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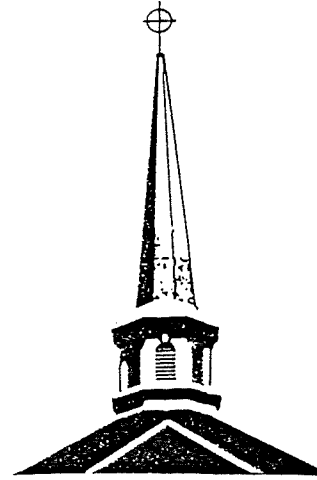
## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Sunday School            9:45 AM  
Worship                    11:00 AM

A new IRS regulation in 1994 requires substantiation from the church for any individual contribution of \$250 or more. Cancelled checks will no longer offer substantiation. In order to comply with this new regulation, all church members will be issued envelopes and are requested to use the envelopes and/or to put the envelope numbers on their checks. For additional information, contact the financial secretary, Kay Mitchel.

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POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January

1994

### *KERRY ON...*

Many of us have read and enjoyed the book, *Life's Little Instruction Book*, by H. Jackson Brown. As the new year begins, I have been thinking about some guides for living from the Bible, and I would like to share them with you.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit....

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

Perhaps you'll put this guide on your refrigerator or wherever you'll see it in 1994. There is one verse for each day of the week. May God's blessings be yours.

*Gen 1:1, Ps 103:3, Ps 24:1, John 3:16, Micah 6:8, John 15:16, Rom 12:1*

## UNEXPECTED PLEASURES

If you listen very carefully this week, I think you will be able to hear the grumbling and gnashing of teeth as the Elders at Potomac - and every other Presbyterian Church - struggle to turn out their annual reports. It's hard to remember the things that were on our agendas at the beginning of 1993, and we're much too busy with January 1994's agendas to give any time to fulfilling our paperwork responsibilities. But I wish to report that writing mine has been an unexpected pleasure.

Maybe it would be a good idea for all of us to spend some time this month writing an annual report on our own families as well as on our church family. What changes has your family faced in 1993? Has everyone adapted? What were you most concerned about last January? Were there resolutions to problems or are you just moving from one day to the next hoping they will go away? Do you need to try some different strategies? Did you take time to celebrate the joys of 1993, or did you just let them slip away? Relationships can't be fixed later - they have to be tended every day. Did you say "Thank you" often enough? Did you say "You're wonderful!" often enough? How about "I love you!" Maybe writing it down will give you some unexpected pleasure.

A year ago, I was working very hard to learn your names - checking off a list of those I met each Sunday, trying to match up children with the right parents, and faces with voices I had heard on the phone. You were all very kind, and we were all very polite. We expected our time together to be brief. And then one day, and I failed to mark it on the calendar to include in the Annual Report, I started to think of Potomac as "us" instead of "you." I put away my list of names, because names had become people, and people had become friends. It wasn't what I expected, but it surely was a pleasure. 1993 didn't happen the way I expected it to be at all. I must remember to thank God daily for all the unexpected pleasures that come my way!

Thank you! You're wonderful! I love you!



## IN OUR FAMILY

*We remember in our prayers . . . .*  
Bob and Shirley Tietjen.  
Shirley is in Suburban  
Hospital.

Ed and Janet Clark.  
Ed's mother, Jeannette Clark,  
is hospitalized in Naples,  
Florida.

Kathy McPherson, whose grandmo-  
ther has been hospitalized.

*Congratulations to . . .*  
Jennifer and Bob DeRosa on the  
birth of their son, Timothy  
Robert, on September 30. The  
proud grandparents are Ruth and  
Bill Lincoln.

Mary Alice and Peter Marshall  
Spivey on the birth of their  
son, Thomas Patrick, on Decem-  
ber 17. The proud grandmother  
is Marilyn Spivey.

*Godspeed to . . .*  
The Olalo family who are re-  
turning home to Kenya. We are  
happy that Caroline will remain  
in Potomac while continuing her  
studies at Montgomery College.

*Thank you to . . .*  
All who served cheerfully as greet-  
ers in 1993. If you were not called

in 1993, you will be given the op-  
portunity of greeting in 1994.

All the ladies who helped assemble  
the newsletters during 1993.

*An apology to . . .*  
All the Hawleys, all the Zucchis,  
and most especially Nando Zucchi  
himself, who is, in fact, from Mas-  
sachusetts and who graduated  
from Middlebury College. Your  
editor begs, yea, pleads, for your  
forgiveness and understanding.

## TENNIS, ANYONE?

Plans are underway for another  
tennis event, possibly in late  
February. If you are interested,  
please contact Bob Best, 469-5458.

## BULLETS NIGHT

Take the family to see the Bullets  
play the Lakers on Saturday,  
March 5. Game time is 7:30 p.m.  
The church has a block of 30  
tickets at a special rate of \$11 per  
ticket. Call Bob Best, 469-5458, for  
reservations.

## MISSION THANK YOUS

Rainbow Place Women's Shelter, Miriam's Kitchen, Mental Health Association, and the Medical Benevolence Foundation all have recently expressed their appreciation for the support that PPC has given them last year from its Mission Committee.

Rainbow Place said, "I wish to thank you all for your most generous donation to our shelter" by Dawn G. Thompson for the staff and volunteers.

"Thank you for your contribution of \$1,050 to Miriam's Kitchen. Your money and your interest in our work enable us at MK to serve a warm, nutritious breakfast to over 200 of Washington's most destitute and deprived citizens every weekday morning. We complement this breakfast program with social and legal services and with new and used clothing . . . Our patrons leave each morning well-fed, warm, and with a sense that someone cares," says MK.

". . . to thank the Potomac Presbyterian Church for its generous contribution. Your on-going support over the past few years has been very important . . . I do want you to know that the Springboard program (or our part of it) will be absorbed by the county . . . our MOMS program that works with the same population continues to serve 60 teen mothers. We will be adding a DADS program this year," writes Harriet Guttenberg, Executive Director.

Edward M. Stein, Executive Director of Medical Benevolence Foundation writes, "Thank you for your church's gift of \$250. This contribution is critical to our medical mission ministry."

## MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

through November

Receipts year-to-date	Expenses paid year-to-date
Actual: \$291,022	Actual: \$304,187
Budget: \$300,630	Budget: \$309,751

## THE WRIGHT NOTE

*Andy*

This month my note is one of thanks. I know that Thanksgiving has passed, but as we have moved through Advent here in our church, I am filled with gratitude for the exceptional commitment and musical gifts that our choirs and other talented church members have shown. Worshipping in our beautifully adorned sanctuary, we have heard challenging sermons and listened to inspiring music sung, rung and played by musicians of all ages and degrees of training.

My most meaningful Christmas gifts don't usually come wrapped in foil paper and bows. They come in lovely sounds produced by my dedicated singers or instrumentalists who, by doing their best, feel within themselves the gift of music that God so generously gives. Thank you, Sanctuary Choir, Handbell Choir, Children's Choir and musical friends for another wonderful Christmas gift!

## JANUARY ADULT EDUCATION

### PROPHECY - THREATENING MAIL OR GIFTS FROM GOD?

In January, the Adult Sunday School Class will be examining a five-week unit from the Presbyterian and Reform Educational Material. Diane Hutchins will lead the classes, and there is a study book available.

January 2	"Prophecy and the Ungluing of Reality" A video introduction with Walter Bruggemann
January 9	Who are the Prophets and how did they get that way?
January 16	How do Prophets know God's call?
January 23	Why are the Prophets so negative?
January 31	How do you know a Prophet when you see one?
February 6	Why does God call Prophets?

COMING ATTRACTION !!  
FEBRUARY 13

Loren Mead  
Director of the Alban Institute  
Author of *The Once and Future Church*

Rev. Mead will share his insights on the future of the Church in an increasingly secular world; and help us to imagine how these changes will affect us as individual Christians and as members of the Church.

## January 1994

1			17	8:00 pm	Session
2	11:00 am	Worship/Communion	18		
	12:00	Fellowship	19	9:30 am	Bible Study
3			20	12:00	High Nooners
4	1:00 pm	The Lord's Table		6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
5	9:30 am	No Bible Study		8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	7:00 pm	New Officers Dinner	21		
6	12:00	High Nooners	22	9:00 am	Presbyterian Women's
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir			Breakfast at Old
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir			Presbyterian Meeting
7					House in Alexandria
8	8:30 am	Deacons Retreat	23	9:00 am	Children's Choir
9	9:00 am	Children's Choir		9:45 am	Sunday School
	9:45 am	Sunday School		11:00 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Worship		12:00	Fellowship
	12:00	Fellowship		6:00 pm	Annual Meeting and SNL
	5:00 pm	SNL	24		No Deacons Meeting
		Annual Reports Due	25	10:00 am	Presbytery Meeting at
10	8:00 pm	Committees			Northeastern P.C.
11	9:30 am	Christian Living Group	26	9:30 am	Bible Study
12	9:30 am	Bible Study	27	12:00	High Nooners
	2:45 pm	Collingswood		1:30 pm	Tea & Needlework
13	12:00	High Nooners		6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	1:30 pm	Tea & Needlework		8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir	28		
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	29		
	8:00 pm	Orinthological Society	30	9:00 am	Children's Choir
		of Maryland		9:45 am	Sunday School
14				11:00 am	Worship
15				12:00	Fellowship
16	9:00 am	Children's Choir			SNL Superbowl Party
	9:45 am	Sunday School			
	11:00 am	Worship/Installation			
		and Ordination			
	12:00	Fellowship			
	3:45 pm	Manor Care			
		Steeple to People Deadline			

## YOUTH

Youth Fellowship Group  
New Beginning for 1994

### SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Sunday, January 9

5:00

Fellowship Hall

We will gather up to meet our new leaders, Anne Hawley and Nando Zucchi. Anne has been a part of the congregation for many years, and most of you already know her; Nando just joined the church this fall and is anxious to meet you. We want to mold this fellowship group into what you want it to be; so join us to help plan the Spring Programs.

January 16

There will be NO gathering on the holiday weekend.

January 23

There will be a youth activity after the potluck supper for the congregational meeting.

January 30

We will gather up to watch the Super Bowl together.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

We will go to the beach together for Pentecost, May 21-22.

## CONGREGATIONAL DINNER MEETING

POTLUCK SUPPER

Sunday, January 23

Sign up on the easel in the narthex or call Margie Bedingfield, 299-4801.

## WOMEN

### PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 22

9:00-noon

Old Presbyterian Meeting House  
Alexandria, Virginia

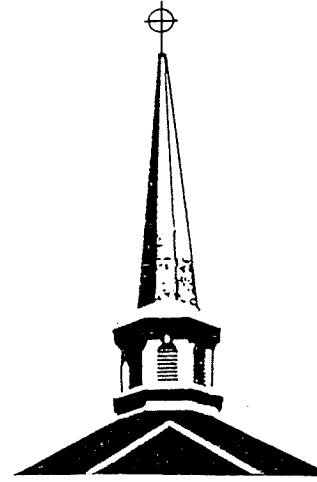
Presbyterian Women in National Capital Presbytery invite all Presbyterian Women and their friends to join us for a mid-winter morning of inspiration and prayer. This year we will be led by Rev. Edna Banes, Associate Pastor of The Meeting House. Breakfast will cost \$5. Child care is available by reservation only. After the morning program, there will be a tour for history buffs of the building, which dates from 1774. See Diane Hutchins for more information and a good map of where to park in Old Town! Please call Margie Bedingfield by January 12 if you would like to attend.

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## KERRY ON . . .

I went to see the movie *Schindler's List* recently, and it was, to say the least, an emotionally powerful experience. It tells the story of the holocaust through the eyes of Oskar Schindler, a German industrialist living in Kracow, Poland. I had to prepare myself to see this movie, asking whether I wanted to view again the unspeakable horror of this chapter in human history. It was indeed horrible, especially as portrayed with all the latest in movie-making technique as given to us by director Steven Spielberg.

Of course, it is a reminder of inhumanity, and like the recently completed Holocaust Museum, a challenge never again to let this sort of thing happen. But it is something else, a story of moral ambiguity, one man's tale of mixed motives. Schindler begins simply as a clever businessman, currying favor with the Nazis in order to gain contracts for war supplies. His personal morality is anything but exemplary. He at first hires Jews from the ghetto as simply good business.

Eventually, he is moved by something other than the profit motive, all the while making a fabulous fortune. Well, you will have to see the movie for yourself - I don't want to give away the whole story. What fascinated me is this matter of moral behavior that is not pure. It is a reminder to us that this side of the Kingdom, we all act with mixed motives, and proceed along a shadowy path which only sometimes shines bright with noble and courageous acts. The movie left me with a haunting question - how would I have acted in similar circumstances?

## *IMAGINING GOD*

I've been thinking a lot lately about the image of God. Presbyterian Women are taking a lot of political heat over a conference last fall called "Reimagining 1993." It was an ecumenical conference on women's issues, and I guess some of the speakers said some really outrageous things - they always do. New ideas rarely come from those of us whose views are in the center of things. They come when someone on the "lunatic fringe" of the church says something insightful and wise. We have to listen to a lot of very foolish commentary, and often there is just a tiny grain of truth among all the chaff of noise that filters in and takes root and starts to grow. Sometimes it is a weed that has to be thrown out . . . is this starting to sound like a story you know? (*Matthew 13:24*)

It's been very hard for many women these days to come to terms with the very masculine language and images of the church. My mother doesn't see the problem. I see the problem, but I don't care very much. My daughters CARE! I wish we had paid much more attention to that commandment about making graven images. Does any picture of God interrupt our efforts to understand who God is? Even word pictures? A picture is worth 1,000 words - even if we didn't mean it to. Intellectually, I understand that God is not male, but I can't get that picture out of my head. Maybe it would help if the picture weren't reinforced by every line in the hymnbook? Maybe I need to be more careful of the words I use when I talk to your children? To address God as Our Father is regular, but a prayer addressed to Our Mother is outrageous . . . Excuse me, I'm still working on this . . .

So God created humankind in his image  
in the image of God, he created them;  
male and female he created them.  
Genesis 1:27



*Christianity is like a watch - it needs to be wound  
regularly if it's to be kept running.*

## THE BIG EVENT

Saturday, February 12

National Presbyterian church

8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Something for everyone!

All the members of National Capital Presbytery are invited to join their brothers and sisters in faith for a day of fellowship and learning, on February 12. This is not a day designed for church officers and Sunday School teachers, but for ALL PRESBYTERIANS to come together to celebrate who we are. The opening worship at 9:30 will feature one of the finest preachers in America today, Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr., of the Riverside Church in New York City. There are dozens of workshops to choose from throughout the day--pick up a workshop schedule and registration form at church--and a closing Hymn Festival at 3:00. There is a \$12 fee for the day--which includes lunch. CE Committee will pay the registration fee for Sunday School teachers--put the registration form in Diane's box, and we'll send all of them in together.

## FEBRUARY

1	9:30 am	Christian Living Group	17	12:00	High Nooners
	1:00 pm	The Lord's Table		1:30 pm	Tea and Needlework
2	9:30 am	Bible Study		6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
3	12:00	High Nooners		8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir	18	6:00 pm	Leader/Soderquist rehearsal
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	19	2:00 pm	Leader/Soderquist wedding
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6	9:00 am	Children's Choir	20	9:00 am	Children's Choir
	9:45 am	Sunday School		9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship		11:00 am	Worship/Communion
	12:00	Fellowship		12:00	Fellowship
7				3:45 pm	Worship at Manor Care
8					Steeple to People Deadline
9	9:30 am	Bible Study		8:00 pm	Home Communion at Jackie
	2:45 pm	Collingswood			Evans'. Jackie and Melanie
10	12:00	High Nooners			Mason's parish groups
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir			participating.
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	21	8:00 pm	Session
	8:00 pm	Orinthological Society of MD	22		
11		SNL Ski Trip	23	9:30 am	Bible Study
12	8:30 am	THE BIG EVENT	24	12:00	High Nooners
		National Presbyterian Church		6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
				8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
			25		
			26	8:00 pm	Tennis Night
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13	9:00 am	Children's Choir	27	9:00 am	Children's Choir
	9:45 am	Sunday School		9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Blanket Sunday		11:00 am	Worship
	12:00	Fellowship		12:00	Fellowship
		SNL returns from ski trip		8:00 pm	Home Communion at Thad
14	8:00 pm	Committees			McDonald's. Thad McDonald's
15	7:00 pm	Sunday School Teachers Meeting			and Ed Rudnic's parish groups
16	9:30 am	Bible Study			participating.
	8:00 pm	Home Communion at Millie	28	7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting
		Gimer's. Millie Gimer's and Betty			
		Yadlosky's parish groups			
		participating.			

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

At our meeting January 9, the youth and their leaders decided that we would meet in two separate groups for the rest of the year. Annie Hawley and Nando Zucchi will work with the high school SNL group, and Olivia Mabeus will organize activities for the Middle School Fellowship - actively seeking support from other members of the congregation. The youth would prefer that their leaders were not also their parents - so we need other folk to consider spending some time with these young people.

Both groups have been invited to go skiing with the Dormans, February 11-13. If you don't have information and a permission slip by now, please call the church office today. We really need a firm count of how many of you are going by Sunday, February 6, at the very latest.

