

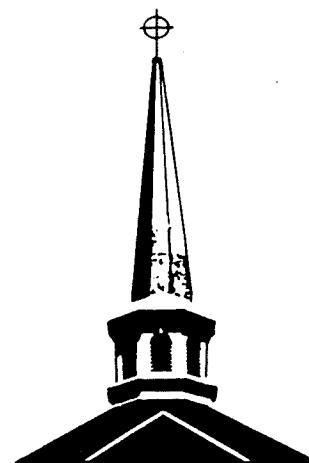
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

Don't Miss It!
**CONGREGATIONAL DINNER
AND
ANNUAL MEETING**
January 22
6:00 p.m.

Potomac Presbyterian Church
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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE
Potomac Presbyterian Church

January

1995

Kerry On . . .

Last year as the new year began, I shared with you some guides for living from the Bible. This year I have chosen guides from some of our favorite hymns. After all, it is in the hymns we sing that we give expression to faith and our assurance of God's loving care.

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Immortal, invisible, God only wise . . .

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.

We are your people, Lord, by your grace.

God is working His purpose out
As year succeeds to year . . .

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Perhaps the refrigerator door would be a good place to put these words of faith.
May God's blessings be yours in the New Year.

Hymnbook: 2, 85, 275, 385, (*Presbyterian Hymnal*: 436), 500, 358

January, February, March, April

Adult Christian Education

Adult Seminar

Those who attend the Adult Seminar meeting in the church library at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings can look forward to some stimulating programs for 1995. All will relate in some way to our theme of "Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in Others, in Self."

January

8, 15, 22

"Bonhoffer on Renewing Our Faith"

Rufus Lusk, III, ordained minister in United Church of Christ, presents a study from his book, "Life Together." (A copy of the book, which consists of devotional reflections on Christian life in community, may be obtained in advance from the church office or on first day of class.)

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Topic to be announced,

Kerry Stoltzfus, pastor, Potomac Presbyterian Church

February

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"Bringing the Bible to Bear on Moral Decisions"

Lynette Johnson, director of Christian education, Potomac Presbyterian Church

12, 19, 26

"The Radical Faith of Jesus"

Tom Miles, parish associate, Potomac Presbyterian Church

March

5, 12, 19

"Renewing Faith: in God"

"Reasons for Unbelief" (March 5)

"Nature of Unbelief" (March 12)

"Outcome of Unbelief and Belief" (March 19)

Rev. Donald Miller, president emeritus of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary



"Thank you's" for sharing your love and time

from "The Lord's Table" . . .

"Thank you, thank you to each person in the Christmas Bazaar group! What an incredible donation, four thousand dollars is a God-send at this time.

Thank you, also, for your faithful support to the Soup Kitchen over the last ten years. Blessed Christmas to all.

Thank you for your donation to the Lord's Table. Your contribution will help meet the many needs of our guests. It is the generosity of people like you that brings a touch of hope and a reflection of God's love into the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors of "The Lord's Table"

from "Rainbow Shelter" . . .

"Dear Members of Potomac Presbyterian Church,

We the staff and volunteers of Rainbow Place are overwhelmingly grateful for your contribution of \$4,000 toward the work going on at our shelter.

It is with gratitude that we commend the more than one hundred members who worked tirelessly to support your Christmas Bazaar. Volunteering time and energy supports and serves people in our community who are in need of the warmth that caring can bring.

We thank you and our clients thank you!!

You may be assured that your generous donation will be used wisely for the benefit of all.

Sincerely in Christ,

Dawn Thompson for Rainbow Place Shelter for Women"



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .

George Ligler and his family, on the death of George's father
Ed Tennent and his family, on the death of Ed's mother
Joy Schwan's mother, who is recovering from surgery in Abilene, Texas

Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .

Christina Malone and James Bussink, who were married March 10, in Annapolis, Maryland, by Rev. Kerry Stoltzfus

We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .

Nicole Bartlett Vendette, daughter of Carrie and Ben, December 4

Be A Glenkirk Counselor!

Camp Glenkirk is now accepting applications for summer camp counselors. The deadline for submitting an application is February 15, 1995.

- Qualifications:
1. lives Christian life style
 2. loves children and is motivated to enable their growth and development
 3. appreciates living in the out-of-doors
 4. would be excited to have a unique and fun summer of camping

Salary: \$1125 for summer, plus room and board

Apply: Camp Glenkirk
P.O. Box 130
Gainesville, VA 22065

Ethnic minorities are encouraged to apply.

March

26, April 2, 9 **"Renewing the Tradition of Faith"**
"The Church Fathers" (March 26)
Dewey Wallace, professor of religion, George Washington University

April

2,9 **"What Can Protestants Do With the Middle Ages"** (April 2)
"Does the Reformation Still Matter?" (April 9)
Dewey Wallace

16 **Easter**, no class

23 **"Christian Faith in a Multicultural World"**
James Reichley, author and scholar

30 **Berger Lecture**
Thomas Long, professor, Princeton Theological Seminary

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY

An Invitation to
DESSERT, COFFEE AND CONVERSATION
with

Dr. Robert Bohl, general moderator, General Assembly

Monday, January 23, 1995

8:00-10:00 p.m.

Old Presbyterian Meeting House

You are invited to meet and talk with Dr. Robert Bohl in Fellowship Hall at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Presbyterian members of Congress have also been invited.

LAST CALL FOR SIGN-UPS FOR SMALL GROUPS FORMING IN 1995

Don't miss out on the opportunity for the small group experience. Call Jean Fisler or Pete Fisler, 469-6475, or Kathy or Tom McPherson, 926-2792, to join with a "Koinonia," or "Covenant," group for sharing and study together in one another's homes. Those who have participated in these groups are enthusiastic and encourage you to participate.

**Lines
from
LYNETTE**

January is a good time for a new beginning, and this January, PPC is beginning an adult BASIC Bible study. Did you catch the emphasis on the work BASIC? This class is designed for folks who:

- were sick the year Sunday School was offered;
- feel they're old enough to know better;
- suspect that Passover may relate to promotion time at work;
- would wash their kid's mouth out with soap if she said, "heilsgeschichte;"
- think Jebusite is a form of aerobic exercise.

If you're looking for an introduction to the Bible that starts at ground zero (or very close to it), this is the class for you! We're meeting on six Wednesday evenings, beginning January 18, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the library, for a beginning look at the Old Testament. Cost is \$15, for the course text. (It's recommended that both spouses of participating couples purchase a text.) Child care will be available, on request, each week, and we'll be prompt about dismissing at 9:00. There will be homework, approximately 90 minutes' worth, each week—although the course is basic, you'll have to put some effort in!

You may use the registration form (at right) to sign up, or you may call me to talk about the class. If you register by January 8th, your book will be waiting for you on the first night of class.

I think this course will be a lot of fun. No question will be too basic, and no answer will be too complicated. We'll have a good time digging in together. Join us!

Grace and peace,
Lynette

Introducing . . .

B-I-B-L-E
Bible Study

for adults

**A 6-week Introduction to
the Old Testament**

Wednesday evenings
January 18 - February 22
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Led by: *Lynette Johnson*
Director of Christian Education

Cost: \$15.00 (for course text)
Child care available each week, on request

• Drop this portion in the offering plate or return it to the church office •

**BASIC BIBLE STUDY
REGISTRATION**

Yes! I will participate! Sign me up!

Name _____

Home phone: _____

Work phone: _____



At this time of the new year, I like to take a few days to just breathe easier after the rush of the holidays and reflect upon the highlights of recent weeks. Our services and festive

occasions at Potomac Presbyterian were certainly memorable. What an example of dedicated people working together to provide the opportunities for meaningful worship and fellowship. High on that list of dedicated people are the members of the Children's Choir, the Sanctuary Choir and the Handbell Choir. Hours of regular rehearsal brought us music that lifted the hearts of everyone from November 27 through Christmas Eve. Other church members contributed exceptional musical talent at the Advent Celebration and during the Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve Communion. We all sounded so much in tune that I am tempted to suggest that PPC stands for Perfect Pitch Congregation. All I know is that we all had great fun playing and singing this Advent season. Thank you to one and all who participated. May 1995 find even more of you discovering your musical talents and joining one of our choirs. Please contact me at the church or at home to discuss those options.

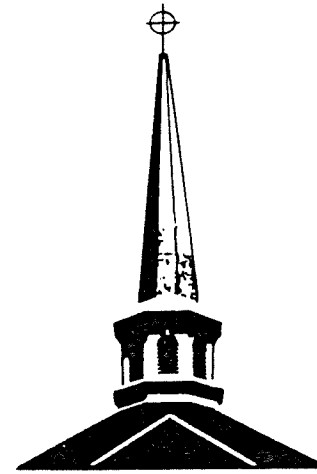
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Phone: 299-6007 or 926-7015

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"What do you do?" someone asked a pastor while he was pumping gas at a self-service station.

"I run a church," the pastor answered.

My first response is one of slight contempt. Certainly pastoring must be more than that. Although, for nearly twenty-five years I have been running a church and I try to do it well.

Gene Peterson raised this matter in his book, *The Contemplative Pastor*. He goes on to use an analogy to speak of the "more" that is pastoring. I, along with my wife, run our house. There are many essential things we routinely do, often (but not always) with joy; but running a house is not what we do. What we do is build a home, develop in marriage, raise children, practice hospitality, pursue lives of work and play.

I think I can say the same about our congregation. Running a church is not what I do. What I do, actually what we do together, is build a home. We build a place of peace and welcome, a place of growth and caring, a place to discover and share our gifts.

We are all on a spiritual journey and we have chosen to travel together. That's the rub, together means that we will have to organize, structure, facilitate, solve problems. God's plan seems to make no room for solo travelers. We just have to keep reminding ourselves that "running a church" is not the goal of Christian life, it is simply a part of what it takes to build a spiritual home.

February

★ *Confirmation Class*
February 5 - June 4
Sunday nights, 6:30-8:00

1	9:30 AM	Bible study	14	9:30 AM	Christian Living
2	12 noon	High Nooners	15	9:30 AM	Bible study
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	16	10:00 AM	Ladies tea
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir		12 noon	High Nooners
3				6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
4				8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
			17		
			18		
5	9:00 AM	Children's Choir			
	9:45 AM	Sunday School			
	11:00 AM	Worship	19	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	12 noon	Fellowship		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	4:30 PM	MSYF			Inquirers' class
	6:30 PM	Confirmation class		11:00 AM	Worship
6	7:00 AM	Monday Connection		12 noon	Fellowship
	7:30 PM	Hymnbook comm.		3:00 PM	Manor Care
7	1:00 PM	The Lord's Table		6:30 PM	Confirmation class
8	9:30 AM	Bible study	20	8:00 PM	Session meeting
	2:45 PM	Collingswood	21		
9	12 noon	High Nooners	22	9:30 AM	Bible study
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	23	12 noon	High Nooners
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir		6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
10				8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
11			24		
			25		
12	9:00 AM	Children's Choir			
	9:45 AM	Sunday School			
		Inquirers' class	26	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	11:00 AM	Worship		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	12 noon	Parish group coffee			Inquirers' class
		MSYF- mall scavenger		11:00 AM	Worship
		hunt		12 noon	Fellowship
	6:30 PM	Confirmation class		4:30 PM	MSYF - Murder
	7:00 PM	Theatre night			Mystery
13	8:00 PM	Committee meetings		6:30 PM	Confirmation class
			27		
			28	7:30 PM	Deacons meeting



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .

Colleen Mitchel and her family
 Victor Minter, recovering from surgery, at home
 William Hotes, recovering from surgery, at home
 Cecie Phair's mother, Maude McQuaid, at Shady Grove Hospital
 Jim Underhill's mother, in the hospital
 Jane Stanton's father, to undergo by-pass surgery
 Bill Rohrbaugh's father, Austin Rohrbaugh, in Suburban Hospital
 Kay Norvell's mother, Nettie Knight, in Shady Grove Hospital
 Joy Schwan and her family, on the death of Joy's mother
 Charlie Leber and his family, on the death of Charlie's uncle

We rejoice in the birth of . . .

Brittany Nicole, daughter of Christina and James Bussink and granddaughter of Jan and Bill Malone, born January 12, 1995

Theatre Night

Join us for an evening of "Sheer Madness" at the Kennedy Center, February 12, 7:00 p.m. The group rate is \$17 per ticket. Call Alice Smith, 469-8379, for reservations.

All ladies are invited to a Daytime Ladies Coffee

10:00 a.m.
 Thursday, February 16
 at the home of Ruth Lincoln
 9008 Wooden Bridge Road, Potomac
Please call Ruth, 340-0760, if you can attend.

A CALL FROM YOUR MISSION COMMITTEE

During February and March your mission committee will be reviewing all the activities we support with our mission dollars. And we'll be looking at new projects to support. We want to be sure all our mission dollars are having a real impact, and we need to determine where our extra funds in 1995 can be used best.



Would you please identify any Christian activities you are personally involved with that we should consider supporting. Call Bob King, mission committee chairman, 330-4361, or leave the information with Flo Casper, at the church office, 299-6007. Your suggestion will be shared at our next mission committee meeting, February 13. Thanks for your help.

February

Adult Christian Education

▶ Adult Seminar

February Adult Seminar participants will enjoy the talents of two of our staff members. Both will relate their topics to our theme of "Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in Others, in Self." Sunday mornings, 9:45 a.m., in the church library.

February

5 "Bringing the Bible to Bear on Moral Decisions"
Lynette Johnson, director of Christian education

12, 19, 26 "The Radical Faith of Jesus"
Tom Miles, parish associate

▶ New parenting series

Exploring methods of instilling values in children of all ages

Dr. Matthew Petti will lead a parenting series, "How to Teach Moral Values to Children," February 26, March 5, 12, and 19, at 9:45 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Matt, a clinical psychologist at the Lab School in Georgetown, is a member of Potomac Presbyterian Church. His spring series, "Teaching Christian Values to Children," was well received.

▶ Basic Bible Study

Beginning on the ground floor

Lynette Johnson started teaching Basic Bible Study: Old Testament Introduction, January 18. This Wednesday evening class will continue through February. It is designed for those who want Bible study "beginning on the ground floor."

▶ Small Groups

Two groups formed for the Small Group/Koinonia Group/Covenant group experience and scheduled January 30 for their first meeting. If anyone is interested in joining one of the charter groups or starting a new group, please contact Pete or Jean Fisler, 469-6475, or Tom or Kathy McPherson, 926-2792.

Lines

from

LYNETTE

Some of you may remember Robert Fulghum's essay, "All I Ever Really Needed To Know I Learned In Kindergarten." Fulghum is a retired Unitarian Universalist pastor from Washington state, who gained instant popularity when Ann Landers re-printed the essay in her column. Another Washington pastor (name unknown) wrote a follow-up piece, which I'd like to share with you:

JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CHURCH PARTICIPATION I LEARNED IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

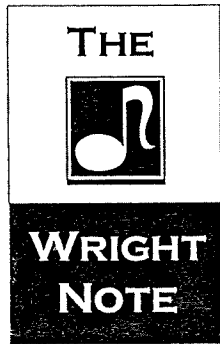
1. Be nice to visitors.
2. Whatever the teacher asks, the answer is probably Jesus.
3. Little kids need grown-ups to teach them.
4. Older grown-ups have lots of good stories.
5. Sometimes your mom or dad has to stay late after church to go to a meeting.
6. The ministers are really just regular people in robes.
7. Always bring an offering.
8. It helps when you know where things are in the Bible.
9. You go to church whether you want to or not.
10. If you polish your shoes on Saturday night, you'll be ready on time in the morning.
11. When you're mouthing the words to the hymn, remember that "O" is usually followed by "God."
12. The church building is used all week, not just on Sundays.
13. It feels good to help poor people.
14. Learning about God is more fun when they let you color or sing.
15. Everybody matters.

I invite you to come to Sunday School and learn everything you need to know!

Grace and peace, *Lynette*

Do you have a special blanket? A security blanket? A banky?

Everyone is asked to bring to church a blanket that has special meaning or significance, Blanket Sunday, February 12. The blankets will be displayed around the church for all to enjoy and share, and will be taken home after worship.



I am pleased to be serving on the hymnal selection committee, which was called by the Session to study hymnbook options for our church. Eight individuals are meeting regularly to study our

present 1955 Presbyterian Hymnbook and also the 1990 edition of the Presbyterian Hymnal. We are a diverse group in age and musical experience. But we have a unity of Christian faith which we are striving to see presented meaningfully in our hymns.

We are discovering—as countless other scholars and hymnal selection committees have—that some hymns are simply timeless in their strong texts and harmonizations. These hymns are reprinted from one edition to the next. Other hymns seem to reflect a particular era in style, language and philosophy. These hymns present a challenge to hymnal committees because of the changing relevancy to current worshippers who, through their singing, need to personally identify with the texts and musical setting. Then there is the refreshing prospect of new hymns that are being written by gifted hymn writers of the present. How can we include their contributions in our planning?

These questions, and more, confront our PPC hymnal team. Please remember that our goal is not

what book “I” want for “my” church. It is instead what book “we” recommend for “our” church in its larger affiliation with Presbyterians throughout the community, nation and the world. Keep us in your prayers as we go about doing God’s work with the limitations of human minds and hearts.

Cindy

H E L P W A N T E D		
EVERY MEMBER is invited to participate in the activities of one or more of the church committees. No experience necessary. For further information, contact one of the committee elders or the church office:		
Christian Education		
Olivia Mabeus, CH		926-8160
Chris Dowd		299-3835
Fellowship		
Margie Bedingfield, CH		299-4801
Mission		
Bob King, CH		330-4361
Jack Dart		299-6376
Outreach		
Lew Chapin, CH		983-1688
Paddy Simpson		762-0545
Property		
Bill King, CH		340-0456
Donna Mecklenburg		330-9409
Stewardship		
Chip Dickinson, CH		229-2461
Wilma Sharer		975-9411
Worship		
Cal Reid, CH		340-8142

January Youth Fellowship

Middle Schoolers

February will be great
Join us for food, friends, and fun!

A February newsletter will soon be arriving in a mailbox near you—read it to find out more!

- 5 Bible Trivia (4:30 - 6:00)
- 12 Mall Scavenger Hunt at Montgomery Mall (time TBA)
- 19 No meeting
- 26 Murder Mystery (4:30 - 6:00)

Senior Highs

What's Happening???!?

We're trying something new!
We'd like to start soon!
Here's what's going on:

Three or four **incredible, awesome, and amazing** social (**fun**) events for senior highs: **SKIING, BEACH TRIP, ETC.** These will be coordinated by parents of senior highs and information will be made available through bulletin

announcements and mailings from the church office, as well as telephone calls directly to senior highs. A parent meeting was held January 22 to set the ball rolling on these events.

A Youth Servant Team. A small group of 9th–12th graders, with two adult leaders, will determine a **MISSION** goal and seek projects to meet that goal. The Team will **design** its projects, **plan** and **implement** them, from **fundraising to hammering, or tutoring, or whatever.** Participants will determine their own meeting schedule, as needed to carry out the project(s) and reflect on their ministry and learning. ► To get moving on this, we need: **ONE MORE LEADER** – an adult male, who has a commitment to hands-on Christian mission involvement and enjoys working with teenagers. As soon as leadership is in place, we'll start actively recruiting youth members for the team.

For more information OR TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP, please call Lynette Johnson at the church.



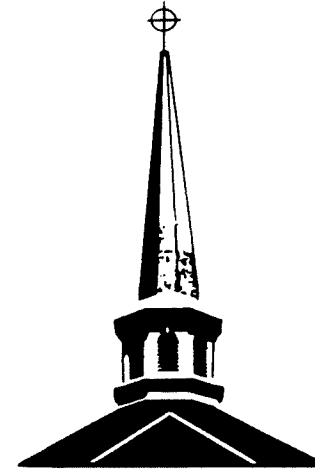
The 1995 sign-up sheet for Sunday flowers has been posted outside the church office. Please stop by and select a day to brighten the sanctuary and perhaps remember someone special.

