

May 27, 2009

THE Arkive

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

Dear Friends,

This coming October Ark and Dove will be able to host the Winter Relief Homeless Shelter because we added the Marshall Room and bathrooms to our church last year. That's Walking in Faith. Our building is a mission tool. We will learn about homelessness in an intensive manner. That's Growing in Grace.

Just last Friday, I experienced the joy of watching our trailer as it was towed down the driveway by a company that is going to junk it for metal. Our neighbors have an unobstructed view of our field. Our neighbors don't have to wake up every morning and see a rusty dented eyesore. We could say goodbye to the trailer because we added building space to Ark and Dove last year. That's Walking in Faith. It's a form of hospitality to be mindful and considerate of your neighbors. That's Growing in Grace.

At Session meeting two weeks ago, our Finance Team informed us that the Driveway is paid off and we have started to accumulate reserve in our Walking in Faith Growing in Grace account for our commitment to Arundel Habitat For Humanity. We will build our own home and we are aiming for West County. That's Walking in Faith. Partnering with a low income family to sell them a decent home interest free, caring for the least of these. That's Growing in Grace.

At the Presbytery a few months ago, it was decided that our new Church - Saint Andrew's in Mount Airy Maryland deserved funding for their first building, which they will construct next year. Ark and Dove received over \$200,000 for our first building. Saint Andrew's is a vibrant committed New Church Development that reminds me of Ark and Dove ten years ago, except they are more post modern than we were. The Presbytery has set a goal to raise \$270,000 for Saint Andrews. \$50,000 is in hand. We need to raise \$220,000 dollars from 73 churches. Ark and Dove is in the top ten churches of 73 when it comes to worship attendance. We have marked \$10,000 in our Walking in Faith Growing in Grace budget for New Church Development. Helping a new church in need - That would be Walking in Faith and Growing in Grace.

On Saturday June 6 in the evening we will celebrate Walking in Faith...Growing in Grace with a concert and desserts. We have much to celebrate. I hope you will be at the concert and that you will celebrate and support Walking in Faith...Growing in Grace. Please read the Walking in Faith...Growing in Grace article in this edition of the Arkive.

In Christ,



P.S. Wear Red, Yellow or Orange to church on Sunday. We are celebrating Pentecost. The Pentecost story is in Acts 2 in your bibles.

Interim Interludes

PENTECOST CELEBRATED this Sunday, May 31st – WEAR RED, YELLOW, ORANGE to symbolize the flames of fire which settled on the shoulders of the followers of Jesus as they were gifted with the Holy Spirit

A big thank you to Worship Elder Spencer Keyes, and team of Rob Yeager who climbed the rafters of the sanctuary, Clay and Carol Heflebower and Pastor Corinne who hung the orange, yellow and red material for Pentecost Worship! Do sit in the alcoves for a different visual experience of the varying ways movement of material symbolizes the constant movement of God's Spirit. It was the gift of the Spirit which energized the early followers of Jesus as they began their witness to the widening communities of faith which became the Christian Church!

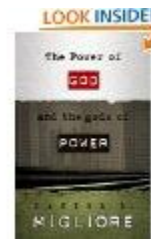
June 7th is the last Sunday School of this school year – do drop by and thank our teacher's for the love and commitment they give to our children, youth and adults every Sunday! Thanks to Martha Anderson who will work with the children on June 7th to bring us a current update of the children's mission project, HEIFER INTERNATIONAL!

Corinne

Vacation Bible School

WHO -WHAT -WHERE!

WHAT: ADULT VBS BOOK DISCUSSION on "The Power Of God and The gods of Power" by Daniel Migliore paperback 2008, 6 chapters, only 114 pages, \$14.00



WHEN: Sun. July 12 ending on Thursday, July 16 from 6:15-8:15 pm

WHERE: Marshall Room at Ark and Dove LED by Pastors Tim and Corinne Summer VBS Group brings great discussions – Pastor Tim and I look forward to this special time with you each year! Invite a friend and Join Us!

WHY: "To gain an understanding of what is distinctive about the power of God according to the biblical witness, and how this understanding of God's power profoundly affects how we live and how we exercise power both as individuals and as communities and nations." Questions? See Pastor Corinne!

