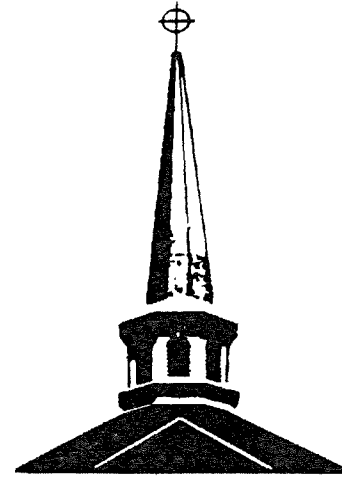


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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

January

2000

Kerry On . . .

How will God shape our lives in the new century? The Apostle tells us that God gives us the fruit of the Spirit which is,

LOVE in Jesus name

JOY the Lord has come

PEACE on earth and mercy mild

PATIENCE with those we love the most

KINDNESS to strangers

GENEROSITY for we are truly blessed

FAITHFULNESS which we learn from God

GENTLENESS in all things great and small

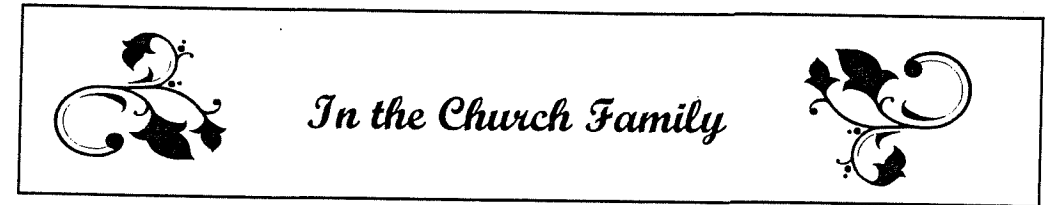
SELF CONTROL which nurtures a civil society

May the fruit of the Spirit grow and mature in our lives in the new century.

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

January 2000

1				12:00	Fellowship
2		No Children's Choir		3:00 p.m.	Manor Care
		No Sunday School		4:30 p.m.	Junior High Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship		6:00 p.m.	Junior/Senior High Fellowship
	12:00	Fellowship			dinner
		No Youth Groups	17	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship
3				8:00 p.m.	<i>Steeple to People</i> deadline
4	1:00 p.m.	The Lord's Table	18	8:00 p.m.	Session
	7:00 p.m.	Compassionate Friends	18	10:30 a.m.	Men's Book Club
5	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus	19	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir		4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training		7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
	7:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Study, led by Tom Miles		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
6	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir	20	7:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Study, led by Tom Miles
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir		6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
7			21	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
8	8:30 - 4p.m.	Deacons' retreat	22		
	8:30 - 4p.m.	Stephen Ministry Retreat, hosted by Nancy Tietjen	23	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
9	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	New Officers' Breakfast		11:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		12:00	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Ordination and Installation of new officers		6:00 p.m.	No Junior High Group
	12:00	Fellowship	24	7:30 p.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting and dinner
	12:30 p.m.	Workcampers meeting	25	10:00 a.m.	No Senior High Group
	4:30 p.m.	Junior High Fellowship			Deacons
	6:00 p.m.	Junior/Senior High Fellowship dinner	26	9:30 a.m.	National Capital Presbytery meeting at National Presbyterian Church
	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Fellowship		4:00 p.m.	Bible Study
10	12:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee		7:00 p.m.	Primary Choir
	8:00 p.m.	Committees		7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training
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	2:45 p.m.	Collingswood		8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir	28		
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Training	29	2:00 p.m.	Workcampers make submarine sandwiches for sale 1/30/2000
	7:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Study, led by Tom Miles	30	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir		11:00 a.m.	Worship
13				12:00	Fellowship/Workcampers selling submarine sandwiches
14				2:00 p.m.	Junior High Group Bowling
15					No Senior High Group
16	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	31		
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School			
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Stewardship Sunday			



We celebrate with joy the baptism of...

Caroline Lee Shankland, daughter of Christy and granddaughter of Marilyn Shankland at Snow Hill Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Kelly Stoufenberger and Greg Casten who were married on November 27th.

Our prayers are with...

Jean Granum. Jean's brother-in-law, Howard Swensen, died in December.

Congratulations to...

Bob and Miriam Conley; celebrating their 40th Anniversary.

We give thanks for the life of...

George Adour Adrouny, father of Sonia Russo.

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 Sonia and her family.

Workcamp

Our registration has been sent in, and 18 youth and five adults are getting excited about Workcamp 2000. We have begun our fundraising with a very successful salad bar luncheon, and have received a few donations since then. Thanks in advance to the Fellowship Committee for donating the profits from note card sales to the workcamp.

Our big January fundraiser is our Super Bowl Sub Sale. Subs orders will be taken on January 16 and 23, and subs will be ready for the Super Bowl on January 30. Donation is \$5 per sub, and we will have plenty of condiments available. Those who bought subs last year said they were delicious, so don't miss the opportunity for a delicious meal as you watch the game.

There has been a new opportunity made available to our workcampers. Because of the severe flooding in North Carolina, Group Workcamps has opened three new camps in North Carolina, one of which is during the same week as the week we chose in Sherburne, New York (July 9-15). We are leaving the decision up to God and Group Workcamps as to where we will serve this summer. Each location has its advantages. Each location needs our help.

Please pray for the following workcampers as we continue preparations for this important mission project:

Paige Appleby	Elizabeth Johns	Betsey Rudnic
Carl Atwood	Rachel Johns	Emily Wescott
Catherine Dorman	Heather Knighton	Joe Curry, <i>adult</i>
Brian Dunlop	David McKune	Pat Ferrara, <i>adult</i>
Erin Dunlop	Megan McKune	Renee Jochum, <i>adult</i>
Anna Ferrara		

Creative Enrichment

We are in need of two adults who are willing to teach in Creative Enrichment once a month. One position is for 2-3 year olds, and one is for 1st and 2nd grade. For the 2-3 year olds, the first Sunday of the month, this is mostly child care. There are lots of toys for the children, and they just need supervision. This position may be filled by an adult or a responsible senior high student. For the 1st and 2nd grade, the fourth Sunday of the month, there is curriculum which teaches about worship. If you would like to help one hour a month, please call Marilyn Johns at the church.

Susan Mitchell 15525 Quince Ridge Lane; North Potomac, MD 20878

301 926-2997

Susan was born and raised in Charlotte and Winston Salem, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Erskine College, Georgia Tech and, last year, competed a Master of Science in Management at the University of Maryland. Her career involves the ultraviolet curing industry.

Susan enjoys reading mysteries, cross-stitching and music. She participates in the Handbell Choir at PPC.

Susan and her husband, Bob, enjoy going to her family's "farm" near Charles Town, West Virginia. The farm has been in her family since 1903 and was a key reason for relocating to the Washington area in 1992.

Bob and Laurie Parr 13610 Mount Prospect Drive; Rockville, MD 20850

301 975-9599

Bob and Laurie are both Maryland natives. Bob's hometown is Queenstown, Maryland and he is a graduate of James Madison University. He is a financial planner for Legg Mason. Laurie is from Annapolis, Maryland and is a graduate of the University of Maryland. She is a sales representative for Robertson Marketing.

Golf, softball, and "just about any sporting event" is of interest to Bob. Brandon, 5, Courtney, 3, and Dylan, 2, keep Laurie and Bob busy. As a family, Christian Education is an important part of their lives.

John Sol and Gayle Goff 9401 Thrush Lane; Potomac

301 765-7645

Both Gayle and John have US Navy backgrounds. John is a graduate of the US Naval Academy, serving 20 years in the submarine service before retiring in 1992. He is now a partner in Columbia Technologies, an environmental testing business in Columbia, Maryland. Gayle is a native of Miami, Florida. She attended Florida State University and, during tours of duty, graduated from the University of Hawaii and the University of California at Berkley. In 1980 Gayle was commissioned as a Medical Services Corps officer and is still on active duty as an occupational health specialist. She is stationed in Washington at the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Their primary interests and hobbies – even serving as taxi drivers – center around their three daughters, Christina, 11, MeiLi, 6, and Lia, 3. Both John and Gayle enjoy running, reading, skiing, and bird watching, as time permits.

Albert and Cassidy Klein 9404 Falls Bridge Lane; Potomac 301 765-0234

Bert was born in Taiwan where his parents were missionaries for 35 years until they retired in 1990.

Bert went to college in Seattle, Washington and studied Marine Biology. After school, he became involved in sales and marketing. Bert and Cassidy moved to Singapore in 1990 and lived there for seven years. Their daughters, Angelica, 6, and Samantha, 3, were born during that time.

A year ago, the Kleins moved to Washington, DC when Bert joined World Space. They enjoy spending time with their daughters, hiking and camping. Traveling, studying new cultures and people, and discovering new places are also interests for them.

Maitland and Sandy MacFarland 11200 Hurdle Hill Drive; Potomac 301 765-9527

Maitland was born in Scotland. At a young age his family moved to New Zealand where he was raised and educated. While working on his Ph.D. at Duke University, Maitland met Sandy who was doing graduate work in economics there having graduated from Centre College of Kentucky. Following their graduate work, they moved to Albion, Michigan. They are the parents of twin girls, Katie and Beth.

Following moves to New Zealand and France, where they enjoyed the opportunity to travel, the MacFarland's returned to the United States in 1999.

Sandy enjoys writing. Maitland is a fanatic sports enthusiast and music lover.

ADULT EDUCATION

Jan. 2	No Class	New Year
Jan. 9 - 16	Dr. Alice Bellis	"Isaiah - God Instills Hope Among the Exiled"
Jan. 23, 30	Dr. Dewey Wallace	Book Study - <u>A Jonathan Edwards Reader</u>
Feb. 6, 13	Dr. Dewey Wallace	Continuation of book study

Classes meet in the library each Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 AM.
For further information contact Kathy McPherson, (301) 765-1154.

MARILYN'S MESSAGE

I recently read the results of a survey of 200 high school students, most of whom were 16 or 17 years old. The general tone of the survey seemed to be aimed at advertising for young people, but some interesting information was discovered.

We read in the newspapers and hear on the news that the American family is disintegrating. Believe it or not, the vast majority of students (85%) say that their relationships with their parents *matter* to them. 74% say a parent is the most influential person in their lives. **83% say that their family is the most important source of morality and values** (only 11% said they look to religion for morality and values).

What does this mean to us a church? Should we dissolve all of our youth programs and activities? I don't think so. I think it says two things. First is that we as a church family need to support our parents in as many ways as possible. When young parents are struggling, experienced parents should step in with advice and encouragement. When parents of teens are overwhelmed and feel out-of-control, the church should help them over the rough spots. We have offered parenting seminars in the past, and will do so in the future. We will be offering a human sexuality class for 7th and 8th graders and their parents in the spring. The staff is always ready to help if we can with issues that come up. Part of the equation however, parents, is your willingness to ask for help. Don't be afraid to call the church if you are unsure of your parenting methods.

Secondly, parents should encourage their young people to attend church and Sunday School. The best way to influence them is *by your example*. If you show them by your example that church and Sunday School is only for kids, or only for crisis times, or only when it's convenient, they will learn that. The teen years are a time when young people test their independence and want to be adults. Show them that responsible adults never stop learning.

Another exciting result was that 46% of teens surveyed said they wanted to develop a more spiritual part of their lives. Your example is invaluable, and the church can help. In youth groups we spend a good portion of time on prayer. The goal is to develop in young people ways to have a spiritual life outside of church, so that when they are in their college dorm, or out in the "real world" they will have some tools upon which to draw. It is not so intimidating if you practice a little.

Parents, just when you feel as if they aren't listening to anything you say, remember that they are listening to *everything* you say, and watching *everything* you do. You're not in this alone; the church family is here to help you.

WELCOME

to our new members

We welcome our newest members, who joined Potomac Presbyterian on November 7, 1999.

Erin Dunlop 11912 Hunting Ridge Court; Potomac 301 838-0583

Erin is a 10th grader at Churchill High School where she is captain of the cross-country team.

Erin is an active member of PPC's youth group and enjoyed being involved in last summer's Work Camp in Michigan. Along with her parents, Doug and Janet Dunlop, and brother, Brian, Erin enjoys the family activities of PPC.

Jean Granum 9336 Reach Road; Potomac 301 309-2852

Originally from New Jersey, Jean has returned to this area from Williamsburg, Virginia to be nearer her daughter, Audrey. Jean also has twin sons, Rob and Jim, and two grandchildren.

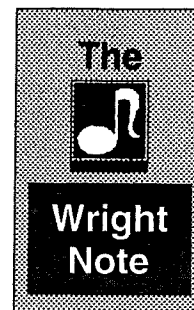
She enjoyed a career as a librarian and continues her interest in Bible study through our Adult Sunday School. Jean enjoys painting, needlepoint, poetry, and attending plays, as well as an occasional game of golf or bridge.

James and Marillyn Hewson 8800 Potomac Station Lane; Potomac 301 983-2123

James had an Air Force upbringing. His family traveled extensively, living in both Canada and England. He attended the University of Alabama as an undergraduate and received an MBA at Georgia State University.

James, who is self-employed as a travel agent, and Marillyn, who works for Lockheed Martin, moved here from Arlington, Texas in 1998. They are the parents of David, 10, and William, 7, who are very active in Cub Scouts, baseball and soccer.

Both James and Marillyn enjoy playing golf and traveling for leisure.



The deadline for this article was December 12th of the last century. That was the day the Sanctuary Choir presented the cantata, "Child of Wonder," a memorable climax to 1999. I was so pleased with the beautiful sounds produced by our twenty-seven devoted Sanctuary Choir singers and pianists, Joyce Jenkins and Jean Irwin. This meaningful musical message of Christmas didn't just happen; it was the result of individuals rehearsing week after week to transform those intricate harmonies into satisfying resolutions. I thank the choir for coming to the front to greet you face to face with the poignant message giving our hearts as gifts to the Christ Child.

Do you remember the handbell offertory on that same day? The arrangement of "In the Bleak Midwinter" reminded us again of the wonder of this season. My sincere thanks go to these nine ringers who rehearse weekly to share their talent with God and you.

The rest of this Advent season will be glorious, I know. I can't wait to hear the children's choirs, Peter Russo as Gabriel and the Sunday School present "Calling All Angels" on the morning of December 19th. The Advent celebration in the evening, organized by Mary Margaret Smith, will feature individual talents and the Jesus Birthday Band accompanying carol singing. Next will come our celebration of Communion and candlelight caroling on Christmas Eve. All events will become memories we cherish. I am grateful to be in this church helping to create some of these memorable musical moments.

2000 Sanctuary Flower Chart

Cindy

The new 2000 Sanctuary Flower Chart has been placed on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Please sign your name at the appropriate date and state how you would like the funds used (as a memorial or tribute). There is no limit on how many people may sign up for any given Sunday. A donation of \$25.00 per vase may be placed in one of the envelopes provided at the bottom of the chart, or placed in an envelope found in the church pews and deposited in the collection plate. After the service, the flowers will be given to an ill, homebound or needy church member, or to a nursing home.

We encourage you to help beautify the sanctuary and at the same time remember your loved ones.

MISSION HELP TO SHELTERS

It is to the least of God's creation, indeed it is to God Himself, that our church ministers when we serve the needy around the world and in our local community. On behalf of the Mission Committee, I want to highlight a few of the local shelter and feeding programs which PPC supports.

For many years, several of our members have regularly volunteered at The Lord's Table, a community food kitchen in Gaithersburg, that offers one meal a day, six days a week to 40 – 50 or more persons. At the Lord's Table nourishment is not all that is shared; winter clothing and blankets are often distributed, and referrals are made for health care and other social services. Similarly, in the District, a volunteer supports the work of Miriam's Kitchen, feeding breakfast to, and sharing fellowship with 150 – 200 of the urban hungry in our midst.

Our church also lends financial and other support to several area shelters and housing assistance programs. Most of us are familiar with the Congregation Based Shelter facility in Rockville, at which we provide meals and companionship one week per year to the 30 or so men and women who have been given a bed there while seeking to regain employment or recover from illness or simply overcome bad luck.

In addition, we support three women's shelters--Rainbow Place, a winter women's shelter in Rockville, Cordelia House (now Montgomery Avenue Women's Center) and Sophia House, programs that offer shelter and counseling to abused and troubled women without a home of their own.

PPC also helps Stepping Stones, a housing program for families to whom it offers temporary housing and when possible transitional apartments until they can become self-sufficient again. Donations of clothing and home furnishings are put to good use there.

We also support the Robert P. Johnson Housing Corporation, a non-profit endeavor of our denomination seeking to find long-term solutions to housing affordability needs--they sponsor the Hearts and Hammers program in which some of you have assisted. The recent Walk against Homelessness raised money for RPJ and other housing programs.

Christmas in April also is another program to help improve housing for people in need -- a program that our congregation enthusiastically supports. Likewise, the congregation aids Habitat for Humanity.

In all, dozens of our church members have and do participate in these programs--this year our budget provides for nearly \$20,000 in financial assistance to these activities.

Much more, no doubt, can be done, however. God has done His part by showing us the needs of our less fortunate neighbors. The Mission Committee seeks to find ways for our membership to be engaged in this ministry to those who are hungry, homeless, or in despair, spreading both the Word and the Love of God.

If you would like to learn more about or volunteer for these programs, please see John Hummon, current chairperson, or Taylor Johnson, next year's chairperson of the Mission Committee. New members for the Mission Committee are always welcome.

Elsie Reid

Berger Lecture

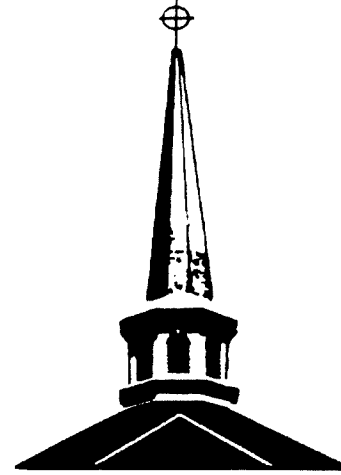
Jean Bethke Elshtain, Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago, will present this year's Berger Memorial Lecture in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 20 from 9:45 to 10:50. She will also give the sermon in our regular Sunday morning worship service.

Dr. Elshtain will speak on "Christianity and Cultural Renewal," the focus of her current research. She is the author of many books, including Democracy on Trial (1995) and Augustine and the Limits of Politics (1996), which was named one of the top five religion books in 1996 by The Christian Century. She lectures frequently in the United States and abroad, and is a contributing editor for The New Republic.

The Berger Lecture honors the memory of Fred Berger, an active and dedicated member of our church in the 1980's, who played a major role in shaping our Adult Education program and was particularly interested in the meaning of Christianity for contemporary moral and social problems.

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Kerry On . . .

I have long appreciated the work of novelist Walker Percy who masterfully weaves significant Christian themes in his writings. The late pastor of the Peachtree Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Frank Harrington tells about an exchange that Percy had with a group of writers and critics. You see Percy had become a Christian at the age of thirty and one of them said to him,

What do you mean by betraying your intellectual integrity and becoming a Christian? There are so many other options. Walker Percy said,

What options? The critic said,

Well, there's Eastern philosophy or spiritualism or new age thinking or secular humanism or astrology or materialism, and he continued with the list.

Percy waited until the critic was finished, and then he said,

That's what I mean. What options?

Sounds to me like something to think about. If you want to read Percy, try, The Moviegoer (National Book Award Winner for 1961), Love in Ruins, The Second Coming, Thanatos Syndrome, I have a copy if you would like to borrow it.

