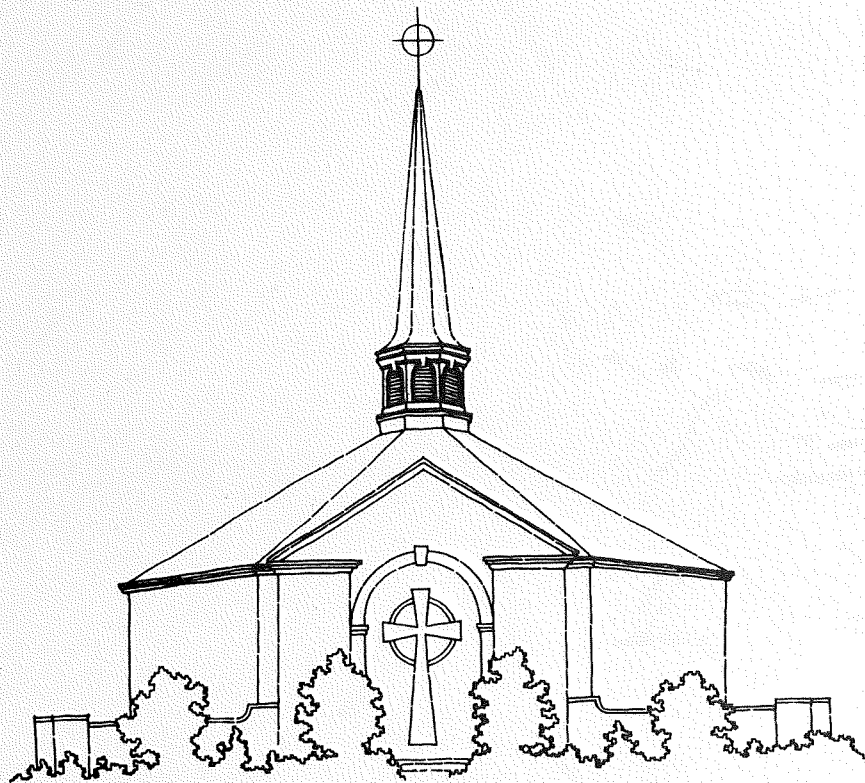


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**OUR HISTORY
1963-1983**

"If the General Assembly should enjoin upon each of their members to furnish, as particularly as may be, the history of his own church, it is probable that materials (for a complete history of the Presbyterian Church in the United States) may be collected without much difficulty. The sooner it is done the better, as time, accident, and the death of ancient people will daily destroy some sources of information."

-Minutes of the General Assembly, 1791

This history of Potomac Presbyterian Church serves a dual purpose. When the Women of the Church organized in 1982, one of our goals was to set down our activities over the past 20 years. After Jane Olson, WOC President, attended the Montreat conference that summer, she brought back the news that the history was to be one of the entire congregation, it had to be typed on special paper, and these are kept in storage vaults by the Local Church History Coordinator, Historical Foundation, in Montreat, N.C. Therefore, the format used is prescribed by the Historical Foundation.

The project was begun using old bulletins and newsletters for the factual background. Correspondence and conversations with the "ancient people" yielded some of the interesting anecdotes included. Not long after I began my research, Shirley Tietjen took on the task of coordinating PPC's 20th Anniversary Celebration. I was asked to join her committee and it was decided that this history belongs not only in a vault in North Carolina, but - more importantly - in the hands and hearts of those who loved this church into reality - and those who keep on loving it.

Here, then - for all of you - is my labor of love.

Lynn Bigler
Historian, 1982-83

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Twenty-seven adults (ten families) constituted the group that began to hold services Sunday, January 27, 1963, in the Potomac Elementary School. These services were conducted by U.S. Navy Chaplain E. Vaughan Lyons, Jr.

The title of his first sermon was "The Bridge," the first hymn sung was "Come, Thou Almighty King" accompanied on the piano by Elizabeth Whitnah from Fourth Presbyterian Church. There was a nursery and kindergarten for children under six.

Music that spring was provided by Hugh McNeal of Fourth Presbyterian Church who sang "The Publican," soloists from Wheaton Presbyterian, and choir members from the following Presbyterian churches: Chevy Chase, St. Andrews, Darnestown, Immanuel (McLean, Va.), St. Mark's and Bethesda.

Meanwhile, an application for financial assistance was made to the denominational Board of National Missions in NYC. This application was approved and the director of the Department of New Church Development and Building Aid himself was persuaded to undertake the work.

The first communion service was held on April 10, 1963.

On May 1, 1963, Dr. and Mrs. James K. Leitch began their work here, following a welcoming dinner. At this time, the group began a three-year program of subsidy under which the Board of National Missions undertook to provide, if needed, the full salary budget for the first year, two-thirds the second year, and one-third the third year. A manse, located at 9300 Marseille Drive in Potomac, was acquired July 2. The cost of this property was financed by a first mortgage of \$25,000 taken by the Potomac National Bank, and a second mortgage of \$8,000 taken by the Board of National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church. Principal payments on this second mortgage did not begin until five years after the date of issuance. General start-up expenses of the church were underwritten by the local Presbytery. A total of \$2,194.49 was borrowed for this purpose.

On May 5, the first baby was born into the church family, Walter F. Terry IV. He was honored with a single rose displayed during the worship service.

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On September 15, church school began with a nursery (ages 1-3), kindergarten (ages 4-5), primary (grades 1-3), juniors (grades 4-6), and junior highs (grades 7-8). Worship service was followed by a "coffee period." September policy decisions made by committees were that church school offerings go to General Mission plus 10% of adult receipts.

On October 6, our communion service was used for the first time. It was a gift from Graystone United Presbyterian Church, Indiana, Pa., a former church of Dr. Leitch's. Also received was a sterling chalice and baptismal bowl from the Second United Presbyterian Church, Steubenville, O., also a church in which Dr. Leitch formerly served. Also this month, Ginny Dykhuizen was named temporary financial secretary and a covered dish supper was held at the home of Shirley and Bob Tietjen.

In November, a congregational meeting was held, the first meeting of the youth fellowship (grades 9-12) occurred at the home of Bill and Nancy Kyle, Dr. Leitch preached at the Thanksgiving service held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 13 women attended the first meeting of United Presbyterian women, and the women began Bible study at the manse.

In December, the women met at the home of Janet Harrison, the church established a separate capital fund account for its building program, and 55 members attended the formal organization of the congregation in Semmes Hall of St. Francis Episcopal Church. The first Elder Board was elected and installed for a period of one year consisting of: Jack C. Dart, James A. King, William H. Kyle, Alexander M. Lankler, H. Roemer McPhee, and R. Dettmar Tietjen. The congregation took immediate steps to issue a formal call to Dr. Leitch to become their first pastor. He accepted and was installed by a Commission of Presbytery on February 23, 1964.

The White Gift Christmas offering for world-wide relief amounted to \$70 in December of 1963.

A Jim Leitch quote: "In this church, we don't field the team until the coach blows the whistle." (No one ever got to church until just at 11:00 a.m.)

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JANUARY A congregational meeting was held; Bible study women organized with Shirley Tietjen-President, Joanne McPhee-Secretary/Treasurer, Janet Harrison-Program Chairman, Joy Garcia-World Service Chairman, Rachel Dart-Fellowship; a covered dish supper was held at Pownall's. First church school teachers: Louise Peyton, Mary Ann Buddington, Pat Martin, Norma Noelke, Shirley Tietjen, Jeb Howard, William H. Kyle-Chairman of Christian Education Committee.

FEBRUARY On February 23, Dr. Leitch was installed by Arthur M. Romig, Presbyterian Executive; Charles E. Carson, Director of Strategy; James O. Leitch, Director-Manager of Camp Fairfield; Elders Frederick Sass and Anthony Ferrara. Four silver offering plates were given to the church by Edgar J. Armstrong of Minneola, NY, (Shirley Tietjen's grandfather).

MARCH The first Maundy Thursday and the first Good Friday services are held March 26-27; a covered dish supper at the home of Eda and James Mack; the women are meeting regularly in the evening for Bible study as well as during the day.

APRIL Women's Association meets at Joanne McPhee's; Session decides church will be held throughout the summer, but at an earlier hour.

MAY Junior and senior highs sponsor a pony/horse show to benefit the building fund. Donna Harting, Nancy Martin and Susy Pownall chair the event held at the Potomac Hunt Club. The youth contributed \$400 from their efforts. The Women's Association meets at the home of Marj Richards. Covered dish supper held at the home of Carl and Charlotte Wieland.

JUNE Women of the Church meet at the home of Mrs. John W. Day; Mary Ann and Arthur Hyde allow National Open parking in their yard and give \$1500 for the benefit of our site and building fund; junior highs have a swim party and cookout at the Eckman's home.

JULY From the beginning, much attention was focused upon the day when this congregation could move from temporary facilities at Potomac Elementary School into a home of its own. On July 12, a special meeting of the congregation was held to consider a recommendation of Session to accept as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Hyde, the corner property at River and Gary Roads, immediately adjacent to the school. This land is free of debt, estimated to have a value of \$2.00 per square foot, and consists of approximately 115,000 square feet. Mr. Hyde stated that, while he

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intended to provide a site suitable for the church building, the congregation was not limited to use it for that purpose and, if it were deemed not the most desirable, it could be disposed of. The congregation accepted the offer with deep gratitude. With a growing building fund and with property, it could really begin to plan ahead. A committee consisting of Anthony Ferrara, Arthur Hyde, Robert Martin, James King, Helen Leitch, and James Richards was appointed to select an architect and authorize a feasibility study. A church picnic was held at the Benton's home this month.

SEPTEMBER The Women's Association contributed \$50 to the Building Fund; women meet at Joy Garcia's home on the 28th.

OCTOBER Covered dish supper at the home of Claire Harting; women gather at Rachel Dart's home, then travel together for a tour of the Washington Cathedral; Janet Harrison in charge of coffee periods.

NOVEMBER Covered dish supper at the Potomac Hunt Club (the only heat there is from two fireplaces; it's so cold the congregation eats dinner with their coats on); Session decides to hold Thanksgiving Day Service at the school (74 attended); used clothing collection for the needy coordinated by Nancy Martin, Candy Perrin and Jim Rosbe; at month's end there are 91 members

DECEMBER During this year, Dr. Leitch sent out seven issues of Grace Notes, the church newsletter. Great emphasis was placed on attendance, and statistics were often presented on the attendance profile.

<u>Weekly Attendance Averages</u>	
Sept. 1963 - 42	1964 -101
Oct. - 41	111
Nov. - 52	123
Dec. - 60	

The senior high group caroled at the Presbyterian Home. Women's Association meets at Rachel Dart's home; Joy Garcia becomes editor of Grace Notes; the White Gift Christmas offering amounted to \$243.70; the first Christmas Eve service was held on December 24 - a family worship service held "around the Christmas tree." Session began the year meeting at the home of Roemer McPhee; now meeting regularly at the manse. Junior and senior fellowship groups met weekly during the year at each other's homes. Jean Mockbee has been the faithful pianist throughout the year. On Sundays when she has been absent, there would be a frantic search for

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someone who could play - "even with one finger." Often, the youth of the congregation would fill in during her absence.

A Jim Leitch quote: "Until I came to Potomac, I never quite realized just what horsepower was." In the early days of the church, Potomac was still very rural and horsey. On the Sundays when there were horse shows, either in Potomac or elsewhere, about half of the congregation would be missing.

There was a janitor at the Potomac Elementary School who would sit in the back during worship service and listen carefully. One day Dr. Leitch asked Roy if he really enjoyed our services to which Roy responded, "Pastor, I am the minister of my church which meets on Sunday evenings; what I hear in the morning here; I preach at my church at night."

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JANUARY Fourteen families and organizations have begun "to translate dream into reality" - so far \$6000.00 has been donated to the building fund; Elders elected at the Jan. 17 Congregational Meeting were: E. Carl Wieland, Arthur C. Hyde, Robert S. Martin, Thomas G. Pownall, H. Roemer McPhee, James A. King, and R. Dettmar Tietjen. Following are the various Session committees and their members - - Commission on Worship: E. Carl Wieland, James R. Perrin, William E. Harrison, Celeste Lankler, Jane King, Marilyn Pownall; Commission on Christian Education: Robert S. Martin, Bob and Pat Martin, Wayne and Marilyn Meinke, Wes Gallagher, Jim Eckman, Charles Fore, Sandy Lankler, Shirley Tietjen, Susan Day; Commission on Church and Society: H. Roemer McPhee, Hugh S. Sidey, Richard E. Harrison; Commission on Finance and Property: James A. King, Clay N. Jennison, Arthur C. Hyde, William C. Murphy, Charles E. Hemphill, Ginny Dykhuizen (Financial Secretary), Simon Dykhuizen (Treasurer); Commission on Church Fellowship and Promotion: Thomas G. Pownall, Jim and Barbara Perrin, Jack and Rachel Dart, Charles and Harmony Fore, Jim and Marj Richards, Susan Murphy, Jean Hemphill, Janet Harrison, Frances Benton, Mary Ann Hyde, Eda Mack, Marilyn Pownall, Peg Cunningham, Meryl Jennison.

FEBRUARY Women are collecting Betty Crocker coupons with which to secure kitchen equipment; meet at Claire Harting's for Bible study; family night dinner held at the Hunt Club; confirmation classes begin.

MARCH Building Committee invites women to attend a forum of "facilities for women's activities" at Rachel Dart's home; junior high group field trip to the District to see the Dead Sea Scrolls; five confirmation classes held during February and March resulted in the following young people being welcomed into church membership on March 28: J. Christopher Barnhard, Peter J. Barnhard, Martha Benton, Ralph E. Burgess, Jr., Eveline Burgess, Linda Lee Burgess, Linda M. Dykhuizen, Steven J. Eckman, Kenneth M. Gallagher, Denise E. Goodson, Marcia Hankin, Arthur C. Hyde, Jr., Bonnie S. Mack, Sue Anne Meinke, David W. Meinke, Marianne Pownall, Jacqueline H. Ross, Dennis W. Tuohey.

APRIL Palm Sunday tradition begun: Bob and Norma Noelcke gave pansy plants to each child after worship service. Women complete Lenten Bible studies; Mrs. Carl Wieland entertained the women for luncheon - a first; Women's Association visits Islamic Center; Good Friday observed with four other churches at Concord Methodist.

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MAY Bar-b-qed chicken on the menu for church family night dinner at the Hunt Club; Dr. Leitch gives dedicatory prayer for the dedication of Winston Churchill High School.

JUNE A women's luncheon is served at Joy Garcia's home, cost 75¢; church picnic at the Benton's; junior highs have a swim party and cookout at the Eckman's.