### FEBRUARY MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

6	<u>Mall Scavenger Hunt</u> Meet at the church at 4:00
13	<u>Ski weekend</u> - no activities
20	Holiday - no activities
27	<u>Ice Skating</u> Meet at the church at 3:00

HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE?  
You'll hear from Annie and Nando!

## CALLING ALL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

The Christian Education Committee would like to treat you to a

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER  
Tuesday, February 15  
7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall

Why? Because it is the traditional thing to do! Come find out about this and other Lenten customs and traditions so you can share them with your classes and your families.

## SUMMER ALREADY?

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for June 20-24 - that's assuming we don't get hit with too many snow make-up days - Bridget Newton and Chris Dowd will be the directors again this year - thank them by volunteering to help with this wonderful week of fun and learning!

### SUMMER CAMP

As you make plans for your children's summer activities, don't forget about church camp. Diane has schedules and registration forms for Camp Glenkirk and Chesapeake Center.

## HELP!

The middle school SNL fellowship has a great slate of events planned between now and June. They need adult volunteers to join the fun. If you could chaperone for even one event with this great group of kids, please contact Olivia Mabeus immediately.

## CHRISTIAN PARENTING CLASS CONTINUES

February 27  
March 6  
March 13

Teaching Christian Values to Children

This spring, the class will be led by Matthew Petti, PsyD, a clinical psychologist at the Lab School of Washington. Matt will help us think about how to communicate values to children in a way they can hear and understand. Three weeks at 9:45 in the parlor.

*Once there was a cross-eyed discus thrower in the Olympics. He didn't set any records, but he sure kept the crowd alert.*

## FEBRUARY ADULT EDUCATION

6

Why does God call prophets?  
(last part of a series on prophecy by Diane Hutchins)

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LOREN MEAD  
Director - the Alban Institute  
Author - *The Once and Future Church*

Rev. Mead will share his insights on the future of the church in an increasingly secular world; and help us to imagine how these changes will affect us as individual christians and as members of the church. We hope all the members of the church will want to come and hear Rev. Mead at 9:45 in Fellowship Hall.

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Jesus' Spiritual Journey - and yours (part I of a 3-part study with Tom Miles)

27

Part II

March 6

Part III

## TENNIS NIGHT

Saturday, February 26, from 8:00 p.m. to midnight. The cost is \$10/person. Call Bob Best, 469-5458, for reservations and food assignments.

## TEA AND NEEDLEWORK

*IN THIS FAST MOVING WORLD . . .*  
Isn't it a pleasure to slow down and enjoy a leisurely hour?

Thursdays 1:30-3:30  
February 17, March 3 and 17

See you all!

## BULLETS NIGHT

Take the family to see the Bullets play the Lakers on Saturday, March 5. Game time is 7:30 p.m. The church has a block of 30 tickets at a special rate of \$11 per ticket. Call Bob Best, 469-5458, for reservations.

## IN OUR FAMILY

*We remember in our prayers . . .*  
The Tietjen family - Shirley is in Surburban Hospital.

The Bavier family - Anne's mother

has been seriously ill in California.

The Evans family - Rich has recently been in Georgetown Hospital.

The Mitchel family - Colleen has been in Johns Hopkins Hospital.

*Our prayers and sympathy* are with the Fahs family. Bob died January 15.

## MISSION THANKS

"Many thanks for the support given to Homestart Families during the past year," writes Mary Pelz, Jane Lee, and Leslie George from the Homestart Program. This program helps people get their own homes and keeps them going while they get back on their feet.

"The Lord's Table," a program that provides evening meals for those desperately in need, has written, "Thank you for your most generous donation of \$1,050 to help and to feed the men, women, and children that come to us."

Both of these organizations, and the others that your Mission Committee supports on your behalf, would welcome volunteers to assist them in their important mission of helping the less fortunate. Just call the new Mission Committee chairman, Bob King, or the church office, to get the telephone number of the person to contact.

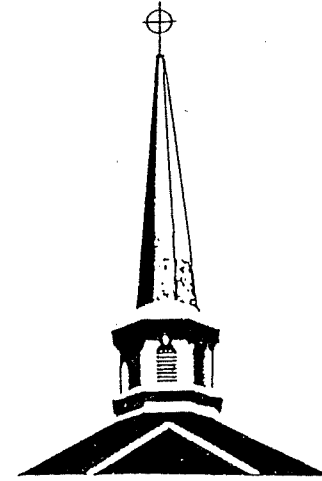


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## *WELCOME NEW DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION*

The Session is pleased to announce that Ms. Lynette Johnson has accepted our call to be Director of Christian Education. The search committee, chaired by Anne Bavier, made its recommendation to the Session on February 21, and after meeting with Lynette, voted unanimously, and with enthusiasm, to ask her to join with us in educational ministry.

An experienced Christian educator, Lynette Johnson is a graduate of the College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Virginia, where she received her B.A. in religion, in 1986. Upon completing a Directed Study in Reformed Theology and undertaking the Reference Group Process, she will meet all qualifications for certification as a Christian Educator.

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### ***MAUNDY THURSDAY***

**Fellowship meal and Lord's Supper**

March 31 7:00 p.m.

Please sign up in the narthex or call the church office. The cost is \$2.

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Lynette is presently Director of Christian Education at Fairfax Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia, a position she has held for the past 5 1/2 years.

After examination of her resume; an extensive interview, and a review of her references, the search committee feels that Lynette brings a number of special skills and abilities to her Christian education work:

- skill and experience as a Christian education teacher and in planning and executing Christian education programs for children, youth, and adults
- skill in developing and training CE teachers and leaders
- command of a breadth of curriculum material and knowledge of how best to use it to meet a variety of CE needs
- ability and strong desire to work with and win the trust of children and youth
- ability to work effectively with adults in educational endeavors
- confidence and comfort with herself that's apparent in the joy she finds in her work, the enthusiasm she has for Christian education and the initiative she has shown for putting forth new ideas and programs.

Lynette, her husband, Ray, and son, Jacob, live in Falls Church, Virginia. She enjoys sewing, embroidery, cooking, tennis, and volleyball.

She will begin her ministry at PPC, April 11 and will be introduced to the congregation Sunday, April 17. An installation service is scheduled for Sunday morning, April 24.

**WELCOME, LYNETTE!**

SPECIAL THANKS to our search committee:  
Anne Bavier, chair, Olivia Mabeus, Bob King, Vicki Dorman,  
Nathan King, Beth Rudnic, and Lynn Matson.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**• CAMPS AND CONFERENCES**

As you begin to make plans for your summer, don't forget about church camps. Camp Glenkirk has camping opportunities from two day camps for rising second and third graders to two week canoe trips for older children. The Chesapeake Center in Happy Valley, Maryland, has a wonderful program for children of all ages. Montreat is offering a special weekend for collegians, June 2-5. The Synod women are gathering at St. Andrews College in North Carolina, June 9-12. Churchwide gathering of Presbyterian Women is at Iowa State University, July 13-18—they do this every three years, and it is always a spectacular week. See Diane Hutchins for more information about any or all of these possibilities—lots of brochures in the DCE office.

**• GENERAL ASSEMBLY MODERATOR**

The moderator of the General Assembly of the PC(USA), Rev. David L. Dobler of Anchorage, Alaska, will be in town this month. He will be addressing the Presbytery meeting at National Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, March 22, soon after 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and meet Mr. Dobler on that day. Call the church office to get an exact time.

**• A DAY WITH JANET FISHBURN**

Every year, the educators in the Presbytery invite a well known theologian or educator to come and spend a day with us in National Capital. This year's guest is Janet Fishburn, professor of Teaching Ministry at The Theological School of Drew University in Madison, N.J. She has written a much discussed book, Confronting Family Idolatry: A New Vision for the Household of God. She will be here on Thursday, March 10, from 10 to 3, at Potomac Presbyterian Church. There is a \$10 fee which includes lunch. See Diane for a registration form.

**SESSION COMMITTEES 1994**

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## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING—OFFERING

March 27 and April 3

*"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."*

John 15:12

It began with a Saturday evening broadcast 45 years ago, after United States church leaders had recognized the great needs of people in Europe and Asia in the aftermath of World War II. The broadcast asked Christians to give sacrificially at their churches the next morning. Presbyterians have been a part of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) since that beginning. It is one of our primary ways to support ministries of compassion and self-enablement.

We responded quickly to the earthquake in Southern California by sending cots, tents, and blankets.

Individuals disabled by violence in Soweto, South Africa, have been given help to start their own businesses to gain income and dignity.

Teens in Detroit, Michigan, where unemployment is high, are being taught job skills and are learning to market those skills to create their own businesses.

In the mid-west, we are helping family farmers band together to market their products and to rebuild.

In the Washington, D.C. area, we are supporting Hispanic health clinics and promoting health awareness among a growing immigrant community.

In our area, we are helping tenant cooperatives acquire and manage their apartments, preserving their homes and teaching valuable business skills.

All this, and more, we do in Christ's name. As we witness together, we proclaim our gratitude for God's grace and fulfill our role in his redemptive plan.

How much should we give to OGHS? Perhaps the answer can be found if we think how much per week we can share, to make this once a year offering a meaningful one.

The people of Bangladesh, among the poorest in the world, gave \$100,000 to the U.S. for mid-western flood relief this year. Having received much in their times of need, they were called to share with their brothers and sisters in our country.

Let us joyously and generously celebrate God's love for us and his presence in the world.

## COIN BOXES FOR SHARING

The Sunday School children received a Coin Box for One Great Hour of Sharing on the first Sunday of Lent. The funds received from OGHS are used to respond to relief and development around the world. It is divided between Presbyterian World Service, the Self-Development of People Fund, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Last year, OGHS raised nearly 19 million dollars. The need is great this year, and we hope you will want to give generously.

Please help your children think about the needs of others every day during Lent. We have prepared a calendar to help you remember all the blessings we take so much for granted, and which are not available in all parts of our world. It is on a purple piece of paper, and we invite you to pick one up the next time you are at church, if you don't already have one. It was designed to go along with the children's boxes, but all families could use it. We hope you will use the calendar every day from now until Easter—perhaps with a word of prayer for the needs of the world and gratitude for all we have. Your children need to see you care. Your children need to hear you pray!

Return children's boxes to the giant Easter Basket in the narthex Easter Sunday.



## In Our Family . . .

We keep in our prayers Shirley Tietjen, who is in National Rehabilitation Hospital.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Ann Bavier whose mother died recently.

We rejoice with Ardis and Brad Kline on the birth of their daughter, Blake Montgomery, born December 30.

## EASTER FLOWERS

During the month of March, contributions will be accepted for Easter flowers. Details will be available in the church bulletin.

**FAREWELL AND GODSPEED  
FOR DIANE HUTCHINS**

**Sunday, March 27**  
Fellowship Hall, following worship

You may contribute to a gift for Diane by sending a check to the church office marked "Diane's gift."

## MARCH 1994

1	9:30 am	Christian Living Group
	1:00 pm	The Lord's Table
2	9:30 am	Bible Study
3	12:00	High Nooners
	1:30 pm	Tea & Needlework
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5	7:30 pm	Bullets game ***
6	9:00 am	Children's Choir
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00	Fellowship
	5:00 pm	Middle School SNL, PPC
	8:00 pm	Home Communion - hosted by Charlie Brooks. Charlie Brooks' and Gail Cannon's parish groups participating.
7	8:00 pm	Fellowship Committee
8		
9	9:30 am	Bible Study
	2:45 pm	Collingswood
10	9:00 am	Directors of Christian Education, NCP meeting at PPC
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
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12		***
13	9:00 am	Children's Choir
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship/Reception of New Members
	12:00	Fellowship
	4:00 pm	Home Communion, hosted by Kenny Kent. Kenny Kent's and Ann Barber's parish groups participating.
	5:00 pm	Middle School SNL, PPC

14	8:00 pm	Committees
15		
16	9:30 am	Bible Study
	8:00 pm	Home Communion, hosted by Peter Fisler. Peter Fisler's and Jim Underhill's parish groups participating.
17	12:00	High Nooners
	1:30 pm	Tea & Needlework
	1:45 pm	Potomac Elementary School Teachers Meeting
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
18		
19	6:30 pm	Middle School SNL Lock In ***
20	9:00 am	Children's Choir
	9:45 am	Sunday School
	11:00 am	Worship
	12:00	Fellowship - All Deacon Coffee Steeple to People Deadline Session
21	8:00 pm	Session
22	10:00 am	Presbytery, GA Moderator Dobler, National Presbyterian Church
23	9:30 am	Bible Study
24	12:00	High Nooners
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
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26		***
27	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	Middle School SNL, Putt Putt
	7:30 pm	Deacons
28		
29		
30		
31	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday: Fellowship Meal and Lord's Supper

## MARCH ADULT EDUCATION

### • ADULT CLASS

March 6	Tom Miles	Part III - Jesus's Spiritual Journey and Yours
March 13	Don Miller	"The Birth of Jesus"
March 20	Don Miller	"The Death of Jesus"
March 27	Don Miller	"The Resurrection of Jesus"
April 3	Easter Sunday	Worship at 9:00 and 11:00 No Sunday School

Don Miller is a retired Presbyterian minister who taught New Testament at Union Seminary in Richmond and was president of Pittsburgh Seminary. He is an old friend of our adult class, and we are eager to welcome him back in March, in the library, at 9:45.

### • CHRISTIAN PARENTING CLASS

March 6 and 13	Fellowship Hall at 9:45.
	Matt Petti, who is a clinical psychologist at the Lab School of Washington, is leading us in a seminar on how we communicate values to children in a way they can hear and understand.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL SNL ACTIVITIES

March 6	Miss Mabeus's Mission Project
March 13	Ice cream and video screen
March 19	The Lock-in (Saturday night-Sunday morning)
March 27	Palm Sunday Putt-Putt

### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

(through January)

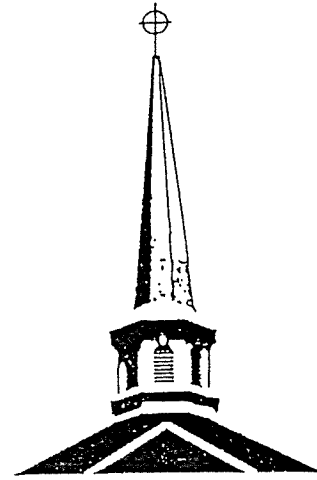
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Receipts year-to-date	\$25,182	\$35,160
Expenses paid year-to-date	\$24,046	\$26,793

Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *Senior Pastor*  
O. Thomas Miles, *Parish Associate*  
Diane Hutchins, *Interim DCE/Y*  
Cynthia Wright, *Director of Music*

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

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## STEEPLE TO PEOPLE Potomac Presbyterian Church

April

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### Kerry On . . .

I was reading an article recently entitled, "What Do Lay People Want, Anyway?" It was written by a lay person who listed some do's and don't's for pastors. I would like to share something he wrote that challenged me to think about my calling as a pastor.

"I'd like pastors to support and challenge me to live the good news in my daily life. Sometimes I need a pat on the back and other times I need a kick in the pants." I believe very deeply that the Gospel calls us to live out our faith in our daily vocation. Another way of saying this is our work matters to God. This is a real challenge to me to help us reflect on the meaning of our work and to bring a spiritual dimension to it.

On the other side the author wrote, "don't expect me to be too involved in the internal affairs of the church. I'm willing to do my fair share, but the institutional church is not the center of my life." Serving God in and through the church represents a small portion of my time and energy. This is the flip side of seeing our major calling within our vocations.

Often we recognize the contributions of people to the life of the congregation and this is good. What if we began to recognize the Christian ministry of our people as they serve God in their daily lives? A beginning at least is "Faith at Work Sunday" in the fall when some of our members speak about how they are trying to apply their faith in the work world.

I promise to do my best to support and challenge you as you live out your faith at work.

## ■ No Farewell

At staff meeting last week, Kerry asked me to write a farewell message for the *Steeple to People* for April. I hate to substantiate a rumor that I'm not very good at doing what I'm told, but I'm not planning to go away!

Just because I'm not going to occupy the office space, does not mean that you (and especially your children) will not occupy space in my heart. The congregation at Potomac has been incredibly gracious and kind to me in the time I have been here. I have never felt so appreciated as I have felt here among you. I will treasure many of your kind notes. (I have actually been carrying one around in my purse—it makes me smile every time I touch it.) Even before I came to work here, I considered the Presbyterians who worshiped at Potomac as friends, this was just a wonderful opportunity to get to know you better.

Just because you will no longer be writing me a check every month does not mean I will no longer be working for you. I will still be leading the Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. Look for an invitation to come spend the day with me in September at one of the Fall Gatherings of Presbyterian Women. I will be directing a Synod Women's Summer Gathering at Massanetta Spring in June of 1995. Come spend three days with me next summer. And I continue to serve on the General Council of the Presbytery. When you're concerned about what "they" are doing in the Church, you can call me and I'll tell you all I know—and find out more for you if that's not enough! Just because Lynnette will be directing the Christian Education in this place does not mean that we will no longer be doing ministry together. We'll still be looking

Mrs. Jack Knowles (Linda) and her son Scott  
6 Hartley Hall Court  
Germantown, MD 20874  
301-330-8506

Linda and Scott come by Transfer from Honeoye Falls Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls, NY. Linda grew up in western PA and attended the Indiana University of PA. She majored in Elementary Education and taught elementary school for many years. Now, she does some substitute teaching. Scott is a freshman at Denison University in Ohio. The Knowles family moved to this area last November from Rochester, NY. In her spare time, Linda enjoys tennis, reading, gardening, playing bridge and skiing.