BERGER MEMORIAL LECTURE

Dr. Jean Bethke Elshain, Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of
Social and Political Ethics University of Chicago
9:45 a.m. Adult Education 11:00 a.m. Worship

February 2000

		17	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
			8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
		18		
		19		
1	1:00 p.m.			The Lord's Table
2	9:30 a.m.			Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
	4:00 p.m.			Primary Choir
				No Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.			Stephen Ministry
	7:30 p.m.			Mid-week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles
3	6:30 p.m.			Handbell Choir
	8:00 p.m.			Sanctuary Choir
4				
5				
6	9:00 a.m.			Children's Choir
	9:45 a.m.			Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.			Worship
	12:00			Fellowship
	4:30 p.m.			Junior High Group
	6:30 p.m.			Senior High Group
				Community Based Shelter Program Week begins
7				
8				<i>Thanksgiving in February</i>
	9:30 a.m.			Christian Living Group
	7:30 p.m.			Christian Living Group
9	9:30 a.m.			Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
	2:45 p.m.			Collingswood
	4:00 p.m.			Primary Choir
	7:00 p.m.			Confirmation Class
	7:00 p.m.			Stephen Ministry
	7:30 p.m.			Mid-week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles
10	6:30 p.m.			Handbell Choir
	8:00 p.m.			Sanctuary Choir
11	9:00 p.m.			Junior High Lock-In
12	9:00 a.m.			End of Junior High Lock-In
13	9:00 a.m.			Children's Choir
	9:45 a.m.			Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.			Worship/Blanket Sunday
	12:00			Fellowship/All Deacons' Coffee
				No Junior High Group
	2:00 p.m.			Senior High Group bowling trip
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		25		
		26		
		27	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
			9:45 a.m.	Inquirers' Class
			11:00 a.m.	Worship
			12:00	Fellowship
			4:30 p.m.	Junior High Group
			6:00 p.m.	Jr./Sr. High Group dinner
			6:30 p.m.	Senior High Group
		28	7:30 p.m.	Deacons
		29		

Inquirers' Series

For those people who want to learn more about, and are interested in membership at Potomac Presbyterian Church, a three-part Inquirer Series will be held on February 27, March 5, and March 12. The Sunday morning, 9:45 a.m. classes, held in the church parlor, are taught by Pastor Stoltzfus. After the series has been completed, those wishing to unite with the church will meet with the Session on Sunday, March 19, and then be recognized as new members at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please contact Louise Plumb, 301/762-2769, or Pastor Stoltzfus, 301/299-6007, with any questions.

Say "Cheese" The Outreach Committee is updating photos of all PPC members for the wall in the Fellowship Hall. This is a continuing effort. See **Joe Curry** or **Bob Plumb** on Sunday mornings, before and after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Look for our sign-up table by the patio doors inside Fellowship Hall. We look forward to seeing more of you in front of the camera!



In the Church Family



Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Nathan Thomas and Gretchen Hygema King who were married on January 1, 2000 at Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse, Indiana.

Our prayers are with...

George and Wilma Boddiger. George's sister, Crystal Goulet, died on January 1st.

Rich McMahan and his Family. Rich's mother, Katherine McMahan, died on January 6th.

Congratulations to...

Bob and Nancy Tietjen; celebrating their 1st Anniversary on January 2nd.

Workcamp

The people of Kinston, North Carolina, need help. They have been devastated with last fall's flooding and are still recovering from the overwhelming damage they have suffered. Because of this, Group Workcamps has opened a new camp there. The usual process for assigning workcamps takes two years, but this problem was just too great.

Our youth will be traveling to Kinston during the week of July 9-15 to offer our help. We are ready to accept the challenge of this situation, and we ask for your prayers and support of us. You will be hearing about several fundraisers in the next few months; please try to support them when you can. We would also greatly appreciate your prayers for the 18 youth and five adults who will attend this summer's camp. Some of their names were inadvertently left out of last month's Steeple to People, so your prayer list may not be complete. They are:

Paige Appleby	Elizabeth Johns	Betsey Rudnic
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Anna Ferrara	Katherine McPherson	Marilyn Johns, <i>adult</i>
Andrew Grier	Rich McPherson	Tom McPherson, <i>adult</i>
Mira Guo	Sharon Reid	

Get your rags and mops ready!

On your mark, get set, GO! Help to spiff up the church interior on Saturday, February 26 from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Dress is very casual. There will be something for everyone. No skills needed! We will be doing some paint touch-up, caulking, washing blinds and cleaning of pew racks and any other areas that may need some special attention. It may sound like work but it is also a lot of fun. Please join us! Call Gail Cannon (301) 365-8632 for questions. Thank you!

MARILYN'S MESSAGE

One of the meetings I try to attend every month is the National Capital Presbytery Educator's Group. This group meets for support, sharing of ideas, and education. January's program was an excellent, though disturbing, one led by the religious coordinator for the Holocaust Museum. She shared some of the history of the Christian Church in Germany during the reign of Adolf Hitler, and how easy it was for Christians to be caught up in the charisma of this man. Many people, theologians to whom we look today with respect, made abominable statements in support of the persecution of Jews in Europe during this time. Of course, looking back on the Holocaust with new eyes, many of these people were horrified to think they participated in it.

How many times has this happened to us? We accept what the media tells us about a situation; we develop a prejudice against an entire group of people because of an incident that someone related to us in our youth; our fear grows into hatred simply because someone believes something that is different from what we believe.

In the Comparative Religions class that met in January, our main focus was not how we differ from other faiths, but the many ways in which we are the same. We don't need to fear those who practice a faith different from ours. All people of faith experience physical birth and death, and we all are trying to figure out the purpose of our time in between. Let's try to look with tolerance and respect at those who worship differently than we, and pray for the ones who have no faith to look to for the answers to life's difficult questions.

ADULT EDUCATION

Feb. 6, 13	Dr. Dewey Wallace	Book study - <u>Jonathan Edwards Reader</u>
Feb. 20	Dr. Jean Bethke Elshain	Berger Lecture (Fellowship Hall)
Feb. 27	Jim Reichley	Christian Art in the Middle Ages and Renaissance

Classes meet in the library each Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 AM.
For further information contact Kathy McPherson, (301) 765-1154.

PARENTS - Baby-sitters are Here!!!

The Youth Group is actively raising funds to attend Workcamp 2000 this summer. During the month of February, several of the youth have decided to offer their baby-sitting services to members of the church. Rather than being paid, they will baby-sit in return for a donation to Workcamp 2000. For Friday and Saturday nights during February (a GREAT month for an evening out), please call any of the youth on the list below and reserve an evening. Thank you!!

Paige Appleby	(301) 977-6689	Rachel Johns	(301) 253-9202
Carl Atwood	(301) 469-8650	Heather Knighton	(301) 983-1805
Brian Dunlop	(301) 838-0583	Megan McKune	(301) 831-8685
Erin Dunlop	(301) 838-0583	Rich McPherson	(301) 765-1154
Anna Ferrara	(301) 983-9878	Katherine McPherson	(301) 765-1154
Andrew Grier	(301) 983-2457	Sharon Reid	(301) 340-8142
Mira Guo	(301) 279-7916		

And PLAN AHEAD - Sunday afternoon, March 26, will be YOUTH FOR HIRE day. Small groups of youth will be available to go home with you after church and tackle a big job.....cleaning out the garage or the basement?, spring yard cleanup?, washing windows? Use your imagination and save a big job for the young, strong, energetic teenagers! Watch for sign up opportunities during coffee hour in early March. Thank you as always for your enthusiastic support!

Berger Lecture

Jean Bethke Elshtain, Laura Spelman Rockefeller Professor of Social and Political Ethics at the University of Chicago, will present this year's Berger Memorial Lecture in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 20 from 9:45 to 10:50. She will also give the sermon in our regular Sunday morning worship service.

Dr. Elshtain will speak on "Christianity and Cultural Renewal," the focus of her current research. She is the author of many books, including Democracy on Trial (1995) and Augustine and the Limits of Politics (1996), which was named one of the top five religion books in 1996 by The Christian Century. She lectures frequently in the United States and abroad, and is a contributing editor for The New Republic.

The Berger Lecture honors the memory of Fred Berger, an active and dedicated member of our church in the 1980's, who played a major role in shaping our Adult Education program and was particularly interested in the meaning of Christianity for contemporary moral and social problems.



Not long ago I was reading an article in a professional music journal about selecting music for choirs. At the bottom of the four-page article was a statement set apart and enclosed in a border. It said, "Just because you like it, doesn't mean your choir should sing it." Obviously the author was trying to emphasize that church music is effective when directors take many factors into account - not just personal - when choosing choral music for the worship service.

Since all of you are not choral singers, I will not discuss my criteria for selection of anthems. But all of you are hymn singers and are keenly aware of the hymns we sing as a part of our worship. You have your own favorites based on your family and religious background, your musical expertise and your theology. I have my favorites, too. Some I know from my childhood when, as a nine-year-old pianist, I would accompany the men's Bible class Sunday after Sunday morning. I have new favorites, too, that I am discovering from the new hymn writers. One such writer is our friend, John Hormon, Director of Music at Warner Presbyterian Church in Kensington, Maryland. Kerry has introduced us to the profound texts of Tom Troeger as well. And don't forget Mary Cathey, a former director of Christian education of this church. She has contributed four texts that appear in our hymnal.

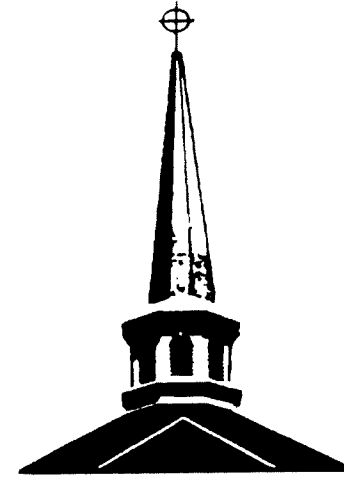
When I am asked to assist in the hymn selection for worship, I do not rely on my favorites or yours. I first read the scripture lessons which reflect the liturgical season and sermon theme. I look for hymns where texts are based on these scriptures. The one that comes closest usually becomes my suggestion for the hymn following the sermon and affirmation of faith. The first hymn of the day is usually a gathering hymn of praise. I look for variety, relation to the season, and a feeling of vigor and anticipation. If the hymn is new, I am careful to introduce it during the prelude and again in the introit. You can check on me by reading those hymn tune names that are printed to the right in the bulletin. The final hymn usually relates to the sermon as well as to the joy of giving our gifts or the receiving of communion.

If somewhere along the way one of your favorites is sung, then you can sing forth with added gusto. On other weeks, someone next to you in the pew may be singing with extra gusto when his or her favorites appears. From where I sit as organist, I am usually inspired by the enthusiasm of your congregational singing every Sunday. Could it be that good preaching and good singing are the vital ingredients in meaningful worship? My hope is that the music in any given service contributes to the message of that day.

Cindy

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Kerry On...

Stephen Ministry Commissioning Service

Sunday, March 5

Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

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

When we gather together for worship on Sunday, March 5, our congregation will affirm and celebrate: this is our ministry, these Stephen Ministers go forth on our behalf. We are invited and encouraged to receive their ministry.

Sixteen of our fellow members have dedicated themselves to fifty hours of training. Four Stephen leaders have given of their time and talent and energy. Together they are prepared to stand before the congregation and promise to be faithful in the ministry to which they are called. Two evenings a month Stephen Ministers and leaders will meet for continuing education, spiritual formation, and supervision.

What response is the congregation called to make? There are three parts to your response. First, please pray for the care receivers and Stephen Ministers and leaders. Second, be open to receiving Stephen Ministry in the times when you need a trained, caring Christian friend. Third, encourage friends and family members to seek the help of a Stephen Minister. Invite them to call the Pastor or speak to one of our Stephen Ministers.

May God bless this new avenue for strengthening our Christian caring.

March 2000

			8:00 p.m.	Committees
			10:30 a.m.	Men's Book Club
			7:30 p.m.	Home Communion, hosted by Tony Barnard, with Jim Jochum and Bob Karch as co-hosts
1	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus		
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir		
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	15	9:30 a.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry		4:00 p.m.
	7:30 p.m.	Mid-week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles		7:00 p.m.
				7:30 p.m.
2	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir	16	6:30 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Mission Committee		8:00 p.m.
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	17, 18	
3	5:30 p.m.	Boogaard/Hooper wedding rehearsal	19	9:00 a.m.
4	11:00 a.m.	Boogaard/Hooper wedding		9:45 a.m.
		Stephen Ministry dinner, hosted by the McPhersons		9:45 a.m.
5	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		11:00 a.m.
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School		
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		12:00
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Commissioning of Stephen Ministers		3:00 p.m.
				4:30 p.m.
	12:00	Fellowship		6:00 p.m.
	4:30 p.m.	Junior High Group		6:30 p.m.
	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Group		
6			20	8:00 p.m.
7	1:00 p.m.	The Lord's Table	21	10:30 a.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Compassionate Friends	22	9:30 a.m.
8	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus		4:00 p.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday Communion Service		7:00 p.m.
				7:30 p.m.
	2:45 p.m.	Collingswood	23	6:30 p.m.
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir		8:00 p.m.
	6:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Communion Service	24	5:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	25	4:00 p.m.
	7:30 p.m.	Mid-week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles	26	9:00 a.m.
9	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir		9:45 a.m.
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir		11:00 a.m.
10		Christian Living Retreat		12:00
11		Christian Living Retreat		
12	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	27	7:30 p.m.
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	28	6:00 p.m.
	9:45 a.m.	Inquirers' Class		
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Sacrament of Communion	29	9:30 a.m.
				4:00 p.m.
	12:00	Fellowship		7:00 p.m.
	4:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group		7:30 p.m.
	6:00 p.m.	Jr/Sr High Youth Groups dinner		
	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group	30	6:30 p.m.
13	12:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee		8:00 p.m.

Computer Lab

We are so excited about our new computer lab! The children are having a wonderful time learning Bible stories using computers. We have some exciting games, writing programs, Bible trivia questions, and even preschool Bible stories that help the students to learn the Bible in high-tech ways. The great news is that our lab has been started completely with your donations of computers and software. We are so blessed!

The Christian Education Committee is so thrilled with the new lab, that we'd like to expand it! We would ultimately like to have four more computers, for a total of eight. It would also be great to have two to four color printers. If you or your company are upgrading your computers, please keep the church in mind. We can only use Pentium-100's or better. Please contact Marilyn Johns for exact specifications.



In the Church Family



We rejoice in the births of...

Carter Thomas Smith, son of Brian and Mindy Smith, born January 26th;

Hudson Moses Hummon, son of Becca Stevens and Marc Hummon, born January 24th. The proud grandparents are John and Jean Hummon.

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Lawrence Matthew Rice and Pamela Ann Self who were married on January 29th.

Our prayers are with...

Janet Clark who is recovering from surgery at home;

Larry Dinterman who is recovering at home from an accident;

Mary Margaret Smith and family. Mary's aunt, Dorothy Neilson, died in Wisconsin on February 14th.

Congratulations to...

Peter and Jean Fisler; celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

DEACON DOINGS

Meet your Deacon...

I am Jackie Cronin. I was raised Presbyterian and joined PPC in 1990. My husband, Mike, is an airline pilot. I have two daughters. Jenni is nine and Colleen is seven. We live on Esworthy Road. I am very excited to be a Deacon.

I grew up in Ohio and Michigan and hold a degree in Marketing from Miami of Ohio. In my previous life, I did research for the A.C. Nielsen Company and was a Flight Attendant for American Airlines. I am currently a stay at home mom. I am the Volunteer Coordinator at Travilah Elementary. I also am active in the local D.A.R. chapter and hold the position of leader in two Brownie troops. At PPC, I have been the Nursery Coordinator, VBS Chair for three years, Sunday school teacher, creative enrichment teacher, helped with communion preparation, served on the Fellowship Committee and helped wherever I was needed.

Hospice Caring



HOSPICE CARING TRAINING

Hospice Caring offers free support to families facing life-threatening illnesses or persons grieving the loss of a loved one. Trained caregivers will offer support by providing respite, assistance with household errands, transportation and an open heart. Volunteers must attend a three day training session.

The next training is **March 14, 15 and 16.**
For more information, call (301) 869-4673.

MARILYN'S MESSAGE

I recently returned from the annual Association of Presbyterian Church Educator's Conference, which this year was held in Houston, Texas. I like to travel, and since I haven't been *anywhere*, it's always interesting to see new places. A very nice dinner was held for us at the Johnson Space Center, so we were able to see some of NASA's activities.

I came away from this gathering of over 1000 Presbyterian educators with a renewed sense of appreciation for this church, and for your support of me. There are educators in our denomination who are really struggling to have a viable ministry. They have little support from their pastors and congregations, very limited financial resources, no connections with their presbytery or other educators, and no way to get continuing education. I have experienced most of these things firsthand over the course of my ministry and it really can wear you out. I am so grateful to be here in this place, with excitement for new programs instead of fear, with a pastor who gives me plenty of opportunities to stretch my wings instead of feeling threatened by that, and with financial support for Christian education from the congregation instead of always having to function on a shoestring.

The children's Sunday School has been learning the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12 if you want to look them up). The word 'beatitude' means blessing. I do think that some of our blessings are related to our attitude of our circumstances. Some can take a difficult situation and see the good in it, which can make a blessing out of a curse. But I also believe that God smiles on us at times in our lives, making it a little easier, and I think this is one of those times for me. Thank you for your smiles, your open-mindedness, your trust, and your loving support of me and my daughters. You are a blessing to me!

Did you Know?

When asked to indicate the importance of each of 15 factors in their decision to continue to attend their congregations, majorities of members rate two as very important:
it satisfies my spiritual needs (60%), and
I believe God is at work in this place (58%).

Worship Opportunities During Lent

Lent is the season in our church year consisting of the 40 days before Easter, NOT counting Sundays. It is a time for personal reflection and penitence (thinking about how we may have been unfaithful to God) which is symbolized by the color purple in the Sanctuary.

Potomac Presbyterian Church offers many opportunities for worship during this special season. There is a selection of Lenten devotional booklets available in the Narthex for daily personal and/or family meditations. On March 8, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, we will have two Communion Services, at 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. On March 12, the first Sunday of Lent, our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service will include Communion. During Lent, at 7:30 p.m., our Deacons offer the opportunity for more informal Home Communion on March 14, March 26 and April 9. Palm Sunday, April 16, begins Holy Week. This year our Maundy Thursday (which commemorates when Jesus instituted communion) Fellowship Meal and Communion Service on April 20 will focus on Christian VISUAL ARTS and will be a unique worship experience. Easter Sunday services will follow on April 23.

We encourage everyone to take advantage of these worship opportunities to make this Lent/Easter season of 2000 especially meaningful.

Photos being taken

for updating the membership photo wall
throughout the winter



See Joe Curry
or Bob Plumb
Sunday mornings,
before or after
the 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service.

LENT IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2000

*Jesus said,
Do this remembering me*

March 8 Ash Wednesday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

The Lenten season will begin as we gather at the Lord's Table. The services will be a time of meditation and reflection. Music and a brief communion meditation will precede the communion. If you are free during the day, come at 11:00 a.m. or on your way home from work at 6:30 p.m. The services will be 30 to 40 minutes in length. Child care will be provided.

March 12 First Sunday of Lent; 11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

March 14 Home Communion; Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Host Tony Barnard
8821 Copenhaver Drive, 301/340-2287
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Cohosts Jim Jochum
Bob Karch

March 26 Home Communion; Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Host Miriam Conley
9001 Saunders Lane; 301/469-8316
Bethesda, MD 20817
Cohosts Ann Eagleson
Alice Smith

April 9 Home Communion; Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Host Matt Petti
9119 Aldershot Drive; 301/469-8650
Bethesda, MD 20817
Cohosts Judy Bernstein
Kay McClaine

April 20 Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal and Communion Service, 7:00 p.m.

????? Did You Know ?????

"Gardening is exercise for the body, mind and spirit. It nourishes all of us."

Please come join your yard and garden loving friends at PPC
for a morning of honest toil in the soil!

