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*The Newsletter of
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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Thank you to the members of the facilities team and all the volunteers who participated in the church clean up day of last Saturday. The church grounds look very much spruced up and we appreciate your hard work.

I was away this last weekend visiting my aunt and uncle in South Carolina. It was a long planned weekend to kind of say goodbye and thank you to them for their love and support of fifty years. They are quite frail, but enjoyed the visit deeply. Both of my sisters were able to visit and my cousins as well. Our two families shared many hours of love and celebration as my Aunt and Uncle raised three children the same age as the three children in my family (my parents' family) – and we lived only two miles apart from them on Long Island in the sixties and seventies. Life being what it is and many miles between us; it was an important time for our family.

I have marked my calendar for the rescheduled Walking in Faith... Growing in Grace Concert and Dessert on June 6. It will be a time of a celebration and fellowship. Walking in Faith...Growing in Grace is the name of our building fund efforts. Every three years we focus on how to make our building a better mission tool through a building fund campaign. This May 31st marks the completion of year one of this effort. We have fallen a little behind, but things look pretty good. I am still excited that a minimum of 10 percent of this effort is for mission. We are working towards funding a Home for Habitat For Humanity and we are supporting New Church Development in the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Perhaps you have noticed that our Mission Ministry is working hard on hosting the Winter Relief Homeless Shelter in our Church this coming fall. I hope that you will be able to attend one of their forums on homelessness. These forums will prepare us as a congregation to host our sisters and brothers in need and they will help us all to understand the issues around homelessness at a deeper level.

Senior High and College age youth are invited to attend our Youth Mission Trip to Salem County Habitat for Humanity in New Jersey from June 14 to June 20. We will be constructing homes in this rural county of New Jersey in partnership with low income families in need of decent housing. Please contact Bill Gaurin bnagaurin@verizon.net to reserve your spot.

In Christ,



INTERIM INTERLUDES

This is a great time to participate in one of our current adult Small Groups!

The Women of Faith Group meets every other Saturday. Contact KimChampagne@gmail.com.

“The Misunderstood Jew”

by Amy Jill Devine.

This N.T. professor examines how Christianity evolved from a Jewish sect to a gentle church. Jews and Christians should be close friends, since they share common roots and a basic ethical system. Levine encourages understanding that lifting Jesus from Judaism is not helpful to either group. She facilitates a good discussion of Jewish-Christian relations throughout the millennia.



Adult Discussion Group - Sundays at 11am

“Amazing Grace— How Forgiveness Transcends Tragedy”

The outside world was gravely taken aback by the Amish response of forgiveness when a gunman killed five Amish children and injured five. Come and be part of this remarkable story.

This is an intelligent, compassionate and hopeful book. The authors carefully distinguish between forgiveness, pardon and reconciliation.



Science and Theology Group—Sundays at 12:15pm

“Questions of Truth—Fifty One Responses to God, Science & Belief”

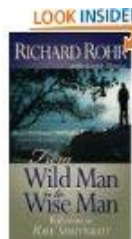
by John Polkinghorne

For many years people from across the world have sent the scientist-turned-priest John Polkinghorne questions about science and belief. In question-and-answer format, Polkinghorne and his collaborator Nicholas Beale offer their informed opinions about some of the most asked questions. The group meets at 12:15 following the 2nd service.

Sign-up in Lobby. Begins in mid-May. See Pepper Powers for more information. Book price is \$12.00



Men’s Group Study led by Pastor Tim, Tuesdays, Beginning May 5th at 7:00pm.



“Wild Man to Wise Man: Reflections on Male Spirituality” by Richard Rohr

“Perhaps my single greatest disappointment in most of the world’s religions in that they succeeded, against all odds, in making most people *afraid* of God! Do you realize how absurd and horrible that is?” So begins this discussion of God’s refusal to be defined in men’s terms. No matter what men do, “God is free, God is always the initiator, God is always good, always good.” “Men’s whose lives are based on performance, on exercise of control, are powerless before such wildness.” Rohr pursues the theme with examples from Scripture. Sign-up on lobby table. books \$11.