JULY On July 18, the congregation approved the very preliminary studies of site utilization and building design which had been made by the architectural firm of Grigg, Wood and Browne based upon program studies developed by the Building Committee in consultation with various activity groups in the congregation. The committee was instructed to continue development studies along the line proposed. Mr. Grigg showed a model and slides of the proposed building. Building Fund Campaign slated to begin in October. Robert S. Martin, chairman of the campaign committee, established the following committees: William S. Murphy - preparation, William S. Mockbee - promotion, Shirley Tietjen and Jim Eckman - arrangements, Charles E. Hemphill - records, William E. Harrison - follow-up. Dan Galloway, director from the Board of National Missions has been assigned to help with the building fund campaign.

SEPTEMBER The coffee period committee is collecting TV stamps to get a second coffee urn (many have been asking for tea); men meet downtown for lunch at the University Club; Jean Hemphill elected Building Fund Secretary and William S. Murphy Building Fund Treasurer. Women hold first meeting of fall season, present their summer medical offerings.

From a letter sent to members September 10 from James A. King, chairman of the Finance Committee: "...The building will be erected in two stages. The first part will include the sanctuary and the educational wing. A separate service wing is proposed for future construction. The plans include construction of ample parking facilities and the preservation of existing trees and shrubbery. Preliminary construction estimates have set our first stage building goal at \$175,000.00. A special pledge campaign will be conducted on Sunday, October 10, 1965, in which teams of members from the church will call on you and your family. They will explain the details of the building program, answer your questions, and at that time accept your pledge toward the building fund.

OCTOBER Twenty-three campaigners were commissioned at the worship service

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on October 10, lunch prepared for them by the Women's Association Executive Committee, and they spent the afternoon visiting members to receive their pledges. The amount pledged to the Building Fund during the next three years stands at \$92,000.00. Fourteen families pledged who are not members. In addition to this amount, \$17,500 was pledged to the 1966 operating fund.

The first meeting of the women's sewing circle was held at Janet Harrison's; a church family dinner is held at Semmes Hall in St. Francis Episcopal Church with Dan Galloway in charge of the program; Women's Association meets at the home of Joanne McPhee with Dick Bricher of VISTA as speaker; ladies are urged to send for Oneida stainless steel teaspoons, at 25¢ each with magazine coupons, for the kitchen hope chest.

NOVEMBER The architect, Milton Grigg, is given the "go" sign; Session is authorized to send a letter to Presbytery requesting permission to incur indebtedness and negotiate for a mortgage loan and sign papers; women send garments they have made to Appalachia; senior high youth are giving after-school time to the children in Tobytown (VISTA program); Thanksgiving is held jointly at St. Francis Episcopal Church - this is the first united Thanksgiving Day service in the Potomac community; Women's Association elects officers for 1966-67:

Harmony Fore - President
Lois Eckman - Vice President
Louise McDonald - Secretary
Marilyn Meinke - Membership
Adele Burgess - Treasurer
Joy Garcia - World Service Chairman

DECEMBER A covered dish supper at the home of Frances and Charles Benton; Women's Association gives \$15 worth of children's underwear to Capital Hill Presbyterian Church for distribution to needy school children, and another \$15 to the VISTA program in Tobytown; Jean Halladay, a new member from New York, offers to organize and direct a choir for the church - their first meeting is held on Dec. 15, at the manse; Women's Association has a Christmas program, tea and dessert at Janet Harrison's home; Christmas Eve family carol and scripture service held "around the tree"; junior and senior high groups met weekly in each other's homes.

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JANUARY Session recommends to increase the number of Elders from seven to nine and to elect a Board of Deacons consisting of six persons; Elders elected: Charles E. Hemphill, William E. Harrison, Charles H. Fore, H. Roemer McPhee, Dettmar R. Tietjen; Deacons elected: James W. Eckman, William C. Murphy, James R. Perrin, James W. Richards, John E. Carroll, Jr., John W. Day; Marilyn Pownall coordinates the accumulation of books for a church library; Women's Association begins Bible study with Dr. Leitch at Claire Harting's home; the senior high group with six adult sponsors went on a two-day retreat at Camp Fairfield near Ligonier, Pa., got snowed in and stayed four days instead!

FEBRUARY Six joint Wednesday Lenten services sponsored by the Methodist, Episcopalian, and Presbyterian churches of Potomac were held; grades 3-6 form a choir; adult choir rehearsals are held at the manse.

MARCH Covered dish supper at the Hunt Club.

APRIL The church's loan is approved by Riggs National Bank; our Palm Sunday tradition - Bob and Norma Noelcke gave pansy plants to each child after worship service; Upper Room Communion Service held on Maundy Thursday by Dr. Leitch; Good Friday joint service held in the Methodist Church.

MAY Two sterling silver bread trays were given by Mrs. Dettmar J. Tietjen in memory of her husband; Frances Benton gave the church a kitchen shower at a women's luncheon; Dr. Leitch celebrates his 38th anniversary of ordination.

JUNE Women's sewing projects are sent to West Virginia Mountain Project in Whitesville, W. Va.; a white elephant and bake sale for PUPC women only was held June 3 at the home of Harmony Fore to benefit the kitchen fund and the church parlor - the ladies made \$200 and voted to make this an annual event - auctioneer Adele Burgess was the smash hit of the season! Annual family picnic at the home of Polly and Charles III (softball, horseshoes, swimming); June 19 at 11:25 a.m. ground breaking ceremonies for the new building - Clay N. Jennison officially represented the congregation then turned the spade over to Women's Association President Harmony Fore who dug in on behalf of the distaff - she was followed by an army of shovel-and-trowel-laden children who threatened to eliminate the need for excavators. Rain has delayed the pouring of footers, then ...

JULY The block work is at ground level; church school continues

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throughout the summer with teachers doing one month stints to accommodate vacations; coffee period discontinued during the summer.

SEPTEMBER Dessert and business meeting for Women's Association at the home of Sue Murphy. Mimi Carroll now in charge of the coffee period assisted by Marge Richards and Barbara Perrin. Children will be offered punch at coffee period ... "It is hoped this will keep them away from the adults' table. Parents are asked to cooperate."

OCTOBER Covered dish supper at the Hunt Club; women's sewing group meets at Joy Garcia's home; Women's Association at the home of Mrs. Hemphill to hear Mrs. Yale Pattier from the Israeli Embassy speak on "The Role of Women in Israel and the Part Religion Plays in Their Lives."

NOVEMBER On November 4, the steeple and cross were lifted. The steeple weighs a little more than two tons and the cross is 76 feet above the sanctuary floor; women are making toys for the children of Job Corps trainees in the greater Washington area at Christmas. From the Nov. 13 bulletin: "... the women will meet at Janet Harrison's ... bring a sandwich and old nylons (a bit tough chewing) and come at 10:30"; men's luncheon at the downtown YWCA; joint Thanksgiving service at St. Francis Episcopal Church with the Methodist Church.

DECEMBER Family dinner at the Hunt Club; result of December 14 stewardship calling - congregation is asked to take a giant step in 1967 -the pledging for 1966 was \$17,500.00 - \$23,483.80 was pledged from 43 member families the first day for 1967; Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac decorated PUPC for the holiday season; junior and senior high groups continue their meetings in each other's homes.

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JANUARY Annual congregational meeting held in Semmes Hall at St. Francis Episcopal Church; Dr. Leitch announces he will retire April 30; Pulpit Nominating Committee elected consisting of Charles Benton, Jr., A. M. Lankler, R.S. Martin, Joy Garcia, John E. Carroll, Jr., Shirley Tietjen, R. Neil Benedict, Barbara Gormley, Robert F. Acker. First woman Elder elected: Jane A. King.

FEBRUARY Church family dinner at the Hunt Club; Feb. 10 church women of Potomac hold a service in St. Francis Episcopal Church to observe Annual World Day of Prayer; Dr. Leitch holds Lenten Bible studies in the Harting home Thursday mornings.

MARCH The first service held in the new sanctuary was Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, Mar. 23, 1967. At this time, six people were received as new members and one was baptized. The first marriage held in the new building: Eveline Burgess and John Hipple on Mar. 25. This was the day before the first worship service held in the sanctuary. The church yard was a sea of mud with the wedding party making its way to the doors walking on planks. The reception was held in Fellowship Hall with the entire congregation invited. Afterwards, Shirley Tietjen and Bill Harrison cleaned the floor in Fellowship Hall on their hands and knees -it was littered with mud, rice, confetti, and spilled punch! On Mar. 26, in the still-not-completed new building, the worship service was an Easter Festival and Building Dedication attended by 296 people. The pews had not arrived; folding chairs were used in the sanctuary, and the classrooms were not yet furnished either.

APRIL On April 10, the following letter (in part) was sent to church members by the Building Committee consisting of Sue Murphy, Claire Harting, D. Robert Teitjen, Anthony B. Ferrara, H. Roemer McPhee: "... Some of you may feel inclined to be personally associated with particular items of furnishing which may have special meaning for you. For this reason we share the following information: Chancel furniture, on order, will be hand-crafted of solid walnut: a communion table, baptismal font, lectern and two clergy seats. A matching flower stand has already been given. The organ and a piano for the upper level are already in place. We will have need for at least two more pianos for use in children's classrooms and we hope these may come as good used or moderately priced instruments. We must provide some kind of stands and benches for use in

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the narthex. Office equipment, such as a typewriter, must be purchased. We hope to panel one wall in the minister's office and to wainscoat, in similar paneling, the church parlor-library (for which books will be needed with Marilyn Pownall in charge). Landscaping is another important need for which there is a partial fund. The women have established their own project, to be used for parlor furnishings and table service, and they will welcome contributions. These possibilities for individual participation range in cost from nominal amounts to as much as \$6500."

On April 19, the pews were installed and the kitchen completed. The first church family dinner was held in the Fellowship Hall on April 21. Children continue to meet at Potomac Elementary School because the classroom furniture and equipment has not yet arrived. Because it was acoustically necessary, the architectural firm of Grigg, Wood and Browne located a "sounding board" - testor - to be hung over the chancel. our testor hung in the First Methodist Church of Charlottesville, Va., in the early 1900's. They no longer needed it when their church was renovated and we purchased it for \$150.

Before Dr. Leitch retired, it was felt by one of our members, Joy Garcia, that there should be a picture of him to hang somewhere in the church. He was, after all, our founding pastor, so Joy suggested it to the session, and later took Dr. Leitch downtown to the studio for the photography session. When the picture was framed Joy picked it up and took it to the manse to show him. He and his wife were packing for the movers. He looked at it and asked where it was going to be hung. he said he thought it should go in the men's room so they could take pot shots at it! Joy told him she had other plans. There was a small lettered sign on the wall at the back of the sanctuary where one enters through the double doors. It read, "Be Still and Know That I Am God." Joy told Dr. Leitch she would hang the picture over that sign!

The photographs of our pastors hang now in the stair hallway.

Upon leaving the congregation, Dr. and Mrs. Leitch were given a scrapbook filled with pictures and biographies of members of the congregation.

MAY The Rev. Richard W. Blice preached the sermon "Who Do You Say That I Am?". Following the service, the congregation voted on and accepted Rev. Blice as their new pastor, his work to begin the first week in August.

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JUNE Annual church picnic held at the Bentons, June 11. Guest soloist at that day's worship service was Mrs. Lynn Owen, a leading singer with the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York. Women's Association holds its second Annual Auction and Luncheon.

AUGUST Mr. Blice is available in his study at the church from 9:00 until noon; August 6 he begins his ministerial work at PUPC.

SEPTEMBER The church has been active with F.I.S.H. (Friendly Immediate Sympathetic Help) for some time. F.I.S.H. is a voluntary movement of Protestants and Catholics who are serving their community needs in ways best suited to the skills and resources of the group's members. The name FISH dates back to the first century A.D. when the early Christians chose the symbol of the fish as a means of identifying one another.

On September 24, the Service of Installation of the Reverend Richard W. Blice, Jr. as Pastor of the PUPC was held with a reception following in the Fellowship Room. Participating in the service were: Mrs. William J. Halladay and the Adult Choir of the PUPC, Dettmar R. Tietjen, Rev. William A. Gibson, Jr., Rev. Floyd W. Ewalt, Rev. John R. Harland, Rev. Earl S. Christman.

OCTOBER Church school, pre-school through sixth grade, now in session from 10:30-11:30 a.m. instead of just 25 minutes under the former schedule. Women's Association displays samples of garments made by the sewing circle at their monthly get-togethers. These 60 items were sent to a day care center in Cordele, Georgia, and to the Presbyterian pastor of the Cuban Protestant Church in Exile in Miami, Florida.

Joy Garcia becomes official newsletter editor, begins work by announcing a contest to find a new name for the publication. Institutes a regular column called "Preacher's Perch", promises a calendar of events, guest feature writers, and solicits news from congregation members and their families.

Mrs. Douglas Newcomb (Doris) is hired as church secretary.

NOVEMBER Two worship services are begun November 19: 9:15 and 10:30 a.m. Invited to a joint Thanksgiving Day service at PUPC are: St. Francis Episcopal, the Methodist and Southern Baptist churches. Riding attire is appropriate dress for those participating in the Thanksgiving Day Hunt following the worship service.

For \$92, Agne-Farnsworth Associates, a business organization designed

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to assist local churches carry out their own stewardship programs, helps the congregation in its stewardship program. Our program is called Dimensions in Stewardship Commitment - DISC. DISC is essentially an educational program. Members have been asked to give a minimum of four percent of their incomes to the church in 1968 in addition to their Building Fund pledges. A Loyalty Dinner is held at the Hunt Club.

Suggestions for the new name for the church newsletter: The Spire Spyer, Presbyterales, (Holy) Smoke Signals, Potomac Presbyterian Newsletter, P.U.P. Tales, Pews News, Steeple to People, The Spire Crier, P.U.P. Sheet, The Ad Lib, Now Hear This!, River Roadrunner.

Women's Association hosts Miss Eskliou of the Greek Embassy who speaks on Christmas Customs in Greece. The following new officers were elected: Joanne Schilling - President, Pat Martin - Vice President, Claire Harting - Secretary, Elaine Lowry - Treasurer, Mimi Carroll - World Service Chairman, B. Lee McAlpin - Fellowship Chairman.

DECEMBER Beginning December 3, the loose offering is allocated to the Board of Deacons. Little Farms Garden Club of Potomac decorated PUPC for the holiday season. Mrs. Alexander Lankler coordinates use of floral arrangements/decorations. A carol service of Christmas music, followed by punch and cookies, held on December 17. The first 11:00 p.m. candlelight Christmas Eve service is held. New name chosen for newsletter is "Steeple to People."

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JANUARY First use of church picture on the bulletin, drawn by Claire Harting, to be used regularly except during Lent, Easter, and Christmas.

FEBRUARY Covered dish supper in Fellowship Hall; men's business luncheon at the downtown YWCA; Chairmen of Session Commissions; William Harrison -Worship, Robert Acker - Stewardship and Mission Interpretation, Charles Benton - Christian Education, Charles Hemphill - Finance, Charles Fore -Fellowship and Outreach; eight large cartons of clothing and other items recently collected by the Deacons were sent to Rod McAlpin Jr., presently in the Air Force, for distribution to the people living on the island of Hon Doc where he is stationed.

