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*The Newsletter of  
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## From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Holy Week is eight days long. Huh? A week has only seven days and we start on Sunday's right? Well... Yes... correct but Easter is the eighth day of creation. All things are made new. That's why some baptismal fonts have eight sides. The Easter resurrection concludes what we begin on Palm/Passion Sunday. So Holy week begins with a Sunday and ends with a Sunday.

This is how it went for Jesus:

On Palm Sunday he entered Jerusalem to the shouts of Hosanna's (save us). We will celebrate Palm/Passion Sunday this Sunday, April 5. He spent the night nearby in the town of Bethany.

On Monday he came back into Jerusalem and overturned the tables of the money changers in the temple court yard. "And when evening came Jesus and the disciples went out of the city."

On Tuesday he taught at the Temple and debated with certain Pharisees and Sadducees. Many parables were shared.

On Wednesday certain religious leaders plot to kill Jesus and according to Mark, his feet are drenched in perfume – he is anointed for death.

On Thursday Jesus celebrates Passover, the Last Supper with his disciples. He mandates that they love one another. (Mandate Thursday) and prays for strength and is then arrested. We will celebrate The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday evening, April 9 at 7:30 PM

On Friday Jesus is tortured and crucified and placed in the Tomb. We will remember this dark time in Jesus life through a service of gradual darkening called Tennebrae at 7:30 PM.

On Saturday the Disciples and Jesus' followers grieved as Jesus lay in the tomb.

On Sunday – The resurrection! Easter Sunday services April 12 at 9:30 and 11:00

Attending worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday gives deeper meaning to the celebration of Easter. I hope you will set aside time in your Holy Week to come to worship and to read the concluding chapters of one or two of the Gospels. Holy Week is an important time to cultivate a quiet presence and listen for the voice and love of God in scripture and in our lives. Easter teaches us that God can transform deep darkness into bright new light and life.

This year on the Sunday after Easter, we will again be celebrating Joy and Laughter Sunday. We laugh because of the resurrection. Some Orthodox traditions tell jokes on the Sunday after Easter because they say the resurrection was a joke on Evil. We too share church and religion jokes. We have been doing this for about 8 years now and it gets increasing harder to find new material. Pastor Corinne and I would love to get your church and religion jokes by e-mail. If your contribution does not make it into the service; it may be because we already used it. Also, ahem, we do have certain standards for worship. Send us the joke no matter what; just be aware it may not make the cut.

Please remember to support One Great Hour of Sharing and please look for first quarter giving statements in the Lobby. As a church we have fallen behind early on our giving and we need some catch up.

In Christ



**Prayer Concerns** Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Carol Sheets, Amy Benson's mother, who is hospitalized with heart problems; Mark, a friend of Rob Yeager, who is recovering from surgery; Jack Fales, Dot Forloines brother, who is having a lung biopsy; Dylan Fills Pipe who is mourning the loss of a friend; a family in crisis; John and Katie Olivero whose father is being deployed this week; Corey Fleming, Gail Huff's grandson, who is having a cardiac catheterization this week and Magothy United Methodist Church and John Wesley United Methodist Church who are hosting the Winter Relief Homeless Shelter this week.

The love and sympathy of the congregation goes out to Marilyn Speir and her family on the death of her mother, Ella Hopkins, and to Julia Kirby and her family on the death of her uncle, Wendall Blair.

## INTERIM INTERLUDES



### April 26<sup>th</sup> is Earth Day Sunday

You are invited to share a few sentences about what you or your family have done to care for God's creation over the last year by emailing Jean Powers, A&D administrator, at [admin@arkanddove.org](mailto:admin@arkanddove.org) or by filling out a note card and placing it in the EARTH DAY envelope on the lobby table. The ideas shared will be listed in the bulletin on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Perhaps you or your family have changed your behavior in a particular area that will help the environment, or you are planning to begin growing a garden this year, or you have gathered information on an environmental issue or gone on a field trip. By sharing even little life-style changes, we encourage one another to make a difference!

**YOUTH, ADULTS, YOU ARE INVITED to Display "CARING FOR THE CREATION" information on April 26<sup>th</sup>, Earth Day Sunday.**

You have seen displays for Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee, Composting – what are you passionate about that you can share with A&D that will help us care for Planet Earth? You are all very creative –I help us care for this earth! Please contact Pastor Corinne, [BakerCorinne@aol.com](mailto:BakerCorinne@aol.com), about setting up your information with others on the lobby tables.

### A Gentle Reminder:

If you have not yet paid for your "SHACK" or other class-book, please put your check or money envelope in Pastor Corinne's mailbox in the copy room. Thank you.

### Lost

One of the white topped 2'x3' adjustable tables with dark legs used in Taize has been missing for several months. If you think you know where it is, or if you borrowed it, please see Breinny Mosella, [breinny@verizon.net](mailto:breinny@verizon.net), the Taize Team Leader, or Pastor Corinne.

### Palm Sunday Parade

Pre K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are asked to come to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade room, to your right as you enter the church walking toward the Sanctuary, at least five minutes before either the 9:30 or 11:00 am worship service to prepare for the parade.



Blessings,

*Corinne*

## Christian Education Ministry

### VBS – Camp E.D.G.E.:

Join us Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2pm for a presentation of this year's VBS program. Learn what E.D.G.E. stands for, what volunteer opportunities are available, and enjoy a light lunch. For more information contact Wendy Wellington ([clifford.wellington@verizon.net](mailto:clifford.wellington@verizon.net)), 410-923-3814.

