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*The Newsletter of
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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

In the Presbyterian Church, we ordain certain lay people as elders and deacons. Although "oxy-moronic" in one way; this practice uniquely empowers the laity and acknowledges that God's gifts for church leadership are generous and widely distributed. Elders and deacons are elected for three year terms and work hard to lead the local congregation. Another unique characteristic of Presbyterian Churches is that we elect our elders, deacons and pastors. At our most recent Annual Congregational Meeting of January 25, Beth Foster was re-elected as elder. Steve Pugh was elected as an Elder. Kelly Burnett and Sarah Salkeld were re-elected as deacons. Cathy Debus and Scott Howe were elected as deacons. In our upcoming special congregational meeting Rob Yeager will be nominated for the position of elder. I am grateful to these church leaders for their willingness to serve and their willingness to lead our congregation and I am looking forward to ministering with them.

Thank you to Russ Hester, Sarah Salkeld, Kelly Burnett, and Carey Cowell for serving as deacons this past year. Thank you to Ellen Makar, Beth Foster and Anne Rosenthal for serving as elders this year. You worked hard and your love for our church was evident as you fulfilled your duties.

The Associate Pastor Nominating Team was also elected at our Annual Meeting. Steve Debus, Chair, Russ Hester, Emily Ross, Dot Bruno, Doug Walcutt and Laurie Barrow will embark on a better than one year journey of searching for our new Associate Pastor. Pastor Corinne will be retiring on November 30 of this year. The first meeting of the APNT Associate Pastor Nominating Team will be Saturday February 7, please keep them in your prayers as they have an important task in front of them. Emily Burnett will be present at that meeting because the session will nominate her to be the youth member of the APNT at our upcoming Special Congregational Meeting.

We are planning a retirement dinner and celebration for Pastor Corinne and I am seeking members to serve on a planning team. Several people have already volunteered but we are shooting for more. Please send me an e-mail or give me a call to us help us plan.

I am enjoying The Shack and I highly recommend it to you. I will base my Lenten Sermons on the Shack and we are planning Lenten Discussion Groups as well. It is an easy and compelling read. Lent is a time to try to be more disciplined about our faith. These discussion groups and the Taize Wednesday evening Services will help us all to be ready for Easter.

The Big Event at Woods on February 14 - worth your time!

Special Congregational Meeting Sunday February 15th 12:15 PM. The purpose: Rob Yeager will be nominated for elder, Emily Burnett as Youth member of APNT and we will elect three members to the 2009 nominating team (for church officers).

In Christ,



Administration Ministry

Per Capita Offering for 2009

During the month of February, we are taking a "Per Capita" offering of \$30 per member of the Presbyterian Church. This offering supports:

Our Presbyterian form of government built on shared power and mutual accountability at the PC(USA) (General Assembly), Mid-Atlantic Synod and Presbytery of Baltimore levels

Our visible outreach of faith in the world today

Maintains our historical awareness.

One of the founding documents of the Presbyterian Church, the Westminster Confession of 1647, says "all believers, are therefore, under obligation to sustain the ordinances of the Christian religion where they are already established, and to contribute by their prayers, gifts, and personal efforts to the extension of the Kingdom of God throughout the whole earth" (6.058).

Please mark "Per Capita" on your check or use the blue envelope in the front of your envelope box. Thanks for your support.



Daffodil Days are Here!

The Mission Team will be selling Daffodils on Sunday, February 8th and Sunday, February 15th 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), Frances Keyes or Paula Gomes. Order forms will be available in the lobby.

Presbyterians In Annapolis Day - February 9th

- Come see how advocacy is done!
- Hear Bill Hathaway speak on why Presbyterians do advocacy.
- Learn about important issues from Leslie Woods at the PCUSA Washington office.
- Meet with your delegate or senator.
- Tour state government buildings.
- Share a light supper.