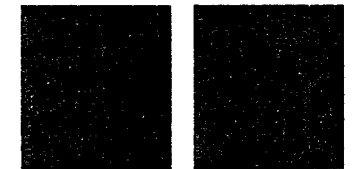
Deacon - Thad McDonald

## In Our Family

We rejoice in Shirley Tietjen's remarkable progress. She is back at home!

Our prayers and sympathy are with Millie Rowan, whose sister, Flora Whitfield, died March 8 and with Nancy Bryant, whose mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Halstead, died recently.

We wish a happy wedding anniversary to Scott and Melanie Mason.



*By perseverance, the snail reached the ark.*

Charles Spurgeon

# WELCOME

our new members

The following new members were received by the Session, Sunday, March 13, 1994. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Dr. Carol Hudgings  
15732 Ambiance Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20878  
301-990-3048

Carol comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She is Acting Director, Office of Quality and Effectiveness, for the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. Carol is from Ash Grove, Missouri. She attended college in Springfield, MO and received master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. Carol is active in several professional nursing and informatics associations; she was recently inducted into the American Academy of Nursing. In her spare time, Carol enjoys reading, needle-point and traveling.

Deacon - Ed Rudnic

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Teets (Vivian)  
11118 Cripple Gate Road  
Potomac, MD 20854  
301-983-5540

Pete and Vivian come by Transfer from the First Presbyterian Church of Littleton, Littleton, CO. Pete was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Colorado and MIT. He is an engineer and corporate executive with Martin Marietta Corporation. Vivian was born and raised in New Jersey. She graduated from Wheaton College, Norton, MA. Vivian has worked in the engineering and computer fields but is currently at home with their youngest children, Matthew, 11, and Christopher, 9. The Teets have four grown children back in Colorado. In their spare time, the family enjoys skiing together and exploring their "new East Coast home."

Deacon - Ann Barber

for ways to live as responsible Christians in our consumer driven economy. We'll still be figuring out how to be faithful Christians in our increasingly secular society. We'll still be trying to be peaceful Christians in our overwhelmingly violent world. And we'll still be searching for the best way to pass on our faith to the next generation. I am so glad we belong to a church that can celebrate growth and change as well as tradition—that Reformed faith which is always reforming. The faith that was given to us is never exactly the same as the faith we hand down to our children—it is always shaped and "reformed" by the way we have lived it. If it is shaped by what we have heard preached, it is equally shaped by how we respond to what we hear. We'll be doing the same things—even if it is not quite side-by-side. Blest be the tie that binds.

I wonder if I have done as much teaching as I have done learning in this place. I thank you for all the things you've taught me. I thank you for all the parts of your lives that you were willing to share with me. I thank you especially for all the new experiences you offered to me. I thank you for introducing me to Flo and Cindy and Larry and Kay, and of course Kerry—I'm going to miss seeing them regularly. I have learned many things about you, and many more about me, and even seen glimpses of that Kingdom of God—of the world as God wants it to be, and I've tried to point them out so that you might see them too!

See you around the Presbytery,



1			17 9:00 am	Children's Choir
2			9:45 am	Sunday School
			11:00 am	Worship/Communion
			12:00	Fellowship
				Lynette Johnson, guest of honor
			3:45 pm	Manor Care
			18 8:00 pm	Session
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			20 9:30 am	Bible Study
			21 12:00	High Nooners
			6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
			8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
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			23	
3	9:00 am	Worship. He is risen!	24 9:00 am	Children's Choir
	10:00 am	Fellowship	9:45 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 am	Worship/Installation Service
	11:00 am	Worship. He is risen!		for Lynette Johnson
	12:00	Fellowship		Fellowship
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5	9:30 am	Christian Living Group	25 7:30 pm	Deacons
	1:00 pm	The Lord's Table	26 8:00 pm	Sunday School Teachers Meeting
6	9:30 am	Bible Study	27 9:30 am	Bible Study
7	12:00	High Nooners	28 12:00	High Nooners
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir
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9	8:00 pm	Tennis Night	30	Christmas in April
10	9:00 am	Children's Choir		
	9:45 am	Sunday School		
	11:00 am	Worship		
	12:00	Fellowship		
11		WELCOME LYNETTE JOHNSON, new DCE		
	8:00 pm	Committees		
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13	9:30 am	Bible Study		
	2:45 pm	Collingswood		
14	12:00	High Nooners		
	6:30 pm	Handbell Choir		
	8:00 pm	Sanctuary Choir		
	8:00 pm	Maryland Orinthological Society		
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16				

Have you begun spring cleaning the closets yet? Remember to set aside reusable items for the RUMMAGE SALE. June 10 will be here before you know it! Plan to bring your "treasures" June 5 through June 9, and stay to help us organize the sale. It takes hours and we need lots of hands.

Late breaking IN OUR FAMILY news!

Congratulations to Rob and Tricia Kirchner on the birth of their son, Stephen Joseph Kirchner, born March 25, 1994, in Shady Grove Hospital. The proud grandparents are Bettie Ann and Taylor Johnson.

# Stewardship by Example

Arthur Roy set a clear example of what stewardship beyond a life-time really means.

For years, Mr. Roy faithfully set up, maintained and operated the sanctuary sound system for his church, the First Presbyterian Church in San Diego. Unfortunately, Mr. Roy met with an untimely death in 1981 when he was struck by a bus and killed instantly. Mr. Roy's contributions to his church, however, did not end with his passing, for he had a will in which he named his church as the sole beneficiary.

Mr. Roy instructed in his will that his entire estate of \$22,624 be forever entrusted to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation, which would be responsible for investing the money and paying the income earned to the First Presbyterian Church of San Diego.

Over twelve years later, Mr. Roy's gift had grown to more than \$57,000—more than double his original gift. The income generated by his gift over those years amounted to nearly \$20,000.

Mr. Roy's bequest has enabled him to give beyond his lifetime and to give more than he would have ever imagined. His gift of everlasting stewardship is an example to us all.

Currently our congregation has three separate endowments. The Endowment committee is encouraging all members to consider putting PPC in their wills for "stewardship beyond a lifetime."

Tom Cookerly  
George Boddiger  
Jack Dart

## GLIMPSES

We have ordered from the Christian History Institute a series of handouts which are designed to increase our awareness of many different aspects of our church traditions and remind us of the work of many "saints" whose names we may have forgotten. The first issues were about the church beginnings in Asia and Francis Xavier. The current one is about William Carey, an early missionary to India. "Glimpses" are on the table at the library door—pick up a new one every month.



# ■ MISSIONS ■ ■ ■

## Merry Christmas ! ! !

Christmas in April  
Saturday, April 30

As you may know from past Aprils, this is a volunteer program devoted to assisting low-income and elderly people to live in dignity in their own homes. Volunteers rehabilitate and repair these homes. This year Potomac Presbyterian Church has volunteered to clean and paint a home for Christmas in April. We need volunteers who can participate in this one day program. Jim Dart, who has made the arrangements, will be in charge of the activity. Please register with Jim or any member of the Mission Committee who will be available in the narthex after church service. Merry Christmas to all!

## Good News of Presbyterian Mission

This year 30,000 persons are expected to graduate from Christian colleges and universities related to the Presbyterian Church USA partner churches in East Asia; 2,000 will graduate from seminaries. Five million will receive health care through partner institutions in Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China and the Philippines.

## Sounds of Celebration

A marathon of music, poetry and painting to benefit CMMC

May 15 2:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

Two of the outstanding talents of our own Montgomery County congregations performing that day are husband and wife, Donald Sutherland and Phyllis Bryn-Julson, both of the Bradley Hills Church.

## Thanksgiving Hunger Drive Raises \$184,000

In the eleventh consecutive door-to-door canvass at Thanksgiving time, \$184,000 was raised for Montgomery County Hunger Relief. The collection will be divided four ways: Manna Food Center of Montgomery County, the Maryland Food Committee, the Capital Area Community Food Bank of Washington, D.C., and five international hunger relief agencies: B'nai B'rith International, Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, AFRICARE, and UNICEF. Every penny collected goes to these hunger agencies. Overhead costs are borne by Community Ministry of Montgomery County and generous contributions of our local business community.

## for **Y** and about **YOUTH**

### Vacation Bible School

June 20-24

Chris Dowd and Bridget Newton have agreed to coordinate Bible School again this year. We need someone to organize the craft center, lots of folk to help with crafts, childcare for the very youngest children, and, of course, teachers. If you would be willing to help with Bible School in any way, call Chris (299-3835) or Bridget (762-9388) today!

### Sunday School Nursery

Due to lack of use, we are not planning to schedule a sitter in the infant nursery during the Sunday School hour this spring. There will be a sitter for both hours (9:00 and 11:00) Easter Sunday, and there will be a sitter for Sunday School, April 17 and 24. If you need a sitter for the 9:45 hour any other Sunday, please call Andrea Katz (362-0903). There will always be a sitter for the 11:00 worship hour.

## Middle School Sunday Night Live

April	3	No SNL - Happy Easter!
	10	Putt Putt Golfing - rescheduled
	17	Dinner Party with a Special Guest
	24	Advertising Agency

And remember . . . coming up in May . . .  
May 20-22 is the **BEACH TRIP!**  
Plan now to attend. We're planning for you!

## Attention 6th -12th Graders!

You are invited to participate in a special musical presentation during the installation service for our new Director of Christian Education, April 23. To prepare for this, you are asked to join the Children's Choir from 9:20 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. on three successive Sundays: April 10, 17, and 23. The last Sunday is not enough. You will need to come all three Sundays to learn your part and its relation to the whole song.

Music is for everyone. Come join the fun at 9:20 a.m., April 10, 17, and 23. Children's Choir, you still arrive at 9:00 a.m. for our regular activities.

Cynthia Wright  
Director of Music

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# ADULTS

## April Education

- 3     **Easter**  
Worship at 9 and 11  
No Sunday School
- 10    **Diane Hutchins**  
"Remembering  
How We Got Here"  
Another tape from the  
Imagination Series  
with Walter Brueggemann
- 17    **Kerry Stoltzfus**  
"What Happened to the Youth  
Who Grew Up in Our Church?"
- 24    **Kerry Stoltzfus**  
"More Than Numbers: The Ways  
Churches Grow"

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### *Coming soon to a Sunday School Class for you!*

May 1 and 8	Lynnette Johnson, DCE "Presbyterian Understanding and Use of Holy Scripture"
May 15 and 22	Jim Reichley "American Heroes and Christian Faith"
May 29	Bill Huffman, a military chaplain, on Memorial Day
June 5	Ann Barber "A Journey to the Mideast"
June 12	Intergenerational Christian Education Event

## Mother ■ Daughter Banquet

Friday, May 6  
6:30 p.m.

Back by popular demand are the Irish Step Dancers to entertain us for the evening. If you missed the fun last year, be sure to sign up early. Bettina Curtis and Connie Warnick are chairing the dinner. Sign up at the church or call Connie (299-9475).  
Adults: \$9  
Children: \$5

## Sports Galore

### ■ ■ Golf

May 7  
Tee times 11:00-12:00 noon  
Cookout at church after golf

### ■ ■ Tennis

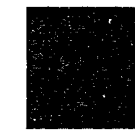
April 9

Call Bob Best (469-5458) for reservations for either or both events.

# Fellowship

## Help Plan Annual All Church Retreat

The annual All Church Retreat has been scheduled for October 9, at Camp Glenkirk. If you might be interested in organizing this event for 1994, please call Olivia Mabeus (926-8160) for more information. A committee needs to begin this work as soon as possible to decide on a theme and to schedule a speaker.



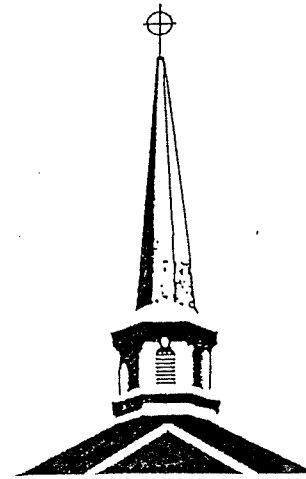
*After all is said and done . . . more is said than done.*

Kerry Stoltzfus, *Senior Pastor*  
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## STEEPLE TO PEOPLE Potomac Presbyterian Church

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### Kerry On . . .

Someone once said, "Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michaelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein."

The real issue is HOW we use the time we've been given. As Christians, we also put emphasis on the word GIVEN. All of life is a gift from a gracious and loving God. The Psalmist wrote, "This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it." None of us earn or deserve the hours and days and years of our lives—every moment is given to us by God.

If all time is really a gift, then we are invited to receive it with thanks and praise. We are invited to share it with others as perhaps the most precious gift we will ever give another person. Undivided attention, empathy, and presence are gifts of great value. We are invited to use our time wisely, as the hymn reminds us:

"Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the living of these days,  
Serving thee whom we adore."

for **Y** and about  
**YOUTH**

## Middle School Sunday Night Live

- May 1 **FAMILY FEUD**  
with your hostess,  
Lynette Johnson
- 8 **Mother's Day**  
no group meeting—you'll  
all be WAY TOO BUSY  
doing nice things for  
your mothers
- 15 **SUPER DOG SUNDAY!**  
work, work, yum, yum
- 20-22 **BEACH TRIP!**  
Hosted by the Chapins
- 29 **Memorial Day**  
no group meeting

**SUPER DOG SUNDAY IS COMING!**

**and not a single, solitary minute too soon**

**No one has to cook May 15!**

Sponsored by the Sunday Nite Live groups, this is their major charitable fund-raising project of the year. Hamburgers, coleslaw, baked beans, and yes, super dogs, too, will be sold for a modest price immediately after church. **Come.**

**Bring a big appetite.**

## Your Big Opportunity!

Anyone interested in being a Sunday School teacher during the 1994-95 school year please contact Olivia Mabeus as soon as possible. Where else can you get a job with such cute, charming and clever clients, pleasant working environment and such great rewards? No experience required, just enthusiasm and dedication. Apply today!

## Vacation Bible School

**June 20-25**

Our children are already looking forward to Vacation Bible School. Volunteers are needed, especially teachers, aides, lunch helpers, craft makers, and a nursery leader. If you would be willing to help in any way or you would like further information, please call Chris Dowd (299-3835) or Bridget Newton (762-9388) today!

Mark your calendars  
**ALL CHURCH RETREAT**  
Sunday, October 9  
at Camp Glenkirk

## Attention Adults and Teens!

Beginning May 29 (Memorial Day weekend) and continuing through summer, we will need nursery volunteers each Sunday during the worship hour. If you are able to help, please sign up on the poster outside the sanctuary or call Andrea Katz, 202-362-9093.



*"Those who do not ask and answer the ultimate questions about life may be making record time so far as career advancement is concerned. But if they do not know where they are going in life, their record-making advancements will prove to be absurd and ludicrous in the end."*

Tony Campolo  
*Everything You've Heard Is Wrong*

## Spring Cleaning?

When working on those closets, drawers, attics, and garages, remember PPC's Rummage Sale. June 10 will be here soon. Plan to assist in the organization and sale. Lots of hard work and fun guaranteed!

## It's going to be **A** **LOUSY** **ALL CHURCH** **RETREAT**

if **YOU** don't sign up to be on the planning team. So far, one person has volunteered to help. What will our retreat be without  
an ice breaker game . . .  
a worship service . . .  
canoeing, volleyball, softball . . .  
snacks . . .  
nature hikes . . .  
workshops???

It's not hard to plan a good retreat if there are lots of hands to help. Please contact Chris Dowd or Lynette Johnson if you can help.

## New Look at the Presbyterian Home

Situated on 12 acres in the Chevy Chase section of northwest Washington, D.C., this lovely community offers two room suites and single rooms for older, active Presbyterians. Offering a full range of amenities and services, the Home also provides the security of Assisted Living and Nursing Care in the Health Center.

Come and see the newly renovated lobby and reception area, the gracious new library, the garden and fountain addition to our Health Center Patio and the brand new model suite. To arrange a tour, please contact Kristina Sievert, Director of Marketing, (202)363-8310.

## SOUNDS OF CELEBRATION

A festival of music, poetry and art to benefit CMMC

May 15 2:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.  
Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church

Through CMMC, our churches bring help to the poor, the homeless, the elderly, and needy children of our community. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Flo Casper, in the church office, for \$15 for the entire performance and \$10 additional for the dinner.