Earth Day Sunday

Thank you to all who shared ideas of how to help care for God’s Creation! This insert was in the bulletin on April 26 and is available on the lobby table AND online at ArkandDove.org! It is chock full of great ideas!

**Did you know that we have an Environmental page on our website?
AND a new Ark and Dove Green Blog?
Arkanddove.org**

Check it out! It is full of tips and more information! Besides Joe and Tricia Gray, Kathy Miller, Kim Champagne, Linnie Girdner, Kelly Stern, Pastor Tim and others, are actively involved in growing their own food, and caring for our planet. Starting your own garden for the first time? Questions? Contact any of them to learn what works for them!

The DVD that was shown in Sunday’s Earth Day Sermon is entitled: **“The Story of Stuff.org**. In 20 minutes it gives more information than most books do in hours! Download it and discuss with you kids.

The April issue of “PT” (Presbyterians Today) is full of stories of Presbyterians making a difference in the world. www.prcweb.org “Presbyterians For Restoring Creation” - also this month’s “Sojourners.org”

Let’s work together to “Care for Creation”

Love, Corinne

Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: the family of Jeremy Frey who was wounded in Iraq this week; Adell Camarena, Susan’s mother, who is in ill health and recovering from a fall; Peggy Liedy, Virgil’s mother, who is also in ill health; the family of Aurora, a neighbor who passed away at the age of 101 and for Mid Cummins, our friend and long time member who is near death.

Music! Music! Music!

The Children's Choir did a great job last week singing at both the 9:30 and the 11:00 services. They were very proud to show off their hand-made drums, and pictures will be posted on the web soon. They are learning their next song right now, in which they'll be singing for you in the coming months, and in a few weeks, you will get to hear the Older Children's Choir sing again at the 9:30 service. As always, the choir is hard at work preparing music for the upcoming weeks, and continue to make me smile every week.

My semester is coming to an end at the University of Maryland, where I will have completed my first year as a doctoral student. One down, two to go! Thank you as always for your continued support.

Rebecca

Mission Ministry

Sarah's House Hospitality Team

Join in our church's commitment to prepare and serve meals at Sarah's House, a transitional housing shelter near Fort Meade, every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Please consider contributing a food item or volunteering an hour and a half of your time (4:30-6:00pm) to serve on May 20th. Perhaps we'll have a late Cinco de Mayo theme for May!?? See the sign-up sheet in the narthex and someone will be in touch with you (or contact Nicole Howe, nicole.c.howe@census.gov). Thanks to all those who donated food and served at our "Italian Night" on April 15th!!! We served a lovely dinner to approximately 65 people that night! What a good feeling!

Winter Relief Shelter Project

Ark and Dove is a church with a heart for Mission. We have shown that by being involved with Habitat for Humanity, Sarah's House, CAP, Holiday Sharing, dinner at Nichols Bethel Church for the homeless shelter, and many other mission projects. After helping to staff the homeless shelter with a sister church in Glen Burnie in January, the mission team and Session felt called to join the 39 churches who are currently serving in the homeless ministry called Winter Relief.

During the week of Oct 26 through November 2 this fall, our church home will become the evening home for 25 homeless men.

On May 17th after each service we will hold our first educational forum about homelessness to discuss some of its complexity and why we as a church feel called to do more to help address this need in our community. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. There will be a brief presentation and an opportunity to discuss how you can help. Please be prayerfully prepared to learn as we together answer this call to demonstrate Christ's greatest commandment.

Youth Bikeathon

Sunday afternoon, May 17th our youth will cycle 15 miles from BWI to Annapolis on the B&A Trail to raise funds for their summer mission and logos trips. Please pledge to their efforts in the coming weeks.



