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The Arkive

*The Newsletter of
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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

As summer approaches its' zenith, I hear talk in the church about fall ministry and discipleship opportunities at Ark and Dove. There are several articles in this edition of the Arkive that speak to the rich variety of offerings in our church. With our LOGOS youth ministry program moving to Tuesday evenings, our church year will have a new rhythm about it. Our School of Music has a new director. Adult small group and education experiences abound. You may want to start plotting your fall course.

On my way into church this morning I dropped off several bags of paper in our new green and yellow paper retriever. Proceeds will build our Youth in Mission endowment fund. Mission experiences have a wonderful way of building character and widening perspective. This is a good thing to support.

I was away in July for eight days of continuing education. I have for the past year been engaging in a clergy certificate program with the Shalem Institute of Bethesda Maryland. This was my second week long residency with Shalem. It was held at the Church of the Brethren Retreat center in New Windsor Maryland and included a 36 hour period of silence.. Shalem is internationally known for their dedicated support of contemplative living and leadership, a way of being in the world that is prayerfully attentive and responsive to God's presence and guidance. In other words, Shalem "teaches, shows, leads people" into prayer. One of the challenges of prayer is controlling our ego, our self concern and our world view, long enough to listen for God's voice. I have found my year in the Shalem clergy program very meaningful. One of the things I appreciate about Shalem is their groundedness in Christianity and their respect for the prayer approaches of other religions. Since Shalem is so close, you may want to visit their web site at Shalem.org to see what they offer.

I heard this week that Arundel Habitat for Humanity will be undergoing a significant change this coming fall. The Board of Arundel Habitat voted to merge with Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity. The new entity will continue to serve Anne Arundel County but will also work with needs in Baltimore City and County. As we understand the change, there will be some increased efficiencies by combining. We will keep you posted as news becomes available. We do know that we have been working successfully with Chesapeake Habitat for years in the South Baltimore North Anne Arundel County region. In some ways this is merely a formalization of our partnership.

In Christ

Mission Ministry

Winter Relief Homeless Shelter Update



Sheets and Towels needed! The Winter Relief Team is looking for donations of sheets and towels for the shelter that we will host here at the end of October. They are hoping to collect these items now to make sure that they will have enough.

These are the items and sizes needed:

- Two flat sheets and one pillowcase for a twin size bed.
- Regular bath sized towels (a hand towel too would be nice but not necessary)

(We are asking for new items but very gently used items will also be accepted)

We will need thirty five sets of sheets and twenty five towels. Please bring your donations to the new **Mission Collection Center** at the church. Thank you very much for helping with this project. If you would like to get involved with the Winter Relief Shelter Project contact Josh Ederheimer at joshdonna@aol.com or Scott Foster at sfoster@arinc.com

Deacons

The Deacons would like your support with donations for our members Brandon Taylor and Claire Henderson who are currently serving in Iraq. Please drop off any donation items to the Ark and Dove Donation Center near the Nursery. There will be a marked box within the cabinet. Any inquires can be directed to Wes Gordon, Sarah Salkeld, or Kelly Burnett. Please feel free to include any items that are not listed:

- hygiene items
- Books— magazines
- snacks /treats (Kashi granola bars, Pemmican beef jerky, Fritos, cashews, and dried fruit (mixed blend or apricots))
- Triscuts or Wheat Thins,
- cereal
- coffee
- hair snap barrettes (dark brown)
- 1-2 wash clothes or bath puff,
- bath towel

3rd Annual Ark and Dove Mission Ministry Gathering Monday, August 10, 6-8pm

Food, Fellowship & Focus on Mission

6:00-7:00 pm Grazing Dinner
6:30-7:00 pm Celebrate 2009 Missions
7:00-7:30 pm Dream/Plan/Budget 2010
7:30-8:00 pm Clean-up and Go Home!

ALL ARE WELCOME!

SIGN-UP in the Church Lobby so we can estimate how much food to prepare and how many places to set at the table.

Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Dot Bruno; Mary Stum's brother, Gary Sager, who is now in a nursing home; Carol Heflebower's sister, Joyce; Lester Dabbs; Judi Nagle, who was recently diagnosed with cancer; Todd Glasgow, brother in law of Carey and Debby Cowell who has been hospitalized; Robert Andrew Moss born prematurely, Cliff Wellington's Grandmother, Christians under attack in Pakistan

Christian Education

The WORD from Logos...

Exciting changes ahead!

Logos will move to Tuesday nights from 5:00 PM to 7:45 PM this Fall! We will begin the 12 week session on September 15th. We are very excited to have Mark Edwards join the Logos team as a Worship Skills leader!

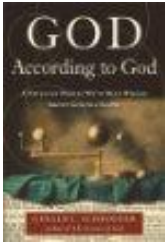
Parents please mark your calendars for:

- **Parent meeting August 23rd!** We will meet in the Marshall Room for registration and information after the 11:00 service.

- **Youth Sunday - November 22nd**

We are looking forward to a great year! For more information, contact Beth Foster at BJFoster12@aol.com.

New Adult Ed Class This Fall



The Science & Theology group will start a new class this September using the book *God According To God* by Gerald Schroeder, the biblical scholar and M.I.T.-trained physicist who combines decades of research to change the debate between religion and science and presents a new way of how to understand God. Schroeder has spent his career revealing the hand of God in the intricate discoveries of physics. Now, for the first time, he turns his attention to this force, examining both the Bible and the physical world to discover the true nature of God - God according to God. Additional information and a sign up is at the church. Please join us for this fascinating and mind opening discussion!

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! Paper *can* be brought in plastic bags.

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!



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.

School of Music

SOM Revival! We're comin' back!

The school of music will be roaring back this fall (WITH **YOUR** HELP) under the energetic guidance of our new Director, Joshua Horsch. Join us to plan for the next year and see how you can support our efforts to brainstorm ideas, voice your preferences for events, and even explore opportunities serve on the Board or our volunteer teams on Sunday, August 9, 12:30 p.m. We're even serving lunch! So, sign up in the lobby or email us at AandDsom@verizon.net so we have enough goodies for everyone.



Mission Ministry

Help a Young Neighbor Get Back to School



The Mission Ministry is teaming up again this summer with the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services to provide school supplies for local elementary and middle school students. As in the past, Social Services matched Ark & Dove with 25 students at nearby elementary schools (Severn and Ridgeway). Sunday at church there will be a sign-up sheet with instructions, a shopping list, and directions to the schools. Ark & Dove donors will select a student to sponsor, purchase the backpack and supplies, and deliver them to the school, preferably during the week of August 10. Feel free to team up rather than sponsoring a student by yourself. We will also be collecting supplies for Corkoran Middle School. For more information contact Greg Makar (301-483-8255, GLMakar@juno.com).

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