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*The Newsletter of
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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Thank you to Julia Kirby and her team. They organized the Walking in Faith Growing in Grace Dessert Concert. It was very very nice. Thank you to our Adult Choir, our Band, our Dove Choir and our Children's choir for performing. Thank you to Rebecca and Mark for pulling music and performances together. Thank you to each of the speakers who reminded us that our building is not a monument but a mission tool that helps us conduct ministry and reach out to the community.

This Sunday our Youth Mission Trip Team leaves at 4pm to go work at Salem County Habitat For Humanity in Southern New Jersey. The team is very excited because they are getting to work on the early stages of a house. We hope to do some framing work. Our adult leaders are Bill Gaurin, Anne Marie Rosenthal, Ed Barrett and myself. Our young adults and youth are Cory James, Mike McCall, Alex Hansen, Katie Gaurin, Katie B, Emily Burnett, Nicole C, and John Olivero. Please keep this team in your prayers as they work and partner with Habitat to help provide decent housing for low income families in need.

As school winds down and we enter the summer months, it is always wise to distinguish between Sabbath and vacation. Sometimes they can be both. A vacation is Sabbath when your spirit is rested, renewed and recreated when you get home or when it is over. In fact the word recreation actually means re-creation. We play so we can find our spirits and the Spirit of God. A vacation without finding rest and God is, well it is simply vacuous. May you be renewed by your summer.

It is our practice to offer two worship services every Sunday during the summer except on Single Service Sunday which is July 19, 2009. Worship will be at 10:30 and preceded by a pot luck breakfast.

In Christ,



Interim Interludes

VBS Adult Book Study -

The Power of God and the gods of Power

by Daniel L. Migliore



- The urgency of the question of God and God's power is alive in the midst of our real-life experiences where we have to make decisions, or confront the abuse of power, or face the misery of powerlessness.
- Power is necessary to act, to grow, to create, to help shape our own lives and the world around us. Our humanity is corrupted when we abuse power; our humanity is diminished when we are rendered powerless by situations over which we have little or no control. We may be offended if God's power does not protect us the way we want. Suddenly through a death, natural disaster, accident, illness, life situation, or a job loss, vulnerability looms ahead like an insurmountable ogre.
- These are real-life situations and these are the real questions people ask when they ask about God and the power of God.
- Is there a power that does not crush human beings but empowers them and enters into creative partnership with them?
- Is there a power that does not oppress but sets people free?
- Is there a power that does not deceive but can be trusted in life and in death?
- Is the ultimate power at work in this world of countless and conflicting powers friendly or hostile, gracious or malevolent, concerned or indifferent to our longing for new and transformed life?

Come, join Pastors Tim and Corinne from Sunday, July 16 through Thursday, July 21, from 6:15-8:15 pm* for a lively, participatory discussion of the images of God's power in our lives, our culture and society.

Corinne

Facilities Ministry

HELP WANTED: Persons with lawn mowers willing to give an occasional hour of their time.

There has been a lot of rain this spring and the grass is growing like crazy! We can no longer keep up with the mowing and trimming on our property with the couple of people we have, and we need help. If you have a mower, and an hour you can give us once a week or once every two weeks, please contact me immediately. We can assign you to an area that fits what ever time you are able to give. We all want our property to look the best it can, but the facilities ministry needs your help to do so. Call or email me today!!! facilities@arkanddove.org

Mission Ministry

Winter Relief Supplies Needed!

Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church is hosting the rotating Winter Relief Emergency Homeless Shelter from **Monday, October 26, through Monday, November 2, 2009.**

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 Canvass bags - supermarket size (35)
- Toiletries (travel size) – toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, floss, hairbrushes, etc.
- Laundry detergent (2 bottles)
- Large trash bags
- Medications (over-the-counter) – Advil, aspirin, Pepto Bismal, Tums, etc.

Special thanks to Claire Henderson. Claire is a member of our congregation who serves in the military. She has deployed, and will be serving our country overseas during the shelter week. Claire made sure that she dropped off her donations before she left! Thanks for thinking of those in need Claire! Please be safe during your deployment, and we'll be thinking of you!