TELL ME MORE: What IS the Power of God? With keen insights Professor Migliore artfully weaves stories with historic and biblical references in this beginning theology book to help followers of Christ like us gain a clearer understanding of how God reflects and uses power. Power is all around us in our work, in family relationships, as we relate to those in our society such as the poor, those who are down and out financially, the homeless such as the men we will host overnight for one week in October. As we understand the uses of power and God's compassion for love and justice, we can relate to others in our daily lives with a clearer purpose. An excellent summary of the most important points of our faith!

Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Donald Winkler, Anne Marie Rosenthal's father, who is recovering from surgery; Jenna Marie Ramey, undergoing tests; Don Miller, Doug Walcutt's step dad who suffered a mild stroke; Carol Heflebower's sister, Joyce; Laurie Barrow's father, recovering from surgery; a co-worker of the Slingshuff's who is suffering from cancer of the brain and lungs; Doug, a co-worker of Carey Cowell who was diagnosed with Lymphoma; Jack Fales, Dot Forloines' brother who has serious health problems; Father Tommy O'Brien, a friend of Amy Benson, who is in a coma; Laura Brecheen, who is leaving for boot camp for 9 weeks; Steve Groo, Ron Stanton's boss, whose mother passed away and Barbara Rafferty, the caregiver of Pat Stanton's parents, whose brother passed away.

We give thanks that Claire Henderson's unit has made it safely to Kuwait and pray for all of their safety as they head for Iraq soon.

Band Banter

Hello Ark and Dove! This is an announcement for everyone who wants to be part of the band, but does not wish to sing play an instrument, or do anything technically oriented. It is a perfect way to help the Contemporary Band lead worship with the congregation more effectively and to just be part of the praise community at Ark and Dove. If you are interested in making a difference in the music part of Sunday morning, then please consider joining the Ark and Dove Worship Platform Crew.

This would encompass setting up music stands, microphone stands, and amplifiers on Sunday mornings, before the 9:30 service as well as the 11:00 service. The job would require service one or two times per month, and about 15 to 20 minutes before services during those service weeks. If this is something that interests you, please contact me, at Mark.Edwards.guitarist@hotmail.com, and we will get you trained and ready to go in no time! (the training session will last 40 minutes total, including a meeting with Mark Edwards, and a walk-through on a Sunday morning).

Again, if this is a calling to you please don't hesitate to call, and join the Ark and Dove Worship Platform Crew!

God Bless,
Mark

Mission Ministry

Sarah's House Hospitality Team - Thanks to all those who donated and prepared food, helped set up, and serve at Sarah's House on May 20th. The Mexican theme went over very well! Everyone enjoyed the enchiladas, quesadillas, refried beans, rice, and corn... and our desserts too!

Please consider being part of the action one month. We need volunteers to contribute food and/or serve a meal every third Wednesday of the month. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Nicole Howe, (nicole.c.howe@census.gov) if you're interested. Thanks!

Christian Education Ministry

VBS: Camp E.D.G.E. – Experience and Discover God Everywhere- **volunteers needed for July 12-16th, 6:15 – 8:15pm.** Be a camp counselor, a recreation leader, or snack leader. No experience needed; leaders guides provide everything you need to say and do. Assistant camp counselors and activity center leaders also welcome (finished 6th Grade or older). Help with meal planning and preparation also needed. Or just donate items or load some items for VBS use – supply list is on the activity table in the church lobby. Contact Wendy Wellington (clifford.wellington@verizon.net) or Ellen Smith (ellensmith@yahoo.com) for more details on these and other volunteer opportunities, or visit Camp E.D.G.E. website: <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/camp-edge-overview.php>

Music Notes

The Summer is quickly approaching, and the Children's Choirs and Adult Choir will be taking a break for a few months. All three groups have been working hard to prepare for the Walking In Faith Growing In Grace concert, and I hope everyone will come and hear them sing on the evening of June 6th. The Summer is a wonderful opportunity for anyone who is interested in singing with the choir to join the 'pickup' choir. All you need to do is come on a Sunday morning at 8:30 and sing for the 9:30 service without the commitment of a weekly rehearsal.

In my personal life, school has finally come to an end for the semester and I'm working hard to prepare the lead role of Nedda in the opera "Pagliacci". The opera will run on August 7th and 8th in the Scott Center Theater at Carroll Community College, so I hope some of you will be able to come and see the show!

- *Rebecca*

Christian Education

Sunday School News!

