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THE Arkive

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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Our younger children did a wonderful job on Sunday of leading worship at the 9:30 service. There were so many kids and such a sea of movement while they sang their song "Clap Hands" I never really counted; but it was somewhere between 15 and 20. That's not to say they were not organized and disciplined. They were terrific. Our Director of Music Rebecca Bell leads two children's choirs on Thursday evenings at the church. They are all off to a great start. Hats off to Rebecca and our Kids for great worship leadership!

Thank you also to our Youth/Adult teams and Pastor Corinne who are planning and leading out Taize services. As Spencer Keyes our elder Chair of Worship Ministry said in worship on Sunday: the services have been very meaningful, a place to be still and know God.

Every year during Holy Week, Ark and Dove members express their generosity by supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Through one Great Hour of Sharing we support the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Relief and a program called the Self Development of People. This year the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church USA is the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow. He has written the following about One Great Hour of Sharing and I thought I ought to share it with you.

"I'm writing to thank you for all your past efforts on behalf of One Great Hour of Sharing. Thanks to the commitment of pastors [and congregations] like you, nearly 90 percent of all Presbyterian congregations will participate this year. As we celebrate the offering's 60th anniversary, I'm writing to invite your congregation to take a serious look at what many of the world's poorest people will be facing over the next year and to reflect on whether your members are called to reconsider their level of commitment in response to these needs. This year's offering theme, *Where Is Your Treasure?*, comes from Jesus' reminder in Matthew 6 that what we treasure is where we center our hearts.

His warning not to place our faith in earthly treasure, so vulnerable to rust and thievery, seems especially appropriate as we've watched the failure of the financial institutions in which millions placed their trust. Their collapse affects almost all of us in some way, but our poorest sisters and brothers most of all. Those whose lives have always been difficult now find them increasingly precarious; their need, always eloquent, calls out to us with new urgency

Sixty years ago, moved by the world's suffering after World War II, a group of our nation's faith leaders gathered to seek a common response. One Saturday they broadcast an appeal inviting Americans to give generously the next morning in their houses of worship to help heal some of the world's most grievous wounds.

These times, like those, call for a renewed commitment. To help meet both the increased physical needs of the world's poorest people and our own spiritual need to refocus on our real treasure, we are inviting congregations and individuals to consider **doubling their past gifts**.Your increased gifts could mean another girl can go to school rather than walking four miles a day carrying water, a family finally has enough food during the months before harvest to eat two meals a day, a single mother can start a business to support her three children.

It's not only for the good of our brothers and sisters that we should reconsider our commitment. The message Jesus preached throughout his life was paradoxical, that love and humility are finally both more powerful and more enriching than any of the world's forms of power and riches. Through generosity in sharing God's love and blessing — through giving them away — we remain alive to their power, while the assumption that we are intended to keep them for ourselves leads to an insatiable hunger for more and an alienation from our brothers and sisters.....

May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and your congregation,"

In Christ,



**One Great Hour
of Sharing
Special Offering
a
Holy Week 2009
April 5 -12**

Band Banter

March 8 marked the second Youth Band Sunday of 2008, and the band continues to grow in size and in spirit. Every week learning new songs and singing old classics has been a fun way to spend Sunday afternoon. Our next Youth Band Sunday is April 19, when we will celebrate the second week of Easter in song!

In my life, I have just finished my audition season, which included trips to San Francisco (San Francisco Conservatory), Rochester (Eastman School of Music), New Haven (Yale University), and here in Baltimore (Peabody). Tim can rest a little easier, because even though the Yale audition went just fine, the signs for me to stay in Baltimore seem very good. As long as everything goes to plan, I will be writing more "Band Banters" this time next year, and the year after that, and so on.

God Bless,

Mark

Dear Friends,



Many wonderful things have been happening with the music at Ark and Dove. This past Sunday, we had our Children's Choirs sing the Introit at the 9:30 service, to which we had 18 children present! They are doing a tremendous job and are loving the choir almost as much as I am. They are learning to match rhythm, pitch, make their own instruments, and sing new songs each week. The Children's Choir (ages 7 and up) will also sing on Palm Sunday, and on Sunday, March 29th, you will hear a solo from one of our Children's Choir members.

