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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Once a year we combine our worship services and call it Single Service Sunday; The idea is to put aside music preferences just once and worship together as a whole church family. **Single Service Sunday is scheduled for July 19 at 10:30 am.** The other great thing about Single Service Sunday is the **pot luck breakfast at 10:00am.** Please bring something to share. It is a good feeling to see the whole church in one room.

Then of course comes the question “why don’t we combine worship services all summer long?” It is a useful question in that it gives us all the chance to describe our congregation. It seems that about 1/3 of us don’t have a hard music style preference. These are our switch hitters, our ambidextrous members. It also seems that about 1/3 of us have a definite preference for a service with mostly traditional music and hymns. Interestingly enough there is another 1/3 that prefers a service with mostly contemporary music. I am glad to be a part of a congregation that offers a variety of music for worship. Having a combined blended worship service all summer would give us the awkward opportunity to annoy 2/3 of our members 10 weeks in a row. That’s an opportunity we should and do choose to skip.

I am looking forward to our adult book discussion group at VBS next week (July 12-16). If you are not leading the children’s VBS program please consider joining Pastor Corinne and I in reading and discussing The Power of God and the gods of Power.



Please keep our Logos Youth and Adults in your prayers this week. We have a group of 22 at the annual youth ministry conference. That’s a sizeable group. Thank you for supporting the youth fund raisers.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Corinne".

Interim Interludes

I'm preparing for next week's adult VBS book discussion class beginning on Sun. July 12th, 6:15-8:15 pm, on "*The Power of God and the gods of Power*". We can safely say that throughout history the question of power has been debated. As a Christian, does the question of power take on additional properties? What sort of power is proper to the understanding of God and does that have implications for our lives today? Some say that law, discipline and institutional offices are needed for people to live together for the well-being of all. Others say that life characterized by dialogue, consensus and harmony - building relationships with all people is needed. How do you think Jesus would respond to such a dialogue?

Jesus put this question to us right between the eyes in Pastor Tim's sermon of July 5th, "*Low Battery*", from Mark 6:1-13.

"God apparently has tied divine power to human faith. Somehow, some way, God has made the world a place that is energized and powered in some ways by human faith. The battery of Jesus is powered by the faith of the people. This is disturbing. This is frightening. God has made the world a partnership and God is looking for something from us."

Jesus has been rejected in his home town of Nazareth. When you think of Jesus being with us, in us, around us, Jesus' home town is everyone's home town. Pastor Tim reminds us,

"that Jesus was amazed at their pathetic unbelief, 'he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.' As uncomfortable as this might make us, Jesus was not welcomed at home; in fact he was flabbergasted, stymied and discouraged. People thought they knew their old friend Jesus, but his true identity was a mystery to them and somehow this affected him."

If you have put off to "a more appropriate time" taking the risk of a deeper understanding of how important our partnership with Jesus is to God's work within us, around us in our own home town, perhaps this is the year for you to participate in an adult discussion group such as the one on "*What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty*" on six Thursdays at 6:30 beginning July 23rd, or in a small group this fall.

Perhaps this is the year for you to join together with other adults in the adult VBS discussion group to discuss how vital our faithful response is to Jesus' work of faith, love, justice within us, within our families, our community and the world in which we live.

There is still time to sign up at church this Sunday for the adult discussion group and for your children to participate in CAMP E.D.G.E. Sun. night (July 12) through Thurs. night (July 16) from 6:15-8:15. Paperback books are available on the table along with information about meals.

Don't forget Sunday is Pot-luck dinner at 5:15 for all!

Until Sunday, in love, Pastor Corinne

Prayer Concerns **Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:** Lester Dabbs who was hospitalized with a ruptured appendix on Sat. - He had a successful operation and is recuperating; Mary Stum's brother, Gary Sager; Carol Heflebower's sister, Joyce; and all of our members and friends who are traveling during this vacation season. We pray that everyone gets a chance to enjoy some *Re-Creation* in the coming months.

Music Director's Notes

Dear Friends,

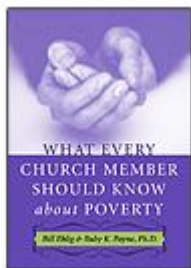
Happy (belated) 4th of July! Thank you so much to Paula Sparks and Mark Edwards, who played the service for me this past week, so that I could enjoy a wonderful vacation in New York. It's a lot to prepare for and I appreciate their willingness to always step in and help! My boyfriend and I spent a wonderful weekend together, visiting his family in Long Island, who we hadn't seen since Thanksgiving. The opera is coming together slowly but surely- I'm working hard, and the opera chorus rehearsals start tomorrow! My mom and Aunt are flying up for the event, so I'm starting to get really excited. Again, the opera is "Pagliacci", and the dates are August 7th and 8th at 8pm in the Scott Center Theater at Carroll Community College. Tickets can be reserved beforehand or purchased at the door.

- *Rebecca*

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.

Spiritual Gifts Class - Saturday Aug 1, 9-11am. We'll have a continental breakfast and childcare will be available upon request. Linda Girdner will lead this 2 hr workshop to learn more about your own Spiritual Gifts and how to use them to God's glory. All members and friends, new and old, are invited to attend. The Spiritual Gifts Inventories are available on the sign up table or in the Spiritual Gifts mailbox in the office. Please do this one prior to the class. Then bring the list of your gifts with you to the workshop. It'll be a fun opportunity to share with one another, while taking another step in your journey of discipleship. Any questions, contact Linnie Girdner at 410-672-5050 or Lkgirdner@comcast.net.



School of Music

SOM Hires New Executive Director!

As of August, the SOM will welcome **Joshua Horsch** as its new Executive Director. Josh will be here on Sunday, August 9. We will introduce him at both services. Take a moment after worship to say hello and welcome him to Ark and Dove.

Joshua comes to us with a Masters in orchestral conducting from Pennsylvania State University and a Bachelors degree from Ithaca College in piano performance. He has also has a lovely bass voice. He has served as a pianist with philharmonic orchestras and chamber music groups. He has conducted orchestras both here on the east cost and in Kiev, Ukraine. Beyond that he has also conducted opera and musical theatre events, as well as choral groups. He has served as a coordinator of orchestral studies and as an administrative assistant which allowed him to hone his administrative skills. Joshua's charismatic personality and enthusiasm for bringing the best available music to all venues will allow the Ark and Dove School of Music to expand their instruction, programs and musical influence throughout West Anne Arundel County.

With these great hopes for a growing and active future, the SOM Board needs more interested and committed members to help carry out this mission of Ark and Dove. If you're interested in joining us you might consider sticking around on August 9 after the 11 a.m. service for our planning meeting. Please let Joan Berry know if you want to come so that we have lunch enough for everyone.

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.

Vacation Bible School - JULY 2009



VBS begins **this weekend!** – Sunday, July 12 through Thursday, July 16th, from 6-8:15pm. You can register on-line or in the church lobby. Sunday July 12th 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 some 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, 410-923-3814) or Ellen Smith (ellendsmith@yahoo.com).

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