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THE Arkive

The Newsletter of
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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

This Sunday evening, January 25th, will be the occasion of our 17th Annual Congregational Meeting. Our church chartered in October of 1992 and the first annual meeting was held in January of 1993. The purpose of an annual meeting is to celebrate accomplishments in ministry, to share concerns and ideas and to conduct the necessary business of our church that under girds and makes our ministry happen. A potluck dinner at 5:30 will precede our meeting.

Specifically we will receive the printed reports of the various Ministries of our church including financial reports. We will receive and discuss the 2009 mission and ministry budget. We will vote on the Terms of Call for the Minister for 2009. We will nominate and elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Team. We will nominate and elect church officers. We will nominate elect the 2009 nominating team. We will designate our Elders as Trustees for 2009. We will discuss any item of new business that comes before the congregation.

The Annual Reports are printed and in the lobby now. An appendix will be printed on Saturday and in the lobby on Sunday morning.

Some good news on our search for a Director of Music; our team has been working very hard for five months now reviewing over 20 resumes. 18 candidates were interviewed on the phone. About 11 were interviewed face to face at the church by a sub team. Five people merited second interviews. The team is ready to call a candidate, but is conducting reference checks at this time. We will keep you posted.

Conversations are breaking out all over the church about the bestselling novel *The Shack* by Wm Paul Young. We will be using the novel as a spring board for Lenten small group discussions and worship and sermon themes. I hope you will find time to read the book.

You should go to the Big Event. If you miss it you miss a rare chance to hear nationally know church speakers reflect upon ministry in the 21st century. It will be fun. It will be stimulating and it will be inspiring. It is close; as Wood Memorial Presbyterian Church hosts us. The Big Event is our Presbytery Wide discipleship experience. Team Leaders, Small Group Leaders, Church Officers please attend. Saturday, February 14 in Severna Park.

In Christ,



Mission Ministry

2008 Ark and Dove Holiday Sharing Program

The annual Ark and Dove Holiday Sharing program wrapped up on December 21st, and was once again a huge success. Under the guidance and leadership of Greg Makar and Scott and Nicole Howe, 57 Ark and Dove families purchased clothes and toys for 80 children in the West County area to help them have the Christmas that they all deserve. Not only did the children receive gifts, but our kind volunteers received the powerful "gift of giving." This kind of spirit makes us all remember just how important and fulfilling it is to reach out to those less fortunate not only during the holidays, but all throughout the year. Thank you to all who participated in the program by either buying or delivering gifts! Everything was greatly appreciated!!!

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Mission Ministry, thank you to all of you who so generously donated your time for Mission projects during the Advent conspiracy. Thanks to your support, we supplied food, clothing and other gifts to many needy families through the Holiday Sharing and CAP programs; we served lunch at a Habitat build; we served dinner at Sarah's House; and we expanded our commitment to the homeless of Anne Arundel county.

As you know, for the past few years, Ark and Dove has been serving dinner at Nichols Bethel church right here in Odenton the week that Nichols Bethel hosts the homeless shelter. And since last fall, you have seen a bulletin announcement about a different church sheltering homeless people each week. We hope this has raised your awareness of the urgency and complexity of this ministry to the homeless.

Some of the figures for last winter show that the Winter Relief homeless shelter provided safety and shelter to 217 people—48 of whom were women. The ages ranged from the youngest of 20 to the oldest at 71. Some people have the impression that the same people are homeless all the time. It is true that many are homeless due to chronic circumstances, but last year's Winter Relief shelter helped 148 new and different people from the previous year. The number of homeless people in Anne Arundel county seeking safety and shelter this winter will set heart-breaking records.

In response to this call to help the least among us, Ark and Dove has committed to provide help to a small Lutheran church in Glen Burnie. Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer on Quarterfield Road will host the homeless shelter the week of Jan. 19.

This will be a new challenge and blessing for us. We have promised to help with transportation from the intake center to the church site; to prepare and serve meals on site; to help transport guests to take showers; and to provide fellowship and overnight chaperoning at the Glen Burnie church site.

If you have any questions or would like to donate your time, please call Carol and Clay Heflebower at 410-849-2256. Please continue to pray for the homeless and the volunteers who have served them for the past 17 winters.

*In Christ,
Carol and Clay*

Administration Ministry

Per Capita Offering for 2009 is \$30 per member

Every January, Ark & Dove takes the Per Capita offering (see the blue envelope in the very front of your 2009 envelope box). We ask that each member contribute \$30 to the governing of the Presbyterian Church USA

Per capita funding is how Presbyterians mutually share the costs of coming together to discern the Spirit's leading for the future. Per Capita supports the governing structures of the Presbyterian Church USA, including the Presbytery of Baltimore and the General Assembly. Per capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 11,000 congregations and governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) are connected and participate in the work of the wider church.

Per capita makes it possible for Presbyterians to govern ourselves the way we do.

Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared power and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the will of Christ. By providing the primary means through which commissioners and advisory delegates can gather to do their work, per capita dollars help to undergird our governance system.