Facilities Ministry

Ark and Dove clean up day was a success! Although we did not have as many people as hoped, those who were there worked extra hard. You can see the wonderful work that was done with all of the new plantings, and fresh mulch on almost all of our trees and flower beds. We ran into a bit of trouble with the concrete on the old trailer pad, but we will get that fixed and will be able to lay sod on the remainder of that area very soon. We still have some projects that need to be completed, and if you have a couple of hours to spare on a weekend in the future, we could use some help finishing our list. Please give me a call or send me an email and I can get you going on the project of your choice. In the meantime, please thank the following people for all of their hard work the next time you see them: Ray Bussey, Ellen Makar, Mike Davie, Clay Hefflebower, Lou Kareha, Paula Gomes, Brooks Emrick, Doug Walcutt, Logan Walcutt, Christy Yeager, and Gary Myers.

Rob Yeager

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Fellowship Team

Seeking YOUR Ideas

The fellowship team is looking for ideas and help in organizing fellowship activities at Ark and Dove. A group recently got together to brainstorm ideas and came up with many activities that would be fun ways for members and visitors to share fellowship. These include: dinner groups in people's homes or restaurants, day trips to museums or amusement parks, hiking and camping trips, game night at church, movie night at church, education seminars/talks by church members who have expertise on topics like gardening or scrapbooking. These are just a few of the ideas. If you have others you'd like to share or if you'd like to help organize these events, please see Louise Sharrocks, huntington63@yahoo.com or Donna Anderson joshdonna@aol.com.

Christian Education Ministry

May Special Offering

The special offering for Christian Education will be collected during the month of May. Gifts will be used to purchase VBS supplies and summer curriculum. Specific items that are needed for CE are:

Wall clocks for the classrooms

Construction paper and CD players

Your gifts are greatly appreciated!

Logos

A very special thank-you to Cheryl Walcutt and Deb Saylor for their leadership in the Logos youth ministry! Cheryl and Deb have done a terrific job coordinating the program, and providing an enriching experience for the youth and adults. We appreciate their time and energy and will miss them as Logos directors.

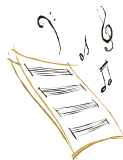
They have decided to continue sharing their time and gifts in another capacity and will be heading up Club 234 in the coming months! Thanks Cheryl and Deb!! We look forward to the rebirth of a program for our children in grades 2,3, and 4 !!

WALKING IN FAITH...GROWING IN GRACE

JUNE 6th at 6:00pm

"An Evening of Music and Celebration"

Come and celebrate the first year of our building fund campaign and enjoy dessert and great music.



School of Music



Meet the Teacher—Mark Edwards

Mark, a classical guitarist and the church's Director of Contemporary Music, is our newest addition to the SOM music instruction staff. From 1998 to present, Mark has earned 27 top prizes in the United States and Canada in guitar competitions. Mark recently graduated from Columbus State University, Magna Cum Laude from the University's most rigorous Honors program, and now attends the Peabody Institute of Music on full scholarship, studying with Julian Gray.

Mark has been performing concerts since the young age of 14 and competing since 13. His first concert, performed at Baldwin Junior High School in Montgomery, Alabama, earned for him the Guitar Legend award. Since then, Mark has performed throughout the United States, Canada, Italy, and Germany. Last year he achieved First Place at the Baltimore Music Clubs Competition. Mark continues national and international competitions. He was absent last Sunday in order to compete in Montreal and he took first place!



Although his first love is classical guitar, Mark also has skills in jazz and many other popular styles. Mark comes to the SOM with experience in teaching students in all economic circumstances and ages. He has been a member of a praise band through his church affiliation on a military base where personnel was constantly changing. Through this experience he is accustomed to working with many people with different musical backgrounds and goals.

Mark prefers to give lessons on Sunday afternoons here at the church. You can enroll for lessons through Ark and Dove's School of Music web site at,

[http://www.arkanddove.org/school_of_music/cms/index.php?page=Register for Classes](http://www.arkanddove.org/school_of_music/cms/index.php?page=Register_for_Classes)

By all means visit our web page to learn more at http://www.arkanddove.org/school_of_music/cms/index.php or give us a call at 410-674-5664.



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