THIS WEEK! 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; Vaughn Brown; Josh Ederheimer; Scott Foster; Linda Girdner; Clay Heflebower; and Kathy Miller.

Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people

in your prayers this week: Jenna-Marie Ramey, who has mono; Paula Gomes' brother, Ray, who is living with skin cancer; Chaz Beadling, grandson of Deanne Cowden who will be undergoing surgery; Katie and John Olivero's father who is deployed in South America; Claire Henderson, Brandon Taylor who are serving in Iraq and to all of our children and youth, may they have a fun and safe summer.

The love and sympathy of the congregation goes out to Doug Walcutt and his family on the death of his Step-Father, Don Miller.

Music Notes

Thank you to everyone who came to the WIFGIG concert- I thought it was a huge success. Thank you to Julia for doing such a great job organizing it, and thank you to the Children's Choir parents, who have brought the kids to all of the rehearsals and Sunday services. I couldn't be more proud of the kids! Thank you also to Alta, who has been so helpful with the little ones, and who rehearsed them on Saturday when I was stuck in another rehearsal. Thank you to David Ballena, my accompanist from the University of Maryland, and to Chris Sies (who just got accepted to Juilliard), for sharing their talents with the church. Thank you, as always, to the Adult Choir, who are easily the nicest people that I have ever worked with!

Children's Choir has now ended, and the Adult Choir has one more week of rehearsals before the 'Pickup' choir begins. Remember, if you're interested in seeing what the choir is like, this is a great time to have very little commitment. Just come at 8:30 on any Sunday and sing with the choir for a 9:30 service. You don't have to read music- you just have to like to sing!

The Summer is also a great time to share other musical talents- if there is anyone in the congregation who have special musical talents, please come talk to me! This is a great opportunity for instrumentalists and vocalists!

Again, thank you to everyone who helped me in some way to prepare for Saturday- it was a beautiful concert. If any of the kids in either choir did not get their gift from me after the concert, please come by my office on Sunday after the service and pick it up.

Your (not really tone deaf) Music Director, Rebecca

Christian Education

Youth Mission Endowment Fund

Through the generosity of one of our members, a fund has been set up for Youth Mission. This money will be used in the future to provide scholarships for youth at Ark and Dove who participate in mission trips. In order for this fund to be viable, it must grow!

The youth have set up two ways for this fund to gain capital:

1. 10% of all money raised for summer trips through Bike-a-thons, spaghetti dinners, etc. will be put into the fund.
2. A "Paper Retriever" bin will be delivered soon to our parking lot, and all funds generated from your paper donations will be deposited to the fund.

Direct donations to the Youth Mission Endowment can also be made!

Watch for updates on the growth of this fund!

Please support the Youth Mission Endowment by recycling your paper in our "Paper Retriever" coming soon!

Coming Soon...

Did you know that soon, you can recycle paper, newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, weekly advertisement circulars, folders, construction and poster paper, shredded paper, spiral notebook/theme books, office and school mail 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at Ark and Dove? If dropping off shredded paper, please put it in a bag. If dropping off theme books, please take off the front and back hard covers – the metal spiral may remain intact. You do not need to remove staples from paper. **Please, no cardboard.**



Did you also know that we will *earn* money for paper that is dropped off at our green and yellow recycling bin? Our recycling bin will be located in the right, rear corner of the parking lot. This is an easy way for you to recycle your paper every week and help us raise money for **the Youth Mission Endowment Fund**. It is easy to get started – just place an empty box near your trash can at home and place your paper in the box! Bring your recyclable paper with you when you come for services or other activities!

Go Green! Beth Foster – Education Elder, Rob Yeager – Facilities Elder

Nursery News!

We are saying some sad good-byes to our nursery staff!

Ginger Melchor recently graduated from AACC, and will be continuing her studies in education at Towson University. We wish her well and thank her for her time at Ark and Dove caring for our youngest members! We are also saying goodbye to Diane Anderson who has been our nursery coordinator for the past year. The Andersons are relocating to New Jersey with the Coast Guard. Diane's coordination of the nursery volunteers and behind the scenes work is very much appreciated!