This is a great way to learn about state government in action and be with others who share our concern for social justice. Youth are encouraged to attend! Contact Julie Erickson, Presbytery of Baltimore Public Policy Advocate, by February 6 for more information and to make a reservation for supper, 410-849-8077, 410-370-8245 or jerickson@baltimorepresbytery.org. When you contact Julie to make reservations she will provide further details for this event.

2009 Hau Kola Learning Camps Orientation Sunday, February 8th at 1pm

Christie Adams will be here this Sunday, February 8, to tell us about week-long summer opportunities to work with Native American children at a Presbyterian church on a Sioux Reservation in South Dakota.



These camps are open to youth who will have completed at least 9th grade by this summer and to adults of all ages. Join us this Sunday for pizza, program information, and personal experiences of others who have participated in previous years. Application and down payment due by February 28.

For further information, see Beth Foster, Vaughn Brown or the display in the church lobby.

Prayer Concerns *Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:* Elmer Durr, Pat Stanton's father who is experiencing heart problems; Rebecca Bell as her arm continues to heal; Carey Cowell who will undergo surgery this week; Audrey Miller who is dealing with complications of a back injury; Sarah Stern dealing with a staph infection in her arm; Carol Sheet, Amy Benson's mother, who is ill again; Lynn, Karen Dodson's cousin in hospice care in Texas; Clista Miles, Amy Corson's mother, going through a difficult time; Angela, a friend of Mary Beth Defino, as she deals with the anxiety of having her husband deployed to Iraq; Stacy and her family as they deal with a family crisis; Pat Stanton's boss, Mike; Dawn and Amanda as they undergo a kidney transplant.

We give thanks for the healing of spirits of a member and pray for continued wellness and we give thanks for Abundant Life Church and The Church of the Crucifixion as they host the Winter Relief Homeless Shelter this week.

Interim Interludes

LENTEN TAIZE SERVICES Wednesdays, 7:45 - 8:15 pm

Through Scripture, Silence, Sung Prayer, in a candlelight atmosphere, TAIZE Services will enrich your Lenten Journey. Join us for these mid-week 30 minute times of reflection and renewal. This year's theme is "*God's Promises*" – with each of the five services having different leaders.

Ash Wednesday is February 25, less than 3 weeks away. Services begin at 7:30 pm Beginning the following Wednesday March 4, the Taize services will be held at 7:45 pm that night and the following 4 Wednesdays, March 11, 18, 25 and April 1st. Bring a friend and join us for these inspirational services – you may come in feeling stressed, but you will leave feeling refreshed!

"THE SHACK"

Have you signed up for a small group to discuss the best-selling book "*THE SHACK?*" There are 8 sign-up sheets on the Lobby Table just waiting for your signature! I've heard discussions from those who are already into the book – they eagerly await our discussion sessions! What do you think of Mac's journey back to the Shack? Under the circumstances, would you have wanted to go back? We won't say any more to those of you who haven't started to read the book yet, except to say, be ready to go on a most fascinating journey where your perceptions of what God is like may undergo some modifications! The following groups are still open – although a couple have only a couple of spaces left.

Sundays at 9:30 am with Scott Foster, 11:00 am with Betsy Baer's Adult discussion class, and 5:30-7:30 pm with Kelly Burnett.

Monday's class begins at 7:00pm. as does Pastor Corinne's on Tuesdays and Pastor Tim's on Thursday. The Wednesday class will meet during Logos from 5:30 – 7:30. Kim Champagne's Sat. morning "Women of Faith" class will meet Feb. 21, 28, March 14 and 28th. Do sign-up and invite a friend to join you!

Pastor Tim is really looking forward to discussing the book with everyone --- there is so much to discuss he will have a hard time deciding on what subjects to peach about!

YOUTH HELP FEED THE HUNGRY

Congratulations to all the youth who worked to make **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY** such a success. Cheryl Walcutt reports that during both services they collected \$458.25 for the Cardinals and \$324.00 for the Steelers. This gives us a total of **\$1187.61 collected!!!** The soup cans have not been counted yet, but it looks like we beat last year's totals also. Thanks to all the youth who gave announcements in worship, collected soup cans and spread the word along with all the adults who supported their efforts! It was quite a sight to see our sanctuary steps full of Soup Cans this last Sunday morning!