Saturday, April 8 starting at 9:00 a.m.

Bring your garden gloves, spades, hand pruners, rakes or any favorite tool.
The dazzling results will make you feel really cool!

Let's all do our part in keeping PPC looking beautiful!

Email Gail at lcannon@erols.com or call (301) 365-8632 for more information.

Sub Sale

It was a dreary day. The weather forecast was threatening. We had a lot of meat and cheese (and rolls and lettuce and tomatoes. . .). Our workcampers were determined that this Super Bowl Sub Sale was going to be a success. We made several deliveries on Saturday, just in case the weather forecasters were right. Expecting church to be empty, we came on Sunday prepared to take home many more subs than we wanted. But the people of PPC are hearty and brave! You came out in droves to hear God's Word preached and to pick up your subs! After all was said and done, we made \$918, and even had to turn a few people away. Thank you, PPC, for your support.



On February 6th our Children's Choir sang an introit in church entitled CALL TO PRAISE. In an exuberant style, the composer, Jim Taylor, listed many ways we sometimes praise God. He began the anthem with the phrase, "Praise Him with..." and continued with a total of fifteen expressions of praise: music, dancing, singing, laughing, crying, working together, trumpet, cymbals, keyboard, French horn, gong, strumming, drumming, clapping and joyful song.

To help the children memorize the song, I made individual colored cards containing each praise expression and the note pattern on which it was to be sung. We scrambled the cards, and then each child picked one or two cards. The whole choir sang, "Praise Him with..." and then individuals sang the appropriate phrase found on their cards. This exercise became a game when we went into the sanctuary and hid in different pew locations around the church. As I played the anthem on the piano, the mystery soloists popped up and, in the proper sequence, surprised us with their musical expressions of praise. We learned the song and experienced great joy in our acts of praise.

Is it acceptable to have fun in church? Can worship include outbursts of joy? Can practicing and learning actually be enjoyed? For me, the answer is yes. I look forward soon to seeing some of you at one of our choir rehearsals.

Cindy

Steeple Society Celebration

On Sunday, May 7, the Endowment Committee is planning to hold an initial celebration for the Steeple Society of PPC, by installing a new plaque in Fellowship Hall to honor all those who have put the church in their estate planning program.

A number of people have signified their willingness to take this action. Some in the congregation may already have done this and they are encouraged to tell the Committee so they can be recognized on the plaque.

A brief written statement to the Committee of their action is required from each person or couple, joining the Steeple Society, so as to keep the record straight.

Joining the Steeple Society is a good way for each of us to be sure that our lives will always continue in PPC. George C. Boddiger, Endowment Committee

Christian Education Opportunities

Spring is almost here, and that means that the Christian Education Committee is beginning to plan for summer and fall programs. There are several opportunities for you to help in this important ministry:

Summer Creative Enrichment teachers: Sign on for one or two weeks during the summer. Curriculum materials provided. We would like to have one class, for ages three through those who have completed first grade.

Children's Sunday School Teachers: For the 2000/2001 school year. For children's teachers, you will be responsible for the framework of the class. They will go to different areas each week, and need someone to provide continuity, remind them of the Bible story, and supplement the work of the 'specials' teachers. You will have materials and a helper with whom to share the schedule.

'Specials' Teachers: These people have expertise in a particular area, and will lead different age groups for three to four week rotations in that area. Materials will be provided, or you may use your creativity and knowledge. 'Specials' are needed in art, computers, music, games, storytelling and drama. You may sign on for one rotation or several throughout the year.

Teachers of Youth: Sunday School teachers are needed; curriculum is provided if desired. You will have a helper so that you can share responsibilities.

Youth Advisors: For Sunday youth groups. Help weekly or occasionally, whichever fits your schedule. You could help with the regular weekly sessions, or with special outings or activities.

If you are called to help, please consider it. You will have lots of support, and the rewards of teaching children and youth are immeasurable. Please call Mary Ling (301-294-6388) or Marilyn Johns (301-299-6007) if you would like further information.

Adult Education for March, 2000

March 5	Jim Reichley	"Art and Religion" part 2
March 12	Doug Duncan, Mont. Co. Executive	"Christian Values in a Public Career" (Fellowship Hall)
March 19, 26 and April 2	Tom Miles	"Gospel of Mark"

Adult Education meets each Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.
in the library (unless otherwise noted). For further information,
contact Kathy McPherson at (301) 765-1154.

The Big Event

Telling God's Old Story in a New Age

Equipping Congregations
for Vital Mission and Ministry in the 21st Century

Friday, March 31 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Farlington Presbyterian Church; Alexandria, Virginia

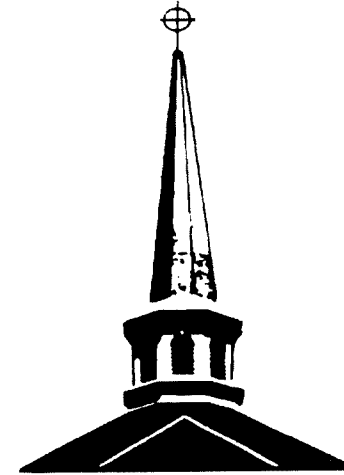
Saturday, April 1 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

National Presbyterian Church; Washington, DC

Call Marilyn or Flo (301) 299-6007 for more information.

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KERRY ON ...

I was at Princeton some time ago and heard Tom Long tell a story that goes something like this. He arranged with a friend to meet in New York to enjoy a Broadway play. He said, "Let's meet at the clock in the center of Grand Central Station at 7:00 pm." This was going to be a special night. The anticipation began to build. So the friend arrived a little early and at 6:55 no Professor Long. At 6:57 he had not arrived and then the clock stood at 6:59. Right at 7:00 here he comes, just like he said.

Tom said, it was not what you did that brought me, but that I promised to meet you. Maybe that's what worship is like and the Sacraments. We come to the appointed time and place. God has promised to meet us. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name I am present." When we stand with our child in our arms for the Sacrament of Baptism, it is God who acts to welcome us into the family of faith. Our affirmation of faith and our promises bring us to a holy place where we can meet God. They don't bring God. When we come to the Lord's Table it is like coming to the big clock, and we begin at the right place at the right time. God arrives entirely on the basis of His promise.

Worship every Sunday is the same. In the company of God's people we have an appointment and we are invited to show up with a deep sense of expectation. Let's meet at 11:00 am Sunday at the "clock" and the One who promised to meet us there.

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

April 2000

1			9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
2	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	11:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	12:00	Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Sacrament of Baptism	3:00 p.m.	Manor Care
	12:00	Fellowship		No youth groups
	4:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group	17 8:00 p.m.	Steeple to People deadline
	6:00 p.m.	Junior/Senior High Youth Group dinner	18 10:30 a.m.	Session
			19	Men's Book Club
	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group		No Bible Study
			4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir
3			7:00 p.m.	No Confirmation Class
4	1:00 p.m.	The Lord's Table	7:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Study, led by Tom Miles
	7:00 p.m.	Compassionate Friends	20 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday dinner and communion service
5	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus	21	Good Friday
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	22	
	7:30 p.m.	Mid-week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles	23 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship
6	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir	10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	10:20 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt
7			11:00 a.m.	Easter Worship
8	9:00 a.m.	Spring clean-up, outdoor	12:00	Fellowship
9	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	7:30 p.m.	Deacons
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	24	
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	25	
	12:00	Fellowship	26 9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Marilyn Johns
	4:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
	6:00 p.m.	Junior/Senior High Youth Group dinner	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry, continuing education
			7:30 p.m.	Mid-week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles
	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group	27	
	7:30 p.m.	Home Communion, hosted by Matt Pett; cohosted by Judy Bernstein and Kay McClaine	28	Confirmation Class Retreat, Camp Glenkirk
			29	Christmas in April
	8:00 p.m.	Committees	30 9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
11	9:30 a.m.	Christian Living	9:15 a.m.	Worship for workcampers sponsoring morning car wash
	7:30 p.m.	Christian Living		Sunday School
12	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus		Worship
	2:45 p.m.	Collingswood	9:45 a.m.	Fellowship
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir	11:00 a.m.	Junior High Youth Group
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	12:00	Junior/Senior High Youth Group dinner
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry, continuing education	4:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group
			6:00 p.m.	
	7:30 p.m.	Mid-week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles	6:30 p.m.	
13	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir		
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Education Committee		
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir		
14				
15	(9:00 a.m.)	(Spring clean-up, outdoor; raindate)		
16	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir		



In the Church Family



We rejoice in the births of...

Luke Joseph Skinner, son of Nicky and Steven Skinner, born February 9th. The proud grandparents are Bill and Elaine Skinner.

Emily Margaret Sharer, daughter of Andrew and Pamela Sharer, born February 18th. The proud grandparents are Gene and Wilma Sharer.

Jack Harper Stanton, son of Chris and Suzanne Stanton, born February 20th. The proud grandparents are Jane and Bill Stanton.

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Stephen and Daphne Boogaard Hooper who were married at Potomac Presbyterian Church on March 4th.

Our prayers are with...

Janet Clark who is recovering from surgery at home;

Don Thompson who is recovering after being in Sibley Hospital.

Pam Mazza. Pam's father died in March.

Judi Miller. Judi's grandmother, Helen Masley, died in March.

Chip Shooshan and family. Chip's father, Harry Shooshan, Jr., died February 20th.

Bettina Curtis. Bettina's son, Stuart, died recently.

John Mindnich and family. John's father died last month in New Jersey.

Paddy Simpson and family. Paddy's mother fell and broke her hip.

Aluminum Can Recycling

Did you know that if you bring your aluminum cans to the church, Lew Chapin takes them to the recycling center and gives the proceeds to the youth workcamp fund? Any aluminum products are welcome, but please NO paper, plastic, steel or other materials. Containers for your contributions are located in the stairway off the fellowship hall by the soft drink machine.

Faith and Human Sexuality Workshop

The Darnestown Presbyterian Church has invited our 7th and 8th graders and their parents to participate with them in a Faith and Human Sexuality workshop. The previous attempt was postponed, and the new date is Friday, May 12 through Saturday, May 13. The cost is \$20 per family. Two other area churches have been invited to participate in this event, which will be led by Ellie Cammer, a trained leader from our presbytery.

This event, which has gotten great reviews from other Presbyterian churches in the greater Washington area, will help answer such questions as:

- How do I talk to my kids about sex?
- How do I (kids) talk to my parents about sex?
- What does God intend for us concerning sex?
- What does *(fill in the blank)* mean?
- How should our faith shape our views and decisions about sex?

The agenda for the event is as follows:

Friday, May 12	youth only 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. parents only 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday, May 13	youth only 9:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Lunch provided) Parents and youth 5 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. for potluck supper and discussion

Please call Marilyn Johns if you would like to sign up, or if you have further questions.

MARILYN'S MESSAGE

I was honored in the past month to serve on the commissions for two special services for my friend Nancy Clark, who you may remember was here for my installation service, and who taught an adult ed class here last June. Nancy has been ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament. The two services were her ordination service, held on February 20 at Centreville Presbyterian Church in Centreville, Virginia, and her installation service, held March 19 at New Hanover Presbyterian Church in Mechanicsville, Virginia, the church to which Nancy has been called to serve as Associate Pastor. This is a very exciting time for Nancy, and I was so happy to share it with her.

The services were also meaningful to me because they were so different from each other, and so unlike our worship experience here. The music and preaching styles were particularly unusual to me. One church sang a lot of praise music with the words printed in the bulletin. The other had words projected on the wall. Neither church used the Presbyterian Hymnal, and I was surprised at my distaste for the non-inclusive language that was present throughout. The preaching styles were very different, too. Both ministers had notes but didn't use them much, both wore wireless mikes and wandered around the chancel during the sermon, and both wandered in their thoughts as they preached.

I came away from those worship experiences with a greater appreciation for the diversity in our denomination. These were not my favorite styles of worship, but they seem to be effective for the members of those congregations. Isn't it wonderful that we have a choice? I would recommend that when you are out of town you visit other Presbyterian churches. Notice some of the differences, and then notice what is ultimately the same, that is, the proclamation and interpretation of God's Word. We don't all have to be the same, or believe exactly the same things, or worship the same way. Our common bond is our love of God and our desire to serve others. Let us celebrate our differences, and appreciate the fact that we have found a church home that we love!

Please mark your calendars for the Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, May 13th. Details will be forthcoming.

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Our industrious crewmembers (children) will actually be
constructing a real Playhouse which will be donated to
a worthy organization in our area! Adults and Youth are needed
to fulfill our Construction Management Team
under the direction of Co-Contractors,

Melanie Mason (301)365-1115 and

Kay Mitchel (301)340-7768.

So.... don your tool belt,
pick up your hammers,
mark your calendars and
contact either Melanie or Kay to help out!

You are promised the experience of a lifetime!

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Adult Education for April, 2000

April 2	Tom Miles	The Beatitudes - part 3
April 9	Rob Wescott	“Jubilee 2000” - Forgiving Debts of Countries
April 16	Louise Winfield	Revelation - part 4
April 23	EASTER	No Class
April 30	Lon Dring	“New Creation in Christ”

Classes meet in the library each Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 am.
For further information, contact Kathy McPherson at (301) 765-1154.

Christian Basics Class

The second adult class, meeting at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings,
is continuing through April 16. This class will look at several basic
Christian beliefs, from the creation and fall to the End Times. If
you need to brush up on your basic understandings of Christianity,
or if you are new to the faith, please join Marilyn Johns in the parlor.

Steeple To People Deadlines

<u>Monthly Issue</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
May	April 16
June	May 28
Summer	June 25
September	August 20

Many volunteers work together to bring you Steeple to People in a timely fashion.
Each article must be typed on the computer, edited, and squeezed or stretched to
fit the available space. Then it is copied, collated and sorted for bulk mail. Please
help us by submitting articles on or before 11:00 am on the scheduled date.

Christmas in April Needs You!



Christmas in April needs you on Saturday, April 29. PPC will be sponsoring one of the 75 projects scheduled in Montgomery County on this day. As you may remember, this is a one day volunteer home repair program for low income homeowners who are unable to do the work for themselves. Skilled and unskilled volunteers are appreciated. You will not be turned away! More information and a sign up will be available each Sunday throughout April. For specific questions, please call Jim Dart or Richard Cannon.

Put this special day on your calendar NOW!

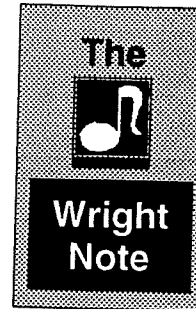
Maundy Thursday Fellowship Meal and Communion Service April 20, 2000

Everyone is encouraged to attend a fellowship meal combined with a worship experience focusing on the visual arts to celebrate Maundy Thursday on April 20, 2000.

Beginning at 7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall with a light supper at a nominal fee of \$3.00/adult and \$1.00/child, the service will include music, scripture, visual art, and communion in the Sanctuary. It should conclude around 8:30 pm.

To coordinate with our "visual Art" theme, our table centerpieces will be Christian art objects loaned for the evening. If you own a Christian art object (such as a cross, chalice, sculpture stained glass, etc.) or objects, please consider displaying it on Maundy Thursday in Fellowship Hall.

Beginning on April 2, 2000, sign up in the Narthex for the meal and/or list any Christian ART OBJECT that you will loan as a centerpiece. Enjoy a meal with your church family and take advantage of this meaningful Christian anniversary when Jesus instituted communion, was betrayed, arrested, and denied. This special worship experience will make Easter Sunday even more meaningful and JOYOUS.



We have a one-year-old grandson who recently spent the day at our house. Having just learned to walk on his own, he was in constant motion, every step looking as if it would lead to disaster. Becoming a bit exhausted in the protective grandparent role, I decided I would try to distract Nathan, maybe even persuade him to sit down for a few minutes. Do you know what worked? Music! First it was my wind-chime, then a musical pop-up toy, several trips to my piano and finally the sounds of my voice singing "Jesus Loves Me."

When you all gather in the sanctuary for worship, your voices raised in friendly chatter, I feel the same need to distract you in order to help you focus on the service of worship that is to follow. The prelude is that first few minutes before 11:00 o'clock when the strains of organ music or organ and solo instrument can lead you from the frantic outside world into the quieter sanctuary where we come to worship God.

I am not requesting absolute silence; surely you all want to greet each other in the pew. I am suggesting that you realize that there is meaningful music being played to guide you into the spirit of worship. Hm.... maybe next week I'll bring my wind-chime.



On Easter Sunday morning our annual Easter egg hunt will be held for all children up to grade 4. The youth of our church will hide eggs filled with goodies in three areas: preschool, 1st and 2nd grade, and 3rd and 4th grade.

Children should bring Easter baskets in which to collect their treasures, and meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20 a.m. The hunt will last about 20 minutes. There will be four different colored eggs, containing different surprises and Scripture verses, so everyone can get a little of everything.

Please join us for the fun!

W E L C O M E

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

David and Maryann Forward
9311 River Road
Potomac, Maryland 20854

301 365-2892

David and Maryann met in Denver while David was president of Pioneer Airlines and Maryann was an interior designer. They moved to the Washington area where David had previously lived. Their daughter, Kendall, was born in 1991 and the Forwards moved to Oxford, Maryland to live until moving to Potomac two years ago. David has recently formed a "dot com" company "NewHomesAmerica.com". Maryann is involved with her daughter's activities including basketball, soccer and model car building, as well as being a "Norwood School" mom and busy finishing the renovation of their home on River Road.

Emajeane Harvie
3200 Baker Circle Apartment I-115
Adamstown, MD 21710

301 644-1838

A native of Detroit, Emajeane attended college at Ohio University and had additional studies in speech therapy at the University of Wisconsin and Wayne State University. She and her husband raised three children in Birmingham, Michigan. After retirement, they moved to Heber Springs, Arkansas. She recently moved to this area to be near her daughter who lives locally. Emajeane is the proud grandmother of 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren scattered in eight states. Among her hobbies are stained glass work, gardening and bridge. She also enjoys church activities and travel.

Carol Kromminga
14410 Turkeyfoot Road
North Potomac, MD 20878

301 330-5110

Carol was born in Kansas City, Missouri, lived in Minneapolis and Des Moines, Iowa before moving to Maryland in 1998. She and her husband, Dick Fogel, have three children: Sloane, 23 is going to school in Colorado; David, 24, graduated from the University of Vermont and teaches English in Japan; and Sarah, 27, is a production assistant with CNN in Atlanta and is a graduate of Boston University. Carol graduated from Baker University in Kansas and holds a masters degree from Drake University in Des Moines. She is a book editor working for several publishers across the country. She enjoys tennis, golf, hiking and gardening.

Rick and Terry Levitan
10704 Cloverbrooke Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

301 738-8270

Rick and Terry are the parents of two boys, Evan, 13 and Gregory, 11. Rick is the owner of two service stations in Columbia, Maryland. The Levitans returned to the area in 1996 after living throughout the U.S. and internationally. Terry is a former nurse and a member of the local "Moms in Touch" prayer group. The Levitans are looking forward to being members of PPC.

Joel and Judi Miller
11102 Stillwater Avenue
Kensington, MD 20895

301 946-3983

Judi and Joel are the parents of three small children: Molly, 5; Lucy, 4; and Jackson, 22 months. Joel sings in our choir and is often a soloist accompanying the choir on the flute. He is a systems engineer at Bell Atlantic Long Distance. Judi is a bone marrow coordinator and nurse specialist at NIH. She is a native Washingtonian and a graduate of Marymount College with a BS degree in Nursing. Joel graduated from University of Maryland with a BA degree in Information Management. Judi enjoys camping, sewing and cultivating flowers. She is currently in training for her second Marine Corps Marathon. Joel's hobbies include cooking, music, history and gardening.