*"Calling, as opposed to a career, implies a belief in the intrinsic value of a given line of work."*

Christopher Lasch  
*The True and Only Heaven: Progress and Its Critics*

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

William Brill	Treasurer	January 1, 1985	9
Kerry Stoltzfus	Pastor	March 26, 1985	9
Kay Mitchel	Financial Secretary	July 1, 1986	8
Tom Miles	Parish Associate	May 1, 1939	5
Larry Dinterman	Custodian	April 1, 1991	3
Flo Caspar	Secretary	April 22, 1992	2
Cindy Wright	Music Director	May 18, 1992	2
Lynette Johnson	DCE	April 11, 1994	



reetings! I'm delighted to be in ministry with all of you here at Potomac Presbyterian Church; I'm meeting lots of kind and friendly folk and appreciating more and more the work of my predecessors, Bev Bailey and Diane Hutchins. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly! I beg your indulgence as I try, over the next month or two, to sort out names and faces.

To tell you what it's like to be in a new place right now, I must share a story of the Easter season with you.

After his resurrection, Jesus met with the disciples—at odd times and places, to be sure—preparing them to go out and spread the gospel. Jesus's message now was: "Be brave! Tell everyone the good news! Support one another! Wait for the Comforter that I have promised you."

The disciples, of course, understood none of this. They were used to having Jesus around to support, comfort, and console them, to tell them what to do, and to fuss at them if they did poorly. Now, they struggled to get out of bed in the morning, huddled in dark corners, and complained bitterly that they needed a change of careers. For forty days, Jesus repeated the message: "It's up to you! This is your work now!" For forty-nine days, the disciples resisted. But what a day the fiftieth day was! With tongues of fire on their heads and exuberant outbursts from their mouths, the Holy Spirit took up residence in the disciples' hearts. The disciples were assured success as they began to build Christ's church.

So, this is a good season for new beginnings! It's about answering God's call, stepping out in faith, and, ultimately, feeling empowered by the Holy Spirit to do the tasks that God sets before us.

May we all continue to feel empowered by the Holy Spirit as we seek to do God's work together in this place.

Grace and peace,  
Lynette Johnson

*the ever very merry month of*

# May

<b>1</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School Inquirers Class
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12 noon	Fellowship
	5:00 PM	Middle School SNL <b>Family Feud Night and Potluck Dinner</b>
2		
3	1-6:00 PM	The Lord's Table
	9:30 AM	Christian Living Group
4	9:30 AM	Bible Study
5	12 noon	High Nooners
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
6	6:30 PM	<b>Mother/Daughter Banquet</b>
	7	11-12:00 AM
	5:00 PM	Golf cookout

<b>8</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School Inquirers Class
	11:00 AM	Worship
9	12 noon	Fellowship
	9 AM-3 PM	Nat'l Capital Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
	8:00 PM	Committee Meetings Stewardship Comm. Meeting
10		
11	9:30 AM	Bible Study Nat'l Capital Presbytery Staff Meeting
	2:45 PM	Collingswood
12	12 noon	High Nooners
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir Ornithological Society of Maryland
13	6:00 PM	Friedman/Venit Rehearsal
14	5:00 PM	Friedman/Venit Wedding

<b>15</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School Inquirers Class
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12 noon	Fellowship
		<b>SUPER DOG SUNDAY!</b>
		No SNL
16	8:00 PM	Session
17		
18	9:30 AM	Bible Study
19	12 noon	High Nooners
20-22		<b>Beach Retreat</b>
21		

<b>22</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship/Communion Welcome new members
	12 noon	Fellowship
	3:45 PM	Manor Care
23	7:30 PM	Deacons Meeting
24		
25	9:30 AM	Bible Study
26	12 noon	High Nooners
	6:30 PM	Handbells
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
27		
28		

<b>29</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12 noon	Fellowship
30		
31		

## In Our Family

*Our prayers are with . . .*

Marnel Williams, who is recovering from surgery.

*Our prayers and sympathy are with . . .*

Carol Clouse and her family—Carol's mother, Eva Spaulding, died recently in Massachusetts.

Victor Minter, Chris Dowd, and their family—Victor's sister (and Chris's aunt), Mrs. Helen Jackson, recently died in New Mexico.

*Congratulations to . . .*

Laura and Tim Cleary on the birth of their son, Matthew Paul Cleary, born April 20. The proud grandparents are Charlie and Gloria Leber.

Andrea and Jon Katz on the birth of their son, Andrew Phillip Katz, born March 30.

*Thank you, thank you, thank you!*

*What a surprise! On Sunday, March 27, I thought we were having a special coffee hour to thank Diane Hutchins for her ministry with us the past year and a half. Then I found out it was also a celebration of the beginning of my tenth year as your pastor, complete with a cake that looked like a golf course. The book of letters, poems, and pictures is a real treasure. It brought back memories of ministry we have shared over the past nine years, and provided encouragement for the years ahead. Ruthanne thanks you for the beautiful bowl, too. We are truly glad to be a part of the family of faith at Potomac Presbyterian Church.*

*Kerry*



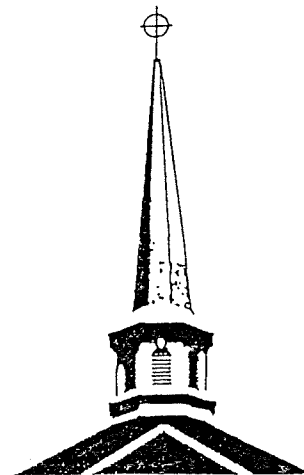
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship 11:00 a.m.

► Summer schedule begins June 19  
No Sunday School;  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

## Potomac Presbyterian Church

June

1994

### Kerry On . . .

According to Martin Marty, writing in *The Christian Century*, church giving in America to benevolences in 1993 amounted to \$3 billion. This is the total of all giving for mission and ministry beyond the local congregation. At the same time, we spent \$330 billion on legalized gambling. Not only are the numbers astounding, but the rate of increase for gambling has risen by 1,800% since 1976.

I am reminded of the words of Jesus, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Matthew 6:21)

You may say, "That's not us doing all the gambling." Perhaps so, but all states except Utah and Hawaii now sanction legalized gambling, and for the most part, churches have been strangely silent as one state after another has gone into the gambling business. It is touted as an economic panacea with benign social impact. Spiritual values are rarely part of the discussion.

If we trust the words of Jesus, we might do well to reflect on the gambling phenomenon, and seek ways to model his teaching in our lives. Further, is God calling the churches to speak out?

**SUMMER WORSHIP HOUR  
BEGINS JUNE 19 at 10 AM**

## Cleaver, bug, bride, moon in **June**

1	12 noon	Bible Study luncheon at Betty Yadlosky's
2	12 noon	High Nooners
3	6:00 PM	Flake/Comerford rehearsal
4	5:30 PM	Flake/Comerford wedding

<b>5</b>	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship
	12 noon	Fellowship <b>Deacons' Coffee</b>

6		
7	12:30 PM	Christian Living Group luncheon in parlor

8	8:00 PM	All-Church Retreat planning meeting
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9	12 noon	High Nooners
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir last rehearsal

10	9 AM-4 PM	<b>RUMMAGE SALE</b>
	6:00 PM	Steiner/O'Neal rehearsal

11	5:00 PM	Steiner/O'Neal wedding
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<b>12</b>	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship-Rufus Lusk
	12 noon	Fellowship

13		
14		
15	2:45 PM	Collingswood
16	12 noon	High Nooners
17	6:00 PM	Hawley/Zucchi rehearsal
18	5:00 PM	Hawley/Zucchi wedding and reception

<b>19</b>	10:00 AM	Worship <b>Father's Day Chorus</b>
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20-24	10:00 AM -1:00 PM	<b>Vacation Bible School</b>
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21		
22		<b>Orioles game</b>
23	12 noon	High Nooners
24		
25		

<b>26</b>	10:00 AM	Worship <b>Baptism</b> <b>VBS program</b>
		TBA
		Deacons' picnic

27		
28		
29		
30		

### Looking ahead to July:

1	6:00 PM	Johnson/Miller rehearsal
2	1:30 PM	Johnson/Miller wedding
10	10:00 AM	Worship <b>Communion</b>

from Massanetta Springs Conference Center brochure . . .

## “Children's Choir

Children enrolled in the Children's Program of the Bible Conference and entering grades 2-5 in the fall of 1994 will have the opportunity to work with Cynthia Wright, Director of Music and Organist at Potomac Presbyterian Church, Potomac, MD. She holds a music degree from Mt. Union College and has done graduate study at San Jacinto College and Westminster Choir College. Ms. Wright is currently president of the Capital Beltway chapter of Choristers Guild. She is known for her enthusiastic, action-packed approach to

children's music, and this is apparent in two books she has written for young singers: *Tickle Tunes* and *Chuckles*, both published by Choristers Guild. Choristers Guild has also published several of her anthems, a musical, a hymn, and numerous articles in the *LETTERS*. She has other compositions published by Harold Flammer, Neil Kjos, and Abingdon Press. Mrs. Wright hopes that the children will use their Christian musical training to become not merely observers, but active participants in the worship experience. ”

## Men's book group

A group of men in the congregation have been thinking about organizing a men's book group. We think it would provide a channel of fellowship and intellectual stimulation.

The idea is to have a group of 10-12 who would meet one evening a month. Members would take turns leading the book reviews and hosting the meetings in their homes.

If the idea appeals to you, sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex or speak to George Adrouny (977-6806), Ed Rudnic (869-4622), or John Clouse (983-0518). When we have enough interested people, we'll meet after church some Sunday and get ourselves organized.



# PPC newsmakers

from the May 18 Gazette . . .

## “GraceNotes’ songbirds will sing for their supper

### Singing with grace

Tomorrow night at Normandie Farm will be a trio of talented Villagers who have joined their a cappella talents to form GraceNotes, a group that is gaining fans from Gaithersburg to the District and beyond!

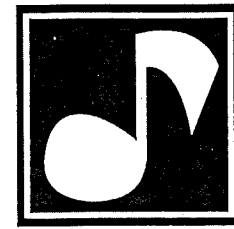
In a charming conversation, soprano Joy Schwan told The Voice that she, first alto Marilyn Shankland and second alto Ann Hazard met as members of the Potomac Presbyterian Church’s choir. Recreating the popular stylings of the Andrews and McGuire Sisters with offerings of 1940s and early 1950s pop tunes, the threesome’s popularity is quickly expanding.

In fact, The Voice has learned that the gifted threesome’s next official performance will be Sunday at the

British Embassy Players annual Tea Dance!

Joining Joy, Marilyn and Ann tomorrow will be Danny Ruskin, brother of Mark Russell, who will join in the open-mike fun with piano renditions and a patter of jokes and tom-foolery. The Voice was charmed to learn from Joy that the third Thursday of every month draws a packed house to Normandie Farm where anyone and everyone is invited to step up to the mike and serenade those gathered.

So polish up your pipes, “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boys” and girls and get ready to take a “Sentimental Journey” to what promises to be a “Sincerely” great time. The festivities begin at 8:30. The Voice hopes to see you there. ”



## The Wright Note

*We are approaching the summer months when our musical choirs take a well-deserved break from regular rehearsals.*

**No group has been more attentive to weekly schedules than the Children’s Choir.** Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., these 2nd through 5th graders gather and grow together in Christian musical fellowship. These eleven singers have sung in worship every month this year, and sometimes twice. We thank them for their contribution and look forward to new 2nd graders joining in the fall.

### **Who else has not missed a month to share special music in worship?**

Despite ever extensive global travel, the Handbell Choir has rung every month since September. What a versatile and congenial bunch! Now that the church owns three octaves of handbells, we can offer the opportunity for ten people to ring. Call Cindy if you think you might be interested in extending your music reading skills in a new, rewarding direction.

### **Who continues to serve us weekly, enriching our worship with beautiful sounds and enlightening texts?**

The Sanctuary Choir, of course! This group numbers twenty-two now and as do the handbell ringers, juggle business trips and personal plans to keep our music program steadily moving forward. Yes, we welcome new members. Don’t book any fall classes on Thursday nights.

**So, what will happen to our music this summer?** It will continue to flourish through individual and creative group directions.

**We’ll begin with the Men’s Chorus on Father’s Day, June 19.** A one-time rehearsal for singers of all levels of expertise will begin (after a cup of coffee) at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The group will then sing for the 10:00 a.m. worship which will follow.

**June 26 will feature special music by the children who attended Bible School** that previous week.

**During July and August, special solos, duets, ensembles by vocalists and instrumentalists** will give us an opportunity to share and even discover new talents. Please contact Cindy if you wish to contribute in any way during the summer.

**Watch for a special announcement of a possible return of the Jesus Birthday Band** this summer. It’s time to oil those instruments before the winter months come. Besides, the attic gets too hot in the summer for storage.

**Questions, comments, suggestion?** Call Cindy Wright: 299-6007 (church) or 926-7015 (home).

for **Y** and about  
**YOUTH**

## Middle School Sunday Night Live

- June 5 **MYSTERY NIGHT**  
Show up and see if you can figure it out.
- 12 **SCHOOL'S OUT (ALMOST) PARTY**  
Bob and Joy will host food and fun.
- **Summer Vacation!!!**  
Youth fellowship activities will resume in the fall. Rest up! Be ready!

## It'll be great!

**Vacation Bible School** is just around the corner (already!). Register your children now for June 20-24, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. You'll find a registration form elsewhere in this issue of *Steeple to People*. This year's theme is "Beneath the Storytelling Tree: Parables Jesus Told." Directors Chris Dowd and Bridget Newton have a dynamite team of teachers and assistants lined up for the week. It'll be great!

## Spring Graduates

	<i>Leaving . . .</i>	<i>Heading to . . .</i>
<b>High School</b>	Jim Barnard	Wootton
	Allison Chapin	Southern Methodist University
	Jennifer Gregg	UNC-Charlotte
	Nathan King	Eckerd College
<b>College</b>		Purdue University
	Kenneth Bedingfield	University of Maryland
	Jennifer K. Chung	Colgate University
	Matthew Endicott	Ohio State
	Scott Koonce	MIT
	Melissa Redman	Goucher College
	Melissa Smith	Princeton University
	Thomas Stanton	Gettysburg College
	Gregory Lynn Tennent	University of Tennessee
	Robert Willetts	University of Maryland

## In Our Family

*Our prayers and sympathy are with . . .*

Charlie and Nancy Miller—Charlie's mother died in May.

*We keep in our prayers . . .*

Marilyn Spivey, who is recuperating in Texas with her family;

Pat King, whose brother had a liver transplant recently;

The Mitchel family—Colleen is having tests run at Johns Hopkins.

*Congratulations and God's blessing to . . .*

Jan McDade and Peter Tietjen, married May 14, in Port Chester, New York.

Kristen Friedman and A.J. Venit, married May 14, at Potomac Presbyterian Church.

*Dear Friends,*

*I can never thank you enough for all the cards, letters and gifts that you have sent me, and are still sending, wishing me well. Potomac Presbyterian Church is a caring church.*

*I especially want to thank the Sunday School class taught by Annette Busbice and Ruthanne Stoltzfus for their hand made cards, the newest members of the church who signed up to bring dinner, as well as all the other cooks who brought such a variety of excellent food. The many, many prayers sent to God on my behalf have surely been answered.*

*I feel fine but continue to lose my balance, which is why you will see me either in my wheel chair or with my walker for some months to come. Time and physical therapy will hopefully put me back on my feet.*

*God bless you all,  
Shirley Tietjen*







There's a place for you  
Beneath the  
Storytelling Tree

## POTOMAC PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 20-24, 1994

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**WHO?** Children three years through fifth grade grads  
Church and community children

**WHAT?** A fun Christian education experience, including adventures  
in Bible study, recreation, fellowship, music, and arts & crafts

**HOW MUCH?** \$15.00/child; \$25.00 maximum/family

**WHAT TO BRING?** A bag lunch each day

**WHAT TO WEAR?** Comfortable play clothes

**Want to help???**  
**Have questions???**

Call  
Bridget Newton (762-9388)  
or Chris Dowd (299-3835)

## BENEATH THE STORYTELLING TREE Vacation Bible School Registration Form - 1994

### Pre-registration is essential!

Please complete the entire registration form below, cut along dotted line, and return to the church office NO LATER THAN Sunday, June 5.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ / / \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name Birthdate Present school grade

2. \_\_\_\_\_ / / \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name Birthdate Present school grade

3. \_\_\_\_\_ / / \_\_\_\_\_  
Child's name Birthdate Present school grade

Parent(s) name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(If not Potomac Presbyterian member)

Phone number(s) ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) (Work)

### Information teachers should have:

(allergies, medication, other)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dr.'s name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Should I be unavailable in the event of an emergency, I give permission for the staff of Vacation Bible School at Potomac Presbyterian Church to seek medical attention for my child(ren).

Parent's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *Senior Pastor*  
O. Thomas Miles, *Parish Associate*  
Lynette Johnson, *Director of Christian Education*  
Cynthia Wright, *Director of Music and Organist*

► **Summer schedule**  
**No Sunday School;**  
**Worship at 10:00 a.m.**

### **In the midst of unspeakable horror and tragedy,**

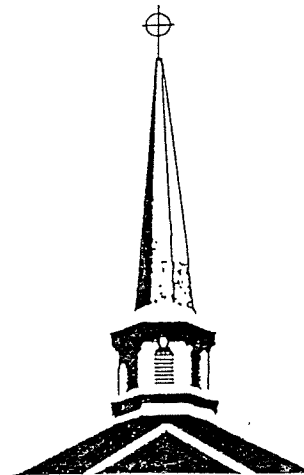
Christians around the world are literally "bringing a cup of cold water in Jesus's name." **One great Hour of Sharing** enables us to respond immediately; and in the name of Jesus, help is already present in the refugee camps, but the magnitude of this crisis requires additional funds.

