face to Face with Christian Educators. This meeting was for church representatives and Christian Educators from across the country to meet and conduct screening interviews of candidates. On behalf of PPC, our members interviewed eligible candidates and will report to the full Search Committee. This process is part of the Presbyterian Church USA search process which includes development of a church profile, job description and in-depth evaluation of candidates on site. Meanwhile, Diane Hutchins continues to provide leadership and guidance as the Interim DCE. Her excellent skills and talents permit us to search carefully while maintaining a high quality, creative program.

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN FOR

THE BICENTENNIAL FUND AND PPC DEBT REDUCTION

GOAL \$240,000.00

\$ 80,000.00 per year

- o PPC Debt Reduction - \$120,000
- o Winter Growth - \$60,000
- o Church of North India - \$60,000

HOW CAN WE RESPOND ?

BY MAKING A 3-YEAR PLEDGE

50 units pledging \$25 per month will provide \$15,000 per year

40 more units pledging \$50 per month will provide \$24,000 per year

30 more units pledging \$100 per month will provide \$36,000 per year

OR

BY MAKING A SPECIAL GIFT OF SAVINGS OR INVESTMENTS



DANCE & SILENT AUCTION, FRIDAY, APRIL 23
WINTER GROWTH'S 4th ANNUAL BENEFIT

Winter Growth is a non-profit organization which provides for the elderly: adult day care, evening and overnight respite care, and assisted housing.

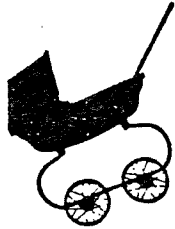
This year's benefit dance and silent auction will be held at the Longwood Recreation Center, 19300 Georgia Avenue in Olney. Two bands, Retrospect and the Joe Carta Country Band, will play in two ballrooms from 8-midnight. Call 929-3328 for \$15/person tickets/reservations.



Matthew 28:19

APRIL 1993

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RUMMAGE SALE June 11, 12

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Diane Huccins, Interim DCE/Y
Cynthia Weight, Music Dir./Organist
Lynn Sigler, Editor



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KERRY ON ...

According to a recent nationwide poll, "Religion was found on the upswing - considered very important by 69% of adults, up 10% points from a year before." "Regard for money as very important also rose 10% points to 40%." The Washington Post article on this poll said, "Just how the biblical adage 'You cannot love God and wealth' fit into this combination was not examined."

It seems to me that an examination is a significant ongoing issue for all Christians. Jesus had much to say about money and wealth. One of his themes is emphasized in the parable of the "Talents". Each servant was given responsibility to invest his master's assets. Two were faithful to the charge and earned a good return but one was fearful and hid the money. He was severely reprimanded while the other two were praised.

In either case the goal was to use wealth wisely for the benefit of the master. If religion has first to do with relationship to God (the master) then how we deal with money and wealth is a religious matter. We may even go so far as to say that how we deal with money reflects our relationship with God.

May we like the wise servants be found faithful by the Master.

Kerry

RUMMAGE SALE June 11, 12

Somebody Else

My favorite Bible story is that of Moses and the Burning Bush. It's not the pyrotechnics or even the intimate conversation with God that touches me; it's Moses' all too real response, "O my Lord, please send SOMEBODY ELSE!" (Ex 4:13). Great plan, Lord, but I just don't have the talent for it!

We, too, have a great plan for the Children's Programs here at PPC. But we need SOMEBODY ELSE to make it happen! We need SOMEBODY ELSE with a real talent for teaching who is willing to share that gift with us. We also need SOMEBODY ELSE who has never tried before but is willing to watch and learn. We need SOMEBODY ELSE to teach Sunday School in the Fall. We need SOMEBODY ELSE to teach the Preschool class during the Summer - we actually need 12 SOMEBODIES to sign up to do just one Sunday during the Summer. We need lots of SOMEBODY ELSEs to be on the Creative Enrichment Schedule for next year - we'd especially like to hear from SOMEBODY'S DAD OR GRANDDAD who might like to spend some quality time with children. We need a lot of SOMEBODY ELSEs to help Bridget Newton and Chris Dowd with their plan for Bible School the week of June 21-25; they need some crafty SOMEBODIES to help us turn the Fellowship Hall into "Praise Park" and active SOMEBODIES to plan some outdoor activities and kind SOMEBODIES who will hug the teachers' babies and toddlers and even kinder SOMEBODIES who will help us tidy up this place after the children have a wonderful time!

We also need SOMEBODY ELSE to help us with the plan for Adult Education. We need SOMEBODY ELSE to facilitate a parenting group. We need SOMEBODY ELSE to make the coffee and write the thank you notes for the adult class - and keep the schedule - and make the plan. We need SOMEBODY ELSE to help plan the Retreat on October 10.

God provided Moses with a nifty walking stick that turned into a snake and even parted the Red Sea. We don't promise a magic wand but we do provide spacious classrooms; colorful, well-written material; whatever supplies you need; and a teaching team to help share the responsibility. Moses told God he'd really rather stay home with his wife and kids. We know that you'd rather not have to worry about a lesson plan and you'd like to be free to come here on Sunday only if it's a sunny morning. Moses reminded God that Egypt was really a hostile environment for him. We know that a room full of exuberant 12-year-olds can indeed be a hostile environment. But Moses goes anyway because the children of Israel were ready to be led. In spite of Moses' prayer, God didn't send SOMEBODY ELSE. The Children of Potomac are ready to be led, too. And in spite of your prayers, God hasn't sent quite enough SOMEBODY ELSEs to get the job done.

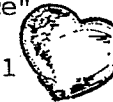
Waiting to hear from SOMEBODY ELSE,

Diane

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR
(A letter received by Rainbow Place)

Hello to all and thanks so much to all of you for being of such great service. Thanks to you being there when I needed you I am now where I am today! God bless you all and your families this holiday season and in the years to come. I have just registered in my second semester in Montgomery College where I am studying Food and Beverage Management. I'm doing wonderfully and am enjoying everything. To everyone up in "Rainbow Place" thanks again!

Love to all



(Ed.note) A donation of over \$500 went to Rainbow Place from PPC's Easter flower ministry!

the wright note

"Rejoice, Rejoice, Rejoice Greatly!" As Diane Rose sang those words so brilliantly on Easter, I personally rejoiced for the beautiful sounds she and all the Sanctuary Choir members, Handbell Choir ringers and Children's Choir singers have made during Lent and Easter and the weeks following. We are really having fun learning new music and sharing in the worship services. Thanks, choirs, for songs well sung and rung.

I am sad to announce, however, that Diane Rose will be leaving us May 23. She and her husband are moving to Connecticut. We will miss Diane's exceptionally fine voice and her warm, sincere personality.

Cindy

new pictorial directory coming

The Outreach Committee has been working for several months to develop and implement plans for a new pictorial directory. We hope that every member of the PPC family will be included. Those of you who have not already scheduled a photography session will have the opportunity to do so when you are contacted by telephone early in May. If you prefer, you may call Flo Casper in the church office, 299-6007, on weekdays between 9:00 and 3:00 to schedule an appointment. Please respond enthusiastically. We need your cooperation to make this project a success. Photography sessions will be held on May 21, 22, and 23. There is no charge for having your picture taken and each individual or family group will receive a free 8 x 10 color portrait, as well as a copy of the directory.

ADULT
EDUCATION
SCHEDULE



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| May 2 | Diane Hutchins |
| 9 | Library Committee Review of new books in our library |
| 16 | Jim Reichley - Renaissance and Reformation |
| 23 | Clark Lobenstein - Executive Director of Interfaith Council. The Ecumenical Movement Today. |
| 30 | Jim Reichley - continued |
| June 5 | Jim Reichley - continued |
| 13 | Intergenerational Event |

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT



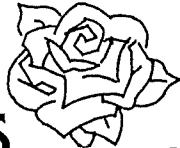
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| | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Plan</u> |
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| Pledges | \$28,829 | \$24,500 |
| Other Income | 1,479 | 2,920 |
| Mar. Total | 30,308 | 27,420 |
| Yr. to Date | 90,894 | 85,290 |
| Expenses | 26,394 | 27,495 |
| Yr. to Date | 84,249 | 85,454 |
| Balance | 6,645 | (164) |

CVBS

Phyllis Matson and Connie Warnick are chairing the MOTHER DAUGHTER BANQUET, May 7, at 6:30. Entertainment will be Irish Step Dancers. \$9/adults; \$5/children. Ladies, don't miss this annual and very special event. Remember, ALL of us are daughters!!

Vacation Bible School has been set for June 21-25. We hope you will plan your children's summer activities to include this week of Christian Education and Fellowship. Bridget Newton and Chris Dowd have volunteered to coordinate this project. Please tell them what you could do to help.



FLOWERS

are one of the special ministries of our church. Their beauty communicates God's love to those who give them and those who receive them.

EASTER FLOWERS - Easter and spring flowers together provide a beautiful resurrection message. Dawn Thompson led this ministry.

ADVENT FLOWERS - The sight and smell of Christmas greens and poinsettias in our sanctuary make a traditional statement of special joy and thanks.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS - Sharing our altar flowers with shut-ins, recovering members, hospital patients, and nursing home residents extends the boundaries of our sanctuary each week. Barbara Shame is organizing this dimension of our flower ministry. Thirteen ladies have volunteered to be on the committee. The duties are small, but the rewards are great.

To ensure the freshness needed for this extended use of our sanctuary flowers, we are asking for a donation of \$25 for each vase. When making payment to the church for memorial flowers, please make your check payable to Potomac Presbyterian Church and designate in the memo portion of the check that the money is for the Flower Fund.

There are still some dates available for memorial flowers. You may donate one or two vases on a given Sunday. To sign up, please see the flower chart on the bulletin board outside the church office.

All in the Family



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Bill and Jan Mellem Dalton on the birth of a son, Zechariah Carroll, Feb. 5; proud grandparents: Roger and Nancy Mellem...Kent and Doreen Arnold on the birth of a son, John Anthony, Apr. 21; proud grandparents: Bob and Kathy McMahan...Amy Herbert and David Mitchell, wed at PPC on Apr. 3...Robert R. Fahs on his retirement...Wilma and George Bodiger celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

DIRECTORY UPDATE: Nelia Chichester, 4604 Sleaford Rd., Bethesda 20814, 656-0992; Lisa Bryant, 9000 Rouen La., Potomac, 299-6779; M/M James Dart, 825 Bowie Rd., Rockville 20852-1042, 279-2061; M/M Thomas McPherson, 12050 Wetherfield La., Potomac, 926-2792.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

Melanie Mason in the death of her grandmother, Elizabeth Mika; the Stoltzfus family in the death of Ruthanne's sister, Lillian; David and Diane Hutchins in the death of his father in Kansas City, MO; Naomi Ulmer whose brother died April 11; Mildred Rowan in the death of her 99-year-old mother, Annie Whitfield, April 10; the Larry Dinterman family in the death of daughter Laurie April 17; and Bob Jordan who is hospitalized in Charleston, SC.

Fellowship SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

RUMMAGE SALE. June 11-12, 10-3 pm. Donations may be brought into Fellowship Hall AFTER coffee hour on June 6, and from 9-3 Monday-Thursday, June 7-10. NOTHING will be accepted on Friday or Saturday, sale dates! PLEASE bring as early in the week as possible to preserve the committee's sanity! And plan to stay a couple of hours to lend a hand at the organizing. We can promise lots of hard work - and fun! We also need paper bags and hangers.



GOLF OUTING. Golfers are invited for breakfast at the church and golf at Falls Road Public Golf Course on Saturday, May 22. Bob Tietjen will be taking reservations and collecting greens' fees.

ORIOLES GAME. On June 28, see the Orioles play the world champion Toronto Blue Jays. Sign up early because there are a limited number of tickets. The group rate is \$12/person for the upper box, lower third, sec. 306. Bob Best is taking reservations; checks payable to PPC. Bring the whole family!



PROGRESSIVE DINNER. (Tentative date: October 23). The Fellowship Committee thinks this would be a fun fall activity but we need a chairperson. Please call Margie Bedingfield, 299-4801, if you are interested in planning the dinner or serving as a host home.

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| MAY 1993 | | | | | | | 1 11:00 am Jacaruso/Skinner wedding |
| 2 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Communion 12:00 Fellowship 5:30 pm SNL 6:30 pm CONFIRMATION CLASS | 3 7:30 pm Sunday School Teachers Meeting 8:00 pm Fellowship Committee | 4 9:30 am Christian Living Group 1:00 pm The Lord's Table | 5 9:30 am Bible Study | 6 12:00 High Nooners 1:00 pm Caregivers 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir | 7 6:30 pm Mother/Daughter Banquet | 8 | |
| 9 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Youth Sunday 12:00 Fellowship 5:30 pm SNL 6:30 pm Confirmation Class | 10 8:00 pm Committees meet | 11 | 12 9:30 am Bible Study 2:45 pm Collingswood | 13 12:00 High Nooners 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir | 14 4:30 pm SNL Beach trip 5:00 pm Hammer/Constand wedding rehearsal | 15 4:30 pm Hammer/Constand wedding | |
| 16 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/Baptism 12:00 Congregational Meeting 12:00 Fellowship 2:00 pm SNL returns home 3:45 pm Manor Care 6:30 pm Confirmation Class | 17 8:00 pm Session meets | 18 | 19 9:30 am Bible Study | 20 12:00 High Nooners 1:00 pm Caregivers 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir | 21 Pictorial directory 6:00 pm Oseroff/Grantham wedding rehearsal | 22 Pictorial Directory Golf fellowship event 6:00 pm Oseroff/Grantham wedding | |
| 23 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Fellowship 6:30 pm Confirmation Class Deadline S.T.O.P. | 24 | 25 6:00 pm Potomac Elementary School PTA reception | 26 | 27 12:00 High Nooners 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir | 28 | 29 | |
| 30 9:00 am Confirmation Breakfast 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/receiving Confirmation Class 12:00 Fellowship | | | | | | | |

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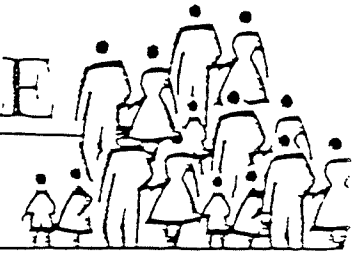
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June 11, 12

JUNE 20, 9:30 am SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS

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Kerry L. Stelmus, Sr. Pastor
 Tom Miles, Parish Associate
 Diane Hutchinson, Interim DC/VP
 Cynthia Wright, Music Dir./Organist
 Lynn Bigler, Editor



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JUNE, 1993

KERRY ON ...

The sermon on Confirmation Day began with the words, "Being a Christian and a member of the Church is something like taking a journey on a train." I shared with the Confirmands how when they were born their parents who had been riding the train stopped at a station and responded to God's invitation to bring them along. We have a special ceremony to mark that decision which we call Baptism.