Chuck and Emily Naegeli
10829 Stanmore Drive
Potomac, MD 20854

301 299-7642

Emily grew up in Peoria, Illinois and is a graduate of Vanderbilt and Northwestern Universities with degrees in English and Art History. Chuck is from Canton, Ohio and has been an engineer for NASA since 1966. Their two children, Joseph and Elizabeth, are busy third graders who keep them involved in many school and related activities, including scouting, newsletter editor and room parent coordinator. Their hobbies include fitness, computers, baseball, book clubs, gardening and museums.

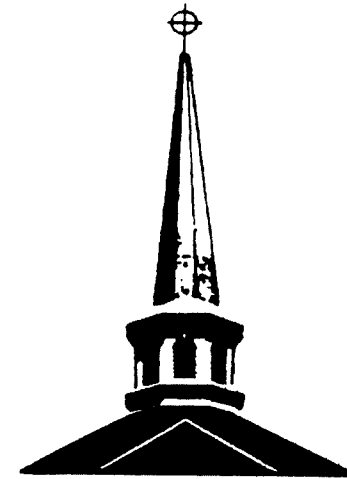
Steve Rudnic
9907 Gable Ridge Terrace, Apartment J
Rockville, MD 20850

301 926-9669

Steve joins the other members of his family at PPC, his brother Ed Rudnic, sister-in-law Beth, and nieces Betsey and Megan. He is originally from New York. Steve is a tax consultant with Pricewaterhouse Cooper and has a background in accounting, taxes and financial planning. He is an outdoor sports enthusiast enjoying golf and skeet shooting.

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Kerry On...

Writing in the magazine "Christianity Today," Martin Copenhaver, who is pastor at the Wellesley Congregational Church in Massachusetts, describes two kinds of preaching,

You hear what the psychologist says, what the historian says, what the New York Times editorial writer says, and then the sermon concludes with, "And perhaps Jesus said it best..."

The alternative way of preaching says,

You have heard it said... but Jesus says to you...

It is my intention and I believe my calling to engage in the latter. I use movies, books, newspapers, and examples from politics to remind us of the shape of the culture in which we live. Sometimes these things reflect the values of the Gospel and help us to see that what Jesus says does have an impact on the way we live. There are examples of self-sacrifice, compassion and generosity.

Often they reflect conventional wisdom that stands against what Jesus proclaimed. I recently said in a sermon that we come to worship to "reposition" ourselves in relation to the Lord of Life. During the week it is easy to align ourselves with pride and power and the American goddess called "success." It is tempting to believe that as long as we remain super busy we must be doing something worthwhile. We can be seduced into thinking that how we look is somehow a true measure of our worth. The consumer culture sings a siren song, "buy this, buy that, and you will be happy."

In worship we listen for the Word of the Lord and seek to reposition ourselves. All week long we have heard it said, but in the hour of worship we bow down and listen for what Jesus says.

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

May 2000

1			12:00
2	1:00 p.m.	The Lord's Table	15 8:00 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Compassionate Friends	16 10:30 a.m.
	7:30 p.m.	Community Ministry of Montgomery County Caregivers Conference	17 9:30 a.m.
3	8:30 a.m.	Community Ministry of Montgomery County Caregivers Conference, continued	4:00 p.m.
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus	7:00 p.m.
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir	7:30 p.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	18 6:30 p.m.
	7:30 p.m.	Mid-week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles	8:00 p.m.
4	6:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir	19, 20
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	21 9:00 a.m.
5	5:00 p.m.	Payton/Beran wedding rehearsal	9:00 a.m.
6	4:30 p.m.	Payton/Beran wedding	9:45 a.m.
7		Workcampers' carwash raindate	11:00 a.m.
	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	12:00
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	3:00 p.m.
	11:00 a.m.	Worship	4:30 p.m.
	12:00	Fellowship	6:00 p.m.
	12:15 p.m.	Workcampers meeting	6:30 p.m.
	5:00 p.m.	Junior/Senior High Youth Group Parent/Youth Night	22 7:30 p.m.
8	12:30 p.m.	Christian Education Meeting	23 10:00 a.m.
	8:00 p.m.	Committees	24 9:30 a.m.
9	9:30 a.m.	Christian Living Group	4:00 p.m.
	1:00 p.m.	Vacation Bible School planning meeting	7:00 p.m.
	7:30 p.m.	Christian Living Group	7:30 p.m.
10	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus	25 6:30 p.m.
	2:45 p.m.	Collingswood	8:00 p.m.
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir	26, 27
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry continuing education	28 9:00 a.m.
	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	9:45 a.m.
	7:30 p.m.	Mid-Week Bible Study, led by Tom Miles	11:00 a.m.
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	7:30 p.m.	Adult Education meeting	4:30 p.m.
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	6:00 p.m.
12			6:30 p.m.
13		Spring Women's Luncheon; Kitty Albright, hostess	29
14	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir	30,31
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School	
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Youth Sunday	

Fellowship
 Mothers Day Flower Sale
 No Youth Groups
 Steeple to People deadline
 Session
 Men's Book Club
 Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
 Primary Choir
 Confirmation Class
 Mid-Week Study, led by Tom
 Miles
 Handbell Choir
 Sanctuary Choir
 Children's Choir
 Confirmation Class breakfast
 Sunday School
 Worship/Confirmation
 Sacrament of Communion
 Fellowship
 Manor Care
 Junior High Group
 Junior/Senior High Group dinner
 Senior High Group
 Deacons
 National Capital Presbytery
 meeting, held at Western
 Presbyterian Church
 Bible Study, led by Marilyn Johns
 Primary Choir
 Stephen Ministry continuing
 education
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 dinner
 Senior High Youth Group
 Memorial Day, Administrative
 Offices closed



In the Church Family

We rejoice in the births of...

Stephanie Renee Dean, daughter of Gray and Tom Dean, born March 24th. The proud grandparents are Margie and Bob Bedingfield;

Mia Margaret Zucchi, daughter of Anne and Nando Zucchi, born April 1st. The proud grandparents are Peggy and Jon Hawley;

Katelynn Evelyn Elizabeth Bigler, daughter of Jason and Brandy Bigler, born February 2nd. The proud grandparents are Lynn and Bill Bigler.

We celebrate with joy the baptism of...

Victoria Grace Kline on April 2nd. We rejoice with Victoria's parents, Richard and Alexandra Kline.

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Ted and Whitney Chichester Hoffman who were married at Potomac Presbyterian Church on March 25th.

Our prayers are with...

John Hummon who is recovering from surgery at home;

Nancy Miller who is recovering from surgery at home;

Rob Kirchner and family. Rob's grandmother, Juanita Kirchner, died on March 27th.

We give thanks for the lives of...

Alexander Rozner who died on March 24, 2000. Our prayers are with Solvejg Rozner and Klara Rozner.

Donald Thompson who died on April 5, 2000. Our prayers are with Dawn Thompson and family.

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."



Help beautify the sanctuary and at the same time remember and/or honor your loved ones. Envelopes for the Sanctuary Flower Fund have been placed in the pew racks in the Sanctuary. Please state how you would like the funds to be used (as a memorial or a tribute) and specify which Sunday you desire your tribute printed in the bulletin. There is no limit on how many people may sign up for any given Sunday. A donation of \$25.00 per vase may be placed in the Sanctuary Fund envelope and deposited in the collection plate. After the service, the flowers will be given to an ill, homebound or needy church member, or to a nursing home.

Confirmation Sunday

Please join our church family in celebration of the 2000 Confirmation Class on Sunday, May 21. Ten eighth graders have been meeting every week since mid-January in preparation for joining the church. Hope to see you there!

Information Available

Information is available about Potomac Presbyterian Church. Brochures, sermons, and other information are located in the Narthex of the church, outside the Sanctuary, on the wall just to the left of the entrance to Fellowship Hall. Additional information about PPC may be found on our web site, www.potomacpresbyterian.org

MARILYN'S MESSAGE

We are blessed in this congregation to have a growing number of children. We spend a lot of time and energy on teaching them the basics of the faith, so that as they grow older they will be able to make their own faith decisions. A big part of that education is teaching children how to worship. We begin this process at the very youngest ages by inviting children to participate in a portion of the worship service. At first and second grade, the focus of Creative Enrichment is worship education. By third grade, children are usually able to be in regular worship for the entire service. Here are some tips to helping your child (and you) get the most out of the worship service:

Encourage your child to participate. There are many parts of the worship service in which your child can participate. The Lord's Prayer and Apostles' Creed are examples, and they can follow along in the front of the hymnal if they're not sure of all the words. They also know, or quickly learn, the Gloria Patri and the Doxology that are sung every week. Encourage them to follow along in the hymnal, even if they can't sing the tune.

Sit where your child can see what's going on. I know, Presbyterians have a strong distaste for sitting in the front. But it really helps children to see better, and thus feel more a part of the service.

Point out any special interest items. Read through your bulletin as you arrive in church, and show your child where there is special music, or new colors for the liturgical season, or a baptism, etc.

Let your child help. Ask your child to mark the pages in the hymnal and Bible that pertain to the day's activities. Let them put your offering into the plate. Let them sign the friendship pad.

For younger children, have something for them to do during the sermon. Save the children's bulletin until this time; mark a particular Bible story you want your child to read; bring Bible storybooks or other appropriate materials. Encourage them to listen to the sermon by reading the scripture ahead of time, picking a word or two that you think will be mentioned often, and asking your child to count the number of times that word is said. You'd be surprised at how much they pick up of the message. Leave the toys at home.

Talk about the service later. Include the children in your discussions on the way home and at lunchtime. Ask what they liked best about the service; share positive comments you have. Children learn quickly from the examples their parents exhibit. Be sure they hear more positive than negative comments.



Steeple Society Celebration

Important interest has been generating in the PPC Steeple Society which will develop into a special celebration on Sunday, May 7.

It is expected that a plaque will be dedicated in Fellowship Hall on that Sunday, identifying the charter members of the Society. The Endowment Committee hopes to have a significant number of church members forming this first group of participants.

Everyone interested in initial membership in the Society is urged to return a participation form to Kerry or the church office as soon as convenient, stating their inclusion of PPC in their estate planning program.

There is no cash involved at any time, nor any numerical amount required, in order to join the Steeple Society. Enrollment in the Society will be a continuing process in the future as more members elect to show their Christian stewardship through their estate plans.

Adult Education for May, 2000

May 7	Teri Thomas	Mission Goals of the National Capital Presbytery
May 14	Dick McFail	Stated Clerk – National Capital Presbytery
May 21	Bill Skinner	“Christianity, Churches and Citizenship”
May 28		To Be Announced

Classes meet in the library each Sunday from 9:45 - 10:45 am.
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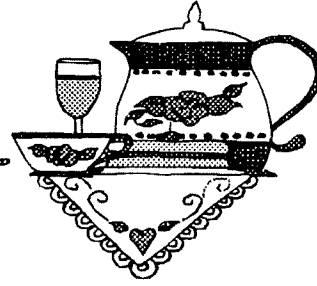
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Ladies Luncheon



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A Stephen Minister At Work...

<i>Sharing</i>	<i>Meeting</i>
<i>Trusting</i>	<i>Interpreting</i>
<i>Encouraging</i>	<i>Nurturing</i>
<i>Praying</i>	<i>Interceding</i>
<i>Helping</i>	<i>Sustaining</i>
<i>Empathizing</i>	<i>Training</i>
<i>Needing</i>	<i>Enabling</i>
	<i>Resolving</i>



The Wright Note

The Primary Choir, our youngest choir of kindergarten through second graders, climaxed their season on Palm Sunday by singing "The Easter Clock." They have met faithfully every Wednesday afternoon since school began in September. Plenty of giggles and musical sounds drifted from Room #4 during the last eight months.

This choir will resume again next fall with active musical activities presented and developed in a Christian setting.

The Children's Choir, grades three through six, sang beautifully on two consecutive Sundays in April. Spring fever has not hit them as hard as their younger counterparts. That may be due to the fact that they rehearse at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings versus Wednesdays after school. They will continue to meet through May.

Attention all youth in grades seven through twelve. Youth Sunday is approaching, and we want your musical talents to be a vital contribution to that service. I invite you to our first Youth Choir rehearsal on Wednesday, April 26, at 4:30 p.m. Boys and girls, please reserve that date on your calendars for PPC. We will meet in the enrichment classroom, which has a piano. Don't miss the first practice because the balance of singers on that day will determine what our musical selections will be. I am excited about working with all of you.

I want to express my appreciation to the Handbell Choir and the Sanctuary Choir for your meaningful musical leadership throughout Lent and culminating with two services on Easter. Your regular practice and dedicated Christian spirit produced musical selections that enriched our services of worship. The spoken word and the musical word indeed worked together to inspire us all. Thank you choirs!

HAPPY Mother's Day



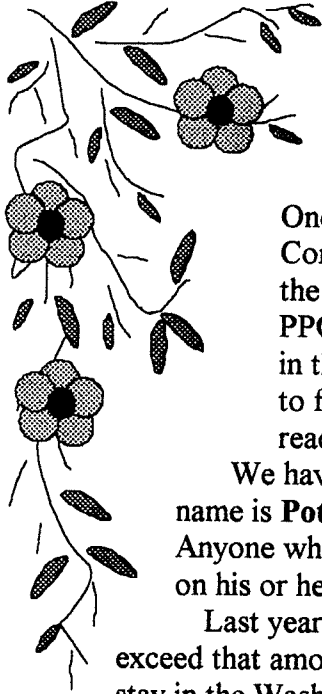
Looking for a Mother's Day gift? Need a graduation gift, or just a special way to communicate with friends? See the Fellowship Committee for ecru notecards with a sepia sketch of the church. Each package contains twelve notes, for only \$6.00 per package. To purchase one or more packages, see members of the Committee during Fellowship hour, or contact Carole Hudgings at (301) 990-3048.

Proceeds will be donated to the Youth Campers.

Youth Group Work Camp Mother's Day Plant Sale

The Youth Group has pots of summer flowers available for sale for Mother's Day. These 10" clay pots were planted in early April with a variety of summer annuals and have been lovingly cared for and nurtured ever since. They promise to be beautiful by May 14th! The cost is \$20 each. Reserve yours during the coffee hour after church on either April 30 or May 7, or call Vivian Teets at (301) 983-5540. They can be picked up at church on May 14, or arrangements can be made for an earlier delivery. Thank you as always for your support.

National Race for the Cure June 3, 2000 Washington, D.C.

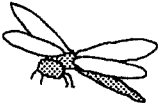


Once again the health ministries projects of the Mission Committee from PPC will support the National Race for the Cure. Our goal this year is to sponsor a Team from PPC. Last year we had 17 members and friends participate in the race and this year we hope to have at least 25 in order to form a team. Our team will carry a sign on Race day reading **Potomac Presbyterian Church**.

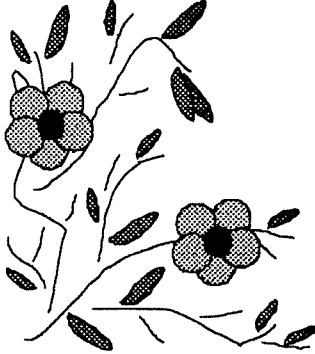
We have a team registered with the "Race" office. Our Team name is **Potomac Presbyterian Church** and the team code is **PPC**. Anyone who registers should make sure that the code is completed on his or her registration form.

Last year we were able to donate \$1,345.00 and we are hoping to exceed that amount this year. Seventy-five percent of all moneys raised stay in the Washington area to support local breast health programs.


Mark your calendars and plan to join members of PPC in the worlds largest 5K "Race" to be held in Washington, D.C. Last year there were over 66,000 people who Ran or Walked and collected donations with the strong hope that we will soon find a cure for a disease that affects so many of us. There were over 7,000 survivors who joined in the race and it is hoped that there will be at least 7,500 this year. All survivors who register are automatically members of Team Hope.



Bettie Ann Johnson has registration forms, and will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings to help team members complete forms and to accept donations. Please feel free to call Bettie Ann at (301) 963-5847 with questions.

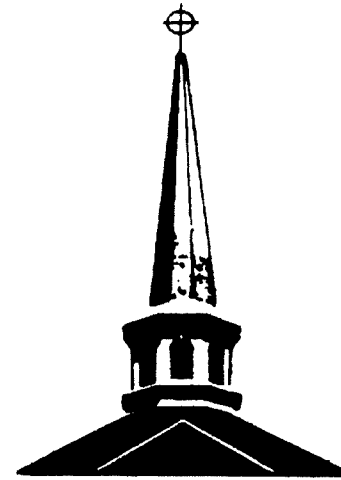


**Plan to join
in the fun on
Race Day.**



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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

Potomac Presbyterian Church

June

2000

KERRY ON ...

On Sunday May 21, we celebrated Confirmation Day and the following young people made their affirmation of faith in Jesus Christ.

Paige Appleby

Anna Ferrara

Katherine McPherson

Kelli Cissel

Rachel Johns

Meggie Rudnic

Brian Dunlop

Jeremy Knighton

Peter Russo

Megan McKune

In my sermon I talked about how God helps us to put together the puzzle called life. When you work a puzzle, it's always helpful to find some of the border pieces because they help you to understand how to get started. They are really gifts to us from the Bible, our parents, our congregation, and other spiritual guides.

This is a puzzle that we will never complete in our lifetimes. There will be a few border pieces missing and numerous others, as well. But as more pieces fit together, you begin to see what God has in mind for our lives. No two puzzles are exactly alike, although some of the key pieces are always included. It's like having a puzzle without having the box which has the picture on it.

We don't have to work this puzzle alone; our companions in faith can often help us see just the right piece that somehow eludes us. When you add a new piece and fit it in, it's an "Ah Ha" moment. Of course, each of us can help another and share in their joy. We rejoice with our young people as they begin to put the pieces together and we promise to help. Most of all we thank God who is the grand designer of all these unique puzzles.

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

June 2000

1	6:30 p.m.	Handbells
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
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4	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Breakfast
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00 a.m.	Worship
	12:00	Fellowship
5	8:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee
6	11:30 a.m.	Christian Living luncheon; Karen Wise, hostess
	7:00 p.m.	Compassionate Friends
7	12:30 p.m.	Bible Study luncheon
8	12:00	Endowments meeting;
		Westminster Presbyterian Church
	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
9		
10		
11		BEGIN SUMMER
		WORSHIP SCHEDULE
	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sacrament of Communion
	11:00 a.m.	All church picnic, Workcampers' meeting immediately following picnic
12	12:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee
	8:00 p.m.	Committees
13		
14	2:45 p.m.	Collingswood
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry continuing education
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17		
18	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Father's Day Chorus
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
19	8:00 p.m.	Session
20	6:00 p.m.	National Capital Presbytery meeting at National P. Church
21		
22		
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24		Marilyn Johns serves as a commissioner to PC(U.S.A.) General Assembly in Long Beach, CA; returning to office July 3
25	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
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28 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry continuing education

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July 2000

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2	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
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4		Office closed for Independence Day
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9	8:00 a.m.	Worship for workcampers prior to their trip to Kinston, NC for a week
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
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11	7:00 p.m.	Compassionate Friends
12	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry continuing education
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14		
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16	10:00 a.m.	Worship; Pastor Stoltzfus' 30 Year Anniversary of Ordination
		Fellowship
	11:00 a.m.	
17	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
18	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
19	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
20	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
21	9:30 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
	7:00 p.m.	Housewarming party for VBS construction
22		
23	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Hymn service
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
24		
25		
26	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry continuing education
		Puckity Presbyterian Church
		Youth Group Bike trippers visit
		PPC overnight
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29		
30	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sacrament of Baptism
	11:00 a.m.	Fellowship



In the Church Family



We rejoice in the births of...

Caroline Donovan Gregg, daughter of Elisha and Thomas Gregg, born April 14th. The proud sister is Sara; the proud grandparents are Diane and Jim Gregg;

Zoe Jane Malone, daughter of David and Julie Malone, born April 14th. The proud grandfather is Bill Malone;

Cassidy Gillian, daughter of David and Beate O'Neal. Her proud grandmother is Sally O'Neal.