Our Mission Committee invites and encourages us all to make a contribution that will bolster our response of Christian compassion. Checks may be made out to Potomac Presbyterian Church with the notation "Rwandan Relief" and placed in the offering plate or mailed to the church office.

May God be pleased by the generous response of those who call Jesus "Lord."

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# **STEEPLE TO PEOPLE**

## **Potomac Presbyterian Church**

**Summer**

**1994**

### **Kerry On . . .**

This month I am beginning the 25th year of pastoral ministry, and recently I learned that a friend from our congregation in Knoxville, Tennessee, had decided to go to seminary. He is my age, and he asked me if he was getting started too late. I told him I didn't think so, as he has had over 25 years of good experience as an engineer and real estate developer. However, I agreed to put down some thoughts on pastoral ministry for him. I would like to share the results with you in two installments.

### **SOME THINGS I'VE LEARNED IN PASTORAL MINISTRY**

#### **Part I**

- 1. Every sermon must have ONE theme which can be clearly stated in a simple sentence.** Identify the theme as early as possible in the process of preparing. Then you will be able to bring to the theme a richness of experience, books, movies, news, pastoral contacts. Anything which does not serve the theme, no matter how good (jokes, stories, examples), must be set aside.
- 2. The result of every sermon is to have people say, I learned something today, I was moved by what you said, and I plan to do something about it.** This is just another way of saying that sermons have to do with mind, heart, and will. Of course, one of the three may be emphasized more than the others on any given Sunday, but all three should be present to some extent.
- 3. Listen to your life.** It is essential to be about the task of listening for God in the circumstances, events, and people who touch our lives. If we are sensitive listeners in our own spiritual lives,

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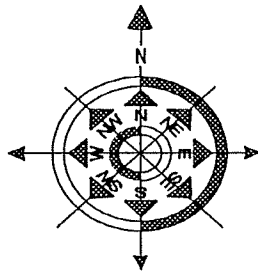
# for **Y** and about **YOUTH**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

## All-Church Fall Retreat

Sunday, October 9  
Camp Glenkirk - Gainesville, Virginia

### Seeing Signs, Telling Tales: God's Story In Our Lives



**Retreat Speaker: Larry Hollar,**  
*Presbyterian elder and storyteller extraordinaire*

#### Afternoon workshops include:

- favorite camp crafts
- intergenerational games
- Glenkirk service project
- "Scales & Tales"
- nature hike

#### Come and bring the whole family!

- Child care available for the youngest members -

*All details and registration forms will be available in the retreat brochure, coming in late August.*

## Youth fellowship . . .

. . .will resume in September ONLY IF we can put together two teams (one for Sr. High, one for Middle School) to plan and organize the activities.

Lynette Johnson will head both teams, but she cannot do it alone. The more people who get involved there are, the better the program will be. If you would like to be involved in any way, with either team, please call Olivia Mabeus or Lynette Johnson. Please note: we do not want the parents of youth currently in program to apply.

## Sunday School teachers

- We recruit two teachers for each classroom so no teacher has to teach every Sunday.
- There is no Sunday School in the entire month of December because of intergenerational holiday events.
- We have great curriculum, well-equipped classrooms, a super director of Christian education, and the best kids anywhere.
- And, it is a one year contract.

Please volunteer to fill one of the following Sunday School teacher vacancies for the 1994-95 school year.

2 teachers: Sr. High  
1 teacher: 4th-5th grade  
1 teacher: K-1st grade  
2 teachers: 2-3 yr. olds (meets at 11:00 a.m.)  
a nursery coordinator

To inquire about, or volunteer for, any of these jobs, call Olivia Mabeus or Lynette Johnson.

## In Our Family

*We keep in our prayers . . .*

John Hummon and Sally O'Neal, who are recovering from surgery.

*Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .*

Jennifer Flake and Kenneth Comerford, married June 4, at Potomac Presbyterian Church;  
Laurie Steiner and John O'Neal, married June 11, at Potomac Presbyterian Church;  
Anne Hawley and Nando Zucchi, married June 18, at Potomac Presbyterian Church;  
Tracy Telfer and Timothy Simpson, married June 25, at the Simpson home;  
Kathy Johnson and Stephen Miller, married July 2, at Potomac Presbyterian Church.

*We rejoice in the birth of . . .*

Christina Marie, daughter of Cheryl and Dennis Gavin, born April 28;  
Donna and Robert Mecklenburg are the proud grandparents.

Kelly Camille, daughter of Diane and Clark Kendall, born June 24;  
Camille and Cliff Kendall and Barbara and Lowell Perry are the proud grandparents.

Mark Rine, son of Pam and Kevin Perry, born May 30.  
Barbara and Lowell Perry are the proud grandparents.

*Congratulations and best wishes to . . .*

Gail and Mark Skinner, who received Master of Science degrees from Johns Hopkins University, May 26.

*Please update your directories:*

Karen (Mabeus) Ruan, 1850 Hanover Dr., # 90, Davis, CA 95616

## Pictorial display

The Outreach Committee has prepared, in Fellowship Hall, a pictorial directory display of our church families. Most of the pictures were taken from the "proof book" of our 1993 directory. More recent mem-

bers have polaroid pictures. If for any reason a picture of you and your family is not in the display, we would like to take a polaroid picture of you to add to the collection. Pictures will be taken before and after church, in the parlor, Sunday, September 11. For more information, contact John Clouse or Camille Kendall.

## New Members (Continued)

### Mrs. Ivan Y. Oseroff (Sandra)

7617 Carteret Road, Bethesda, MD 20817, (301) 469-8702

Sandy comes by letter of transfer from Bethesda United Methodist Church. She grew up in New York and graduated from Dean College, Franklin, Massachusetts. Her husband, Ivan, is in hotel management with Holiday Inn, U.S. Air Arena. The Oseroffs have three children, Jodi (26), Kenna (24), and Jason (20). Twenty years ago, Sandy and her sister-in-law opened Floral Designs in Cabin John Shopping Center in Potomac. (Floral designs furnishes the beautiful arrangements in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings.) In her free time, Sandy likes to golf, exercise, cook, and go antiquing.

Deacon: Jim Underhill

### Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Plumb (Louise)

13005 Boswell Court, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 762-2769

Bob and Louise come by letter of transfer from Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church. Bob was born in Albany, New York, and grew up in that area. He graduated from the University of Buffalo and Syracuse University and was a naval officer for four years. He has worked for G.E. 23 years, currently as a manager in G.E.'s Information Services in Rockville. Bob's interests include fly fishing, gardening, antique collecting, and history. Louise was born and grew up in Troy, New York. She graduated from State University of New York at Oneonta and Russell Gage College. She has taught in both public and private schools, but for the last two years, she has enjoyed a career change, working at Floral Designs of Potomac. Louise enjoys crafts, gardening, cooking, antiquing, letter writing, and tap dancing. The Plums' daughter, Sarah, is a junior at Elon College in North Carolina.

Deacon: Pete Fisler

### Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Thuerk (Helen)

921 Beacon Square Court, Apartment 254, Gaithersburg, MD 20878, (301) 869-4786

The Thuerks come by letter of transfer from Greenfield Hill Congregational Church, Fairfield, Connecticut. Hugh was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Maplewood and Morristown, New Jersey. He graduated from Cornell University and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. Hugh retired from General Electric after 34 years to become technical director and vice president of standards technology with American National Standards Institute in Yew York. Hugh is now a consultant to ANSI in testing and certifications areas. Hugh enjoys golf, cycling and home do-it-yourself projects. Helen was born in Port Jefferson, New York and grew up in Morristown, New Jersey. She graduated from Centenary College. Helen golfs, bikes, swims, sews, paints, and gardens. The Thuerks have two married children, Christine and Judson, and five granddaughters.

Deacon: Thad McDonald



**Hey, yoot! Yeah, yoot!**

Middle schoolers & Senior Highs, that is . . .

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**Need a wild and crazy day of adventure??**

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Watch your mailbox for more details - or call the church if you have questions.  
Absolute registration deadline (for permission slips & money to be in) is Sunday, August 14.

**It'll be incredible! Be there!**

P.S. We need at least one more adult-type person to help drive and chaperone. Anyone interested???

## Things I've Learned (Continued)

we will be better able to really hear what someone is saying to us. Frequently, we don't bring God to others, but rather help them discover God in their lives. He usually gets there before we do.

### 4. Be careful about telling other people what God is saying to them.

It is better to ask questions and offer reflections that help people say for themselves what God is saying to them. This is especially important when people are dealing with tragedy and grief, for many of us only come to understand what God is saying when we look back and discover God's hand at work in our lives.

### 5. Work matters to God.

In preaching and pastoring, we can never underestimate the value of affirming that God calls all Christians to vocation. Almost nothing brings greater satisfaction to people, and pleases God more, than that his children enjoy their work and serve others through it.

Look for next month's *Steeple to People* and Part II of "Things I've Learned,"

## Every Single Sunday

from now until September 11 when the fall schedule begins:

10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Fellowship

*Lazy, hazy, crazy days of*  
**Summer**

and every Thursday: 12 noon High Nooners

## A day here, a day there

July

31 9:00 AM Band rehearsal  
11:15 AM Youth Curriculum  
Group (in library)

August

14 3:30 PM Worship at the  
Presbyterian Home  
21 11:00 AM STOP deadline  
3:45 PM Worship at  
Manor Care  
22 Session and Deacons  
meeting  
28 Communion at worship

## Looking ahead to fall:

September 8 Choirs begin  
September 11 Rally Day?  
11:00 AM Worship  
12 noon Fellowship

# Welcome new members

The following new members were received by the Session, Sunday, May 22, 1994. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

### Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garcia (Barbara)

12700 Watertown Court, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 840-1783

Bob, a charter member of Potomac Presbyterian Church, has been reinstated as an active member. Bob is a physician in radiology and was a pioneer in the nuclear radiology field. He has five children (3 grown and 2 teenagers) and 5 grandchildren. In his spare time, Bob enjoys gardening, theatre, music, and cooking; he is also something of a "computer buff." Barbara comes by profession of faith. She is a native Washingtonian who grew up in Virginia and has lived in Montgomery County for the past 30 years. Barbara is an executive assistant with Otsuka America Pharmaceutical, Inc., a Japanese-owned pharmaceutical company in Rockville. She has two grown daughters. Barbara's hobbies include sewing and gardening.

Deacon: Gail Cannon

### Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. McMahon (Julianne)

22 Glenhurst Court, North Potomac, MD 20878, (301) 869-4639

Both Rich and Julie come by reaffirmation of faith. Rich was born and grew up in Philadelphia and graduated from the University of Delaware, Lehigh University and the University of Pennsylvania. He is in marketing with NCR. His special interests include sailing, skiing, golf, and music. Julie was born and grew up in Marietta, Georgia and is a graduate of the University of Georgia and New York University. Julie, a manager with AT&T, enjoys sailing, snow skiing and hiking. The McMahons moved to Maryland in 1992 with their children, Jacqueline, 6, and Donald, 3.

Deacon: Ed Rudnic

### Ms. Linda Miller

9820 Wilden Lane, Potomac, MD 20854, (301) 299-7714

Linda comes by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Pennsylvania. She was born and grew up in Oil City, Pennsylvania. After graduating from Northwestern University, Linda lived in Seattle for 13 years before moving to Potomac in 1979. She was active in the feminist movement in the 1970's and was recognized for her design of a poster of Golda Meir, captioned "But Can She Type?". Presently, Linda works from her home as a free lance writer in business communications. She is married and has two children, Fran, who works for Conservation International and Gabriel, a senior at Bard College in New York. Linda's hobbies include gardening in summer and reading in winter.

Deacon: Charlie Brooks

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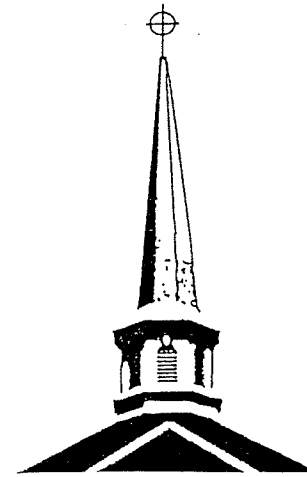
Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *Senior Pastor*  
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Lynette Johnson, *Director of Christian Education*  
Cynthia Wright, *Director of Music and Organist*

► **Summer schedule**  
No Sunday School,  
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Fall Schedule resumes  
Sunday, September 11

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## STEEPLE TO PEOPLE Potomac Presbyterian Church

September

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Mark your calendars now!

**Rally Day Is Coming! Rally Day Is Coming!**

September 11

Fellowship Hall

9:45 a.m.

We're going to "kick off" our Christian Education ministries for 1994-1995. Balloons and streamers will direct children and youth to the areas where their classes will gather. Snacks will be munched and coffee sipped, and we'll sing some good old-fashioned Sunday School songs. Teachers will be introduced, and children and youth will go to their classrooms for some get-acquainted time. After the young folks leave, the *more mature* members will remain in Fellowship Hall to hear about adult education. (See page 9 for more, exciting details.)

Fall is a great time for new and renewed commitments:

*Renew your spirit in Sunday School this fall!*

*Rally! Rally! Rally!* **September** *Rally! Rally!*

1			16		
2			17		Golf outing
3					
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<b>4</b>	10:00 AM	Worship	<b>18</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Fellowship		9:45 AM	Sunday School
					Usher training event
5				11:00 AM	Worship
6	8:00 PM	Middle School Fellowship leaders		12 noon	Fellowship
				3:00 PM	Manor Care
				4:30-6:00 PM	Middle School SNL
7	7:30 PM	Teacher training	19	6:30-3:00 PM	Sr. High SNL
8	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	20	8:00 PM	Session
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	21		
		MOS	22	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
		Creative Enrichment leaders	23	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
9			24	9 AM-1 PM	Presbytery
10					Teacher/Leader Training
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<b>11</b>	9:45 AM	<b>Sunday School RALLY DAY!</b>	<b>25</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	1:00 AM	Worship		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	12 noon	Fellowship		11:00 AM	Worship—LAY SUNDAY
	3:00 PM	Sr. High Fellowship leaders		12 noon	Fellowship
12	8:00 PM	Committee meetings		4:30-6:00 PM	Middle School SNL
13	9:30 AM	Christian Living		6:30-8:00 PM	Sr. High SNL
14	9:30 AM	Bible Study	26	7:30 PM	Deacons meeting
	2:45 PM	Collingswood	27		
15	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	28		
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	29	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
			30	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir

## In Our Family

*We keep in our prayers . . .*

Colleen Mitchel, who is at Johns Hopkins.  
 Sally O'Neal, who is recovering from surgery at home.  
 Joyce Jenkins, whose step-mother recently had cancer surgery.

*We rejoice in the birth of . . .*

Jennifer Ann, daughter of Jeanne and Troy Osborne, born July 17; the proud grandparents are Ann and Bob Hazard.

Emily Jean, daughter of Wendy and Matt Petti, born August 3; proud brothers are Chris and Carl, and Jean and Peter Fisler are the proud grandparents.

*Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .*

Kazecko Sano and Gregory Filson who were married at Potomac Presbyterian Church, August 27.

*We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .*

Mathison Mae, daughter of Heather and Joseph Mickum and granddaughter of Mavis Clark.

Those involved in the area of Music Ministry wish to gratefully acknowledge the recent monetary donation from the rummage sale proceeds. Beyond the cost of music itself, there are many items needed to facilitate the growth and maintenance of an effective program. The musicians of our church appreciate the unselfish support you as a congregation continually give. This gift from the rummage sale is but one example. Thank you!

## Please update your directories:

Gray and Thomas Dean  
503 4th Street, S.E.  
Mason City, Iowa 50401

Violet and Frank Hermann  
11420 Strand Drive, Apt. 311  
Rockville, MD 20852  
(301) 230-1368

Susan Hawley Dicovitsky  
10708 Lorain Avenue  
Silver Spring, MD 20901  
(301) 754-0445

Cristi Shankland Kegley  
14200 Duke Street, Apt. B  
Ocean City, MD 21842

Maggie and David Tietjen  
10629 Oaklyn Drive  
Potomac, MD 20854  
(301) 299-3272

Anne and Nando Zucchi  
321 N. Tioga Street, 3C  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
(607) 272-3045

**Congratulations** to Cindy Wright who conducted the children's music program at the Massanetta Springs Conference Center Bible Conference the first week in August.



## Deacons' Brunch

Sunday, September 25  
12:30 p.m.

Dine with your Parish group

Bring the family

Enjoy friendship and fun

Consider bringing a dish

Brunch locations will be announced in the bulletin, and your deacon will be calling you.

## Kerry On . . .

Last month I shared with you the first part of "Some Things I've Learned in Pastoral Ministry." A number of you have spoken with me about these reflections, and I very much appreciate hearing from you. This month I share with you the conclusion of my reflections for now. You see, I want to reserve the opportunity to add more thoughts as we travel the journey of ministry together."