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Kerry On . . .

“**TRUST**. Make a list of the people in your life you trust. Really trust. I’d lay a wager they’re the people you feel closest to, turn to when you need advice or solace. **TRUST**. It’s the single most important contributor to the maintenance of human relationships.”

Tom Peters, *The Pursuit of Wow!*

TRUST is also the essence of our relationship with God. The Bible is the story of how this trust is built in the interaction of God with humankind. Maybe the simplest expression of this is the words of the children’s song, “Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.” Last week we had a memorial service for Dwight Self, and his five year old daughter Hannah asked us to sing these words.

Never have I witnessed a stronger expression of **TRUST** in God. **TRUST** will be the theme of my Lenten Sermon Series beginning on March 5. We will explore this theme in the words of “The Brief Statement of Faith.” My hope is that all of us will grow in our reliance on the One we can **TRUST** in life and in death.

March

			13	8:00 PM	Committee meetings
			14	9:30 AM	Christian Living
			15	9:30 AM	Bible study
			16	Noon	High Nooners
1	9:30 AM	Bible study		6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	8:00 PM	Home communion		8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
2	Noon	High Nooners	17		
	6:30 PM	Handbells	18		
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir			
4	10 PM-8 AM	MSYF Lock-in			
			19	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
5	9:00 AM	Children's Choir		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		11:00 AM	Worship
		Inquirers Class and		Noon	Fellowship
		Session meet		3:00 PM	Manor Care
	11:00 AM	Worship/Communion		4:00 PM	Home communion
		New members received		4:30 PM	MSYF
	Noon	Fellowship		6:30 PM	Confirmation class
	6:30 PM	Confirmation class	20		<i>STOP</i> deadline
6	7:00 AM	The Monday Connection	21	8:00 PM	Session meeting
7	1:00 PM	The Lord's Table	22		
8	9:30 AM	Chevy Chase Presbyt'n	23	9:30 AM	Bible study
		Church staff retreat		Noon	High Nooners
	9:30 AM	Bible study		6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	2:45 PM	Collingswood	24	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
	8:00 PM	Home communion	25		
9	Noon	High Nooners			
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir			
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	26	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
10				9:45 AM	Sunday School
11	8:15 AM	SHYF mission project		11:00 AM	Worship
	-1:30 PM	at D.C. food bank		Noon	Fellowship
				4:30 PM	MSYF
				6:30 PM	Confirmation class
12	9:00 AM	Children's Choir		8:00 PM	Home communion
	9:45 AM	Sunday School	27	7:30 PM	Deacons meeting
	11:00 AM	Worship	28	10:00 AM	National Capital
	Noon	Fellowship			Presbytery meeting
	4:30 PM	MSYF	29	9:30 AM	Bible study
	6:30 PM	Confirmation class	30		
	8:00 PM	Home communion	31		



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .

Brittany Nicole Bussink, in the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore
 Colleen Mitchel
 Mavis Clark, recovering from surgery
 Maude McQuaid, mother of Cecie Phair, at Shady Grove Nursing Center

We rejoice in the birth of . . .

Alexandra Marie Amoroso, daughter of Rhonda and Bill Amoroso
 Christopher Crawford Sabate', son of Claire and Kurt Sabate', and grandson of Eileen and Jack Crawford.

We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .

Aaron Brett Andrews, son of Christine and Brett Andrews, February 12
 Katherine Alexandra Ling, daughter of Mary and Alexander Ling, February 19

We give thanks for the life of . . .

Elsie Hitchings, aunt of Lynette Johnson, who died February 11
 Ruth Shields, mother of Phyllis Matson, who died February 13
 Austin Rohrbaugh, father of Bill Rohrbaugh, who died February 14
 Nettie Knight, mother of Kay Norvell, who died February 16
 Dwight Self, husband of Pam, and father of Hannah, who died February 18

We commend them to the loving care of our Lord.

For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

A Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks, a hand through which Christ helps.



*You are invited
to a
Women's Spring Retreat*

Saturday, April 29, 1995

*Bishop Clagett Center
Buckeystown, Maryland*

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

*Cost: \$12
(includes lunch)*

*Plan on a relaxing, refreshing,
spiritually renewing day in the country*

*Please see Lynette Johnson for further information
or to indicate your interest in participating*

Sponsored by the Christian Living Group of Potomac Presbyterian Church

Home Communion

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

Wednesday, March 1
8:00 p.m.

Jim Underhill and Jan Cookerly*
7908 Greentree Road
Bethesda, Maryland
320-0671

Wednesday, March 8
8:00 p.m.

Milly Gimer and Betty Yadlosky*
10013 Gable Manor Court
Potomac, Maryland
983-5322

Sunday, March 12
8:00 p.m.

Ed Rudnic and Thad McDonald*
12209 Pueblo Road
Gaithersburg, Maryland
869-8294

Sunday, March 19
4:00 p.m.

Gail Cannon and Wendy Atwood Petti*
9119 Aldershot Drive
Bethesda, Maryland
469-8650

** Families with young children are
welcome. Child care will be provided.*

Sunday, March 26
8:00 p.m.

Jim Dart and Ann Barber*
9101 Clewerwall Drive
Bethesda, Maryland

** Please pick up instructions on how
to get to Ann's house in the church
office or call 469-8340. Wheelchair
access is difficult, but not impossible;
there is a staircase that needs to be
negotiated.*

Sunday, April 2
8:00 p.m.

Jackie Evans and Carol Clouse*
9308 Sprinklewood Lane
Potomac, Maryland
983-0518

*Home host

*Have you considered
remembering your church
in your will?*

**Lines
from
LYNETTE**

What are you doing with your summer? It's definitely not too early to be making plans! A number of wonderful summertime opportunities are offered through our church, denomination, presbytery and synod. I can provide you with additional information on the following:

● **Vacation Bible School**

VBS will be held HERE at PPC, June 19-23, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Classes will be offered for children, preschool—elementary ages. Directors Chris Dowd and Lynn Muys are still looking for a few good teachers, assistants, teen helpers, and other assorted folks. Call Chris, 299-3835, or Lynn, 299-2818, if you'd like to help.

● **Camp Glenkirk**

Our presbytery's camp in Gainesville, Virginia, for elementary children, middle school, and senior high youth. The camps range in length from 2 overnights for children who have completed grades 2 and 3 to two-week wilderness and canoe adventure trips for older youth. Some stayover between sessions can be arranged.

● **Chesapeake Center**

Our synod's camp at Port Deposit, Maryland, for elementary, middle school, and senior high youth. These camps are similar to those offered at Camp Glenkirk. Special activities available include a High Ropes Course for youth and English riding lessons. Some stayover between sessions can be arranged.

● **Presbyterian Mariners**

A family organization connected with our denomination is sponsoring its

Mark your calendars

Tennis Outing

April 1
8:00-midnight
at Cabin John
see Bob Best



Orioles Night

June 23
Tickets: \$15
Centerfield bleachers
by the bullpen
see Bob Best

*Community Ministry of Montgomery County
Serving the needy close to home*

Sounds of Celebration II

When: Sunday, April 23, 1995
3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Westmoreland Congregational UCC
One Westmoreland Circle
Bethesda, Maryland

What: The musical talents of area congregations:
The Mormon Choir of Washington
The Mt. Calvary Baptist Church Gospel Choir
Handbell Duet, St. Andrew Lutheran Church
Just Friends Chamber Ensemble, St. Matthew Presbyterian
Cantor David Schneyer, Am Kolel Synagogue
Tenor Douglas Gaddis, Westmoreland Congregational UCC
Pianist Doleen Hughes Zdunek, Christ Congregational Church
Excerpts from *Song of Ruth*, by John Horman, performed by
Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church

What else: Special activities for children, from 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Delicious dinner available
Original art from local artists
Silent auction

Concert ticket information: \$13/person; \$25/couple; \$7 each additional family member
Contact Mary Ann Vineyard, (301) 762-8682, ext. 100, or Sondra Proctor, (301) 229-7768.

March

Adult Christian Education

Adult Seminar

Our lenten series this year will be a combination of lecture and discussion, and those who attend will find intellectual and spiritual enhancement provided by two outstanding scholars.. Both will relate their topics to our theme of "Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in Others, in Self."

March 5-19 **"Renewing Faith: in God"**
Reverend Donald Miller, professor emeritus,
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
"Reasons for Unbelief" (March 5)
"Nature of Unbelief" (March 12)
"Outcome of Unbelief and Belief" (March 19)

March 26-
April 9 **"Renewing the Tradition of Faith"**
Dewey Wallace, PhD, professor of religion,
George Washington University
"The Church Fathers" (March 26)
**"What Can Protestants Do With the Middle
Ages"** (April 2)
"Does the Reformation Still Matter?" (April 9)

Parenting Class Continues March 5, 12, and 19

Exploring methods of instilling values in children of all ages

Dr. Matthew Petti began his series for parents, "How to Teach Moral Values to Children," February 26 and continues through March 19. Matt, a clinical psychologist at the Lab School in Georgetown, is a member of our congregation.

Small Groups Have Started Meeting

Two Koinonia/Covenant groups have formed and started meetings in February. These groups convene in each other's homes and leadership is shared. There is a combination of study, sharing, and prayer at each meeting. Anyone interested should call the Fislars, 469-6475, or the McPhersons, 926-2792.

57th Annual Family Conference at the University of Northern Illinois, July 30-August 3. This is a week of fellowship, worship, learning, and fun, on the theme, "Family Passages: Journeys to New Life." The conference features complete programs for children, youth, and adults. Mariners is also sponsoring a "Family Vacation" at Golden Bell in Divide, Colorado (near Pikes Peak), August 13-18.

● Family mission work events

Mariners also supports three mission events this year, with dates in April (Georgia), August (Iowa), and September (California). If you're looking for an opportunity to work and grow as a family while helping others, this is what you've been waiting for!

● The Presbyterian Youth Triennium

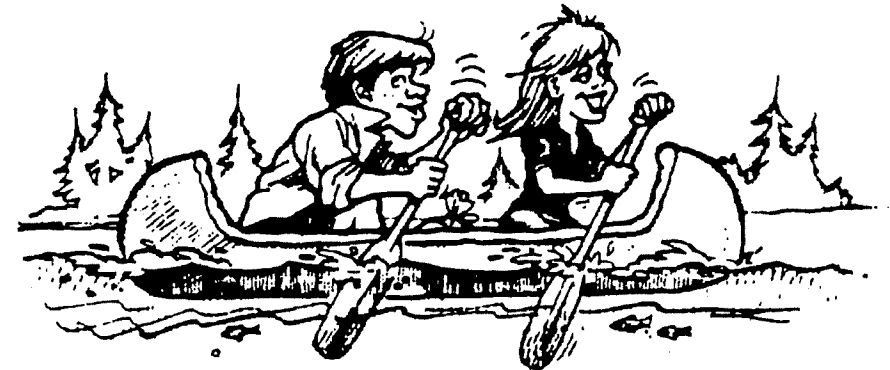
A huge youth gathering—to which over 4,000 youth from across the nation and around the world will come—will be held this year at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, July 25-30. Youth from this area travel together by chartered bus to the event.

● Work camp in Accra, Ghana

Sponsored by our denomination, August 6-20, this will provide an incredible opportunity for work, play, worship, and cultural exchange for young adults (ages 19-33). Enrollment is limited.

Happy dreams of summer!

Lynette



March Youth Fellowship

MIDDLE SCHOOLERS



Don't miss the
**Awesome
Incredible
LOCK-IN**

March 3-4, at PPC

We'll begin at 10:00 p.m., Friday, and finish by 8:00 a.m., Saturday. Bring snacks, soft drinks, and sleeping bags. Olivia Mabeus, Lynette Johnson, Jim and Renee Jochum will be "hosting" the Lock-in.

SENIOR HIGHS

We're moving into Youth Servant Team formation! The first youth mission venture will be Saturday, March 11, as PPC's Senior Highs head into Washington to sort food at the Capital Area Community Food Bank. We'll leave the church at 8:15 a.m. and return to the church, following a fast-food lunch, by 2:00 p.m.

Learn About Another Faith

12th Meet at the church, 4:30-6:00, to find out about the beliefs of the Greek Orthodox Church.

19th Meet at PPC at 9:45, to go to a Greek Orthodox worship service, followed by a Greek food lunch! Return to the church no later than 2:30 p.m. (Earlier pick-up can be arranged for youth with Sunday afternoon conflicts.)

26th Low-key VIDEO NIGHT at church, 4:30-6:00 p.m., hosted expectantly by Melanie and Scott Mason

Coming In April!

Mission Mania and Spring workday in the churchyard!

Christmas in April

Senior Highs will be assisting with the Christmas in April project, April 29, and we're discussing the possibility of a long-weekend mission trip for the summer of 1995.

Stay tuned—the news is good!

Worship is always a major event for which we plan carefully every week. Our service on March 5 will be particularly unique. It will be based entirely on our Brief Statement of Faith. As the congregation reads corporately the various sections of this statement, hymns and anthems will be positioned appropriately to enhance the recited text. The Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir and Handbell Choir have been rehearsing music that is especially meaningful. One anthem even combines handbells, flute and scriptural narration.

We in the music department are excited about the upcoming service which will begin the Lenten sermon series on the Brief Statement of Faith. Come and share the joy.

Cindy



**HELP
wanted**



We need people . . .

One-Time-Once-A-Year Job

We need people to prepare the elements for communion. Sign up with a friend or with your spouse or by yourself—we'll find you a partner. Please call Ruth Lincoln, 340-0760.



We need kids' stuff . . .

We are in need of plastic dishes, fake food, toys, puzzles, books, etc. in our Toddler & Two's room. Any donations may be dropped off in Room 3 or call Jackie Cronin for pick-up, 340-0343.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, April 2 at 11:00 a.m.

In a broken and fearful world

the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in church and culture,

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Home Communion

Jackie Evans and Carol Clouse

9308 Sprinklewood Ln

Potomac, 983-0518

PALM SUNDAY, April 9

9:45 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Education

11:00 a.m. Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Meal and Communion

EASTER, April 16

9:00 a.m. Worship. HE IS RISEN!

10:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for Children

11:00 a.m. Worship

12:00 Coffee Hour

LENT, HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Introduction

"The Brief Statement of Faith" is a contemporary expression of what Presbyterians believe and resolve to do. It's theme is trust in God and the implications of that trust for daily living. The Lenten Season is a good time to reconsider what it is we believe and what we understand that God is calling us to do. We will begin on the first Sunday of Lent with a special service in which we will affirm the entire statement. Anthems, hymns, and special music will be incorporated to enhance the affirmation. On the following Sundays the sermons will be based on a portion of the statement as outlined below. You are invited to read and think about the text as you prepare for worship each Sunday.

ASH WEDNESDAY, March 1 at 8:00 p.m.

Home Communion

Jim Underhill and Jan Cookerly

7908 Greentree Road

Bethesda, 469-9038

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, March 5

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

A Service of Music, Communion and Reflection on *The Brief Statement of Faith*

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 at 8:00 p.m.

Home Communion

Milly Gimer and Betty Yadlosky

10013 Gable Manor Ct

Potomac, 983-5322

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT, March 12 at 11:00 a.m.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

Home Communion, 3/12/95 at 8:00 p.m.

Thad McDonald and Ed Rudnic

12209 Pueblo Road

Gaithersburg, 869-8294

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, March 19 at 11:00 a.m.

We trust in God,

whom Jesus called Abba Father.

In overeign love God created the world good

and makes everyone equally in God's image,

male and female, of every race and people,

to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,

accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature,

and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

*the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.*

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel

from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,

God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,

God is faithful still.

Home Communion, 3/19/95 at 4:00 p.m.

Gail Cannon and Wendy Atwood Petti

9119 Aldershot Dr

Bethesda, 469-8650

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, March 26 at 11:00 a.m.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,

sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,

and binds us together with all believers

in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit

who inspired the prophets and apostles

rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,

engages us through the Word proclaimed,

claims us in the waters of baptism,

feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

Home Communion, 3/26/95 at 8:00 p.m.

Jim Dart and Ann Barber

9101 Clewerwall Dr

Bethesda, 469-8340

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Working together since 1949, Christians from many denominations in the United States have raised hundreds of millions of dollars for emergency relief, refugee assistance, and development aid in more than 70 countries around the world, including the United States and Canada.

Give help. Give hope. Give life.

...we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

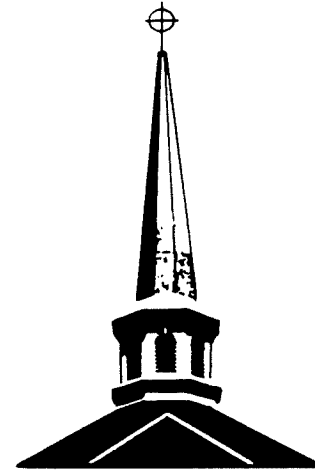
Romans 12:5

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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Potomac Presbyterian Church

April

1995

THE FREDERICK E. BERGER LECTURE

PRESENTS

PROFESSOR THOMAS G. LONG

SUNDAY APRIL 30, 1995

9:45 ADULT EDUCATION, 11:00 WORSHIP

Dr. Long is Francis Landey Patton Professor of Preaching and Worship at Princeton Theological Seminary. He is the author of numerous books, including *The Senses of Preaching* and *Preaching and the Literary Forms of the Bible*, and he is in great demand worldwide as a preacher and teacher of preaching. He will speak at the 9:45 hour in Fellowship Hall and preach at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. We are grateful he is able to be with us for this very special event.

Whenever preachers gather to learn to preach more effectively and faithfully today, Tom long will likely be the first choice to lead the event. He is uniquely gifted as a preacher and with the ability to teach others how to proclaim God's Word in our contemporary culture.

The third Frederick E. Berger Memorial Lecture is presented by Potomac Presbyterian Church in memory of Fred who joined our congregation in early 1985 and died in 1988 after a long and gallant battle with cancer. Fred was committed to adult education and especially the study of contemporary issues from a theological perspective. His wife, Dr Zidi Berger, and their sons, Christian and Jonathan, are members of our congregation. **Mark your calendars for April 30!**

April

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1	9:00 AM-noon	Cleanup MSYF helps clean up	16		Easter - no Sunday School No Children's Choir
	8:00 PM-midnight	Tennis		9:00 AM	Worship
2	9:00 AM	Children's Choir		10:00 AM	Coffee hour
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		10:30 AM	Easter egg hunt
	11:00 AM	Worship		11:00 AM	Worship
	Noon	Fellowship	17	Noon	Coffee hour
	4:30 PM	MSYF - Food & Friends	18		
	6:30 PM	Confirmation class	19	9:30 AM	No Bible study
	8:00 PM	Home communion (Evans/Clouse)	20	Noon	High Nooners
3	7:00 AM	The Monday Connection		6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
4	1:00 PM	The Lord's Table	21	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
5	9:30 AM	Bible study	22	Noon	Middle School Presbytery Youth Retreat
6	Noon	High Nooners			
	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	23	9:45 AM	Sunday School
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir		11:00 AM	Worship
7				Noon	Fellowship
8		Rain date - cleanup		3:00 PM	Manor Care
	11:00 AM	Children's Choir practice		6:30 PM	Confirmation class
9	9:00 AM	Children's Choir	24	7:30 PM	Deacons/Session meeting
	9:45 AM	Sunday School	25		
		Festival, K-5	26	9:30 AM	Bible study
	11:00 AM	Worship	27	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	Noon	Fellowship	28		
	4:30 PM	MSYF - workday	29	8:30 AM	Women's Retreat
	6:30 PM	Confirmation class		- 5:00 PM	Claggett Center Christmas in April
10	8:00 PM	Committee meetings	30	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
11	9:30 AM	Christian Living		9:45 AM	Sunday School
12	9:30 AM	Bible study		11:00 AM	Worship - Berger Lecture
	2:45 PM	Collingswood		Noon	Fellowship
	8:00 PM	Outreach		4:30 PM	MSYF - Tasty
13	7:00 PM	Maundy Thursday Dinner/communion/worship			Progressive Dinner
14				6:30 PM	Confirmation class

as a US Army chaplain for almost 4 years, and is presently working as a counselor. Her special interests are on the creative side of painting and music.