Our Constitution provides a moral and theological compass that builds community and calls us to Christian faithfulness in gratitude to God.

Per capita makes possible our effort for visible unity of the church of Jesus Christ.

The PC(USA), as with other faith traditions and denominations, is but a small part of the one church of Jesus Christ. We affirm that God's call is for the church to be one.

Per capita makes it possible for us to maintain our historical awareness.

Our historical heritage helps us make informed decisions for the future. The Presbyterian Historical Society is our national archives and historical research center. It collects, preserves and shares the history of the American Presbyterian and Reformed tradition

Ark and Dove School of Music
is looking for a **Volunteer Director** or
Interim Volunteer Director for the School

with

Strong organization skills, management, and administrative skills to create a positive and creative instructional atmosphere and support cultural events. Ability to work with church and community leaders. Understanding of and passion for diverse forms of music. Contact: 410-674-5664



**Don't forget to re-cycle at church!
Containers are available in the kitchen and
the offices for cans, plastic and paper.**

Interim Interludes

LENTEN TAIZE SERVICES Will Meet At New Time - 7:45-8:15 immediately following Logos!

Mark your calendars now to participate in Lenten inspirational worship services during Lent. Services will be on Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1st. There will be a time of spoken and sung prayer, scripture reading and silence in a candlelight atmosphere. Logos Parents - timing is perfect to attend with your youth. Quoting an A&D member, "Taize services are so peaceful and beautiful, my time to pray without interruption. I leave with my daily stress all gone!"

CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IS INVOLVED IN PLANNING TAIZE?

Join us next Wednesday on January 28 at 7:15 in the sanctuary for the first of 3 Taize planning sessions. We will review pertinent planning information, form our teams, and decide which teams will lead on the different Lenten Wednesdays using our New Simplified Planning Format. Teams will complete planning their services on the 4th and 11th.

A former Planning Team member recounts, "Working on the Taize Service was a wonderful experience. We searched for the right verses, songs, and pictures for our theme, and then pulled it all together - it was an exciting experience. It was so peaceful and beautiful, I could hardly believe we had done it! We were all in awe!"

LENTEN ALL CONGREGATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSIONS AND SERMON SERIES HAS RETURNED!

"THE SHACK", by Wm. Paul Young



Paperback Copies \$9.00 Audio Book \$18.50

"Who wouldn't be skeptical when a man claims to have spent an entire weekend with God, in a shack no less?" This begins that saga of Mack as he reluctantly seeks to open up his preconceived ideas of God to his own scrutiny. With compelling ability to pull the reader into the mystery of life, this paperback, which is at week 30 as number one on the NY Times best-selling fiction list, is hard to put down once started. "While reading 'The Shack' I realized the questions unfolding in this captivating novel were questions I was carrying deep within me. The beauty of this book is not that it supplies easy answers to grueling questions, but that it invites you to come in close to a God of mercy and love, in whom we find hope and healing." (Jim Palmer).

You responded after last year's Lenten book discussion groups/sermon series that you wanted more! Pastors Tim and Corinne heard you and have chosen "The Shack" as this year's Lenten book for all of our congregation to read during the 5 weeks of Lent. Copies of it are now available on the lobby sign-up table. **The themes from "The Shack" will also form the basis for Pastor Tim's Lenten Sermons.**

The groups will meet the five weeks of Lent - March 1, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Sign-up Sheets will be available beginning Sunday, January 25th for 6 - 8 small discussion groups which will meet at different times during the week. The groups will be limited in number.

Sundays - there will be **3 groups meeting** at the church. **Scott Foster** will lead the 9:30 am group, **Betsy Baer** and class will lead the 11:00 am group, and **Kelly Burnett** will lead the 5:30 - 7:30 pm group in which a light meal will be served.

Mondays - **If there is interest, a group will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.**

Tuesdays - **Pastor Corinne** will lead the **7:00 - 8:30 pm** group with snacks.

Wednesdays - If there is enough interest, a group will meet during Logos.

Thursdays - **Pastor Tim** will lead the **7:00 - 8:30 pm** group with snacks.

Saturdays - **Kim Champagne** will lead the "Women of Faith" Small Group from 9:00 - 10:30 am. They meet every other Saturday, and will begin discussing the book before Lent begins. Sign up and see Kim for more information - wkchamp@verizon.net Pick up your copy now and plan to join with new and former friends in what will be a fascinating discussion and sermon series!

Corinne

Prayer Concerns *Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:* Don Anderson; Darlene Friend, a cousin of Pat Stanton, who has had a heart attack and is in critical condition; the Cody Family as they struggle with Dawn's kidney failure and questions of donation from her sister Amanda; A friend of Ina Allen who is facing spreading breast cancer; Pat Stanton's Aunt Violet who is doing well on her chemotherapy so far; Tresita Burnett, the wife of the Pastor Makasan Presbyterian Church in South Dakota and Our Lady of the Chesapeake Catholic Church in Pasadena and Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Glen Burnie who will host the Winter Relief Rotating Shelter the week of Jan 19.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 1, 2009

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 1, 2009. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money and cans of soup for those who are hungry and hurting.