The Adult Choir is preparing for the Easter Service, in which they will be performing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. We are inviting anyone who wishes to sing with us, and ask that you please come to two Thursday evening rehearsals on March 26th and April 2nd at 7:00. As an ongoing announcement, the choir is always welcoming new choir members. If you have ever been curious about being part of a choir, but are afraid of the time commitment, this is the perfect opportunity to try it out! Ark and Dove Adult Choir is now presenting "Choir for the Curious"! Come join the choir for a Thursday evening rehearsal at 7:00pm and sing with the choir during the following 9:30am Sunday service. Come try it out- end your curiosity! Thank you for being so welcoming to me- I look forward to continuing to meet many of you whom I have not yet met, and to continuing to make beautiful music together.

- Rebecca

Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Amy Regel; Naomi Mayo; a neighbor of the Beaudry family, recovering from a stroke; St. Christopher's Episcopal and Glen Burnie United Methodist Church will host the Winter Relief Homeless Shelter this week.

The love and sympathy of the congregation goes out to Ericka Kreyenbuhl and her family on the death of her Stepmother, Joanna Kreyenbuhl.

Christian Education Ministry

Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction Fund Raiser



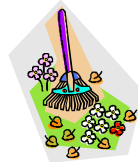
On Saturday, March 28th, the Senior High Youth are presenting a Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction as a fundraiser for the LOGOS Conference and the Mission Trip. Tickets are \$5 for kids 12 and under, and \$10 for adults (2 and under free). Tickets will be on sale on Sunday after each service. There will be two seatings, at 5:30 and 7:00. The Silent Auction will start on Sunday the 22nd and continue the night of the Spaghetti Dinner and finish on Sunday the 29th. Hope to see you there!

Silent Auction Items include: hand made jewelry, gift certificates to local businesses, and various services offered by the youth. For more information, see Katie Foster or Caitlyn Bussey

Facilities Ministry

Spring is near and soon everything will be getting a bit greener. During this time of nature's growth, I am interested in exploring how Ark and Dove can also be "greener". As a congregation we have all expressed a desire to practice environmental stewardship. Let's figure out together how we can put that into action within our own facility. I am looking for suggestions and ideas on how Ark and Dove can be a "greener" facility. We have created a form on the facilities page of our website (<http://www.arkanddove.org/cms/index.php?page=Facilities>) where you

can send us your ideas. I cannot guarantee that every idea will be able to be implemented, but I can guarantee that every idea will be prayerfully considered and explored. I hope that you will consider sharing your ideas, no matter how great or small with the facilities teams. Also, we look forward to seeing you at the Church Cleanup Day on April 25th!!!



Discipleship Ministry

Fellowship Folks to Meet for Coffee and Dessert

Have you worked on fellowship events at Ark and Dove in the past--the picnic, craft fair, pot luck dinners? Would you like to help brainstorm and plan our fellowship events for the year? Louise Sharrocks and the Fellowship Events team is hosting a coffee and dessert at the home of Donna Anderson (486 St. Barbara Lane, Gambrills) on Sunday, March 22 from 6:30-8 pm. Come and have fun and share your ideas for fellowship for Ark and Dove. Please rsvp to Louise or Donna so we can have enough goodies for everyone.

Mission Ministry

Daffodils Arrive Sunday, March 22nd

Thanks again to everyone at Ark and Dove who donated a total of \$975.00 for daffodils to support the American Cancer Society. Our daffodils will be arriving this weekend in time for Sunday's worship service. Please plan to take your daffodils home after the 2nd service. Enough was donated to plant 57 bulbs around the church grounds at the upcoming spring cleanup. Thanks again to everyone who participated!

If you have question, please contact Brooks Emrick, Frances Keyes or Paula Gomes

INTERIM INTERLUDES

THE SHACK

It is so gratifying to hear many of you talking about your small group experiences as you discuss "The Shack". Thank you to all of our leaders and to you who are participating in bringing our community together in good discussion and fellowship.

Pastor Tim keeps our minds and hearts busy reflecting on his sermons. I'm enjoying reading them on the webpage at www.arkanddove.org. If you want to get a broad sense of how important this book is to so many people, do a Google Search on "The Shack". I enjoy reading the many different perspectives of readers who identify and differ with Mac's experiences.