Deacon: Jackie Evans

Elizabeth A. Gard

12861 Travilah Road, Potomac, MD 20854
301-977-2187

Elizabeth comes by reaffirmation of faith. She grew up in the small town community of Bogalusa, Louisiana, where her father was a country doctor. Elizabeth has lived in Montgomery County and practiced veterinary medicine and human disease research for the past sixteen years. Her veterinary practice work relates primarily to horse care. For fourteen years, Elizabeth was actively engaged in research related to the development of a vaccine for AIDS as well as the study of the disease process. She left this project last year to participate in a policy position as a special consultant to the National Institutes of Health.

Deacon: Gail Cannon

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin McShea (Kathie)

631 Blossom Drive, Rockville, MD 20850
301-251-2628

Kevin comes by reaffirmation of faith and Kathie comes by transfer from the Paoli Presbyterian Church, Paoli, Pennsylvania. Kathie was born in Rochester, New York, and grew up in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. After graduating from the University of Delaware, she worked at Marriott Corp. as a financial analyst and went on to get her MBA at GWU. Kathie enjoys camping, hiking, traveling and skiing (water & snow). Kevin was born in Silver Spring and grew up in the Bethesda area, attending St. Bartholomews, Plye Jr. High and Walt Whitman High School. He graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in business administration (finance) and is now a commercial real estate broker with Julian J. Studley, Inc. In his spare time, Kevin enjoys traveling and men's league softball, basketball and football. As a boy, he was very active in Boys Clubs and he has an interest in the youth programs of our church. The McSheas have two children, Erin and Allison.

Deacon: Jan Cookerly

Don't forget that people will judge you by your actions, not your intentions. You may have a heart of gold—but so does a hard-boiled egg.

W E L C O M E

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

The following new members were received by the Session on Sunday, March 5, 1995. We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Rhonda Amoroso

15601 Gooseberry Court, N. Potomac, MD 20878
301-216-2820

Rhonda comes by reaffirmation of faith. She was born in Columbus, Georgia, but grew up in Phenix City, Alabama, and she received her degree in early childhood education from Auburn University. Rhonda is currently on leave of absence from Montgomery County Schools but plans to return to the teaching field when her children are older. Rhonda's husband, Bill, is a veterinarian at Falls Road Veterinary Hospital. The Amorosos have two daughters, Elizabeth Chandler and Alexandra Marie. In their spare time, Rhonda and Bill enjoy golf, tennis, snow skiing and animals.

Deacon: Ed Rudnic

Kathy Appleby

12108 Drews Court, Potomac, MD 20854
301-977-6689

Kathy comes by reaffirmation of faith. She relocated to this area from Southern California about 1 1/2 years ago. Kathy is in sales with Bell Atlantic Mobile. She has two daughters, Blake and Paige, who are both very talented in the field of music. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys running; she used to be a marathon runner.

Deacon: Gail Cannon

Georgette Mongaya-Beltran

9117 Fall River Lane, Potomac, MD 20854
301-299-7917

Georgette comes as an affiliate member. She grew up in the Philippines where she studied in an American-founded university which was supported by Presbyterian missions; she received a divinity degree in pastoral counseling. In the United States, she continued her studies in religion at Vanderbilt University and completed a master's degree in counseling at Peabody College. She worked



**Christmas in April
Project Day**

Saturday, April 29, 1995

This is one of Potomac Presbyterian Church's hands-on mission projects to assist a family in our local community. Jim Jochum has volunteered to serve as House Captain for this year's project which involves repairing and painting a house in Rockville. Additional information and volunteer sign-up will be offered in the next few weeks. Please contact Jim Jochum, 309-0235, or Jim Dart, 279-2061, if you have any questions.

**Singles Retreat
At Camp Glenkirk**

The weekend of May 5-7

Sponsored by The Singles Ministry Committee of National Capital Presbytery. Retreat leader: Ruth Murray, Minister to Singles at Pine Valley Baptist Church, in Wilmington, North Carolina. Canoeing and hiking during free time. Group cabins, six great meals. \$75.00. For information call Neal Ostlund, 703-532-2721, or Vicky at NCP, 202-244-4762.

Mother-Daughter Banquet

Friday, May 12
6:30 p.m.

"Aloha" all Mothers and Daughters!

"Mother's Day in Paradise" promises to be a fun-filled evening, so be sure to sign up early. Entertainment will be provided by "The Tu Tu's," a group of hula dancing GRANDMOTHERS!! Kathy McPherson is chairing the event this year. Sign up at church April 23, 30, and May 7 or call Kathy, 926-2792, to reserve your spot!

Adults: \$10

Children 12 and under: \$5

New Hymnbook

The Hymnbook Committee has been meeting regularly since January. Charged to address the question of our aging hymnals and to make a recommendation to the Session, we have reviewed a variety of hymnals published in the last few years.

Mary Cathey met with us to discuss the new *Presbyterian Hymnal*, several committee members attended a workshop led by Bev Bailey and John Horman as part of the Boldly Go!! celebration.

As we move forward, feel free to contact any of the committee members: Marcia Boogaard, Chair; Cal Reid; Shirley Tietjen; Derek Smith; Jon Hawley; Cindy Wright; Lynn Muys; and Kerry Stoltzfus, ex officio.

March Youth Fellowship

Senior Highs Are At It Again!

- Another mission project – maybe three! PPC's senior highs will DEFINITELY be taking part in the **CHRISTMAS IN APRIL** workday on Saturday, April 29. This is especially important, because it will give senior highs an opportunity to practice their (outstanding?) construction skills for our summer mission weekend.
- We are exploring the possibilities of a summer mission weekend with **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** in either Garrett County, Maryland (the mountains) or near Salisbury, Maryland (the shore). More details on this will be forthcoming right away! To make this happen, we need not only interested senior highs, but also interested adults with some construction know-how. Sound like fun, anyone? Please call or see Lynette Johnson at your earliest convenience.
- The other possible mission event is a day with **BORDER BABIES AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**. A few of our senior highs are working on details for this, and a flyer will go out to all senior highs as soon as we know more.

STAY TUNED! Good things are happening with PPC's senior highs!

Middle School April Mania

- Saturday, April 1
Middle Schoolers will participate in the **SPRING CHURCH WORKDAY**. Jim and Renee Jochum will be hosting this event. Please see information elsewhere in this *Steeple to People* for the workday's times.
- Sunday, April 9
An **AMAZINGLY FUN AND CLEVER** afternoon is in store—at the church, 4:30 - 6:00. Watch your mailbox for the April youth newsletter and details on this program.
- Sunday, April 16
Easter Sunday! Come during the first service to **HELP HIDE EASTER EGGS** for the little kiddles. No afternoon program.
- Saturday - Sunday
April 22-23
Our **PRESBYTERY'S JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT**. Information about this went out in the March youth newsletter. Registration deadline is April 10, so get those papers in!
- Sunday, April 30
It's our **TREMENDOUS, TASTY PROGRESSIVE DINNER!** Olivia Mabeus is organizing this event, so you know it will be great. Come with an empty stomach!

There is no fee for previous participants. New participants should call Lynette Johnson at the church to register, so that sufficient course texts may be ordered. Cost for the course text, *A Guide to the Old Testament*, is \$15.00.

Koinonia/Covenant Groups

Two groups are meeting twice a month for study, sharing and prayer. Some fascinating discussions have been taking place. If you are interested, call the Fislars, 469-6475, or the McPhersons, 926-2792.



PRAYING THE PSALMS: A Spring Women's Retreat

Do you need a day away from suburban pressures, from the chaos of home or work? Spend a day in the country enjoying the company of friends, new and old, and re-focusing your spiritual life! PPC will host a spring Women's Retreat on Saturday, April 29, at the Bishop Claggett Center in Buckeystown, Maryland (about a 40-minute drive from the church).

Our theme for the day will be "Praying the Psalms." Lynette Johnson, PPC's director of Christian education, will lead the retreat, which will last from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Cost for the day is \$12.00, which includes lunch.

Brochures were mailed to all the women of PPC on March 20. If you have not received yours, or if you'd like an extra for a friend, please call or see Lynette at the church. The registration deadline is Sunday, April 16.

April

Adult Christian Education

Adult Seminar

There was an excellent response to Dr. Donald Miller, who gave the first three presentations in our Lenten series. The next series of three will commence March 26 with Dr. Dewey Wallace, who was enthusiastically received when he spoke to us in the fall. His topic ties in with our theme for the year, "Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in Others, in Self."

- March 26- April 9 **Renewing the Tradition of Faith**
Dewey Wallace, Ph.D., professor of religion and former dean, School of Religion, George Washington University
- "The Church Fathers"** (March 26)
 "What Can Protestants Do With the Middle Ages" (April 2)
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- April 16 **EASTER** - Class does not meet
- April 23 James Reichley, author and scholar
- April 30 **Christian Faith in a Multicultural World**
Thomas G. Long, Ph.D., professor, Princeton Theological Seminary
- THE FREDERICK E. BERGER LECTURE**, Professor Long
 (details page 1)

Basic Bible Study, Part II

Grass is growing, flowers are growing; shouldn't you be growing, too? If you missed the winter round of Basic Bible Study, you have another chance! Another six weeks of Basic Bible Study will begin Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Basic Bible Study is designed for folks who feel unfamiliar with the Bible. It's basic and introductory. Participants do some reading and work outside our class time (one and a half to two hours a week), and a course text is used. Class sessions involve a little bit of lecture, a lot of discussion, and some small-group work.

We'll be picking up the Old Testament at the reign of King David on April 12.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: TURNABOUT PAUL!

Mark your calendars now!
June 19 - 23 is the week!

Another spectacular Vacation Bible School adventure is in the works!

Brochures, containing registration forms for VBS, were mailed to church member families on March 20. If you did not receive your brochure, please see Lynette Johnson or call the church office right away. We are limiting enrollment this year, so you **MUST** register by May 15 to ensure a place for your children!

Do you like children?

Do you want to share your faith?

Do you have June 19 - 23 free?

Or even a couple of days that week?

We need your help!

Directors Lynn Muys (299-2818) and Chris Dowd (299-3835) are glued to their phones waiting for your call. We still need a few good teachers, adult classroom assistants, craft center workers, recreation leaders, teen helpers, and general do-bodies. Grandmas and grandpas are especially welcome!

VBS is a fun week for children and adult leaders as well. It's a great way to get to know other members of PPC in an informal environment.

T h a n k y o u !

The blood drive for Colleen and other children was a great success, thanks to you—over 150 units of blood have been collected to date. The need is an ongoing one and people are still making donations.

Colleen continues to do quite well and has tolerated her chemotherapy very well. She has completed the second of three series of treatment and is currently in remission. She is continuing to receive blood products often and it is comforting to know that you have helped to ensure that there will be blood available when she needs it.

Your prayers and concern for Colleen and our family has and continues to be a great support for all of us. There is no way we can ever thank you.

*God bless,
Mitchel family*



Normally I am a bit tardy about submitting my STP material. But this month I came to staff meeting on March 22 with article in hand that not only described upcoming musical events to support Holy Week,

but also included my view that each Sunday is an Easter experience through word and music. To illustrate, I referred to the Sanctuary Choir's rendition of "And the Father Will Dance" on March 19.

On March 22 I also learned about my dear young friend, Darcy Smith. I had shown Darcy the above-mentioned anthem and had hoped that the next time we scheduled it in worship she would add liturgical dance. As we sang it, I found it very natural to picture Darcy moving gracefully to the sweeping rhythmic and melodic passages.

Earlier in the month of March the Handbell Choir, along with Tom Miles as narrator, had presented "The Shepherd's Psalm," a beautiful setting of the 23rd Psalm for bells, flute and narrator. Yes, Darcy played the flute for us that day. It was one of those spiritually moving musical experiences that directors treasure. Darcy had the same grace and fluid line in her flute melody as she had when she danced.

I am so pleased that Darcy Smith and I traveled the path of musical camaradie for almost three years. She generously and capably shared her talents with our church. We are grateful for her beautiful contribution.



MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM SUNDAY

Children's Choir will present the musical drama, "The Donkey's Dilemma," as a prelude to the palm processional

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Handbell Choir and Sanctuary Choir will participate in the dinner/communion service

EASTER

Sanctuary Choir will sing for both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services

Note: No children's choir April 16 or 23 due to school vacation schedule



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .

Brittany Nicole Bussink, in the University of Maryland Hospital, Baltimore
Colleen Mitchel

Mavis Clark, recovering from surgery

We rejoice in the births of . . .

Michael Charles, son of Beth and David Brooks and grandson of Carolyn and Charles Brooks, born February 24, in Phoenix, Arizona

Matthew James, son of Liz and Jim Underhill and brother of Thomas and Elizabeth, born March 8

We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .

Austin John Kendall, son of Becky and Charlie and grandson of Camille and Cliff Kendall and Priscilla and Pete Ledwith, March 12

We give thanks for the lives of . . .

Victor Minter, father of Chris Dowd and grandfather of Damon and Colin, who died March 9

Darcy Smith, daughter of Mary Margaret and Del and sister of Melissa, Arianna, and Derek, who died March 22

We commend them to the loving care of our Lord.

For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Our prayers continue to be with the Dowd family and the Smith family

He who would be great must be fervent in his prayers, fearless in his principles, firm in his purposes, and faithful in his promises.

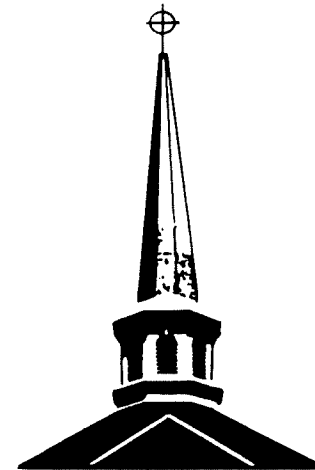
Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *senior pastor*
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m.

The Session invites the congregation to participate in a special offering to aid the Oklahoma City bombing victims. Make checks payable to Potomac Presbyterian Church, indicating "Oklahoma City Fund" in the memo portion of the check. The Presbyterian Church response began within 48 hours of the bombing in providing counseling through the First Presbyterian Church of Oklahoma City. Other kinds of aid will be provided as needed.

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE Potomac Presbyterian Church

May

1995

Kerry On . . .

In her acceptance speech for the Nobel Prize, Mother Teresa said,

"We can do no great things—only small things with great love."

We remember those kinds of things that people have done for us and we treasure the love they have shared with us. Children are especially good at this; they fill a simple drawing with great love and present it to us. They sometimes say the simplest thing like, "It's ok," which means they forgive us. Children will trust us to do the right thing and believe in us with all their hearts.

A hand written note becomes a priceless treasure and a word of encouragement, just what we need to go on. A bowl of soup may turn out to be a small thing with great love. Remembering to call just to "touch base" may help someone make it through the day.

I think this insight is true for congregations as well. Jesus does not call us to be great, but to do many small things with great love. Hundreds of people doing these things make this a wonderful community of faith. May our number increase.

May

1	7:00 AM	Monday Connection	15		
2	1:00-6:00 PM	The Lord's Table	16		
3	9:30 AM	Bible study	17	9:30 AM	Bible study
4	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	18	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	19	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
5			20	2:00 PM	Evans/Greco wedding
6		Falls Road Golf			
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7	9:00 AM	Children's Choir	21	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship/Communion		11:00 AM	Worship
	Noon	Fellowship		Noon	SUPER DOG!
	6:30 PM	Confirmation class		6:30 PM	Confirmation class
8			22		No Deacons meeting
9	9:30 AM	Christian Living	23	10:00 AM	Presbytery Western
10	9:30 AM	Bible study	24	9:30 AM	Bible study
	2:45 PM	Collingswood	25	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
11	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir		8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	26		
12	6:30 PM	Mother/daughter banquet	27		
13	11:00 AM	Brumbaugh/Prouty wedding			
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14	9:00 AM	Children's Choir	28	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	11:00 AM	Worship		11:00 AM	Worship
	Noon	Fellowship		Noon	Fellowship
	6:30 PM	Confirmation class	29		Office closed
			30		
			31	9:30 AM	Bible study luncheon

Looking ahead:

Ladies Coffee
Thursday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.
Margie Bedingfield's
8217 Buckspark Lane West
R.S.V.P. 299-4801

Rummage Sale June 9

Remember PPC's rummage sale when doing spring cleaning and plan to assist Lew Chapin and Pat King on the organization and sale. Lots of hard work and fun guaranteed.



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .

Michael Smith, recovering at home;
 Brittany Nicole Bussink, home from the hospital;
 Colleen Mitchel.

We rejoice in the births of . . .

Alex McHenry Peters, son of Brenda and Lee Peters, and grandson of Barbara and Lowell Perry, born February 10;
 Allison and Andrew Brill, daughter and son of Cindy and Steve Brill, and grandchildren of Winnie and Bill Brill, born March 31;
 Anna Kay Gregg, daughter of Leisha and John Gregg, and granddaughter of Dianne and Jim Gregg, born April 9;
 Kayla Rose Mason, daughter of Melanie and Scott Mason, born April 29.

We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .

Christopher Crawford Sabate', son of Claire and Christopher Sabate', and grandson of Eileen and Jack Crawford.

We give thanks for the lives of . . .

Horace Maners, father of Maggie Tietjen, who died last month in New Mexico;
 Violet Hermann's mother, who died this month in Hungary.

We commend them to the loving care of our Lord.

For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Maggie and her family and Violet and her family remain in our prayers.

Our thanks to Pat McMillen who organized the Easter flower memorials and made the beautiful arrangements for the sanctuary. Thanks to her efforts and your generosity, the church will be contributing \$831 to Montgomery Hospice.

Adult Christian Education

Adult Seminar

This year's last full month of Adult Seminar features three of PPC's own and Theodore Schapp, a Presbyterian minister from California.

Reverend Schapp served as minister of Christian education at First Presbyterian Church, Encino, California, until 1963 when he went to Berlin, Germany. He spent the next 25 years in Germany, working with refugees from East Germany, pastoring a German church, and involving himself in a very significant project known as "The Berlin Fellowship." Rev. Schapp led teams of California Presbyterians into East Germany to meet with East German Christians, many of whom were meeting underground; at that time, Christians who were openly practicing their faith in this communist dominated regime were victims of persecution and discrimination. Rev. Schapp and his teams offered support and encouragement to the East German Christians and played a role in the eventual collapse of the Berlin Wall.

Rev. Schapp is now retired and lives in Pescadero, California, where he preaches at a local church one Sunday a month and is active with the San Francisco Presbytery and with interfaith groups involved with the Middle East peace process. He has been to the Middle East and has studied the complicated process of trying to bring about peace in that area. His presentation May 14 will focus on that aspect of his ministry which deals with Middle Eastern peace and justice.

Join us in the library at 9:45 a.m. as we continue our theme "Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in others, in Self."

- May 7 "Christianity in a Multicultural World", Part II (part I, April 23)
James Reichley, author and scholar
- May 14 "The Sunday School, Peace and Justice"
Rev. Theodore Schapp
- May 21 "Renewing Faith Through Worship"
Tom Miles, parish associate
- May 28 "Renewing Faith Through Worship"
Lynette Johnson, director of Christian education

Lines
from
LYNETTE

Our house is inhabited by two grumpy old cats who have a very limited command of the English language. Each cat knows the other cat's name (though not its own) and one other word—the word "TREAT."

This word sends these otherwise lethargic creatures into an uncontrollable frenzy, jumping on furniture, fighting, and making appalling noises, as they seek the delicious kitty treats.

