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# The Arkive

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## From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Thank you to Bill Gaurin, Anne Marie Rosenthal and Ed Barrett for providing adult leadership for our youth mission trip to Salem County Habitat for Humanity in southern rural New Jersey. This was our second year working with this Habitat Group. They are organized, flexible and very nice. We had eight youth/Young Adults attend this year and together with the adults they worked very hard. Alex Hansen, John Olivero, Emily Burnett, Nicole Coniff, Cory James, Mike McCall, Katie Gaurin, Katie Beausoleil all learned how to lay concrete block. Together we put down over 400 blocks and nearly finished the foundation of one house. If we had not been rained out on Thursday morning, we would have finished. Thank you to Julie Houck for keeping track of our accounting and for all the adults and youth that assisted with fundraising. Thank you Ark and Dove for your support of mission.

Thank you to Steve Debus and Dot Bruno who provided the sermons this last Sunday at 9:30 and 11:00 respectively. They were very well done. Steve is the Chair and Dot is a member of our Associate Pastor Nominating Team. Part of their work at the APNT was to share faith journeys at several of the early meetings. They found this experience to be so meaningful that we decided as a group that it would be good for two of the members to share their faith journeys in church. As Corinne was on vacation last week and I was on the mission trip; Sunday was just perfect timing. Please keep the APNT in your prayers as they continue to write our Church Information Form. This will be part of how we advertise for a new Associate Pastor.

Looking ahead to November, we have scheduled Pastor Corinne's retirement dinner for Saturday evening, November 21. We have coordinated this date with all three of her adult children. Please save the date.

Peace of Christ

### Coming Soon...

**Did you know** that soon, you will be able to 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?



**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**

## Interim Interludes

I celebrate the love and caring support that Ark and Dovers give to others through the Habitat work crews, especially the youth and adults who just returned from their week at The Salem County Habitat for Humanity build in New Jersey. At Ark and Dove the children are also involved in projects like Heifer International as they have contributed over the last couple of years enough money to purchase animals to help families in third world countries to become self-sufficient. Thank you to all our children and to Martha Anderson for updating their progress during the Children's Time on Sunday, June 8th.

Youth and adults from our congregation and the Baltimore Presbytery partner with the Ogala Lakota (Sioux) Native Americans in South Dakota on the Pine Ridge Reservation to tutor and provide Vacation Bible School at the Hau Koa Learning Camps. There are many more opportunities that allow us to work together with people in our community and beyond. Vaughn Brown, Mission elder, is always eager to field any questions if you have an interest.

Over the last year, I have appreciated listening to a few of you share your experiences as you have participated in various charitable fund-raising events. The following is a little of what Breinny Mosella shared as she and Dave thanked their family and friends for their support as they trained over many months for their 100 mile bike ride for MS two Saturdays ago at Washington college in Chestertown.

**“The weather was perfect with a cool breeze blowing as we rode over rolling hills through beautiful rural Maryland near the ocean. At mile 50 we pulled into the lunch rest stop at the beach. By now, I was sore from sitting in the saddle and my joints were aching – I had already ridden farther than I had all season long. The farthest that I had taken Sophie out on training rides was 2.5 hours, about 30 miles. Pulling Sophie proved very helpful enabling me to hold speeds of 17.5 – 22 miles per hour. The hardest part was the 8 miles of huge hills to climb on a full stomach after lunch. It was a grueling experience. Each hill was followed by another of equal intensity and I began to feel my strength, resolve, hope and energy leave me. As I pulled into the next rest stop, I wondered if I would be able to make the century ride. Then I saw Dave, who had a similar experience just moments before – we hugged and found our resolve to push onward. I rode the majority of the ride without other cyclist's companionship but was never alone. I prayed, and took in the beautiful scenery. With God's encouragement and strength fueling me, I rode on and oddly, the longer the miles became, the faster and stronger I began to feel. When I pulled into the finish line at 6 hours and 50 minutes I did not feel completely empty or spent, miraculously! This year's MS bike and walk raised over \$300,000 towards research and helping people diagnosed with MS!” - Brienny Mosella**

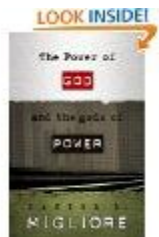
Breinny's writing made my day as it enabled me to feel like I was riding right beside her with encouragement and support! I invite you to share similar experiences so we can be part of the broad scope of the many ways you all help others.

In Christ, Corinne

### COMING UP

- Do consider the book discussion group on poverty that Linnie Girdner and Beth Foster are leading in July – see article in this issue.
- “THE POWER OF GOD and THE gods OF POWER” is on the lobby table ready for you to take home to read - paperback, only 100 + pages. Don't forget to sign up to join Pastors Tim and Corinne in the VBS Adult Book discussion beginning 2 weeks from Sunday, July 12 through Thursday, July 16th from 6:15 – 8:15 pm in the Marshall room. If you aren't able to arrive from work by 6:15 – join us as soon after as possible. Each evening will begin with a short time of reflection and prayer.
- What IS the power of God?