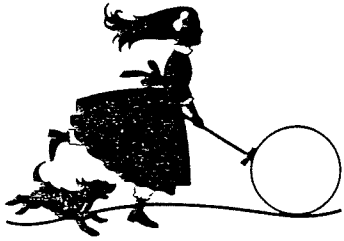
In the intervening years you ride on your parents' ticket. Today, the train stopped at a station again. We ask you to get off and go up to the ticket counter and get your own ticket. When you make that decision we again have a special ceremony called Confirmation. Now you have your own seat with full privileges and responsibilities. When you get your own ticket you promise to be a faithful member of the community that travels through life on this train.

The people on the train are filled with joy that you have decided to come along. Of course, everybody realizes that it was God who invited us all in the first place. Without that invitation none of us would even know there is a train to ride. God sent his invitation in a unique way. He sent his son Jesus Christ to ask us to join him on the journey of faith. To our Confirmands we say, "We are thankful and glad that you have come aboard."



Kerry

- 1993 CONFIRMANDS:
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| Jennie Cannon | Doug Reid | Mollie Stanton |
| Julie Hodges | Darcy Smith | Liz Vincent |
| Fred Olalo | Derek Smith | Karen Weaver |



On Growing Up Christian

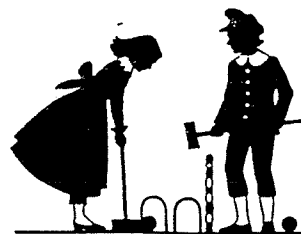
When I was growing up, much of what I learned about being a Christian was taught outside the walls of the church. We did a Christmas Pageant in Pre-School. We sang hymns in Girl Scouts. We read the Bible and prayed in the classroom every day. My high school English textbook had Bible passages as examples of poetry and story telling. I needed a course called, "The Language of the King James Bible," to get a BA in English. And Bing Crosby was showing me what church people looked like in the movies.

The culture has changed a lot in my lifetime. Our children get absolutely no religious education outside of their church and their home. No one goes to church in the movies that they watch. No one mentions the Bible in their schools. The community is no longer helping us to educate Christian people. If we want our children to know the story of God's People - and to come to understand that they, too, are a part of the Story, we have to be much more intentional about seeing that they get opportunities to hear the Story.

Send your children to Bible School!!! It's the only time all year we get their attention for more than a few minutes. Send us those PreSchoolers and keep sending them every year as they grow. This year the plan is for 4-year-olds through 5th graders. (Older kids may just learn something if they come to help - call Bridget Newton or Chris Dowd to volunteer). It's the week of June 21-25, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We need to claim every opportunity to live up to the promises that we made at their baptism - to nurture their faith and help them take their place in the continuing story of God's People.

Bridget

PS: Not enough "Somebody Elses" have called me this month - maybe it has to be you?



SERVING ONE ANOTHER

Genevive is 89 years old and lives independently in her apartment. Her itinerary of activities such as going to the grocery store and other shopping, cleaning her house and other chores, attending church regularly, and keeping necessary appointments would prove almost impossible if not for the assistance of the Prince William Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program (PWIVCP).

12 volunteers from PWIVCP have really become Genevive's friends. They not only help her to manage her day to day activities, but have taken her to Christmas tree trimming at their homes, family gatherings, and to special community events. They have also helped Genevive to meet physical needs through 5 cancer surgeries in the last year and a half.



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The love and concern of these volunteers has certainly made a difference in Genevive's life. She gives much in return in the way of her love and the plants she grows.

PWIVCP is a link between congregations and people in need that enables congregations to develop programs of volunteers to provide support, assistance, education and referral to people whose circumstances leave them with mental, physical, and/or social needs.

Your mission giving through National Capital Presbytery supports this ministry of faith that serves God through serving others.

JUNE calendar

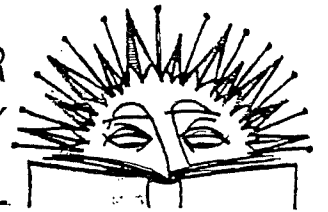
- 1 Pictorial Directory Layout Committee Meeting, 9:30 am
The Lord's Table, 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- 2 Bible Study Luncheon, noon
- 3 Highnooners, noon
Suburban Hospital caregivers, 1:00 pm
Handbell Choir, 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 8:00 pm
- 4 Koonce/Goodier wedding rehearsal, 6 pm
- 5 Koonce/Goodier wedding, 1:00 pm
- 6 Children's Choir, 9:00 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Worship, 11:00 am
Fellowship - Deacons host, noon
SNL, 3:00 pm
- 7 Christian Education meeting, 8:00 pm
Fellowship meeting, 8:00 pm
- 10 Highnooners, noon
Handbell Choir, 6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir, 8:00 pm
- 11 Rummage Sale
- 12 Rummage Sale
- 13 Children's Choir, 9:00 am
Sunday School, 9:45 am
Worship/Recognition of Sunday School Teachers
Deacons' picnic - Bettie Ann Johnson's home, 5:00 pm
SNL at PPC, 5:00 pm
- 14 Committees meet, 8:00 pm
- 17 Highnooners, noon
Suburban Hospital caregivers, 1:00 pm
- 18 Johnson/Brill wedding rehearsal, 6:00 pm
- 19 Johnson/Brill wedding, 6:00 pm
- 20 Father's Day Chorus Practice, 8:45 am
Worship, 9:30 am
Fellowship, 10:30 am
Worship at Manor Care, 3:45 pm
- 21 Vacation Bible School, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Session, 8:00 pm
- 27 Worship, 9:30 am
Fellowship, 10:30 am
- 28 Orioles game

Our church's important ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN, which seeks to support two two vital Presbyterian bicentennial mission building projects and reduce our own mortgage, approaches its conclusion at the end of this month. As of last Sunday, about 65 giving units in the church had pledged to contribute over three years, or had already contributed, a total of over \$116,000. We have just received a very generous pledge which will match \$5000 in additional pledges and contributions to the fund. Particularly if you haven't responded to this campaign as yet, we hope you will help us meet this matching goal.

Library

Among the latest additions to the church library is Tell Them Who I Am: The Lives of Homeless Women, by Elliot Liebow. The book, by a distinguished urban anthropologist who is a guest researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health and a professor at The Catholic University of America, is based on extensive interviews and interactions with homeless women living in emergency shelters in Montgomery County - people such as members of our congregation have sought to assist through Rainbow Place. This participant observation study - a method of study in which a researcher seeks to participate as fully as possible in the lives of the people being studied - offers valued insights into the homeless. The Library Committee thanks Dawn Thompson for bringing the book to the church's attention during remarks she recently made in worship about Rainbow Place.

SUMMER
SUNDAY
SCHOOL



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL needs volunteers. When we go to our summer 9:30 a.m. schedule on June 20, we will need one adult each week to teach the PreSchool class. Please see Diane Hutchins to volunteer to fill one of the 12 weeks during the summer. Diane is planning to lead the Creative Enrichment each week but she will need at least one helper. We also need one person to assist Vicky in the Nursery weekly. It's a great time for those of you who can't teach during the school year to take a turn!



BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

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 1993

Child's Name _____
 Birthday _____ Grade Completed _____
 Parents Name _____
 Address _____
 please include zip code _____
 Phone Number _____
 Church _____

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Who to contact (name, phone number, relationship to child)

Another contact _____

Doctor's Name and phone _____

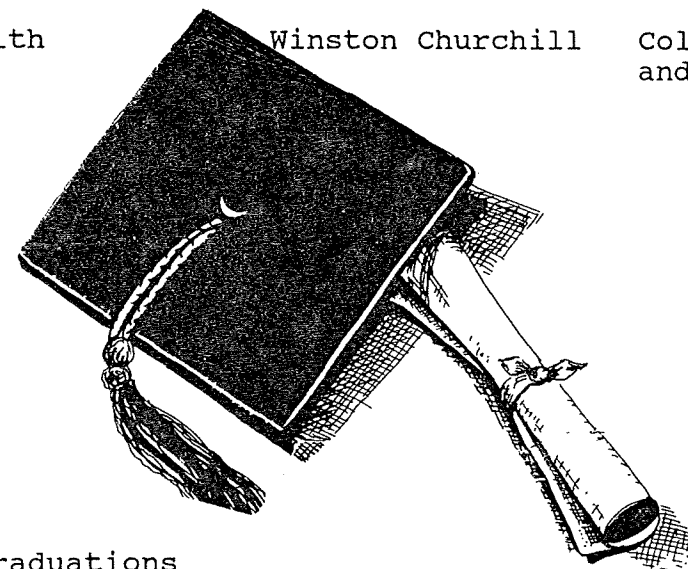
Any medical condition that we may
 need to know about



Congratulations !

High School Graduations

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| Laurie Beck | Bullis | Rollins College |
| Jimmy Chung | St. Albans | Swathmore |
| David Eagleson | Walt Whitman | Ohio Wesleyan |
| Caroline Olalo | Walt Whitman | |
| Arianna Smith | Winston Churchill | College of William and Mary |



College Graduations

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| Craig Brill | Villanova University |
| Mary Ann Brumbaugh | DePauw University |
| Ann Cookerly | Dickinson College |
| Tom Eagleson | Bucknell University |
| Amber Schwan | University of Virginia |
| Scott Simpson | Kings College; Halifax, Nova Scotia |



All in the Family



MARRIED:

Nicole Jacaruso and Steven Skinner, May 1, in PPC's Sanctuary.

Gretchen Vaughn and Scott McDonald, May 22 in Denver, Colorado.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Dan and Christie Hayes, currently living in Lower Gwynedd, PA, on the birth of daughter Hannah Jane, April 17.

BAPTIZED:

Charles Robert Dickinson III, May 16, son of Charles and Katie.

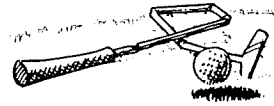
CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES:

George and Wilma Boddiger, May 23-50th...Tom and Mary Ann Cook-erly, June 20 - 40th...Cliff and Camille Kendall, 40th... Ed and Linda Tennent, June 8-25th...Chip and Katie Dickinson, Apr. 10-10th.

REMEMBERED IN PRAYER:

The Leber Family in the death of Charlie's father May 12...The Rudnic Family in the death of Beth's maternal grandfather... Paul Yadlosky at Manor Care... Ralph Mitchel's mother, Elizabeth, Jim Spivey, Klara Rozner recovering at home.

PPPO



PPPO (Potomac Presbyterian Open)

The Fellowship Committee conducted a splendid golf day on May 22. We started on a high note. The ladies of the committee prepared a sumptuous breakfast for the players which both nourished our bodies and gave us a chance to meet each other before the contest began. We are most grateful to Margie Bedingfield and her volunteers. It set a wonderful precedent!

Sixteen players in all teed it up. The weather was gorgeous; the golf was..ah..OK, let us say. The fellowship was rewarding and both the folks who could play and those who were not able to come are anxious to have another opportunity in the Fall. The only disappointment was the absence of any lady golfers. All are welcome and we hope some of the ladies decide to give it a try.

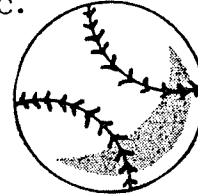
Prizes went to the following:

Low Net Score - Kerry Stoltzfus 71
Second Low Net - Jeff Barthelman 73
Longest Drive - Walter Maxwell
(Honorable Mention to Kerry)
Closest to the Flag - Bob Tietjen
Highest Total Score - Craig Brill
(Won't say how high)
Highest Individual Hole - Bill Brill
(Ditto)
Shortest Drive - Bill King

Stay tuned for the announcement of the next Potomac Presbyterian Open!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REMINDER:

ORIOLES NIGHT...Tickets to the Orioles-Toronto game, June 28, would make an excellent Father's Day present. Sign up with Bob Best, 469-5458. Make checks payable to PPC.



COLLINGSWOOD NURSING HOME honored its volunteers at a picnic on May 11. The following PPC ladies received a certificate of appreciation:

Bettina Curtis
Doris Durfee
Pat King
Ruth Lincoln
Ann McDonald
Kathy McMahon
Miriam Sass
Marilyn Spivey
Alice Smith



On the second Wednesday of every month, we take cakes to help the residents celebrate their birthdays. Many thanks to all our faithful PPC ladies.

WANTED:

IMMEDIATE JOB OPENING

Like to work on your own? Be creative? Try new things? Find out absolutely everything about everything before anybody else? Have I got a deal for you!

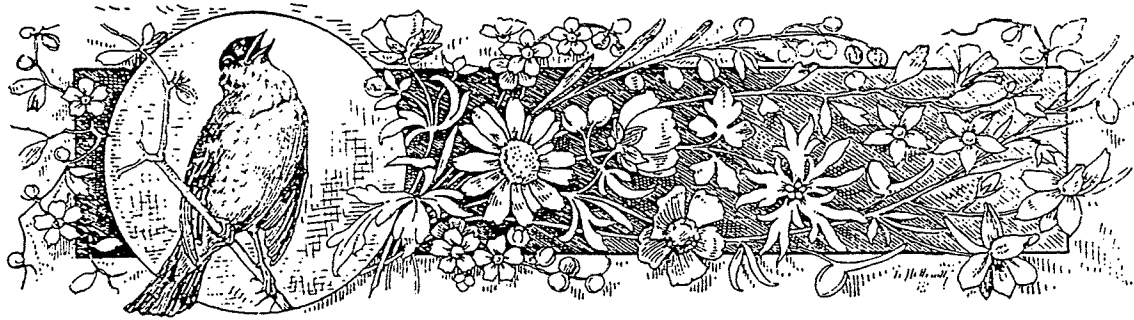
After 122 issues of Steeple to People, this is my last hurrah! Of the many PPC hats I've worn in the past 20 years, my enthusiasm for editing your newsletter has never waned. However, the time has come...

Qualifications? Well, you'll probably need a pencil, a telephone, and some kind of a word-making machine; artwork, press-type, layout materials provided. Guidance/instructions also will be provided...but you'll have to hurry.

Thanks to Kerry, church staff members, Elders, committee chairmen, the circulation "department", and other contributors who have made this job so pleasant over the years. Special thanks to some of you who have actually told me you read the newsletter!

Please contact Lynn or Kerry to discuss the July issue. If YOU don't call, there will be NO July issue.

*Thanks for the memories -
Lynn Bigler, Editor*



PRAYER

Mother and Daughter Banquet
May 7, 1993

God of Sarah, Rebecca and Rachael,
God of all mothers and daughters.
We invite you to be our guest as we gather
around these tables to enjoy a special bond.

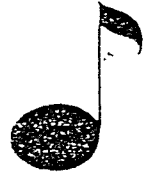
From birth, and even before,
through the joys of childhood
and the trials and triumphs of adolescence.
From the time that mother and daughter began
to be adult friends,
To the time that mother welcomed
a daughter's daughter.
And a time that a daughter felt like parent
to her mother.

In all these times we thank you Lord for
your grace and sustaining presence.
Tonight we thank you for giving us the gift
of shared memory and hopeful future.
May the joy of eating together nourish us
in body and spirit.