MARCH PUPC Bowling League organized by Harry Evans, manager; posts replace logs around the drive and parking area; a flagstone walk put in from Fellowship Hall to the west parking lot; ceramic ash trays and bud vases are made and donated by Shirley Tietjen and Frances Benton for use at family dinners; women participate in Church Women's United World Day of Prayer in our sanctuary with women from St. Francis and United Methodist; Mimi Carroll is Sewing Chairman; Joanne Schilling provides group with a sewing machine; businessmen's luncheon.

APRIL Spring Family Night Covered Dish Dinner held; coffee groups were organized to provide the women of the congregation an opportunity to discuss with Mr. Blice the present and future of the church's education department; businessmen's luncheon.

MAY Copies of sermons offered for the first time; a report of Session business appears for the first time in Steeple to People written by the clerk, Dettmar R. Tietjen.

In light of the expanding nature of the Potomac community, a Long Range Planning Committee was appointed consisting of: Frederick G. Harting, Jr., Lawrence P. Green and Compton S. Jones. This group will be responsible to the Session to recommend periodically changes which might be made in the church's program deemed necessary due to the rapid growth of Potomac.

Evening study groups are held in May and June led by Dick Blice and Mike Bentzen on civil disorders. This is an outgrowth of the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. To assist in the study, the group will use three interpretive documents published by the Board of Christian Education of The United Presbyterian Church in the USA.

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JUNE Third annual auction and luncheon held by the Women's Association (Adele Burgess will make you laugh til you cry as the auctioneer), proceeds go to the Parlor Decorating Committee; coffee hours are discontinued for the summer months.

SEPTEMBER Businessmen's luncheon held at Golden Ox with "Table Talk About the Potomac Church" the program; Mr. Blice begins New Member Seminars to prepare candidates for church membership; Minute for Mission is added to the Order of Worship - a brief statement describing some particular phase of the work of the church in the world today; Women's Association holds pot luck luncheon for its opening fall meet.

OCTOBER Hugh Sidey, writer of the Presidency column in weekly issues of Life magazine, is the October speaker at the businessmen's luncheon; a junior choir is begun, grades 4-8; The Covenant Players from Encino, Ca., perform in our sanctuary following a covered dish supper; "thee" and "thou" taken out of our prayer of confession and "you" substituted; Faye Bonner speaks at the Women's Association meeting on "Glimpses of Women in Eastern Europe"; Mrs. William Halladay, Director of Music, is hospitalized with acute fatigue - Miss Jean Pfaender assumes responsibilities as Interim Music Director.

NOVEMBER Women's Association serves turkey dinner and holds auction; Congregational Meeting votes to increase number of Elders by three to 12 and dissolve the Board of Deacons; Thanksgiving service is held at St. Francis Episcopal Church with Mr. Blice preaching the sermon; Senior Highs collect used toys to clean and repair - then offer them to an agency to help disadvantaged children at Christmas.

DECEMBER Junior Highs carol at the Presbyterian Home for the Aged; The Celtic Cross on the Communion Table is received as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Dettmar R. Tietjen and Mrs. Tietjen's grandfather, the late Edgar J. Armstrong; Christmas Music Festival is held December 22; 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

A choir director search committee composed of Bill Harrison, Bud Mackay, Patty Dunnavant and Peg Lawson announces that Miss Judith Peters begin her work as Director of Music on January 5, 1969; the December 29th coffee hour honored Jean Pfaender, Interim Music Director.

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JANUARY Miss Judith Louise Peters begins as the new Music Director; Mr. Blice begins a Sunday Evening Colloquy in Fellowship Hall with the theme "The Presbyterian Church - What It is - How It Works." This is the first in a series of discussions on the theme "The Role of the Presbyterian Church in Society" planned by the Lay Education Planning Group. Discussions will be held every three or four weeks. Kitchen oven to be replaced; old oven for sale for \$100; Simon Dykhuizen retires as Church Treasurer after five years of service; the Session organizes with the following committees and assignments: Clerk and Assistant Clerk, Church Treasurer, Church Education, Finance and Property, Stewardship and Mission, Congregational Life, and Planning.

FEBRUARY Five Lenten Colloquys are held in Fellowship Hall - discussions of the Lenten worship services; Ginny Savage appointed church school secretary.

MARCH The Flower Committee (Emmy Mackay and Hope Gilliams - co-chair) and the Dinner Committee (Barbara Wakeland - chairman) are taken over as functions of the Women's Association; covered dish congregational dinner held; businessmen's luncheon with Albert Bonner, a career foreign service officer, as speaker; women are participating in a Lenten study group on Tuesday mornings.

APRIL Charles Netch designed and constructed the writing desk and the wood mosaic for the narthex; Mr. Blice and the choir conduct the regular Sunday worship service at the Presbyterian Home for the Aged on April 20; bowling league continues to meet weekly.

MAY Allan C. Brownfeld, weekly columnist for Roll Call, speaks at the May 14 Colloquy on "The New Left's Revolt Against the Modern World"; businessmen's luncheon; Women's Association works in the garden area about the church; matching chairs were placed in the chancel this month completing the furnishing of this area of the building; Women's Association installs the following new officers:

Bobbie Benedict - President
Alice Smith - Vice President
Jean Blice - Secretary
Barbara Pratt - Treasurer
Joanne Rudd - Fellowship
Kathy McMahan - World Service

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Bowling League holds banquet for 25; Claude J. (Sonny) Clifton employed as Sexton.

JUNE Businessmen's luncheon group lunch at Sibley Hospital Cafeteria, then tour Coastal Engineering Research Center led by Rudy Savage; men and boys of the church volunteer to care for the lawn during the summer to save \$700 in the budget; Women's Association luncheon and fashion show by the Left Bank; no coffee hours during the summer.

SEPTEMBER Session appoints ad hoc committee on drug abuse study: Drs. Robert Garcia, Andrew Breidenbach, Phillip Wirth, and Mr. Blice; Women's Association sponsors a family night picnic at Carderock Recreation Area.

OCTOBER Lay Education Series begins October 5 at 9:45 a.m. with the theme "Between Parent and Teenager." Congregation is divided into nine geographical parishes with an elder in charge of each.

NOVEMBER Family Night Supper featuring William Flanders in Concert, an Episcopal clergyman, singer of folk-hymns, mostly his own. Joint Thanksgiving service at PUPC with St. Francis Episcopal and United Methodist. Lay Education features a study of the Bible's importance, history, interpretation, reliability. Senior Highs collecting and repairing Toys for Tobytown. Camille Kendall working with three-year-olds in the nursery program; Shirley Tietjen teaches a wreath-making workshop; Tom and Joan Cole give a red leather-bound book in which to inscribe names of members and friends who have given major gifts to the church since its 1963 organization; Anthony Ferrara to do the lettering; the book to be permanently displayed in a glass-enclosed case in the narthex. Rev. Herbert Stein-Schneider, Minister of the French Church, Church of St. John, speaks to the Women's Association on "Protestanism in France and Italy." Businessmen's luncheon, University Club, Joseph M. Caldwell speaks on "The Basis, Principles and Practice of Christian Science."

DECEMBER Lay Education: "Christmas Detinselized." First use of the Advent Wreath, made by Shirley Tietjen. Festival of Music on Dec. 14; two Christmas Eve candlelight services held. Congregational meeting adds a new article to the By-laws: 3 and only 3 members of the congregation shall be elected to the representative nominating committee; Women's Association holds Christmas meeting at the National Presbyterian Church and Center, tour and lunch. At the first service on Dec. 24, a special offering of socks and mittens will be received for the Buckhorn Children's Center in Buckhorn, Kentucky.

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JANUARY Lay Education six-week study/discussion topic: "What Does the Church Expect of its Members?"; Women's Association begins decoupage classes instructed by Betts Thomson and Jean McTigue; guest speaker at Jan. 26 meeting is Mrs. S. Baughman, former President of the Washington City Presbyterial Association.

FEBRUARY Coffee hours now only on special occasions due to attendance decline; Women's Association purchases new 16 mm sound film projector for PUPC; choir now meeting in room above the narthex, needs rug, drapes, mirror, file cabinet and table - HELP! Parish groups expanded to eleven due to additional families' joining.

MARCH Mrs. John Eric speaks at the businessmen's luncheon on "Mental Health Problems in Montgomery County and How They Are Being Solved." "Where In The World Is The United Presbyterian Church?", title of new Lay Education series led by Rev. Edward White; Senior Highs go to National Presbyterian Church and Center to attend a Sacred Concert by Duke Ellington; Mrs. Tushba Schwartz, a specialist in international affairs, speaks to the Women's Association on "Life in India Today"; Good Friday Community Service held at Potomac United Methodist Church; two worship services held on Easter Sunday; William Malone named Church Treasurer; Shirley Tietjen named chairman of the Flower Committee; women of the church invited to make Chrismons to decorate a tree in the church in December.

APRIL First family retreat to be held at Camp Letts, Maryland, Apr. 10-12; Women's Association takes a walking tour of Annapolis; April Lay Education series introduced Christian Faith and Action resources for church education to be used in church school beginning in September.

MAY Ad hoc Committee on Drug Abuse makes in-depth report to Session and congregation via May newsletter; Joy Garcia elected president of Women's Association and Mrs. Andrew Breidenbach, vice president and program chairman - following the election was a film and discussion on drug abuse; businessmen's luncheon; lay Education hour discussing present and future work of the program committees of the Session.

JUNE Verne and Sue Spangenberg give the church a sterling baptismal bowl and two silver communion bread plates; family picnic at Carderock Recreation Area; during the summer there is only one worship service and one session of church school; David Smith, Marion Lein and Betty Hampton

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study feasibility of a church-sponsored nursery school.

SEPTEMBER Joan Mabon appointed Church School Superintendent; junior high group now called Seventens begin 4:30-7:30 weekday meetings for informal activities, supper and study coordinated by Marilyn Hoge; congregation paints the manse; children's choir begins (King David Choir) for grades three to six with Nancy Mellem directing; 11th and 12th graders begin serving on Session committees; Lay Education emphasis to be on contemporary theological issues and the nature and mission of the church, led by Mrs. Wayne Meinke, William Hoge and Robert Fredlund; Women's association meeting features speaker from the Crossroads Africa organization.

OCTOBER Using a pattern developed by Nancy Mellem, mothers of King David Choir members make white choir robes with red and green felt collars for the children. Women's Association tours the Agricultural Research Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture at Beltsville, Maryland; church building used weekly by the Relief Society of the Church of the Latter Day Saints for study, worship and crafts; 7-10's developing a folk choir.

NOVEMBER Rabbi Clifford B. Miller speaks to the Women's Association on the meaning of Hanukkah and ways it is celebrated in the Jewish community; Family Night Dinner and Square Dance with senior highs in charge; Senior Highs collecting and repairing Toys for Tobytown again this year; Joint Thanksgiving service at St. Francis Episcopal Church with the United Methodist Church, Mr. Blice preaches; Robert McMahon named Chairman of Potomac Youth Ministry Planning Committee.

DECEMBER Seventens and senior highs carol at the Presbyterian Home; Lay Education under leadership of Bill Hoge, Bob Fredlund and Marilyn Meinke will review the Plan of Union of the Church of Christ Uniting; reception held at coffee hour to honor choir and its director, Judith Peters; Dec. 13 vesper service of Christmas music; two Christmas Eve candlelight services.

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JANUARY Ellen Brain new editor of Steeple to People - masthead used; the following have provided special gifts for the church: the Hemphills, the Harrisons, and the Murphys - 100 RSV Bibles, the Whites - six new choir robes, the Sebastians - three portable phonographs and a filmstrip projector for the Church School; Household purchasing with an eye toward its affect on the environment is the subject of the Women's Association meeting, Mrs. Russell Train, member of the Board of Concern, Inc., speaker; Dr. Norman Trott, President Emeritus of Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C., guest speaker at Lay Education on "The Methodist View of the Consultation on Church Union"; Ginny Dykhuizen resigns as Financial Secretary; Mrs. Richard Hart, Church Secretary, assumes these duties; newly-organized Bible Study Group meets with Mr. Blice Wednesday mornings.

FEBRUARY Twenty-five 7th and 8th graders spent a Saturday studying Genesis with Marilyn Hoge, Rudy Savage and Mr. Blice, lunch provided by Carolyn Follansbee and Kathy Willcoxon; Women's Association sees "Cities Have No Limits" film.

MARCH Shirley Tietjen retires after five years' work on the Flower Committee, new co-chairs are Cindy Mook and Jackie Evans; Women's Association hears Betty Nichols on the implications, status and problems of population and birth control; Dot White chairs the church family pot luck dinner featuring the film "Why Man Creates"; Compton Jones on Advisory Council of Presbyterian Home.

APRIL Church softball team organized with junior high age boys and up; Mary Bailey, co-editor of Vocal Majority, newsletter of NOW, speaks on the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Women's Association; Joan Mabon is endorsed by Session to the Presbytery for enrollment as a Commission Church Worker; Lay Education topics for the spring include: The William Calley trial, Issues before the General Assembly, The Meaning of a Union Presbytery, A Humane Society.

MAY Women's Association enjoys fashion show and lunch at Normandy Farms; family dessert night scheduled; summer church school for pre-schoolers only.

JUNE Seventens choir presented folk cantata "Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Coat" at a Family Night Dinner; church is burglarized - petty cash and silver taken; Potomac Vacation Church Day Camp with Episcopal and

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Methodist churches at Bowie Mill Road Camp; Robert McMahon approved as Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Joan Mabon named Seminary Assistant in Christian Education at PUPC.

SEPTEMBER Bowling League formed; German School of Potomac is renting three classrooms; fall Lay Education plans include: a series led by Mr. Blice on the meaning of our Order of Worship, the place of the sermon, the ministry of music and new forms of worship. Trudy Hoyt and Nancy Mellem to work with King David Choir; Judy Peters, Choir Director, resigns effective in January, farewell reception held; Trudy Hoyt named Interim Director of Music; assisting Jack White as the Director of Music Nominating Committee are: Joan Bauer, Jan Perrin, Bill Taylor, Nancy Mellem, Joan Mabon, Dettmar R. Tietjen and Trudy Hoyt, and Mr. Blice in ex-officio capacities. Joan Mabon begins part-time work in teacher-training and support, administration of the educational program, planning in education, curriculum interpretation - her employment made possible by a grant from a church member family; Women's Association gives overhead projector to church school; Dettmar R. Tietjen elected to serve as a member of the Division of Mission of the Synod of the Chesapeake; two sections of church school held on Sundays.

OCTOBER New masthead for Steeple to People; PUPC Players organized by Kathy Willcoxon to share the Christian message through drama; Margaret McIntyre agrees to organize/expand church library; Church School teachers plan to visit homes of their students beginning with those who seldom or irregularly attend.