### SOME THINGS I'VE LEARNED IN PASTORAL MINISTRY

#### Part II

**6. Make appointments with yourself and your family.** Except for emergencies, these appointments have at least equal value with whatever you do in the congregation. In this way we model for people a sense of balance between work and family.

**7. Build trust!** You can say hard things, challenging things—even confrontational things—as long as the people trust you. Trust is built over time, through thousands of small promises kept, ("I'll call you next week," and being sure you do call). Most of all it flourishes where people know that you sincerely do care about them.

**8. Talk about money.** How people earn it and spend it and give it away is perhaps the number one symbol of what they really value in life. Don't hesitate to ask people to give, for in that invitation, you are offering a blessing. Remember a person's need to give is always greater than the church's need to receive.

**9. Get out of the way.** It's not your church and of course it's not theirs either. The church belongs to God. Just as we want the people to trust us, we have to trust them to do the Lord's work. This means, for example, that you don't have to attend every committee meeting, or propose every new program, or head up every project.

**10. Keep on studying, learning, discovering and growing.** This is the key to keeping a freshness and enthusiasm in sermons and teaching and pastoring. Try something new and revisit something old, for both contain treasure. It also does wonders for your own sense of looking forward to each new day.



## THE WRIGHT NOTE

Let me reiterate a unique conversation I had recently with a new musical member of our congregation. It went something like this:

"I'd like to inquire about joining a choir."

"Strange you should ask, since directing's my task."

"At home we all sing and have rhythm to ring."

"Stop, say no more. I'm the one with the score."

"Are there rehearsals at night when my work day is done?"

"Yes, for adults who find music is fun."

"What about children with schedules demanding?"

"We practice on Sunday: the program's outstanding."

"You've got me convinced, but I'll never remember."

"I'll write it all down if you'll join in September."

## Parenting Class

Mark your calendars for a six week series starting October 16. Lynette Johnson, our Director of Christian Education, has designed and will lead a program of special interest to parents. Full details will be in the October newsletter.



## Rally Day Is Coming!

September 11 is the day! Mark your calendar now! You wouldn't want to miss it—it's your one great opportunity to find out everything that's in store for fall at Potomac Presbyterian Church!

Join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. as we "kick off" our Christian Education ministries for 1994-1995. Balloons and streamers will direct children and youth to the areas where their classes will gather. Snacks will be munched and coffee consumed, and we'll sing some good old-fashioned Sunday School songs (under the direction of Cindy Wright). Teachers will be introduced, and children and youth will go to their classrooms for some get-acquainted time. After the young folks leave, the more mature members will remain in Fellowship Hall to hear more about the fall adult education

offerings. [Note: Child care will be available during Rally Day, and every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for children 2 and younger.]

Our Christian Education staff—teachers, superintendents, Creative Enrichment leaders, nursery volunteers, and youth fellowship leaders—will be dedicated during the 11:00 service, September 11.

We're excited about the fall, and we want you to be as well. If you just can't wait until September 11 to find out more, read the "Growing in Faith" brochure mailed inside this issue of *Steeple to People*. It details all classes and educational opportunities for youngest to oldest PPC'ers. Fall is a great time for new and renewed commitments: Renew your spirit in Sunday School this fall!

Have you lost trust in government or institutions?  
 Has a friend or family member let you down?  
 Does your confidence in yourself ever falter?  
 Does your faith sometimes seem on hold?

**T**hen set your alarms, folks. You won't want to be late for the exciting fall line-up of classes in which some outstanding and knowledgeable people will give presentations and lead discussions focusing on renewing our faith.

Join us in the library on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. Our Adult Christian Education theme for the program year beginning in September is:

## RENEWING FAITH: IN GOD, IN LIFE, IN OTHERS, IN SELF

### SEPTEMBER

- 11 RALLY DAY—All ages meet in Fellowship Hall
- 18 Keynote series: "Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in Others, in Self"  
Rev. Robert Hutcheson, PhD, pastor emeritus, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Vienna, Virginia, former Navy chaplain and professor, author
- 25 "Renewing Faith . . ." (Continued)

### OCTOBER

- 2 "Renewing Faith . . ." (Continued)
- 9 ALL CHURCH RETREAT at Camp Glenkirk
- 16 "Renewing Faith in Tradition" Dewey Wallace, PhD, professor of religion and chair, department of religion, George Washington University
- 23 "The Ten Commandments—Viable Values?" Tom Miles
- 30 "The Ten Commandments . . ." (Continued)

### NOVEMBER

- 6 "The Gospel of John—The New Community of Christ: Turning Water Into Wine, Darkness Into Light, and Death Into Resurrection"  
Louise Winfield, MA, religious studies, Bible study leader

## Fall Music Program at P P C

### 1st Grade & under

Music in both **Sunday School** and **Creative Enrichment**

### Grades 2-5

Organized **Children's Choir** which meets each Sunday from 9:00-9:40 a.m. in the choir robe room. Children sing in worship once a month and provide music and drama for **special events** within and beyond the church. First rehearsal is Sunday, September 18.

### Grades 6-12

**Fifth Sunday Singers** is an opportunity for our developing young adult musicians to share their singing and/or instrumental talents with the congregation at least on the calendar appearances of a fifth Sunday. We will work first from an **ensemble** basis but will encourage **solo** opportunities as well. A weekly rehearsal is not presently the goal, given the involvement in mid-week school activities. But identifying interested youth and setting up some sort of compatible rehearsal arrangement is vital to **nurture** these talents. An organizational meeting is planned for September 11. Come to the choir loft immediately following the 11:00 worship service.

### Adults

Singers of all ages and expertise are welcome. We take seriously our commitment to provide carefully chosen and skillfully prepared music for our worship services. But we also have a great deal of **fun** in the rehearsal process. Come and experience the special **joy** that choral singing brings to your life. First rehearsal for the **Sanctuary Choir** is Thursday, September 8, at 8:00 p.m.

### Handbell Choir

Even though the caption says handbells, they cannot ring themselves. They are mysteriously silent until ten of you who have some knowledge of the rhythmical elements of music decide to pick up one or two and ring them at the appropriate time. **Magic!** Beautiful music happens. Well, maybe it happens after two or three rehearsals. The first official rehearsal for fall is Thursday, September 8, at 6:30 p.m. Cindy asks that you notify her in advance if you have an interest in ringing. A weekly commitment is quite obvious in that when a member is absent, those musical notes are missing from the score. Substitutes can be arranged to help those of you who travel. So, consider joining as a regular or available substitute. It is great fun.

Lines

from

LYNETTE

**A** while back, I spent some time thinking about my parents and their involvement in the church. Daddy was always center stage: teaching adult classes, heading committees and governing boards, going to conferences, speaking on Laity Sundays, etc. As hard as I tried, though, I couldn't recall Mother ever having taught a Sunday School class or serving on a committee. Mother was the one behind the scenes: painting the fellowship hall, making phone calls, keeping the nursery, arranging carpools, fixing youth suppers, and sending homemade soup to sick church members.

The church throughout the world today is alive and kicking because of the faith, dedication, and energy of both "actors" and "stage hands." In Paul's letter to the Christians at Ephesus, we read:

*Christ gave gifts to us; he appointed some to be apostles, others to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. Christ did this to prepare all God's people for the work of Christian service, in order to build up the body of Christ.*

The body of Christ is built up through the work of all God's people—people here at Potomac who mysteriously hang clocks on the walls of Sunday School classrooms, people who bring flowers to brighten dreary rooms, people who phone or write to say "Thanks!" or "Job well done!"—all these are in the work of Christian service. People who plan for the future of the church; people who implement programs for the church today; people who preach, teach, lead, and direct—all these are in the work of Christian service. Each person's contribution is needed and valued!

*...find a niche  
to use your  
talents here  
at PPC!*

As we begin a new program year, please consider again what avenues of Christian service you will take—find a niche to use your talents here at PPC! And, take a few minutes to thank someone else for their work in the church as well!

Grace and peace,

*Lynette*

### SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

gets into the action September 18, 6:30-8:00 p.m. You'll never find out what we're going to do if you don't show up! Bring a friend, bring some enthusiasm, and we'll have a great time! All your new leaders will be there: Bob Best, Joy Schwan, Joel Miller, Doug and Danielle Baarman, and Lynette Johnson. It'll be a riot, a trip, an experience—WHATEVER!—just be there!



### MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

will race into high gear Sunday, September 18, 4:30-6:00 p.m. All 6th-8th graders are invited to climb aboard! (Helmets are optional . . .) Join us for games, food, and who knows what! Meet your new leaders: Melanie Mason, Olivia Mabeus, Jim and Renee Jochum, and Lynette Johnson. See you soon!

## for **Y**and about **YOUTH**

### What's All This Talk About Youth Fellowship?

It's true! We've been talking about Youth Fellowship—same thing as SNL, only **BIGGER** and **BETTER** than ever!

**Incredible** leaders!

**Awesome** youth!

**Amazing** events!

**Outstanding** programs!

**ADJECTIVES** just won't do to describe the good times in store! You'll have to be there to believe it!

### Gung-hoers Wanted:

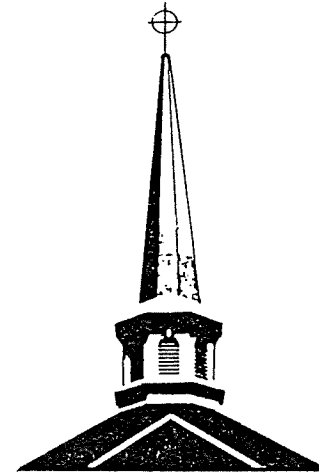
Youth Fellowship—both High School and Middle School groups—could use a few more adults on the planning teams. Both groups have a great core of gung-ho team members, but there's plenty of fun for everyone. If you're interested, call Lynette Johnson immediately.

Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *Senior Pastor*  
O. Thomas Miles, *Parish Associate*  
Lynette Johnson, *Director of Christian Education*  
Cynthia Wright, *Director of Music and Organist*

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

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# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

## Potomac Presbyterian Church

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Kerry On . . .

### FAITH AND WORK

I'm sure I speak for the entire congregation in expressing our thanks to Joy Schwan, Charlie Brooks and Tom Hougen who shared with us on Sunday. All of us, as faithful Christians, are constantly challenged to make connections between faith and work, whether our primary areas of work are in school, community, home or public workplace. It is my hope the church can be an ever-increasing source of support as we seek to live out our faith in the work world.

What if we got together to talk about our experiences of faith and work? I'd like to extend the following invitation:

Monday, October 3, at 7:00 a.m.

A light breakfast will be served—my treat!

We will conclude promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Let's try it for three months on the first Monday of the month.

We'll call it "The Monday Connection" (the name is not original).

Sign up on Sunday, October 2, or call the church office. After all, I have to know how much "light breakfast" to prepare.





## Opportunities Abound in October!

# Adult Christian Education

### Adult Seminar

Join the spirited group meeting in the library at 9:45 a.m., Sunday mornings. Dr. Richard G. Hutcheson got us off to a thought-provoking start in the first sessions of our keynote series. Don't miss the sessions to follow:

- October 2 "Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in Others, in Self" Conclusion of keynote series, Dr. Richard G. Hutcheson, pastor emeritus, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Vienna, Virginia, former chaplain in the Navy, professor, and currently full time author
- 9 All Church Retreat at Camp Glenkirk
- 16 "Renewing Faith in Tradition" Dewey Wallace, PhD, professor of religion and chair, Department of Religion, George Washington University
- 23 "The Ten Commandments—Viable Values?" Tom Miles, parish associate, Potomac Presbyterian Church
- 30 "The Ten Commandments . . ." Concluding session

### Parenting Class

Lynette Johnson, director of Christian education, will lead a six week series, "Communicating Faith in Families," which will give parents some guidelines for helping children grow in faith. The series begins October 16.

### Women's Bible Study

Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., the Rev. Kerry Stoltzfus will lead discussions on "Who Is the Christ? As Answered in the Epistles."

### Christian Living

The second session of "Wrestling With Angels" will be led by Lynette Johnson, October 11. We'll continue Madeleine l'Engle's video on doubt.



"*There's A Spirit in the Air*" . . . our hymn of the month for September. Not only have you sung it well in worship, but you are putting into practice the last phrase of stanzas 1, 3, 5, and 7: "living, working in

our world." The church has been full all week long with committee planners, bazaar workers, choir members—meetings of all sorts to further our Christian mission.

### **Committee Studies Hymnal Needs**

We will continue to feature a new, meaningful hymn each month. Hymns convey our theology in a unique, often exuberant, way. As we sing hymns old and new in worship, a hymnbook committee will be studying our present hymnal situation. The Session has approved the formation of such a group to study our hymnal needs and the options available. In researching the relevancy of our hymns, the committee will undoubtedly remember the musical phrase that ends stanzas 2, 4, and 6 of September's hymn: "Live tomorrow's life today." May our hymns enrich us with the strength of yesterday, the challenge of today, and the hope of tomorrow.

Mark your calendar now!

## All-Church Fall Retreat

Sunday, October 9  
Camp Glenkirk, Gainesville, Virginia

### Seeing Signs, Telling Tales: God's Story In Our Lives



### **Retreat Speaker: Larry Hollar**

Presbyterian elder and storyteller  
extraordinaire

### **Afternoon workshops include:**

- favorite camp crafts
- intergenerational games
- Glenkirk service project
- "Scales & Tales"
- nature hike

### **Come and bring the whole family!**

Child care available for the youngest

Deadline for registration is Sunday, October 2. Registration forms are available from the church office.



# for **Y** and about **YOUTH**

## SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

With twenty-nine senior highs on our church rolls, we ought to be able to gather a crowd for these terrific events! Put the homework aside for a few hours, and join in the fun — you'll only be in high school once!

October

- 2 **Meet You in the Alley** Bowling, Westwood Bowl America, Bethesda, MD, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Cost: \$5.40 for two games (free shoes!); permission slips required.
- 16 **Parent-Teen Night** A fun time for all, at church, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 23 **Day in DC** Worship at the National Cathedral, and tour the mall (you know, the outdoor one around the Washington Monument and the Smithsonian???) with a former US park ranger. Meet at and return to the church. Permission slips required, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
- 30 **Trick or Treating for UNICEF** Possibly with pumpkin carols, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

Thirteen middle schoolers came out for the September 18 "Opening Bash!" What a crowd! Gallons of ice cream were eaten, with gooey toppings spread everywhere . . . October's events will be terrific, too, as you can see from the schedule that follows:

October

- 2 **Parent-Youth Event** A fun time for all, at church, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- 16 **Questions You Always Wanted to Ask** Youth write questions (serious, silly, etc.) and the group—and leaders—attempt to answer, at church, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- 23 **Scavenger Hunt** An evening for detectives and pack rats, at the church, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- 30 **Halloween Party** Possibly a visit to a haunted house? 4:30-6:00 p.m. Permission slips may be required. Details will be in the October youth mailing, scheduled to arrive at your house by October 12.



There's even less time for the goals, which include engendering a sense of joy and passion about the Christian experience and developing a personal relationship with God in Christ.

What's the church to do about it? We can offer opportunities beyond Sunday morning; we can work hard to ensure that our teachers, curriculum, supplies, and equipment are as effective as possible; we can urge folks to participate every week. In short, there's not much more the church can do than it is already doing, except . . .

We can encourage and assist families in again becoming a primary locus for Christian education. Surprised? The Sunday School is a new invention. It began in England in the 1780's, with the aim of teaching children who worked in factories to read. Since they worked six days a week, Sunday was the only day this could happen. In the US, Sunday Schools (with a joint education-religion focus) spread westward before churches. The attachment of Sunday Schools to churches happened only in the late 1800's. Throughout most of the history of the church, Christian education, in whatever form, happened primarily in the home.

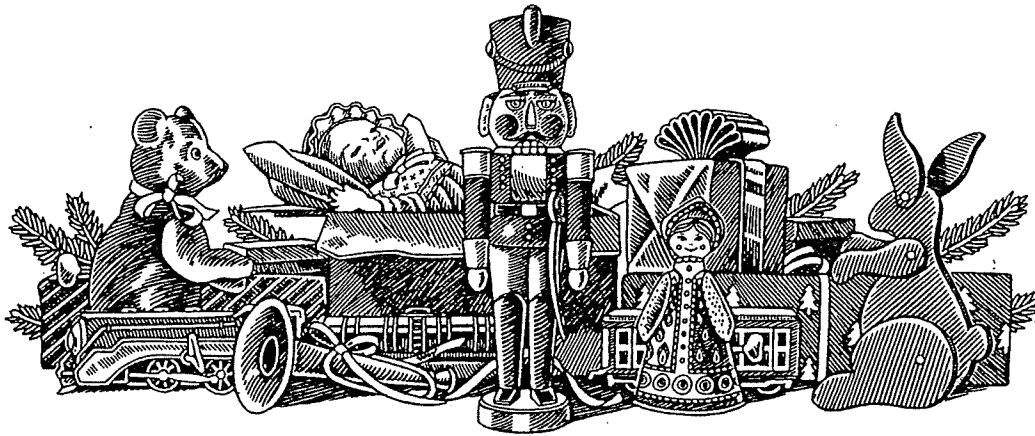
How families can promote Christian faith and learning (painlessly and intentionally) is the subject for a course I'll be teaching at PPC, beginning Sunday, October 16, and continuing through November 20, Sunday mornings at 10:00. encourage you to join me, as we consider together ways of "Communicating Faith in Families."