We pray in the name of the One who is called
the Bread of Life. Amen.

Keith

The Wright Note



As I write this article on May 10th, I notice that my DAY LIGHT DAY BRIGHT desk calendar reads as follows: "Give today your best shot. Don't worry about yesterday or tomorrow. Yesterday will fade away, and tomorrow will take care of itself." This may be good psychological advice, but not for church music directors.

Yesterday was Youth Sunday and it certainly hasn't faded from our memories. The youth did a fabulous job in leading both our verbal and musical worship. There are many yesterdays in our church music experience that keep us moving forward in the development of an even more meaningful program.

Tomorrow, in church music, will not take care of itself. It will be successful only if we carefully organize programs that excite people and then steadily work to implement these objectives. (Fancy talk for "practice.")

In early June we will be bringing to a close the rehearsals for the 92-3 season. The handbells will ring in church on June 6 for the last time. The Children's Choir will participate that day as well. The Sanctuary Choir will continue through Sunday, June 13.

This apparent winding down only gives the clock the ability to be wound again. So.....consider now your calendars for fall. Save a place now for Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir and/or Children's Choir. If you wait until September, the calendar will already be full and you will honestly say, "I don't have time for choir." Make time now and keep Thursday nights or early Sunday mornings open for choir. I have asked for parents' opinions on better rehearsal time for children. I am open to suggestions now for fall. Please let me hear from you.

Men! Mark your calendars for June 20th. It's time for the Father's Day Chorus. The service that day changes to 9:30 a.m. We will rehearse promptly at 8:45 a.m. Last year we had sixteen fantastic singers. This year let's make it twenty!

Cindy



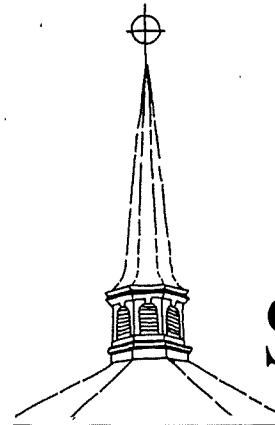
We thank Barbara Perry for taking all our aluminum cans to the recycling center this past year. We collected an extra \$100.15 for the Heifer Project, in addition to saving the energy required to make new aluminum cans.

Barbara now has a smaller car, and can no longer tote our large, but not heavy, bags of cans to the Montgomery Scrap Corporation, 15000 Southlawn Lane in Rockville. If you would be willing to take on this responsibility for the coming year, or if you would just be willing to take the cans which have piled up already this summer, please call Diane Hutchins.

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POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUMMER

1993

KERRY on ...

Summer has come, and we slow down a bit. There are fewer programs, meetings, responsibilities. Perhaps it is the best time to "be still and know that I am God." I love the following story from Madeline L'Engle's book, *The Rock That Is Higher*:

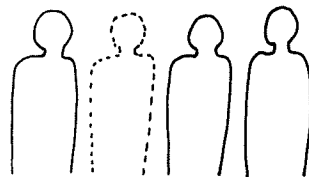
There's a true story I love about a house party in one of the big English country houses. Often after dinner at these parties people give recitations, sing, and use whatever talent they have to entertain the company. One year a famous actor was among the guests. I've been told he might have been Charles Laughton. When it came his turn to perform, he recited the Twenty-third Psalm, perhaps the most beloved psalm in the Psalter, "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want." His rendition was magnificent, and there was much applause.

At the end of the evening someone noticed a little old great aunt dozing in the corner. She was as deaf as a post and had missed most of what was going on, but she was urged to get up and recite something. In those days people used to memorize a lot of poetry! So she stood up, and in her quavery old voice she started, "The Lord is my shepherd," and went on to the end of the psalm. When she had finished there were tears in many eyes. Later one of the guests approached the famous actor, "You recited that psalm absolutely superbly. It was incomparable. So why were we so moved by that funny, little old lady?" He replied, "I know the psalm. She knows the shepherd."

THE WRIGHT NOTE

I am writing this article from New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, where I am attending a conference on music and worship sponsored by the Presbyterian Association of Musicians. Each day, I attend stimulating worship services, methods classes in handbells, conducting, children's music and adult choral arts. My goodie bag is full of ideas to incorporate in our church music program. I thank you for sending me to this lovely Westminster College campus to further my education in music as it relates to worship.

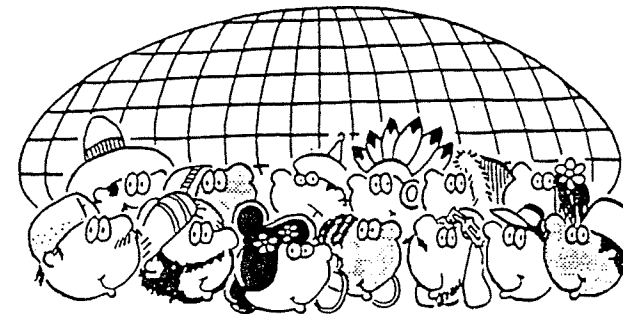
The teaching staff for Sunday School in the Fall is just about filled. Thank you to the old faithfuls who have signed up for one more year! Thank you to the new volunteers who are willing to give it a try. We need just one more person to help Annette Busbice with the Pre-school class at 9:45. If you might be able to do this, call Olivia Mabeus (926-8160) for more information.



THANK YOU -- one more time
TO EVERYONE WHO MADE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUCH A SUCCESS!



Thank you to Bridget Newton and Chris Dowd for organizing the week and making all the plans. Thank you to Pam Self, Lynn Muys, Katie Dickinson, Karen Mabeus, Gail Cannon, Emily Stoltzfus and Ann McDonald for teaching the classes. Thank you, Jackie Evans, for creating Praise Park. Thank you to Andrea Katz, Pat King, and Kathy McMahon for helping with the Park. Thank you to Melissa Norvell for keeping our babies. Thank you to Jenny Cannon, Leah Cannon, Courtney Chapin, Beth Rudnic, Brenda Peters, and Jamie Kinney for other help. Thank you, Cindy Wright, for making music with us all week!



UNITED NATIONS SEMINAR

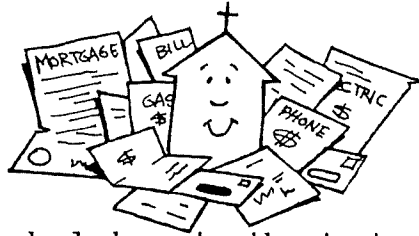
A STUDY SEMINAR AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK CITY
FOR SR. HIGH YOUTH GRADES 10, 11, AND 12

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14
through
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1993

Theme: HUNGER IN THE HORN OF
AFRICA

FOUR DAYS IN NEW YORK CITY! A wonderful opportunity for Senior Highs to get acquainted with the working of the United Nations--and to study in depth one of the most important issues facing the world today--and to take a look at New York! Encourage your young people to put this on their calendars for the fall. See Diane Hutchins for more information in September.

P.S. Presbytery still needs one more adult to accompany this group of about thirty young people. Call today if you might be able to go. Diane



Contributions and pledges to the Anniversary Campaign now total \$130,600! The campaign phase having come to a close, we rejoice in this support for our church and its mission. As the pledges are paid within a three-year period, almost half of the receipts will be forwarded to our denomination's Bicentennial Fund, which celebrates 200 years of Presbyterianism in America through rededication to vital mission projects. Our contributions will equally support two projects: improvements in hospitals operated by the Church of North India, and the establishment of a permanent home for the "Winter Growth" day care program for needy elderly in Montgomery county. The other half of our receipts will be used to reduce our own church's building debt, thus strengthening our capacity to meet our mission goals and conduct other important congregational activities.

Our financial secretary, Kay Mitchel, will begin mailing quarterly statements this month to members who made pledges to the Anniversary Fund. The church is greatly appreciative of the more than 70 individuals and families who have responded to this special campaign.



We remember in our prayers Jim Spivey, who is ill at home and Colleen Mitchel, daughter of Ralph and Kate Mitchel, grand-daughter of Kay and Ralph Mitchel, who had surgery July 20.

REMEMBER!
OCTOBER 10
*PPC Annual All-church
RETREAT
at Camp Glenkirk
the theme this year is*
"CREATING OUR FUTURE
IN GOD'S FAMILY"

Plan now for the whole family to spend a fun-filled day of Christian fellowship and learning. Karen Mabeus is chairing the Planning Committee. Please call her if you'd like to help.

CONGREGATION BASED SHELTER PROGRAM

With the approval of the Session, our church this fall will undertake a major new mission initiative.

From October 17 to 23, we will provide shelter, dinner, and breakfast each day in Fellowship Hall for approximately 25 of Montgomery County's homeless who are participating in the Congregation Based Shelter program sponsored by Montgomery County Community Ministry.

The Congregation Based Shelter program (C.B.S.), which began operation last fall, is descended from the old Overflow Shelter program, which we helped support financially. Under the Overflow Shelter program, churches in the community provided shelter for a week during the cold-weather months for homeless persons who could not be accommodated in the county's shelters. This was strictly a shelter program, with no attempt at restoring participants to economic independence or personal rehabilitation.

The new program is the result of long consultation between the county and Community Ministry. It is the first stage in a three-tiered approach of assessment, treatment/rehabilitation, and finally, stable housing for selected single men and women. It is intended to go beyond the "band-aid" approach, to a beginning at long-term solution. Since the program began last fall, 75% of the 134 people served have been referred to the next shelter stage or have returned to independent living.

Persons going through the C.B.S. program have been interviewed by social workers to assure they are willing to commit to a treatment program as a means to end their homelessness. While in C.B.S., they go through a medical and social evaluation program during the day, and are given shelter for the night, with a hot evening meal and breakfast, by their host church for that week.

C.B.S., unlike the Overflow Shelter program from which it is descended, is a year-round program. Many area churches have already been hosts for one week. We decided to participate

after our Mission Committee had determined through talks with Community Ministry staff and volunteer coordinators at other participating churches that the program is a worthwhile carrying-out of Christ's commandment to us to help the needy and is practically feasible.

Our participation in the program will begin with the arrival of our homeless guests for the evening meal on Sunday, October 17, and will conclude with breakfast the following Sunday. Guests arrive at approximately 7:00 p.m. and lights are turned off at 11 p.m.; guests rise at 6:00 a.m. the following morning and leave the church by 7:00 a.m. During the day they will be in contact with a county facility, where they will be able to take showers. Although it is not required, we have elected to give each guest a bagged lunch each day in our week.

A staff professional from Montgomery County will be with us each night from dinner to breakfast. Our church will provide two volunteers to sleep over each night, and also volunteers to prepare and serve the meals.

Community Ministry provides sleeping mats and blankets. We are asked to provide 25 sets of sheets and towels (which we can then store to be used again the following year.)

Our guests will be limited to using Fellowship Hall, with its two adjoining bathrooms. Only single men and women are admitted to the program.

This program will be a full church effort. In addition to volunteers to sleep over and provide meals, we will need many volunteers to gather supplies and for other tasks. We intend to involve our youth fully in all phases of the program.

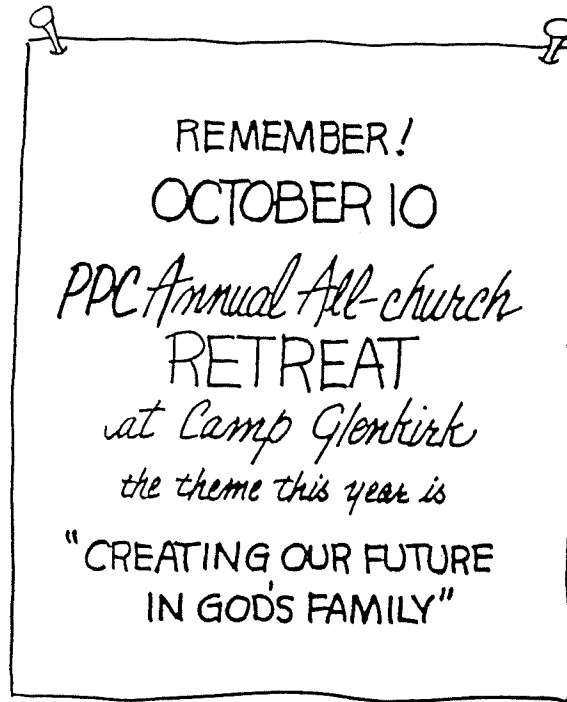
Mary and Jim Reichley have agreed to coordinate the program for our church. Other members of the Mission Committee will be heavily involved.

This undertaking will be a step beyond our already extensive mission program. We feel that Jesus calls us to do no less.

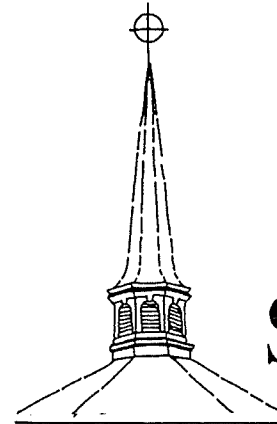
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STEEPLE to PEOPLE

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September

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30 TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday September 26, 11:00 a.m.

Have you ever heard the Gospel in a TV commercial? There is one for diamonds, the scene is romantic and the couple somewhat middle aged. She is opening a present and as she takes out the diamond necklace, we hear the words, "Tell her you would marry her all over again."

To me it is a beautiful linking of the past, present and future. A commitment we made once in the past is remembered with a special celebration, and renewal of that promise for the future.

This year Potomac Presbyterian Church remembers a commitment made thirty years ago by a small group of faithful Christians who met to worship in the Potomac Elementary School. Through the years over 1300 people have made a vow to be faithful members of this congregation. Some have moved on to other communities, others have frankly drifted away, many are vital members of the congregation today. In the faces of our children and youth we see the future of PPC.

I am pleased to invite everyone to gather for worship on Sunday September 26 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this congregation. And to say to our Lord and one another, we would do it all over again. A luncheon will follow the service and our Deacons will be calling with details.

Kerry

Is Anybody Listening?

Why don't my children listen to me? I tell them to put their "stuff" away every day and not let it accumulate on the kitchen table until we need power equipment to move it downstairs. (We haven't actually eaten there in years.) I tell them to drive very carefully, and never exceed the speed limit or run yellow lights. I tell them to use their time wisely so they don't spend the entire gorgeous weekend indoors at the mall, and have to cut the grass in the almost dark because it won't wait one more day. They never seem to appreciate the wonderful words of wisdom I regularly share with them.

Those children have pointed out to me lately, that most of the junk on the table is mine; that no one in our family sneaks through as many yellow lights as mom does; and the person most likely to be up at 2AM doing something that has to be finished tomorrow-- is me. My children learned much more than I intended. It's not that they don't hear me, it's just that they live with me, too.

Children have very good listening skills. They hear words and feelings--that we don't remember saying out loud. Why do they pick up the impatient tone in our voice that we use when we are very angry with our spouse and use it every time they talk to their siblings? And why can't they pick up the measured kindness we use to talk to complete strangers, instead? Our children do hear us--it's just that they hear what we do and not what we say. They are very observant. They see more than we wish them to see. They see who we are, and not who we tell them we are.

