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THE Arkive

The Newsletter of
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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends ,

The Associate Pastor Nominating Team (APNT) met last week with the Session to present their draft of our Church Information Form (CIF). The CIF is the form the church uses to advertise the position of Associate Pastor. It is placed online at the Presbyterian Church USA website and it will be studied by pastors who might be interested in Ark and Dove. This gathering of Session and APNT was a very good meeting. Sitting in a room full of leaders who genuinely really care about our church, I was struck by the depth of their conversation and the level at which they worked together to edit the CIF so that it accurately and enthusiastically portrays our congregation. I am grateful for the leadership of our APNT and our Session. The CIF now needs some final crossing and i dotting and then it goes to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry for comments and approval. As our APNT moves into that time of advertising and reviewing Resumes (Personal Information Forms or PIFs) please hold them in your prayers.

A call is a nudge from God to engage in a certain ministry. Ministry takes place mostly outside of church. The way we live our lives each moment can be a demonstration of the Gospel or a chance missed. Worshipping God helps us to stay open to God's Spirit. Worshipping helps our spirit, our heart, our soul to be sensitive to the many ways God speaks to us each day. Worship fuels our individual ministries, but there are other ways to feed our faith imaginations. Perhaps you have never participated in a small group or an adult education experience? Small groups and Adult education experiences also open up doors to God. And the great thing about these experiences is the chance to ask questions and be in dialogue with fellow disciples. I hope this fall, you will avail yourselves of one of the many opportunities your church is offering. You have the chance to open new windows to the holy.

I always have a sense of anticipation when September rolls around. It's exciting to be a part of a church that offers so many programs for children and Youth. In the next two weeks, Sunday School relaunches, Logos begins, two children's choirs and our youth band start practices and club 234 starts meeting. The soccer coach will tell you , if your child misses more that two practices, they are off the team. And by golly, the kids and the parents take notice. We won't throw you off the team if you miss a class or a practice or a fellowship event; but I would like to suggest to you, that regular attendance helps your child feel truly a part of the community. Faith is not one more appointment on the family schedule; it is the center that gives all the other commitments meaning.

School has begun. From kindergarten to doctoral work, many of us are once again engaged in learning. May God bless the educators and all who support them! The mind is a gift from God and as Presbyterians we have always believed that God is honored not just with a faithful heart; but also with an engaged and informed mind.

Finally, it is with a sad heart that we all are dealing with the tragic loss of our sister Erica Kreyenbuhl, who was killed in a car accident on Sunday. May God be with her family and friends and our church, as we together celebrate her life, mourn her loss and give thanks for the resurrection on Saturday morning at 11:00 in the Sanctuary. A reception in the Marshall Room will follow.

In Christ's Peace,



Coming Soon...Church Directory

This fall Ark and Dove will be updating our church directory. We will be setting dates for pictures to be taken. The directory is open to everyone, including members and visitors. As in the past, these photos will be offered for your purchase, but it isn't mandatory. Please keep your eyes open and calendars ready for more news about dates and times.

If you're interested in being a part of this team please contact Anne Marie Rosenthal, or Lauren or Rick Ivanac.

Mission Ministry

Sarah's House Hospitality Team

We're looking for 2-3 volunteers to help serve the meals at Sarah's House every third Wednesday of the month. If you're able to help this coming September 16th from 4:30 til about 6:00 pm, please see the sign-up sheet or contact Nicole Howe, (nicole.c.howe@census.gov). It's a great, fun way to be involved in mission work! Thanks!

Director's Notes

Welcome back from all of your Summer activities! I hope everyone's first week back in school has gone well and you're ready to get back into the swing of things. I am busy busy busy teaching 3 classes at the University of Maryland, and taking 2 classes. I'm also teaching 15 private students, a class at Carroll Community College, and directing their jazz choir. It's definitely a busy semester, but much calmer than last year if you can believe that! This is my last year of course work at UMD and next year I'll be writing my dissertation!!

Remember that the Dove choir and the Children's choir begin next week, September 10th. The Dove choir is for children ages 4-6, and this group meets from 5:30-6:30 on Thursdays. The Children's choir is for ages 7 and up and meets from 6:15-6:45. Please let me know if you have any questions.

The Adult choir resumes rehearsals this week, and they meet on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30. If you're interested in singing with us for Christmas, stop by the Sanctuary on at Thursday evening!

A very special "Thank you" to Chris Sies (the percussionist at the 11:00 service, and the percussionist of my Vocal Jazz group at Carroll Community College) for his beautiful Marimba solo this past week. I wish him the very best of luck as he goes on to the University of Michigan with a full scholarship to continue his musical training!

Looking forward to seeing more faces on Sunday mornings!

*Love,
Rebecca*

Band Banter

Hello Ark and Dove! What a summer this has been. As we are all gearing up for this year, I just wanted to let you know of opportunities to be part of leading worship by using everyone's special talents and skills.

This Sunday, we said farewell to our summer drummer, Chris Sies. While we will miss him, I think we will all feel the lack of percussion now that we have had a fresh taste what the band can sound like with a drummer. If you play the drums, or have a friend who plays drums, and is looking to play with a talented group of musicians, please come on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm or contact me.

Youth Band is also starting back on September 13, the Sunday before LOGOS starts. I'm excited to see everyone again, hear about your summers, and get ready to learn some new music. This is for everyone, including my Youth Band members from last year, and anyone who wants to give it a try. No musical experience is needed, just a love to worship.

We are also still trying to put together a working stage crew for Sunday mornings. This is not a technical position, and all you would have to do to be part of this new team is come one or two times per month, about 15 to 20 minutes before the service starts, and Jeff Hulett and I can show you everything you need to know to set up the band equipment. This would be a wonderful way to get your foot in the door to help worship in a non-technical way. Benefits include: Thank You's, cookies and coffee after service, and a more relaxed band for the 11:00 service!