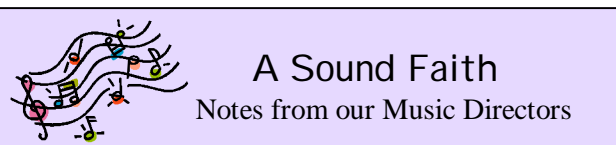
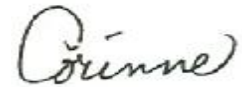
CUPCAKES FOR KIDS (Young and Old)

Were you able to take a bite of your child's delicious homemade cupcakes with coconut icing on Christmas Eve? They were super delicious. Thank you to Kim Dabbs, Chris and Ray Bussey! What a fun way to say, "Happy Birthday, Jesus!"

THE BIG EVENT – Put your filled out registration forms with check in envelope on the hall table by Feb. 9th! I hear from several of you who have signed up for THE BIG EVENT and are looking forward to February 14th just a week from this Saturday! We hope to have a large group at Woods Church (7 miles to the East) for the annual Presbytery Learning Day – Diana Butler Bass "Christianity For The Rest of Us" and Graham Standish, "Becoming A Blessed Church" are the morning speakers – can't get any better than that!

Stay well, Stay warm, Stay connected!

Blessings,



Dear Friends,

I am thrilled to be the new Director of Music at Ark and Dove! I have some exciting things planned for the upcoming months. Children's Choir will officially begin on Thursday, February 12th! Children ages 4-6 will meet at 5:30 and Children ages 7 and up will meet at 6:15 in the sanctuary. The adult choir rehearses from 7-8:45 on Thursdays in the sanctuary and all are welcome! I'm looking forward to a fun and exciting year of making beautiful music together!

- Rebecca Bell

Hello Ark and Dove,

The Contemporary Band is enjoying the company of new and returning faces. I am pleased to announce that Aimee Shafer has joined the band for the first time, and Zach Hansen has rejoined. Now I can safely say that I am not the newest member of the band! We are all enjoying sharing our music with the congregation every Sunday, as well as the fellowship of each other on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. If you feel like this is a calling for you, please consider this as an open invitation to come and join us whenever you wish. We would love to have you praise through song!

The Youth band is also enjoying our rehearsals on Sunday afternoons at 12:15 to 1:15, getting ready for our next chance to worship with the congregation on March 8th.

As I go off this month to make my bid to stay at Peabody, I will be visiting San Francisco Conservatory, the Juilliard School of Music, Yale University, and Eastman Conservatory. Please keep me in your prayers during this time of travel.

- Mark Edwards

Ark and Dove Calendar

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- February 8 *Communion will be served*
Worship 9:30am
Contemporary Worship 11:00am
 Adult Study 11am
 Youth Band practice 12:15pm
 Science and Theology 12:15pm
 Venture Crew 119 7pm
 AA meeting 7:30pm
- February 9
 Sense-able Prayer 7pm
- February 10
 Band Practice 7pm
 Mark Study Group 7pm
- February 11
 Logos 5pm
 Session 7pm
 Taize Equipping Class 7:15pm
- February 12
 Children's Choirs 5:30 and 6:15pm
 Adult Choir 7pm
 Wealthy Barber class 7pm
 Boy Scout Troop 119 7pm
- February 13
 Brownie Troop 2310 7pm
- February 14
 The Big Event at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park
- February 15
Worship 9:30am
Contemporary Worship 11:00am
 Adult Study 11am
 Youth Band practice 12:15pm
 Science and Theology 12:15pm
 Venture Crew 119 7pm
 AA meeting 7:30pm

Looking Ahead - Ash Wednesday Worship, February 25th at 7:30 pm

See the entire church calendar on our website:
 Contact the church office if you would like to have an event placed on the calendar.

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