As we begin a new season, let's try--one more time--to be more intentional about what our kids are learning. Let's give them an opportunity to see us thinking seriously about our faith; responding to God's love for us through service to others; bowing our heads in prayer; and working for peace and justice in our world. Careful! The children are listening!

See YOU, as well as your children in Sunday School,



Tea and Needlework

Easter in September? A few ladies will be working on smocked eggs! What is your latest interest? Bring it with you and share (show and tell). Everyone is welcome. We will meet in the church parlor on Thursdays, September 9 and 23 at 1:30 PM.

Christmas International House

December will be here before you know it. We need your help in preparing for 20 foreign students who have been invited to spend two weeks in the Gsithersburg area during the Christmas holidays. We help provide a place for the students when otherwise they would be in an empty dormitory on a deserted campus and we enjoy sharing our holidays with people from other countries as we celebrate God's love for all people.

We will need host families for 1 or 2 week periods, help with three all-day trips and three evening parties, dinner invitations for small groups, etc. It's not too early to start dreaming of a most unusual Christmas. The program runs from Dec. 18 to Jan. 1. Call Eleanor Munch, CIH Chairman, 926-3728, for further information.

Bible Study

Kerry and Diane invite you to this year's Bible Study Class that will begin on Wednesday, September 15 at 9:30 AM. The theme is "Prayers of the Bible for a Faithful Journey." Study guides are available. The introduction of the study tells us that nine Biblical prayers have been selected as the focus and defines prayer as, "The simple yet complex activity of being in conversation with God, of being present for the movement of God's Spirit in our lives."

We look forward to Diane sharing her insights with us, especially when she will lead the study. Diane was a leader for the "field testing" of this study.

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Save your old sheets and towels; we need to provide sheets and a towel for each person.

**Community Ministry
of Montgomery County,**

one of the groups your Mission
Committee has supported for a
long time, recently expressed its
gratitude with a delightful card
which the Committee thought all
members of the congregation
would enjoy.



Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You
for
your generous check!

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It's folks like you that
make life "bearable".

The Music Department of Potomac Presbyterian Church
announces the FALL TRAINING SEASON for all choirs.

Starting Line-up:

Sanctuary Choir, Thursday, Sept. 9, 8:00 p.m.

New singers welcome

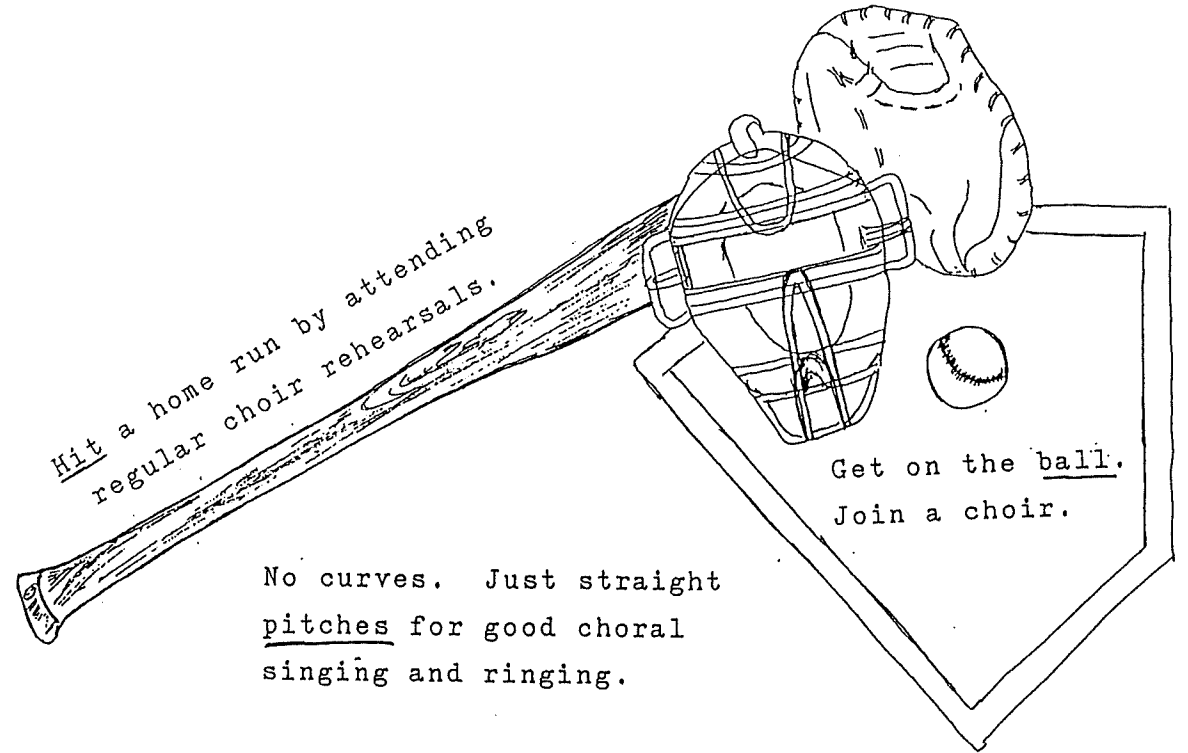
Handbell Choir, Thursday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Call Cindy Wright and tell her if you are
returning or if you are a new ringer.

Children's Choir, Sunday, Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m.

Grades 2 - 5 invited to join.

Parents urged to attend first rehearsal
to understand choir commitment.



Hit a home run by attending
regular choir rehearsals.

Get on the ball.
Join a choir.

No curves. Just straight
pitches for good choral
singing and ringing.

Catch the spirit of Cindy Wright as she
leads us through a winning 93-94 season
of meaningful musical experiences in church.

Interested?
Call Cindy
926-7015

RALLY DAY!

Come one! Come all!

Sunday School is for you!

Beginning September 12



We're ready to begin a new season of Christian Education for all members of Potomac Presbyterian Church.

The Christian Education Committee will provide you with a continental breakfast at 9:30 on September 12.

Cindy Wright will lead us in some favorite old hymns--and maybe in something new, too.

We'll introduce you to all the new teachers--and thank them for their willingness to begin this new ministry with our children.

We'll send the children to get acquainted with their new class and encourage adults to consider a Sunday School Class for themselves this year.

We're planning a fun morning for everyone! Don't miss it!

Sunday School Teachers for 1993

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Senior High | Lynn Matson |
| Middle School | Mary Margaret Smith and Paddy Simpson |
| 4th-5th Grade | Olivia Mabeus and Sonia Russo |
| 2nd-3rd Grade | Wendy Atwood Petti and Pam Self |
| K's-1st Grade | Linda Lyons and Phyllis Matson |
| Preschool | Annette Busbice and You maybe? |
| 2's-3's at 11:00 | Katie Dickinson and Lynn Muys |

All in the Family

Weddings

Kathleen Koonce and Matthew Goodier on June 5.

Steven Brill and Cynthia Johnson on June 19.

Allyson Brooks and Carl Young on August 7.

Wendy Atwood and Matthew Petti on August 15.

Susan Hawley and Gregory Dicovitsky on August 21.

John Gregg and Leisa Koval on August 28.

Births

Lauren Elizabeth French on July 8. Proud parents are Mark and Carol.

Deaths

James Sherwood Spivey August 2. We remember Marilyn and her family in our prayers.

Remembered in Prayer

Colleen Mitchel

Donald Thompson

Baptisms

John Anthony Arnold on June 27. Parents are Kent and Doreen, grandparents are Kathy and Bob McMahon.

Tyler Benjamin Yager and

Cameron Ashley Yager on July 11. Parents are Charles and Pamela.

Tess Hummon Stevens on August 22. Parents are Brian and Sarah, grandparents are John and Jean Hummon.

Godspeed

Lynn Bigler

14 Belle Isle Lane Prosperity, SC 29127

Monthly Financial Report

| (through July) | Actual | Budget |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Receipts yr to date | \$186,204 | \$188,270 |
| Exp pd yr to date | \$194,130 | \$197,686 |

Inquirers' Series

A three part inquirers' series will be held on October 17, 24 and 31. These classes are for those visitors interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church and/or church membership. The classes are held in the church parlor and are taught by the pastor.

After the series has been completed, those persons interested in joining Potomac Presbyterian Church will meet with the session on Sunday, November 7. Church recognition will be at the 11:00 AM service. For more information, please contact the pastor, Kerry Stoltzfus (299-6007).

Keep those Cans Coming!

Lew Chapin has agreed to continue recycling aluminum cans for us this year. Please continue to bring your bags of cans to the area around the coke machine and Lew will take them to the recycling facility for us. Last year we added over \$100 to our Sunday School Offering from this project. Thank you to all who contributed. Thank you to Barbara Perry for taking them last year.

Communion Education

For three Sundays in September, Diane Hutchins will lead 4th and 5th grade students in a program of Worship preparation with special emphasis on the meaning and traditions of Communion. This will happen on September 12, 19 and 26 during the Creative Enrichment time, following "Children at Worship" in the 11:00 service, upstairs in the 4th-5th grade Sunday School room. We hope families of 4th and 5th graders will consider this an important part of Christian Education for their children and will try to attend all three Sundays and will plan to participate in World Communion Sunday on October 3 as a family.

Christian Living Group

The Christian Living Group is an intergenerational group of women--from new mothers to grandmothers--that meets once a month to discuss our lives, as women and as Christians in today's world. We invite any woman in the congregation to join our conversation.

We will meet on Tuesday, September 14, at 9:30, in the Parlor. We ordinarily meet on the first Tuesday of the month--(October 5, November 2, December 7) and arrange child care informally--call Diane Hutchins if you plan to bring your children.

Creative Enrichment

Every Sunday during our 11:00 Worship hour, PPC offers an Enrichment program for children from age 4 through 3rd graders. Margie Bedingfield does a lesson plan each week. Judy Bernstein gathers all the materials needed for each lesson. All you need to do, is be willing to lead this group from time to time. There is usually a story, some suggestions for conversation on the theme for the day and a craft project to make. Most leaders come downstairs for a few moments before church to look at the material and then attend the first part of worship, leaving with the children after "Children at Worship." We need two adults and two Senior Highs to lead the program each week. There are usually about eight children in each of two groups. Please consider taking a turn leading this important program. You can sign up on the chart in the narthex or contact Diane Hutchins (299-6007).

Christian Parenting Raising Children in the Real World

This new book by Donna Sinclair and Yvonne Stewart was named the best new book of 1992 by the Outlook Book Service in Richmond. Outlook was the denominational bookstore for the old Southern Presbyterian Church. We invite all parents in our congregation to join us on six Sunday mornings this fall to read this book together and think seriously about how we are raising our children. We will meet at 9:45 AM in the parlor. Joe Curry has volunteered to be the discussion facilitator for the group. We have purchased a few copies of the book to loan around. If you would like to own a copy, please call Diane Hutchins at the church office and ask her to order a copy for you at \$11.99.

September 19 Money, designer jeans and presents

Sept. 26 Competition, getting ahead or going together

October 3 Sexuality, self-esteem and the Song of Songs

October 10 No meeting (church retreat)

October 17 Conflict, courage and self-defense

October 24 Crises, support and renewal

October 31 Being different, being accepted and being faithful

Sunday School Teachers

The fall curriculum has arrived. It is ready for you to pick up in Diane's office whenever you are ready. We will be having a Teachers' Meeting on Thursday, September 9 at 8:00 PM. We will spend one hour discussing all those details of how we do Sunday School at PPC and meeting each other. There is also a Presbytery Teacher's Training Day on Saturday, September 25, from 9 AM - 1 PM -- call Diane if you would like her to make a reservation for you. It will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church in College Park -- easy to get to, plenty of parking! Don't forget Rally Day on September 12! We will be introducing you to the children and their parents -- come with your biggest smiles!

Thank You!!!

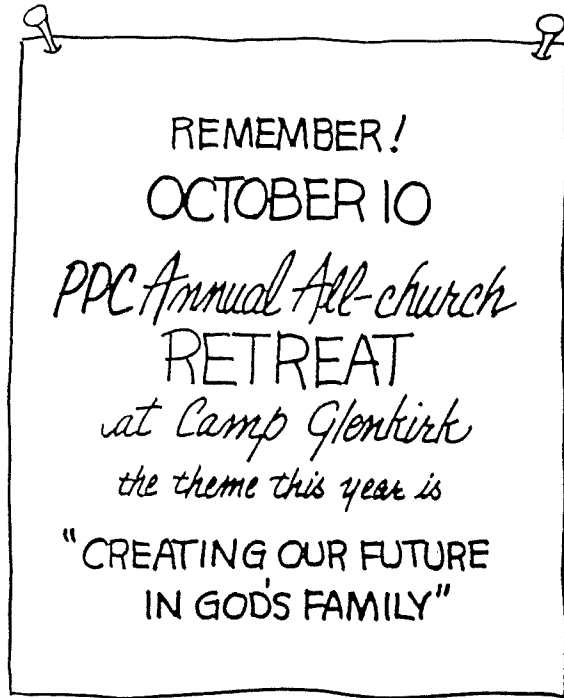
A huge Thank You to all of you who helped with the Summer Sunday School Program -- especially to those who came prepared and then discovered they were not needed. We truly appreciate your efforts and your willingness to participate. Thank you!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 12:00 High Nooners | 3 | 4 |
| 5 9:30 am Worship/"Faith at Work" John Hummon, Sally O'Neal, Gene Sharer 10:30 am Fellowship | 6 Holiday | 7 1:00 pm The Lord's Table | 8 | 9 12:00 High Nooners 1:30 pm Tea and Needlework 1:30 pm- Farmers' Market 4:30 pm 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Sunday School Teachers Meeting | 10 6:30 pm Lyons/Payne rehearsal | 11 1:00 pm Lyons/Payne wedding |
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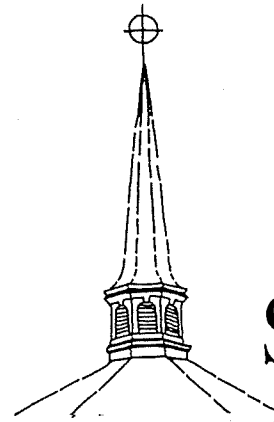
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STEEPLE to PEOPLE

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

September

1993

30 TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday September 26, 11:00 a.m.

Have you ever heard the Gospel in a TV commercial? There is one for diamonds, the scene is romantic and the couple somewhat middle aged. She is opening a present and as she takes out the diamond necklace, we hear the words, "Tell her you would marry her all over again."

To me it is a beautiful linking of the past, present and future. A commitment we made once in the past is remembered with a special celebration, and renewal of that promise for the future.

This year Potomac Presbyterian Church remembers a commitment made thirty years ago by a small group of faithful Christians who met to worship in the Potomac Elementary School. Through the years over 1300 people have made a vow to be faithful members of this congregation. Some have moved on to other communities, others have frankly drifted away, many are vital members of the congregation today. In the faces of our children and youth we see the future of PPC.