I wonder why it is that special events in the church—time out from the ordinary—are called RE-treats? We're not turning tail and running away (as in a military retreat). In fact, my junior high Sunday School teacher insisted on calling these events "advances," because they enabled us to move ahead on our spiritual journey.

Whether you call it a "retreat" or an "advance," fifteen women from PPC had one on April 29. It was a day apart, a day of relaxing and refreshment, a day of prayer and renewal—a good day, a real "TREAT."

Perhaps my cats have it right. An event like this is a RE-treat, because, through our time away, we are "treated" again to a glimpse of God's grace in community, and in silence. I wish for you all just such a TREAT!

Teaching Opportunities

There will be a few openings for Sunday School teachers for the September '95-June '96 school year. If you have an interest in teaching at any grade level please contact Olivia Mabeus, 926-8160, any time day or night. Teachers are paired so no one has to teach every Sunday, you get 3 major holidays and the whole summer off, and the benefits are endless. Don't miss this opportunity. Call Olivia today.

P.S. These are not "mom" jobs . . . dads can be Sunday School teachers, too!

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Vacation Bible School
"TURNABOUT PAUL"
June 19 - 23

Another spectacular Vacation Bible School adventure is in the works!

Church members should register their children by May 15 to ensure a place. Registration forms were mailed in March, but more are available in the church office.

If you'd like to help, call VBS directors Lynn Muys (299-2818) or Chris Dowd (299-3835).

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We rejoice in the opportunity to share in the ministry of One Great Hour of Sharing. Our offering this year was \$2,013. Many will be helped through this special caring ministry.

May Youth Fellowship

Senior Highs

SUPER DOG SUNDAY is May 21!

This is our only fundraiser for our **Summer Mission Weekend** with Habitat for Humanity in Salisbury.

For more information on Super Dog Sunday, call Olivia Mabeus, 926-8160, or Lynette Johnson, 703-241-8849.

Details on Habitat Mission Weekend will be available soon! Call Lynette.

Middle Schoolers

- May 7
GAMES AND PLANNING for Super Dog Sunday, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- May 14
Mother's Day - Stay home with Mom!
- May 21
SUPER DOG SUNDAY
Set up at 11:00 a.m.
Serve food at noon
Clean up at 12:45 p.m.
Home by 1:30 p.m.
- May 28
Memorial Day weekend
No middle school fellowship

A Prayer for the Oklahoma City Bombing Victims

We are your people, Lord, by your grace. In times of rejoicing your grace is made known. In times of sorrow and tragedy your grace is made known.

This past week we have gone from the glory of the resurrection to the unspeakable horror of the senseless bombing in Oklahoma City. Played out in living color, graphic images of death and destruction, we have witnessed the depths of human evil. A routine day begun at the office and the day care center suddenly turned into horror and loss and grief.

Yet from the ashes and rubble of the bombed out Federal Building emerged extraordinary human compassion and courage. Women and men risked their lives in the rescue effort, working around the clock to bring comfort and healing and hope. Our prayers are with all the innocent victims of the tragedy, especially the children. And with all who come to their aid—fire fighters, rescue workers, doctors and nurses, countless volunteers, law enforcement officials.

Lord, help our sisters and brothers in Oklahoma City, and all citizens of this land, to move on beyond this tragedy. Help us all to bind up the brokenhearted. Help us to affirm all that is good and gracious in the human spirit. Help us to be vigilant in the face of all hatred and violence. Help us to again live with hope, because on the first day of the week, our Lord rose from the dead and conquered evil and death. For we pray in his name, as he taught us . . . Our Father . . .



Do you recall the question that the children sang on Palm Sunday during the Donkey's Dilemma presentation? They repeatedly sang, "Why me? Why me?" Ask that of yourself, but insert the word NOT

before ME and consider your involvement in the growing music program of our church.

Why not me . . . in the the Sanctuary Choir?

I have a fairly good voice—not solo material, but a good blending voice. I haven't sung since high school choir. I know I'm busy, but if I plan now for fall, maybe I can attend most of those 8:00 p.m. Thursday rehearsals. I hear the choir works hard but has so much fun in the process. That "Alleluia" they sang on Easter was soft, yet very powerful. It would be great to sing in an ensemble like that again. Yes, I think I'll try it. Should I tell Cindy now that I'm a tenor, or should I wait until September?

Why not me . . . in the Children's Choir?

I'll be in the 2nd grade next fall. I can get up every Sunday morning in time to make the 9:00 a.m. practices. I'll just have to convince Mom that someone can get me there. I have heard those 2nd through 5th

graders practicing when I'm arriving for Sunday School. They surely laugh a lot!

Why not me . . . in the Handbell Choir?

I read music. I have a good sense of rhythm. 6:30 p.m. on Thursday is a good time for me. I am fascinated by this group effort. It looks as if each member is responsible for two or so notes in the scale. Cindy will work with me first to acquaint me with the technique of ringing before I jump in and try it with the group. I think I'll give her a call and see if I could try this in the fall. My good friend, Ann McDonald, is moving to Chicago. Her bell position will go unheard unless I offer my time and talent.

Why not me . . . in the summer music program?

The Sanctuary Choir takes a deserved break during July and August. Each week there seems to be a different solo, duet or vocal or instrumental ensemble offering special music. The youth choir of teenagers was super last summer. I had a ball singing in that men's chorus on Father's Day. I think I'll sign up for that again as well as the summer talent share poster that I've seen in the narthex. In fact, I'm going to get my wife and kids to sign up, too. Summer time seems more flexible for our entire family. I vote for any music expansion of our current repertoire of songs we sing on family car trips!

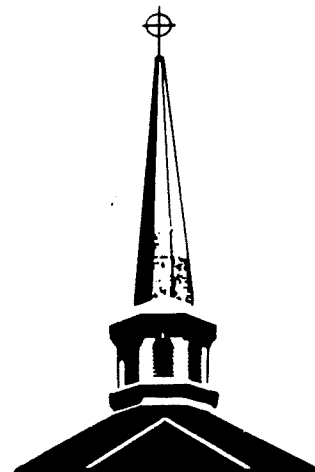
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▶ *June 18*
SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

No Sunday School
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

June & July

1995

Kerry On . . .

Sunday, June 4, will be **CONFIRMATION DAY**, and thirteen young people will make their affirmations of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As part of their preparation for this day, they are asked to write "A Statement of Faith" and present it to the Session.

The goal is not so much doctrinal correctness, which of course is elusive anyway. Theologians, denominations and individual Christians have argued for centuries about doctrine. Rather, we ask the young people to talk about what faith in Jesus means to them at this time in their lives.

We hope they will realize that faith will be throughout their lives a dynamic process. They will face decisions and challenges, joys and sorrows, and along the way continually have to restate what faith in Jesus means. This of course is what every one of us must do. Let's be honest with our young people—we have our doubts too. There are the times when we find it hard to trust Jesus.

Thank God for the community of faith; our sisters and brothers will keep on trusting. They will sing and pray and work in Jesus' name, and we will all be held in faith. This is why Sunday worship is so essential; our trust will be sustained even on the days when we have our doubts. Maybe especially on those days God will bear us up on the praise of those who gather together in His name.

Dear confirmands, we will be there for you, and may God bless you and keep you all your days.

June & July

1 10:00 AM **COFFEE**
at Margie Bedingfield's
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

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4 9:00 AM **CONFIRMATION
BREAKFAST**
9:45 AM Sunday School—last day
11:00 AM Worship/Communion/
Confirmation
Noon Fellowship
6:00 PM **DEACONS' PICNIC**
at Millie Gimer's

5 7:00 AM The Monday Connection
6 1:00 PM The Lord's Table
7 9:30 AM Bible study
8 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir
9 9:00 AM **RUMMAGE SALE**

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11 9:00 AM **TEACHER APPRECIATION
BREAKFAST**
9:45 AM **BIBLE JEOPARDY**
11:00 AM Worship
Noon Fellowship
4:30 PM MSYF
Year End Celebration
6:30 PM Confirmation class

12 8:00 PM Committee meetings
13
14-17 Senior High **BEACH TRIP**

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18 10:00 AM Worship
Summer schedule begins

11:00 AM Fellowship
3:00 PM Manor Care
19 8:00 PM Session
19-23 10:00 AM **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

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ORIOLES NIGHT

25 10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship

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27 10:00 AM Christ Memorial Church
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2 10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship
3-7 Office closed
8 8th-9th **MISSION TRIP**
Habitat for Humanity

9 10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship
10-14 All quiet on the PPC front
15 General Assembly convenes

16 10:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Fellowship

tended PPC as a child with his family; he has restored his active membership. Nancy comes by reaffirmation of faith. She was born in Baltimore and grew up in Bethesda. At the University of Maryland, she earned a B.S. in business management. Later she graduated from the American University Washington College of Law. Nancy practiced law until the birth of their second child. She is now a full time mother, and raising the children is a full time job and hobby! The Mills have two boys, Curtis, 4, and Connor, 6 months.

Deacon: Ed Rudnic

Drs. Henry and Simin Wong and their daughter, Kuan
7909 Crestdale Drive
Potomac, MD 20854, 983-0161

The Wong family come by baptism and profession of faith. Henry was born in Hong Kong and educated in the U.S. He holds M.A., M.P.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pittsburgh. Henry has travelled extensively in Western Europe, Middle East, Far East, and in North America. Presently, he is an international consultant in education planning and economic development. In his spare time, he enjoys the theatre and fine dining. Simin also attended the University of Pittsburgh and graduated with a Ph.D. in health and education planning. Through her work both as assistant professor of community medicine and associate director of Medical Research Center in Saudi Arabia, she contributed to the areas of

women and child health. An expert on oriental rugs, Simin is also a gourmet cook, enjoys playing tennis and speaks 7 languages. Kuan, 20, was born in Pittsburgh, but has gone to schools all over the world. She is currently a junior electrical engineering and premed major at the University of Maryland. Next year she will be a mentor for College Park Scholars in Public Leadership and will serve on the advisory board with former Governor Schaeffer.

Deacon: Jackie Evans

Mr. Robert Wescott and his wife, Karen Wise
9812 Clydesdale Street
Potomac, MD 20854, 299-2826

Rob and Karen come by reaffirmation of faith. Rob was born in Vermont but grew up in Maine and Pennsylvania. He graduated from Bucknell University and received a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. Rob is an economist with the International Monetary Fund. Karen was born in Mobile, Alabama, but spent most of her early years in South America and Australia. Her family returned to the U.S. in time for her to attend Bucknell where she met Rob. Karen is a mathematician. The entire family enjoys camping and canoeing and are looking forward to a camping trip in Yellowstone National Park this summer. Rob, Karen, and their two children, Emily, 11, and David, 8, just moved to Potomac from Philadelphia this past Christmas.

Deacon: Ann Barber

chair of the department of health and fitness. He is founder and president of Karch International, a health technology company based in McLean, Virginia. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf, tennis, sailing, and skiing. Karen was born and grew up in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. She graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and received a master's and doctorate from American University. She has been a teacher at levels from elementary school to college. For the past twelve years, she has been a principal in elementary and middle schools. Currently, she is principal of Potomac Elementary School. Karen also enjoys playing tennis, golf, sailing and running. The Karches have two grown daughters, Kara and Krista.

Deacon: Gail Cannon

Ms. Kara Karch

13001 Glen Road
Potomac MD 20878, 963-1896

Kara comes by transfer from the United Methodist Church, Millcreek Parish, Derwood, MD. Kara was born and raised in Gaithersburg, Maryland and attended Wootton High School. After spending two years at Ohio Wesleyan, she transferred to Western Maryland and graduated with honors in 1993. She is currently teaching 3rd grade at Strawberry Knoll Elementary School in Gaithersburg. She has a special interest in working with children and has re-established and expanded an evening math program for middle school students in Wheaton, Maryland. In her

spare time, she enjoys running, skiing, and sailing. She also enjoys making dried flower wreaths and doll houses which she has sold at arts and crafts stores in the area.

Deacon: Jan Cookerly

Mr. and Mrs. William Leary

13009 Boswell Court
Potomac, MD 20854, 294-0510

Both Bill and Debbie come by reaffirmation of faith. Bill was born and grew up in New Jersey. He received his B.A. in religion from the College of Wooster. He also studied in Israel and participated in the second excavation at Gezar. In addition, he studied in India at Delhi School of Social Work and Banares Hindu University where he participated in temple excavations. Additional studies back in the U.S. earned him a law degree from University of Toledo and an accounting degree from DePaul University. Bill is an attorney and CPA. He presently is a tax attorney with Coopers & Lybrand, specializing in international taxation. Debbie was born in Hamilton, Ontario and was raised in the U.S. She has worked for Price Waterhouse, Marriott Corporation, and is currently a tax director with Watson Wyatt International. Debbie enjoys gardening, swimming, and, most of all, caring for their 4 month old daughter, Amanda.

Deacon: Gail Cannon

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Mills

10632 Floral Park Lane
North Potomac, MD 20878, 251-1376

Loren grew up in Potomac and at-

Holiday Bazaar

The remarkable array of items offered for sale at PPC's holiday bazaars in November do not materialize on short notice. They are produced over many months, either by individuals working on their own or in workshops planned by the bazaar committee.

All of the net proceeds raised at the bazaar goes to Montgomery County charities. They have been PPC's holiday gift to our community for more than a decade. We encourage you to contribute whatever time or talents you can to ensure a successful 1995 bazaar.



On your own

Scores of PPC members devote their individual talents to making items for the bazaar at home over the summer months. Ann McDonald has crocheted tree ornaments for several years. Lew Smith cuts out replicas of Potomac landmarks on his jigsaw. If we give it some thought, all of us have talents that can yield unique bazaar merchandise.

Needlework items are always popular, and it gets harder each year to find people with the time and skills to produce them. If you can sew, crochet, knit, or do counted cross-stitch, and are willing to help, please call Shirley Tietjen at 299-3272.

There is also always demand for toys and other wood products. Let Miriam Conley, 469-6316, know if you have a jigsaw and can contribute your woodworking talents.



In workshops

Beginning in May, workshops are held to produce bazaar merchandise. About two hours long, they are held both during the day and in the evening. Workshop products are selected to accommodate a variety of skills, including the ability to cut paper with scissors and cover a piece of wood with blue paint.

Whenever possible, workshops are set up around large tables to enable participants to talk while they work. They provide a pleasant opportunity to catch up on the news or get to know people better. If you can attend a workshop—even one or two—between now and November, call Miriam Conley to sign up.

Lines
from
LYNETTE

Friends,

Christian Education is a labor-intensive effort. It cannot be done by just the pastor or just the director of Christian education. To get downright biblical about it, "The harvest is great, and the laborers are few." Actually, we have more than just a few laborers here at PPC. Let me try to list some of them.

First, there are parents and grandparents, friends and neighbors, who share their faith with children and grandchildren, with other friends and neighbors. Christian education is more about modeling the Christian lifestyle and talking through Christian beliefs than anything else.

Second, there are faithful substitutes—people like **Pat King, Sherri Bond, and Vicki Dorman**—who can always fill in on a moment's notice; laborers who are waiting to be needed.

Then, there are behind-the-scenes folks, people you may not ever see, doing some very important jobs. **Judy Bernstein** prepares Creative Enrichment supplies every week, and **Jackie Cronin** lines up nursery volunteers. **Jean Fisler** and her committee (**Jim and Mary Reichley, Bob Tietjen, Kathy McPherson, and Tom Miles**) who line up adult education endeavors for PPC. **Milly Rowan and Alyce Tamzarian** serve as Sunday School superintendents. **Chris Dowd and Olivia Mabeus** are the overseers, keeping track of which crops are growing in what fields and who's plowing what acreage (to continue the metaphor, of course).

We have numerous **nursery volunteers** and **teen helpers** during the worship hour—more, I think, than I can name—who provide loving care so that parents can participate in worship themselves.

There are Creative Enrichment leaders who volunteer once a month—**Andrea Katz, Kent Arnold, Liz Underhill, Sherri Cissel, Maggie Tietjen, Kathy McPherson, Gail Cannon, Pam Yager, Cheryl King, Kathy Appleby, Bridget Newton, and Julie McMahon**.

Some laborers in the vineyard at PPC are called at 5:00 in the evening, some at 3:00, some at noon, etc., but there are, indeed, some laborers who have been at

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gildea
11327 Palatine Drive
Potomac, MD 20854, 983-9156

Mark and Lois come by transfer from Lakeforest Presbyterian Church, Lakeforest, Illinois. Mark was born in Georgia but his father was in the Air Force, and Mark spent his early years in Europe. His high school years were spent in New Jersey. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Denver and his master's degree from Northeast Louisiana University. Mark is president of Alternate Sites, Manor Care, Inc. He enjoys gardening, surfing, and their beach house on North Carolina's Outer Banks. Lois was born and raised in New York. She attended Villanova University and received a B.S. in nursing. She enjoys being a full time mom to their three children as well as running, bicycling, and interior decorating. The Gildea children are Robert, 5, Jimmy, 3, and Kathleen, 6 months.

Deacon: Jim Dart

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gohrband
9900 Kentsdale Drive
Potomac, MD 20854, 469-0220

Allan comes by reaffirmation of faith, and Hilda comes by profession of faith. Allan was born in Roanoke, Virginia, grew up in Virginia, and attended Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal. He received an electrical engineering degree from Duke University and a business and public administration degree from the University of Maryland. Allan has worked for the Goddard Space Flight Center and

Department of Housing and Urban Development. Presently, he is a senior executive for information policy and program assistance at the Department of Veterans Affairs. His hobbies include gardening, sailing, operating the Columbia Horse Center (largest riding school on the East Coast), and keeping up with his wife, Hilda! Hilda grew up in Prince Georges County. She spent 22 years as a computer specialist with the government and worked on the Apollo, Mercury, and Gemini missions at NASA. Ten years ago, Hilda started her own company, Interactive Medical Data System, Inc., which develops, creates, and copyrights medical software. Hilda has been very active in the Potomac community, recently serving as president of the Potomac Chamber of Commerce. The Gohrbands enjoy sailing and going to horse shows with their daughter in their spare time. Their daughter, Kimberly, 19, attends the University of Maryland.

Deacon: Wendy Atwood Petti

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Karch
13001 Glen Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20878, 330-0633

Bob and Karen come by transfer from United Methodist Church, Millcreek Parish, Derwood, Maryland. Bob was born and raised in Mill Hall, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Maryland and received his master's and doctorate degrees from American University, where he has been a professor for 26 years and is

W E L C O M E

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The following new members were received by the Session, May 21, 1995.
We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Aponte
8236 Inverness Hollow Terrace
Potomac, MD 20854, 983-5625

Nick and Shelley come by transfer from the United Church of Christ, Simsbury, Connecticut. Nick grew up in Brooklyn, New York, attended Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire, and received his MBA from the University of Chicago. He is presently with National Cooperative Bank. In his spare time, Nick enjoys photography, gardening, and music; he's also an avid tennis player and skier. Shelley grew up in Wilder, Vermont, where her parents worked for Dartmouth College. Her early interests were in art, and she attended Alfred University in New York. Shelley's vocation is interior design, and she is starting her own business in residential interior design consulting. Her special interests are tennis and skiing. The Apontes have two children, Lindsey, 12, and Ryan "Nicholas," 10.

Deacon: Jackie Evans

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Burnett
14429 Sylvan Glade Drive
North Potomac, MD 20878, 424-0509

Loren and Karen come by profession of

faith. Loren was born in Terre Haute, Indiana, and his family moved East in 1969. He attended Georgetown Prep in Rockville for the first three years of high school. Then he worked as a volunteer intern for Senator Howard Baker, Jr. during the Watergate hearings. He was appointed a U.S. Senate page by Senator Baker and graduated from high school from the Capitol Page School. He graduated from the University of Delaware with a degree in accounting. For the last four years, he has been with MAXM Systems Corp. as their chief financial officer. Loren enjoys golf when he has the time. Karen was born in Takoma Park, Maryland, grew up in the Maryland suburbs, and attended Montgomery College. After finishing college, she worked as a dental assistant before entering the real estate field in mortgage banking; she worked as a mortgage loan officer for B.F. Saul Mortgage Co. Now that their children are in school full time, Karen hopes to enter the workforce once again. The Burnetts have 2 children, Ashley, 8, and Brendan, 5.