NOVEMBER Couples Club organized; David McConnell joins PUPC as Director of Music; DISC Festival Dinner held; Lay Education topics: Communes, Youth Community in Potomac, Religious Future Shock, Characters and Personalities of the Bible.

DECEMBER PUPC Players present "A Child is Born" with a cast of teens and adults; Festival of Carols held Dec. 19; two Christmas Eve candlelight services; groups using church building this year are: German School, three Girl Scout troops, a ballet class, Girl Scout leaders, Capitol City Cocker Club.

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JANUARY PUPC hosts a symposium on Ministry With Youth to which five neighboring United Presbyterian churches have been invited; Dr. John Armstrong elected chairman of the Potomac Youth Ministry Board; Theologians series at Lay Education hour led by Dr. Harold Durfee gets tremendous response.

FEBRUARY First Couples Club get-together - a pot luck supper in Fellowship Hall plus a sound and light presentation on Parks and History of Montgomery County; Lay Education hour features Dr. Thomas Ward on "Drug Abuse and the Family", William Kerrigan presents an illustrated lecture on the Holy Land, Dr. James Logan begins a five week series on "What Can We Know About the Historical Jesus?"; 9th-12th graders enjoy a ski-study retreat weekend at Deer Valley Lodge, Mount Davis, Pa.

MARCH Family Night Dinner - Ernst Christensen of the National Capital Park Service speaks on "The Ecology"; PUPC Players present "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops", a humorous look at what a church should not be; Couples Club holds corned beef and cabbage supper in Fellowship Hall; Compton S. Jones selected to serve as Secretary of the Board of Trustees; Elders hold a retreat at Camp Glenkirk, Gainesville, Va.; Family Dessert Night on Palm Sunday evening to be a discovery-learning time for children and parents on why and how Christians celebrate the Lord's Supper (an outgrowth of the General Assembly's amendment giving Session the power "to permit baptized children of the church, when their families deem it appropriate, to receive the Lord's Supper with the congregation before such children shall have made formal profession of faith...").

APRIL Lay Education undertakes dialogues with professional men of our church and community inquiring into the ethical, moral considerations of the professions and their religious implications; junior and senior high youth attend performance of "Godspell" at Ford's Theater; spring spruce-up of church grounds by members of the congregation has become an annual event; Robert Chism is new Director of Music; Couples Club holds joint dinner with Bradley Hills Couples Club with a speaker on "Drug Abuse and the Family".

MAY Couples Club holds a covered dish super and cruise on the C. & O. Canal; church library opens under Margaret McIntyre's direction; Lay Education series on "A New Look at Evangelism"; Congregational Dessert and Coffee served before the presentation of "A Contemporary View of the

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Confusing World" by the Covenant Players of Los Angeles; Seventens raised \$115.30 through special projects to aid FISH; softball team organizing to play in a six-team league with other Gaithersburg area churches.

JUNE Family Day at Camp Furman, outdoor worship, picnic and recreation; Family Night Dinner followed by junior and senior highs' presentation of the cantata "Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo" directed by Kathy Willcoxon -the youth also presented their production at the Presbyterian Home; Rob Fitzgerald hired as Church Sexton; WE Inc. employed to do floors and windows.

SEPTEMBER Only one session of church school offered with enrichment during the 11:00 worship hour; coffee hour again held regularly; an in-church fair is held on the church lawn with booths, games, drama, pony rides, contests, refreshments, a flea market and white elephants for sale - the fair is part of a weekend-long celebration of World Wide Communion Sunday; following worship on that day an international luncheon was held with members encouraged to come in costume; Lay Education features a series on Existentialism; new carpet installed in the library/parlor; steeple leaks repaired (we hope!); bowling league starts up.

OCTOBER Couples Club holds a Hallowe'en party; Lay Education hears speakers on contemporary social problems; the film "The Trap of Solid Gold" is shown at DISCorama dessert and coffee.

NOVEMBER A first First Wednesday Program is held on "A Christian Looks at Death and Dying" - a new Lay Education event; FISH disbands due to few calls for help; Lay Education series on prophecy; Community Thanksgiving Service at PUPC with Methodist and Episcopal churches; Sunday morning Lay Education hour features Professor Ernest Lefevre on "Ethics and World Power", Dr. Bruce Birch on "Models for Ministry".

DECEMBER Couples Club Fondue Party at the home of Lew and Alice Smith; Session holds all-day conference at Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church; Seventens sing carols at Presbyterian Home; Christmas lessons/carols/anthems at evening service; featuring a harpsicord lent by Mrs. Theodore Wolfe, plus piano, organ and orchestra. The beginnings of Family Advent series with the last two Sundays in Advent being a time for the entire family to work and worship together; two Christmas Eve Candlelight services.

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JANUARY Lay Education topics: "Does the Church Fulfill Psychological Needs?", "The Relationship Between Religion and Psychology"; 3rd and 4th graders do chores at home, earn \$22, and send it to the mission frontier in Alaska; Music Director Search Committee at work again as Mr. Chism announces his resignation: Marilyn Meinke, George Boddiger, Hank Wakeland, Margy Mabon, Nancy Mellem, Lucille Ferrara, Hugh Sidey, Tom Jones, Dick Blice, ex-officio; Ralph Hall chairs committee to study the recommendation that a Board of Deacons be re-established; Couples Club attends Washington Chiefs hockey game; New approach for planning worship: one service per month to be designed by a Worship Planning Group (lay members of the congregation); Congregational Dinner and Annual Meeting; Mr. Blice holds a memorial service in honor of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, Jan. 25.

FEBRUARY First Wednesday Series: Dr. Richard Eslinger speaks on "Contemporary Religious Movements and Youth"; Lay Education invites a series of speakers from different religious groups in the community to speak on changes brought about by contemporary society; Couples Club holds a Sweetheart Dance.

MARCH First Wednesday Series: The Problem of Pain; Lay Education hears from Bill Knight about the progress made by the Potomac Youth Ministry, plus a Lenten study series focused on the Book of Job; Couples Club covered dish dinner with entertainment by "The Acoustics", a barber shop quartet; Seventens Players, directed by Kathy Willcoxon, presents "Christ and the Concrete City" to begin the Lenten season; Ronald Dealing becomes Director of Music; Jane Taylor, Shirley Coll and Quentin Marble help plan worship service.

APRIL Couples Club Theater/Dinner Party - "No, No, Nanette" at the National Theater followed by dinner at Willcoxon's; Seven-Ups formed, grades 7-12, meeting Sunday mornings; Joan Mabon called as Commissioned Church Worker for PUPC; Professor James Ross speaks on "The Dead Sea Scrolls and Recent Biblical Scholarship" and Mr. Blice leads a program on "Biblical Criticism - Blessing or Curse?" at Lay Education Hours; Margy Mabon, Alan Smith, Carrie Howe and Janet Hoge help plan the worship service.

MAY Couples Club Progressive Dinner; Family Night Dinner followed by a Seventen's Celebration (a musical program); Lay Education: a film on Ethiopia, Robert Fredlund speaking on "The Rise of Presbyterianism in

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Montgomery County."

JUNE Pentecost communion and picnic at Cabin John Recreation Center; Shirley Tietjen prepares a new church directory - year after year after year - this time with help from Ginny Savage, Ethel Roseman and David Kerrigan.

JULY The National Capital Union Presbytery meets at PUPC with Session members serving as hosts. The drive is regraded and graveled; "swampy lot on the north side of the church property next to Hartman's which has been an eyesore for years" was totally regraded and seeded. Large blocks of concrete there were broken up and buried; swales provided.

SEPTEMBER Diane Whittaker hired as new Director of Music; two sessions of church school offered again; Dr. Harold Durfee September Lay Education speaker on the general theme of Theology and Contemporary Culture; Elaine Skinner and Heather Kroncke help plan worship service.

OCTOBER First Wednesday group views "Future Shock"; Lay Education studies contemporary psychological views of men; Mr. Blice offers an evening study of the Gospel of Mark; Couples Club sees "1776" at the Harlequin Dinner Theater; rock pickers fill Dave Miller's truck with rocks cleaned from newly seeded areas of church property; Seventens sell Christmas cards to strengthen the Youth Retreat Fund; Worship Planning Group consisting of Wilma Boddiger, Jackie Evans, Jack Fraley, Randy Dunnivant plan special Reformation Sunday service.

NOVEMBER Couples Club square dance; driveway is paved; Mr. Blice preaches at community Thanksgiving Service at St. Francis Episcopal Church; Session holds all-day planning conference at church; Mr. Blice leads discussion on Prayer and Modern Man at Lay Education.

DECEMBER Rev. Richard Neff is guest speaker at First Wednesday on "Christianity and ESP"; PUPC participates in Channel 7 Cloth-A-Thon by collecting serviceable children's clothing; a tenth anniversary celebration is held the weekend of December 14-16, Lewis and Alice Smith in charge. On Friday evening a nostalgic program of music and humor, with Helen and Jim Leitch as special guests. On that particular evening, our resident drama coach, Kathy Willcoxon, was having dinner with Senator Barry Goldwater. However, "having something more important to do," she excused herself and dashed to the church, dropped her mink stole, sat down on the floor in her black velvet evening dress, and began to direct the

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anniversary program. The Senior Highs sponsored an anniversary breakfast on Sunday morning. Dr. Leitch preached the sermon on the 16th. Also participating in that service was Mrs. Jane Shaw, Moderator of the National Capital Union Presbytery, who brought greetings from the Presbytery. In the evening was the advent carol service.

Family advent series begins with four Sunday mornings of activities: breakfast, crafts, music, drama. Two candlelight Christmas Eve services are held and on New Year's Eve, the church is open from 10:00 p.m. until 12.30 a.m. for meditation and communion with Mr. Blice and/or elders in attendance. Thirty-five Seventens caroled at the Presbyterian Home.

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JANUARY Couples Club Fondue Dinner at home of Lew and Alice Smith; "The Music of the Christian Church" is Lay Education discussion topic led by Music Director Diane Whittaker; also a series on "The Arts and Religion" conducted by Mrs. Frances Feldman of the National Gallery of Art; and a program on the Retired Senior Volunteer Program presented by Gladys Gantz and Marion Mariner; Anthony Ferrrara and Nancy Monroe helped plan the January service.

FEBRUARY First time "A time for greetings" is in the order of worship. "Worshippers may stand, greet each other in the pews and introduce themselves to visitors." Lynn Bigler's suggestion from February Worship Planning Group of Doreen McMahon, Bill Skinner, Jack Carroll and Lynn. Couples Club holds a Valentine's Party, Rudy and Ginny Savage coordination. Dr. Kenneth Gray speaks at Lay Education Hour on Karma House, one of PUPC's mission projects; Senior High Fellowship group presents a panel discussion on Mental Health Concerns.

MARCH First Wednesday features Rev. William Andrew speaking on "Marriage and the Family"; Couples Club holds covered dish supper, arranged by Peg and Jon Hawley, with a speaker on "What of the Mormons?". Junior highs participate in a Human Sexuality and Christian Growth Seminar at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church conducted by Glenn Young, Jane Bibee and Rob Burdette. Couples Club St. Patrick's Day Buffet and Dance at Kenwood Country Club. At Lay Education Hour, Dr. Bruce Birch lectures on the Psalms.

APRIL Senior Highs sponsor a Palm Sunday breakfast; Couples Club has a Hawaiian Luau; congregation participates in a Rock Festival! (picking up rocks and lowering grass seed). Women's Group re-activates, Carolyn Meakem coordinating, with coffee, inspirational talk by Mrs. John Whitnah, communion, brunch business meeting, craft workshop on Apr. 23. Passover Seder/Lord's Supper hosted by Dick and Jean Blice assisted by Ethel Roseman; Good Friday Community Service held at PUPC with Methodists and Episcopalians - the theme is "Reflections at the Foot of the Cross" with Kathy Willcoxon and Bill Skinner assisting with the planning; Shirley Coll is appointed Associate in Christian Education; the 9:00 a.m. worship service is terminated; upon the recommendation of the Church and Community Committee, Session votes to join Community Ministry. Jean Hartman speaks at Lay Education on the Montgomery County Commission on Aging.

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MAY Women of the Church hold a workday, cleaning the kitchen and sanctuary woodwork - bring rubber gloves, buckets, sponges - and you! Women also have a luncheon with Mrs. Harriet White as speaker. Save your Betty Crocker coupons for kitchen supplies. Flo Johnston is organizing a new Bible Study Group. May Lay Education features: Rev. Lincoln (Lon) Dring on Montgomery County Community Ministry; Mrs. John Huddleston on the Baha'1 faith; Julian Nichols and Vivian Headings discussing FLOC (For Love of Children); Dr. Donald W. Delaney on the topic of child abuse.

JUNE Nathan Blice organizes the church softball team; Diane Whittaker, Director of Music, resigns. Choir Director Search Committee appointed: Nancy Mellem, Bob Fredlund, Estelle Woodcock, Kathy Willcoxon. Bill Hutchison is appointed Church School Superintendent. Pentecost in the Park is held at Tilden Woods - worship and family picnic. Lay Education for the month includes Dr. Tipp on Christian Science, and a film on "Psychological Adjustment to College"; a family night dinner followed by the Seventens production of "Cool in the Furnace"; Kathy Willcoxon -director, lighting effects by John Carroll.

JULY Session eliminates 9:40 church school; too few youngsters at that age level to warrant two full church school sessions.

AUGUST Emily Cooper Gibson is appointed Director of Music.

SEPTEMBER Couples Club tours Kensington Mormon Temple. September Lay Education is led by Dr. Harold Durfee with the theme "Christianity and the Dimensions of Human Experience." Special meeting of the Congregation called by Session following worship on Sept. 29, to approve Mr. Blice's request that the pastoral relationship between himself and the PUPC be terminated as of Oct. 20, so he may accept the call of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Pa.

OCTOBER Women of the Church begin a knitting class. A farewell reception is held for the Blice Family (Dick, Jean, Nathan and Joel) Oct. 20. Farewell gifts are silver candlesticks, a Revere bowl engraved with the congregation's prayer for the Blices, and over \$700 cash. Rev. James G. MacDonell, pastor of St. Mark's United Presbyterian Church is named Interim Moderator for PUPC. Guest minister in October and November is RADM Richard G. Hutcheson, Jr., Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy. Rev. Gale Dunham will teach the Confirmation Class and work with the Seventens. An International Luncheon featuring authentic Chinese food is held following

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worship on Oct. 6, to celebrate World Wide Communion Sunday. "Paul and Women's Lib" is the Lay Education discussion topic.