I am pleased to invite everyone to gather for worship on Sunday September 26 to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of this congregation. And to say to our Lord and one another, we would do it all over again. A luncheon will follow the service and our Deacons will be calling with details.

Kerry

Is Anybody Listening?

Why don't my children listen to me? I tell them to put their "stuff" away every day and not let it accumulate on the kitchen table until we need power equipment to move it downstairs. (We haven't actually eaten there in years.) I tell them to drive very carefully, and never exceed the speed limit or run yellow lights. I tell them to use their time wisely so they don't spend the entire gorgeous weekend indoors at the mall, and have to cut the grass in the almost dark because it won't wait one more day. They never seem to appreciate the wonderful words of wisdom I regularly share with them.

Those children have pointed out to me lately, that most of the junk on the table is mine; that no one in our family sneaks through as many yellow lights as mom does; and the person most likely to be up at 2AM doing something that has to be finished tomorrow-- is me. My children learned much more than I intended. It's not that they don't hear me, it's just that they live with me, too.

Children have very good listening skills. They hear words and feelings--that we don't remember saying out loud. Why do they pick up the impatient tone in our voice that we use when we are very angry with our spouse and use it every time they talk to their siblings? And why can't they pick up the measured kindness we use to talk to complete strangers, instead? Our children do hear us--it's just that they hear what we do and not what we say. They are very observant. They see more than we wish them to see. They see who we are, and not who we tell them we are.

As we begin a new season, let's try--one more time--to be more intentional about what our kids are learning. Let's give them an opportunity to see us thinking seriously about our faith; responding to God's love for us through service to others; bowing our heads in prayer; and working for peace and justice in our world. Careful! The children are listening!

See YOU, as well as your children in Sunday School,



Tea and Needlework

Easter in September? A few ladies will be working on smocked eggs! What is your latest interest? Bring it with you and share (show and tell). Everyone is welcome. We will meet in the church parlor on Thursdays, September 9 and 23 at 1:30 PM.

Christmas International House

December will be here before you know it. We need your help in preparing for 20 foreign students who have been invited to spend two weeks in the Gsithersburg area during the Christmas holidays. We help provide a place for the students when otherwise they would be in an empty dormitory on a deserted campus and we enjoy sharing our holidays with people from other countries as we celebrate God's love for all people.

We will need host families for 1 or 2 week periods, help with three all-day trips and three evening parties, dinner invitations for small groups, etc. It's not too early to start dreaming of a most unusual Christmas. The program runs from Dec. 18 to Jan. 1. Call Eleanor Munch, CIH Chairman, 926-3728, for further information.

Bible Study

Kerry and Diane invite you to this year's Bible Study Class that will begin on Wednesday, September 15 at 9:30 AM. The theme is "Prayers of the Bible for a Faithful Journey." Study guides are available. The introduction of the study tells us that nine Biblical prayers have been selected as the focus and defines prayer as, "The simple yet complex activity of being in conversation with God, of being present for the movement of God's Spirit in our lives."

We look forward to Diane sharing her insights with us, especially when she will lead the study. Diane was a leader for the "field testing" of this study.

Shelter Program

From October 17 to 23, we will provide shelter, dinner and breakfast each day for approximately 25 of Montgomery County's homeless who are participating in the Congregation Based Shelter program sponsored by Montgomery County Community Ministry. Mary and Jim Reichley are coordinating the program for our church.

Save your old sheets and towels; we need to provide sheets and a towel for each person.

**Community Ministry
of Montgomery County,**

one of the groups your Mission Committee has supported for a long time, recently expressed its gratitude with a delightful card which the Committee thought all members of the congregation would enjoy.



Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank You
for
your generous check!

SHARON
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It's folks like you that
make life "bearable".

The Music Department of Potomac Presbyterian Church
announces the FALL TRAINING SEASON for all choirs.

Starting Line-up:

Sanctuary Choir, Thursday, Sept. 9, 8:00 p.m.

New singers welcome

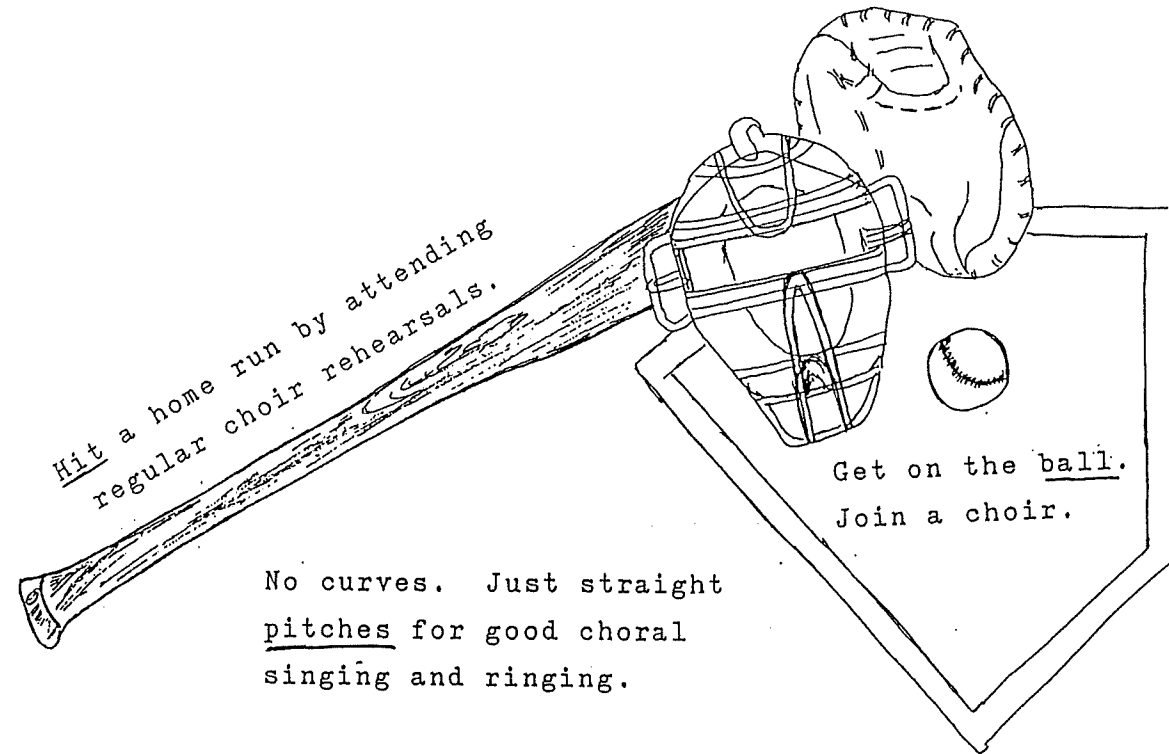
Handbell Choir, Thursday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m.

Call Cindy Wright and tell her if you are
returning or if you are a new ringer.

Children's Choir, Sunday, Sept. 19, 9:00 a.m.

Grades 2 - 5 invited to join.

Parents urged to attend first rehearsal
to understand choir commitment.



Hit a home run by attending
regular choir rehearsals.

No curves. Just straight
pitches for good choral
singing and ringing.

Get on the ball.
Join a choir.

Catch the spirit of Cindy Wright as she
leads us through a winning 93-94 season
of meaningful musical experiences in church.

Interested?
Call Cindy
926-7015

RALLY DAY!

Come one! Come all!

Sunday School is for you!

Beginning September 12



We're ready to begin a new season of Christian Education for all members of Potomac Presbyterian Church.

The Christian Education Committee will provide you with a continental breakfast at 9:30 on September 12.

Cindy Wright will lead us in some favorite old hymns--and maybe in something new, too.

We'll introduce you to all the new teachers--and thank them for their willingness to begin this new ministry with our children.

We'll send the children to get acquainted with their new class and encourage adults to consider a Sunday School Class for themselves this year.

We're planning a fun morning for everyone! Don't miss it!

Sunday School Teachers for 1993

| | |
|------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Senior High | Lynn Matson |
| Middle School | Mary Margaret Smith and Paddy Simpson |
| 4th-5th Grade | Olivia Mabeus and Sonia Russo |
| 2nd-3rd Grade | Wendy Atwood Petti and Pam Self |
| K's-1st Grade | Linda Lyons and Phyllis Matson |
| Preschool | Annette Busbice and You maybe? |
| 2's-3's at 11:00 | Katie Dickinson and Lynn Muys |

All in the Family

Weddings

Kathleen Koonce and Matthew Goodier on June 5.

Steven Brill and Cynthia Johnson on June 19.

Allyson Brooks and Carl Young on August 7.

Wendy Atwood and Matthew Petti on August 15.

Susan Hawley and Gregory Dicovitsky on August 21.

John Gregg and Leisa Koval on August 28.

Births

Lauren Elizabeth French on July 8. Proud parents are Mark and Carol.

Deaths

James Sherwood Spivey August 2. We remember Marilyn and her family in our prayers.

Remembered in Prayer

Colleen Mitchel

Donald Thompson

Baptisms

John Anthony Arnold on June 27. Parents are Kent and Doreen, grandparents are Kathy and Bob McMahon.

Tyler Benjamin Yager and

Cameron Ashley Yager on July 11. Parents are Charles and Pamela.

Tess Hummon Stevens on August 22. Parents are Brian and Sarah, grandparents are John and Jean Hummon.

Godspeed

Lynn Bigler

14 Belle Isle Lane Prosperity, SC 29127

Monthly Financial Report

| (through July) | Actual | Budget |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Receipts yr to date | \$186,204 | \$188,270 |
| Exp pd yr to date | \$194,130 | \$197,686 |

Inquirers' Series

A three part inquirers' series will be held on October 17, 24 and 31. These classes are for those visitors interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church and/or church membership. The classes are held in the church parlor and are taught by the pastor.

After the series has been completed, those persons interested in joining Potomac Presbyterian Church will meet with the session on Sunday, November 7. Church recognition will be at the 11:00 AM service. For more information, please contact the pastor, Kerry Stoltzfus (299-6007).

Keep those Cans Coming!

Lew Chapin has agreed to continue recycling aluminum cans for us this year. Please continue to bring your bags of cans to the area around the coke machine and Lew will take them to the recycling facility for us. Last year we added over \$100 to our Sunday School Offering from this project. Thank you to all who contributed. Thank you to Barbara Perry for taking them last year.

Communion Education

For three Sundays in September, Diane Hutchins will lead 4th and 5th grade students in a program of Worship preparation with special emphasis on the meaning and traditions of Communion. This will happen on September 12, 19 and 26 during the Creative Enrichment time, following "Children at Worship" in the 11:00 service, upstairs in the 4th-5th grade Sunday School room. We hope families of 4th and 5th graders will consider this an important part of Christian Education for their children and will try to attend all three Sundays and will plan to participate in World Communion Sunday on October 3 as a family.

Christian Living Group

The Christian Living Group is an intergenerational group of women--from new mothers to grandmothers--that meets once a month to discuss our lives, as women and as Christians in today's world. We invite any woman in the congregation to join our conversation.

We will meet on Tuesday, September 14, at 9:30, in the Parlor. We ordinarily meet on the first Tuesday of the month--(October 5, November 2, December 7) and arrange child care informally--call Diane Hutchins if you plan to bring your children.

Creative Enrichment

Every Sunday during our 11:00 Worship hour, PPC offers an Enrichment program for children from age 4 through 3rd graders. Margie Bedingfield does a lesson plan each week. Judy Bernstein gathers all the materials needed for each lesson. All you need to do, is be willing to lead this group from time to time. There is usually a story, some suggestions for conversation on the theme for the day and a craft project to make. Most leaders come downstairs for a few moments before church to look at the material and then attend the first part of worship, leaving with the children after "Children at Worship." We need two adults and two Senior Highs to lead the program each week. There are usually about eight children in each of two groups. Please consider taking a turn leading this important program. You can sign up on the chart in the narthex or contact Diane Hutchins (299-6007).

Christian Parenting Raising Children in the Real World

This new book by Donna Sinclair and Yvonne Stewart was named the best new book of 1992 by the Outlook Book Service in Richmond. Outlook was the denominational bookstore for the old Southern Presbyterian Church. We invite all parents in our congregation to join us on six Sunday mornings this fall to read this book together and think seriously about how we are raising our children. We will meet at 9:45 AM in the parlor. Joe Curry has volunteered to be the discussion facilitator for the group. We have purchased a few copies of the book to loan around. If you would like to own a copy, please call Diane Hutchins at the church office and ask her to order a copy for you at \$11.99.

September 19 Money, designer jeans and presents

Sept. 26 Competition, getting ahead or going together

October 3 Sexuality, self-esteem and the Song of Songs

October 10 No meeting (church retreat)

October 17 Conflict, courage and self-defense

October 24 Crises, support and renewal

October 31 Being different, being accepted and being faithful

Sunday School Teachers

The fall curriculum has arrived. It is ready for you to pick up in Diane's office whenever you are ready. We will be having a Teachers' Meeting on Thursday, September 9 at 8:00 PM. We will spend one hour discussing all those details of how we do Sunday School at PPC and meeting each other. There is also a Presbytery Teacher's Training Day on Saturday, September 25, from 9 AM - 1 PM -- call Diane if you would like her to make a reservation for you. It will be held at Berwyn Presbyterian Church in College Park -- easy to get to, plenty of parking! Don't forget Rally Day on September 12! We will be introducing you to the children and their parents -- come with your biggest smiles!

Thank You!!!

A huge Thank You to all of you who helped with the Summer Sunday School Program -- especially to those who came prepared and then discovered they were not needed. We truly appreciate your efforts and your willingness to participate. Thank you!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 12:00 High Nooners | 3 | 4 |
| 5 9:30 am Worship/"Faith at Work" John Hummon, Sally O'Neal, Gene Sharer 10:30 am Fellowship | 6 Holiday | 7 1:00 pm The Lord's Table | 8 | 9 12:00 High Nooners 1:30 pm Tea and Needlework 1:30 pm- Farmers' Market 4:30 pm 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir Sunday School Teachers Meeting | 10 6:30 pm Lyons/Payne rehearsal | 11 1:00 pm Lyons/Payne wedding |
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ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM

FALL, 1993

Sundays 9:45 am

Library

Each week a speaker will lead this group to a clearer understanding of our theme: Celebrating Our Past and Charting Our Future. Jean Fisler is the organizer and facilitator for this class.