Deacon: Ed Rudnic

work all day. These are our week-in and week-out Sunday School teachers and youth leaders. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and consistency is without parallel, in my church experience. These folks are: **Annette Busbice, Katie Dickinson, Beth Dart, Linda Lyons, Sonia Russo, Wendy Atwood Petti, Olivia Mabeus, Lisa McMahon, Paddy Simpson, Mary Margaret Smith, Lynda and Ed Tennent, Pam and Rick Yager, Peggy and Jon Hawley, Bob King, Diane Chapin, Chris Dowd, Renee and Jim Jochum, Melanie and Scott Mason, and Bob Best and Joy Schwan.** Additionally, adult teachers from PPC have been **Jim Reichley, Tom Miles, Kerry Stoltzfus, and Matthew Petti.**

When you see these folks, please thank them for their efforts. I feel privileged to work with each one of them:

Grace and peace,

Lynette

Bible Jeopardy

The quiz-show game for all ages

June 11

9:45 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Be there or be square!

This annual event is a great way to conclude your Sunday School year.

Vacation Bible School Is PRACTICALLY HERE!

Turnabout Paul will be here June 19-23. Many, many children are already signed up. Openings are still available in the preschool class (children born in 1991), the kindergarten class (children who have completed kindergarten), and the grades 3-4 class.



★ Reminder:

Father's Day is coming and so is the **ANNUAL MEN'S CHORUS**. Rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m., Sunday, June 18, in Fellowship Hall. Singing in worship will follow at 10:00 a.m.

Joy! Joy! Joy!

There are still opportunities to experience the joys of teaching Sunday School at PPC. We need a teacher or two at every age level for the '95-'96 school year. Experience is not necessary, but enthusiasm is. If you'd like to serve in this way, please contact Olivia Mabeus, Chris Dowd, or Lynette Johnson today!

NEW HYMNALS AND BIBLES FOR OUR SANCTUARY

The Session has approved the adoption of the *Presbyterian Hymnal* (1990) and the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible for our congregation's use in our worship services. As described in the accompanying order form, our members are invited to purchase the hymnals and matching pew Bibles as memorials or other special gifts to the church.

The Session's decisions follow the recommendations of a special committee of the congregation, appointed by the pastor in response to concerns of the worship committee and Session over the deteriorating condition of our current hymnals. Published in 1955, or more than a decade before we began worship in our sanctuary, our current hymnal was the accepted Presbyterian hymnal of its time. It has inspired us and served us well for thirty years, but many copies are no longer readily repairable.

The hymnbook committee, which began its work shortly after the first of this year, was chaired by Marcia Boogaard; other members were Jon Hawley; Cal Reid; Derek Smith; Shirley Tietjen; Cindy Wright, our director of music; and Pastor Stoltzfus (serving ex officio). Through eight meetings, outside study and consultations, the committee gave careful and prayerful consideration to the impor-

tance of hymns in worshipers' lives, from their formative years through adulthood, and considered a variety of possible replacements. Members were conscious that a hymnal chosen today must serve not only our current members and youth, but those who will join our faith community in the future.



Proceeding with great care and reflection, the committee unanimously concluded that the new *Presbyterian Hymnal* will speak musically to us and for us, as a congregation, now and in the years to come. Not surprisingly, there are some changes—new hymns and new phrasing which represent the vitality of contemporary Presbyterianism, some deletions, and an increased setting of the Psalms in music—along with an abundance of heritage hymns. Some “old friends” among hymns we’ll sing through use of bulletin inserts, just as we’ve already met a number of stimulating “new friends” from the new book during the past year. (You are invited to read the committee’s full report, which is available through the church office.)

*Help us to
“Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!”
with our denomination’s
worthy new hymnal.*



The missions committee would like to focus each month on an organization in which our dollars and energies are being used. Our congregation has given substantial support to CMMC (Community Ministry of Montgomery County) in the past and will continue to do so. CMMC has directed one section of its spring newsletter to where our congregation's dollars go in serving the needs of men and women in Montgomery County.

Of each contributed one dollar:

- \$.09 Administrative salaries
- \$.06 General operations
- \$.01 Operation of Ascension House (long-term housing program for the homeless)
- \$.11 Congregation Based Shelter
- \$.15 Emergency Assistance Coalition
- \$.06 Friends in Action (helps families on public assistance become independent)
- \$.02 Interfaith Clothing Center
- \$.03 Montgomery County Hunger Relief and Thanksgiving in February
- \$.44 Hunger and poverty agencies throughout the county

CMMC is indeed a good friend to many.

“A good friend is one who knows where you’ve been, accepts you for what you are, and encourages you to grow.”

Collingswood Nursing Home recognized our volunteers at a luncheon April 26. They with a certificate and a t-shirt reading “We unteers.” The missions committee of Potomac Church supports our efforts to reach out to



presented us treasure our vol- Presbyterian the elderly.

On the second Wednesday of each month, we serve cakes and drinks to the residents who gather in their dining room to celebrate the birthdays for the month.

If you have one hour to spare (2:45-3:45), please call Alice Smith, 469-8379. We would love to increase our ranks. Our thanks go to **Jessie Gordon, Pat King, Ruth Lincoln, Ann McDonald, Kathy McMahon, Marilyn Spivey, and Alice Smith.**

They came, they toiled, they're going thataway!

Meg King	Whitman	Northwestern University
Ellen Lee	Whitman	University of Virginia
John Norvell	Landon	Princeton University
Mary Singleton	Churchill	information unavailable
Samantha Toerge	Churchill	Amherst College
Andy Wylie	Bullis	Franklin and Marshall College

They went, they toiled, they're going whichaway?!*

Tom Gimer	University of Maryland (December '94)
Amie Hougren	Johns Hopkins University
Alyse King	University of Maryland
Brent Matson	University of Colorado (December '94)
Melissa Norvell	Bowdoin College
Sarah Vincent	West Virginia Wesleyan University
T.J. Wylie	Washington and Lee University

**Anyone with leads on jobs, please call graduate and/or parents immediately!*

Pat King's Turkey Corn Chowder

Served at the Maundy Thursday supper

- 1 1/2 C cubed, cooked turkey or chicken
- 1 8 oz. can sliced carrots, drained
- 4 oz. (1 C) shredded American cheese
- 2 C milk
- 1 t. instant chicken boullion, undiluted
- 1 12 oz. can Green Giant Mexicorn
- 1 10 oz. can condensed cream of potato soup, undiluted
- 1 T instant minced onion
- 1/2 t celery seed
- *Salt and pepper to taste

In a 3-qt. wauce pan, combine all ingredients. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until heated through and cheese is melted, 5-8 minutes. Makes 6 servings. Doubles well. Freezes well. A good family dish for a cold winter night.



Bible and Hymnal Order Form

At the May meeting of Session, the recommendation of the hymnal committee was approved. We are going to replace the 1955 red hymnals with the new 1990 *Presbyterian Hymnal*, and the pew Bibles with the New Revised Standard Version Bibles. Attached is an order form for you to use if you wish to participate in the purchase of these new books.

In order to allow as wide congregational participation as possible, we are limiting the purchase to two hymnals and/or Bibles per family. The price of the hymnals will be \$16.50, and the Bibles, \$12.50 each. This opportunity will be available until June 18. Please enclose your check with order. Contact Shirley Tietjen, 299-3272, if you have any questions.

Your Name _____

Presbyterian Hymnal

In **MEMORY** or **HONOR** of (circle your choice):
 Print or type exactly as you wish the bookplates to appear

(1) _____

(2) _____

Total @ \$16.50 each _____

NRSV Bible

In **MEMORY** or **HONOR** of (circle your choice):
 Print or type exactly as you wish the bookplates to appear

(1) _____

(2) _____

Total @ \$12.50 each _____

June

Adult Christian Education

The theme for our Sunday seminars this year has been "Renewing Faith: in God, in Life, in Others, in Self." We have had a variety of programs, and we have also had fall and spring series for parents. These classes have taken place Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. In addition, the adult education program has been expanded to Wednesday evening classes in Basic Bible Study, focusing on the Old Testament. A small group program was initiated, and two groups have been meeting twice a month in one another's homes with rotating lay leadership.

Adult Seminar

- June 4 "Did we renew our faith?" Members of the adult Christian education committee (Tom Miles, Chris Dowd, Bob Tietjen, Mary and Jim Reichley, Kathy McPherson, Jean Fislser) give their personal perspectives.
June 11 "Bible Jeopardy" Intergenerational class meeting in Fellowship Hall. Everyone invited.

Adult Christian Education Survey

To assist your adult Christian education committee in planning for the 1995-96 year, please fill out this form and return it to the church office.

Sunday, 9:45 a.m., I would be interested in the following:

- Adult Seminar:
Bible study
Theological topics
Contemporary issues
Coping with modern life

- Second Class or Separate Series

I would be interested in the following:

Any suggestions or comments you have about the adult education program would be greatly appreciated. (name optional)

Three horizontal lines for writing suggestions or comments.



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .

Colleen Mitchel.

Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .

Elisha Donovan and Tom Gregg, married May 6, in Binghamton, New York;
Mary Ann Brumbaugh and Eric Prouty, married May 13, at Potomac Presbyterian Church;
Natalie Greco and Jeff Evans, married May 20, at Potomac Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations and best wishes to . . .

Janet and Bill Harrison, who celebrate 60! years of wedded bliss, June 17.

We rejoice in the birth of . . .

Kayla Rose Mason, daughter of Melanie and Scott Mason, born April 29

We give thanks for the life of . . .

Mrs. Isabel Bartholomew, mother of Bill King, who died May 2.

We commend her to the loving care of our Lord.

For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Our prayers are with Bill King and his family.

Never put a question mark where God has put a period.

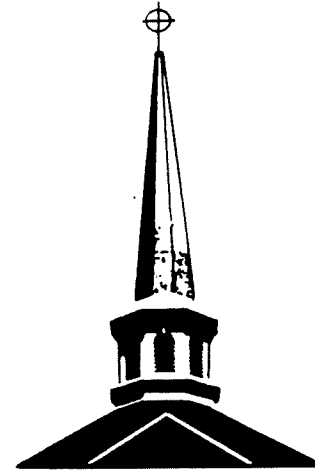
Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *senior pastor*
O. Thomas Miles, *parish associate*
Lynette Johnson, *director of Christian education*
Cynthia Wright, *director of music and organist*

► **SUMMER SCHEDULE**

No Sunday School
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Potomac Presbyterian Church
10301 River Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854
301-299-6007

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Kerry On . . .

How about some good news in the newspaper for a change? "Teen's Turnabout on Car Gives Others a Lift." *The Washington Post* carried a story about Sarah Pollack, a recent graduate of Fairfax County's Mount Vernon High School. It seems that her parents had promised her a new car for graduation. However, Sarah decided to use the money to provide scholarships for needy students at Mount Vernon.

She had gotten to know a number of students who were able to match her straight A record, but who had no money for college. She just decided to help.

She said, "They were my friends. They were people I respected, with talent. It really just killed me that they could go nowhere . . . I'm just passing something on that I've been fortunate to have. That doesn't make me more special than anybody else."

Where did this sense of sharing come from? What did Sarah's parents say or do during her growing up years? How did her Quaker religious experience or her father's social activism influence her decision? How are we doing as parents and teenagers?

Just to add a note of realism, *The Washington Post* reporter asked Sarah's 16 year old brother what he thought.

He said, "Personally, if I was in her shoes, I wouldn't have done what she did."

Lines

from

LYNETTE

**IT HAPPENED QUIETLY, BUT IT HAPPENED!
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT IT?**

DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO PARTICIPATED?

READ ON FOR SOME GOOD NEWS ABOUT PPC'S SENIOR HIGHS!

Six senior high girls—Melissa Dorman, Leah Cannon, Shay Bernius, Jennie Cannon, and friends Julia and Shayna—along with Bob Bernius, Olivia Mabeus, and me, took a mission trip in July!

Leaving Thursday evening, July 6, the group traveled to Rockbridge County, Virginia, an area hit hard by the end-of-June flooding. The historic Falling Spring Presbyterian Church in Glasgow, Virginia, provided floor space for sleeping and more food than we knew how to eat!

Glasgow is a rural community of about 1400 people, only about 200 of whom live within the town limits. It sits nestled at the base of the mountains, at the junction of the Maury and James Rivers. Glasgow has suffered many times from flooding when the two rivers have risen simultaneously. In late June, the residents were taken by surprise, as the flood waters came, not from the rivers, but from a flash flood (10.5" of rain in a few hours), causing massive runoff from the mountains.

On Friday, we were assigned to help Jim and Livonia Caldwell, a retired couple, in doing some work to put their house to rights. We cleaned a two-foot high, muddy stack of jazz records, we pulled up miles of carpet tacking, we pried drawer fronts off of dressers, lugged ruined furniture into the yard for pickup, and helped fill out FEMA and insurance paperwork.

Friday evening, four of the youth went with some Glasgow natives (who are also my in-laws) to feed cows—a real treat! The youth of the Falling Spring Church prepared and shared a spaghetti supper with us, and we concluded the evening with a visit to the Buchanan V.F.D. Fair.

We were a bit surprised that there was not more work for us to do. We learned that many of the Glasgow residents have relatives nearby who have pitched in to



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .
Colleen Mitchel.

Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .

Joy Schwan and Bob Best, who were married July 2, at Potomac Presbyterian.

We celebrate with joy the baptisms of . . .

Allison and Andrew, daughter and son of Cindy and Steve Brill, and grandchildren of Winnie and Bill Brill, July 23.

We give thanks for the lives of . . .

the father of Jim Jochum, who was killed in an automobile accident, July 13;
J. Randolph Dunnivant, who died July 18.

We commend them to the loving care of our Lord.

For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Our prayers are with Jim and Renee Jochum and with Patty Dunnivant and the Dunnivant family.

Rummage Round-Up

Somewhat belatedly (We've both been away,) we wish to express our gratitude to those worker bees who helped us raise more than \$3000 on the last rummage sale. We could not have succeeded without them! Most, if not all, of those who received, sorted, priced, distributed, assembled, cashiered, and otherwise participated: Sherri Bond, Miriam Conley, Mary Ann Cookerly, Jackie Cronin, Rosa Egan, Dianne Gregg, Camille Kendall, Bill King (the elder), Janet Koonce, Ruth Lincoln, Pat McMillan, Donna Mecklenburg, Linda Miller, Kay Mitchel, Louise Plumb, Beth Rudnic, Ginny Savage, Marilyn Shankland, Alice and Lew Smith, Helen Thuerk, Dawn Thompson, Connie Warnick.

Many thanks. If we omitted anyone, we're sorry and we thank you, too!

Pat King & Lew Chapin

Looking ahead to the fall

Adult Christian Education

COMING ATTRACTIONS! COMING ATTRACTIONS!

Had enough travel, beaching, biking, hiking, relaxing, sporting, whatever to get you refreshed and ready for a full fall? We hope so because the program plans for the 1995-96 season of adult Christian Education are designed to have a broad appeal.

For adults of assorted persuasions . . .

Adult Seminar's theme will be "To Be God's People," based on Philippians 2:15-16; and speakers have been asked to focus on some aspect of this theme. We will continue to meet Sunday mornings at 9:45, in the church library.

Of the speakers who will be meeting with us, some of your favorites have agreed to return, and new faces will be added. In September, October, and November, we will have the Rev. Donald Miller, former president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; Dewey Wallace, Ph.D., professor of religion at George Washington University; Ed White, former General Presbyterian; Louise Winfield, teacher of Bible studies.

For parents of teenagers . . .

September 17 and 24, and October 1 and 8, parents of teenagers will meet at 9:45 a.m. The focus of this group will be on specific materials as a springboard for discussion, and leadership will rotate among the parents.

For Bible scholars and scholar-wannabees . . .

There will be two evening Bible studies:

- **Basic Bible, Part III** led by Lynette Johnson
- **Beyond Basics** led by Tom Miles and targeting participants who have had some Bible study previously.

For small groupers . . .

We also anticipate the formation of some new small groups to meet in each other's homes for study, sharing, and prayer.

Wouldn't it be wonderful to have every adult involved in some aspect of adult Christian education?!

assist them, and also that the National Guard and the Virginia Department of Corrections sent out large work crews for the ten days after the flood before we arrived. Our visit occurred at an awkward stage in the cleanup process. People had already taken care of immediate shelter, clothing, and food needs, but were waiting for home visits from the American Red Cross Disaster Support teams and from FEMA representatives to determine what kind of assistance they would receive. Much new work will be generated throughout the summer, as people face rebuilding and significant reconstruction—ten days after the flood, they weren't yet ready to consider those prospects.

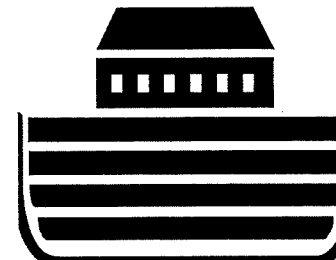
Thus we were jobless on Saturday. Making the best of our location, we visited the Natural Bridge and were treated to a farewell barbecue at the home of some Falling Spring Church members.

What did we learn? We learned about the magnitude of damage that can be done by flooding—seeing the remains in stretches where 20-foot walls of water had crashed through. We got to see just how some other folks live. We learned that we could have fun serving others, and we had a good time. I hope that we generated a taste for additional hands-on mission work in the months and years to come.

As you see the people who participated in the trip, take a few minutes to talk with them about their experiences!

Grace and peace,

Lynette



A SNEAK PREVIEW

This year's fall Rally Day, our Sunday School kick-off, will feature a special guest. Familiar to most of us only by the written word, **NOAH** will be making a personal, ante-diluvian appearance! Mark Sunday, September 10, at 9:45 a.m. on your calendar—come, find out what **NOAH** has up his sleeve! You won't want to miss this!

After thirteen years' residence in our practical room in our practical that it all looked rather some strategic painting, peting, some new upholstery, new accessory accents, we house. Yet we still feel very didn't have to put in new through that awful packing up and unpacking process. We just feel refreshed in our own home.

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dence in our house, we We roamed from room to house plan and decided dated and tired. With fresh wallpaper, new carpeting and a few brand feel as if we are in a new comfortable because we landscaping or go

I anticipate the arrival and use of our new hymnal in much the same way. Our 1955 hymnal is well loved but a bit tattered and maybe dated when we think of present day language inclusiveness. By adopting the 1990 edition of the *Presbyterian Hymnal*, we are keeping many of our favorite hymns, finding many familiar tunes with new texts, and yes, discovering some new hymns which, through careful usage and meaningful repetition, will become new favorites, too. Remember that this new hymnal is not coming from another denomination. It is a Presbyterian publication and one which other denominations are now requesting for their own use.

We are a wonderful singing congregation. I look forward to our discovering together the joys of singing God's praises in a new, refreshing hymnal.

Cindy

PLEASE RESERVE THE EVENING OF OCTOBER 1 ON YOUR CALENDARS

PPC is planning a special worship service for that night.

Details will be provided in next month's *Steeple to People*



Anniversary Fund Report

We continue to receive pledge payments for the 30th Anniversary Fund, a campaign to support two important mission projects which are part of the Presbyterian Bicentennial Fund, and to reduce our building debt.

Currently, we are accruing funds. As soon as we have \$10,000 on hand, we will make equal payments against our mission commitments—the Christian hospitals of North India and the “Winter Growth” day care facility for needy elderly Montgomery County residents. That \$10,000 will bring receipts and expenditures to \$100,000. \$25,000 will have been sent to each project, and we will have reduced our debt by \$50,000.