Daniel Migliore shares with us how different it is from the powers that surround us. With engaging illustrations and a keen grasp of the questions coming from the everyday experiences of power and powerlessness, Migliore challenges us with a compelling critique of our grasp of the gods of power. He challenges the gospel of prosperity which says, if only you believe hard enough, or live a decent life, you will be duly rewarded. Is God our supreme genie, our personal or national champion who blesses us and does our bidding? “My aim”, he writes, “has been to show 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.”



*Come join the group for a time of prayer, fellowship and fascinating discussion! Questions? Email or speak to Pastor Corinne*

**Prayer Concerns** Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Mary Stum's brother, Gary Sager, who suffered a stroke after heart by-pass surgery; Laura Brecheen, in her 4th week of boot camp; Carol Heflebower's sister, Joyce; the family and friends of Niko Kolokithas who died in a motorcycle accident last week and all of the people who were killed or injured in the Metro train crash in D.C.

Congratulations to Martha and Don Anderson on their 50th wedding anniversary!

# Walking in Faith... Growing in Grace



Thanks again to all who helped make our concert event such a success. It was a wonderful evening and many attendees have said "let's do it again!" We'll certainly consider that but do appreciate the positive response...

As we continue to think about our Walking in Faith, Growing in Grace Capital campaign, the puzzle piece I want to examine this time is the word "community". According to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary online, community generally means a unified group which interacts, often linked by history or common social, economic or political interests. One of the related words given in the dictionary is fellowship. Community and fellowship are two of the key pieces to our puzzle.

Our church building helps us be more to our community than just a building and certainly expands our opportunities for fellowship through worship, all the groups that meet and use the facilities (Scouts, King's Ransom, Winter Relief Homeless Shelter), and the School of Music. We need to continue to walk in faith and grow in grace to expand these fellowship opportunities and do more to serve our community – perhaps helping fund a Habitat home right here in our neighborhood. Through our mission work, we have the chance to directly impact the lives of people in our community who may not be as fortunate as we are by sharing with them the gifts of our facility – the homeless, the hungry, the lonely, and the lost.

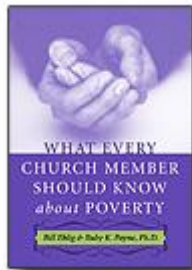
## Christian Education Ministry

### Summer Book Study-Understanding Poverty

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. But what do we really know about the experience of being poor in America?

Join Beth Foster and Linnie Girdner 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 Thursday, July 23 – August 27. 6:30 – 8:30 pm. We will begin with a light meal and fellowship at 6:30 pm, followed by the study from 7 - 8:30 pm. The sign up sheet and books are available now.



### Summer Sunday School



**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)**

## Mission Ministry

### Sarah's House Hospitality Team

Let's give thanks to and congratulate our Faithful Women bible study group (and 2 youth!) for successfully planning a menu, preparing food, and serving at Sarah's House on June 17th! Despite a late arrival due to unexpected traffic, everything worked out perfectly. (It always seems to when love and giving are involved, doesn't it?)

The children in VBS will be making the entire meal for July's dinner at Sarah's House (and preparing a few dishes to be frozen for future months too!) as part of their mission program. Please see the "supplies needed" sheet in the narthex and consider donating food items for VBS/Sarah's House. We will also need 2 volunteers to serve dinner on Wednesday, July 15th from 4:30 til approximately 6:00pm. Please contact Nicole Howe, ([nicole.c.howe@census.gov](mailto:nicole.c.howe@census.gov)) if you're interested. Thanks!

### Habitat For Humanity

**Habitat Build This Saturday!** We met one of the prospective owners at our recent WIFGIG Concert. Now **you** can join our team to help complete these houses in Brooklyn Park. Five more disciples are needed to round out our team for this Saturday, June 27th. Building experience is helpful but not at all necessary. We will car pool from Ark and Dove at 7:30am. Contact Andy Wells or Vaughn Brown for more info or sign up on the sheet in the church. This is a great way to spend your Saturday!

## Deacons Ministry

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!

# June



## Vacation Bible School - JULY 2009

VBS is a short few weeks away – July 12-16<sup>th</sup>, from 6-8:15pm. You can register on-line (see bulletin or church's web site for url) or in the church lobby. Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> we'll start with a pot luck dinner at 5:15. See the children's registration form for details and sign-up for dinner the other nights if you are attending VBS. We could still use 5 more tents and a few craft supplies. See the sign-up in the lobby.

This year's mission project for VBS is making meals for Sarah's house.. See list in the lobby of what we need to accomplish this mission. Thanks for your help. For additional information contact Wendy Wellington ([clifford.wellington@verizon.net](mailto:clifford.wellington@verizon.net), 410-923-3814) or Ellen Smith ([ellendsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:ellendsmith@yahoo.com)).

### **New Member's / Inquirer's Class Saturday July 18th 8:30am to 12:30pm.**

Come and find out what Ark and Dove and the Presbyterian Church are all about. What makes the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. different? What is unique to Ark and Dove? What does it mean to be a member of Ark and Dove? Pastor Tim will answer these questions and more. A Light breakfast will be served and childcare is available if needed. Sign up in the church lobby or call the church office.

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