- 9/12 Rally Day. Intergenerational activity in the Fellowship Hall. Continental Breakfast at 9:30 am.
- 9/19 "How Did We Get Here?" Part I. What it means to be a Presbyterian today. (Series taught by Rufus Lusk, III)
- 9/26 "How Did We Get Here?" Part II.
- 10/3 "How Did We Get Here?" Part III.
- 10/10 **No Sunday School.** Church Retreat at Camp Glenkirk
- 10/17 "Jesus the Outcast and the Outcasts" Part I (Series taught by Tom Miles)
- 10/24 "Jesus the Outcast and the Outcasts" Part II
- 10/31 "Timely Leadership -- Style and Substance in Four Prophets" Part I Amos: The Prophet of Judgment (Series taught by Louise Winfield)
- 11/7 Part II Jeremiah: God's Public Prophet
- 11/14 Part III Ezekiel: The Visionary Prophet
- 11/21 Part IV Second Isaiah: The Prophet with a New Song
- 11/28 "Pointing Toward Jesus? The Advent Prophecies" (taught by Diane Hutchins)
- 12/5 Williamsburg Breakfast
- 12/12 Birthday Party for Jesus
- 12/19 Mission Committee Project (Jim Reichley)
- 12/26 **No Sunday School.**

CHRISTIAN PARENTING

Raising Children in the Real World

This group will meet six times this fall to read this best selling book together. Discussion led by Joe Curry. Sundays at 9:45 am.

- 9/19 Money, Designer Jeans, and Presents
- 9/26 Competition, getting ahead or going together
- 10/3 Sexuality, self-esteem, and the Song of Songs
- 10/17 Conflict, courage, and self-defense
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- 10/31 Being different, being accepted, and being faithful

INQUIRER'S CLASS

This four-week series is for anyone who wants to learn more about the Presbyterian Church and particularly for those interested in membership at PPC. The class will meet October 17, 24, 31, and November 7 this Fall, in the Parlor. It will be repeated again in the Spring. The class is taught by Rev. Kerry Stoltzfus

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets weekly on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Library. Rev. Kerry Stoltzfus leads this group which will begin the year with a study of nine prayers from the Bible, "Prayers for a Faithful Journey."

CHRISTIAN LIVING GROUP meets on the first Tuesday morning of each month beginning on September 14, in the Parlor. This is an intergenerational group of women who meet to discuss what it means to be a woman and a Christian in our times.

POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CELEBRATING OUR PAST AND CHARTING OUR FUTURE

30 Years of Ministry

Christian Education Program
1993-1994

Anne Bavier and Olivia Mabeus
Christian Education Elders

Mildred Rowan and Alyce Tamzarian
Sunday School Superintendents

Diane Hutchins
Interim Director of Christian Education

The Rev. Dr. Kerry Stoltzfus
Pastor

...to equip the saints for the work of ministry,
for building up the body of Christ,
until all of us come to the unity of faith
and the knowledge of the Son of God,
to maturity,
the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:12-13

RALLY DAY

Our Christian Education Program will begin with Rally Day on September 12. The Christian Education Committee will provide a continental breakfast beginning at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will register your children for their Sunday School classes, introduce you to this year's staff of teachers, tell you about some upcoming special events, sing a few hymns with Cindy Wright and welcome everyone back from the summer schedule. See you there!

EVERY SUNDAY AT 9:45 am

Sunday School Classes at Potomac use the Bible Discovery material from the Presbyterian and Reformed Education Ministry (PREM). This is the third year that we have used this curriculum which has been carefully chosen to meet the needs of our children and young people. All classes have take home papers. We encourage parents to ask about the papers and take time to share them with your children. It's important for children to know that you are interested in what they learn at church.

PRE-SCHOOL (Ages 3½, 4, and 5)

Annette Busbice DOWNSTAIRS, Room 4

KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE

Linda Lyons, Phyllis Matson DOWNSTAIRS, Room 1

SECOND/THIRD GRADES

Wendy Atwood Petti, Pam Self DOWNSTAIRS, Room 3

FOURTH/FIFTH GRADES

Olivia Mabeus, Sonia Russo UPPER LEVEL, Room 3

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 6, 7, and 8)

Mary Margaret Smith,

Paddy Simpson UPPER LEVEL, Room 2

HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12)

Lynn Matson UPPER LEVEL, Room 1

NURSERY

Nursery Care is provided for all infants and toddlers on Sunday mornings. Volunteers staff the nursery at 9:45 am and our paid caregiver, Vicky Skumatz, is regularly here from 10:45 am until 12:15 pm. She is helped each week by young people from the Middle School group.

DOWNSTAIRS, Room 2

Coordinator: Andrea Katz

EVERY SUNDAY AT 11:00 am

AGES 2-3

This class for very young children will meet during the entire Worship hour, beginning at 11:00 am. They will be using the first level of Bible Discovery material, which includes a take-home paper each week. Be sure to look at the paper with your child and give them an opportunity to talk about their Sunday School experience each week.

Katie Dickinson, Lynn Muys DOWNSTAIRS, Room 4

CREATIVE ENRICHMENT (Age 4 through 3rd Graders)

This activity is offered each week beginning after the "Children at Worship" time in the Worship Service. The Pastor will dismiss the children at the appropriate time. The children meet in two groups: 4's, 5's, and K's; and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders. Different volunteers lead this time of stories and crafts with help from our Senior High young people.

DOWNSTAIRS, Rooms 1 and 3

Curriculum: Margie Bedingfield

Supplies: Judy Bernstein

COMMUNION EDUCATION (4th and 5th Graders)

We will discuss the meaning and traditions of Communion for three weeks in September (12th, 19th, 26th) before the children participate in World Communion Sunday, October 3. Children should leave the Worship service when the younger children are dismissed for Enrichment.

Diane Hutchins

UPPER LEVEL, Room 3

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S CHOIR (Second through Fifth Graders)

This choir rehearses with our choir director, Cindy Wright, at 9:00 am every Sunday morning beginning on September 19. Wonderful introduction to the joy of church music and many opportunities to participate in Worship during the year.

UPPER LEVEL, Robing Room

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (4 year olds - 5th Graders)

This annual activity is scheduled for the week of June 20th, 1994.

CONFIRMATION CLASS (8th and 9th Graders)

This class to prepare young people for church membership ordinarily meets in the Spring. The next class is scheduled for Spring 1995.

SUNDAY NITE LIVE (Middle School and High School)

Youth Fellowship Groups meet most Sunday evenings from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We usually begin with recreation time and dinner together followed by separate programming for the two groups.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 10

All church retreat at Camp Glenkirk.

Nursery only provided at PPC that day.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL ON DECEMBER 26

Nursery provided during 11:00 am service.



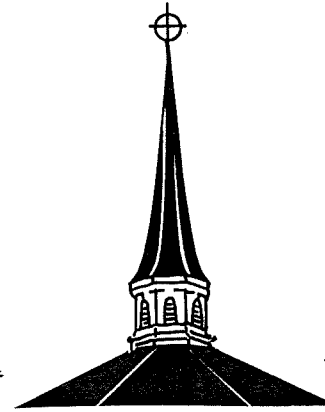
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POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER

1993

KERRY ON . . .

Let's keep on growing! For thirty years, PPC has been blessed by a steady stream of new members who have come to join in ministry and fellowship. We are fairly certain that the majority visited for the first time because someone personally invited them. What we experience in this congregation is too good to keep to ourselves.

I would like to ask every member to do something that will have a lasting impact in the lives of people. Will you invite someone - a neighbor, colleague, relative - to visit PPC. If possible, invite them to come to church with you. The fall is a wonderful time to bring friends to experience our many wonderful programs and services. Tell them what being a part of your congregation means to you.

If it seems appropriate, please let me know of any families you invite, that I might have the opportunity to contact them and welcome them. Remember, everyone of us was a new member at one time. Thank you and may God continue to enable our congregation to keep on growing.

Kerry

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

November 13
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In about six weeks, the **ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR** will take place at the church. Since the first of the year, as many as 40 men and women have been working on this project, and by the time the Bazaar is over, many others will have been involved. Why are so many working so hard?

This year's committee, under the auspices of the Fellowship Committee, have committed the profits of the Bazaar to **local mission**. A monetary commitment was made to the Mission Committee for support of hunger relief, homeless shelter, Springboard (Mental Health of Montgomery County) and Montgomery County Hospice.

The committee is excited about the upcoming Bazaar and what it will have to offer. To encourage your expectations and participation, we would like to share some of the details with you.

Past Bazaars have been held in Fellowship Hall -- as will this year's; in addition, the event will overflow into 4 Sunday School classrooms on the lower level. Here are some of the things you will find when you visit the Bazaar on November 13:

Grandma's Attic Afghans, Christmas tree skirts, stockings, aprons, potholders, cross-stitched towels, decorative pillows, crocheted hangers, cut-work ornaments, bears, dolls, and more....

Holiday Kitchen Brunch served from 10:30-1:30
Sale of homemade baked goods -- cakes, cookies, pies, candy

Snowmen 'n' Snowflakes A room filled with snowmen and snowflake ornaments; as well as baby bibs, hair bows, stuffed animals, Advent calendars, baby quilts, dolls, pillows, bears, and more....

BLANKETS

As of May 1993, the Mid-Atlantic office of Church World Service has received \$53,717 in Blanket funds. Thank you for your caring and sharing, and please keep up the good work! Blanket stocks go down quickly. Blanket Sundays help to replenish our supply and prepare for the unknown with that special touch of warmth only a blanket provides. Here are some of the places blankets were sent from January 1, 1993, through June 9, 1993:

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| Senegal | 1000 wool |
| Armenia | 7200 wool |
| United States | 3760 wool |
| Russia | 2000 wool |
| Sudan | 50000 wool |
| Dom. Republic | 4020 cotton |

FELLOWSHIP

What: "Kiss Me Kate"
and Dessert
When: November 6

Sign up with Connie Warnick (299-9475) now and look for more information later.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES have arrived. Pick yours up in the church office from Flo Casper.

LOST? FOUND

Over the summer, a small Fisher-Price tent appeared in a downstairs Sunday School room. Did someone bring it in for Bible School and forget about it? We also have the U-V volume of the World Book Encyclopedia -- you may need to know something about Uruguay any day now -- on the bookshelf in Room 3.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT
through August

Receipts year-to-date
Actual: \$211,257
Budget: \$210,740

Expenses paid year-to-date
Actual: \$222,841
Budget: \$228,319

Thank you to everyone for keeping up with your giving through the summer.

MISSIONS

Davis Stuart Inc., West Virginia, a Presbyterian therapeutic residential center for youth, can use labels from Campbell products to purchase many useful items. This year alone, they were able to purchase a new typewriter, two new microwave ovens, two new televisions, a tug-of-war rope, a new calculator, and some new computer equipment for their math department. Put this list on your refrigerator and give labels to Ruth Lincoln or call her at 340-0760.

Save front labels:

Campbell's

Chunky soups

Condensed soups

Healthy Request soups

Home Cooking soups

Low Sodium soups

Beans products

Tomato Juice

Prego spaghetti sauces

Swanson canned products

Vlasic ripe olives (can)

V-8 Vegetable Juice

Lite and Tangy V-8

Franco-American pasta and gravy products

Save UPC symbols:

Pepperidge Farm Products

Campbell's

Souper Stars soups

Teddy Bear Dry Soups

Quality Soup and Recipe Mix

Cup Instant soups

Save lids:

Campbell's microwave soups

Vlasic green olives (jar)

Marie's dips, dressings, glazes

Save logos:

Open Pit barbecue sauce

Vlasic pickles, relish,

peppers, sauerkraut

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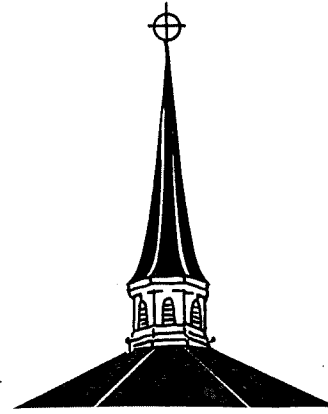
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KERRY ON . . .

Let's keep on growing! For thirty years, PPC has been blessed by a steady stream of new members who have come to join in ministry and fellowship. We are fairly certain that the majority visited for the first time because someone personally invited them. What we experience in this congregation is too good to keep to ourselves.

I would like to ask every member to do something that will have a lasting impact in the lives of people. Will you invite someone - a neighbor, colleague, relative - to visit PPC. If possible, invite them to come to church with you. The fall is a wonderful time to bring friends to experience our many wonderful programs and services. Tell them what being a part of your congregation means to you.

If it seems appropriate, please let me know of any families you invite, that I might have the opportunity to contact them and welcome them. Remember, everyone of us was a new member at one time. Thank you and may God continue to enable our congregation to keep on growing.

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HOLIDAY BAZAAR

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In about six weeks, the **ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR** will take place at the church. Since the first of the year, as many as 40 men and women have been working on this project, and by the time the Bazaar is over, many others will have been involved. Why are so many working so hard?

This year's committee, under the auspices of the Fellowship Committee, have committed the profits of the Bazaar to **local mission**. A monetary commitment was made to the Mission Committee for support of hunger relief, homeless shelter, Springboard (Mental Health of Montgomery County) and Montgomery County Hospice.

The committee is excited about the upcoming Bazaar and what it will have to offer. To encourage your expectations and participation, we would like to share some of the details with you.

Past Bazaars have been held in Fellowship Hall -- as will this year's; in addition, the event will overflow into 4 Sunday School classrooms on the lower level. Here are some of the things you will find when you visit the Bazaar on November 13:

Grandma's Attic Afghans, Christmas tree skirts, stockings, aprons, potholders, cross-stitched towels, decorative pillows, crocheted hangers, cut-work ornaments, bears, dolls, and more....

Holiday Kitchen Brunch served from 10:30-1:30
Sale of homemade baked goods -- cakes, cookies, pies, candy

Snowmen 'n' Snowflakes A room filled with snowmen and snowflake ornaments; as well as baby bibs, hair bows, stuffed animals, Advent calendars, baby quilts, dolls, pillows, bears, and more....

BLANKETS

As of May 1993, the Mid-Atlantic office of Church World Service has received \$53,717 in Blanket funds. Thank you for your caring and sharing, and please keep up the good work! Blanket stocks go down quickly. Blanket Sundays help to replenish our supply and prepare for the unknown with that special touch of warmth only a blanket provides. Here are some of the places blankets were sent from January 1, 1993, through June 9, 1993:

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| Senegal | 1000 wool |
| Armenia | 7200 wool |
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FELLOWSHIP

What: "Kiss Me Kate"
and Dessert
When: November 6

Sign up with Connie Warnick (299-9475) now and look for more information later.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES have arrived. Pick yours up in the church office from Flo Casper.

LOST? FOUND

Over the summer, a small Fisher-Price tent appeared in a downstairs Sunday School room. Did someone bring it in for Bible School and forget about it? We also have the U-V volume of the World Book Encyclopedia -- you may need to know something about Uruguay any day now -- on the bookshelf in Room 3.

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through August

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Davis Stuart Inc., West Virginia, a Presbyterian therapeutic residential center for youth, can use labels from Campbell products to purchase many useful items. This year alone, they were able to purchase a new typewriter, two new microwave ovens, two new televisions, a tug-of-war rope, a new calculator, and some new computer equipment for their math department. Put this list on your refrigerator and give labels to Ruth Lincoln or call her at 340-0760.