We are welcoming Rose Telak to the Ark and Dove staff as our care provider in the nursery! Rose has her 90 hour certificate, CPR and First Aid certification and several classes in early child development! She is also a student at AACC. We are very fortunate to have such a qualified provider in the nursery. We also give thanks for a new nursery coordinator! Lori Musican will be scheduling the volunteers who assist weekly in the nursery! We welcome children under the age of three to "worship" in the nursery each week!

Summer Sunday School

The CE ministry wants **YOU!!**

Sunday school teachers are needed for the summer months. Please consider teaching a Sunday or two! We have a wonderful curriculum that is user friendly, and the best kids around! You are guaranteed to have fun!

Please sign up in the lobby, or contact Beth Foster for more information (BJFoster12@aol.com)

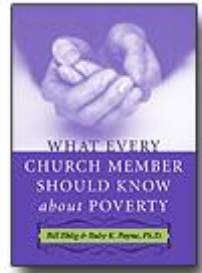
SOM Treasurer Resigns!

It is with great angst that the Board of Directors will lose its Treasurer for the past several years, Mariam Pelletier, as of July 1. Since she was not a member of the church, few of you got to know her. She worked long and hard keeping all the music lesson billings straight and pursuing those who needed to pay. She worked with various members of the church to find updated and compatible software for keeping these records. However, beginning her MBA while working for a start-up company while she needed occasionally to pay attention to her husband and extended family, Mariam has found she cannot keep up as she knows the SOM needs to run their business. We wish Mariam well in these many pursuits and hope she will consider returning when her life slows down a bit.

HELP! That means the SOM NEEDS A TREASURER! If you, or someone you know, might be interested . . . Drop a note in the SOM Directors box [lower left mailbox in the copy room]
Give us a call 410-674-5664.
Drop us an e-mail at aanddsom@verizon.net .

Summer Book Study

Are you curious about helping with the Winter Relief project this fall?
Are you anxious about working with a group of people who are homeless?



Ark and Dove has a long history of working with homeless people as a covenant church with Habitat for Humanity, supporting Sarah's House, and participating with the Winter Relief homeless shelter.

Join Linnie Girdner and Beth Foster as they lead a six week study of "What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty" by Bill Ehlig and Ruby Payne.
The group will meet in the Ark and Dove room for six weeks from 6:30 – 8:30, July 23 – August 27.
We will share a light meal, discussion, and fellowship. Please join us!

Deacons Ministry

June

The flowers are blooming and it is Deacons' Month at Ark and Dove. The Deacons minister to the congregation through prayers, meals, visits, notes and monetary help. The eight caring and committed Deacons cannot do all this alone. They need the help of Ark and Dove's equally caring and committed congregation. During June a special offering is being taken for the Deacons' Fund to help those in need. Also there will be a sign up sheet in the lobby for casserole bakers when meals are needed. Last but not least see a Deacon to join Prayer Partners and add the prayer concerns of the congregation to your daily prayers!

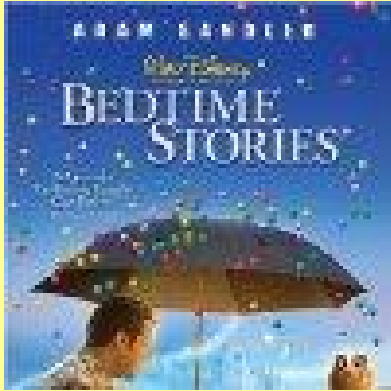
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and
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Movie Night Friday, May 29th at 7pm

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!

Deacons Ministry

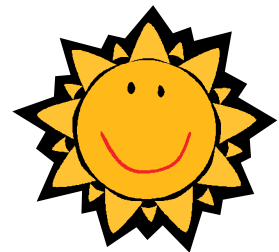
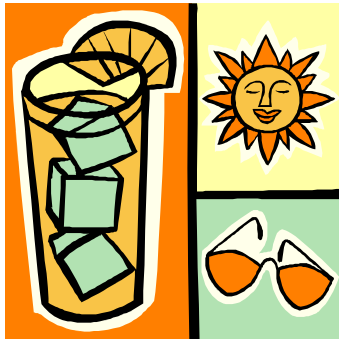
Baptism Seminar

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!