The Session is very concerned about keeping the congregation fully informed about the actions involved in the termination of the pastoral relationship with Rev. Blice, in maintaining ongoing programs and ministry, and in obtaining a new pastor. The newsletter is well used to that end. The interim pastoral needs of the church were defined as including preaching, pastoral calling, and teaching; these were discussed in detail by the Session moderated by Rev. Edward White and attended by Jim Ficklen, both of Presbytery. At a second Session meeting with Rev. White, the needs and means for reconciling and strengthening the membership of PUPC were discussed. With the help of the congregation, the Session intends to define our church's mission, goals and objectives. The Session is eager to work with the congregation so that this interim period without a permanent pastor can actually be a time of honest evaluation and of spiritual renewal and dedication to the strengthening of our church's ministry.

NOVEMBER Couples Club enjoys a traditional Presbyterian celebration - a St. Andrew's Night party, hosted by Patti and Howard Bissell. The party is a covered dish supper with entertainment by the St. Andrew's Scottish Dancers and Bagpipes. The Women of the Church hold an evening candlelight communion service and install new officers: Carolyn Meakem, Jean Hartman, Betty Heining, Dot Mills, Flo Johnston, Marion Hutchison, Carole Smith, Elaine Skinner, Dawn Thompson, Kathy Willcoxon, Estelle Woodcock, Camille Kendall. Sally Duncan, vice president of the Women of the Church, National Capital Union Presbytery, is the evening's speaker. The Community Thanksgiving Service is held at PUPC with Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, St. Francis Episcopal Church and Potomac United Methodist Church. November Lay Education topics are: Larry Levdahl on "1974 General Assembly", "The Reformation, 1974", the senior highs' panel discussion on the issue of justice and forgiveness as it relates to amnesty for Viet Nam veterans, Dr. Clarence Goen on Civil Religion. First Wednesday - coffee, dessert, and film "Adjusting to College."

DECEMBER Couples Club goes caroling wearing long scarves, long skirts, top hats, derbies, and carrying lanterns! They visit shut-ins and nursing homes. The WOC knitted over three dozen mittens for needy children at

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Buckhorn Children's Center. Family Advent Series consists of continental Breakfast, advent calendar making, Christmas art presentation, making Chrismons and decorating a tree, and the film "The Coming of the Stranger." The annual carol service is described as "candlelight, organ music, three choirs, poinsettias, punch and delicious bakery, beautiful ladies in long gowns, a birthday cake for Jesus, gifts for needy children ... and more." Dr. Hutcheson and attending Elders are in the church from 7-9:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve for a continuous Communion program. One of the pair of benches is missing from the chancel.

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JANUARY Newsletter editor Ellen Brain retires after five years of journalistic effort on our behalf; Lynn Bigler assumes editor's hat "temporarily", she said (the temporary job will last five years!). WOC hold coffee, communion, luncheon, business meeting, dry-flower-preservation-and arrangement talk by Lois Bowker. Congregational Dinner and Annual Meeting held. Couples Club Fondue Party at the home of Alice and Lewis Smith. As we begin the year in which we choose a new pastor, the Session is wrestling with the problem of who we are and what we want to do with our future. Presbytery requires that we set down our Goals and Objectives. We must identify and describe the mission goals established by the Session as well as what the Session believes to be the most significant problems and issues confronting the congregation; and identify and list the specific skills, abilities, and types of leadership available in the congregation to achieve these goals as well as to meet the problems and issues confronting the congregation. Two objectives being considered by the Session are to develop a balanced program of inward and outward ministry, and acceptance of one another in all our diversity. To this purpose, two January Lay Education hours are set aside for discussion and study. A Pulpit Nominating Committee is chosen: Michael P. Bentzen -chairman, Patty Dunnavant, Bob Fredlund, Jon Hawley, Marilyn Hoge, Olie Howe, Bill Johnston, Noel Kroncke, Bill Malone, Bob McMahon, Ginny Savage, Alan Smith, Kathy Willcoxon. WOC plan a June Strawberry Festival, Lynn Bigler to chair. New Member Seminars are now held in the home of Sam and Kathy Willcoxon.

FEBRUARY This month's Lay Education covers: Father John O'Donell on "The New Catholicism", senior high round table on "Competition", "Music of the Church." Couples Club holds a square dance.

MARCH Senior Highs fast 30 hours sponsored by CROP (Community Hunger Appeal of Church World Service) at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. Couples Club fund raising night at Cliff and Camille Kendall's home: lasagna, bridge, pool, ping-pong, canasta. \$160 made and given to PUPC to help meet Mission Pledge. Lenten service of Evening Prayer held at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with community Protestant churches participating. WOC holding craft workshops to prepare for Strawberry Festival; also preparing a church recipe book to be called Love Thy Larder, Barbara Wakeland in charge.

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APRIL The German School moves into its own new building; vacates our classrooms which it was renting. Congregation is painting classrooms, offices, Fellowship Hall, coordinated by Don O'Neal. Couples Club holds a covered dish supper and a program on coin collecting. Mrs. Cleta White speaks on mission to our women, followed by a luncheon and craft workshops. Strawberry Festival to feature: rummage, plants, strawberry pies, crafts. PUPC has two seminary students under its care: Shirley Coll (Wesley Theological Seminary) and Gary Durfee (College of Wooster). Lay Education topics for April: hunger, other types of worship, women in the Episcopal Church.

MAY Steaks cooked out at the home of Hank and Barbara Wakeland at \$5 per couple - Couples Club event. Pentecost in the Park is held at Cabin John Recreation Center organized by Dawn Thompson. During April and May, the following ladies participated in a skin patch test at Gillette Research Laboratory in Rockville and earned \$360 for the church: Lynn Bigler, Cindy Moock, Ruth Lincoln, Carole Smith, Winnie Brill, Camille Kendall. A family night dinner held followed by the Seventens musical "Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat:", Kathy Willcoxon directing assisted by Tim Green who has been assisting with Seventens all spring. Session votes to provide a salary for Shirley Coll who has been in charge of the Christian Education program. Lay Education topics for May; Women in the Presbyterian Church, Church Music Part II, General Assembly's Approach to Missions. WOC elects new board: Lynn Bigler - president, Elaine Skinner - Secretary/Treasurer, Cecie Phair, Velma Killion, Ruth Lincoln, Pat King, Estelle Woodcock, Carol Helwendach, Joy Garcia, Camille Kendall.

JUNE Between May and June, the congregation began calling itself Potomac Presbyterian Church instead of Potomac United Presbyterian Church. A dozen ladies dressed in long checked dresses and sun bonnets opened the church doors for the first Strawberry Festival which was proclaimed a success - over \$1600 was made. WOC decides to hold another Festival next June, Lynn Bigler to chair again. Dr. Hutcheson leaves for his new ministry as Chairman of the Office of Review and Evaluation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S., in Atlanta, Georgia. A farewell reception is held for him and his daughter Libby on June 29.

AUGUST Music Director Emily Gibson leaves PPC. Miss Jane Bourdow is hired.

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SEPTEMBER Pat Dunnavant's new nursery school, Potomac Village Nursery, moves into our classrooms during the weekdays. Lay Education: a representative from Karma Academy for Girls, Donald J. McCallum on drug control, Donald Phelps on alcoholism and alcohol abuse, breakfast and Rev. William Andrew on family communication. Herbert L. Stein-Schneider begins work at Interim Pastor.

OCTOBER WOC holds coffee, are collecting used clothing for Church World Service, busy at craft workshops preparing for next bazaar, are refurbishing the nursery under Elaine Skinner's guidance; Rev. Stein-Schneider shows slides of French cathedrals at WOC evening meeting and dessert. Congregational Meeting and Dinner. Lay Education: film - "The Reformation"; a speaker on John Knox, Presbyterianism and the Reformation in Scotland; Rev. Stein-Schneider celebrates the 25th anniversary of his coming to the French Church in Washington, D.C.

NOVEMBER Lay Education topics: Dr. Harold Durfee on "God, Process, and Evil", Senior Highs report on "Death and Dying", Bill Kerrigan talks on Africa. Couples Club sees "Godspell" at Shady Grove Theater. During October and November, the church is being spruced up for the new pastor: painting is completed on offices, halls, kitchen, Fellowship Room; the nursery is painted by WOC and curtained by the Christian Education Committee and Potomac Village Nursery School; new curtains are hung in Fellowship Hall; new curtains and a new rug for the pastor's office; thanks to Dave and Pat Miller for their guidance in obtaining these new items. Thanksgiving Service is held at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church with the Methodist and Episcopal Churches, Rev. Stein-Schneider preaches. Women of the Church pack almost 500 pounds of clothing for Church World Service, Pat King coordinator. On Nov. 29, a dessert and coffee was held in Fellowship Hall to meet the candidate pastor, Dr. David Lamont Uhl. On Nov. 30, Dr. Uhl preached the sermon, "Is There Yet No Room?", followed by a Congregational Meeting at which time the congregation voted to call Dr. Uhl as its permanent pastor, his work to begin Jan. 4, 1976.

DECEMBER Advent Lay Education series includes: making Advent wreaths, making Christmas Banners, experiencing traditions and customs of family Christmases in other lands, Old Fashioned Children's Day Musicales (songs and scripture). Congregation asked to bring small gifts to annual carol service - gifts to be sent to Southlawn Child Care Program in Rockville.

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Couples Club to change name (River Road Rascals? 29ers and Holding?
Singles and Doubles?) Caroling at Dick and Doris Bower's is the December
activity. Farewell reception held Dec. 28 for Rev. Stein-Schneider.

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JANUARY During January and February, Parish group coffees are held to meet Dr. Uhl. Couples Club changes its name to Singles and Doubles. WOC gives \$1500 to Karma House from the 1975 Strawberry Festival profits. Lay Education hears a Presbytery delegate from the Mission Interpretation Committee speak on foreign mission work of the church.

FEBRUARY Installation service for Dr. Uhl is held Feb. 8. Participating are: Rev. Harold Hunt, Dr. Jack McClendon, Rev. James G. Macdonell, Rev. Bill Bearden, Elders Ralph Hall, Marilyn Hoge and Jon Hawley, and Michael Bentzen, Pulpit Search Committee Chairman.

Lay Education devoted to a study of New Testament Biblical interpretation, led by Shirley Coll. Seventens present the play "Forgive Us Our Chicken Coops," a satire on church life - no group spared! WOC learning to crochet at Lynn Bigler's home; learning to bake bread with Carolyn Meakem in the church kitchen; lunch and tour of the Kennedy Center. Paul Hartman paints all the trim in the narthex. Singles and Doubles Club Fondue Party at the home of Alice and Lew Smith.

MARCH Dr. Uhl speaks at Lay Education on "The Relevance of the Prophets for Contemporary Living." Group sees film "The Dignity of Death" followed by discussion. Junior highs participate in sexuality seminar at PPC with Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church led by Rev. Rob Burdette. Not only are the women of the church preparing for the coming Strawberry Festival, but Dort Hall and Peg Hawley are holding craft sessions for grades 1-6 to create items for a children's booth. Singles and Doubles holds square dance and potluck dinner. Camille Kendall replaces Kathy Willcoxon as church caller. Bicentennial Sunday is held Mar. 28, PPC's celebration of the Bicentennial Year. The Congregational Life Committee has researched and developed a worship service in the spirit of '76. All members of the congregation and visitors are welcome and encouraged to dress in colonial attire. The sermon preached by Dr. Uhl was the Fast Day message of John Witherspoon given May 17, 1776, "The Dominion of Providence Over the Passions of Men." The congregation stood for prayer with hands held over their heads; they remained seated for singing. A Precentor led in the singing of the psalms, line by line. The Lord's Supper was served at the Communion Table; during Communion the minister recited psalms. During the service, an American flag and a Christian flag were presented to the church by the Singles and Doubles Club and the Strawberry Festival Ladies.

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Warning in the bulletin for that service: "Parishioners who doze or stray in their attention may feel the feather or the stick."

APRIL A dramatic, inspirational candlelight communion service - Tenebrae Service - was held for Maundy Thursday, prepared by the Congregational Life Committee to dramatize and make real the events of a portion of the last days of our Lord's life, and to help us to understand the agony of that time.

Singles and Doubles hear Frank Van der Linden on "The Political Situation in 1976" following dinner.

MAY Dr. Uhl continues his series during Lay Education Hour on the book of Genesis. Singles and Doubles Progressive Dinner: Patti and Howard Bissell, Ron and Dee Chaffee, Dick and Doris Bower - hosts.

JUNE Pentecost in the Park is held on the grounds of Potomac Country Day School. During the worship service, a resident goose chased Cliff Kendall and attacked him on the ankles as Cliff ran! Worship and goose-attack were followed by a family picnic. Seventens present their annual production, "Noah", a spin-off from the cantata "Captain Noah and His Floating Zoo." Aching backs, red-stained fingers, and sunburns were the result of the strawberry picking party held just prior to the 1976 Strawberry Festival! Strawberry Festival features red-white-blue decor this year with additions of pony rides, antique sales, a silhouette cutter, a table of children-made for children-to-buy, more food items - plus rummage, plants and crafts. Second edition of Love Thy Larder is published. Profits are \$2700.22 to be divided into fourths: Local Mission, General Mission, Seed Fund, and an in-church project of the women's choice - this year their share will go toward the purchase of a second piano for the church.

AUGUST Gary Durfee, a member of our congregation and a candidate under the care of the National Capital Union Presbytery for the ordained ministry, conducts the service Aug. 15.

SEPTEMBER Dr. Uhl initiates the idea of Septemberfest - a gathering of church members and friends to renew our fellowship - a grand kick-off for the fall season. Held at the home of Carol and Graham Helmendach; Dee Chaffee chairman. Dr. Uhl begins a Children's Sermon as part of the regular worship service. Weekday morning Bible classes are held; evening Bible classes offered. Full church school offered at 9:45 and 11:00. A

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senior high Bible study class led by Gary Durfee meets Sunday mornings. Adults participate in a reconfirmation class during Lay Education hours in September. WOC gets into action for the next Strawberry Festival.

OCTOBER Lay Education for October: Graham Helmendach reports on his summer experience at the Men in Mission Conference, Jesse Johnson and Rev. Nancy Clark present issues debated and decided at the Baltimore General Assembly. Then Lay Education splits into two offerings: Shirley Coll's five-week course on the Parables of Jesus; Death and Dying, Robert Jordan's travels in Turkey, Religion and Politics. Singles and Doubles at the polo game with their picnic supper. Youth choir names itself the Joyful Noise. Shirley Coll resigns as our Director of Christian Education. Pat King and Lynn Bigler co-chair the Church World Service used clothing drive jointly with Jr. Girl Scout Troop 1298 of River Falls - together they packed 700 pounds of clothing.

NOVEMBER Singles and Doubles pot luck dinner at the church with after-dinner speakers our world travelers: the Ruberls, Larry Killion, and Bob and Virginia Frelund. Lynn Bigler made two new sets of paraments for the sanctuary. Joy Garcia and Ruth Ruberl made a new communion tablecloth, Compton Jones redrew the Steeple to People masthead. Joint Thanksgiving service held at the Methodist Church, Dr. Uhl preaches.