Summer Sunday School schedule will run June 14 - August 30. Two classes will be held at each service: Pre-K through 1st grade and 2nd - 5th Grade.

If you are interested in teaching, please sign up on the schedule in the lobby or contact Beth Foster (BJFoster12@aol.com). Summer Sunday School is a great way to give teaching a try!

Games Day

We will end this Sunday School year on June 7 with games day. Children are encouraged to wear shorts and sneakers that day - we will be outside for games - weather permitting!

Congratulations to our 2009 High School graduates!

Taylor Barrow
Caitlyn Bussey
Katie Foster
Carly Lauer
Mike White

All the best to you as you move on to the next chapter of your lives!

Heartfelt electronic newsletter

Ever wonder how to keep your family connected to church and their faith Sunday to Sunday? Looking for ways to add spirituality into your family's life? The Logos Ministry has an online newsletter that is published monthly with all that and more!

Go to: <http://www.thelogosministry.org/heartfelt.html>

for this month's edition - if you like what you see, you can subscribe to receive Heartfelt monthly! While you are on the Logos site, check out the blogs and opportunities to chat with other parents via "Twitter" to share your ideas and thoughts on parenting and raising children.

Ark and Dove Calendar

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- May 28 Children's Choirs 5:30 and 6:15pm, Adult Choir 7pm, Boy Scout Troop 119 7pm
- May 30 Habitat Work Party
Faithful Women 9am
- May 31 **Pentecost** (Wear Red, Yellow or Orange to Worship)
Communion will be served
Worship 9:30am
Contemporary Worship 11:00am
Adult Study 11am
Science and Theology 12:15pm
Baptism Seminar 5pm
Venture Crew 119 7pm
AA meeting 7:30pm
- June 2 Band Practice 7pm
Men's Study Group 7pm
- June 4 Children's Choirs 5:30 and 6:15pm (last Practice)
Adult Choir 7pm
Boy Scout Troop 119 7pm
- June 6 Walking in Faith...Growing in Grace Concert 6pm
- June 7 **Worship** 9:30am
Contemporary Worship 11:00am
Adult Study 11am
Science and Theology 12:15ppm
Venture Crew 119 7pm
AA meeting 7:30pm

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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OpenMinds

Walking in Faith...Growing in Grace

Walking in Faith...Growing in Grace Puzzle Piece of the Week...*what dessert do I bring?*

Our June 6th celebration event will be here before we know it. I hope everyone has marked your calendars for what I hope will be a joyous event! There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby so that you can tempt us with your dessert offering...I know we have many great cooks as well as sweet teeth within our congregation. Our church is also blessed with some very talented and dedicated people outside of the kitchen as well. Our bands and choirs are hard at work preparing dessert for your ears! We will also hear from some students who attend the School of Music. This night is designed to be a delight for multiple senses.

As we prepare to celebrate our success to date and spend an evening of fellowship together, I'd like to focus on our sacrificial goal. With this goal, we pledge a 20% mission commitment for new church development in addition to sponsoring a new Habitat for Humanity home. We will continue paying our mortgages, establish a major repair fund, and make sure that our sanctuary technology and furniture, as well as our lobby, serves us well. We will also focus on early debt retirement. These objectives are in line with the vision for Ark & Dove and our community. We need to each prayerfully consider our pledge. Some of us have pledged already but may be behind in our commitment. Others have yet to make a commitment to this campaign. Pledge cards are available in the lobby or if you have any questions, please reach out to Julia Kirby at 301-529-4099 or at jukirby@deloitte.com via email. If we all work together on completing this puzzle, a beautiful picture of God's own making awaits....



Associate Pastor Nominating Team

APNT Update:

Back in January the Congregation appointed a team of Steve Debus, Emily Ross, Doug Walcutt, Russ Hester, Dot Bruno, Emily Burnett and Laurie Barrow to begin the search for a new, full time Associate Pastor (AP) to succeed Corinne after she retires this fall. Since then, the team has been meeting regularly preparing and equipping ourselves for the task. We met with the Session during a leadership retreat to help define what we consider the attributes of Ark and Dove and to brainstorm what we hope the new AP could or should bring to the position. We spent time learning from each other as we explored our Faith Journeys and we helped complete a survey of leaders in our surrounding community to define what needs exist in the area. Tim and Dick Willis, from the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (CoM), have participated in most of our meetings and will continue to serve as resources for the team. More recently the Team has started the actual work of preparing the Church Information Form or CIF. The CIF is church's resume, it describes who we are along with the traits, qualities and talents we are searching for in the new AP. Our goal is to complete the CIF by this August so that Session can review and approve our efforts. The CIF then needs to be affirmed by the CoM (hopefully be the end of September) so that we can officially post the form and solicit resumes from prospective candidates. The APNT team has enjoyed our experiences so far but we all recognize that the hard work is still ahead. Look for further updates this summer as we continue the process.