Zachery John Nannen, son of John and Patsy Nannen, born May 3rd. The proud brother is Travis.

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

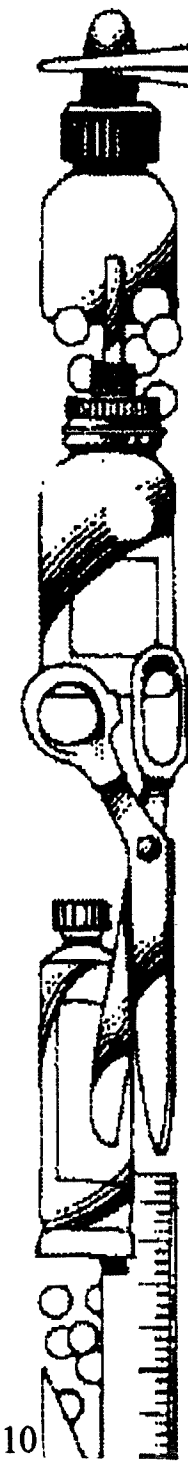
Craig and Diane Paton Beran who were married at Potomac Presbyterian Church on May 6th.

Our prayers are with...

Bob Karch and family. Bob's father, D. W. Karch, died on May 1, 2000;

Diane Chapin and family. Diane's brother, Dr. George Nelson, has been hospitalized in Glenview, Illinois;

Christa Burns and family. Rev. Burns' husband, Stan, died.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION:
A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Building Site: Potomac Presbyterian Church
 Ground Breaking – Completion: July 17 – July 21, 2000 (Mornings)
 Housewarming Party: Friday Evening, July 21
 Crew Members: Children Ages 3 through Grade 5

Join us for an exciting week of learning,
 creating and most of all **FUN and FRIENDSHIP!**
 We are thrilled to announce that Vacation Bible School 2000
 will focus its activity on the Christian ministry of
 Habitat for Humanity International.

Our industrious crewmembers (children) will actually be
 constructing a real Playhouse which will be donated to
 a worthy organization in our area! Adults and Youth are needed
 to fulfill our Construction Management Team
 under the direction of Co-Contractors,

Melanie Mason (301)365-1115 and
 Kay Mitchel (301)340-7768.

So.... don your tool belt,
 pick up your hammers,
 mark your calendars,
 and contact either Melanie or Kay to help out!

You are promised the experience of a lifetime!

Registration forms are available at the church.

Lines from Marilyn

The school year is about to come to a close, and it causes us to evaluate the progress of our Sunday School. We took some big risks this year in beginning a radically new program in Children's Sunday School. I am very pleased to report that, although there have been some glitches and some suggestions for improvement, overall it has been a huge success! The teachers seem to be pleased, and many have already signed up to teach next year, the children reportedly enjoy coming to Sunday School, and most of all, they really seem to be learning the Bible stories. This year we have focused on:

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Creation | Abraham and Sarah |
| Psalms | Waiting for Jesus' Birth |
| The Calling of the Disciples | The Beatitudes |
| Jesus Heals a Woman and a Girl | The Lord's Prayer |
| The Conversion of Saul | |

Our computer lab is up and running, with no more problems than one would expect from a computer lab. Our challenge over the summer is to redesign the room for maximum usage of space and minimum noise. It is especially gratifying to remember all of the wonderful "specials" teachers we have had this year. They have made the experience especially meaningful to the children and helpful to the teachers. They are:

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| Ann Hazard | Ralph Mitchel | The Senior High Sunday |
| Jean and Pete Fisler | Kathy McMahon | School Class |
| Cindy Wright | Gail Cannon | The 7th/8th Grade Sunday |
| Bert and Cassidy Klein | Frank Bond | School Class |
| Barbara Perry | | |

NURSERY NOTES

Our faithful nursery worker, Erin Morris, is leaving us on May 21. We thank Erin for her excellent service over the past year.

Vijitha Ganasekara, our other very dependable nursery attendant, will be here every week, except for an occasional weekend off. We are interested in finding one or two people who would be able to volunteer to fill in on those rare Sundays when Vijitha takes a vacation. She already knows that she will not be here on July 2. Won't you volunteer to help? Call Mary Ling at (301) 294-6388 to say you'll help.

Workcampers Need You to Extend Support

Our workcampers will be spending one week of their summer vacations working to repair and build homes for needy families as part of the 2000 Workcamp Program. Joining with hundreds of other Christian youth from around the country, they will be working with hammers, screwdrivers, and paintbrushes by day, and participating in fellowship activities in the evenings, as part of this nationally recognized mission program. This year we are helping with flood related repairs in Kinston, North Carolina, a particularly hard-hit area.

Our youth have been working hard to raise funds for their mission (remember the hoagie sandwiches on Super Bowl Sunday and the car wash just a couple weeks ago?) and the congregation has responded generously. Now we, the Deacons, are asking the members of PPC to extend to them another area of support.

As they spend the week on their mission, we need to include them in our prayers. In addition, it would be great to send them letters or small packages to show them that we are thinking about them.

The participants are:

Paige Appleby
Catherine Dorman
Anna Ferrara
Mira Guo
Rachel Johns
Megan McKune
Rich McPherson
Katherine McPherson
Emily Wescott
Pat Ferrara
Marilyn Johns

Carl Atwood
Brian Dunlop
Andrew Grier
Liz Johns
David McKune
Sharon Reid
Betsey Rudnic
Meggie Rudnic
Joe Curry
Renee Jochum
Tom McPherson

The dates are: July 9 (depart PPC) and July 15 (depart camp), so mail should be posted between July 6 and July 12 to reach them.

The address is:
Kinston High School
2601 North Queen Street
Kinston, NC 28501
252/527-1825

You are sweaty and aching after eight hours of work in the hot sun, you have calluses on your hands, you are not looking forward to another night of sleeping in a sleeping bag on a hard floor, and then, out of the blue, you get handed a letter from someone at your church back home with an inspirational message of support and maybe a little treat.

You can be there in spirit! Mark your calendars now to remind yourself to write a note.

Congratulations to our graduates:

<u>Graduate</u>	<u>High School</u>	<u>Future Plans</u>
Blake Appleby	Churchill	Arizona State University
Trevor Bond	Quince Orchard	Miami of Ohio
Andrew Grier	Churchill	University of Michigan
Liz Johns	Damascus	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Jennifer King	Whitman	Boston College
Rich McPherson	Churchill	Pepperdine University
Andrea Stewart	Churchill	Cornell University
Mike Weaver	Churchill	Elon College
<u>Graduate</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>Future Plans</u>
Jennie Cannon	Brown University	Duke University Law School
Amy Ligler	Wake Forest	University of Texas, Austin
Jane Simpson	McGill University	New College at Oxford University, England
Derek Smith	Harvard University	Nursing at Georgetown Hospital
Molly Stanton	University of Vermont	

Safe At Home

LIFELINE is a personal emergency response service, which enables people to remain independent, with the security that help will be available. Users wear a small, waterproof Help Button, which will send a call for help in any emergency. LIFELINE is a cost-effective service providing security and peace of mind to people of all ages. Financial assistance is available. LIFELINE is also recruiting volunteers to provide this important service to our community. For more information, please call Anne Engel at Suburban Hospital LIFELINE, (301) 896-3931.

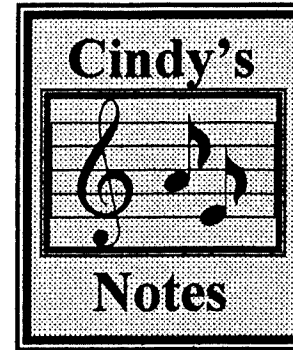
4th Annual All Church Picnic Sunday June 11th

immediately following the 10 a.m. service

Funds support the PPC Workcampers

NOTES

- \$7 donation for picnic lunch (\$20 max per family) includes:
 - ☛ Make-your-own "Hoagie" sandwich from the fixings – Turkey, ham, salami, assorted cheeses, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, mayonnaise, mustard, buns, etc.
 - ☛ Salads
 - ☛ Chips
 - ☛ Drink – lemonade or ice tea
 - ☛ Dessert – brownie or cookie
- Bring a picnic blanket and get comfortable.
- GAMES for one and all!!
- Conversation with Jay & Rebecca Mashburn, former missionaries to Nepal



It's coming – the ninth annual Father's Day Chorus! For all of you men who sing or sing-along, this is the group for you. We will meet on Sunday, June 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall to organize and rehearse. We will then share our vocal presentation in Worship at 10:00 a.m. that same day.

I work carefully every year to compose musical arrangements, which satisfy both skilled and unskilled singers. After church last year, one parishioner came up to me and said with a tinge of surprise, "Those guys were *really* good today." Of course they were, and will

be again this year. Don't delay. Reserve your spot in the chorus by signing your name on the poster in the narthex. I look forward to seeing and hearing you all on June 18th.
Cindy

Youth Sunday Thank You

The Session would like to extend sincere appreciation to everyone who participated in the beautiful and spirited Worship Service on Youth Sunday, May 14th.

We are particularly grateful to our youth who led us in all aspects of the service – music, scripture readings, prayers, your talent, and the time you devoted to create such a meaningful Worship experience for all of us.

We would also like to say Thank You to Marilyn Johns and Cindy Wright for their hard work in coordinating the service and the music.

On behalf of the entire Congregation, **Thank You** all for helping us rejoice and celebrate God's gifts in this special way.

"Reformed and Reforming," A Juried Show for Artists in the National Capital Presbytery October 29, 2000 – January 7, 2001

Eligibility: Open to all members, friends and staff of the Presbyterian Church in National Capital Presbytery, and their relatives. Works must be original, two-dimensional, and ready for hanging. All subjects consistent with theme are invited. Artist's entries are due September 29. Look for more information in the Summer Steeple to People.

Steeple Society Celebration

On Sunday, May 7, the Steeple Society of PPC unveiled a new plaque on the wall of Fellowship Hall with the names of 13 members of the congregation who have joined the newly established group.

The new organization is composed of people who are showing their Christian Stewardship Through Estate Planning identifying the Potomac Presbyterian Church in their estate programs. The charter members are:

Tom and Mary Ann Cookerly	Bob and Joyce Jenkins
Bill Johnston	George and Wilma Boddiger
Claude and Jessie Gordon	Bill and Pat King
Jim and Renee Jochum	Gene and Wilma Sharer
Jack C. Dart	Ed and Lynda Tennent
Edward J. and Janet Hull Clark	Jim and Mary Reichley
Bob and Nancy Tietjen	

It is hoped that many more church members will join the Steeple Society—the capacity is unlimited and you may enroll at any time.

No financial commitment is necessary to participate—just your ultimate willingness to help our church.

SUMMER CREATIVE ENRICHMENT

We still need people to sign up for a week or two to help with Creative Enrichment for the summer. Staffing is needed for the following:

1. One adult to teach the Enrichment class for ages 4 through rising 2nd graders for the portion of the worship service that follows the “Children at Worship” time. Curriculum is provided.
2. One youth helper for the adult class (rising 7th grade or older preferred).

Can you take one or two weeks in the summer to help out? There is a sign-up poster in the Fellowship Hall, or call Marilyn Johns at the church, or Mary Ling at (301) 294-6388.

NEW HYMNALS

Opportunity for Honor or Memorial

The church is purchasing 25 new hymnals at \$12.95 each. Members of the congregation may make a donation either to honor someone or in memory of someone. The honor or memorial will be inscribed on a bookplate of the new hymnal.

YOUR FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR?

If you have home grown cut flowers or flowering shrubs and would like to donate them for our Sunday worship altar arrangements, please call Mary Margaret Smith at (301) 299-3331.

A HYMN SERVICE – JULY 23, 2000

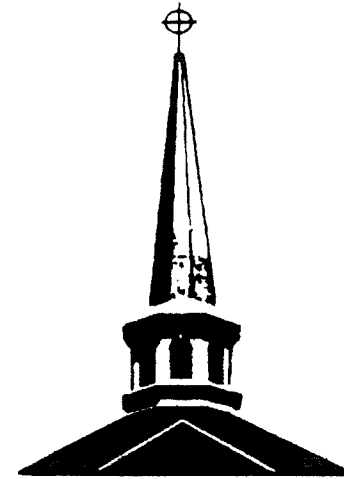
Our Sunday worship service on July 23, 2000 will focus on the hymn – a song of praise to God. Each element in our worship service will be a hymn (*or* part of a hymn *or* hymns) spoken *or* sung by an individual or the congregation. The congregation is invited to submit hymn suggestions.

HYMN suggestions should be submitted by June 25 in the offering or to the church office. Please list up to 10 hymns that have been the most meaningful to your Christian life, faith and/or spiritual growth. As many hymns as possible will be included; use the following form. Thank you.

Hymn Suggestions	
FOR THE JULY 23, 2000 HYMN SERVICE	
1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

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KERRY ON...

From my observation most of the members of Potomac Presbyterian Church like to travel. We like to visit new places and experience new lifestyles. We like to meet new people and learn about cultures that are different than our own. Sampling new cuisine and trying out another language intrigues us.

What if we carried this curiosity and enthusiasm with us to new and different places of worship when we are traveling? When you go to visit a grand cathedral or historic church, go for worship not just as a tourist. When you are with some relatives or friends go along with them to worship. Then ask yourself some questions and reflect on your experience with your children or spouse or friends. May I suggest a few questions you might ask?

What happened in worship that was new to you and perhaps inspiring?

What did you experience that gave you a sense of community with Christians anywhere in the world?

What visually enhanced the worship service?

What musical experience meant the most to you?

What would you most like to see repeated in our congregation?

When you are away you are missed and when you return we are glad to see you and to hear about your adventures in worship. I will look forward to talking with you about your worship travels.

Kerry L. Stoltzfus, *senior pastor*
O. Thomas Miles, *parish associate*
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DEACON DOINGS

We Deacons may have been silent but BOY, HAVE WE BEEN BUSY! We are keeping in touch with the session with a representative at their meetings as well as a session member attending our monthly meetings.

The Deacons are well underway with a proposed "job description" for a young person apprentice member deacon. Our purpose is to give a student member of the congregation an opportunity to learn what being a Deacon is all about. This activity consumed the better part of several meetings with a final "job description" due this fall.

Another activity in progress has been supporting our work campers. We organized and geared up to deluge ALL work campers with MAIL – YOU'VE GOT MAIL – and KEEP THOSE CARDS AND LETTERS COMING was the message the entire work camp week. We have encouraged all members of the congregation to send mail to our work campers. All participants had a grand send off beginning with a special worship service at 7:30 AM on Sunday, July 8. To ensure a good beginning, donuts and juice accompanied all campers to their destination. A total of 17 students and 5 adults attended. Work campers were also recognized during the worship service the Sunday after camp.

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Locations: Dupont Pilgrams Gallery, Church of the Pilgrams (Presbyterian Church U.S.A.) 2201 P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037 and Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church, 6601 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Works will be shown at both churches.

Artists' entries are due September 29. For entry procedures and other information, visit www.home.earthlink.net/~ghendershot or contact Gerry Herdershot at ghendershot@earthlink.net or (301) 927-1120.



In the Church Family



We rejoice in the births of...

Emily Ruth Donahue, daughter of Tom and Sharon Donahue, born May 19th. The proud brother and sister are Michael and Katherine;

Caitlin MacKensie Hooper, daughter of Stephen and Daphne Boogaard Hooper, born May 21st. The proud grandparents are Marcia Boogaard and Lexa and Lynn Hooper.

Owen Robert Goodier, son of Matthew and Kathleen Koonce Goodier, born June 16th. The proud grandparents are Calvin and Janet Koonce.

Our prayers are with...

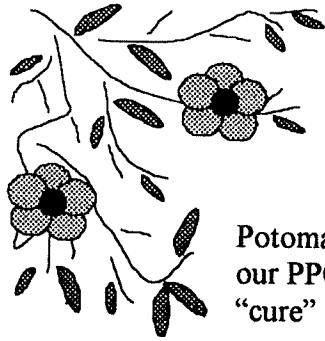
Jim Singerling and his family. Jim's father, John Singerling, Sr., died June 14th in Muskegon, Michigan;

Jackie Fowler and her family. Jackie's mother died recently;

Bill Johnston and Wally Rowen who are in the hospital.

We give thanks...

Helen Hutchinson's estate has previously funded a contribution to the PPC General Endowment Fund. A new contribution of \$2,300 has now been received for this established general endowment fund. Those of us who knew Helen when she attended PPC are especially grateful that she so generously remembered her former church home with an addition to the General Endowment Fund.



Update Komen National *Race for the Cure*

On a beautiful spring day in Washington, DC the TEAM from Potomac Presbyterian Church joined with 70,000 others as we carried our PPC sign and walked or ran in the worlds largest 5K race to find a "cure" for breast cancer.

Our team was made up of 44 members and friends of PPC and I wish to thank each of them for joining in this fun and inspiring event. Our team members were:

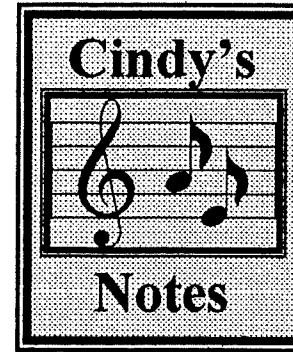
Bettie Ann Johnson
Taylor Johnson
Tricia Kirchner
Sandy MacFarlan
Maitland MacFarlan
Gail Cannon
Jennifer Cannon
Richard Cannon
Nancy Tietjen
Elsie Reid
Bridget Newton
Douglas Dunlop
Joe Curry
Carolyn Ewels
Elizabeth Kent

Nelia Chichester
Ann Eagleson
Melanie Mason
Beth Rudnic
Carol Clouse
Vivian Teets
Olivia Mabeus
Wendy Petti
Carl Atwood
Sue Toerge
Sam Toerge
Mary Ann Forward
Ruthanne Stoltzfus
Mary McLaughlin
David McLaughlin

Susanne Huey
Carolyn Smith
Julie McMahon
Sheila Hanson
Gail Yates
Mary Fishback
Chuck Naejeli
Marnel Williams
Susan Hougen
Sara Hougen
Tom Hougen
Thomas Gimer
Melissa Swanner
Lelon Swanner

A special thank you to the Mission Committee for their support of our TEAM members and for the donation of \$500.00 which added to the donations of 56 members of Potomac Presbyterian Church made our total contribution \$2,845.00 to the National Race for the Cure.

Relatives and friends of George Adour Adrouny have provided a General Endowment Fund in his memory. His name has been added to the plaque in Fellowship Hall, joining the names of others who have recognized the importance of giving tangible support to the ongoing future ministry of the church. It is gratifying to feel the increasing support of the congregation in stimulating participation in the relatively new General Endowment and Memorial Fund programs of PPC.



Were you in church on June 18th? Wasn't the Father's Day Chorus wonderful? We reached our all time high of twenty-seven singers. From the beginning of the 9:00 a.m. rehearsal through the anthem during worship, these men shared a special bond of Christian musical fellowship that was apparent in their sound and on their faces. The experience of learning the medley of Father-related hymns was fun and musically very satisfying. I thank John Hummon for playing the piano and the participating singers for allowing me the opportunity to lead them in their presentation of a memorable Father's Day gift.

Summer music is always enjoyable because we hear solos and ensembles by talented singers and instrumentalists from our congregation and community. This season is full of lovely musical sounds. Don't forget the hymn Sunday planned for July 23rd. The written requests have been numerous, and every attempt is being made to include, in some fashion, those hymn selections submitted in early June. I look forward to hearing energetic, exuberant hymn singing on that day, and every day.

Sophia House Needs Your Help!