Save front labels:

Campbell's

Chunky soups

Condensed soups

Healthy Request soups

Home Cooking soups

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Tomato Juice

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Swanson canned products

Vlasic ripe olives (can)

V-8 Vegetable Juice

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Save UPC symbols:

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Souper Stars soups

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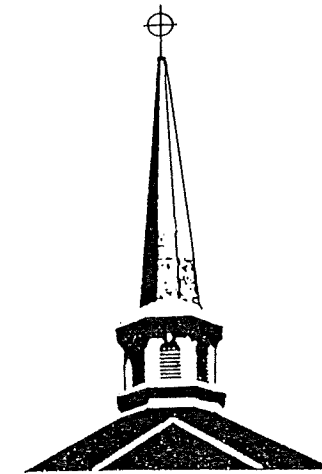
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God truly is the source of all good gifts, and like most gifts, they are meant to be shared. Some of you have asked me, "How much should I share?" The Scripture speaks of proportionate giving, which means giving a percentage of our resources. Statistics indicate that persons of modest income actually give a higher proportion of their income than those of us who have higher incomes. My answer is to give a specific percentage of your income. It doesn't matter all that much if you figure before or after taxes - it's the principle that counts.

Do a simple calculation to determine the percentage you are now giving and with God's grace take a step forward. Then fill out your pledge card and bring it to worship on November 21. Thanksgiving will be our theme that day - thanksgiving for God's gifts and our part in serving one another.

Kerry

THANK GOD

The following note was posted at The Lord's Table, a program which our Mission Committee has supported for years and in which some of our mission people participate.

I came to the church a few times when I was in need of food. The Lord's table feed me. When I asked for seconds it was given to me with a smile. I thank God and I thank you. Please use this to help to do ~~go~~ God's work. I can never repay you enuf for your help.

God bless you all.



**DECK THE HALLS
WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY
Fa la la la la la la la la**

Join us at church on Saturday morning, December 4, at 9 a.m., to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Mark your calendars NOW. More information forthcoming, or call Kathy McPherson, 926-2792.

INTERFAITH CONCERT

Tuesday, November 17, 1993
8:00 p.m.
Washington Hebrew Congregation

The 14th annual concert, sponsored by the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, will feature a Hindu Religious Dancer, a brass ensemble, and six locally renowned choirs representing the Jewish, Mormon, Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Sikh faith traditions.

Tickets are \$8 in advance (\$10 at the door, if available), and reserved section seats are \$17.50.

For more information, call 202-234-6300.

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We are offering wonderful, hand-crafted items, many for the first time. There is truly something for everyone on your Christmas list, maybe something just for you! This year, we are offering a **DELECTABLE BRUNCH** between 10:30 and 1:30. We will have our usual **BOUNTIFUL BAKE SALE** (there weren't even crumbs left over last year), and we have

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We still can use some help setting up the week before, and on the big day. Please call Wilma Sharer, 975-9411, if you can assist us.

Do come early for the best selections - we have had a tremendous response in past years, and with your support, 1993 will be a wonderful success.

The Committee thanks you.

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HOW DO THEY LEARN?

I don't think it is an accident that the very first chapter in the book that the Christian Parenting Class is reading is entitled, "Money - designer jeans and presents." Our attitude toward money - how we choose to spend it, to share it, or to save it - is as much a statement of our basic values - our theology - as anything else we say or do.

It's hard to talk to our kids about money. We don't want our pre-schoolers to take our mortgage payment coupon book to Show and Tell; but when Grandfather dies, everyone is appalled that he never discussed his financial situation with any of his children. Somewhere in between, someone should have been brave enough to begin the conversation.

It is our goal at Potomac to introduce children to the general concept of stewardship from the very youngest classes up. The two's and three's have a Noah bank that they drop their pennies into every time they come. The older classes have a basket they use in some way every week to collect the offering. It is important that each child get a sense of making their own contribution every time they come to Sunday School. (If your children sit with you in church at the Offering time, they need to have something to put in the plate every time it is passed - otherwise, they get the idea that the money comes from others, and their contributions are neither wanted nor missed.)

This year the Sunday School has made a \$500 pledge to the Bicentennial Fund. It's a wonderful way for teachers to talk about the ways that the church spends its money. We spend a part of it to make it possible for this congregation to worship in this place (the building debt reduction), we spend part of it to help others in our community (the Winter Growth elderly care program), and we spend part of it to help God's people all around the world (the hospitals of Northern India Program).

COME DINE WITH US

DINE WITH NINE is about to begin its fourth 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 through April. Those who register by calling or signing the forms provided in the Sunday bulletins will be organized into groups of nine (or eight). 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. Dining dates will be made within groups to accommodate schedules. Dinners can be casual or formal; each hostess decides.

Please remember the purpose of Dine With Nine is to get to know one another, not to join a gourmet dinner club. Buffet dinners and patio parties are fine. Do not hesitate to join

our fun because of room or table size constraints. We want to know you.

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. We also need substitutes, so if you are unable to participate for the entire schedule, please sign the substitute list.

SIGN ME UP! I can hardly wait for January to get here.

Name: _____

- I have room to host 8 people, rather than 9.
- Sorry, I do not have room to host, but would like to participate.
- I would like to substitute.

Special needs, requests:

THE WRIGHT NOTE

Have you ever noticed that whenever you arrive early for Sunday School, you are greeted by music? The **Children's Choir** gets an early start at 9:00 a.m. and reluctantly quits at 9:40 a.m. each Sunday. We have such a good time discovering new ways to use our voices as well as instruments. Our first time to sing in church was October 24th. We will sing in worship each month, as well as take a leading role in the Christmas pageant.

Early church goers usually hear the **Sanctuary Choir** polishing up the morning anthem and responses. The choir's dedication is gratifying, and their willingness to grow musically is such a joy.

The **Handbell Choir** continues to make beautiful music even though no two weeks find the same complement of ringers. Despite world travel complications, we have met our rehearsal and church ringing schedule. Eight ringers are necessary to ring two octaves of handbells. I appreciate persons willing to substitute when regular members are away for rehearsals or Sunday services. Interested persons

who are comfortable with music reading, please contact me for further details. Calls may be made to me at church, 299-6007, or to my home, 926-7015.

I am always on the look-out for new talents and talents that need to be renewed. If you miss singing in your high school choir, have a neglected violin in your attic, harbor a once memorized Beethoven sonata in your piano bench or long to blow that trombone again, please let me know about it. You may just find a place in church to recapture the joy of ensemble singing or playing.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT through September

Receipts year-to-date
Actual: \$237,780
Budget: \$239,300

Expenses paid year-to-date
Actual: \$247,780
Budget: \$254,553

Help your children to learn about Stewardship by talking about it. Talk about how you plan to share your time and talent, as well as your treasure, with the church in the coming year. Talk about how gladly you give - as a way of thanking God for all he has given to you - if you frown at the arrival of your pledge card, your children will notice! Talk about the Sunday School offering every week as a way of affirming the importance of your child's personal contribution to the work of the church.

Just keep the conversation going...



How do they learn?

*"For it is precept upon precept,
precept upon precept,
Line upon line, line upon line,
Here a little, there a little."
Isaiah 28:10*

NOVEMBER ADULT EDUCATION

"Back to the Future" - Continuation of series
taught by Louise Winfield

Nov 7 **Part II - Jeremiah: God's Public Prophet**

Nov 14 **Part III - Ezekiel: The Visionary Prophet**

Nov 21 **Part IV - Second Isaiah: The Prophet with
a New Song**

Nov 28 **"Pointing Toward Jesus?" - The Advent
Prophecies** taught by Diane Hutchins

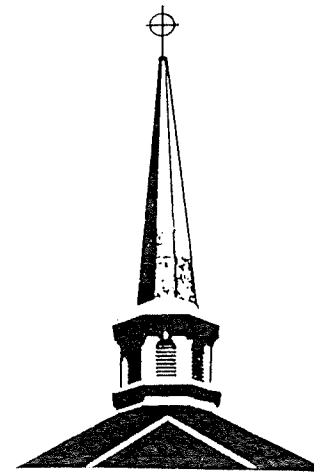
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| NOVEMBER 1993 | 1 | 2 9:30 am Christian Living Group 1:00 pm The Lord's Table | 3 9:30 am Bible Study | 4 12:00 High Nooners 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir | 5 | 6 |
| 7 9:00 am <u>No Children's Choir</u> 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship/ New Member Reception 12:00 Fellowship 5:00 pm SNL | 8 8:00 pm Committees | 9 | 10 9:30 am Bible Study 2:45 pm Collingswood | 11 12:00 High Nooners 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00 pm Adult Education Committee | 12 | 13 Holiday Bazaar 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Session Retreat |
| 14 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Fellowship 5:00 pm SNL Elders return from Session retreat Steeple to People deadline | 15 No Session Meeting | 16 | 17 9:30 am Bible Study | 18 12:00 High Nooners 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir 8:00 pm Orinthological Society of Maryland 8:00 pm Christian Education Committee | 19 | 20 9:30 am Presbytery Meeting National Pres. Church |
| 21 9:00 am Children's Choir 9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 Fellowship 3:45 pm Manor Care 5:00 pm SNL | 22 7:30 pm Deacons meeting | 23 6:30 pm Handbell Choir 8:00 pm Sanctuary Choir | 24 9:30 am Bible Study | 25 12:00 High Nooners | 26 | 27 |
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Kerry L. Stoltzfus, Senior Pastor
O. Thomas Miles, Parish Associate
Diane Hutchins, Interim DCE/Y
Cynthia Wright, Music Director

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE
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KERRY ON...

What gifts will we give for Christmas this year that will truly last? It is sometimes easy to dismiss material gifts, but some "things" do have lasting value. Meg Greenfield wrote in her recent column in *Newsweek* how she noticed the same expression on the faces of the people who lost their homes in the terrible California fires or the Midwestern floods, and the refugees who wander homeless in places like Sarajevo and Sudan. They have lost everything we say.

A treasured quilt made by our great-grandmother has lasting value. A pocket knife, long carried by our father and now lovingly kept, elicits a similar response. An old tattered cookbook that our mother used is thought by us to be priceless. A child's painting, prominently displayed, is considered a masterpiece. It is, I think, because material things take on emotional and spiritual significance because of who made them or to whom they belonged.

These kinds of "things" are priceless because the givers give part of themselves. Is that not the message of Christmas? God gave himself to humankind in the birth of a baby in Bethlehem and invites us to give ourselves to one another.

Kerry



November 28

First Sunday of Advent

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
Adult Education

11:00 a.m. Worship

December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Senior Highs shop for needy children

9:30 a.m. **WILLIAMSBURG BREAKFAST** - Bring your favorite breakfast bread or pastry to share

11:00 a.m. Worship

4:00 a.m. Rehearsal - Birthday Party for Jesus Band

December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

9:45 a.m. **BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS** - Everyone is welcome! Come early and enjoy

11:00 a.m. Worship: **"LO, HOW A ROSE" CANTATA
SANCTUARY CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTS**

the first night. Several of our young people returned during the week to talk, play cards, or watch television with the guests. Many church members joined in providing the packed lunches that we gave the guests to take with them each morning. Others cleaned up the kitchen, purchased supplies, transported mats and blankets, made signs, contributed sheets and towels, and performed other services. In all, more than 100 church members helped in various ways with the program, and they, in turn, were ably supported by the church staff.

A few of the guests asked for Bibles or took copies of the *Upper Room*. During the week, particularly before they left on Sunday morning, several guests expressed appreciation for what we were doing. At the end of the week, they presented us with a card, signed by all of them, on which one had written: "Thank you for your kind hospitality and thank God for nice people like you!"

It would be foolish to exaggerate either the help we gave our guests during the week or the effect of our participation in CBS on the overall problem of homelessness. All our guests had serious economic or personal problems when they came to us and still had them when they left. They are only a small fraction of the homeless even in Montgomery County, and among these are by no means the worst off. But at a minimum they had shelter and food for a week, and some of them at least seemed to find some measure of friendship and reassurance through being with us.

The Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy, an Orthodox Christian, wrote: "Be where you are." This week of service to the homeless was one of the many ways in which Potomac Presbyterian Church helps meet the needs, spiritual and physical, of our community.

OUR GUESTS

During the week of October 17, Potomac Presbyterian Church played host in our Fellowship Hall to about twenty-five of Montgomery County's homeless, providing shelter for the night, cooked dinners and breakfasts and packed lunches.

Our guests were participants in the Congregation Based Shelter Program, a year-round program designed to help those among the homeless who are willing and able to seek regular jobs and stable housing. Sponsored during the past ten months by Montgomery County Community Ministry, the aim was to find churches that would act as hosts, each for one week. The county agreed to give counseling and backup services for twenty-five homeless persons, each of whom would be expected to stay in the program for about six weeks. After careful study by the Mission Committee and the Session, we decided to be one of the host churches.

During our week, participation ranged from about seventeen over the weekends to about twenty-five at mid-week. Some of our guests have places where they can stay part of the week and some, for one reason or another, did not make it to the church on a given night. During the day, most guests received vocational or psychological counseling, obtained medical treatment, looked for jobs, or worked, in some cases at jobs they had found. They ranged in age from early 20s to late 60s. About three-fourths of them were men, and the rest were women. Several are receiving therapy for cancer.

Members of our church prepared and served cooked meals each night. Two church members, a man and a woman, along with a staff person from Community Ministry, slept each night on mats with the guests in Fellowship Hall. The youth of our church cooked and served a hamburger and hot dog supper on Sunday,

December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 9:45 a.m. Pageant rehearsal
Adult Education: Mission Committee
- 11:00 a.m. Worship and PAGEANT
- 4:00 p.m. Adult CAROLING at Manor Care and Collingswood followed by POTLUCK SUPPER
- Middle School/Senior High Youth CAROLING followed by PARTY, location TBA

December 24 Christmas Eve

- 5:00 p.m. CANDLELIGHT FAMILY SERVICE
Children's story and carols
- 7:00 p.m. CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION
- 11:00 p.m. CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION

December 27 First Sunday after Christmas

- No children's choir
No Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship: College students participating
No Sunday Nite Live!

PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS...

Everywhere you go these days Christmas preparations are underway! Sometime next week I will haul out the huge boxes from my attic and fill up every nook and cranny of our house. I will tuck a sprig of holly into every corner and tie a perfect red bow on every post. In spite of the magnitude of our collection of decorations, I know I will buy something new to add - though I doubt I will discard any item - every crushed paper bell continues to hold enough memories to overlook its less than lovely appearance. There are already new Bazaar angels to hang on the overburdened branches of our tree.

I never complain about all the Christmas activities that fill up my calendar. There are never too many parties and pageants and musicals and visitors. I can't wait for there to be crowds at my dinner table and wonderful leftovers in my refrigerator again! It seems like one huge spurt of enthusiasm that symbolizes all the joy and love that fills our lives - if only we had enough energy to keep it up.

