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The Newsletter of  
Ark and Dove  
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## From the Pastor...

Dear Friends and Members of Ark and Dove,

We who call ourselves Ark and Dove covenant to minister together in the name of Christ by living the Six Marks of Discipleship. The Six Marks are a way of life and a pattern for living. The Six Marks are a path for helping us to stay fresh in the faith. When a group of church members, a group of church leaders and/or a congregation commit themselves to the Six Marks of Discipleship, it will make a difference in people's individual lives and in the life of the congregation.

**The Six Marks of Discipleship Are;**  
**Daily Prayer, Reflections, Devotions,**  
**Daily Bible Reading**  
**Regular Worship**  
**Commitment to Spiritual Growth**  
**Generous Stewardship**  
**Acts of Mission Mercy and Justice**

February 25, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of the church season of Lent. Lent is a time for each of us to reflect upon the Six Marks of Discipleship and how well we are doing with our commitment to our faith. Lent is often a time when we get honest with ourselves. Lent is forty days long (not counting Sundays) as corresponds to the length of time Jesus spent praying and fasting in the wilderness.

If an honest assessment of your faith life leads you to perhaps some fresh commitments, you may want to consider joining a Lenten discussion group on the book *The Shack*. We have groups available on every day of the week. Maybe extra worship is in order or time for reflection and you will decide to attend Taize worship on Wednesday evenings in Lent. Haven't had time to think about this? Perhaps our Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 is the place to begin.

Walking in Faith, Growing in Grace projects continue. Thank you to Mike Davie from our facilities team who oversaw the installation of the accordion door in the Marshall Room in the new education wing of our building. We now have a dividable classroom. This really multiplies our options and flexibility. We appreciate your support of Walking in Faith Growing in Grace.

We had a special congregational meeting on Sunday. Rob Yeager was elected to the office of elder and will be the new chair of the facilities ministry. Emily Burnett was elected as the youth member of the Associate Pastor Nominating Team. Linnie Girdner, Christy Yeager and Marilyn Speir were elected to the Nominating Team. I am grateful that they have answered the call to serve.

Lent is a time for introspection and reflection. Some people add spiritual routines to their lives, yet others begin commitments to fasting and dieting. That is one reason for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; kind of a last blow out before the fast. Our pancake supper will be 5:30 to 7:00 on Tuesday, February 24. Ron Hansen and Louise Sharrocks Hansen will be our hosts but could use some help. Dinner is free, but you need to sign up so they know how many cakes to flip.

In Christ,



## Mission Ministry

### **Dinner at Nichols-Bethel for the Homeless**

Nichols-Bethel United Methodist Church in Odenton serves as one of the hosts for a homeless shelter for men and women in West Anne Arundel County. Nichols-Bethel is one of our fellow Christian Assistance Program (CAP) churches, and each year Ark and Dove makes and serves dinner there one night during their week. This year we will be partnering with Nichols-Bethel on **Tuesday, March 3rd. We will provide an Italian dinner.** We will need people to cook, serve, make Italian casseroles, bread, salads, drinks and desserts. We also will need to provide the makings of sandwiches and people to pack the lunches for the next day. We encourage our youth to participate in this mission project. There is a sign up sheet in the Lobby. For more information, please contact Dot Forloines at 410-859-0749; [forloinesdf@yahoo.com](mailto:forloinesdf@yahoo.com); or Greg Makar at 301-483-8255; [GLMakar@juno.com](mailto:GLMakar@juno.com).

*Serve Christ by Serving Others*

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**Book Collection** - Ark and Dove will be collecting new and gently used books for children and youth for the Hau Kola youth summer camps in South Dakota through March. See the box in the church lobby for more info. The books may be the only ones these children own. Lets send them some great ones!

## *Catching up to Walking in Faith... Growing in Grace*

The winter months cause many of us to fall from our pace, slow our routine, and seek moments in warmth and sunshine. As the end of January arrives, we look forward to a February thaw and the ambitious amongst us begin the dreaded task of completing tax returns. Few people ever pick this as their favorite time of year...I'd like to challenge us though to look at things through a different lens – looking inside as opposed to out – to refocus on what is truly important to us.