DECEMBER Congregation is encouraged to bring small gifts again for the children at Southlawn Child Care Program in Rockville. The Advent Planning Committee includes: Doris and Bob Yates, Noel and Heather Kroncke, Jan and Bill Malone, Pat and Walter Maxwell, Weldon and Marti MacDonald; their plans include: construction of an advent log, a continental breakfast with symbolic Christmas music, making special decorations for the church's Christmas tree, and seeing a film and decorating and eating cookies. Singles and Doubles goes caroling at the Fernwood House Retirement and Nursing Home, followed by refreshments at the home of Doris and Dick Bower. Dr. Uhl is heard on station CWTN on Christmas afternoon in a program entitled "This Is Potomac." A pictorial directory is planned for next year; the taking of family photographs is begun.

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JANUARY Lay Education reviews its current Goals and Objectives developed in late 1975. Mary E. J. Cathey is hired as our new Director of Christian Education. WOC "sells" piano keys to earn enough money to buy a second piano for the church. Annual Fondue party at Alice and Lew Smith's first Singles and Doubles event of 1977. Dr. Durfee speaks at Lay Education Hour on the Theology of Hope. WOC craft workshops being held in the homes of co-chairmen Lynn Bigler and Maddy Saxton during winter months.

FEBRUARY Because of low attendance, the 9:45 Sunday School hour is eliminated. 104 family units had their pictures taken for the pictorial directory, Carol and Graham Helmdach, coordinators for the directory. A Long Range Planning Committee is formed to address the question "What is the direction of the congregation?" and make projections about the future of PPC. Committee members are: Graham Helmdach, Mike Bentzen, Lynn Bigler, Dennis McMahon, Joyce Jenkins, Bob Yates, Nancy Mellem, Alice Smith, George Boddiger. Committee formed to set policy for the use of memorial funds: Jon Hawley, Ron Chaffee, Bill Hutchison, Bill King, Sally O'Neal. Rev. Allison Cheek, a leader in the fight for the ordination of women in the Episcopal Church, is guest speaker at Lay Education.

MARCH The church "adopts" an Indian child, Anna, as part of our mission work. Singles and Doubles enjoys an old movie night. Dr. Uhl leads the Lay Education discussion of "The Easter Puzzle; questions regarding the Trinity." New project for the WOC crafts workshops is the making of quail egg necklaces taught by Celia Sullivan.

APRIL Congregation approves plan to sell manse and buy a new manse of Dr. Uhl's choosing and in which he will have partial ownership. Singles and Doubles holds a tennis party organized by Jon and Peggy Hawley. Dr. Uhl begins recording all sermons for shut-ins and others who cannot attend the service. Lay Education for April: Dr. Webber on "Parables of Jesus," Mr. Tannenholz on DNA Experiments, Jane Bourdow gives an organ recital and discusses the functions of the organ. Senior Highs participate in a sexuality seminar. Tenebrae Service held on Maundy Thursday. Spring cleaning, inside and out, held at the church, organized by Bill King.

MAY Pentecost in the Park is held on the grounds of the Potomac Country Day School - worship and picnic. Singles and Doubles holds progressive dinner; hosts are: Bob and Jane Jordan, Ron and Dee Chaffee, Bob and Doris Yates. Senior Highs go camping at Assateague Island. Wenche Roth

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takes responsibility of audio visual coordinator.

JUNE Seventens present an original musical production in six skits entitled: "Of Saints and Sinners." Dr. Uhl moves into the new manse. Dr. Uhl is elected to the Board of Directors of the Potomac Conservation Foundation. Dr. Uhl marries Sue Hill. WOC purchases a set of maps, room darkening shades for Fellowship Hall, and a basketball backboard and pole for the church youth. Strawberry Festival makes \$1500.

JULY Ice Cream and Old Hymns hosted at the church by Peg and Jon Hawley, Mike and Martha Bentzen, turns out to be a wedding celebration for Sue and David Uhl. The congregation presents them with a silver tray and a check. Vacation church school held with Bradley Hills and Geneva Presbyterian Churches. Strawberry Festival Crafty Ladies continue to meet during the summer to prepare items for the next Festival. Punch is served every Sunday after worship in the Fellowship Room.

SEPTEMBER Septemberfest at the new manse. Bill King's idea of fun on the Labor Day Weekend is to labor: hanging window shades, laying carpet, painting classrooms. Congregational Life Committee begins to introduce unfamiliar hymns to the congregation through their new Hymn of the Month Program. Strawberry Festival Crafts Ladies spent one of their workshop periods weeding the church flower beds. Church school at 9:45 and 11:00.

OCTOBER A special International Coffee Hour was held following World Wide Communion Sunday worship service with refreshments served with an international flavor: Lynn Bigler hostess with assistance from Kathy McMahon, Virginia Fredlund, Dawn Thompson, Velma Killion, Wenche Roth, Peg Hawley, Su Kuwabara, Martha Bentzen. WOC holds a coffee at the home of Mary Lee Malone. Singles and Doubles has a progressive dinner at the homes of the Yates, the Chaffees and the Jordans. The long-awaited pictorial directory is now ready. Personnel and Property Committee has its Fall Outdoor Clean Up Day.

NOVEMBER Singles and Doubles pizza and bowling party. Carrie Howe chairs Church World Service clothing drive: 350 pounds of clothing packed. St. Francis Episcopal Church hosts the Thanksgiving Community Ecumenical Service. The Session, while on retreat at Camp Glenkirk, took the following actions to the specific recommendations made in the Long Range Planning Committee's report:

1. Property Committee will study possibility of facility expansion;

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investigate the possibility of temporary partitions in Fellowship Hall; investigate the possibility of renting classroom space at Potomac Elementary School; will convert the library into an office/meeting area for the pastor; will convert the pastor's office into one for the Director of Christian Education, including the library; study the possibility of additional storage cabinets and more storage space in the Choir Room, report on possible improvements to the narthex; repair the organ as required to keep it in effective running condition; choir balcony suggestion tabled.

2. Congregational Life Committee to investigate the possibility of two services of worship; more publicity for the church; two coffee host couples per Sunday; reinstitute the family night dinner.

3. Mission Committee to investigate possible cooperative ventures with other local churches; to increase mission giving to 10-15% by 1981.

4. Session to make capital fund part of the church budget; relieve demands on Elders by reinstituting a Board of Deacons who would add to their concerns the unmarrieds, inactives; replacement for church secretary when she resigns; add a hand bell choir.

Together the Congregational Life and Property Committees were charged with consideration of the following concerns expressed by the congregation in a questionnaire: improve grounds maintenance, teen canteen, men's activities, summer Sunday school, summer activities for collegians, improve library, use memorial funds, rearrange worship order, more social events, reduce lay leader participation in worship service, change times of worship service.

DECEMBER Advent plans include making a set of candles to be used in family observation of the Advent season; making tree decorations, an informal musical morning - anyone who plays an instrument is invited to join in; each family decorates and fills a gift box of cookies and candy for the elderly in our community. Lynn Bigler and Maddy Saxton make large candles for use in the chancel. Seventens provide Christmas gifts for Andre, an inner city child. Singles and Doubles sing carols at the Fernwood Nursing Home; then enjoy supper at the home of Dawn and Don Thompson. European carols are featured at the annual carol service; two candlelight Christmas Eve services are held.

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JANUARY Board of Deacons re-established. Singles and Doubles holds a Fun Night with a pot luck supper, bridge, pocket billiards, ping-pong. Senior Highs study cults. 1977 Strawberry Festival monies are used to purchase choir robe kits: Lynn Bigler, Dawn Thompson, Jane Bourdow's mother doing the sewing.

FEBRUARY The Smith's Famous Fondue Party is held for Singles and Doubles. WOC enjoys a Valentine's luncheon, after craft workshop. Dr. Uhl moves into his new office (former library) and Mary Cathey moves into his old office. Senior Highs off on a ski-study retreat.

MARCH Singles and Doubles holds a tennis party. Seventens participate with St. Mark's in a sexuality seminar. The Kitchen Committee headed by Dan Malone sponsors a kitchen shower. Tenebrae Service held on Maundy Thursday. Both the Sanctuary Choir and the Joyful Noise (juniors) made their appearance in their new blue choir robes.

APRIL Twelve deacons elected. Joan Miller from The Craft Patch teaches WOC to make silk flowers. It was a very popular workshop. Ladies donated their yellow silk roses for a permanent arrangement to be used in the sanctuary or narthex, arrangement by Betty Heininger. The ladies also made white carnation boutonnieres for the ushers to wear. Seven Senior Highs participate in a 30-hour "fast for the hungry" to raise funds for Community Ministry's Grant Assistance Program and for the Jewish Social Service Agency.

MAY WOC sponsors a Craft Bee - lessons given in weaving, needlepoint, and rug hooking. Marcia Boogaard invites us to bring garden tools and a wheel barrow and join her for a spring outdoor clean-up party! Pentecost in the Park held on the campus of Potomac Country Day School.

JUNE Men's continental breakfast at the church, Rev. Herbert Meza, Pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, speaks on the mission program of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Seventens present the musical "Light-shine". College Agers meet for softball and picnic; later in the month they enjoy a canoe trip. Singles and Doubles picnic at Wolf Trap Farm preceeding the National Symphony concert with Van Cliburn. Strawberry Festival, chaired by Lynn Bigler, Doris Yates and Maddy Saxton, brings profits of \$2500.

JULY Singles and Doubles meet at the home of Willard and Valerie Hopkins for volleyball, swimming and a pot luck supper. Ice Cream Social and

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Hymnfest held at the church. Vacation Church School held at Bradley Hills with Geneva Presbyterian. Strawberry Festival Craft Ladies continue to meet in each other's homes during the summer. Celia Sullivan will chair the next bazaar.

SEPTEMBER A set of 25 Malmark handbells is purchased with funds given in memory of members and friends of the church; a handbell choir is being formed under Jane Bourdow's leadership. Septemberfest at the manse -food, fun, fellowship. Mary Jane Hart, church secretary, resigns, after 10 years' of typing; Mrs. Owen (Shea) Johnson is hired.

OCTOBER Singles and Doubles hold pot luck dinner and square dance in Fellowship Hall. A women's coffee was held at the home of Lynn Bigler. During October, the women packed 600 pounds of used clothing for Church World Service. WOC holds Treasure Hunt (rummage sale) and Bake Sale; the \$400 made was given to a family whose home burned. Only five women responded to a May questionnaire concerning the direction of women's activities in the church. Apparently, the women choose to remain unaffiliated, with several functions per year such as coffees, luncheons; and have no officers. Lynn Bigler will continue as Women's Coordinator. Fund-raising plans changed: no June Strawberry Festival in 1978 - instead an Octobazaar in October of 1979, Celia Sullivan to chair. Fall and Christmas items will be featured. Lynn Bigler hostesses the International Coffee on World Wide Communion Sunday assisted by Virginia Fredlund, Peg Hawley, Su Kuwabara, Sally O'Neal, Maddy Saxton, Dixie Stewart, Dawn Thompson. Now Marcia Boogaard wants us to come with clippers and spreaders to join in her autumn outdoor clean-up.

NOVEMBER Dr. Uhl holds a memorial service for Nathan Richard Blice, son of our former pastor, Richard Blice, who died in a tragic auto accident in October. Community Thanksgiving Service held at PPC. The Nov. 19 worship service is written, arranged, and presented by members of the Senior Highs.

DECEMBER Renaissance music is featured at the annual carol service; handbell choir makes its debut. Singles and Doubles go caroling at Fernwood Nursing Home followed by supper at the home of Pat and Bill King. Advent plans, Carolyn Jamieson coordinator, include making an Advent Log; Christmas tree ornaments; discussion of the Songs of David, and a sing-along; making of surprise Christmas presents; children of the Church

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School present the story of Christmas through a musical pageant. Lay Education programs during the year included a study of the Gospel of John led by Dr. Uhl, a study of the Apocrypha, Dr. Carol Hausman on "You and Your Elderly Parent", and "On Becoming a Musical, Mystical Bear" led by Mary Cathey and Rachel Harwell. Congregation is asked to help decorate a tree with mittens which will be collected by the Needlework Guild for distribution to needy hands in Montgomery County. College Agers meet at the McMahon home during the holiday break for munchies, dancing, decorations - and to welcome new College Agers.

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JANUARY Singles and Doubles Fondue Party at Alice and Lew Smith's.

FEBRUARY Singles and Doubles pizza and bowling party, organized by Janet and Calvin Koonce. WOC holds a Valentine's luncheon and fashion show by Lily Pulitzer with our own members as models (Mary Cathey, Janet and Elizabeth Koonce, Charlene Brumbaugh and Velma Killion). Mary Lou and Phil Thornton sponsor a Vietnamese refugee family of four. PPC helps with donations of linens, clothing, furniture and a baby shower when Diep Vo gave birth to a 6# 8oz. son - named Philip Vo. A kitchen shower was held for Jackie and Harry Evans following a fire which badly damaged their home.

MARCH Rachel Harwell holds classes in phyllo (fillo) pastry making in the church kitchen. Fifteen senior highs complete CPR course. Dr. John R. Bodo, distinguished Presbyterian preacher and writer, is guest speaker at worship service and potluck congregational dinner.

APRIL Singles and Doubles see "Pippin" at the Harlequin Dinner Theater in Rockville. WOC busy with their craft workshops preparing for Octobazaar. One of Scotland's preeminent preachers, Dr. David Steel, visits our pulpit. Tenebrae Service is held on Maundy Thursday.

MAY Seventens and Senior Highs present a musical about the life of Christ, "Celebrate Life."

JUNE Pentecost in the park held at Potomac Country Day School. Pat King invites ladies to her kitchen gala - taking inventory.

JULY Ice Cream Social, picnic, games, family fun held at the church. Vacation Church School with Bradley Hills and Geneva Presbyterian Churches.

AUGUST Jane Johnson becomes new editor of Steeple to People.

SEPTEMBER Another Septemberfest at the home of Donna and Jim Allen, Shirley Tietjen coordinator. Lay Education and Church School are held simultaneously 10-10:50 a.m.

OCTOBER WOC hold a coffee at the home of Velma Killion. Octobazaar and luncheon held, Celia Sullivan chairing; \$1300 made. 141 canned and dried food items are sent to Rockville F.I.S.H. Lynn Bigler is hostess for International Coffee on World Wide Communion Sunday assisted by Elaine Skinner, Doris Yates, Dawn Thompson, Alice Smith, Virginia Fredlund, Kathy McMahon, Peg Hawley, Janet Koonce. Singles and Doubles hold a Hallowe'en costume party at the home of Virginia and Bob Fredlund.

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NOVEMBER Seventens collect 703 pounds of clothing for Church World Service. Senior Highs participate in Fast-a-thon to benefit GAP, Montgomery County Community Ministry's Grant Assistance Program. Family Night Dinner held, Shirley Tietjen chairing. Laity Sunday, November 11, with participants: Jim Allen, Lynn Bigler, Ralph Hall, Jon Hawley, Diane Perry, Mary Reichley, Gene Sharer, Mary Lou Thornton. Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at Our Lady of Mercy.