And yet somewhere underneath all that unbounded joy and holiday bustle that makes me so happy, I seem to remember, and also anticipate, the great joy of packing it all back into the attic boxes and clearing out all that clutter. And there is great joy in my heart to look at the January calendar and expect there to be time for rest and reflection. Maybe all the glitter and tinsel just help us to remember how empty the things of the world can be. Maybe this is making room for that Christ child to move into our hearts and our homes. He needs space to grow and time for us to build our relationship with Him.... The King is Coming! Make Room for Him!

Joy to the World!
The Lord is Come!
Let earth receive her King!
Let every heart prepare him room!



15, is a sophomore at Wootton High School, and her hobbies include riding, swimming, soccer, crafts and music. Amy plays the piano and clarinet and has already joined our bell choir. Her pets are a dog, three horses, an iguana and assorted fish. Ten year old Adam completes the Ligler family; he is a student at Potomac Elementary School.

Deacon: Bettie Ann Johnson

Matt Petti
9119 Aldershot Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 469-8650

Matt comes to PPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. Matt was born in Newark, New Jersey and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell University. Before moving to this area, he lived in New York City, where he worked with alcohol and drug addicted people. He is now a psychologist working with learning disabled children at the Lab School in Washington, D.C. Last August, Matt married Wendy Atwood, and he feels he married into a wonderful family -- Wendy and her two sons, Chris and Carl and Wendy's father and mother, Pete and Jean Fisler, all Potomac Presbyterian members.

Deacon: Pete Fisler

Nando Zucchi
1609 Colonial Terrace, Arlington VA, (703) 524-3023

Nando comes to us by Reaffirmation of Faith. He grew up in Reading, Maine and attended Middleburg College in Vermont. Nando is a stockbroker with Koonce Securities in Rockville, and he enjoys fly fishing and photography. Nando is engaged to Anne Hawley, and they will be married at PPC next June.

Deacon: Nettie Propps

Kristen Friedman

11906 Stonewood Lane, Potomac MD 20854, (301) 984-0426

A.J. Venit

2316 Hidden Valley Lane, Silver Spring MD 20904, (301) 384-2462

Kristen comes to our church by Letter of Transfer from the Bethesda United Church of Christ, Bethesda MD, and A.J. comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. Both Kristen and A.J. attended the University of Maryland and are now working toward Masters degrees in social work at UMBC. Kristen is a mental health associate at RICA (Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents). She loves to ride horses, paint and hike. A.J. plays football and volleyball and hikes and fishes. Kristen and A.J. will be married at Potomac Presbyterian Church next May.

Deacon: Millie Gimer

George and Fran Ligler and daughter Amy

12400 Beall Mountain Road, Potomac, MD, (301) 983-3482

The Liglers come by Letters of Transfer from Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church in Gaithersburg, Maryland. George, who was born in Gary, Indiana and grew up in Crown Point, Indiana, Los Angeles and Atlanta, attended Furman University and received his master and doctorate degrees from Oxford. He is a telecommunications and computer systems consultant with STL Associates. His hobbies are playing soccer, chess, and the French horn; he also rides horses with Fran on her birthdays and their anniversaries. Fran was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. She graduated from Furman (where she met George) and received her doctorate in biochemistry at Oxford University. Fran is a scientist at the Naval Research Lab Center for Bio/Molecular Science and Engineering. In her spare time, Fran loves horseback riding. Both Fran and George have served as elders in former Presbyterian churches. amy,

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The PPC Christmas gift Giving Program for needy children and families within the county begins again this year at the Williamsburg Breakfast, Sunday, December 5. You will be given an opportunity to donate presents for children and baskets of food for families. At the breakfast, you will select a child's name for a gift and/or a family name for a food basket. Wrapped presents and food baskets will be brought to PPC for the Birthday Party for Jesus, Sunday, December 12; and members of the Mission Committee will pick up gifts and baskets after the worship service.

If you are interested in participating but are unable to attend the Williamsburg Breakfast, call the church office the week of December 6 for the name of a child. All gifts must be brought to PPC no later than 11:00 on December 12, so that deliveries can be made prior to Christmas.

If you are interested in delivering any presents, please call Chris Dowd, 299-3835. If you have any questions, please call the church office or Chris. Thank you for your generosity.

CAROLING PARTY

The annual caroling party will be held Sunday, December 19. Caroling, led by Ann Hazard, will begin at Manor Care Nursing Home at 4:00 p.m. and continue at Collingswood Nursing Home at 5:00 p.m.

Following the caroling, there will be a pot luck supper at Barbara and Barry Barthelman's home, 12916 Brushwood Terrace. You will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad/vegetable or dessert and contribute \$1.50 per person.

The residents of Manor Care and Collingswood look forward to this event. If you would like to participate, call Elaine Skinner, 762-5483, or Margie Bedingfield, 299-4801.

ADULT EDUCATION FOR DECEMBER

Due to Advent activities, the Adult Sunday School Class will meet only once in December.

December 5 Williamsburg Breakfast - no class
December 12 Birthday Party - no class
December 19 Mission Committee will lead the class
December 26 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

In January, Diane Hutchins will lead a five week unit of the Adult Foundational Curriculum, "The Bible Speaks," as the class continues to think together about the theme: Celebrating Our Past and Charting Our Future. There will be study books available.

Coming on February 13: Loren Mead, Director of the Alban Institute and author of *The Once and Future Church*.

TAX ADVANTAGE!

Tax advisors are suggesting that some individuals will gain important tax advantages this year by making increased charitable gifts before the end of 1993. We have already alerted Anniversary Fund pledgers of this consideration. Please consider this in light of your own financial and tax situation. If you are able to make advance payments to the church before the end of this year, we will be better able to reduce our mortgage debt. This will help your church with the significant challenges and opportunities we face in 1994.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The following people were received into the membership of Potomac Presbyterian Church on Sunday, November 7. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church:

Rachel J. Davies

8611 Hawk Run Terrace, Gaithersburg MD 20879, (301) 869-3024

Rachel comes by Letter of Transfer from Marcellus Presbyterian Church in Marcellus, New York, where she grew up. She received her college degree in International Business/Finance from American University, Washington, D.C. and is a financial solvency analyst for the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. In her spare time, Rachel enjoys running, hiking, soccer, as well as cooking and baking.

Deacon: Ed Rudnic

Jim and Renee Jochum

6 Starlight Court, Potomac MD, (301) 309-0235

The Jochums come by Letters of Transfer from Northminster Presbyterian Church, Roswell, Georgia. Jim was born and raised in Wheeling, West Virginia. He graduated from Duquesne University, where he played basketball, and he received his MBA from Wheeling College. Jim is with Alliance -- MD-IPA of Rockville, Maryland and works in managed-care health insurance. Renee is from Atlanta, Georgia where her family has had an automobile dealership for 65 years. She was in the business for 16 years before becoming a housewife. Her hobbies are decorating and animals.

Deacon: Dawn Thompson

IN OUR FAMILY

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH...

John and Annette Busbice. John's mother, Margaret Busbice, died November 2, 1993, in Arlington, Virginia.

Marnel Williams. Marnel's aunt, Rosalind Livingstone, died recently in Jamaica.

Thank you! Your concern, phone calls, flowers and many kindnesses have been a great support and comfort to us. Your prayers for Colleen are a real part of her successful surgery and progress.

We thank God for the blessings we have -- Colleen and you, our friends.

*Colleen's family,
The Mitchels*

HUGE SUCCESS!

The 1993 Holiday Bazaar was an outstanding success, with profits to date of \$13,600. However, just as important as the financial success (and perhaps more so) is the number of church members who became not only involved, but committed. You shared your time, your labor and your talents. As much work as the bazaar was, we really had a good time and got to know each other better. To EVERYONE who worked on this project, and to those who shopped, we say "Thank you!" It wouldn't have been possible without you.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Jan (Hummon) and John Westman on the birth of their son, Luke Bahre Westman, on October 4, 1993. The proud grandparents are Jean and John Hummon.

Drs. Neal and Suzanne Guffey on the birth of their son, David Guffey, October 28, 1993. Wanda Guffey is the proud grandmother.

MIRIAM'S KITCHEN THANKS AND INFORMATION TO FEDERAL EMPLOYEES

Miriam's Kitchen, a breakfast program, has again expressed its thanks to Potomac Presbyterian Church for our many years of support with money and volunteers. "We are exceedingly grateful," they said.

Miriam's Kitchen again this year qualified as a listed agency in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). All Federal employees, therefore, who would like to further help this program, in addition to PPC Mission Committee contributions, may want to consider designating a part of your CFC contribution to Miriam's Kitchen, #7061.

For information, call Bev Blackwood, (202) 862-0220.

DINE WITH NINE

*Sign up! Now is the time
To get on the list for
Dine with Nine.*

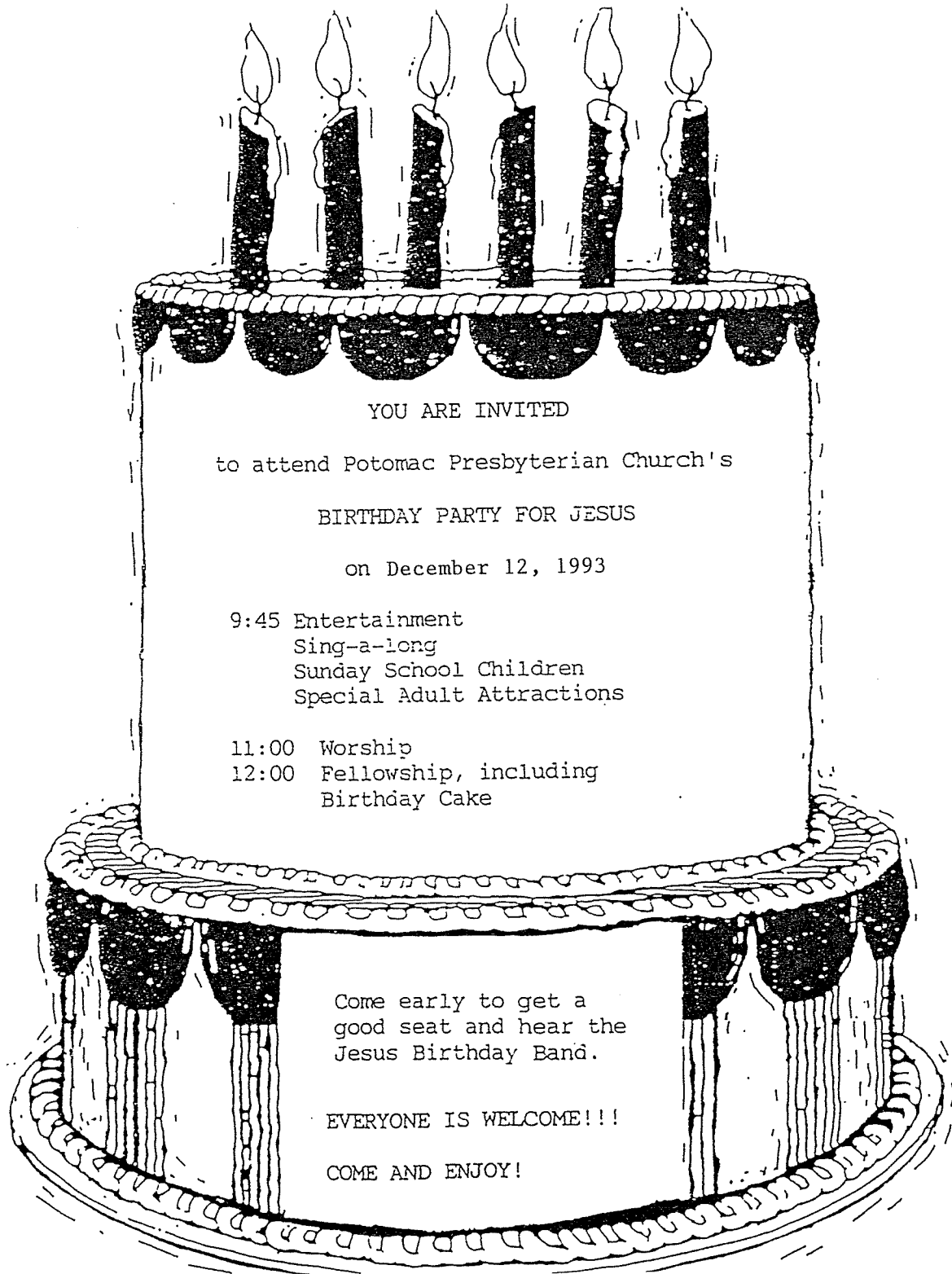
*Tear-off sign-up sheets
are the way.
Find them in the bulletin
next Sunday.*

We need your names by December 13, so that groups can be organized by the end of December. Before the new year, you will receive a letter which will tell you the names of your Dine with Nine members, as well as your group's first host.

We are looking forward to a large group of participants and hope that you will be among them. If you have questions, call Donna Mecklenburg at 330-9409. Don't be surprised by the tape recorded answer - you will receive a return call.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT through October

| Receipts year-to-date | Expenses paid year-to-date |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Actual: \$273,620 | Actual: \$268,529 |
| Budget: \$268,850 | Budget: \$279,243 |



YOU ARE INVITED

to attend Potomac Presbyterian Church's

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

on December 12, 1993

9:45 Entertainment

Sing-a-long

Sunday School Children

Special Adult Attractions

11:00 Worship

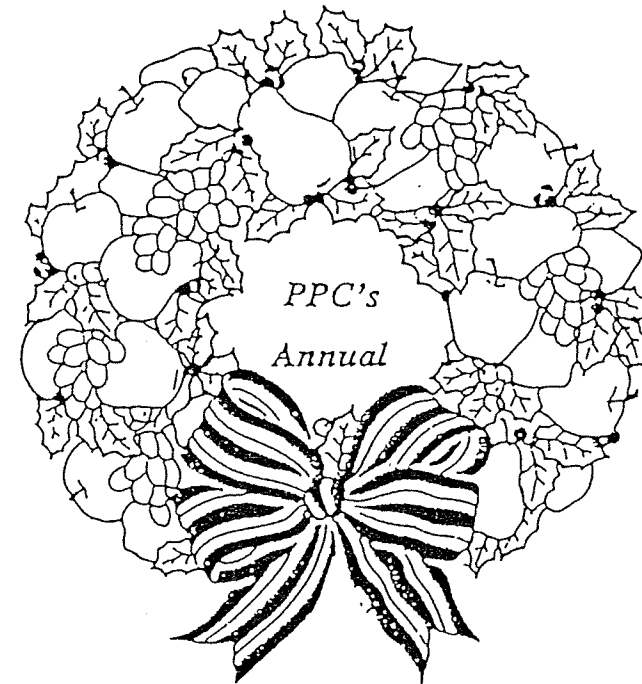
12:00 Fellowship, including

Birthday Cake

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

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!!

COME AND ENJOY!



PPC's
Annual

WILLIAMSBURG BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 5 - 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.*