Sophia House is a woman's temporary overnight shelter and is part of Community Ministries of Rockville. Each night 28 homeless women are given dinner and shelter. As part of our support for the work they are doing, PPC is providing dinner one night a month. We drop the food off at 6:30 PM Sunday evening, the first Sunday of every month. To date, the Mission Committee members have been alternating coverage for this meal. Food needs to be purchased, prepared (there is no oven in the shelter but there are microwaves for reheating purposes) and dropped off between 6:30 and 7:00 PM when the women are allowed to return to the shelter. If you would like to help us, by donating time in any capacity, please contact Carolyn Ewels, (301) 983-5303. ***You could shop, cook, deliver or serve as your time permits.*** This is an excellent opportunity to get your family involved. No regular commitment is required. Funds from the committee underwrite the cost of the food. Thank you.

SUMMER CREATIVE ENRICHMENT

The children have been having a wonderful time this summer doing "Kids in Mission" during the Creative Enrichment time of the worship service. They have sent a yummy gift to the Gilmores, our missionaries in Nepal, they have prepared health kits for the residents of Kinston, North Carolina to be taken with our workcampers, they have put together a "care package" for the workcampers, and they have lots more in store! They will be filling backpacks with school supplies for needy residents of Montgomery County, they will make lunches to give to the Homeless Shelter, they will even collect dog and cat food for the Humane Society. Thank you for your help in contributing to these projects, which will give the youngest part of our church family a taste for serving others.

We still have a couple of openings left for teachers and youth helpers. Please check the poster in the narthex to sign up. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN LIVING GROUPS

Looking for a fun and non-threatening way to meet other women in the congregation? Looking for a meaningful look at our Christian life? Looking for a way to escape the pressures of being a mom, wife or grandma for awhile? Christian Living Groups may be just what you need!

Christian Living meets once a month, on the second Tuesday, either at 9:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.. For the 2000/2001 year, beginning on September 12, we will be reading Anne Morrow Lindbergh's wonderful book, *Gift from the Sea*. We will only do one chapter a month, so the reading is light and sure to be interesting and insightful. We also spend time in the meetings catching up with each other, sharing advice, and praying for one another.

If you might like to join, buy a copy of the book and join us in September. We value the contributions of all ages, and we welcome new friends. Call Marilyn Johns at the church office for further information.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On July 16, 2000, Kerry will celebrate his 30th year in the ministry. As a congregation we are blessed that he has chosen to spend many of those years here at Potomac Presbyterian Church. This is to inform you of this wonderful event in his life in hopes you can share with him your best wishes. We will acknowledge this happy occasion in the fall when most our members are home after summer travels. Please continue to follow church bulletins and Steeple to People for more information.

Lines from Marilyn

I was honored and humbled to be able to attend the 212th General Assembly of the PC(USA) from June 24 to July 1 in Long Beach, California. For me, part of the thrill of going to GA was the fact that I had not traveled much west of the Mississippi before. It was exciting to see the Pacific Ocean from the plane, and the palm trees on the drive from the airport to the hotel. Unfortunately, for those of us who were commissioners, that's about all of California that we were able to see! We were kept busy in committee meetings, plenary sessions and worship for the entire week.

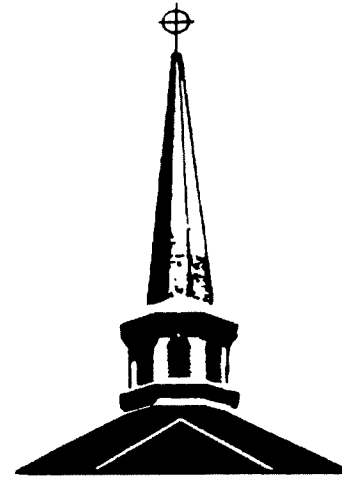
The amount of pre-assembly reading is legendary, and it's true. I had two 3-inch notebooks filled to capacity with papers, and a smaller one for the issues my committee would be dealing with, not to mention the large amount of propaganda from interest groups. I read all of the materials, and formed opinions on many issues. But I was determined to keep my mind and heart open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. I was surprised to find that God's Spirit does work in mysterious ways, and I voted contrary to my previous opinions on a couple of occasions.

There were some very difficult issues on which we had to make decisions, and although the theme of the week was "For all are one in Christ," there were some tense moments. However, the assembly was brought back together in powerful daily worship. Worship with 2000-3000 other Presbyterians, combining traditional and new music and preaching styles, was incredibly unifying. I came away convinced that the way to quell the talk of a split in the Presbyterian church is to worship together. Often. My hope in this denomination was renewed.

We were reminded during the week that our term as commissioners is not over with the conclusion of the assembly. We are commissioned for the entire year to interpret the work of the assembly to the church. I will be speaking to the library adult ed class on October 15. Please join me then, and come prepared with lots of questions. Thank you for your prayers during this week, and for allowing me to accept the opportunity to attend.

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

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KERRY ON...

How do we measure success? This is really a spiritual question and most of the measures of our culture; power, wealth, prestige, test scores, college degrees, fail to give us a very clear picture of success. All parents want their children to succeed, but how do we define what we mean by success? What about churches and how we measure our success? Whatever did Jesus mean when he said,

The first shall be last and the last shall be first.

I recently read the following quote from George Washington Carver,

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.

Maybe this time in the fall when we head back to school and return to work from vacations is a good time to talk in our families about what it means to be a success.

FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS

Sunday September 10

9:45 Sunday School Rally Day

11:00 Worship

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

September 2000

1			24	9:00 a.m.	Conway Wedding
2				9:45 a.m.	Children's Choir
3	10:00 a.m.	Worship/Sacrament of Baptism		11:00 a.m.	Sunday School
	11:00	Fellowship		12:00	Worship/Faith and Work
4		Administrative Office closed		4:30 p.m.	Fellowship
5	7:00 p.m.	Compassionate Friends		6:00 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group
6	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus	25	6:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth Groups
7	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	26	7:30 p.m.	Dinner
8				10:00 a.m.	Deacons
9					National Capital Presbytery at
10	BEGIN FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE		27	9:30 a.m.	Vienna Presbyterian Church
	9:45 a.m.	Rally Day		4:00 p.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Teacher Dedication		7:00 p.m.	Primary Choir
	12:00	Congregational Photo		7:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry
	12:15 p.m.	Fellowship	28	8:00 p.m.	Adult Study Group, led by
11	12:30 p.m.	Christian Education Committee	29		Tom Miles
	8:00 p.m.	Committees	30		Sanctuary Choir
12	9:30 a.m.	Christian Living Group			
	7:30 p.m.	Christian Living Group			
13	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus			
	2:45 p.m.	Collingswood			
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir, 1 st rehearsal			
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry			
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Study Group, led by			
		Tom Miles			
14	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir			
15					
16					
17	9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir, 1 st rehearsal			
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School			
	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Sacrament of Baptism			
	12:00	Fellowship			
	12:15 p.m.	Workcampers' meeting			
	3:00 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group Tee Off (Miniature golf)			
	3:00 p.m.	Manor Care			
	6:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth Group Pool Party			
		Deadline for <i>Steeple to People</i>			
18	8:00 p.m.	Session			
19	10:30 a.m.	Men's Book Club			
20	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus			
	4:00 p.m.	Primary Choir			
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Study Group, led by			
		Tom Miles			
21	8:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir			
22	5:00 p.m.	Wedding rehearsal, Melissa Smith and Gareth Conway			
23		Melissa Smith and Gareth			

In the Church Family

We rejoice in the births of...

Charlotte Kaiser Koonce, daughter of Scott and Courtney Koonce, born July 13th;
Lennox Edward "Hamilton" Stuart, IV, son of Elizabeth and Lennox Stuart, born July 16th;

Owen Robert Goodier, son of Kathleen and Matthew Goodier, born June 16;
The proud grandparents of Charlotte, Hamilton and Owen, (three times this summer) are Calvin and Janet Koonce;

Alex Stewart Wright, son of Jason and Diane Wright. The proud grandparents are Lynn and Cindy Wright.

We celebrate with joy the baptism of...

Stephanie Renee Dean on July 30th. We rejoice with Stephanie's parents, Gray and Tom Dean.

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Stacy Lynn Best and John Aiken, married on August 12;
Tom and Kathy McPherson, married 25 years on August 9th.

Our prayers are with...

Wally Rowan who is in Manor Care;
Emajeane Harvie, recovering at home;
John Norvell and family, John's mother, Nita Norvell, a member of the Presbyterian Church in Henderson for over 60 years, died in Henderson, Texas in early July;
Gail Cannon and family. Gail's 97 year old grandmother died on July 25th;
Marcia Boogaard and family. Marcia's father, the Rev. Luther Tucker, died on July 21st.

We give thanks for the life of...

Bill Johnston who died on July 13th.

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."

HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

Patricia & David Bell	<i>In memory of Chris Bowers</i>
Mary & Marc Cathey	<i>In honor of T. Joyce W. Jenkins</i>
Patricia B. Dunnivant	<i>In honor of James Randolph Dunnivant</i>
Patricia B. Dunnivant	<i>In honor of Cynthia A. Wright for her superb leadership of our choir</i>
The Malone family	<i>In memory of Jan Malone</i>
Scott, Melanie, & Kayla Mason	<i>In honor of Nicholas Scott Mason</i>
The Scott A. Mason family	<i>In honor of Pastor Kerry Stoltzfus</i>
Judith Hood McKelvey	<i>In memory of Ralph J. Hood, father of Judith Hood McKelvey</i>
Judith Hood McKelvey	<i>In memory of Muriel Morgan Forbes, mother-in-law of Judith Hood McKelvey</i>
Alice, Cathy, Nick, & Alan Smith	<i>In memory of Lewis V. Smith</i>

Given by Friends in Christ

In memory of George Adour Adrouny
In memory of Joy Schwan Best
In memory of Millicent Ann Gimer
In memory of William E. Harrison
In honor of Marilyn Johns, Director of Youth and Christian Education
In memory William A. Johnston, Jr.
In memory of Alma Loveys Parsons
In memory of Alexander G. Rozner
In honor of Stephen Ministers Commissioning; March 5, 2000
In memory of Ed & Marty Stobie
In honor of the wedding of Emily Stoltzfus and Mark Shook; July 6, 1996
In honor of the 30th anniversary of the Ordination of Pastor Kerry L. Stoltzfus
In memory of Donald W. Thompson
In memory of Shirley Albee Tietjen
In honor of youth workcampers, July 2000

Lines from Marilyn

September is of course the most exciting month for Christian Education. New programs, new Sunday school and Enrichment classes, new youth group activities, new faces! Because of the huge numbers of educational activities beginning in the fall, we have put together a brochure outlining PPC's Christian Education program. You will find a copy in with this month's Steeple to People, and there are additional copies in the literature rack. You may want to share one with a neighbor who is looking for a church home.

Notice also in the literature rack a booklet called *Workcamp 2000 Reflections*, which is a compilation of thoughts and feelings experienced by each of our workcampers. The week in Kinston, North Carolina, was life-changing for us and for the residents. It has also further solidified the members of our senior high youth group. Take a copy of the booklet and read the stories of our youth and adult advisors. You will be inspired! Put October 8 on your calendar to attend the adult ed class in the library to see and hear first-hand from the workcampers about their trip. If you can't make that date, we are planning a spaghetti supper at the end of October in which we will share experiences and answer questions.

Vacation Bible School this summer was a big success, with over fifty children and many adults working together to build a playhouse for Stepping Stones Shelter. Many other mission activities were done by the Creative Enrichment group, including making sandwiches for the children of the shelter, visiting Manor Care nursing home, collecting pet food for the animal shelter, and stuffing backpacks for needy school children in Montgomery County.

As we look back at our accomplishments, and forward at our plans and goals, we must always keep our focus on why we do all of this. It is not to bring glory to ourselves, but to bring glory to God. In each of these experiences, we are reminded that we are to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). We do good works out of a love of the good work God has done in and for us already. What a privilege to show our thanks in our actions!

Adult Education

Sept. 17	Lon Dring	Putting on full armor of God Eph. 6: 10-20
Sept. 24	Dr. Sarah Little	Images of God in the 21 st century
Oct. 1	Dr. Sarah Little	Images of God in the 21 st century
Oct. 8	Work-campers	Report from PPC work-campers
Oct. 15	Marilyn Johns	Report from General Assembly
Oct. 22	to be announced	
Oct. 29	to be announced	
Nov. 5	Jim Reichley	Politics and Religion
Nov. 12	Bob Mecklenburg	Medical Ethics
Nov. 26	Richard Cannon Tom Miles	Medical Ethics
Dec. 3		Williamsburg Breakfast
Dec. 10	Ann Kulp	Ann Kulp, author of <u>Spirit Windows</u>
Dec. 17	Ann Kulp	

Christian Living Group

This year's Christian Living Group will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 12 from 9:30-11 a.m. or 7:30-9 p.m. for a discussion of Anne Morrow Lindbergh's timeless classic, *Gift from the Sea*. Books are available from before the class begins. If you have attended Christian Living in the past, you know it is a great way to meet other women in the church, and is a refreshing once-a-month respite from your jobs as mom, wife, grandma, and/or employee. If you have not attended, you are welcome to come! Child care is available on request. Call Marilyn Johns with questions or if you would like a book.

New Photo Directory Planned

Photos to be taken Fall 2000, and new directory to be available in early Spring 2001. Actual photos will be available to families in time for the Christmas holidays!

Dates for PPC photos:

- **Sunday, Sep. 10** -- **Congregational photo *******
"Rally Day" immediately after the worship service
in the sanctuary
(all members present)
- **Friday, October 13** -- Members' family photos taken (*by appointment*)
- **Saturday, October 14** -- Members' family photos taken (*by appointment*)
- **Friday, October 20** -- Members' family photos taken (*by appointment*)
- **Saturday, October 21** -- Members' family photos taken (*by appointment*)

More details to follow in the Sunday bulletins and in *Steeple to People*

Volunteers needed –

Coordinating and managing the appointments (and flow of people) during the scheduled dates for the photo shoots will require numerous volunteers from the church. Not to worry, though, since we've been through this before and can show you "how" and make it even better this time!

Sign-up board will be posted in Fellowship Hall.

We need people to serve as Hosts/Hostesses for the photo taking dates as follows:

- **Friday, Oct. 13** -- from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (2 shifts)
 - **Saturday, Oct. 14** -- from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (2 shifts)
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- **Friday, Oct. 20** -- from 2:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (2 shifts)
 - **Saturday, Oct. 21** -- from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (2 shifts)

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

W.W.J.D.

Perhaps some of you wear a little bracelet with the letters "W.W.J.D." on them, or you know what the letters mean. They stand for a question; What Would Jesus Do? I admire people who wear them or in less obvious way think about their daily decisions in terms of the question. It is a good question, but not always an easy one to answer. Sometimes it sounds simple like "love your neighbor as you love yourself. Other times the answers are more complex and must be considered in light of context or when two good things are in conflict. This month we will be exploring the question, What Would Jesus Do in some very specific present day situations.

- Sept. 3 "Do we have to be a part of organized religion?"
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
- Sept 10 "How do we handle prosperity?"
Luke 12:13-21
- Sept 17 "How wide is God's mercy?"
Mark 7: 24-37
- Sept 24 "How do we connect faith and work?"

This is our annual "Faith and Work Sunday" and our
Speakers are Paddy Simpson and Bob Plumb

Inquirers' Series

For those people who want to learn more about, and are interested in membership at Potomac Presbyterian Church, a three-part Inquirer Series will be held on October 1, October 8, and October 15. The Sunday morning, 9:45 a.m. classes, held in the church parlor, are taught by Pastor Stoltzfus. After the series has been completed, those wishing to unite with the church will meet with the Session on Sunday, October 22, and then be recognized as new members at the 11:00 a.m. service. Please contact Louise Plumb, 301/762-2769, or Pastor Stoltzfus, 301/299-6007, with any questions.

RALLY DAY

Yeeeeeee-haaaaa!!! Sunday, September 10, is Rally Day Round-up! All ages of cowboys and cowgirls are invited to meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. for singing, snacks and fun. Come dressed in your favorite cowboy gear (if you dare).

DEACON DOINGS

My name is Jim Jochum. I was raised Catholic and joined PPC about 7 years ago. My wife's name is Renee and we have been married for 15 years. We live on 6 Starlight Court in Potomac and have three dogs: George, Chrissy and Daisy. I find it very rewarding to be one of PPC's Deacons.

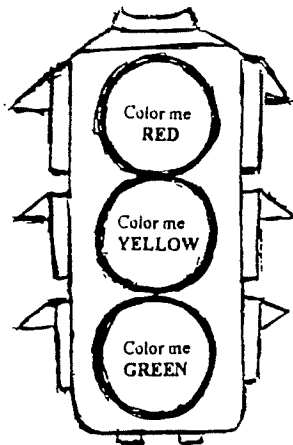
I was born and raised in Wheeling, West Virginia and am a graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My hobbies are Sports and Travel and I've traveled extensively throughout Europe, Costa Rica, all over the United States, as well as last year with Por Cristo to Quito and Guayaquil, Equador. I will be returning this month to Equador as a representative of the Mission Committee of PPC. I plan on working at Hanson's Hospital for eight days, which is a small 50 patient leper hospital.

In June 1999, I was PPC's representative in the Ride for Aids. One of 2,500 bike riders rode from Raleigh, NC to Washington, DC - 350 miles. Each rider was to raise \$1,700 to participate. You, the members of PPC and I, contributed over \$6,300 of the 4.illion that was raised for people living with HIV/AIDS as a result of that ride.

I am one of the owners of a startup company called InforMedix and our product is called Med-eMonitor. We monitor real time patient information that includes medication compliance and health status via a pocket size portable technology.

COLLEGE STUDENTS - Telephone or write the administrative office, (301) 299-6007, with this year's mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address. We would be pleased to remain in contact with you.



STOP whatever you are doing and read this letter about choirs that will be getting started again this fall at Potomac Presbyterian Church.

CAUTION is advised when you make your decision to join a choir. Choir membership is a commitment of your time – much like a team. But the benefits are many: fun, fellowship and musical learning in a Christian setting.

GO ahead and sign up for one of the choirs listed below. Read the descriptions and see which choir is appropriate for you. Bring your membership form to the first rehearsal. Call director, Cynthia Wright, if questions: 301/926-7015

PRIMARY CHOIR

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Wednesday afternoons

Grades K - 2

Children discover the joy of singing alone and together through stimulating songs, games, movement activities and instruments.

First rehearsal: September 13th, Room 4

Your name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent's name and phone number _____

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. Sunday mornings

Grade 3 - 6

Further vocal discovery including introduction to music reading. Fine anthems from the Christian music repertoire are shared in worship about once a month.

First rehearsal: September 17th, Robe room across from the choir loft

Your name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent's name and phone number _____

SANCTUARY CHOIR

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Thursday evenings

Young adults through older adults who are interested in learning challenging, meaningful music to be sung in the weekly worship services.

First rehearsal: September 7th. Room 4

HANDBELL CHOIR

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings

Young adults through older adults who read music and want to enjoy this new instrumental experience. Contact Cindy personally if interested. A personal orientation interview will be arranged.

Darcy Smith Scholarship Awarded

Joie Meffert has been awarded the Darcy Smith Dance and Music Scholarship Award for 2000. The award carries a stipend of \$1,200.00 payable from the income of the Darcy Smith Memorial Fund of PPC. The scholarship is presented in recognition of Darcy's talent in dance, choreography, and music. It recognizes her musicality, artistry, creative spirit, courage, independence, and kindness.

Joie's name will be added to the permanent plaque at the Maryland Youth Ballet School recognizing recipients of the scholarship.

Gift to the Potomac Community Library

Road to the Mountains

By Klara Rozner (1905 -)

A painting has been gifted to the Potomac Community Library by Klara Rozner in loving memory of her son, Alexander G. Rozner.