The warmth we can find through this introspection is in our hearts, in each other and in the gifts that we can share with our community, both within and outside of Ark & Dove. As the economy continues to struggle along, more and more people are finding it difficult to make ends meet. We are fortunate that we have a supportive “family” to turn to, a place for worship, prayer and praise, and the belief through Jesus Christ that we are never alone in any struggle.

We also have a vision for a better tomorrow. Part of our vision is the sacrificial goal we established as part of our Walking in Faith, Growing in Grace capital campaign. This goal, if fulfilled, will help us to fully support the construction of one Habitat for Humanity home. Home ownership is truly life altering – a dream come true... We haven't reached our goal yet but we still can! It's great to be on this walk and we'd like everyone to join in. Please watch upcoming news for more on how we can continue to work together to make this dream a reality.

Together we have made significant steps towards building a welcoming community, enhancing ministry opportunities, becoming more fiscally responsible including paying our mortgage and improving our site and facility. As we each begin pulling together paperwork for tax reporting and waiting for warmer days, please prayerfully consider the status of your pledge or joining in – it's never too late. There is plenty of room on our path for newcomers and we all need encouragement to continue our walk in faith and growth in grace. Feel free to reach out to Julia Kirby ([jukirby@deloitte.com](mailto:jukirby@deloitte.com)) or Bill Champagne ([wkchamp@verizon.net](mailto:wkchamp@verizon.net)) with any questions.

## Presbytery News

### Planned Giving Seminar

Saturday, March 7, 2009 from 10 AM - Noon at the Presbytery of Baltimore, a Planned Giving Seminar will be conducted by Karl Mattison of the Presbyterian Foundation. Karl will be discussing the importance of Estate Planning and many of the various financial aspects and techniques used in putting a good Planned Giving program in place.

The benefits of a Planned Giving program to your church can be realized now or at a later time in the form of wills, trusts, life insurance, retirement accounts, real estate, annuities - just to name some of the tools a member can use. This session is for both ministers and members and refreshments will be served. We will have materials and hand-outs available outlining a well-defined Planned Giving program.

Members of your church that are interested should contact Bob Turberville at 410-433-2012, ext. 104 or email at [RTurberville@BaltimorePresbytery.org](mailto:RTurberville@BaltimorePresbytery.org).

Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Kirsten Elizabeth Seidler and her parents as they test for heart problems; Alex, a friend who was beaten and is in a coma; Claire Henderson who is being deployed to Iraq; Carey Cowell, recovering from wrist surgery and the Community United Methodist Church in Pasadena and First Presbyterian Church in Annapolis who will be hosting the Winter relief Homeless Shelter this week.

## Interim Interludes

Having grown up in Lincoln Land, in Springfield, IL., my family hosted many visitors who toured New Salem, the log cabin village where the young Abraham Lincoln lived and worked, Lincoln's Tomb and home. This year's 200 anniversary of his birth was a special celebration. Ten years ago, Wesley and I "laid" a wreath on Lincoln's birthday at the Lincoln Memorial. At that time Wesley was I. Pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in D.C., the Lincoln Church, which still preserves the Lincoln pew. Every once in a while on a visit to Wesley, I would go into the sanctuary and sit alone in the pew for a few minutes while I closed my eyes and just imagined what went through the President's mind as he was worshipping. I also enjoyed doing the same thing in the sanctuary of the Presbyterian Church in Springfield, IL. The following is from [Mrlincolnwhitehouse.org](http://Mrlincolnwhitehouse.org) under the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church article. The church still displays an original draft of the Emancipation Proclamation.

"The Lincolns did have their own family pew which they reserved on June 1, 1861, paying \$50 a year in rent for a pew eight rows from the front. The pews provided little room for the President's long legs. Mr. Lincoln exercised his presidential privilege to stand during services when he so desired (while others were seated) -- particularly during prayers. In order to assure his privacy when he attended Wednesday night prayer services on the lower level, President Lincoln usually stayed in the pastor's study where he could listen but not be heard."