DECEMBER Mitten tree again decorated; mittens distributed to needy children by the Needlework Guild of Western Montgomery County. Singles and Doubles carol at Potomac Valley Nursing Home, then dinner at the home of Don and Dawn Thompson. Seventens carol at the Presbyterian Home, and give gifts of decouped plaster cats and dogs which they made to every resident. Senior Highs carol for the shut-ins of the congregation; send Christmas cards to the hostages in Iran. Annual carol service held. Advent plans include: a Williamsburg breakfast, a children's pageant, a program on the symbols of Advent, and the sounds of Advent.

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JANUARY Jane Bourdow, Director of Music, resigns. Singles and Doubles square dance at the church. Lynda Tennent is new editor of Steeple to People. Senior Highs go to Massanetta Springs, Va., for a ski-study retreat.

FEBRUARY WOC holds a Valentine's Luncheon. 7-10's at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church for Sexuality Seminar. Fondue Party at Lew and Alice Smiths for Singles and Doubles.

MARCH WOC coffee at the home of Marti MacDonald. Women decide to spend bazaar earnings: \$240 to local mission, two classroom tables, desk, chair, trash can for Christian Education Department; new major project is carpeting for the narthex. Virginia Savage teaches a decoupage workshop; ladies are decorating L'Eggs eggs. Family Night Dinner, Doris Yates, chairman, with Rusty Lynn entertaining. Singles and Doubles go to dinner at the Old Budapest Hungarian Restaurant. Senior Highs conduct the March 9 service.

APRIL Singles and Doubles hold a progressive dinner; hosts are: Marilyn and Bill Shankland, Enchin and Donald Chen, and Dona and Jim Allen. WOC challenges congregation to help with a June Strawberry Festival to pay for sanctuary painting, carpeting and wall papering in the narthex. The following women paint the narthex trim: Mary Lou Thornton, Charlene Brumbaugh, Rachel Harwell, Jackie Evans, Barbara Perry, Lynn Bigler. Tenebrae Service held on Maundy Thursday. Senior Highs taking a CPR course.

MAY 7-10's and Senior Highs present "Breakfast in Galilee", their spring musical. Singles and Doubles dine and attend Oriole's game in Baltimore. Dixie Stewart teaches macrame at WOC workshops. Pentecost in the Park is held on church grounds - worship and picnic. The Heart Fund is almost \$50 richer because the Senior Highs pushed wheel chairs and rocking chairs at the Potomac Valley Nursing Home so that the residents might have the joy of helping others. It was Sunday afternoon of "Rock and Roll." 7-10's build authentic Audubon Society bluebird houses for sale at the Strawberry Festival.

JUNE Mrs. Jane Montgomery is hired as new Director of Music. Ladies hold a salad luncheon at church, Mary Lou Thornton, hostess. Tom Cole and Bruce Olmstead wallpapered the narthex. 7-10's go on retreat to the Rehobeth Beach, Delaware, house of Bob Sanders. Dr. Uhl leaves for summer

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study at St. Andrews University, St. Andrews, Scotland. Spring picnic for 7-10's held at Olie Howe's home. Olie has entertained this group for several years along with the incoming seventh graders. In June and July, two summer weekday church schools were held with Bradley Hills Presbyterian. Strawberry Festival held.

AUGUST An Ice Cream Social is held to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Uhl back from Scotland; a lot of Scottish golf jokes were told! Singles and Doubles play golf, picnic at the home of Betty and Bo Heininger.

SEPTEMBER Septemberfest is held at the manse. Dr. Uhl addresses "Methodologies Useful in Interpreting Scripture" at Lay Education Hour. WOC presents PPC with a brass umbrella stand for the narthex. PPC celebrates the 200th birthday of the Sunday School in the sanctuary with Bill Shankland playing the part of Robert Raikes, assisted by Carrie Bartlett, Tina Bissell, Eric Robisch, and Mark Skinner. From this group we learned how Christian education began. Following worship there was a birthday cake in Fellowship Hall.

OCTOBER Lay Education welcomes two guest commissioners who speak on "Recent Issues at United Presbyterian and Presbyterian U.S. General Assembly Meetings" plus Mike Bentzen moderating "Parental Guidance on Drug Problems Facing Young People." Popcorn, soft drinks, and "Inn of the Sixth Happiness" shown in Fellowship Hall. WOC holds a coffee at Cecie Phair's home. International Coffee held following World Wide Communion Sunday worship service with Lynn Bigler, hostess, assisted by Dona Allen, Charlene Brumbaugh, Jackie Evans, Virginia Fredlund, Peg Hawley, Velma Killion, Su Kuwabara, Kathy McMahon, Jean Ray, Dawn Thompson, Sue Uhl.

NOVEMBER Jim Reichley and Jon Hawley on "Religion and Politics"; Dr. Lowell Perry on "Ethics in the Medical Profession"; Patti Bissell and Dave Smith on "Ethics in Business" - Lay Education fare. 7-10's collect and pack clothes again for Church World Service. Community Thanksgiving Service is held at the Methodist Church with Dr. Uhl preaching. The name of the church is changed officially from Potomac United Presbyterian Church to Potomac Presbyterian Church, although the congregation has been using the new name for several years already. Singles and Doubles hold a Hallowe'en party hosted by Pat and Bill King, Pat and Walter Maxwell. Also a Fondue Party at Lew and Alice Smiths. Following a church supper, the women decorate gingerbread houses for their own homes; men repair

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candleholders used in the sanctuary.

DECEMBER WOC holds an in-church cookie sale. 7-10's make 145 pine-cone swags to give to the residents at the Presbyterian Home when they sing carols there. Advent series includes: making an Advent wreath, a Williamsburg breakfast, making Christmas sounds, making a pageant - adults are invited to participate along with the children. Singles and Doubles go caroling; then sup with Marilyn and Bill Shankland. Senior Highs fill boxes with cookies for retirement and nursing home patients. Cap and mitten tree filled again by PPC members; donations go to needy Montgomery County children. WOC hold luncheon. Annual carol service followed by a special Christmas coffee.

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JANUARY Lay Education on "Mid-Life Crisis." Singles and Doubles features a potluck supper at the home of Bob and Florence Sanders with a talk/slide show on Potomac history given by Ann Harris, author of The Potomac Adventure. Gary Durfee is hired as assistant to the pastor. WOC hold a business coffee to discuss what direction the group will take.

FEBRUARY Lay Education features: Bob Jordan discussing slides of several countries he's visited; Jack Bryant on "Health, Politics and Culture in the People's Republic of China"; Jack Bryant again on "Oman: An Ancient Islamic Culture That Forgot to Modernize: with slides. Singles and Doubles go cross-country skiing! Dr. Richard G. Hutcheson, Jr., is a guest minister, a former interim minister of PPC, presently chairman of the office of Review and Evaluation of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church U.S. in Atlanta, Ga.

MARCH Singles and Doubles go back to the Old Budapest Hungarian Restaurant. WOC holds luncheon and enjoy a program of quilts by Joan Stephens. The group organizes this year with the following format: Marti MacDonald - Program Chairman, Marjean Gray - Volunteer Chairman, Joan Robisch - Social Chairman, Diane Gregg - Publicity Chairman, Fundraising/Overall Chairman - Lynn Bigler. This Steering Committee plans to hold two small fundraisers this year: a Strawberry Festival and a Christmas Cookie Bazaar. The Property Committee repairs the patio outside Fellowship Hall - hard work but with great results. The Choir from St. Andrews College in Laurenburg, N.C., sings at a Congregational Dinner, Shirley Tietjen, chairing. Two worship services are being held: 8:45 and 11:00. Lay Education: Bob Jordan talk/slide show on "A National Geographic Look at Developing Countries"; John Hummon talk/slide show on "Saudi Arabia: A Political, Economic, and Religious Overview"; Bob Tietjen on "What Does the Second Coming Mean to the Reformed Church?" Senior Highs prepare and serve lunch for 350 participants in Lay School of Theology!

APRIL A loving gift from the women of the church: a cherry hunt table and matching mirror for the narthex. Candlelight Tennebrae Service held. A Long Range Planning Committee is at work again: Jon Hawley, chairman, Bill Brill, Nancy Bryant, Ralph Hall, Rachel Harwell, Ann Hazard, Bill Shankland. The new Overall Chairman of the WOC is Dawn Thompson. Dawn calls herself "Mother of the Women." Singles and Doubles hold a progressive

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dinner.

MAY WOC hold a coffee at the home of Evelyn Galvin. Singles and Doubles enjoy a shrimp peel at the home of Dona and Jim Allen beginning the evening with dips, dunks, and drinks at Marilyn and Bill Shanklands. Gary Durfee discusses "Sources of the Bible" at Lay Education; Dr. Uhl speaks on "Creation in the Old Testament." Congregational Dessert/slide presentation by Merl and Pris Galusha, missionaries we assisted financially when they were in Zambia involved in the Kaputa Joint Development Project. PPC continues to support the Kaputa Project through Don and Ginny McClure who are now in Zambia.

JUNE Fund-raising committee of the WOC (Lynn Bigler, Nancy Miller, Lucille Ferrara, Ruth Lincoln) with the help of many produce a Strawberry Festival which earns \$1400. Pentecost in the Park - worship and an old-fashioned church picnic on the church grounds. The women of the church have formed teams of two to make weekly "friendly visits" to one of the three area nursing homes. Also a group bakes cakes and helps serve at once-a-month birthday parties at Collinswood Nursing Home. Women are collecting stamps for the Washington Association of Churches Stamp Project; proceeds are sent to Church World Service. 7-10's picnic at the Howes with sixth graders included. 7-10's travel to Dickerson, Md., to see the Tent Troupe perform, youth from St. Luke Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, Md. Limited support for the early morning service results in its being dropped. Session votes to return to a single 11:00 service in September. Speed bumps are added in the driveway; handicapped parking spaces have been designated on the PPC parking circle. Jane Steinmetz is assisting Lynda Tennent with editorial duties for the newsletter.

JULY PPC holds its first Vacation Bible School with 26 children participating. The theme was "God's People Together in Christ"; Rachel Harwell, Director. She was assisted by Joan Robisch, Jean Wuckovich, Ann Hazard, Gary Durfee, Pat and Kathy King, Mary Cathey, Velma Killion, Susan Reichley.

AUGUST Shirley Coll, our former Director of Christian Education, preaches; she now has her Master of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary, to be ordained and installed at Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring as Assistant Minister. Gary Durfee receives a call from Kirkwood and Flowe-Harris Churches in Concord, North Carolina.

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SEPTEMBER Septemberfest at the manse. WOC begin craft workshops to prepare for Christmas Cookie/Craft Bazaar. A coffee is held at the home of Joan Flake.

OCTOBER WOC enjoys a retreat at Camp Glenkirk, Pat King planner. Congregational Family Dinner with a guest speaker from Montgomery County Community Ministry is sponsored by the Mission Committee. Reception held for Gary Durfee as he leaves for his first call. Congregation responds to call for canned goods from F.I.S.H. October Lay Education: Dr. Uhl speaking of the Book of Acts, and "The Church and the Abortion Question"; Dr. Lowell Perry on "When Does Life Begin?"; Financial Directions of PPC.

NOVEMBER Community Thanksgiving Service held at St. Francis Episcopal Church with the Methodists. WOC holds a luncheon with Betty Hayden, proprietor of "Antique Accent" in Bethesda, Md., speaking on modern uses for antiques. Lay Education: Dr. Uhl on "Everything You Always Wanted to Know..."; Ralph Hall on "History of Potomac Presbyterian Church"; Rev. Tracy Maness on "Holistic Medicine"; and a report on the Long-Range Plan. Senior Highs raise \$90 in Fast-a-Thon for Community Ministry. Singles and Doubles have a Potluck and Craft Night; Sue Kuwabara teaches how to make corn husk wreaths.

1981 is the 50th anniversary of the first woman elder being ordained in the United Presbyterian Church; twenty-five years ago, the first woman minister was ordained in our denomination. For Laity Sunday, November 15, the women of our congregation wrote and participated in the morning service: Lynn Bigler, Marcy Cathey, Carol Cooper, Doris Durfee, Betty Endicott, Millie Gimer, Rachel Harwell, Ann Hazard, Helen Hutchison, Kay Norvell, Mary Reichley, Joan Robisch, Elaine Skinner, Denise Snodgrass, Shirley Tietjen, Dawn Thompson.

DECEMBER The Sundays of Advent activities: Symbols of Christmas led by the Seventens; Williamsburg breakfast; Sounds of Christmas; Scenes of Christmas - a Sunday School pageant. Mitten tree filled in the narthex. Singles and Doubles go caroling at the Carriage Hill Nursing Home followed by refreshments at the home of Judy and Art James. Christmas Cookie/Crafts Bazaar is held, Lynn Bigler and Joan Robisch chairing; approximately \$1200 made. Seventens make Chrismons and decorate a tree as their gift to the church.

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JANUARY During January and February, parish groups met for dinner with a member of the Long Range Planning Committee to discuss the group's report. Every member of the congregation made a written response concerning the future plans and direction of the church. Lay Education offerings for 1982 are: a study of Amos and Hosea by Dr. Uhl; three-part series on the Middle East conducted by John Hummon, Jack Bryant, David Uhl; three-part series "Window on the World" - Bob Fredlund, Nancy Bryant and Lon Dring; Holistic Medicine addressed by Rev. Tracy Maness; a representative of National Capital Union Presbytery's Peacemaking Task Force Committee leads a discussion of the Proposal to Freeze Nuclear Arms; Dr. William Taylor of Georgetown University Center for Strategic and International Studies advances the concern that a nuclear freeze or disarmament is morally unassailable - Dr. Taylor addresses the means not the end; four-part study of the Presbyterian Church directed by Jon Hawley, Bob Tietjen, David Uhl, Joyce Jenkins; Modern Religious Philosophy - Dr. Harold Durfee; three-part Jesus' Last Week led by Dr. Uhl. Fourth and fifth graders visit Har Shalom. Singles and Doubles attend Washington Capitals hockey game.

FEBRUARY "The Role of Love and Sex in the Christian Faith" - weekend sexuality seminar topic for 7-10's with Saint Mark Presbyterian Church youth. Singles and Doubles hold a costumed Mardi Gras Party at the home of Carole and Dave Smith. 7-10's visit the Presbyterian Home and present a Valentine's gift to each resident; the youth made 150 crosses out of matchsticks, supervised by Lynn Bigler with Barbara Perry's instructions.

MARCH WOC holds a fashion show, clothing from the Left Bank, with PPC ladies modeling. Each lady was encouraged to bring an offering of canned goods for F.I.S.H. The King David Choir sings in the Chorister's Guild Festival at the First United Methodist Church of Hyattsville - wearing their new blue choir robes which match those of the sanctuary choir - also made by Lynn Bigler. Singles and Doubles attend Harlequin Dinner Theater to see "Gypsy." Senior Highs prepare lunch for 300 participants in the Presbytery Lay School of Theology. Mary Cathey gets an assistant, David Harris, a first year student at Wesley Seminary; he will help with the 7-10's program.