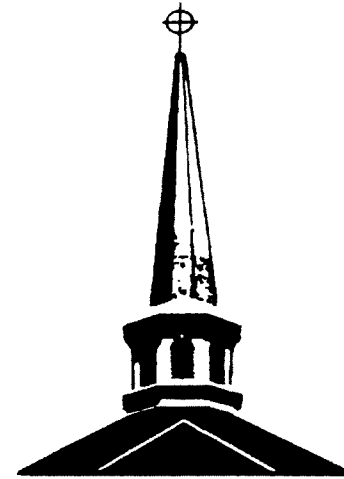
Alexander G. Rozner (1929 – 2000), a scientist for the Department of Navy for 35 years, earned his Ph.D. from Notre Dame University and was awarded the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award on January 3, 2000, in recognition of his "unique blend of expertise, drive and dedication, Dr. Rozner has time and time again proven himself to be a true national asset... whose efforts will impact us, saving lives and assets well into the future."

Workcamp 2001

Hard to believe, but we have already begun making plans for next summer's workcamp. We will be traveling west this year, to Fayette County, West Virginia, during the week of June 24-30. If you are 8th grade or older, mark your calendars now! We will have our first workcamp meeting for any interested youth and parents (we also need some female adults) on Sunday, September 17, in the library immediately following worship. Please call Marilyn Johns with questions.

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KERRY ON...

Thirty Books that have shaped my ministry over thirty years.

Most of my reading has been built on the foundation that one constructs in seminary and in personal spiritual life up until that time. I have always loved to read and have fond memories of buying my first books from the "Weekly Reader" book lists that we had in grade school. In many ways the best reading a minister does is after seminary. Then every page must be related to real life in the congregation. Of course there are novels, mysteries, sports books and books on cooking and travel that sometimes serve to provide a vacation from thinking about the work of ministry. Though many times these books suggest unexpected theological themes.

Since the time of formal theological education the shape of the building changes, new building materials become available, new rooms are needed more than others, social and political issues influence the way that the building looks. Colleagues suggest and challenge me to explore alternative building methods. The congregations I have served and continue to serve have called me to rethink some of my plans. You have urged me to revisit some old themes that needed to be refurbished for a new day. Children have asked me tough questions, especially in confirmation class and I had to go back to my foundation work and see how I can explain in clear terms just what makes for a strong foundation in the Christian faith. You have challenged me to look outward and see how we can include a larger family in this building called the Christian community.

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October 2000

		9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
			Inquirers' Class
1	8:45 a.m.		Worship
		11:00 a.m.	Congregational meeting
		12:00	Fellowship
	9:00 a.m.	12:15 p.m.	Manor Care
	9:15 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group
		4:30 p.m.	Junior/Senior High Youth Groups dinner
		6:00 p.m.	Steeple to People deadline
	9:45 a.m.		Session
		16 8:00 p.m.	Men's Book Club
	9:45 a.m.	17 10:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
		18 9:30 a.m.	Primary Choir
	11:00 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	Adult Study, led by Tom Miles
		7:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir
	12:00	19 6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir
	4:30 p.m.	8:00 p.m.	Photo Directory sittings
	6:00 p.m.		Photo Directory sittings
		20	Children's Choir
	6:30 p.m.	21	Sunday School
2		22 9:00 a.m.	Inquirers' Class meets with
3	1:00 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	Session
			Worship/Reception of New
4	7:00 p.m.		Members
	9:30 a.m.		Fellowship
	4:00 p.m.	12:00	Junior High Youth Group
	7:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Junior/Senior High Youth Groups
5	6:30 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	dinner
	8:00 p.m.		Senior High Youth Group
6,7			Deacons meeting
8	9:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	
	9:45 a.m.	23 7:30 p.m.	
		24	
	11:00 a.m.	25 9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
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	7:30 p.m.	10:00 a.m.	Rio
11	9:30 a.m.	29 9:00 a.m.	Children's Choir
	2:45 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	4:00 p.m.	11:00 a.m.	Worship/Sacrament of
	7:00 p.m.		Communion/
	7:30 p.m.	12:00	Fellowship/Ministries Displays
12	6:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Junior High Youth Group
	8:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	Junior/Senior High Youth Groups
13			dinner
14			Senior High Youth Group
15	9:00 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	
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March for the Homeless

Wanted: Members of PPC of all ages to participate in the annual Fannie Mae Gaithersburg Regional **March for the Homeless**, Saturday, October 28th at the Rio Entertainment Center. There is a registration fee of \$20 for adults and \$10 for those 25 or younger. Registration Forms and more details will be available on Sunday Oct. 15th and Sunday Oct. 22nd. If you can help register participants after the Sunday worship service on October 15 or 22, or for further information, please call Betty Yadlosky, 301-907-8866.

In the Church Family

We rejoice in the births of...

Noah William Brill, son of Steven and Cindy Brill on August 31st. The proud grandparents are Bill and Winnie Brill;

Margaret Katherine Foa, 13th great grandchild of Emajean Harvie.

We celebrate with joy the baptism of...

Caroline Donovan Gregg on September 3rd. We rejoice with Caroline's parents, Tom and Elisha Gregg and sister Sara;

Emily Ruth Donahue on September 17th. We rejoice with Emily's parents, Tom and Sharon Donahue and Emily's sister and brother, Katherine and Michael.

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Chris Singerling and Sandy Minskoff, married on Sunday September 3rd;

John and Carol Clouse celebrating their 35th anniversary.

Our prayers are with...

Camille Kendall, recovering from knee surgery;

Bill Brill and family. Bill's mother, Ethel Sabia, died August 29, 2000;

Mary Reichley and family. Mary's sister, Joan McKenna, died September 5, 2000;

Jackie Cronin and family. Jackie's grandmother, Genevieve Lint, died on Sept. 10th.

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This building is far from finished and some days the best I can do is show up. Thankfully there are many other times when the project proceeds with exhilaration and joy. I am forever indebted to those authors who have shaped my ministry and I look forward to new ones who will go with us as we build this house not made with hands. (See I Cor 3:10-15 The Message)

The Bible

The Hymnbook

The Presbyterian Hymnal

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

Marcus Borg & N.T. Wright, The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions

Frederick Buechner, A Theological ABC

Listening to Your Life

David Buttrick, The Mystery and the Passion

James Carroll, An American Requiem

Robert Coles, Dorothy Day: A Radical Devotion

Fred Craddock, Preaching

Marva Dawn, Reaching Out Without Dumbing Down

William Diehl, In Search of Faithfulness

Robert Ellsberg, ed, All Saints: Daily Reflections on Saints, Prophets and

Witnesses for our Time

Dorothy and Gabriel Fackre, Christian Basica

To be continued next month.

The Kerry L. Stoltzfus Scholarship

At this reading each of you should have received the letter announcing creation of the Kerry L. Stoltzfus Scholarship Fund at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in celebration of Kerry receiving his Master of Divinity degree and beginning his ministry thirty years ago. If you did not, please contact either Flo Casper at the church office or Ed Clark at (301) 365-9708. If you did, please give thoughtful consideration for this opportunity to convey your love and appreciation for Kerry's ministry. The initial response has been exciting. But truly, it is not the amount that counts---it is the thought.

Similar Gordon-Conwell scholarship funds supported Kerry's education. It is a heart-warming incentive to think that we now have the opportunity to help a worthy individual become a future pastor---serving others as Kerry has served us. Both Kerry and Gordon-Conwell are very enthused, honored and appreciative.

Ed Clark, Elder and Recognition Coordinator

Lines from Marilyn

I know many people in this congregation have experienced a child leaving for college for the first time. For me, even with the warnings of many people, I was unprepared for the rainbow of emotions I have encountered. I am so proud of my daughter for her accomplishments, and so pleased she had quality schools from which to choose. I continue to be proud of her when I hear reports that she has done well on her first paper for one of her most difficult classes, or that sophomore-level calculus is "an easy A." I am sad because I miss her company so much, and because I know that it will never be the same for us. I am worried about all of the dangers of living on her own (what makes me think I was protecting her?), and about the temptations and choices she faces daily (what makes me think she didn't face them

before?). I am excited that she has made new friends, and probably, if I think about it, jealous of those friends because her emails are decreasing from three a day to one every other day. Mostly, I am thankful to God because it is he who deserves the credit for helping this young woman to become who she is. It is God who gifted her academically, it is God who has given her the security to begin to live independently, it is God who protects her from harm and helps her to make wise choices for her life, and it is God who is helping to shape her dreams of the future. I have heard from a number of parents of college freshmen that even without their nagging (imagine that!), their sons and daughters have begun to go to church in their new campus homes. I believe that the Holy Spirit has gone to college with our kids, and it gives me cause to rejoice and relax!

Apostles' Creed Class

Beginning on October 29, Marilyn Johns will lead the "Parlor Adult Class" in a study of the Apostles' Creed. The class, which will look at this ancient statement of faith that so many of us say by rote each week, meets from 9:45-10:45 until November 19. Whether you are a new member or have been in the church for a long time, this class will help you to say the Apostles' Creed with more understanding and appreciation. Please join us!

YOUTH GROUP

CAR WASH and BAKE SALE

A new school year begins with lots of energy!!! Next June the youth group will be going to West Virginia for our annual work camp trip, but the work begins NOW. We must raise funds for room and board and for building materials and supplies for the week. Our first fundraiser is a Car Wash and Bake Sale on Sunday morning, October 1. We will meet EARLY (we love that!) for a worship service and then begin washing cars as the rest of the congregation arrives for Sunday morning activities. Our congregation has been very supportive of our projects in the past and we THANK YOU. Please help us again this year! We hope to see you and your dirty cars on October 1st!

DEACON'S CORNER

I'm Matt Petti, and I am the deacon for the Potomac Village South parish group. I moved from New York to Bethesda to marry my wife, Wendy, who has been a member of Potomac Presbyterian Church since 1989. Born and raised in a devout Catholic household, I became a member of PPC in 1993, and Wendy and I were married here the same year. Our busy family sometimes feels like a beehive in a fire drill – Wendy and I try to keep pace with the buzzing comings and goings of Chris and Carl Atwood, both at Churchill High School and six year old Emily, who just started the first grade. World travelers, Jean and Pete Fisler, Wendy's parents, are also members of PPC. Professionally, I am a clinical psychologist working part-time at the Lab School of Washington as well as conducting a small private practice. My avocation is writing short stories, and currently I'm enrolled in American University's MFA program in creative writing. In the spring you'll find me on the mound pitching in an over-thirty baseball league. PPC has been just the right place for my family and me, and I'm proud to serve as your deacon.

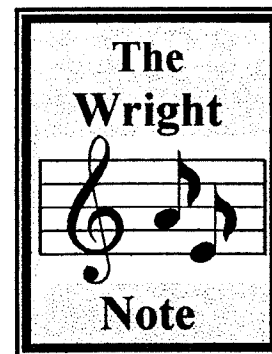
NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY

Individual family photos will be scheduled by appointment on:

Fri., Oct. 13th 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fri., Oct. 20th 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sat., Oct. 14th 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sat., Oct. 21st 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Sign up on Sundays in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

NOVEMBER STEEPLE TO PEOPLE DEADLINE is Sunday October 15th.



Last month I featured a traffic light to advertise the starting times and organization of our choirs for the 2000 - 2001 season. I am happy to report that all choirs followed the green signal and are going well. The Primary Choir, grades K-2, began with ten lively participants. We will certainly be making a joyful song to the Lord. We are also planning our annual pumpkin caroling event near Halloween.

The Children's Choir began enthusiastically on Sunday, Sept. 17, with six third through sixth graders. A few regulars were absent, and two new members are anticipated. We plan to share a worldwide communion anthem in the worship service on October 1.

Our Sanctuary Choir has continued to be a blessing to our church. Starting fall rehearsals on Sept. 7, we began with a first-night crowd of nineteen singers, including

two new members and two returning members who had been ill or away. On Sunday mornings we average twenty plus singers, filling our loft with glorious praise.

The Handbell Choir is one ringer short of the required eight to ring two octaves of bells. We have three octaves and could ring more extensive repertoire with nine or ten ringers. So, if you are a music reader and can count in various meters, don't be shy about expressing an interest in handbell ringing. It is a unique and very enjoyable experience. Ringing in a handbell ensemble gives you a new perspective of team play. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30.

A special musical experience awaits all of us on October 29 when we celebrate All Saints Sunday with violinist, Amy Beth Horman, as our special guest soloist in our worship service. She is a noted recitalist in the Washington area and abroad. Her exceptional playing both inspires the audience in the concert hall and the worshiper in the pew. We look forward to worshipping through her music Oct. 20.

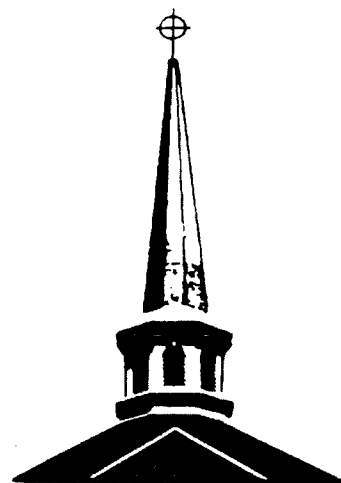
Adult Children Caregivers Support Group

Sept. 21, 7:30 p.m. Summerville's Director of Community Relations, Joan Robbins, R.N., hosts this monthly support group that affords adult children caring for frail seniors an opportunity to share experiences and care giving solutions.

Summerville at Potomac 11215 Seven Locks Road (301) 765-9198

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STEEPLE TO PEOPLE

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Kerry On ...

Thirty Books that have shaped my ministry over thirty years. This is the second half of the list that I wrote about in last month's "Steeple to People." If anyone would like to borrow one of these book or talk with me about them I would welcome the opportunity.

See page 9 for list.

The Kerry L. Stoltzfus Scholarship Celebration

Remember Sunday, November 19---It is the day we celebrate Kerry's 30 years in Christ's ministry and thank him for all the wonderful things he has done for us. The contributions you have made to the Kerry L. Stoltzfus Scholarship Fund at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary have created the most sincere "thank you" gift imaginable. The legacy of the message this gift represents will serve as an inspiration to all the student beneficiaries for years to come. As coordinator of this exciting project I have continued to emphasize that the thoughtfulness of your contribution counts the most---not the amount. As of this October 15 writing the contributions received have surpassed the \$10,000 minimum endowment necessary to award a \$500 annual scholarship; *and* we are well on our way toward creating a full \$1,000 scholarship. **AWSOME!**

At the end of our November 19 worship service we will have a formal presentation on behalf of the congregation and acceptance by Dr. Barry Corey, Vice President of Development at Gordon-Conwell. The celebration will continue with a reception in Fellowship Hall.

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

November 2000

1 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
4:00 p.m. Primary Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Study, led by Tom Miles

2 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

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4 8:30 a.m. Session Retreat, PPC

5 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship/Stewardship Sunday
12:00 Fellowship
4:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Junior/Senior High Youth Groups dinner
6:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Group

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7 1:00 p.m. The Lord's Table
7:00 p.m. Compassionate Friends

8 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
2:45 p.m. Collingswood
4:00 p.m. Primary Choir
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry
7:30 p.m. Adult Study, led by Tom Miles

9 6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee
8:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Dress Rehearsal for Potomac Theatre Co., inc.'s "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown." PPC members may attend free of charge. Seats must be reserved ahead of time.

10 9:00 p.m.-9 a.m. Senior High Lock-in

11 11:00 a.m. Kendal Stackhouse/Donna Ordeman wedding

12 9:00 a.m. Children's Choir
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship/Pledges received
12:00 Salad Bar Luncheon sponsored by Workcampers
4:30 p.m. Junior High Youth Group mission project to Sophia House

13 12:30 p.m. Christian Education meeting
8:00 p.m. Committee meetings

14 9:30 a.m. Christian Living Group
7:30 p.m. Christian Living Group

15 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
4:00 p.m. Primary Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Study, led by Tom Miles

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Steeple to People deadline
Handbell Choir
Sanctuary Choir
John Lee/Claire Crawford wedding rehearsal
Holiday Craft Fair
John Lee/Claire Crawford wedding
Children's Choir
Sunday School
Worship/Thanksgiving
Guest from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary Fellowship
Manor Care
Junior High Youth Group
Junior/Senior High Youth Groups dinner
Men's Book Club
Handbell Choir
Sanctuary Choir
No Bible Study
No Primary Choir
No Adult Study
Happy Thanksgiving
Children's Choir
Sunday School
Worship
Fellowship
No Youth Groups
National Capital Presbytery meeting at National Presbyterian Church
Bible Study, led by Kerry Stoltzfus
Primary Choir
Stephen Ministry
Adult Study, led by Tom Miles
Handbell Choir
Deacons set up for Williamsburg Breakfast
Sanctuary Choir

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Prior to the worship service Dr. Corey will address the Adult Education Class at 9:45 to give us a more complete understanding of the Seminary's mission, goals, student body and facilities.

If you did not receive, or have lost the September mailing announcing the creation of this scholarship gift please call Flo at 301-299-6007 or Ed Clark at 301-365-9708 or 9709.

A Final Reminder For Well-Intentioned Procrastinators:

Time is running out. As soon as you finish reading this--send your gift to Gordon-Conwell. Thanks! Ed Clark, Elder and Recognition Coordinator

(Book list from page 1.)

Sherman & Hendricks, Your Work Matters to God
Dallas Lee, The Cotton Patch Evidence
Thomas Long, The Witness of Preaching
Loren Mead, Once and Future Church
Keith Miller, The Taste of New Wine
Joseph McCabe, Handel's Messiah: A Devotional Commentary
Kathleen Norris, Cloister Walk
Henri Nouwen, The Wounded Healer
Eugene Peterson, The Message

Under the Unpredictable Plant: An Exploration of Vocational Holiness

Laurence Hull Stookey, Baptism: Christ's Act in the Church
Desmond Tutu, No Future Without Forgiveness
Thomas Troeger, Borrowed Light: Hymn Texts, Prayers and Poems
James White, Sacraments as God's Self Giving
Nicholas Wolterstorff, Lament for a Son

In the Church Family

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Gareth and Melissa Smith Conway, married at Potomac Presbyterian Church on Saturday September 23rd.

We celebrate with joy the baptism of...

Zachary John Nannen on October 8th. We rejoice with Zachary's parents, John and Patsy Nannen.

Our prayers are with...

Ralph Mitchel and family. Ralph's mother, Bell Mitchel, is a nursing home.



DECK THE HALLS

HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH

Join in the excitement of decorating our church for Christmas. This year the sanctuary will be decorated with Christmas trees, evergreens (magnolia, holly, pine, spruce, etc.), red and green ribbons, poinsettias, red candles and wreaths.

Everyone can help create a joyous Christmas décor.

All help is appreciated!!!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.

You may:

1. **Donate greens on:** November 29, December 14 and December 22
2. **Help decorate the church on:**
November 30 9:00AM
December 14 9:00AM
December 23 9:00AM
3. **Give MONEY** Cash or checks may be put in a "Sanctuary Flower Fund" envelope found in the pew rack. Place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office with "Christmas Decorations" marked on the outside.

We are not selling poinsettias or wreaths this year to defray decoration costs. Rather, donations should cover expenses and excess funds will be donated to Montgomery County Hospice.

To volunteer or ask questions, contact
Harriet Grier 301-983-2457 or
Cheryl King 301-330-4361.

Lines from Marilyn

The Senior High Youth Group recently shared an experience with the Parable of the Talents (Luke 19:11-27). Before telling them what the topic of the evening was, I gave them a Baggie filled with odds and ends: toothpicks, cotton balls, scotch tape, an index card, and other treasures. Their only instruction was: see what you can do with this. They were extremely creative, some working together, some alone, and we ended up with things like a boat, a person, a weapon (there's always one!), and some interesting abstract art. All were unique and imaginative.

We then read the parable and made the connection between the fact that God gives each of us gifts, and what we make of the gift is up to us. Each of us can take God's gift and be creative with it, and make it uniquely our own.