The story is told that everyone knew when the President was in Rev. Dr. Phineas D. Gurley's study, as his long legs could be seen stretched out across the doorway. One of the exceptional parts of living near Washington D.C. is that we can visit our government's historic sights! I discovered last week that Shelley Franklin had a very positive experience on her visit to our State Government Offices in Annapolis during "Presbyterian Day". I asked her to share her experiences with us.

### **PRESBYTERIANS IN ANNAPOLIS DAY**

The Presbytery encourages us to be advocates. It helps us be advocates, too. On February 9<sup>th</sup> about a dozen Presbyterians from around Central Maryland met in Annapolis to learn how to be effective advocates and more about the legislative process. Julie Erickson, the Director of Public Policy for the Presbytery of Baltimore, gave a tour of the State House and Senate and House office buildings. She explained what issues the Presbytery was lobbying for, and how she could help Presbyterians wishing to give testimony on a bill. Then the Reverend Bill Hathaway, from First Annapolis P.C., addressed the group about how to be effective advocates. Next Mr. Brandon McLeod, the director of Maryland Budget and Tax Policy Institute, described the State budget picture and how the proposed federal stimulus package would affect Maryland. Some of the group met with their delegates and senators as arranged by Ms. Erickson. The night ended with observing the House of Delegates in session.

### **The Big Event**

Seventeen of us from Ark and Dove met and heard our morning outstanding key-note speakers, Diana Butler Bass and Graham Standish. The group ate lunch together and had much to talk about. After the workshops following lunch, the day closed with a question and answer time and worship.

### **Children's Choir**

How exciting it was for Pastor Tim and me to peek in on the first meeting of the children's choirs. There were 10 in the youngest group ages 4-6 which meets on Thursdays at 5:30 and 5 in the group of 7 year olds and up, which meets at 6:15.

### **FIVE LENTEN TAIZE SERVICES BEGIN**

**WED. MARCH 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:45-8:15 pm.**

**Invite your friends for a time of quiet inspiration, scripture, and sung prayer in the candlelight of our sanctuary. Flyers available to hand-out on the lobby table.**

### **A NEW DAY TIME SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN ADDED TO DISCUSS "THE SHACK"**

After a request, we are adding a day-time group. There is a sign-up sheet on the lobby table. We need to know your day of preference - 1:00 - 2:30 pm on either Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays beginning the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> for 5 weeks. PLEASE email Pastor Corinne at [bakercorinne@aol.com](mailto:bakercorinne@aol.com) or phone 410-544-6772 for questions or to sign-up for any group or to suggest a different day/time.

Groups meet at 7:00 - 8:30 pm on Mon., Tues., Thurs. (full) and 5:30 - 7:30 pm with lite dinner on Wed., Four Sat. 9:00- 10:30 beginning Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, Sundays during both worship services and 5:30 - 7:30 with a lite dinner beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. **Books On Sale for \$9.00**

**Pastor Tim's Sermons will relate to the book's major themes.  
READ THE FIRST FOUR (4) CHAPTERS BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS - (P.1-66)**

# Ark and Dove Calendar

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- February 18 Logos 5pm, Elder/Deacon Training 7pm
- February 19 Children's Choirs 5:30 and 6:15pm, Adult Choir 7pm, Boy Scout Troop 119 7pm, Wealthy Barber 7pm
- February 20,21 Associate Pastor Nominating Team and Session retreat at Bon Secours Spiritual Center
- February 22 **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 24 **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30pm**  
 Band Practice 7pm  
 Mark Study Group 7pm
- February 25 Logos 5pm  
**Ash Wednesday Worship 7:30pm**
- February 26 Children's Choirs 5:30 and 6:15pm  
 Adult Choir 7pm  
 Boy Scout Troop 119 7pm
- February 28 Brownie Troop 2310 5pm - Special event
- March 1 *Communion will be served*  
**Worship** 9:30am  
**Contemporary Worship** 11:00am  
 Adult Study 11am  
 Youth Band practice after meeting  
 Science and Theology after meeting  
 Venture Crew 119 7pm  
 AA meeting 7:30pm

*Looking Ahead - Taize Worship Wed March 4th at 7:45pm  
 March 21st — Deep Shift Seminar here at Ark and Dove*

See the entire church calendar on our website:

**Pancake Supper  
 Feb 24th  
 5:30pm**

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