Grace and peace,

*Lynette*



READ US TH' STORY ABOUT TH' GUY WHO LET HIS GIRL FRIEND GIVE HIM A HAIRCUT.



## Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 12, 1994

9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The annual Holiday Bazaar is little more than a month away, and efforts to repeat—or top—last year's immensely successful bazaar are shifting into high gear.

A Chinese proverb says: "Tell me, I forget. Show me, I remember. Involve me, I understand." That was the key to our success last year. More than 150 men and women got involved, from designing wreaths to ringing cash registers.

The result was well over \$10,000 raised for Montgomery County charities. Scores of you have already gotten involved again this year, and expectations are high that we will at least match last year's achievement. Recipients of the bazaar proceeds will include:

The Lord's Table, a hunger relief program  
Stepping Stones, a shelter for homeless families with children  
Montgomery Hospice Society  
Rainbow Place, a women's shelter

### *Silent auction is new this year*

One of the reasons for our high expectations is that we are adding a silent auction this year. We are still seeking donations from the congregation and Poto-

mac-area merchants for the auction, but those already contributed—oil paintings by some of our most talented artists, restaurant dinners, and getaway weekends at beach homes—promise that it will be an exciting new dimension of the bazaar.

### *Classrooms become gala holiday marketplace*

Come November 12, Fellowship Hall and our lower-level classrooms will be transformed into a gala holiday marketplace for thousands of quality handcrafted items. This year's "theme rooms" will be Gingerbread House, Heavenly Splendor (angels, angels, angels!), and Woodland Garden. In Fellowship Hall, a spectacular tree decorated with Christmas Memory ornaments will be surrounded by Santas, wreaths, Noah's arks, miniature trees, and much more.

### *Brunch will be served*

We'll be adding gourmet foods to the home-baked breads and desserts at this year's bake sale. And we hope you'll join us for brunch, which will be served from 10:30 to 1:30.

In each Sunday's bulletin, we will continue to update you on our planning progress and suggest ways you can help. Or you can take the initiative, particularly if you were not involved last year, by contacting a committee member and volunteering.

### *Workshops have been well attended*

Miriam Conley, co-chairperson of the bazaar, has been leading well attended workshops since mid-summer. Mildred Rowan will once again manage the bake sale, Pat King is planning the brunch, and Mary Ann Cookerly is heading the silent auction. Other committee members are Shirley Tietjen, needlework; Peggy Hawley, gingerbread houses; Linda Miller, publicity; and Margie Bedingfield, Carol Clouse, Rene Jochim, and Betty Yadlosky.

PPC's Holiday Bazaar will be a superb opportunity to purchase unique holiday gifts, as well as autumn, Thanksgiving, and Christmas ornaments and decorator items, all at reasonable prices. Attendance has been growing each year, and you can help build that momentum by telling your friends about the bazaar and the charities it supports.

We hope you will join us in making 1994's bazaar another outstanding success.

Sincerely,

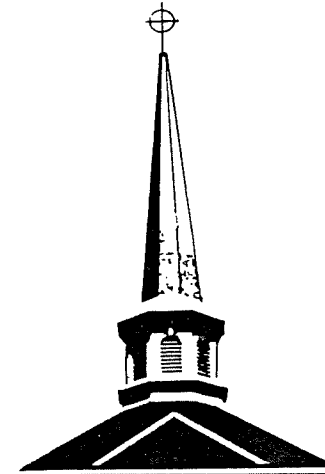
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# STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

## Potomac Presbyterian Church

November

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### Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 12, 1994  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Six months of work by a large share of our congregation will come to fruition Saturday, November 12, when the doors open for our 1994 Holiday Bazaar.

No one will be disappointed by the impressive array of hand-crafted and reasonably priced products for sale at the bazaar. The total proceeds we will raise for

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### CLAIM THE VISION

Please read about our exciting plans for the fall Stewardship Campaign on page 6.

# November

*12th - Holiday Bazaar*  
*20th - Stewardship Sunday*

1			14	8:00 PM	Committee meetings
2	9:30 AM	Bible study	15	9:30 AM	Christian Living
3	6:30 PM	Handbells	16	9:30 AM	Bible study
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	17	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
4				8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
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<b>6</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir	<b>20</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		9:45 AM	Sunday School
		New members and			Inquirers' Class
		Session meet			
	11:00 AM	Worship			
	12 noon	Fellowship			
		Stewardship luncheon			
	4:30-6:00 PM	MSYF at church			
	6:30-8:00 PM	SHYF at church			
7					
8					
9	9:30 AM	Bible study	21	8:00 PM	No Session meeting
	2:45 PM	Collingswood	22	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
10	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	23	9:30 AM	Bible study
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	24		
11			25		
12	9 AM-4 PM	<b>Holiday Bazaar</b>	26		
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<b>13</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir	<b>27</b>	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship		11:00 AM	Worship/communion
	12 noon	Fellowship		12 noon	Fellowship
	1:00-5:00 PM	MSYF on the mall			<b>No youth groups</b>
	6:30-8:00 PM	SHYF at Best-Schwan	28	8:00 PM	Deacons meeting
			29		
			30	9:30 AM	Bible study



## In Our Family



### *We keep in our prayers . . .*

Colleen Mitchel, at home

Fred Sass, recovering from surgery at Wilson Health Care Center at Asbury Village

Camille Kendall and her family - Camille's brother, John Leamon, died last month.

The Norvell family - Kay's mother, Nettie Knight, has been ill in Shady Grove Nursing Home.

Marilyn Shankland, whose father died October 22.

### *Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .*

Janis Bigler and Martin Houlihan, who were married October 1

Miriam and Fred Sass, who celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary October 4

Shirley and Bob Tietjen, who celebrated their 45th anniversary October 22

### *We rejoice in the birth of . . .*

Thomas Alan, III, son of Elizabeth and Tom Burger, born October 20. The proud grandparents are Jan and Bill Malone.

### *We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .*

Emily Jean, daughter of Wendy and Matt Petti, brother of Chris and Carl, and granddaughter of Jean and Pete Fisler, September 6, 1995.

## DINE WITH NINE

Dine With Nine will begin in January! Sign-up slips will be in the church bulletins the last two weeks of November and the first of December. There will also be a notice in the December *Steeple to People*, but, of course, you can call the church, 299-6007, to register, or call Donna Mecklenburg, 330-9409.

## November

# Adult Christian Education

### Adult Seminar

Join us Sunday mornings, at 9:45 a.m., in the library. The focus for the whole month of November will be:

**“The Gospel of John—The New Community of Christ: Turning Water into Wine, Darkness into Light, and Death into Resurrection.”**

Louise Winfield will lead us in this Bible study and will relate the Gospel of John to our theme for the year—“Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in Others, in Self.”

Louise Winfield has an M.A. in Religious Studies, with a major in the Bible. She is a Presbyterian Elder and has had extensive experience as a professional educator. In past presentations to our class she has received an enthusiastic response.

### Parenting Class

Lynette Johnson is leading “Communicating Faith in Families” through November 27. Topics will include:

**“Praying With Our Children”  
“Talking About Death”  
“Family Celebrations and Worship.”**

### Small Group Opportunity

Some of us have come from churches in which we have had a small group experience which has greatly enriched our lives. “Koinonia” or Covenant” groups usually have 9 to 12 people and meet once or twice a month in each other’s homes. A format used frequently consists of sharing/fellowship time, a study period, and prayer requests. There are many resources available for Bible or book study with leader’s guides. Leadership alternates between group members.

New groups forming at Potomac Presbyterian Church would be a great way to start off 1995. If you are interested in enhancing your Christian life with a small group please call one of the following with your questions or for further discussion: Jean and Pete Fisler, 469-6475, Kathy and Tom McPherson, 926-2792.

Lines

from

LYNETTE

**L**et’s ease into November with a few “short takes” . . .

- Did you have a big crowd of trick-or-treaters at your house? We go all out for All Hallows’ Eve, but we almost never remember the actual holiday—the next day. It’s All Saints’ or All Souls’ Day! Celebrate a belated All Saints’ Day now, by remembering someone who has nurtured you in the faith. If that person is living, you may want to call or write a note to him or her.
- I’m a big proponent of labor-saving devices. I welcome most new technology, but now, with call forwarding, call waiting, e-mail, answering machines and cellular phones everywhere, it’s getting harder than ever for me to pretend I didn’t know you called. (This truism works as well with the parties reversed, I might note!)
- Children’s literature can be really helpful in jump-starting thinking and discussion on faith issues. For example, consider any story in the *Frog and Toad* series by Arnold Lobel to give you some fresh perspective. Read *Petunia* by Roger Duvoisin as you begin thinking about folks who think they have a claim on religious truth. Pick up *The Tenth Good Thing About Barney* by Judith Viorst to stimulate a family discussion about life, death, and beyond.
- I find I’m able to spend the most concentrated periods of time in prayer when I’m cleaning out the refrigerator or washing dishes. I can be fairly certain no one will interrupt me in those pursuits.
- Have you used an Advent calendar in your home in recent years? Try one this season—you still have plenty of time! I’m thinking of the paper ones that have doors or windows to open each day. Using the Advent calendar helps heighten the sense of waiting and preparation that the Advent period is all about.

More organized musings next month (maybe)!

Grace and peace,

Lynette

(Bazaar continued)

Montgomery County charities now depend heavily on the number of people who attend.

So, as the bazaar approaches, give some thought to friends and neighbors you can invite. Here are some suggestions for potential patrons:

- Parents and grandparents will discover a marvelous selection of creative toys and other gifts for children.
- Young people “setting up house keeping” will find scores of exquisite ornaments at bargain prices.
- Collectors of items ranging from Santa Claus figurines and angels to Noah’s arks will be thrilled.
- Neighbors who enjoy their gardens will love our original topiaries, birdfeeders, and statuary.
- People seeking gifts for family members who are “difficult to buy for” in stores will find unique gifts to solve their problem.

Also, invite them to join us for coffee and cinnamon buns beginning at 9:00 a.m. or for brunch between 10:30 and 1:30. The bazaar closes at 4 p.m.

Don’t forget we’ll be adding a silent auction this year. It will feature items ranging from antiques and vacations to paintings by talented artists such as Camille Kendall, whose work is

currently on exhibit at the Sumner School.

Attendance at PPC’s Holiday Bazaar has been growing every year, and—with your help—we expect to set another record this year.

**Call for help**

Pat King will need bakers and veggie choppers to help make quiches for the brunch. Times: Wednesday, November 9, at 11:00 a.m. and Thursday and Friday, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Location: the PPC kitchen. Call her at 340-0456.

**Mission**

The recipients of PPC’s 1994 Holiday Bazaar will once again include The Lord’s Table, a Gaithersburg soup kitchen operated entirely by volunteers from churches of all faiths. With donated food, it serves an average of 50 people a day. Social workers and counselors also help guests with needs that include shelter, clothing, and medication.

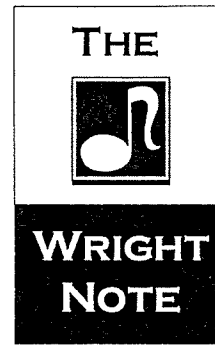


**Bazaar Brunch**

Greenbriar quiche  
or  
Chicken salad stuffed pita

Green salad with raspberry vinaigrette and fruit garnish

Cookies



I am continually refreshed by the number of talents our church members display. Among our choirs, I have discovered many gifts besides the apparent musical blessing. One of these falls into the literary category. Read for yourselves the following note which one of our own musicians left in my church mailbox:

“The Orchestration of a Choir

Without orchestration, a choir is not complete. The conductor integrates voices into powerful song, but she needs these voices—yours and mine. If one section is missing, the conductor has problems. We must act in concert. The depth of our performance on Sunday mornings rests with the “supporting cast.” See you at practice on Thursday evening!”

This perceptive singer must know the urgency I feel as we begin rehearsals for the Advent and Christmas season. Singers and ringers, each week is an important event. I, too, look forward to sharing the Sunday morning, thursday evening rehearsals and Sunday worship experiences with each of you.

See you at practice!  
Cindy

**ADOPT A STUDENT**

Sunday, November 20, Matthew Teel will be introduced to the congregation at the worship service. Matthew is a first year student at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. Through our mission committee we will be helping support theological education at Union and personalizing our relationship by “adopting a student.”

Matthew and his wife, Beth, will visit a number of times throughout the school year, which will give us an opportunity to get to know them. At the same time, they will be able to share in the life of our congregation as part of the preparation for ministry.

The Teels will arrive on Saturday afternoon, November 19, and there are two opportunities available for hosting them.

- A family to host them overnight
- A family to have a small dinner for 8 to 10 people on Saturday evening.

Please contact Pastor Stoltzfus if you would like to sign up for one of these opportunities.



*The greatest waste in the world is the difference between what we are and what we could be.*

*Ben Herbster*



# for **Y** and about **YOUTH**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

Middle Schoolers will begin their book drive for homeless children in November. They hope to collect lots of new and used books (in top condition) to be distributed to area family shelters. Be on the lookout for more details about how and when you may donate books!

November

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| 6  | <b>Mystery Dinner</b> at church, 4:30-6:00 p.m.  |
| 13 | <b>Afternoon on the Mall in DC</b> <u>Permission slips required.</u> Meet at, and return to, Bethesda metro, 1:00-5:00 p.m.          |
| 20 | <b>Games, good friends, &amp; pizza!</b> Middle Schoolers will bring their favorite board games from home, at church, 4:30-6:00 p.m. |
| 27 | <b>Thanksgiving weekend</b><br>No youth group meeting  |

## SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP

November

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| 6  | <b>Questions You Always Wanted to Ask</b> at church, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  |
| 13 | <b>Board games &amp; great food</b> at Best-Schwan home, 10212 Gary Rd., Potomac, 6:30-8:00 p.m.                       |
| 20 | <b>"Pet" visit to an area nursing home</b> <u>Permission slips required.</u> Watch for details on this! 6:30-8:00 p.m. |
| 27 | <b>Thansgiving weekend</b><br>No youth group meeting   |

### It's very Common

Three out of the four in each group below have something in common in Bible content. Eliminate the odd one. What do the other three have in common?

1. The Lost Coin, The Mustard Seed, the Persistent Widow, Feeding the Five Thousand
2. Bethany, Jerusalem, Judea, Bethlehem
3. James, Paul, Peter, John
4. Lydia, Priscilla, Phoebe, Rebekah

For help: (1) Luke 9:10-17; 13:18,19; 15:8-10; 18:1-8 (2) Map of Palestine in Jesus' times (3) Matt. 10:2-4; Acts 13:9 (4) Gen. 24:29; Acts 16:14; 18:2; Rom. 16:1

## First Annual Christmas House Tour

Keep your calendar open for the first annual Christmas House Tour being planned for December 11, 1994. There will be four or five locations of Christmas charm welcoming the members and guests of Potomac Presbyterian Church in the early evening from 5:00 to 6:00. Reservations will be taken following church service, Sunday, November 29 and December 4, or by calling Gloria Leber, 340-9844. There will be a nominal charge which will be donated to mission projects.

### "Deck the halls with boughs of holly Fa la la la la la la la la"

Join us for fun, fellowship, and great food, Saturday morning, December 3, at 9:00 a.m., to decorate the church for the yuletide season. Bring wirecutters, staplers, scissors, hot glue guns, etc. if you have them. For more information, call Kathy McPherson, 926-2792.



## Christmas International House

December 19-January 2

Now is the best time to start thinking about how you will share your Christmas holidays. In the Gaithersburg area, Christmas International House will entertain 15 to 20 foreign students from December 19 to January 2, and we will need host families, as well as help with three planned trips, extra meals, etc. CIH provides an opportunity for families to demonstrate and to share the real meaning of Christmas. Dialogue and exchange of ideas characterize the program—peace-making at the grass roots level.

If you can house a student for one or two weeks, or if you can help in any other way, please let us know early in November. We would like to have all arrangements made before Thanksgiving. For further information, call Fran Ligler, evenings, (301) 983-3482, Eleanor Munch, 926-3728, or Barbara Clark, 279-9572.

► **Watch your bulletins** for notice of our annual sale of poinsettia.



## BALLOONS ARE EVERYWHERE AT PPC THIS MONTH! Just what does it signify?

**Y**es, there have been the predictable jokes. I won't tell you my new nickname, but if you ask someone from the finance committee, they'll probably share it with you!

But behind all the color, there is real meaning to both our balloons and the theme of this year's stewardship campaign, "Claim the Vision."

The 1990's are a time in which we, as committed Christians, are seeking to deal faithfully with the challenging realities facing the church in the closing years of the 20th century. It is a time in which we are called to enable the church to identify and embrace new possibilities for ministry as the 21st century approaches.

It is also a time in the life of Potomac Presbyterian when we are changing and growing and, being blessed with good fortune, have a need to chart new courses that will shape the future of our church.