THIS SATURDAY - DEEP SHIFT- A Special Opportunity

I want to add my personal 2 cents about "Deep Shift" because it is one of the top experiences that I have had at Ark and Dove. Working with Denise Van Eck and Linnea Nilsen Capshaw over the last three - four years has brought joy, inspiration, focus and spiritual growth into my life and into the ministry of Ark and Dove. We continue to partner with other Baltimore Congregations exploring with Denise and Linnea how to minister more effectively in our neighborhoods and beyond through "Deep Shift". THIS SATURDAY, is the FIRST TIME that Ark and Dove will host representatives from @ 10-12 congregations from 9:00 to 3:00pm at a DEEP SHIFT Day of Learning.

We asked to host so that more of *You* would be *able to attend* without traveling. You will be glad you came - what you will learn will be valuable to you on so many levels. All you need to do is to sign-up or tell the Office that You Are Coming For Lunch. Come in the morning and if you can't stay all day, you will still have a rewarding experience!

CHILDREN'S PALM SUNDAY PARADE

Sunday, April 5th, is Palm Sunday. If your child (pre K and above) would like to participate in the Children's Palm Parade at the beginning of each service, please bring them to the first and second grade room 10 minutes before each service to meet with Beth Foster.

"Kairos" "The Life of Christ in Movement and Masks"

Woods PCUSA in Severna Park, Sun. March 29th, 7:00 pm. See Pastor Corinne for \$5.00 tickets-youth & adults.

Taize Lenten Services of Sung & Silent

Prayer, Scripture, and Silence

7:45-8:15

"God's Promises"

Many of you have commented about how lovely, soothing, peaceful and inspirational this year's Taize Services are in our enlarged Sanctuary. Thanks to all of you for enabling our Sanctuary to be built - it is a beautiful sight in candlelight!

The leaders for the Wednesday Night March 18th Service on the theme, "Follow Me" are: Dawn Gordon, Mary Martin, Julie Houck, Katie Olivero, Breinny Mosella, Debbi Cowell, Jeff Hulett, and music Lauren Ivanac and Pastor Corinne.

March 25th, "God's Love" leaders are: Joe and Tricia Gray, Samantha Lauer, Breinny Mosella, Debbi Cowell, Jeff Hulett, and music, Lauren Ivanac and Pastor Corinne.

The April 1st leaders are Adell Gaurin, Zack Brecheen, Sue Williams, Madeline Beaudry, Breinny Mosella, Debbie Cowell, Jeff Hulett and music, Becca Debus and Pastor Corinne. Invite a neighbor to share this meaningful experience.

I'm so proud of our youth and how they worked together to raise almost \$1200. for Sarah's House around Souper Bowl Sunday. This summer the youth are doing more to grow in their faith and reach out to our sisters and brothers. They will be going to many different places to share experiences, to work together to build houses, to meet new friends at the LaKota Sioux reservation in North Dakota, to participate in the annual LOGOS Conference, plus still more experiences!

SUPPORT THE YOUTH

SPAGHETTI DINNER

SILENT AUCTION FUND RAISER

Tickets are available before and after worship services. There will be two seatings at 5:30 and 7:00 pm at this yummy dinner on Saturday evening, March 28th!

Living in a time when the world is anxious and fearful, we can choose to serve with joy and anticipation trusting in the promises of God who gives us strength to see beyond sorrow and tragedy the seeds of God's purposes and power for life!"

- John Indermark

SOM SOM SOM



What in the world is SOM? What does it have to do with music?



SOM stands for "School of Music", as in **Ark and Dove School of Music**. While we may bear the name of the church, we are a separate tax exempt organization (donations are tax deductible). The SOM dreams of becoming the best quality musical center for area residents offering opportunities to study and experience all types of music.

The SOM is a **mission** of our church—has been **since 2002**. Did you even know we exist? We give lessons here, hold events and concerts at the church and elsewhere involving all ages and local cultures. Our mission has several goals. We seek to:

- **BUILD A COMMUNITY** of teachers, students, and area residents and business to increase the musical literacy within the its community;
- **PROVIDE AFFORDABLE LESSONS** through subsidies to appropriate children of regardless of ability to pay; and
- **PROVIDE CULTURAL EVENTS** for the broader community, creating a greater awareness, appreciation and understanding of the rich and diverse musical forms and traditions of the world.



How do we plan to accomplish all this? Curious? **WATCH THIS SPACE** to learn more!

New Member's / Inquirer's Class Saturday May 16th 8:30am to 12:30pm

Breakfast and Childcare will be provided. Look for a sign up sheet in the church lobby.

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with
OpenHearts
and
OpenMinds*

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