This is a powerful message as the church celebrates Stewardship season. What are you going to do with the abundance God has given to you? In the church's efforts to raise money and receive pledges, we often forget about the other abundance God has given to us. Some in this congregation have been given gifts of artistry, or music, or storytelling. Some have strong backs and willing hands. Others have time to give to the ministry of the church.

The last part of the lesson on the Parable of the Talents was that each person was offered a \$10 bill to take and make something of. Some of the students did not take the gift. Many did, and agreed to try to make that \$10 grow over the course of the month, and bring it back along with any profit they made. As they thought about ways to do that, they had some extremely creative ideas. I'll keep you posted on their progress.

How are you going to grow the gifts God has given you?

Apostles' Creed Adult Education Series

Beginning on Sunday, October 29, a second adult education opportunity will begin at 9:45 a.m. in the parlor. This class will take a look at the Apostles' Creed, the familiar affirmation of faith we say in church, sometimes without thinking about its true meaning. The class is four weeks long. Please join us for an interesting discussion which will give you new insights into this very old creed of our church. Marilyn Johns leads this class.

MEN'S BOOK GROUP

Do you like books? Would you enjoy discussing them with a group of men with interesting and varied backgrounds? Maybe you should try the Men's Book Group this month. We read a mixture of fiction and non-fiction, contemporary and classics. The next three months we will be reading:

- Nov 21st Nothing Like It In The World, a history of American railroads by Stephen Ambrose
- Dec 19th Plainsong, a novel by Kent Haruf
- Jan 16th The Lexus and the Olive Tree: Understanding Globalization by Thomas L. Friedman

We meet the third Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the Church parlor, September through May. After the meeting some members gather at a local spot for lunch. **Try it; you'll like it.**

DEACON'S CORNER

A recent article in Forbes magazine offered new, unusual items to the list of "10 Things To Do Before You Die." Included were-- make a pilgrimage, memorize a poem and pass it on, forgive someone, defy gravity, and let someone else have the chance you missed. My experience this past summer suggests an addition to that thoughtful list—spend a vacation with an adult sibling. My brother, an American history and government teacher from Phoenix, and I carved out three weeks this past summer to visit historical sites in the mid-Atlantic area. We shared many wonderful moments over a Starbucks or local micro brew discussing the ebb and flow of the battle of Gettysburg, the hopelessness of Lee's army on the road from Petersburg to Appomattox, and the folly of Cornwallis' encampment at Yorktown (with a little help from the French fleet). Over dinner and early morning power walks, we renewed our understanding of the lineage from the original House of Burgesses in Jamestown, to the bi-cameral architecture of the Capitol in Williamsburg, to the articles of the Constitution in the National Archives. But ultimately we created memories, funny stories, and special moments that are as real and cherished as the pick up football games, camping trips, and family holidays of our youth. To the list of climbing a mountain, writing a book, or holding your sleeping baby... we add take a road trip with your 44 year old brother. **Rob Swisher is the Deacon of the Gaithersburg Parish and lives with his wife Janet and sons Adam and Ryan in Darnestown.**



We are in the midst of one of the most beautiful seasons of the year. The hymn, FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH, expresses it so well in both melodic line and meaningful text. The handbells will ring its soaring phrases and uplifting harmonies on November 19th. They will continue to rejoice in God's creation by ringing THIS IS MY FATHERS WORLD. When you listen, you might want to turn in your hymnals to numbers 473 and 293 to follow the texts as the melodies are played. Music weaves a special thread around these verbal expressions of God's creative wonders.

When we experience special moments in musical worship, the word *beautiful* often is used. It is a tender, heartfelt word of admiration. Amy Beth Horman's violin music for our All Saints service was indeed beautiful. Her skill and sensitivity truly brought us to new heights as we gathered to celebrate the lives of family and friends who have died.

One of our church youth came to me recently and expressed that her school choral experience was okay, but that the music we sing in church was so much more beautiful. Comments such as these keep me motivated and inspired to continue my calling to church music ministry. Even in our youngest of choirs, I urge the children to use their voices in the most beautiful way. May the music offered here at Potomac lift your worship in praise and prayer.

SALAD BAR SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 12

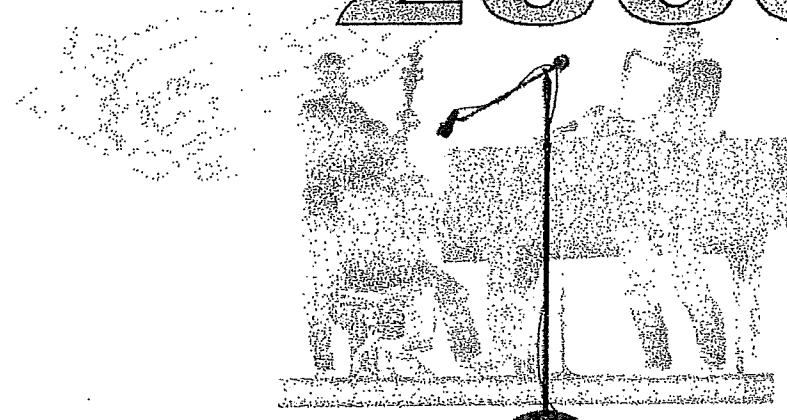
Join in for the SECOND ANNUAL Salad Bar Luncheon immediately after the morning worship service on Sunday, November 12. The Youth Group hosts this event as one of our 2001 Work Camp Fundraisers. We will offer a variety of interesting salads, breads, beverages and desserts (even peanut butter for the kids!)

Adults	\$7
Children 6-10	\$2
Children under 6	Free

Come for food, fun and fellowship! Thank you for your continued support and encouragement!

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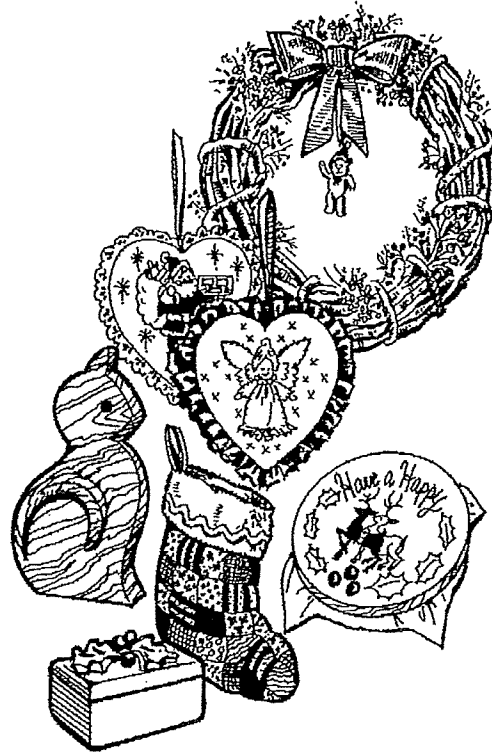
2:00 PM Sunday NOVEMBER 12, 2000
\$Free Will Donation\$ (bring your checkbook!)

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Holiday Crafts Fair

in Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 17th

7 - 9 PM

Bring the entire family and join us in two hours of free, creative fun. We will have a dozen ornaments and crafts for you to make, appropriate for holiday decorating or to give as gifts. Crafts include ones that are easy to make and those that are more difficult, designed for all age ranges. Watch for a display and opportunities to sign up during Sunday coffee hours in the upcoming weeks. Light refreshments will be served. Please call Carole Hudgings (301-990-3048) if you have questions or would like to volunteer as a craft table supervisor.

Christmas Caroling

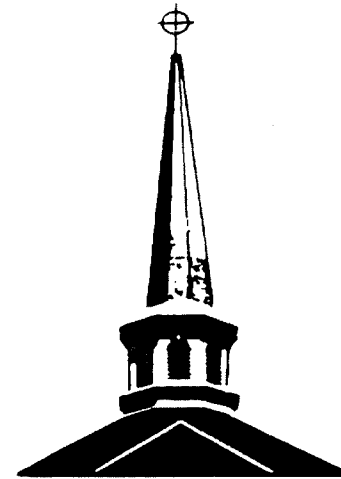
Sunday, December 10th 4 PM

Caroling with our friends at Manor Care and Collingswood Nursing Homes is a holiday tradition for PPC. Please join us for this fun and meaningful event. Look for opportunities to sign up for caroling and the potluck supper to follow. Please call Carole Hudgings (301-990-3048) if you have questions.



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KERRY ON...

When our new members meet with the Session I always ask,
“What was the most important thing about this congregation that helped
you decide to become a member?”

Many respond, “The warm welcome I received on my first visit.”

As we enter the Advent season we will have many visitors and guests and we want to be sure to give them that same warm welcome. Please remember to introduce yourself to those who are seated near you when you leave the worship service. Invite a visitor to come with you to the coffee hour and be sure to introduce them to others. Also if you see an individual or couple or family standing alone in coffee hour be sure to go and introduce yourself and talk with them and answer any questions they may have. ~ There is a risk of course. What if you assume someone is a visitor and they turn out to be long time members? Well, you can both have a good laugh.

Let’s keep on being a friendly, warm and welcoming congregation and may God bless you and those you love in this Holy season.

We had a wonderful celebration of Kerry’s 30 years in Christ’s ministry with the dedication of the Kerry L. Stoltzfus Scholarship Fund at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary on November 19. Donations came from all over the country, from members of Erin Presbyterian in Knoxville, TN (Kerry’s first church,) from his peers, from our youth, from current members and from former members. Writing this a week before the dedication, we have exceeded \$14,000. It has been such an exciting and heart-warming experience ~ but, it is not over yet. The fund is an “open” endowment; gifts can still be made. Please consider this in your year-end planning for years to come. A warm, warm “Thank you” to everyone who contributed, and to those who helped me with Celebration 30.

Ed Clark 1

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Kerry L. Stoltzfus Scholarship update
As of Sunday, November 19
\$20,400

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

Adult Education

November 26	Stephen Ministry Presentation
December 3	No Class – Williamsburg Breakfast
December 10	Dr. Ann Kulp, author of <u>Spirit Windows</u> will speak on Spirituality
December 17	Dr. Ann Kulp, author of <u>Spirit Windows</u> will speak on Spirituality
December 24	No Adult Education Class
December 31	No Adult Education Class
January 7, 2001	Dr. Bruno Frohlich, Dept. of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution speaking on the People of the Jordan/Israel area
January 14	Dr. Kyle McCarter, National Medical Law Center speaking on Jordan/Israel area but with emphasis on new discoveries and interpretations related to Biblical topics
January 21	Dr. Dewey Wallace
January 28	Dr. Dewey Wallace
February 4	Dr. Dewey Wallace
February 11	Dr. Gillespie, President, Princeton Theological Seminary
February 18	Dr. Dewey Wallace
February 25	Dr. Alice Bellis – APOCRYPHA – Judith

Audio tapes of the Sunday morning Adult Education presentations are available in the church library.

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 10th 4 PM

Caroling with our friends at Manor Care and Collingswood Nursing Homes is a holiday tradition for PPC. Please join us for this fun and meaningful event. Look for opportunities to sign up for caroling and the potluck supper to follow. Please call Carole Hudgings (301-990-3048) if you have questions.



In the Church Family

Congratulations and God's blessing on...

Kendal and Donna Ordeman Stackhouse, married at PPC on November 11th;
John and Claire Crawford Lee, married at PPC on November 18th.

Our prayers are with...

Barbara and Lowell Perry, Barbara's mother, Ann Smith died;
Dan Dowd and family, Dan's father, Daniel Dowd, died earlier this fall and was buried at Arlington Cemetery on November 11th. Dan's aunt, Evie Dowd, died on Nov. 3rd;
Larry Dinterman and family, Larry's mother is recuperating at home;
Jackie Evans and family, Jackie's husband, Harry, died on October 17th.

We commend him 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."

Dine with Nine in 2001

You are cordially invited to an evening of dinner, fun, and fellowship at the homes of some of your fellow Potomac Presbyterians. These informal dinners will take place once a month from January through April. You will be asked to be a host/hostess, plan the meal, and provide the main course one time. The other three months you may provide a appetizer, salad, or dessert. Once groups are established, they should schedule at their convenience. Please call Janet Koonce (301-469-7975) for more information.

Please complete the form below and turn it in to the church office. **The deadline is Sunday, December 24th.**

 Name _____
 Address _____
 Phone _____

_____ I am willing to be the first host/hostess.

_____ I can only accommodate 8 individuals.

_____ I cannot sign up for the entire season. Please put me on a list of substitutes to be called as needed.

A CHRISTMAS MUSIC CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 17 7 PM

Following a "standing room only" Christmas Music Celebration last year, we are happy to schedule the 2000 Christmas Music Celebration on December 17.

This 7 PM program will include the "Jesus Birthday Band," a "Male Chorus," a "Female Chorus," and other solo and ensemble instrumental and vocal performances. After the wonderful program of live Christmas music, everyone will enjoy delicious Christmas cookies and beverages. It is a great opportunity to renew memories, create new traditions, and share a casual evening with friends.

If you (all ages welcome) have an instrumental and/or vocal talent you will share on December 17, join the Band and/or a Chorus. Ann Hazard ~ 301-424-2827~ will direct the "Female Chorus." Call Mary M. Smith at 301-299-3331 to volunteer.

Group rehearsals will be held on Saturdays, December 9 and 16. The two choruses will meet at 10 AM and the Band will rehearse at 11 AM. See you there.

There will be extra chairs at 7 PM on December 17. So, come, enjoy, bring a friend, and celebrate Christmas.



DEACON'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that December has arrived and that the much anticipated year, 2000, is coming to a close. The holidays are here and so is the Advent Season. It all begins on December 3rd with the Williamsburg Breakfast followed by the first Advent worship service. These four Sundays before Christmas will truly help us to remember why we are celebrating this wonderful time of year. It is so easy to get caught up in the holiday hustle and bustle that always seem to grasp us during this festive month. Last Christmas, my brother, John Wyttenbach, Jr., wrote a lovely poem that I take great pleasure in sharing with you.

At Christmas

At Christmas as we gather around with presents beneath the tree

Don't overlook the greatest gift, from God, to you and me.

This gift is extra special, I am sure that you will find

There is nothing like it anywhere, a true "One of a Kind!"

When the decorations all come down and the lights are put away,

Remember, Christ the Savior is ours for every day.

The Board of Deacons wish you the Blessings of Christmas and a Joyous

Ann Eagleson, Deacon

New Year!

Lines from Marilyn

I was pleased to attend a National Capital Presbytery Educator's Group event on Sabbath-keeping this month. This year's General Assembly approved a very well done paper on this topic, and one of the writers was the leader of the workshop.

It was interesting to note my actions before and after this event. On Wednesday, I was rushing to get the items on my ever-present list checked off so that I could take the day Thursday to go and learn about resting. The list was much longer than the time I had, and my stress level rose steadily throughout the day. By the time Thursday morning came I considered not going to the workshop because I had so much to do. But I had paid for it, which is always a strong incentive for me, so I went, although grudgingly.

At the workshop, we were reminded that God gives us the Sabbath because we need to rest – seems simple enough, doesn't it! We need to have one day (whether it is Sunday or not) where we do not labor at our jobs, one day where we do not labor at home, one day that is markedly different from the other six. Some of us grew up in a time when stores were not open on Sundays, and somehow that was all right. We survived. The modern-day notion of Sabbath is not necessarily that we stay home all day reading the Bible. The idea is that we set aside one day a week for refreshment and renewal. This is, after all, what God did after creating the world.

The workshop itself was a time of refreshment and renewal for me. I renewed a personal commitment to spend some time each day in prayer and in the Scriptures. I left feeling great and ready to get back to work.

The next day, the list loomed large, but as soon as I felt myself getting stressed, I stopped and said, Will it really matter if I don't plan 50 games for the lock-in? Will the ministry of the church suffer if I don't have the Enrichment lessons written six months in advance? Will the world stop spinning if the laundry doesn't get done today? Then I relaxed a little. And guess what? The lock-in was fine without 50 games, everyone had lessons for Enrichment, and we all had clothes to wear.

We live in a culture where over-achievement is rewarded, and rest for the sake of rest is questioned. We in the church should do our part to keep that in perspective. Instead of leaving church on Sunday and going back to the office, why not spend some time with your family? It is an act of faith to let God handle things for one day of the week. Let us honor that!



**DECK THE HALLS
HELP DECORATE OUR CHURCH**

Join in the excitement of decorating our church for Christmas. This year the sanctuary will be decorated with Christmas trees, evergreens (magnolia, holly, pine, spruce, etc.), red and green ribbons, poinsettias, red candles and wreaths.

Everyone can help create a joyous Christmas décor.

All help is appreciated!!!

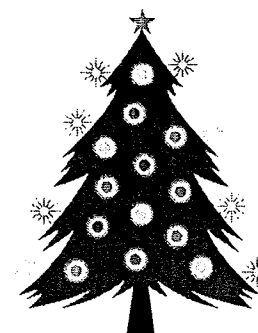
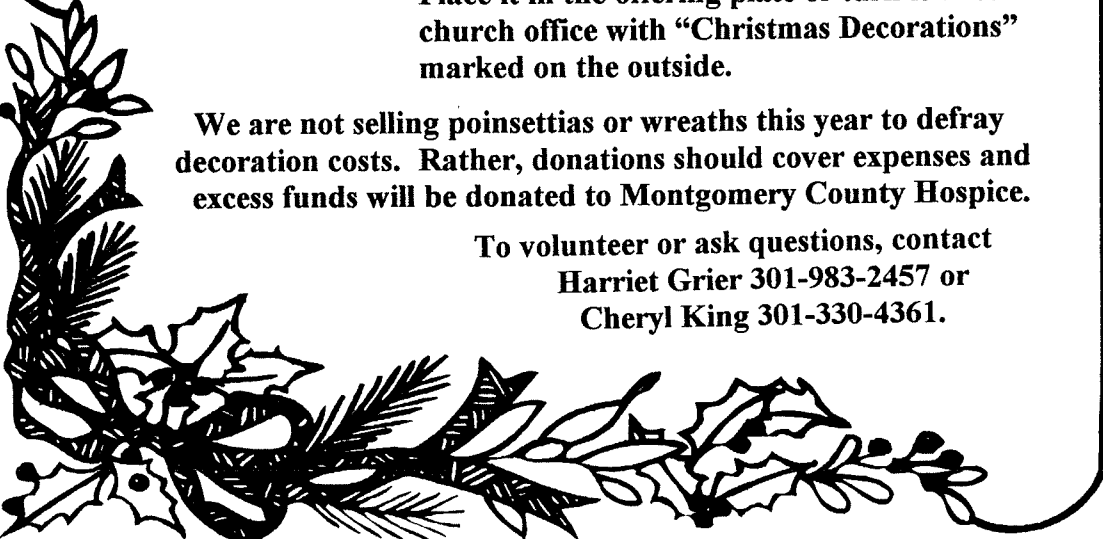
**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO JOIN IN THE
FUN AND FELLOWSHIP.**

You may:

1. Donate greens on: November 29, December 14 and December 22
2. Help decorate the church on:
November 30 9:00AM
December 14 9:00AM
December 23 9:00AM
3. Give MONEY Cash or checks may be put in a "Sanctuary Flower Fund" envelope found in the pew rack. Place it in the offering plate or turn it in to the church office with "Christmas Decorations" marked on the outside.

We are not selling poinsettias or wreaths this year to defray decoration costs. Rather, donations should cover expenses and excess funds will be donated to Montgomery County Hospice.

To volunteer or ask questions, contact
Harriet Grier 301-983-2457 or
Cheryl King 301-330-4361.



The Deacons of PPC
cordially invite you and your family
to our annual

Williamsburg Breakfast
Sunday, December 3
9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Bring:



a breakfast bread or pastry to share



a small bell from home to ring during carol singing

Children will be served first and go to their classrooms

Come catch the
spirit of Christmas!