### Deacons

The Deacons want to be sure to include all of the college students in our ministry, so we're looking for some help from you! If you have a student in college (whether living at home or living away) please let us know. We would like the following information so that we can let them know that our congregation is thinking of & praying for them:

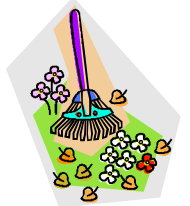
*Your student's name*                      *His/Her email address*  
*His/Her college address*              *His/Her phone number*

*Any special treats they love*

Please email ([kellyb327@aol.com](mailto:kellyb327@aol.com)) or call (410-544-5779) Kelly Burnett with this information at your earliest convenience.

## 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



Save the Date!

# 2009 Discipleship Retreat

Friday, May 8 at 6 pm through Saturday, May 9 at 4 pm.  
Location TBA. More details to follow.



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

## School of Music



How does the Ark and Dove School of Music, generally call the SOM, accomplish its mission to:

- BUILD A COMMUNITY;
- PROVIDE AFFORDABLE LESSONS; and
- PROVIDE CULTURAL EVENTS?

Building a community is accomplished through activities for the church and community through small groups, developing partnerships with local public service, interacting with other arts organizations in the community, and publicizing all these aspects. We also encourage the participation of our students and instructors in community events and activities.

We provide affordable lessons through the commitment of all of our instructors to accept less compensation for 1 out of 8 lessons. We offer these low cost lessons to talented students who are identified by the schools or other social service organizations. We may further subsidize these lessons as needed. However, all students are required to make whatever contribution they can afford.

We provide cultural events at the church and local community centers to create greater awareness, appreciation, and understanding of various musical forms. In the past we have provided rock and jazz events, as well as drum circle, master classes and student recitals.

So what about these opportunities floats your boat? Maybe you have a skill or talent to share. Look for opportunities in the next Arkive!

### 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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# Walking in Faith...Growing in Grace

## Completing the Puzzle...

Hello again from the Walking in Faith, Growing in Grace Campaign team. When we began this capital campaign, we had multiple objectives, with the priority of keeping up with our mortgage, improving our worship, education and lobby spaces and expanding our mission commitments. **The good news is** that we have met our first objective but we still have a longer path to follow. I'd like us to start thinking about our campaign as a giant puzzle we are completing together as a church family. Our vision (the finished picture) was the starting point but until we've got all the pieces filled in, we need to stick to the path...and keep walking.

During Lent, we tend to refocus, reflect and commit deeply to something for 40 days. We all choose what that commitment is and how to effectively explore our relationships during this time. Focusing on relationships and community through Tim's messages and *The Shack* have caused me to search for the missing pieces of my puzzle...how does the capital campaign fit in? Is it part of my relationship with God? With my church family? With my community? I believe that it is (or at least should be). Whether I pick up my pen and checkbook or a hammer and give of my time, there is no relationship to anyone without some level of commitment.

We set a goal to build a house – an entire HOUSE – through Habitat for Humanity, but we haven't quite made it. That has become the image of where we need to go. We are seeking various ways to achieve this goal but one way is to gain new individual or family commitments to our Walking in Faith, Growing in Grace Campaign. Just because the building on our church home is mostly complete does not mean that the building of our dreams and our mission work are complete. We need to pick up the rest of our puzzle pieces and finish our work. There are more worthy families in need of Habitat homes than there are homes (especially in today's economy)...and we can help to change that for at least one family.



Sometimes the easiest path is the one of least resistance but oftentimes the most rewarding path is the one that takes a little more effort, sustained effort in most cases. The Walking in Faith, Growing in Grace team is here to help lead, encourage, cheer on and challenge us to fill in the missing pieces, to complete the puzzle, to strive for the top, to keep up a sustained effort. To celebrate the tremendous commitments shown to date and to further explore how we already are impacting our community, we plan to hold a celebration event on the evening of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, almost exactly one year to the day from our first Walking in Faith, Growing in Grace celebration dinner. Plan to join us to celebrate. Watch for more information soon regarding our exciting event...

Have you placed your piece in the puzzle? There is still time! Contact Julia Kirby at 301-529-4099 or [jukirby@deloitte.com](mailto:jukirby@deloitte.com) with any questions.

- Julia Kirby

## Stewardship Team

### Good news in these tough economic times

Ark and Dove will receive a check in the amount of \$1,311.61 from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (also known as PILP). If your 401K is anything like mine, I'm afraid to open my statement. At this rate I will have to work until I am 100 years old. Maybe my broker will just close my account when it gets to zero.

There is a bright spot. The reason we will receive the check mentioned above is that some Ark and Dove members have invested with PILP. We have invested in "notes" which are similar to bank certificates of deposit or CD's. These notes belong to the investor, but are linked to Ark and Dove and the Get The Point Rebate Program. Here's how it works:

Churches that borrow money from PILP can earn rebates on the interest paid on the loan based on the amount of money invested in support of the loan. The more investors we have, the larger the loan interest rebate for the church. The money we invest in PILP is used to help other Presbyterian churches build, expand and reshape their future.

Please consider PILP as part of your investment portfolio. It is not invested in the stock market and you will see your initial deposit grow! It's very easy to get started and you can invest as little as \$500 for just 6 months or a long as 60 months. Please contact me at [KarJD@aol.com](mailto:KarJD@aol.com) for more information and current interest rates. You can also contact Catherine Lynch with PILP at 1-866-261-3530 or [Catherine.lynch@pcusa.org](mailto:Catherine.lynch@pcusa.org). You can also visit the Presbyterian web site at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

- Karen Dodson, Stewardship Chairperson