APRIL WOC holds a coffee at the home of Jane Olson. The women also sponsor a rummage sale to raise mission and in-church project money. Singles and Doubles have a potluck supper and square dance. The

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candlelight Tenebrae Service is held on Maundy Thursday. Pre-school through sixth graders participate in costume in the Palm Sunday service; palms are given to the congregation as they leave worship. WOC presents a pair of brass sconces to PPC to add to narthex decor.

MAY Pentecost in the Park; picnic follows worship service on PPC grounds. WOC hold a luncheon in the Fellowship Room with Edith Stoner, President of the National Capital Union Presbyterian Women, speaking on "Roots, Heritage, and Legacy of Presbyterian Women." Pat Carvellas, in-coming president, is also our guest. 7-10's and Senior Highs present "A Reason to Rejoice", our youth musical, in the sanctuary. Singles and Doubles enjoy a progressive dinner featuring filet mignon at the homes of Bill and Marilyn Shankland, Bill and Lynn Bigler, Marvin and Kay Summers. Congregational Dessert is held; Dr. David Young, Director of the Office of International Partnership of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., gave an illustrated talk on "Why Do I Not Get What My Heart Desires? Or, Some Thoughts On Why International Mission Is More Important Here Than There." Senior Highs wind up year with pot luck supper and 7-10's wind up with their annual picnic and welcome to incoming seventh graders - both events held at the home of Olie and Sidney Howe. Friendly Visitor Program in area nursing homes is one of the volunteer projects of the Women of the Church, coordinated by Marjean Gray.

JUNE Jane Montgomery resigns as Director of Music; Jim Allen, Nancy Mellem, Joyce Jenkins comprise the choir director search committee. Vacation Bible School again held at our facility. Singles and Doubles see "Spirit of America, 1982", a patriotic review of American history presented by the Department of the Army. WOC elects officers for 1982-83; Jane Olson - President, Denise Snodgrass - Vice President/Program Chairman, Judy James - Treasurer, Hilda Hemming - Secretary, Lynn Bigler - Historian, Pat King - Sunshine Girl, Rachel Harwell - Spiritual Life and Worship, Millie Gimer - Global Mission, Joan Robisch - Christian Community Action, Joan Flake - Luncheon Chairman, Shirley Tietjen - Coffee-Hour Chairman. WOC sent \$125 to Gaithersburg HELP, a group of 200 volunteers providing immediate temporary service for people in time of crisis. \$150 is sent to the National 1982 Birthday Celebration offering to be divided between Edmarc Hospice for Children in Suffolk, Va., and the Pembroke Area Presbyterian Ministry, Pembroke, N.C.

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AUGUST Jackie Galliher hired as Director of Music. Mary J. Cathey resigns as Director of Christian Education.

PPC's two Elder Delegates to Presbytery, Joyce Jenkins and Walter Maxwell, filed a complaint against an action of Presbytery which permits a new church development to be begun in Montgomery County with the initial probe site at Wootton High School which is very close to Potomac. The decision produced an immediate objection on the part of other area churches: Rockville, Geneva, St. Mark, Darnestown, Potomac. Wootton High School is a location outside the designated area decided upon by the New Church Development Committee in May.

Each month during the year, four women from PPC bake and take birthday cakes to help residents celebrate at Collinswood Nursing Home; Marjean Gray, coordinator.

Concerning the Long-Range Planning Committee report:

Addressing both immediate needs and those expected to arise during the next several years, the Session unanimously agreed to the following:

1. In light of the increasing extent to which we expect our present building to restrict church operations, the Session
 - (a) approves the expenditure of up to \$2500 in 1982 funds for contracted, professional assistance in assessing our current and future facility needs; (b) expresses an intent to include an appropriate level of funds in the 1983 budget to continue to receive such professional consultative services; and (c) instructs the Moderator to appoint a special Facilities Committee to oversee long-range facilities development and to work with consultants. Committee members appointed are: Bill King, Kitty Albright, Jon Hawley, Jane Olson, Ed Tennent, Bob Tietjen.
2. That the Property Committee be asked to develop - for Session consideration no later than at its October 1982 meeting - specific recommendations for improving the kitchen through replacing, repairing, or augmenting its major appliances.
3. That we rent a classroom at Potomac Elementary School for the months of September, October, and November, 1982, if, after examination, the space proves satisfactory for church school use.

During the summer, members of the congregation (Lynn Bigler, Pat and Bill King, Weldon MacDonald, Bob Olson, Joan and Bob Robisch, Dawn

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Thompson, Sue Uhl) paint Fellowship Hall and Rachel Harwell makes new curtains.

Session appoints a committee to search for a DCE. A second committee was authorized to assess permanent staffing needs of PPC in relation to the positions of DCE and/or associate pastor.

SEPTEMBER Lay Education: Study of the Book of James - Dr. Uhl. WOC holds a coffee at the home of Shirley Tietjen. Virginia Ravenhorst, Executive Director of Gaithersburg HELP, presents a slide/talk on how the HELP program operates; coffee and dessert, Joan Flake coordinating. Septemberfest is held at the manse. WOC craft workshops begin to start preparing for the Christmas Cookie and Craft Bazaar. "I wish" cards are placed in all pew racks by the Congregational Life Committee - an opportunity to indicate what you would like: a special hymn, a sermon topic, a visit from Dr. Uhl, etc. - an opportunity to help to improve the program and ministry of PPC. First Sunday of each month is designated Food Sunday. Food items are collected for Gaithersburg HELP which serves needy families.

OCTOBER Singles and Doubles sponsors a hayride for the entire family. Lay Education: The Hospice Movement - Mary Alice Crockett; PPC Committee Organization - Bill King, Bill Shankland; Prayer: What Is It, How Do We Use It? - Dr. Uhl. WOC begins Circles, one daytime, one evening; Rachel Harwell, coordinator. Women drive to New Windsor, Maryland, to visit SERRV which displays and sells handcraft articles from international missions around the world/lunch in Newmarket, Md. Celia Sullivan teaches a pinecone workshop at a WOC craft meeting for the Christmas Bazaar; Su Kuwabara teaches a workshop in making grapevine wreaths. Lynn Bigler coordinates International Coffee following World Wide Communion Sunday worship assisted by: Dona Allen, Janet Harrison, Peg Hawley, Diana Hirschfeld, Ruth Lincoln, Kathy McMahon, Marilyn Shankland, Elaine Skinner, Alice Smith, Sandy Sullivan, Lynda Tennent, Jean Wuckovich; Ann Hazard designed and organized the worship service. A new flower stand was custom made for PPC by Mr. B.C. Sheets of Bridgewater, Va. Eighteen years ago, Mr. Sheets also built all the chancel furniture for PPC: baptismal font stand, lectern, and the communion table.

Session approved the purchase of a new commercial size stove and refrigerator for the kitchen, WOC contributes \$2000 toward these

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purchases, and 80 new chairs for Fellowship Hall. Plans are underway for the installation of a hand rail and partition for the stairway from the narthex to the second floor. A portable aluminum ramp has been ordered to facilitate access to the church for anyone using a wheel chair.

Session also voted the following staffing recommendations:

1. To replace the DCE - approximately 30 hours per week - and subject to the availability of 1983 funds.
2. To add an Associate Pastor, approximately 25 hours per week, to concentrate on mission outreach, visiting inactive members, assist with pastoral care, assist in planning and leadership of worship.
3. To increase secretarial support, as required.

NOVEMBER Lay Education: A Study on Aging: A Plan for Presbyterian National Reunion - Art Hall from Bradley Hills Presbyterian Church. WOC holds a luncheon in Fellowship Hall; Dixie Rettig gives a slide presentation on Ecclesiastical embroidery, including the history of church vestments and banners. Singles and Doubles enjoys a scavenger hunt and supper, Linda and Ed Tennent, organizers. Laity Sunday presented by the Deacon Board. Community Thanksgiving Service held at PPC; guest preacher is Rev. Edward A. White, Executive Presbyter, National Capital Union Presbytery. Jean Hartman gives the Sunday School a piano in loving memory of her husband Paul.

DECEMBER Advent Plans: Fellowship, crafts, song and worship; a Williamsburg breakfast; St. Lucia Celebration; Children of the Sunday School present an original version of the events surrounding the birth of Christ. Singles and Doubles go caroling at Potomac Valley Nursing Home followed by supper at the home of Peg and Jon Hawley. WOC cancel evening circle because of poor response. 7-10's send an exchange package of "What We Are All About" to a church in Africa via Jack Bryant. It contains a banner symbolizing our beliefs and activities, a booklet of stories and photos about our programs, and a matchstick cross with patterns and directions for reproducing. WOC holds Christmas Cookie/Craft Bazaar.

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<u>YEAR</u>	<u>NUMBER OF MEMBERS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
1963	55	\$ 4,541.10
1964	107	12,936.40
1965	154	16,795.00
1966		23,494.88
1967		31,448.00
1968		45,176.00
1969	286	51,300.00
1970	359	50,387.00
1971	389	52,940.00
1972	372	56,940.00
1973	393	61,434.00
1974	327	57,902.00
1975	349	66,987.00
1976	379	82,024.00
1977	428	90,184.00
1978	475	100,202.00
1979	475	113,495.00
1980	508	127,493.00
1981	530	152,493.00
1982	512	163,300.00

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MINISTERS

James K. Leitch
Richard W. Blice, Jr.
David L. Uhl

DEACONS

William C. Murphy
James W. Eckman
James W. Richards
John W. Day
James R. Perrin
John E. Carroll, Jr.
Joanne Schilling
R. Neil Benedict
Michael P. Bentzen
J. Harry Evans
Joy Garcia
Jean Hartman
Joyce Jenkins
Robert Jordan
Weldon MacDonald
Lowell Perry
E. Eugene Sharer
Carole Smith
Mary Lou Thornton
LuAnn Washing
Alice Smith
Charlene Brumbaugh
Pat King
Dixie Stewart
Captain Richard Thomas
Edward T. Hutchison, Jr.
Ruth Lincoln
Cecie Phair
Doris Yates
Carolyn Beck
John Estes
Charles H. Miller
William M. Shankland
Millicent Gimer
Patricia Maxwell
Jackie Evans
Mary Ann Cookerly
Elaine Skinner

ADULT BAPTISMS

Elisabeth Lee McAlpin
Edward Cardwell McAlpin
Mrs. Elizabeth G. Hurt
Mr. Owen M. Cornell, Jr.
Mrs. Sally Cornell
David Savage
Mary Killion
Mrs. Diane Gregg
Kevin Bartlett
Leslie Brewer
Daryl Newhouse
Roger Kuwabara
Tsutae (Su) Kuwabara
Carrie Lynn Bartlett
Justine Elizabeth Frazier
Janet Lynn Norcross
Neal Hiroshi Kuwabara
Owen Maynard Johnson III
Jeffrey Yasushi Kuwabara
Michael John Summers
Lori Ann Weinrich
Lewis M. Chapin
Emily Thomas Johnson
Cynthia Ann Combs
Frances Katherine Parr
Kevin Scott Peters

DEATHS

James A. King, Jr.
Frederick Imirie
Dorothy Elaine Filson
Thomas Scheurer
Marjorie Richards
Mrs. Clay L. (Meryl) Jennison
Donald O'Neal
Katherine Pew Riggs
Ralph S. Riggs
William B. Hubbard
Edward T. Hutchison, Jr.
Paul C. Hartman
Mrs. Goldie Hazard
Mrs. Grace P. Sherfy
Jean Duncan Tokarski

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ELDERS

Jack C. Dart
James A. King
William H. Kyle, Jr.
Alexander M. Lankler
H. Roemer McPhee
Dettmar R. Tietjen
Arthur C. Hyde
E. Carl Wieland
Thomas G. Pownall
Robert S. Martin
Charles E. Hemphill
Charles H. Fore
William E. Harrison
Frederick G. Harting, Jr.
Jane King
Anthony B. Ferrara
Charles Benton, Jr.
A. James Clark
Robert F. Acker
R. Neil Benedict
William C. Lowrey
Michael P. Bentzen
Robert C. Garcia
John E. Carroll, Jr.
Frederick Sass, Jr.
Lawrence Killion
Andrew W. Breidenbach
Robert J. McMahon
Alice Smith
Compton S. Jones
Virginia Savage
Joan I. Mabon
William J. Taylor
William A. Johnston, Jr.
Robert R. Fredlund
Ralph L. Hall
R. Theodore Moock, Jr.
Marilyn Meinke
William Brill
Lesiw V. Smith
David R. Smith
Joan W. Chase
William M. Kerrigan
Camille Kendall
Shirley Coll
Carolyn Meakem
William R. Hutchison
William B. King

Jonathan P. Hawley
Marilyn Hoge
Sally O'Neal
Ann Willets
Marcia Boogaard
Ann Hazard
Kathleen McMahon
Ronald Chaffee
Howard Heining
Doris Durfee
Richard G. Shaffer
George C. Boddiger
Calvin S. Koonce
William A. Albright
James F. Harwell, Jr.
Walter P. Maxwell
William J. Skinner
Shelley Smith
Donald W. Thompson
Olivia Howe
Virginia A. Crozier
Joyce W. Jenkins
James E. Allen, Jr.
Nancy Bryant
William E. Hirschfeld
Joan Robisch
Thomas E. Cole
Nancy R. Mellem
Martha MacDonald
E. Eugene Sharer
Edward S. Tennent, Jr.

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Mrs. Ellen Imirie	Elizabeth J. Haack
Richard C. Goodson	Linda M. Haack
Mrs. Pat Goodson	Carl W. Robinson
Frederick B. Goodson	Mrs. Laura Robinson
W. Wayne Meinke	Captain Charles M. MacDonald
Mrs. Marilyn Meinke	Mrs. Louise MacDonald
Wesley J. Gallagher	Fred Nadherny
Mrs. Charis Gallagher	Mrs. Elinor Nadherny
James W. Eckman	John E. Carroll, Jr.
Mrs. Lois Eckman	Mrs. John E. Carroll, Jr.
Charles E. Hemphill	Mrs. Seraffina Dickerman
Mrs. Jean Hemphill	J. Frederick Sass, Jr.
John Robert Hemphill	Mrs. Miriam Sass
William Charles Hemphill	Walter Schilling
Donna Craig Harting	Joanne Schilling
John W. Day	William Halladay, Jr.
Mrs. Suzanne Day	Mrs. Jean Halladay
Martha Benton	W. Gomer Krise
Ralph E. Burgess	Mrs. Dorothy Krise
Mrs. Adelle Burgess	Michael P. Bentzen
Ralph E. Burgess, Jr.	Mrs. Martha Bentzen
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