

July 21, 2009

Φ The Arkive Φ

The Newsletter of
Ark and Dove
Presbyterian Church
www.arkanddove.org
410 674-6400

INTERIM INTERLUDES

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to Wendy Wellington, Ellen Smith and the excellent team they had working together who had every detail organized. Every early evening there were many different faces helping out in the kitchen, the set-up, teaching, assisting as youth leaders, cleaning up, photographing, working on specific tasks, donating items...and more! Ark and Dove people know how to pitch in and work together for our kids! Congratulations and thank you to ALL who participated! The kids loved VBS....I heard them saying they can't wait until next year!

The adults at VBS had enlightening and challenging conversations around the book, "The Power of God and the gods of Powers" by Presbyterian theological Daniel Migliore. When asked what the highpoint of the week was, participants responded with:

- Relationships – always great to build
- The open sharing of each person's insights and experiences
- The sense of fellowship and community
- Prayer time before the book discussion. The ability to share with one another
- Laughter, some intimacy
- Sharing and laughing, getting different points of view
- Meeting new A&Dovers!
- The meditations, intimate conversation in small groups, the diversity of the group
- Sharing the book with other church members that I normally would not see because we attend different services

Speaking of Adult groups.... You don't want to miss an upcoming Monday night Small Group facilitated by elder Steve Pugh beginning Sept. 14th – (preview night August 31st) The topic is on *Gaining Financial Peace*.

Thursday, July 23rd, Linda Girdner & Beth Foster begin discussing the book "*What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty*" Join them at 7:00 pm in the Ark and Dove Room. Contact the church office if you need a book.



The Spiritual Gifts Workshop will be held on August 1st 9to 11am. See the article in this edition.



Look inside to read about the super *Logos Conference*, *Logos Night* moving to *Tuesdays* this fall, the *New Recycling Bin* to raise money for Youth Mission Endowment, *Sunday School Updates* and more. I pray your summer is refreshing,

Corinne

From the Pastor...

Dear Friends - This is how I ended my sermon on Sunday. Peace be with you.

On the church economic front our financial reports show that our Mission and Ministry Fund giving is about 4000 behind as of six months of 12 in June and our Walking in Faith Growing in Grace giving is about 14,000 behind after 13 months of a three year commitment. Yes we need to catch up but neither fund seems to be in the danger zone, which in a recession year is a good thing..

Which brings me to my stewardship point of the morning; Our Stewardship team has taken a look at our 2010 vision. Our church is not looking forward to the retirement of Pastor Corinne in November; but we are excited about realizing a ten year goal in 2010; hiring a full time Associate Pastor in April. In addition to moving to a full time Associate Pastor, many of our elders and team leaders have visions for improved programs in 2010. There are lots of dreams for ministry in our congregation. In fact I think the developing vision for 2010 is compelling. The dream for 2010 is so compelling, I am asking you to start praying about it and start planning for it right now.

Usually we start talking stewardship in September; but in 2010 we will need to see a paradigm shift in order to achieve our vision. What I mean to say is that every household in our church is going to need to step in, step up, and step forward. All of us who are not pledging including employed teenagers need to be in deep prayer about the abundance there can be in an adequately funded church mission. All of us who are not tithing will need to take a step up in giving. All of us who are tithing will now need to pray about going beyond the tithe. For 10 years we have said we want to call a full time Associate Pastor. Our Associate Pastor nominating team is hard at work. We need to be ready to pay whom they nominate to be our Associate pastor early next year.

Christ will help us multiply our gifts just as he provided loaves and fishes for 5000; but we need to meet him with an earnest stewardship effort. Christ does not call us to be generous with our leftovers. Christ calls us to discover abundance through generosity.

In Christ,



Dear Friends,

I thought that Vacation Bible School was a huge success! This was my first experience with VBS, and I'm sure the first of many more in the future. The music was exciting, and the kids were so glad to be there. They loved the music!! Thank you to Eliza for being my helper and teaching the kids the movements! Wendy did a great job of keeping everything so organized!! What a huge undertaking! Single Service Sunday was beautiful, and it was so nice to see so many people in one service! I thought the music was a perfect blend of the traditional and contemporary services, and was so glad to have choir and praise band members both singing together! It's so nice to have Chris Sies playing the drums with us, even though it's only for the summer! Chris is going off to Michigan State University to be a percussion major.

The Opera, *Pagliacci*, is getting near! With only about 2 weeks until opening night, I am starting to get really pumped. I had my costume fitting today, and the first rehearsal with orchestra is this week. Staging begins next week. It's amazing how quickly shows come together! Although I have been working on my role since about February, we really only have about 4 weeks to put it all up. The shows are August 7th and 8th at 7:30pm (I believe I said 8pm in the last article, so please take note that was an incorrect time). They are at Carroll Community College in Westminster, MD. I will have a signup sheet in the lobby for tickets. I can reserve them for you, and you can pick them up and pay at the box office the night of the show. Tickets are \$10. The opera will be performed in Italian, but there will be English subtitles, and it will be easy to follow. It's a great opera to see if it's your first operatic experience! The show is only about an hour in length and there will be an intermission. Please don't hesitate to shoot me an email RebeccaEBell@gmail.com, or talk to me after services if you have any questions!