Winter Relief Homeless Shelter

Ark and Dove Winter Relief Emergency Homeless Shelter Needs Your Donation of Supplies!

As you may know, the Congregation of Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church is hosting the rotating Winter Relief Emergency Homeless Shelter from Monday, October 26, through Monday, November 2, 2009.

The winter relief initial planning team has already started preparing for this important mission effort. We need your donations of supplies to make our guests' stay as comfortable as possible. Please see the list of needed items below. Bring them to church and drop them off in the Mission Collection Area, or see any member of the initial planning team. We need:

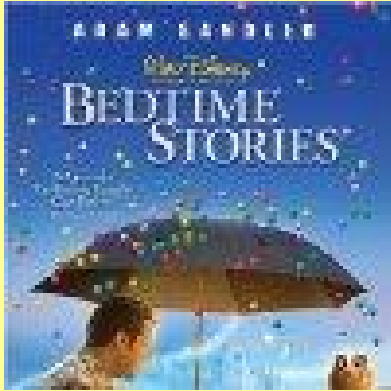
- Single bed sheets (twin) – fitted (40)
- Single bed sheets (twin) – flat (40)
- Bath Towels (30)
- Washcloths (30)
- Pillows (5)
- Blankets (5)
- Large Canvas bags - supermarket size (35)
- Toiletries (travel size) – toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, floss, hairbrushes, etc.
- Laundry detergent (2 bottles)
- Medications (over-the-counter) – Advil, aspirin, Pepto Bismal, Tums, etc.

REMINDER: A winter relief shelter Informational Forum will be held on Sunday, June 14th after each worship service in the Marshall Room. Come out if you'd like to learn more about homelessness, have questions or concerns, or want to volunteer in October!

The winter relief initial planning team – Don Anderson; Martha Anderson; Vaughan Brown; Josh Ederheimer; Scott Foster; Linda Girdner; Clay Heflebower; and Kathy Miller.

Movie Night Friday, May 29th at 7pm

Come and See Disney's
Bedtime Stories



Admission is free - Snacks will be sold to raise funds for the LOGOS Scholarship fund. Bring the whole family!

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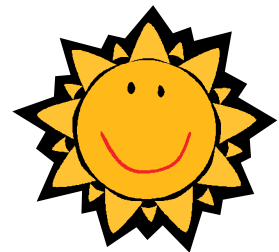
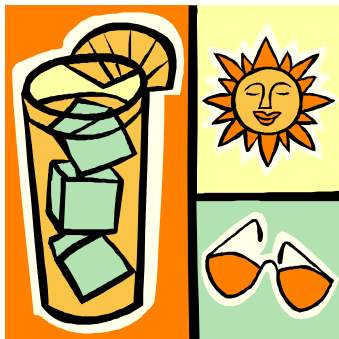
Baptism Seminar

Do you have a baby or child that you would like to have baptized? Are you expecting a baby soon and have questions about getting your child baptized? If so, then mark your calendars because this class is for you! **The first seminar will be held this Sunday, May 31 at 5pm (Please Note - This is a change from previously reported!)**

Future Dates are as follows: September 8 at 6:00pm, Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00pm and Sunday, February 21 at 12:15pm.

We hope one will work for you in order to help prepare you for the baptism of your child! Please contact Sarah Salkeld at sarahjsalkeld@yahoo.com or 410-729-0129 for more information.

Summer at Ark and Dove



June 6th -
Walking in Faith Growing in Grace
Concert / Dessert 6pm

June 14-20
Youth Mission Trip to Salem County Habitat for Humanity

July 5-11
Logos Youth Ministry Conference

July 12 - 16
Vacation Bible School

July 19
Single Service Sunday 10:30am

August 7th and 8th - Go see Rebecca at the Opera!