The youth will also be collecting money and soup at Safeway on Saturday, January 31st.

In 2008, over 14,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$10 million. All of the money collected at Ark and Dove will go to Sarah's House, and the cans of soup will be donated to the Odenton Food Pantry. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$50 million has gone to help people in need. Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by bringing in cans of soup and dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 1.

The Interfaith Experience in Baltimore Presbytery

Have you wanted to learn about and experience how Muslim's pray? On February 13, such an opportunity exists not too far away! The Presbytery of Baltimore is hosting a Pakistani Interfaith Listening Team (ILT)—one Christian and one Muslim—from February 13 to 17. The ILT consists of the Rev Dr. Maqsood P. Kamil who currently serves as professor of systematic theology and homiletics at the Gujranwala Theological Seminary and as the executive secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Pakistan, and the Honorable Khurram Dastgir Khan, an engineer, who was recently elected as a member of the Parliament of Pakistan and is a central joint secretary of his party, the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz). This Muslim and Christian team will speak about interfaith relations in their nation during a variety of events in both Christian and Muslim settings.

The kick-off event will be at the Islamic Society of Baltimore at 6631 Johnnycake Rd, just a hop, skip and jump up Rolling Road from CPC. We are invited for Friday evening prayer, a supper, and evening prayer from 5:30 to about 8:30 p.m. on February 13. The mosque will need to know how many guests they will be hosting so let Joan Berry know if you wish to come. Other events currently planned throughout the Presbytery for the team are:

- Saturday, February 14: Lunch table discussion at the Big Event.
- Sunday, February 15: Service followed by lunch and forum at Brown Memorial Woodbrook, 6200 N. Charles St.
- Monday, February 16: Supper and discussion at Christ Our King, 10 Lexington Rd., Bel Air, MD

Check your bulletins and the Presbytery of Baltimore web site for updated schedules. If you wish to attend an event, please let Joan Berry (pastorjoan@verizon.net or call her cell at 410-207-5300) know so that she can inform the host to expect you.

Annual Congregational Meeting
and Potluck Supper
This Sunday! - January 25th
Supper 5:30pm - Meeting 6:30
Childcare provided for meetings

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Mission & Ministry Fund End of Year Report

- We are ending 2008 in pretty good shape with about \$28,749 in carryover to 2009. This is due mostly to musical directors vacancies during 2008.
- We ended up \$7389 behind in pledges, but \$13,856 over in unpledged for a net of \$6424.
- We took in a total of \$4336 in the Christmas Joy offering and distributed it before the end of the year. \$2168 went to General Assembly and \$1084 went to Makasan Presbytery Church on the Pine Ridge Reservation and \$1084 went to the North County Emergency Outreach Network.
- The children's Heifer fund is almost up to \$250 of the \$500 they need to buy a heifer.
- We have \$1616 in the Ark & Dove Habitat House Fund from Advent Card Sales and Craft Fair proceeds and other donations.

December 2008

Current Month	Actual:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$19,514.00	\$226,245.25	\$233,635.00	(\$7,389.75)
Unpledged:	7,555.00	58,283.00	44,427.00	13,856.00
Loose Plate	458.01	3,858.39	3,900.00	(41.61)
Total:	\$27,527.01	\$288,386.64	\$281,962.00	\$6,424.64

November 2008

	Actual:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$22,559.00	\$206,731.25	\$214,165.38	(\$7,434.13)
Unpledged:	5,845.00	50,728.00	40,724.75	10,003.25
Loose Plate	430.00	3,400.38	3,575.00	(174.62)
Total:	\$28,834.00	\$260,859.63	\$258,465.13	\$2,394.50

New Members Inquirer's Class

Saturday, January 31st
8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

What is Ark and Dove all about?
How do you spell Pr-sb-t-r—n?
What does a church run by elders mean?

These and *your* questions will be answered. Have breakfast with Pastor Tim and childcare too!



The American Cancer Society

Daffodil Days®

Give Daffodils. Give Hope.™



Daffodil Days are Coming!

The Mission Team will be selling Daffodils from now until February 20th to help raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Funds will support research, education and community service for cancer patients, survivors and their families.

Daffodils can be purchased for your house, planting in your yard, planting around the church or as a gift for an invalid or cancer survivor. A bunch of cut daffodils will cost \$10, a pot of daffodils will cost \$10. Add stuffed bear to either a bunch or a pot for an additional \$15.

Flowers will be delivered on Sunday, March 22nd. Help us fill the sanctuary with daffodils and celebrate with a prayer of hope for cancer survivors and prayers of remembrance for loved ones lost.

For more information, please contact Brooks Emrick (410-923-2510, dadnbrooks@aim.com), or Vaughn Brown or Paula Gomes. Sign up sheets will be available in the lobby.

17th Annual Congregational Meeting and



This Sunday, January 25th
Supper at 5:30pm
Meeting at 6:30 pm

Bring the whole family!
A Childcare program will be available for the meeting.