- Rebecca

Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Dot Bruno; Mark Zimmerman; Mary Stum's brother, Gary Sager, who is now in a nursing home; the family and friends of Nancy Dowell, a friend of Marilyn Speir, who was killed in an auto accident this week; Carol Heflebower's sister, Joyce; Lester Dabbs, recovering from surgery and all of our members and friends who are traveling during this vacation season including John Monroe and DeAnte Musgrove who are traveling to the Lakota Sioux reservation for their mission trip and Pastor Tim who is traveling on education leave this week.

The love and sympathy of the congregation goes out to Linda Lewis and her family on the death of her mother, Nancy Maisel.

Christian Education

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.

Sunday School Updates

Many thanks to all who have volunteered to teach this summer! Your time with the children is greatly appreciated. Summer Sunday school will run through August 30. There are still some available slots for August - please sign up in the lobby! We will break over Labor Day weekend, and kick off the Fall on September 6.

The numbers in several classes were above capacity this year - a wonderful challenge to have! The team of teachers decided to break the classes down into smaller groups for the coming year. This change will make the class sizes more manageable and allow for classes that are more developmentally and age appropriate.

We are excited to have the following classes:

3 & 4 year olds

Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Grades 3 & 4

Grades 5 & 6

Middle School (9:30 only)

Senior High (9:30 only)

The nursery will offer a special program for children ages 24-36 months! More information to come!

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 next seminar will be held Sunday, September 8th at 6pm.**

Future Dates are as follows: 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.

*Are you tired of stress and tension in your marriage because of finances?
Do you have hundreds or even thousands of dollars worth of debt?
Are you tired of living paycheck to paycheck - always having too much month at the end of the money?!*

Or maybe you're a college student who is already feeling the weight of student loans and credit card debt and you haven't even started a family yet!

There is hope!

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

Who: YOU!!! Everyone will gain from this class! So, no matter if you already know how to handle your money, or are constantly frustrated and confused. You should enroll. **SPACE WILL BE LIMITED!!!**

What: Financial Peace University

Where: Ark and Dove - Sanctuary

When: 31 August for a Preview Video...
Classes will be held Mondays 7-9pm from Sept 14 - Dec 7

Why: To learn how to do the money thing God's way!

Cost - The price to enroll in FPU is \$99. This goes to purchasing your FPU student kit which includes a great deal of resources including, the study guide, each lesson on CD, one of Dave's books, all of the various budget forms, the Envelope system starter pack, and much more.

Take the time to come and see the preview video on August 31st.
Contact Steve Pugh for more information.

RECYCLE! RECYCLE!

Please help build the Youth Mission Endowment by recycling your paper! Please donate your unwanted office paper, newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, brochures, fliers, and old mail. No cardboard please!



Place this paper waste in the bright green and yellow Paper Retriever container at the rear of the parking lot. Every time we fill up the box we raise more funds for our Youth Mission Endowment AND keep excess paper out of our landfills! Win Win for everyone!

Christian Education

The Word from Logos...

Exciting changes ahead! Logos will move to Tuesday nights from 5:50 PM to 7:45 PM this Fall! We will begin the 12 week session on September 15th. Parents please mark your calendars for the parent meeting August 23! We will meet for registration and information after the 11:00 service. Youth Sunday will be held on November 22. We are looking forward to a great year! For more information, contact Beth Foster at BJFoster12@aol.com.

Logos Conference East 2009

What a spirit filled week! 17 youth and adults from Ark and Dove traveled to Radford University 5-11 July for the annual Logos conference. We shared a charter bus with delegations from Mays Chapel United Methodist Church and Christ Memorial Presbyterian Church. The theme for the week was "Living Life God's Way in the Community of Faith"

Here are some special moments shared by a few who attended:

"There was one day that we were separated (men and women) for evening vespers. After our short message, we began to sing "Amazing Grace" and the energy was fantastic. When the leader got up and opened the door to the hallway, we all faltered ever so slightly, for we heard the men's vespers group coincidentally singing the same song at the same spot. Our voices swelled, and the entire building seemed to swell with the music and the Holy Spirit. And I thought, "this is what Logos is about. It is about realizing that even if we are separated, or cannot see each other, we are still truly together and truly one with God"."

"What an awesome week! Had a chance to work and live closely with a great group of kids and adults. It's so cool to see the spiritual growth through the week! Can't wait for next year!"

Some words from Worship that resonated with some..

"If you travel alone you will go fast. If you travel together you will go far"

"Take a deep breath, give everything to God, and go for it!"

Many thanks to the parents for their support of Logos and the congregation for their generosity in supporting the youth fund raising endeavors!! It would not be possible without all of you!

Joyfully Serving God
with
OpenHearts
and
OpenMinds

Ark and Dove
Presbyterian Church
8424 Piney Orchard Parkway
Odenton, Maryland 21113
410-674-6400, Balt. 410-551-4406
answers@arkanddove.org

Non-Profit
Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit No. 233