We hope to conclude the campaign during the next year. We thank everyone who has participated in this very worthy means of recognizing our congregation's three-plus decades of Christian worship, fellowship and service. Financial secretary Kay Mitchel will be sending statements this summer to pledgers who have not yet fulfilled their commitments. Should you wish to make an additional contribution, or to contribute to this important special fund for the first time, please notify Kay.

*“To Potomac Church From Girvan South
I'm here with you today
From many friends across the sea
A message I convey
Although our lives are far apart
With the ocean intervening
True friendship lies within the heart
Where distance has no meaning
When first our children crossed the sea
And came here to your town
They found a wealth of friendliness
A warmth of great renown
And thus was born our faithshare
Exchanges were extended
A joy to all who've taken part
Our prayer “may't ne'er be ended.”*

Jim Carson, elder,
South Parish Church,
Girvan, Scotland

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

N E E D E D

We still need people to be on the Sunday School teaching teams for the following classes:

3 and 4 year olds
Kindergarten and 1st graders
High School

If you have an interest and would like more information—or better yet, if you want to volunteer—call Olivia Mabeus.

We celebrate with Pastor Stoltzfus the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the pastoral ministry, July 16, 1970.

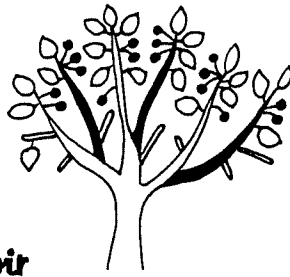
Kerry L. Stoltzfus
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 Lynette Johnson
director of Christian education
 Cynthia Wright
director of music and organist

► **September 10**
RALLY DAY!
Don't miss it!

WE ARE BACK ON FALL SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:45 AM
Worship	11:00 AM

Potomac Presbyterian Church
 10301 River Road
 Potomac, Maryland 20854
 301-299-6007



Branch out!
Join a choir!

Sanctuary Choir

starts September 7, 8:00 p.m.

Children's Choir, grades 2-5

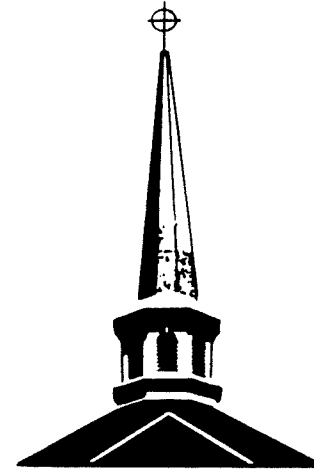
starts September 17, 9:00 a.m.

Handbell Choir

starts September 7, 6:30 p.m.

For further information call Cindy Wright,
 926-7015.

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RALLY DAY IS COMING! RALLY DAY IS COMING!

September 10 • Fellowship Hall • 9:45 a.m.

We'll be kicking off our Christian education ministries for 1995 - 1996. Signs of all kinds will direct people and animals of all ages to their places on the ark! We'll snack on animal cookies and crackers, and we'll sing some good old-fashioned Sunday School songs. NOAH will stop in and let us know what he's getting ready for . . . 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 opportunities. (See the enclosed Christian education brochure for more, exciting details!)

PLEASE HELP A LITTLE! With Sunday School season almost upon us . . . we could still use some help with Sunday School teachers for the preschoolers and kindergarteners. These are 1-2 year olds of kids and if you could help share teaching responsibilities during the 9:45 Sunday School hour, notify Chris Dowd, 299-3835, or Lynette Johnson, 299-6007, at once.

September

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3 10:00 AM **Worship** — sacraments of communion and baptism
11:00 AM Fellowship
Office closed

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7 6:30 PM Handbell Choir
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

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9 5:00 PM Arnold/Bell wedding

10 9:45 AM ★ RALLY DAY
fall schedule resumes
11:00 AM **Worship**
Teacher Dedication Sunday
sacrament of baptism (2)
Noon Fellowship

11 7:00 AM The Monday Connection
8:00 PM Committee meetings

12 10:00 AM Christian Living Group

13 9:30 AM Bible study
2:45 PM Collingswood

14 6:30 PM Handbell Choir
8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

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16 10:00 PM ★ Middle School LOCK-IN
6:00 PM Clark/Weems wedding

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9:00 AM Children's Choir
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM **Worship**
3rd graders receive Bibles
Noon Fellowship
3:00 PM Manor Care
Steeple to People deadline

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8:00 PM Session

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11:00 AM **Worship**
Noon ★ DEACONS' BRUNCHES

25 7:30 PM Deacons

26 10:00 AM Presbytery at National
Presbyterian Church

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7:30 PM Basic Bible Study
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8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir

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Do you miss your Dine with Nine group? New groups will form in January. However, feel free to have a "reunion" with one of your old groups this fall. Someone will have to take the initiative.

In Our Family

We keep in our prayers . . .
Colleen Mitchel.

Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .

Katie Shamel and Donald Dean, married August 26, at Potomac Presbyterian.

We rejoice in the births of . . .

Madeline Emily Teel, daughter of Beth and Matthew Teel, born July 20;

Hannah Ruth Singerling, daughter of Molly and Jim Singerling, and granddaughter of Ruth and Hal Newell, born August 19;

Marjorie Katherine Dean, daughter of Gray and Tommy Dean, and granddaughter of Margie and Bob Bedingfield, born August 21;

Kaly Ann Nasiff, daughter of Katie and Scott Nasiff, and granddaughter of Pat and Bill King, born August 22;

Rachal Brooks, daughter of Yvette and Bruce Brooks, and granddaughter of Carolyn and Charlie Brooks.

We give thanks for the lives of . . .

The mother of Linda Knowles; the brother of Bob Conley; the sister of Jan Malone.

We commend them to the loving care of our Lord.

For Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Our prayers are with Linda, Bob, Jan, and their families.

WHERE'D THEY GO?

Pam and Rick Yager
30 Sandpiper Lane
Lakeforest, IL 60045
(708) 604-9233

Katie and Chip Dickinson
6240 Green Meadows Rd.
Memphis, TN 38120

Jon and Connie Warnick -
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P.O. 80450
Nashville, TN 37208-0450

Holiday Bazaar Workshops



The summer workshops to produce merchandise to be sold at this year's Holiday Bazaar were well attended. As a result, many "product lines" were undertaken, and the autumn workshops will offer a wide array of creative tasks for the talented—as well as for the simply willing.



Beginning on September 13, the workshops will be held weekly, immediately following Wednesday morning Bible study, from 10:30 to noon at the church.



In addition to making important contributions to the success of the Holiday Bazaar in November, the workshops are a pleasant opportunity to chat with old friends and meet new ones.

Christmas International House

December will be here before you know it. We need your help in preparing for about 20 foreign students who have been invited to spend two weeks in the Gaithersburg area during the Christmas holidays. Being far from home, these students might otherwise be in empty dormitories on deserted campuses. Each year, we've enjoyed sharing our holidays with people from other countries as we celebrate God's love for all people.

We will need help in many ways: host families for 1 or 2 week periods, help with 3 all-day trips to D.C. and 3 evening parties, dinner invitations for small groups, etc. It's not too early to start dreaming of a most unusual Christmas. The program runs December 20 to January 2. Call Eleanor Munch, 926-3728, or Barbara Clark, 279-9572, for further information.

Kerry On . . .

Perhaps you've missed a few Sundays this summer. OK. Now is a good time to begin again and promise yourself that this fall I am going to be faithful in coming to worship. It may be better to say, I promise God that I will gather with the community of faith to worship.

Come not because you should. Come not because you'll get something out of it. Come not because Mom or your spouse wants you to. Come because you are invited by a gracious God who loves you enough to give his very best.

I discovered these words this summer and have not been able to find the source, but they express some of the wonder of what it means to worship with God's people:

*Yours is the kingdom community
whose very assembling
is sacrament of God's presence in the world.*

*Yours is to be nothing more
and nothing less than the body of Christ.*

*Through your lives and in your midst
the tidings of salvation
are faithfully proclaimed.*

*You are the people
who embody the promise of life forever*

*Come prepared to be surprised
by God's word and presence
in the assembly of your neighbors.*

*Come as you are!
Come as sinners
who need to find mercy
as the redeemed who need to give thanks.*

*Come with no expectations,
save the sure hope of communion
with the Holy One
in the family of God's people.*

See you on Sunday.

Dear members of PPC Vacation Bible School:

The staff and volunteers of Rainbow Place wish to thank the 58 children of your Vacation Bible School for their participation in the gift of \$75.05.

What a wonderful way to teach the correlation between "Turnabout Paul" and the lives affected by our Women's Shelter.

We certainly will use your gift to good service. Bless your mission.

*Dawn Thompson,
for Rainbow Place Shelter for Women*



Faith & Work

**Sunday, September 24
11:00 a.m. Worship**

This will be the fourth year now that members of our congregation have been asked to speak to the congregation on how they seek to make connections between faith and work. These talks have challenged us and helped us all to be more faithful in our daily lives. We are grateful that Kay Mitchel and George Ligler have agreed to speak this year.

September

Adult Christian Education

MEN! WOMEN! OLD! YOUNG! TALL! SHORT! MOSTLY NORMAL! PLAIN NUTS! LEFT AND RIGHT HANDED! THE WASHED AND THE UNWASHED —EVERYBODY!
Be in fellowship hall for Rally Day, Sunday, September 10, 9:45 a.m., to find out about all the excitement coming your way this fall! There's something for everyone!

● Adult Seminar

Sunday mornings, 9:45 a.m., in the church library

"TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE" is this year's theme for our Sunday School program. We will explore how we may "... shine as lights in the world ..." (Philippians 2:15). All speakers have been asked to consider our theme in preparing their presentations. It's going to be exciting and we invite you to join us.

OUR FRIEND IS BACK TO CHALLENGE AND DELIGHT US. Don't miss the distinguished Dr. Donald Miller, our keynote speaker, September 17, 24, and October 1. Dr. Miller was professor of New Testament at Union Seminary, Richmond, for 19 years, before going to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where he served as president for eight years. He has also held pastorates in Maryland, Texas, and North Carolina.

Striving to Understand	September 17
Striving to Achieve	September 24, October 1
Using the Bible	September 24
Learning to Pray	October 1

● For Parents of Teenagers

Sunday mornings, 9:45 a.m., in fellowship hall

CONFUSED? TORMENTED? FED UP? ... HAPPY AS A CLAM??! Plan to attend the four week series designed to help make sense of life with teenagers. We'll be focusing on chapters from the book *Like Dew Your Youth—Growing Up With Your Teenager* by Eugene Peterson, professor of spiritual theology at Regent College, Vancouver, British Columbia. Sessions will be layman led, September 17 and 24, October 1 and 8. Kathy McPherson will be the facilitator for this group.

● Bible Classes—Basic and Beyond

Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

In an expansion of evening Bible study classes, we will have two groups meeting for six weeks each, beginning September 20 and ending October 25.

Basic Bible Study—for those who know a little, more or less

Lynette Johnson will lead this Bible survey which will begin with a review of Basic Bible I and II and continue with a survey of the prophets. This class is open to everyone, whether you have had I and II or not.

Beyond Basics—for those who want to dig into Paul's letter to the Galatians

Tom Miles will lead a group studying the book of Galatians. This course will consist of an in depth examination of Paul's letter to the Galatians with opportunity for discussion.

● Women's Bible Study

Wednesday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

YOU CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON A GOOD DISCUSSION. Join Kerry Stoltzfus September 13 to begin our study of "Biblical Images of the Realm of God."

● Christian Living Group

Second Tuesday of each month, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

COME BE A PART OF OUR FUN, FELLOWSHIP, SUPPORT, AND STUDY.

Lynette Johnson leads this group which will have its first session September 12. Mothers, take note: child care is provided ... Is that great or what?

● Small Groups

LET'S DO IT AGAIN. LET'S ADD SOME MORE. Two Koinonia/Covenant groups were organized last year for study, sharing, and prayer. The meetings were layman led and held in each other's homes in the evening. We are hoping to form some additional groups this fall. Please call Jean Fidler, 469-6475, or Kathy McPherson, 926-2792, for information.

Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *senior pastor*
O. Thomas Miles, *parish associate*
Lynette Johnson, *director of Christian education*
Cynthia Wright, *director of music and organist*

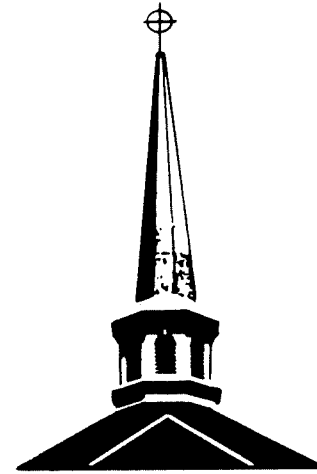
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

MARK YOUR 1996 CALENDAR!

For those of you who were wondering why the All-Church Retreat didn't appear in the Christian Education brochure for fall—it's because it's going to be in the spring. Please mark your 1996 calendar for the All-Church Retreat on April 21. Once again it will be at Camp Glenkirk. Stay tuned for more details . . .

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

October

1995

Kerry On . . .

Total depravity— now there is a topic we would rather avoid. Along with predestination* it is, however, usually misunderstood. Ralph Wood, writing in Christian Century Magazine, helped me to take a fresh look at the term.

Total depravity does not mean that we are to find salvation by focusing on our utter worthlessness. Of course we know this by remembering that we are created in the image of God and as the Psalmist said, we are made just a little less than God.

What it does mean is this: Sin taints and distorts the totality of our lives—our heads and hearts, our motives and desires. Consider that newspapers exist in large part because even the best and the brightest among us are tainted by sin. Or think of the billions we spend on writing and enforcing laws. At a deeper level we teach values to our children because we want them to rise to the image of God in which we are all created. We teach also to restrain that which taints and distorts even our best intentions.

This is why we confess our sin every week in the worship service—not because we are worthless, but because Jesus Christ died to save us from that which taints and distorts our lives. In Him we hear the incredible good news, “You are forgiven.” Thanks be to God.

*Look for next month's Kerry On... and I will share some thoughts on this “P” word.

October

1	9:00 AM Children's Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School; Inquirers' class 11:00 AM Worship World Communion Sunday Noon Fellowship 7:00 PM ★ Evening of Renewal with Covenant Players
2	7:00 AM The Monday Connection
3	1:00 PM The Lord's Table
4	9:30 AM Bible study 10:30 AM Bazaar craft WORKSHOP
5	7:30 PM Basic Bible Study 7:30 PM Beyond Basics 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir
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7	8:30 AM Nat'l Capital Presbytery Planned Giving workshop (at PPC) 9:00 AM Nat'l Capital Presbytery teacher training workshop (at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church)
8	9:00 AM Children's Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School; Inquirers' class 9:45 AM Usher training (in sanctuary) 11:00 AM Worship Noon Fellowship 8:00 PM Committee meetings
9	10:00 AM Christian Living Group
10	9:30 AM Bible study
11	10:30 AM Bazaar craft WORKSHOP
12	2:45 PM Collingswood Basic Bible Study 7:30 PM Beyond Basics 11:00 AM ★ Ladies' Luncheon 6:30 PM Handbell Choir 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir
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16	9:30 AM Parents of preschoolers
17	8:00 PM Session
18	★ Christian educators' Retreat 9:30 AM Bible study
19	10:30 AM Bazaar craft WORKSHOP
20	7:30 PM Basic Bible Study
21	6:30 PM Handbell Choir 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir 9:00 AM ★ Women's Retreat (at Claggett Center)
22	9:00 AM Children's Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School; Inquirers' class 11:00 AM Worship - dedication of hymnals; new members received Noon Fellowship 7:30 PM Deacons
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26	10:30 AM Bazaar craft WORKSHOP
27	7:30 PM Basic Bible Study
28	6:30 PM Handbell Choir 8:00 PM Sanctuary Choir Potomac Days
29	9:00 AM Children's Choir 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Noon Fellowship Noon:30 ★ Stewardship brunch 7:00 PM Middle schoolers collect for UNICEF
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In Our Family

We keep in our prayers . . .
Colleen Mitchel.

Congratulations and God's blessing on . . .
Robin Arnold and Steve Bell, married September 9;
Sallye Clark and Sterling Weems, married September 16, at PPC.

We rejoice in the birth of . . .
Isaac Caney Hummon, son of Becca and Marcus Hummon and grandson of Jean and John Hummon, born August 21, in Nashville, Tennessee.

We celebrate with joy the baptisms of . . .
Amanda Catherine Leary, daughter of Debra and William Leary, September 3;
Michelle Hannah Jung, daughter of Young Sook Kim and Goeh Jung, September 10;
Kayla Rose Mason, daughter of Melanie and Scott Mason, September 10.



Sharing Christmas

Now is a good time to start thinking about how you might share your Christmas holidays this year. In the Gaithersburg area, the Christmas International House program will welcome 15-20 foreign students from December 20 to January 2. 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—peacemaking at the grass roots level.

Please join us for our planning meeting Monday, October 16, room 32-33, 7:30 p.m., at Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church and discover why this program is so rewarding. For further information, call Eleanor Munch, 926-3728, or Barbara Clark, 279-9572. Or speak with the Boddigers, Thompsons, or Tennents who have taken part in CIH.

October

Adult Christian Education

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Adult Christian education on Sunday mornings has started off with a bang! Over fifty people have attended either the Adult Seminar or the Parents-of-Teenagers class. We hope to see even more of you in October.

● **Adult Seminar** October's programs explore this year's theme, "To Be God's People":

- 1 **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE?**
Striving to Achieve—Learning to Pray - Dr. Donald Miller, professor emeritus, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
- 8 **GOD'S PEOPLE—Predestination?** - Dr. Dewey Wallace, professor of religion, George Washington University
- 15 **GOD'S PEOPLE—Covenant and National Destiny** - Dr. Wallace
- 22 **GOD'S PEOPLE—The Church?** - Dr. Wallace
- 29 **TRANSFORMING CONGREGATIONS** - Edward White, former General Presbyter, Alben Institute

● **Parents of teenagers** Parents-of-Teenagers will continue to meet October 1 and 8 for study and discussion of the book, *Like Dew Your Youth—Growing Up With Your Teenager*, by Eugene Peterson. Kathy McPherson is the facilitator for this group, which meets in Fellowship Hall, Sunday mornings at 9:45.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

Two Bible study classes started September 20 and will continue Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9:00 p.m., in October. You may join either class, even though you missed September.

Basic Bible Study Lynette Johnson is leading this Bible survey of the prophets, following a brief review of Basic Bible I and II.

Beyond Basics Tom Miles will lead an in-depth study of Paul's letter to the Galatians, with opportunity for discussion.

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Our Heifer Project promotion, "Fill the Ark with Love," continues for our children and youth through the first half of October.

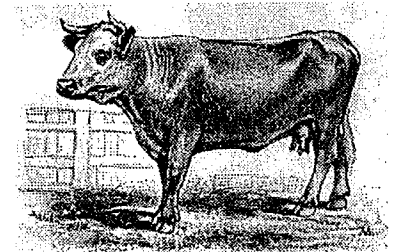
Our Sunday School offerings are designated for Heifer Project, International, a program which sends livestock to farmers all around the world, assisting them in their quest to become self-sufficient. Our dollars generate initial gifts of animals to farmers, who then pledge those animals' first offspring back to the Heifer Project, so the gift continues to give!



For the first four weeks of our Sunday School year, we're engaging in a special promotion for Heifer Project, called "Fill the Ark with Love." As part of this promotion, Noah (Pete Fidler!) visited our Fall Rally Day to generate some excitement. Ark-shaped banks were distributed to children and youth, along with daily calendars telling about some of the work done by Heifer Project. Children and youth will make daily deposits in their ark banks for these four weeks.