And so, when we say "Claim the Vision," we're saying it is time to develop a vision of what we want to become. It is time to explore new perspectives on Christian stewardship. It is time to reach for new heights in our programs and service. It is time to search out new ways our church can impact our community, our world, and our own lives.

Within the last week or so, we've asked each of you—during worship, in Sunday School, or in a special mailing—to fill out a vision and gratitude card, giving us your thoughts on our current and future ministry. We'll share the results with you in a few weeks.

And during the next few weeks, we'll be using a short time during worship to talk about our visions and achievements in local and world mission and in our congregational life. I think you'll be excited by what you hear.

In a society in which we often feel helpless to impact the many problems that beset us, it is truly gratifying to realize what we can achieve by working together as a community of faith.

Then on Commitment Sunday, November 23, when we are all asked to bring our pledge cards, we will celebrate together. (Yes, there'll be more balloons, one for each child, and for adults as well.) It will be a celebration and a thank you to all of you who make Potomac Presbyterian what it has become and will be.

May you enjoy the color and fun of the next few weeks and become excited by the limitless possibilities on our horizon. Let's "Claim the Vision" together!

Diane Chapin, 1995 Stewardship Chairman

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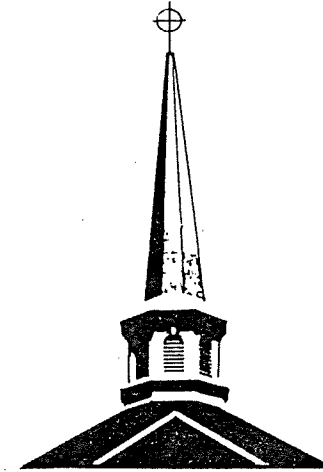
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### Kerry On . . .

Why do we come back to the **CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** every year?

The "faithful" who come to church almost every Sunday are here. They expect more of the same (Good News), they never seem to get enough. They know the story backwards and forward; some of them could probably tell it better than the preacher. Christmas Eve is different somehow, the hushed stillness, the candlelight, the music and the incredible news that in that one tiny baby in a manger God invested the totality of his love. God just pulled out all the stops and made a baby.

The "lapsed Presbyterians," many of them children of the faithful, are here. Something draws them, and it is more than just Mom and Dad's expectation that the family will sit together on Christmas Eve. They too want more, more than the fast paced whirl of career and more than you can find at the Mall. The endless round of parties begin to lose a certain luster. Events of the past year conspire to bring them face to face with mortality and other big questions. Perhaps this year they say, "the story will be for me," and Christmas will be a spiritual gift.

The "reluctant seekers" are here, cajoled into coming by spouse, or family or friend. They see no need for the church, especially the institution called church. They ask themselves, however, in a quiet moment, "What if it is true?" And they wait to hear the story again. Perhaps the preacher will put a new twist on the narrative.

Maybe this time it will make sense.

All are welcome of course! I'll see you **Christmas Eve**.

Lines

from

LYNETTE

Our son, Jake, will be 20 months old on Christmas Day. My husband and I will soon have to decide whether Jake will go see Santa at the mall this year. For years before Jake was born, I swore I would never introduce my children to the idea of Santa. Now, as a parent, I equivocate. The commercialism of Santa still rankles, but I remember how magical and wonderful Christmas morning was to me as a child: with my family, walking into the living room in the pre-dawn darkness, with only Christmas tree lights twinkling, to see what Santa had left me.

The Santa myth is fun. It's part of the holiday season. It was important to me as a child, and I don't remember forgetting about Jesus' birth. On the other hand, I regret that gifts from Santa (which were always exactly what I wanted) overshadowed well-intentioned, thoughtful, and less expensive gifts from friends and relatives (which often weren't what I wanted). I regret remembering Jesus' birth simply and worship-fully on Christmas Eve and then celebrating Santa's arrival with excess on Christmas Day. I regret the noisy "give me, give me" mentality of the Santa myth prevailing over the quiet, "I gave for you" of God.

How can Ray and I, as Christian parents, make a sane and sensible path through the ideological and traditional muddle? I don't have an answer yet. I hope that, through the years, our family can recover the tradition behind Santa Claus: the tradition of St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who gave gifts generously and secretly to persons in need. I would like us to focus on giving, rather than receiving; to focus on the needs and wants of others rather than our own wants.

God's Christmas gift to us, perhaps not what we want, but certainly what we need, is a Savior. Without bright paper and bows, our gift arrives wrapped in plain cloth, lying in a manger. It's hard for Jesus to be noticed in Santa's technicolor world, but I want Jake to rejoice over God's gift on Christmas morning, not Santa's. God gave: for you, for me, for Jake.

Sharing God's gift with you,

*Lynette*

who attended Wood Acres Elementary School and Bullis Prep. While at Walt Whitman High School, he received the Duncan Will Memorial Award and was All America in swimming. Upon graduation from the University of South Carolina (where he was a scholarship athlete), he became a stockbroker for Johnson Lemon & Co, and then transferred to Legg Mason. Currently, he is R.V.P. for New England Mutual Funds. Among his hobbies are swimming, golf, tennis and boating. Alex grew up in Venezuela and Argentina and later lived in Wilton, Connecticut. Her family spent summers at Martha's Vineyard. She attended Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, where she studied psychology and gerontology. In her spare time, Alex enjoys photography, reading, and tennis (she was on the tennis team at Hood). The Klins have an eight month old son, Richard Ashton Kline. Richard and Alex are the brother and sister-in-law of Brad and Ardis Kline, members of PPC. *(Deacon: Millie Gimer)*

**Mrs. Alexander Ling (Mary)**

909 Willow Leaf Way, Rockville, MD 20854, 294-6388

Mary comes by reaffirmation of faith. The second of 8 children, Mary grew up in Bridgeport, Connecticut. She graduated from the University of Baltimore and Yale-New Haven Hospital School of Ultrasound Technology. She is a free-lance sonographer specializing in obstetrics/gynecology. Her husband, Alexander, is a radiologist at NIH. The Lings have a year old daughter, Katherine. In her spare time, Mary enjoys reading, sewing, and quilting. *(Deacon: Betty Yadlosky)*

**Mrs. George McMillen (Patricia)**

7815 Whiterim Terrace, Potomac, MD 20854, 299-8771

Pat comes by transfer from Bethesda United Methodist Church. she was born and reared in Millsboro, Delaware. She graduated from Goldey Beacom College and lived in Wilmington, Delaware until moving to Maryland 15 years ago. She served as president of the Parents Association of the Bullis School, where son, Brett, attended. Brett graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and now lives in Colorado. Pat serves on the Development Committee of St. Andrew's Episcopal School, attended by her son, Blair, who is now at the University of Maryland. In June, 1994, Pat resigned as volunteer coordinator of the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Washington where she implemented the first volunteer program for the organization. Presently, she enjoys the flexibility of being a "temp" for a local employment agency. A widow, Pat's hobbies include music, reading, and floral arranging. Pat is a member of the PPC choir. *(Deacon: Melanie Mason)*

# WELCOME

t o o u r n e w m e m b e r s

The following new members were received by the Session, Sunday, November 6, 1994. We welcome these new families into the fellowship of our church.

## **Gerald Hajarian**

12368 Sweetbough Court, North Potomac, MD 20878, 977-2240

Jerry comes by reaffirmation of faith. He was born and reared 20 miles south-east of Boston in Brockton, Massachusetts and attended Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Allied Sciences and Boston University. Jerry, whose wife, Rosemary, died in 1986, has two children: Michelle, 23, who lives in Oakland, California, and Edward, 21, who lives in St. Augustine, Florida. Jerry's work as a compliance officer for the Food & Drug Administration includes preparing cases against doctors, drug firms, and methadone programs for prosecution by the Justice Department. In his spare time, Jerry enjoys traveling, biking, playing tennis and golf, reading, and stamp collecting.

*(Deacon: Charlie Brooks)*

## **Mr. and Mrs. Goeh Jung (Young Kim)**

7000 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817, 365-5350

Both Goeh and Young come by reaffirmation of faith. Goeh and Young were born and grew up in Seoul, Korea, and both are presently working as research scientists at NIH in Bethesda. Goeh has a PhD from Oklahoma State University. His father is an elder and his mother (now deceased) was a deacon in their Korean church. Goeh has three sisters: one in Seoul, one in Auckland, New Zealand, and one in South Windsor, Connecticut. Young is the oldest daughter of five children. Goeh's hobbies include gardening, hiking, and listening to classical music; he plays the piano and flute.

*(Deacon: Gail Cannon)*

## **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kline (Alex)**

12008 Whippoorwill Lane, North Bethesda, MD 20852, 468-5758

Richard comes by transfer from Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, and Alex comes by reaffirmation of faith. Richard is a fourth generation Washingtonian,



## ***Christmas House Tour***

December 11, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

We'll gather at the homes of Thomas and Carol Garvey, Bob and Cheryl King, Thomas and Kathy McPherson, and Gene and Wilma Sharer for a touch of Christmas warmth and charm. There will be a \$2.50 per person donation which will go toward mission projects. Sign-up will be in the church narthex. Please contact Barbara Barthelman or Gloria Leber for further information.

## ***Caroling and Caroling Party***

December 18

Caroling will begin at 4:00 p.m. at Manor Care and then go on to Collingswood. Following the caroling, we will go to the home of Camille and Cliff Kendall for the caroling party. Each person is requested to bring a gag exchange gift. Sign-up will be taken for food assignments in the church narthex. Please see Gloria Leber for more information.

## **Come dine with us, join old friends and new**

Dine With Nine is about to begin another successful season. Many of us have found this to be 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 home.

Dinners will begin in January and continue through April. Those who register by calling the church, 299-6007, 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 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.

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

We need your names by December 18, 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.

# Adult Christian Education

## Adult Seminar

The first two Sundays in December, those who have been attending the Sunday morning Adult Seminar will join with others of all ages for special and traditional events.

December 4 **Williamsburg Breakfast**

December 11 **Intergenerational Advent Celebration**

December 18 **"Hymns of Advent"** presented by Mary Cathey

Adult Seminar meets at 9:45 a.m. for a special seasonal program. Mary Cathey is a certified Christian educator who served as director of Christian education at Potomac Presbyterian Church from 1977 to 1983. Mary is a poet, and some of her poems set to music are in *The Presbyterian Hymnal*. Her presentation will feature some of the theology and history of hymns and will include participation by the class.

December 25 **No class.** Worship at 11:00 a.m. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

## Call to Small Groups

Thanks to those who responded to the announcement in the November *Steeple to People* that some of us were interested in forming "Koinonia" or "Covenant" groups to begin in January. The usual format is for the groups to meet in each other's home once or twice a month for study, prayer, and sharing/fellowship. Participation can be enriching. Call Jean or Pete Fidler, 469-6475 or Kathy or Tom McPherson, 926-2792, for questions or discussion, or fill out the form below and put it in Adult Education box in church office.

I/WE ARE INTERESTED IN A SMALL GROUP IN 1995

NAME(S) \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

## HELP NEEDED

We need some people who would be willing to give some time, once a year, to prepare for communion. It is a very rewarding experience. Two people work together. Please call Ruth Lincoln, 340-0760

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## In Our Family



### ***We keep in our prayers . . .***

Victor Minter, recuperating at home  
Mary Dickinson, who has been in the hospital  
The Lew Chapin family—Lew's nephew died recently

### ***Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .***

Renee and Jim Jochum, who celebrated their tenth anniversary, November 17

### ***We rejoice in the birth of . . .***

Michelle Hannah, daughter of Young Kim and Goeh Jung, born November 15

### ***We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .***

Richard Ashton, son of Richard and Alex Kline, November 13, 1994  
Stephen Joseph, son of Patricia and Rob Kirchner, November 27, 1994

*A fund-raising event as successful as our 1994 Holiday Bazaar requires some people to work many hours—and many, many people willing to help a little.*

*More than 150 of you were involved in some way. Because of your generosity, the bazaar brought in \$16,000 donated to: Rainbow Place, a homeless women's shelter in Rockville; Stepping Stones Shelter for homeless families with children; The Lord's Table, a Gaithersburg soup kitchen; and Montgomery Hospice Society, which helps the terminally ill and their families.*

*The bazaar committee gave countless hours to planning the bazaar. My heartfelt thanks to Co-chairperson Miriam Conley, Pat King, Mildred Rowan, Shirley Tietjen, Mary Ann Cookerly, Linda Miller, Peggy Hawley, Carol Clouse, Margie Bedingfield, Renee Jochum, and Betty Yadlosky.*

*Thanks also go to members who donated items for the silent auction. The addition of the auction was a major reason that this year's proceeds set a record. And thanks, too, to those of you who baked goods and food for the brunch; those efforts alone raised more than \$1,000.*

*To those who sliced, diced, rolled out gingerbread, worked on projects in workshops or in their homes, waited brunch tables, toted up receipts, set up, and cleaned up, I hope you share our delight in the success of this year's bazaar.*

*Wilma Sharer, Chairperson*



The Christmas Joy Offering provides an opportunity for support to those who have faithfully served the church and for those gifts now being developed by students at racially ethnic schools: two Native American colleges, two Hispanic schools, and four historically Black colleges.

The first Christmas Joy Offering was created more than 40 years ago and continues to benefit hundreds of people from the generosity of our Presbyterian congregations across the country. Won't you please consider giving on Christmas Eve.

The Mental Health Association of Montgomery County is in need of donations to assist thirty previously homeless clients in furnishing apartments. Especially needed are items such as chairs, kitchen tables, lamps, end tables. Representatives from the association are available to pick up these items. If you have items to donate or can be of assistance in any way, please call Marilyn Kresky-Wolff, 301-424-0656, ext. 106, or Wendy Moen, 301-424-0656, ext. 126.

## December Youth Fellowship

### SENIOR HIGHS

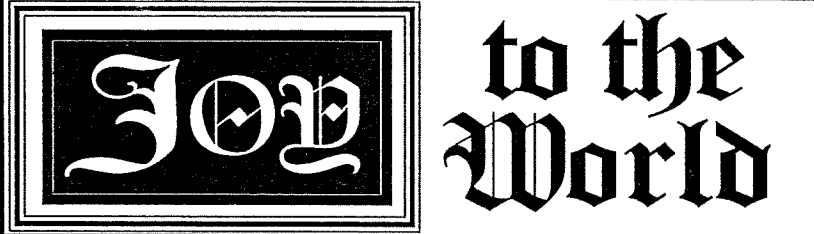
- 4 **"Shopping for Needy Children"**  
Meet at church, 7:00 a.m. (yes! in the morning!) to travel into D.C. to shop. Permission slips required. Return to church by 12:15 p.m.
- 11 **Movie and Junk Food**  
Meet at church, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
► *Bring junk food!*

### MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

- 4 **Family Christmas Traditions**  
Meet at church, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- 11 **Book Delivery**  
Meet at church and travel to a Rockville shelter to deliver the books collected during book drive. Permission slips required. 4:30-6:00 p.m.

### 18 **Christmas Caroling**

Middle schoolers, senior highschoolers and PPC adults carol at Manor Care in Potomac, 4:00p.m. Middle schoolers will go to the Atwood/Petti home for refreshments after the caroling.



November 27

## First Sunday of Advent

*Scripture readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Luke 21:25-36*

9:45 a.m.

Sunday School  
Adult Education

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP/Communion  
**“In Dulci Jubilo”**  
Sanctuary Choir Cantata, with instrumental accompaniment

December 4

## Second Sunday of Advent

*Scripture readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6*

7:00 a.m.

Senior Highs meet at church - “Shopping for Needy Children”

9:30 a.m.

**Williamsburg Breakfast**  
Bring your favorite breakfast bread or pastry to share. The Christmas gift giving program begins at the breakfast. Please consider participating. Your gift may be the only one the child receives this Christmas.

9:50 a.m.

Sunday School program through eighth grade

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP

December 10

10:00 a.m.

Rehearsal for Advent Celebration

December 11

9:45 a.m.

## Third Sunday of Advent

*Scripture readings: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Luke 3:17-18*

### An Advent Celebration

Join with PPC friends for Jesus’ Birthday Band; Jesse Tree Presentation by 2nd-5th graders; a play by the Middle School Melodramatics; Special Musical Selections; Reading from Scriptures; Advent & Christmas Carol Sing-a-long. Bring Christmas Gift-Giving Program gifts to the Celebration!

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP

5:00 p.m.

### Christmas House Tour

December 18

9:45 a.m.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Scripture readings: Micah 5:2-5; Luke 1:47-55*

Pageant rehearsal. Children meet in sanctuary. Adult Ed: “Hymns of Advent and Christmas,” Mary Cathey

11:00 a.m.

WORSHIP and PAGEANT

4:00 p.m.

### Caroling

at Manor Care and Collingswood. After caroling, adults will go to Camille and Cliff Kendall’s for a potluck supper; Middle Schoolers will go to Atwood/Petti home; Senior High party, TBA

December 24

5:00 p.m.

## Christmas Eve

*Scripture readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-14*

### Candlelight Family Service

Children’s story and carols, nursery available

7:00 p.m.

### Candlelight Communion

Nursery available

11:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion

December 25

11:00 a.m.

## Christmas Day

Informal WORSHIP celebrating Jesus’ birthday