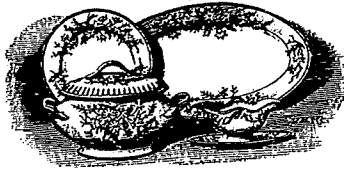
On October 8, the ark banks will be returned to the church, filled with money. In exchange for the filled banks, children and youth will receive souvenir ark banks to keep at home AND dated offering envelopes for each Sunday remaining in the year. During the following week, the money will be counted and types of animals to be given will be selected. On Sunday, October 15, Noah will return to the worship service to welcome the animals on board the ark, which our children and youth have "Filled with Love."

Parents, please encourage your children and youth to follow through with this promotion! It is important, both because the money is going to a worthwhile cause and because through the promotion and the use of offering envelopes, children and youth will get into the habit of regular, systematic giving.



Let's fill the ark with love!

Lynette



You are invited to a
Ladies' Luncheon

Thursday, October 12

11:00 a.m.

Potomac Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to share.

Babysitting will be available.

Please call Maggie Fahs for
reservations, 365-2395.



FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday

October 21, 1995

Bishop Claggett Center

Buckeystown, Maryland

By Roads We Have Not Traveled

God's Word of Hope for

Times When Hope is Scarce

Brochures and registration forms for this all-day retreat were mailed in late August. If you need a brochure, please call Lynette Johnson at the church office as soon as possible. Registration forms and payment (\$12.00, which includes lunch) are due no later than Tuesday, October 17. Plan to join us for a day of renewal and relaxation!

- for people who want to learn more about the Presbyterian Church . . .
- for those interested in membership in Potomac Presbyterian Church . . .

"Inquirers' Series"

Sundays, October 1, 8, and 15

9:45 a.m., in the parlor

Upon completion of the series which will be taught by our pastor, those who wish to unite with the church will meet with the Session Sunday, October 22, at 9:45 a.m. Church recognition of these new members will be held that same morning at the 11:00 service. All visitors are welcome to attend these classes.

**Potomac Presbyterian Church
Goals 1995-2000**

As part of last fall's stewardship campaign, members of our congregation contributed their ideas and visions for PPC as we approach the year 2000. Over the last few months, the Session and committees have studied and considered these visions in order to chart a direction for PPC. This summer, in response to the visions articulated by the congregation and considered by the committees, the Session adopted the following goals:

- **Maintain a staff** whose performance, vision, and education provide stimulation and spiritual growth within the congregation.
- **Expand involvement and programming** to meet the educational needs of our growing congregation by establishing support groups and additional education ministries to .
- **Increase our commitment to evangelism**, provide the congregation additional opportunities for hands-on mission, establish a long-term commitment to another church in mission in our world, share PPC's mission activities vividly and regularly with the congregation, and increase the percentage of our total operating budget given to mission in each year through 2000.
- **Maintain and protect our investment in facilities and grounds** in a professional manner through an increase in our funding allocation.
- **Provide additional activities and events** through which church families and other groups (singles, seniors, teens) can interact in a Christian social environment.
- **Expand church membership** at a rate of 4% per year and increase our community recognition and presence.
- **Reduce debt service** to 5% of the budget.



In Touch...

1996 Stewardship Campaign October 15-29, 1995

Dear Friends,

Our church means much to each of us. In many significant ways we count on our church to be there for us, and often, perhaps, we take for granted the spiritual help and support which we so generously receive. God has done much for us—we are truly blest.

As we begin our 1996 Stewardship Campaign, we ask that you thoughtfully and prayerfully consider what God's blessing has meant to you and your family and the ways we count on our church to be there.

The Stewardship Campaign's theme this year is *In Touch*—

- a people who share
- a people who care
- a people who pray.

During the week of October 9th, you

will receive in the mail a stewardship letter, your pledge card and a brochure explaining the 1996 budget details and campaign goals. Please study this information and should you have questions or comments, please call (301) 975-9411 and additional information will be provided. The projected budget for 1996 is \$462,000—a 13% increase over 1995—with the greatest increase in the areas of mission and operations/maintenance of the church.

The first Stewardship Sunday in the campaign is October 15, with the conclusion on October 29, Dedication Sunday, when pledge cards will be received during the worship hour. Following worship, an all member "light brunch" will be served in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the dedication of our pledges.

PPC is a compassionate and giving congregation who have cared for the homeless, helped feed the hungry and given love and support to the discouraged and saddened. As we recall what has been done, let us remember how many challenges and opportunities are still possible, how very fortunate we have been as a congregation, and what our church means to each of us.

In considering your 1996 pledge—"You glorify God . . . by the generosity of your sharing." *Corinthians II, 9:13.*

Wilma Sharer

Stewardship Campaign Chair

THE



WRIGHT
NOTE

IN LATE AUGUST, I SENT A LETTER ABOUT CHOIR to our 2nd through 5th graders. Eleven wonderful singers responded and are now well on their way to a meaningful year. Reflecting on that letter, I have decided to share with you the section on what I feel the church music experience means. Choir, in the broader sense, refers to both singing and ringing handbells.

Choir is:

Having fun.

Finding friendship through singing.

Learning to read and sing the great music of the church.

Discovering your singing voice.

Realizing rhythmic and melodic patterns through chimes, xylophones, rhythm instruments and vocal exercises.

Singing in a group that shares special music regularly in worship.

Learning in a Christian musical setting where everyone is comfortable, no matter what the skill or experience level.

Understanding commitment—similar to joining a team or signing up for lessons. You agree to attend regular rehearsals and support the program.

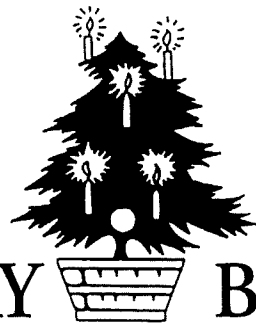
Setting your alarm clock early on Sundays for practice.

Using your talent, and in so doing, thanking God for that gift.

Receiving an opportunity to add a new dimension to your worship.

Recently Kerry preached a challenging sermon entitled, "If I Had It to Do All Over Again." If I had that chance, I would again be a choir director. What a joy it is for me to help church musicians—young and old—to discover, develop and share their gifts.

Cindy



HOLIDAY BAZAAR*

Saturday, November 11, 1995 • 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Here and there, it might be a tad bigger or a modicum better. But, essentially, it will be the same event that enticed more than 75 people to be waiting in line when we opened the doors for last year's bazaar.

This is, clearly, not your grandmother's church bazaar. Much of the merchandise—from Peggy Hawley's paintings and Shirley Tietjen's needlework to Lew Smith's wooden miniatures of Potomac landmarks—is handcrafted by men and women with the remarkable talents found in this community.

And there's more. A **brunch**, served by familiar-looking garçons from 10:30 to 1:30, with never an empty seat . . . a gourmet **bake sale** . . . and throughout the day, unspoken, but fervent, contention for beach weeks and prize antiques at the **silent auction** table.

The remarkable spirit of our Holiday Bazaar stems from the involvement of such a large share of the congregation working together. More than 150 of us played an active role in putting on last year's bazaar—and that's not counting those whose sole contribution was as a shopper on bazaar day.

The result was, and will be again in 1995, PPC's Christmas gift to our community. The proceeds of the bazaar—well over \$10,000 a year in recent years—are donated to charities in Montgomery County.

That kind of success does not happen overnight. The planning committee for this year's bazaar had its first meeting in May. Workshops met throughout the summer to stitch and paint and glue, while many members have done their creating at home.

Here are some tasks, large and small, you can help with—come October, bazaar preparations shift into high gear!

● Workshops

If you are available during the day, the workshops will be meeting from 10:30 to noon, Wednesdays, through November 1.

● Donations

Mary Ann Cookerly and Kathy McPherson are collecting items to be offered in the silent auction. A week at your vacation home, antiques, artwork and sporting event tickets were popular items in last year's silent auction, as were services ranging from tax preparation to babysitting.

● Names & addresses

One of our most effective tools for publicizing the bazaar is the mailing of an announcement card. The mailing list of nearly 1,500 names has been suggested by members over the years and is maintained on Miriam Conley's computer. You can help by adding more names—family, friends, neighbors, or business associates. And please help Miriam keep the list effective and up-to-date by advising her of changes and deletions. Include your own name and phone number in case she has questions.

● Coupons

Keep your eyes open for discount coupons from Pearl Arts and Crafts on Rockville Pike. They are included in advertising, often sent through the mail. Some of the materials used to make bazaar products are purchased at Pearl, and the discount helps to increase our net profits.

Contact a committee member if you can help in any way:

Miriam Conley, bazaar coordinator; Mildred Rowan, bake sale; Pat King, brunch; Shirley Tietjen, needlework; Linda Miller, publicity; Margie Bedingfield; Carol Clouse; Peggy Hawley; Rene Jochim; Betty Yadlosky.

* *This is not your grandmother's church bazaar . . .*

Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *senior pastor*
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Sunday School 9:45 AM
Worship 11:00 AM

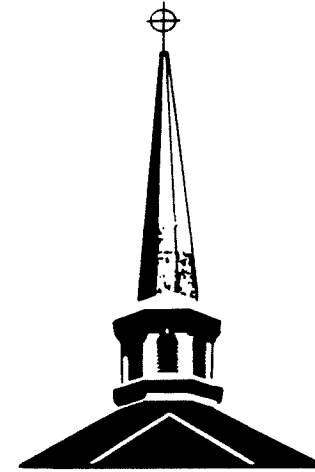
HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 11, 1995 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

See inside for details!

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE Potomac Presbyterian Church

November

1995

Kerry On . . .

“Predestination”— it’s something you have to live with if you are a Presbyterian, especially if you are a pastor. People will say to me, “You Presbyterians believe in predestination, don’t you?” It’s usually said almost as an accusation.

At it’s worst, it is a kind of fatalism, or a picture of a God who has human beings on strings, like puppets. It can also be misused by folks who take it upon themselves to decide who is in and who is out.

At it’s best, it is a way of describing the incredible love of God and our only hope in life and in death. It means that God created the world in love, somehow we got lost, and God has been working ever since to bring us home. The emphasis is on what God does to accomplish that purpose, and what we do is a response. If we turn it around and put the focus on our response I believe we have misunderstood the theme of the Bible.

It is also a corrective to all human constructions of religion. For religion is our attempts to find God. The Bible is the story of a God who finds us. How liberating to realize that our hope is built not on our piety, cleverness or ethics, but on the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who reaches out to us in love.

Happy Thanksgiving !

November

1	9:30 AM	Bible study	16	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	10:30 AM	★ Bazaar craft WORKSHOP		8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir
2	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	17		
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	18	10:00 AM	★ NCP Presbytery meeting (at Fairlington PC)
3			19	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
4		Session Retreat		9:45 AM	Sunday School
5	9:00 AM	Children's Choir		11:00 AM	Worship
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		Noon	Fellowship
	11:00 AM	Worship		3:00 PM	Manor Care
	Noon	Fellowship			<i>Steeple to People</i> deadline
6	7:00 AM	The Monday Connection	20	9:30 AM	Parents of preschoolers
7	1:00 PM	The Lord's Table			No Session meeting
8	9:30 AM	Bible study	21		
	2:45 PM	Collingswood	22		No Bible study
9	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir	23		Thanksgiving - Office closed
	8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir	24		Office closed
10			25		
11	9:00 AM- 3:00 PM	<i>Holiday Bazaar</i> 	26	9:00 AM	Children's Choir
12	9:00 AM	Children's Choir		9:45 AM	Sunday School
	9:45 AM	Sunday School		11:00 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	Worship		Noon	Fellowship
	Noon	Fellowship			No Deacons
	4:30 PM	Middle Schoolers	27		
13	8:00 PM	Committee meetings	28		
14	9:30 AM	Christian Living Group	29	9:30 AM	Bible study
15	9:30 AM	Bible study	30	6:30 PM	Handbell Choir
	7:00 PM	Alzheimer's Meeting		7:00 PM	Deacons
				8:00 PM	Sanctuary Choir

A Final Message

What did Jesus say to His disciples before He returned to Heaven? To find out, turn the letters below into words by adding vowels.

Read Matthew 28:16-20 for help.

JESUS SAID,
 "G ND MK
 DSCPLS F LL NTNS,
 BPTZNG THM N TH NM F
 TH FTNR ND F TH SN ND F TH HLY
 SPRT, ND TCHNG THM T BY
 VRYTHNG HV CMMNDD YU."

WELCOME

to our new members

**The following new members were received by the Session, October 22, 1995.
We welcome these new families into the work and worship of our church.**

Ms. Christine M. Bechtel
14705 Yearling Terrace
Rockville, MD 20850, 301/294-3751

Chris comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was born in a tiny coal mining town in central eastern Pennsylvania called Tremont and grew up in a Pennsylvania Dutch/German culture. Chris has a Bachelor's degree in nursing from Penn State University, a Master's degree in nursing from Villanova University and doctoral work in Education Psychology started at Temple University. She works as a Nurse Specialist/Research Coordinator for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Intramural Research program at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda. She coordinates studies of new HIV and AIDS treatments. Most recently, she has become involved in a cutting-edge gene therapy study. Chris loves to read everything from religions and spiritual philosophies to areas of cognitive psychology. She loves going to movies, plays and the beach. A new hobby is learning to use her camera.

Deacon: Jackie Evans

Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Boxhoorn
10108 Colebrook Avenue
Potomac, MD 20854, 301/838-0718

The Boxhoorns come as Affiliate members; they will be in the United States for three years. Their home church is The United Reform Church of Leiderdorp, Netherlands. Han was born in Amsterdam where his parents ran a small grocery store in one of the older parts of the city. After attending the Military Academy in Breda, he started his career as an Air Force Officer. It was in Germany that he and Marthy met; Marthy was a teacher at the Dutch school. Their first assignment in the U.S. was in 1980 and they lived in Falls Church for three years. After returning to Holland, they lived fifteen years in Leiderdorp, a small village near the University town, Leiden. His assignment in the U.S. this time is with the Royal Netherlands Embassy as a Military Officer of the Royal Netherlands Air Force. In his spare time, Han enjoys photography; and, with all the golf courses nearby, he has started to play golf. The Boxhoorns have three sons: Marten who is in Holland living in their house, Erik who is a Freshman at American University, and Paul who is a 5th grader at Wayside Elementary.

Deacon: Jim Underhill



Ms. Edith Callahan

14810 Springfield Road
Darnestown, MD 20874, 301/977-2828

Edee comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Chevy Chase. She is a widow -- was married for 42 years -- has four grown children and six grandchildren. Edee is the owner of Bethesda Florist, Inc. which her husband started 35 years ago. She is now "semi" retired. Her hobbies include reading, gardening, and learning to play golf.

Deacon: Gail Cannon



Mr. Gerald W. Collins

4978 Sentinel Drive
Bethesda, MD 20816, 301/229-8377

Gerry comes by Reaffirmation of Faith. He was born in Colorado and raised in Los Angeles. His education includes three years of Law School. Gerry served in World War II as a bomber pilot (B-17) and flew 35 combat missions over Europe. His awards include four Air Medals; he was discharged as a Captain. His career includes employment with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Washington. Before retiring in 1982, he completed 18 years with the National Defense Transportation Association as Executive Vice President and President. His sons have their own families and reside in Gaithersburg, MD. Currently,

Gerry is serving as a member of the Board of Governors at The Kenwood Golf Club where he plays golf and bowls in their winter league.

Deacon: Gail Cannon



Kelli H. Fort

10834 Antigua Terrace, #201
Rockville, MD 20852, 301/881-2216

Kelli comes by Profession of Faith. She was born in New Jersey and moved to Potomac at age 12. After graduating from Churchill High School, Kelli studied for a Hotel/Motel Management degree in England. Currently she is an Office Manager and does court reporting in Rockville. Kelli has a 3-year old son, Michael Charles. In her spare time, Kelli does needlepoint and crewel work, collects antiques and does gardening. She has been Landscape Committee Chairman of her condo association for 5 years.

Deacon: Millie Gimer



Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nash

11704 MacArthur Boulevard
Potomac, MD 20854, 301/983-9127

Tom and Gail both come by Reaffirmation of Faith. Tom was born in Washington,

NEW MEMBERS

continued



Brian Smith

c/o Missey Smith
20006 Frederick Road, Apt. 43
Darnestown, MD 20876
703/716-5577

Brian comes back to PPC by Certificate of Transfer from Peachtree Presbyterian Church; Atlanta, GA. Brian's family belonged to PPC in the 1980s and Brian was confirmed here. His parents are Trish and Chuck Smith; his sister is Missey. Brian attended the University of South Carolina and did graduate work at Brown University. He presently is working as an Engineer with Americorp Construction Company in VA. Brian is living temporarily in Virginia and will be moving soon to a house in Bethesda.

Deacon: Jan Cookerly

D.C. and grew up in Bethesda. He graduated from Peary High School and the University of Maryland. He has worked for the National Park Service since 1974 and has lived in a variety of parks including the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, Yosemite, Lassen Volcanic National Park, Shennandoah National Park and is now at the C & O Canal. The Nashs have lived at the C & O Canal for 11 years where Tom is the District Ranger. His special interests include sports, hiking, photography, and camping. Tom serves as the Cubmaster for Potomac Pack 773 and coaches both baseball and football teams for youth in the Potomac area. Gail was born in New York and grew up in Bethesda. She graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and the University of Maryland where she received a degree in Early Childhood Education. She has taught elementary school, substituted and even worked as a park ranger. Presently she is a nursery school teacher of 4-year olds. Six months ago, Gail was given an opportunity to participate in a bone marrow transplant when she was the donor for a 5-year old leukemia patient. "Lindsey" survived the transplant and continues to produce healthy blood cells. The Nash family will meet Lindsey next April. In her spare time, Gail enjoys hiking, camping, and photography. The Nashs have two sons: Greg, 11; and Scott, age 9.

Deacon: Carol Clouse

I Keep Forgetting Where I Put My Car Keys!!!

Potomac Presbyterian Church invites you to attend the first of their community outreach programs. Carol Fuchs-Kinslow of the National Institute of Aging will speak on "Memory and Aging" and will provide an overview of Alzheimer's disease and other related disorders. Kathie Rabinovitz, Family Services Coordinator, Alzheimer's Association Greater Washington Chapter, will provide information about resources available in the community.

"Memory and Aging"

Wednesday, November 15, 1995
7:00-9:00 p.m.

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Potomac, Maryland

Pre-registration is requested. For more information or to register call: Potomac Presbyterian Church, 301-299-6007, or Alzheimer's Association Greater Washington Chapter, 301-652-6446.

Senior Living

The Presbyterian Home is planning new, independent retirement living apartments for active seniors on its beautiful 12 1/2 acre campus in the upper northwest Washington/Chevy Chase area. This new community, called Ingleside at Rock Creek, will feature all the thoughtful services and elegant amenities of modern senior living including spacious apartments with full kitchens and wooded views of Rock Creek Park, a new dining room and sun terrace, an indoor swimming pool and fitness room, recreational and activity areas, and walking trails. Plus, the security of available temporary or long-term supportive services and health care should the need arise. To receive the latest information on this exciting expansion please contact the marketing office, 202-363-7076.



Dine with Nine in '96

As we close another season and celebrate the fall harvest, we look ahead to a new year to plant new seeds and to enjoy new experiences. Don't miss Dine with Nine in '96! You are invited to become better acquainted with fellow PPC members as you "dine with nine" of them.

Register for evenings of food, fun, and fellowship in one another's homes. In December, we will combine couples

and singles to form groups of nine. Each group will then meet for dinner once a month for 4 months (January, February, March, and April). You will be asked to be host and to provide the main course for one of the 4 months. The other 3 times you will be asked to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert. Dinners may be casual or formal, each host deciding. The suggested dining date will be the second Saturday of each month; however, adjustments may be made within groups to accommodate schedules.

Plan now! Watch for the sign-up form in the December newsletter or tear-off forms in the Sunday bulletins. If you can't participate in all four dinners, you may be on our substitute list. Call Barbara Perry, 299-6067 for more information or to register.

Join us in January! Let's get to know each other better!

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 2, 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.



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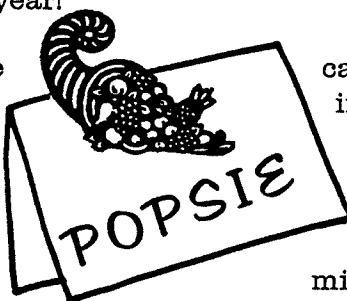
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It's almost Thanksgiving already! How will you and your family celebrate? I don't mean the whether the stuffing is cooked inside the turkey or not, or how many relatives are coming over for dinner, or how many different ways you can disguise leftover turkey. I DO mean: How will you and your family focus on returning thanks to God for God's gifts and blessings to you?

Here are some family Thanksgiving suggestions that come to us from Augsburg's Family Newsletters on Disk. Try to incorporate one or more of these into your plans this year!

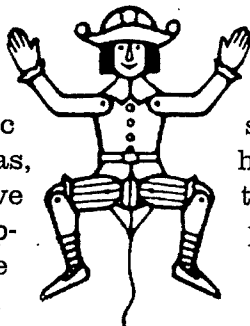
- Making place cards for preschoolers. Fold in half for festive color. Add more color. Messages of "I'm your friend" or "You're the greatest, Grandma!" Save some stickers to decorate paper napkins.



cards is a way to involve even in getting ready for Thanksgiving. index cards. (They come in some colors). Apply a sticker or two for Older children can write a short thanks on each person's card. might say: "Thanks for being Matt's

"You're the greatest, Grandma!" Save some

- Stage a family puppet play. Supply paper socks, glue, markers, and yarn or fabric make simple hand puppets. For script ideas, pets tell for whom and what they want to give have access to a video camera, film the puppeting after the meal. A great way to share Thanksgiving's blessings would be to send video to shut-ins or to relatives who live far



bags or old scraps to have the puppet play for

a copy of the away.



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .

Colleen Mitchel.

Congratulations and best wishes to . . .

Miriam and Fred Sass, married 60! years, October 4;

Doris and Larry Dinterman, married 35 years, October 19.

We rejoice in the births of . . .

Alexandra Nicole Mitchel, daughter of Amy and David Mitchel, and granddaughter of Kay and Ralph Mitchel, October 2.

Lauren Hull Stafford, daughter of Caroline and Brian Stafford, and granddaughter of Ed and Janet Hull Clark, October 8.

We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .

Marjorie Katherine Dean, daughter of Gray and Tommy Dean, and granddaughter of Margie and Bob Bedingfield, September 24.

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NOTE

Plan now to be in church Sunday, November 19, to participate in the dedication of our new hymnal. We have been using this 1990 edition of the *Presbyterian Hymnal* since September 10, but we will officially dedicate it in a service of thanksgiving and praise on Thanksgiving Sunday. The choirs are preparing several appropriate anthems. Brass and handbell accompaniments are also planned. You, the congregation, will be an extended choir as we discover together the use of hymns in all aspects of the service.

Cindy

November

Adult Christian Education

ADULT SEMINAR

Please join us Sundays, 9:45 a.m., in the church library, for a combination of lecture and discussion. In November, we welcome back Louise Winfield, the popular Bible teacher who holds a master's degree in religion. Continuing the focus on our theme for the year, "To Be God's People," Louise Winfield's topics are:

- 5 "From Magicians to Neighbors and Resident Aliens:
On Living in Community as God's People"
- 12 "On Wealth, Taxes and the Kingdom of God:
Dialoguing with Jesus Through the Gospel of Mark"
- 19 "How to Be Faithful to One's God in a Secular Society:
Some Apocryphal Advice"
- 26 "Addressing Violence in Our Time:
Is There Any Word from the Lord?"

SMALL GROUP PROGRAM

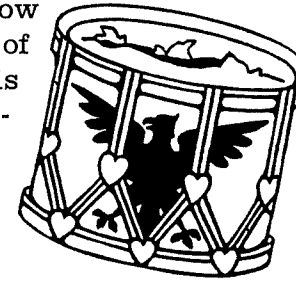
Koinonia, or Covenant, groups are small groups of Christians who meet in each other's homes for a combination of study, sharing, and prayer. They provide a wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and building closer relationships within the faith. Two groups have been meeting and we welcome additional participation. For more information, please call Jean Fisler, 469-6475.

A good question to ask ourselves:

What kind of a world would this world be if everybody were just like me?

- Say "Thank you, God, for the birds" by providing a thanksgiving feast for the birds. String popped corn on thread, or spread peanut butter on a pine cone or spoon it into individual egg carton cups. Sprinkle bird seed over the peanut butter. Attach a yarn loop to each treat and hang them from trees.

- Ask each person to show one object and tell how that object reminds them of which that person is thankful. Suggested objects include: a pen, base- and so forth. Group the table as a "Thank-tion. (If you are un- each person to draw they are thankful on a Discuss what each person identifies.)



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- Ask each family member to hold up the object or picture they added to the "Thankful Cornucopia" described above. Together, thank God for the blessing that object symbolizes.

A blessed and joyful season of thanksgiving to you and your family!

Lynette





HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 11, 1995 • 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Cinnamon buns and coffee at 9:00

Unique, handcrafted goods

Toys! Artwork! Gifts!

Brunch at the God Rest Ye Gentlefolk Cafe

Sell-out bake sale

Silent auction 9:00-noon

It begins with a meeting in the church parlor in May, but the only evidence is a few scribbled notes. If you happen to drop by during one of the workshops in mid-summer, you might see a pilgrim materialize from scraps of fabric or an embroidery square become a pillow, before quickly disappearing into safekeeping.

Most of the work of creating PPC's Holiday Bazaar is done by members in their homes. It's not until the second week of November that cars start pulling into the parking lot to deliver the makings of a marketplace. Out pour the apple pies and nativity sets, the hand-painted birdhouses and crocheted angels, all the wreaths, and oh, the cookies. It happens every year, but it's always amazing.

The bazaar takes shape in less than a week, with Sunday School classrooms transformed into holiday theme rooms, overflowing with colorful merchandise. Come bazaar day, nearly every last item is purchased and carried off in 6 hours flat! A clean-up crew moves in, and on Sunday morning, the classrooms have been magically restored.

Our gift has been made and given, a gift that no one person could have produced. Some gave their time, and others their talents. Most could have written a check and been done with it, but it is our holiday tradition to create this gift with our own hands and hearts.

The proceeds of PPC's 1995 Holiday Bazaar will go to The Lord's Table, Rainbow Place, Habitat for Humanity, Stepping Stones, Winter Growth, and Community Ministries of Montgomery County.

If you want to help decorate the church for the bazaar or join the clean-up team, call Carol Clouse, 983-0518, or Renee Jochum, 309-0235. Decorating is done during the day, Monday through Thursday, November 6-9, and clean-up is done from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on bazaar day.

You can also help by bringing a favorite family recipe to the bake sale. Millie Rowan can answer bake sale questions at 299-7913.

Most importantly, come to the bazaar. Bring a friend. Join us for brunch. The wonder of the gift lies, most of all, in how many of us work to make it.

The Marketplace Rooms

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Angels! Angels! Angels!

The Holly and the Ivy

Gardening, birdhouses

Deck the Halls

Ornaments, wreaths

Bless This House

Autumn, harvest decor

Away in a Manger

Teddy bears, Noah's arks

We Three Ships Came Sailing In

Nautical items

Brunch

Quiche Lorraine

and

Green salad with vinaigrette dressing

or

Low-fat chicken salad in pita bread

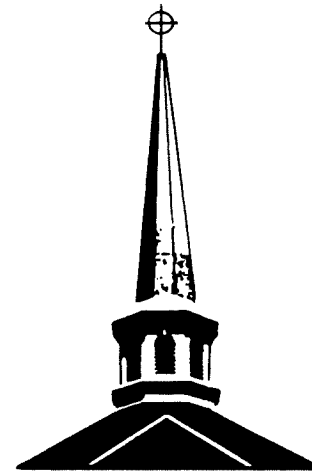


Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *senior pastor*
O. Thomas Miles, *parish associate*
Lynette Johnson, *director of Christian education*
Cynthia Wright, *director of music and organist*

Sunday School 9:45 AM
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Kerry On . . .

At our recent Session retreat we spent some time thinking about who we are as a congregation. We each read a portion of the Gospels and shared what we discovered. We were looking to see who Jesus says we are and then on Sunday morning we each wrote a paragraph for worship on a particular aspect of our being as a congregation.

I wrote the following:

We are His own, no longer servants, but friends. Our life is grounded in trust, marked by gratitude, and sustained by God's amazing grace. All our doing in family, community, work, and church is **energized** by a sure sense of whose we are. Our time together in worship, study, fellowship, and mission strengthens our bonds of friendship with Him and His friends. **Who we are** is God's gift to us, sharing that gift is our gift to the world.

As we enter the Advent Season and move toward Christmas lets all remember and give thanks for the birth of the One who calls us His own.

LET'S SHARE OUR CHRISTMAS LOVE
AND SPREAD OUR CHRISTMAS CHEER

*We Can Be
Carolers . . .*

**Caroling Party
and
Pot Luck Supper
Sunday, December 17**

Join us as we entertain the residents of Manor Care and Collingswood nursing homes. Meet at Manor Care at 4:00 p.m. Call Barbara Garcia, 840-1783, for reservations and food assignment. After caroling, there will be a pot luck supper at the home of Camille and Cliff Kendall, 2 Tobin Court in Potomac. There is a \$2 per person charge, and we ask you to bring a humorous/fun gift for after supper gift exchange.



*We Can Be
Christmas
Angels . . .*



The PPC Christmas Gift Giving Program for needy children and families in the county begins again this year at the Williamsburg Breakfast, Sunday, December 3. You will be given an opportunity to select a child's name for a gift and/or a family name for a food basket. **Wrapped presents and food baskets must be brought to PPC no later than 11:00 a.m. on December 10.** If you are able to help in making deliveries, there will be a sign-up sheet ready for your signature in Fellowship Hall on December 3 or contact Linda Knowles, 330-8506. If you have any questions, please call the church office or Linda. Thank you for your generosity.



In Our Family



We keep in our prayers . . .

Janet Clark, recovering at home after surgery;
Jean Wuckovich, in Shady Grove Hospital.

We celebrate with joy the baptism of . . .

Hannah Ruth Singerling, daughter of Molly and Jim Singerling, and granddaughter of Ruth and Hal Newell, October 29.

To our dear Potomac Church family,

What a special day was October 22! We were so glad to be able to celebrate Madeline's baptism with you. Thank you all for making Madeline's entry into Christianity so perfect a day and for the commitment you share with us to show her the love of her Lord Jesus Christ.

My seminary studies continue to go well. Since our visit with you, I have twice had the opportunity to preach in Prospect, Virginia, at Walker's Presbyterian Church. Both times went well and my sermons were well received. I am enjoying my Hebrew class immensely and look forward to the second half next spring. Following my Bible survey course, I plan to take the Bible content portion of the ordination exam in February.

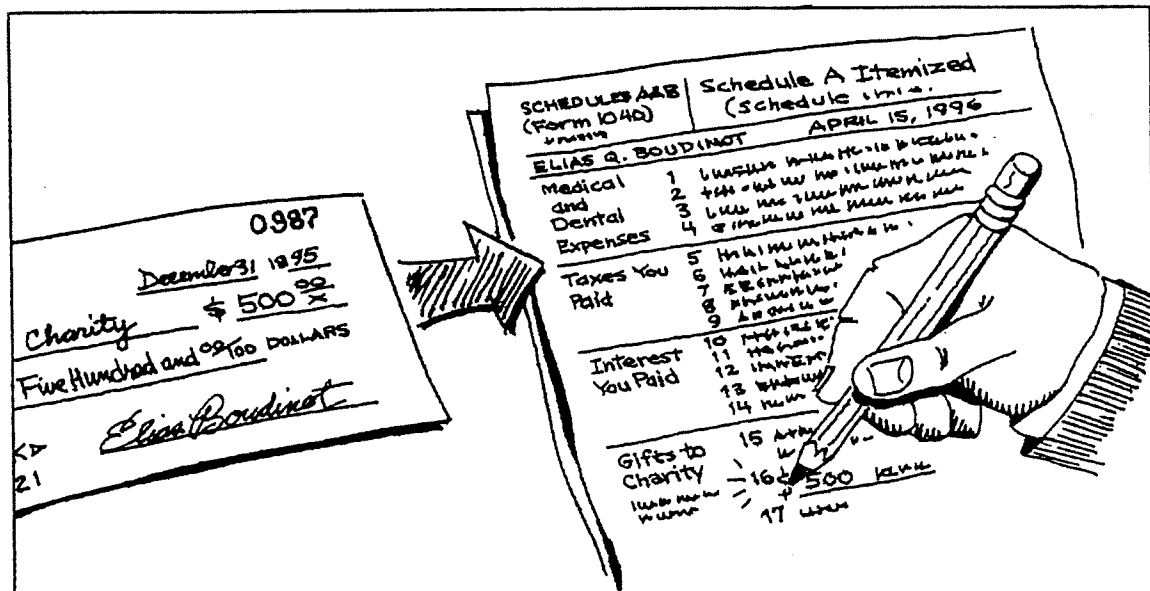
Both Beth and I feel very blessed to have been paired with Potomac Presbyterian Church through the "Adopt-A-Student" program and are very grateful for your role in it. Thank you for your participation and continued support.

We are looking forward to returning soon and seeing our family again. May God bless and keep you all until then.

Yours in Christ,

Matthew G. Teel

New address: Beth and Matthew Teel, 3401 Brook Road, Richmond, VA 23227



(As Long As You Make The Year-End Deadline.)

To help others and get a tax break on your 1995 Federal income tax return, consider making a charitable contribution to Potomac Presbyterian Church now. You can give cash, stocks, appreciated property and other securities in any amount. Giving appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can be a tax benefit in two ways. You receive the charitable contribution deduction as well as avoid the capital gains tax. Don't delay. You must make your gift on or before December 31, 1995 to qualify for a deduction this year.

The Good Things You Do Come Back To You.

GOOD NEWS About Our Youth

Our Youth in Mission

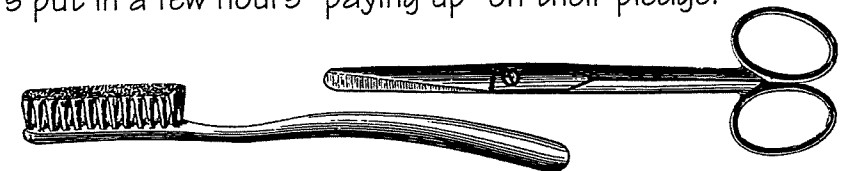
November was a busy month for both Middle Schoolers and Senior Highs at PPC, as they were involved in various mission efforts.

Middle Schoolers put their Super Dog Sunday money to work, assembling 18 health kits and 18 school kits for Church World Service. We sent the kits to New Windsor, Maryland, to the Church World Service distribution center, from which they are sent to areas of need throughout the world. These kits have specific "ingredient" lists, which our Middle Schoolers packed.

Each **health kit** contains: a wash cloth, a hand towel, a bar of soap, a tube of toothpaste, a toothbrush, a comb, a nail file, and six bandaids.

Each **school kit** contains: 2 pads of ruled paper, 12 sheets of construction paper, a pair of scissors, 6 pencils, a pencil sharpener, an eraser, a ruler, and a box of 16 crayons, all packaged in a school tote bag.

The Middle School Sunday School class also donated leaf-raking hours to the silent auction at the PPC bazaar, a fund-raiser for missions. Many Middle Schoolers put in a few hours "paying up" on their pledge!



Senior Highs have been involved in an outreach project with the National Rehabilitation Hospital. On a Sunday afternoon just prior to Thanksgiving, they made **decorative gifts** for all 120 patients at the hospital, and on the day before Thanksgiving, the Senior Highs visited the hospital to deliver the gifts personally to each patient. (Our thanks to Susan Toerge for arranging this project for the Senior Highs!)

Keep your eye on this spot in the months ahead for more GOOD NEWS about our youth!

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ave you ever received a present that is just too tempting not to open? Have you ever sneaked into the room where the present waits just to look at it? Or to hold it? Or to rattle it? Have you ever (oh-so-accidentally, of course) opened the present and peeked?

If you have, then you've heard your heart beating a thousand times a second as you wrap the package back—and you've known the wonderful agony of pretending on Christmas morning that you don't know what's in the now not-quite-so-enticing box.

The good news for our lives is that God's gifts to each of us—our families and friends, our special talents and interests, our unique personalities—never come wrapped with a tag that says, "Do Not Open Until . . ." Spend a few minutes now taking inventory of God's gifts to you. Have you forgotten to open any of them? God's gifts are given for us to use for God's glory—it seems such a shame not to luxuriate in them!

Share with a friend or a family member a special talent or interest you've never developed or that you've laid aside. Make plans to use that talent or interest for God's glory in the year ahead!

"Now we have received not the spirit of this world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God."

I Corinthians 2:12

Grace and peace,

Lynette

DINE WITH NINE IN '96



As you check off your holiday gift list, don't forget to give yourself a super present for 1996—join **Dine With Nine**. You are invited to become better acquainted with fellow PPC members as you "dine with nine" of them.

Sign up now for fun-filled evenings of dining and fellowship in one another's homes. Dinners will begin in January and continue through April. Those who register will be organized into groups of nine (or eight). One of the group will be chosen as the first host. That person will prepare the main dish and arrange for other group members to contribute salad, appetizer or dessert. Dinners may be casual or formal, each host decides. The purpose of Dine With Nine is to get to know one another, not to join a gourmet dinner club. Large or small rooms will accommodate guests. The suggested dining date is the second Saturday of each month, however,

adjustments may be made within groups to accommodate schedules. There is a substitute list for those unable to participate in all four dinners.

Register by December 13, so groups can be organized and letters sent to participants. To register, fill in the form below, tear-off forms in the Sunday bulletins, or call Barbara Perry, 299-6067. Written forms may be placed in the Sunday offering plates or sent to the church or Barbara Perry, 11208 Hurdle Hill Drive, Potomac 20854. If you participated in Dine With Nine last year, please register to be part of a new group in '96. Let's get to know each other better!

Name _____

Phone _____

___ I will host in January

___ I can accommodate only 8 people

___ I would like to substitute

Thanks to Everybody for a Job Really Well Done!

Thanks to the many, many people whose efforts and generosity helped make our annual Holiday Bazaar (including, brunch, silent auction, and bake table) such a tremendous success. More than 150 women and men participated this year, and attendance was spectacular. More than \$16,000 was raised to support local missions: The Lord's Table, Habitat for Humanity, Rainbow Place, Stepping Stones, Community Ministries of Montgomery County, and Winter Growth. A special thanks is given to all who stitched, painted, stuffed, glued, set up, served, and cleaned up:

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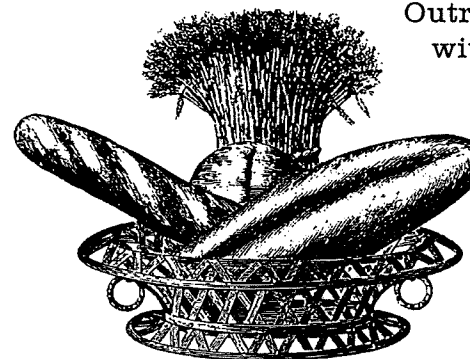
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Sup With Singles



This is an innovative approach by the Outreach Committee, dealing not only with being single on Saturday evenings, but also with being single on all the other evenings that end in "y"! Please join us for dinner Saturday, January 20, 1996, at Pat McMillen's, where we will share ideas and concerns for the singles ministry of PPC. Contact Pat McMillen, 299-8771, or Renee Jochum, 309-0325, with any questions. The Outreach Committee welcomes your input and needs to know your concerns!