That's all from me. I'm excited to get the new school year running, and getting off to a great start!

*God Bless,
Mark*

Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Gary Sager; Breinna, a 16 year old preparing for surgery; Carol Heflebower's sister, Joyce; Megan Estes and Alex Hansen who wd in an auto accident; Aaron Cowell recovering from shoulder surgery and a friend who had a miscarriage.

The love and sympathy of the congregation goes out to the family and friends of our friend and member, Erica Kreyenbuhl, who was killed in an auto accident this week and to the family of Mary Benson whose Uncle died this past week.

Congratulations to Connie and Bill Kinnick on the birth of their newest grandson, Lucas Randall.

Mission Ministry

HABITAT NEWS

Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake (formerly Arundel Habitat for Humanity) has two exciting build projects coming up in the near future! The first project is a "**Blitz Build**" designed to transform a vacant city block into 9 brand new homes for 9 hardworking families beginning on 9/9/09.

The second project is Habitat's "**Building on Faith**" event, **October 17-18**. This is a two day opportunity to bring folks of all ages out to build and learn more about Habitat.

Worksites to be staffed:

Jefferson Street Houses- construction work of various types (over 16 only)

Brooklyn Houses- construction work of various types (over 16 only)

Freetown Rd House: construction and landscaping

Washington Village/Pigtown houses: construction work of various types (over 16 only)

Tree planting on Jefferson St.- All ages will work with the community to plant trees on the blocks where Habitat houses have been rehabbed! Youth Service Saturday/Sunday- Youth ages 5-15 will participate in hands-on learning about advocacy, service and fundraising training at the Habitat headquarters. (Tentative)

Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake Warehouse & Offices- Tentative location- hopefully we'll be ready to move or paint or organize in our new location!

Flyers for both programs are located in the Lobby.

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Finance Team

Mission & Ministry Fund Develops Summer Doldrums

Summer is frequently hard on church finances, as people go on vacation and fall behind in their pledging, but this year has been especially difficult. Unfortunately, the expense of running the church doesn't take a summer break, so we are looking forward to everyone coming back rested and refreshed and ready to catch up.

We're approximately \$8500 behind in pledging after two months of summer. Unpledged and loose plate is also behind about \$3000 which puts us \$11,539 behind and dangerously close to using up the operating reserve of \$12,000. Details are shown below:

July 2009	Actual:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$15,128.46	\$129,899.80	\$138,393.50	(\$8,493.70)
Unpledged:	2,871.00	26,579.00	29,166.69	(2,587.69)
Loose Plate	199.80	1,816.61	2,275.00	(458.39)
Total:	\$18,199.26	\$158,295.41	\$169,835.19	(\$ 11,539.78)

June 2009	Actual:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$16,306.00	\$114,771.34	\$118,623.00	(\$3,851.66)
Unpledged:	3,558.00	23,708.00	25,000.02	(1,292.02)
Loose Plate	189.00	1,616.81	1,950.00	(333.19)
Total:	\$20,053.00	\$140,096.15	\$145,573.02	(\$5,476.87)

Want to Help your Church? Consider becoming a Counter –

It's easy and fun to help count the offering. Takes only ½ an hour every third Sunday after either the late or early service. Training provided. Contact Shelley Franklin, (shelleyfranklin@comcast.net), Anne-Marie Rosenthal (amlazar2@gmail.com) or Brooks Emrick (dadnbrooks@aim.com) for more information. Or stop by in the middle office after church on Sunday.

Church Picnic



Sunday, September 27, 12:30-2:30.

Volunteers needed for help with set up, cooking, games and clean up. Please sign up at church or contact Louise Sharrocks Hansen or Donna Anderson.

Save the Date!

November 21, 2009

**Pastor Corinne Baker
Retirement Party**

Watch the Arkive and E-Arkive for more information.

Inquires contact: Wesley Gordon, Dawn Gordon, or Julie Houck.

THE NEW PROGRAM YEAR IS BEGINNING

Friends, here is a chronological countdown of educational opportunities. Something for Everyone!

YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Your educational team has been preparing with anticipation to welcome your child (children) to the first day of Sunday School for the Fall on September 13th. Bring a friend!

- **Open House - Sat. Sept. 12th, 6:30 – 7:30 pm**– Come and meet Sunday School teachers and visit your child’s room.
- **Sunday School , Sept. 13th, 9:30 and 11:00 am** Sunday School for all children through High School at 9:30 and through 6th grade at 11:00 am.
- **Logos, Tuesday, Sept. 15th**, our mid-week youth program, 5:00 pm – 7:45 pm for youth 5th gr. – 12th gr. Sign up in lobby or bjfoster12@aol.com,
- **Club 2,3,4, will hold their first event on Sept. 20th.** Grades 2nd through 4th – meet after worship once a month for fun and service!

ADULT SMALL GROUPS – Groups begin a week from Sunday! Sign-up NOW!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

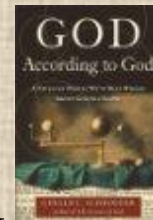


“Living the Questions” – Sunday Sept. 13th 11:-00 am Marshall Room. Seven Sessions with 20 min. DVD and discussion. This isn’t your parents’ Sunday

School! Leading progressive religious voices share varied interpretations of how faith impacts our daily lives. Participants are invited to discuss experiences. This new and well-received series poses questions that gives one a chance to reflect and deepen faith. Free handout for first class available at sign-up table. Not sure? Pick up a handout and join in first meeting before deciding. Series hand-outs \$5.00 – Chaplain Betsy Baer, bbaer@bwmc.umms.org

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS

“Science and Theology” – Sunday, Sept. 13th 12:20pm Ark and Dove Room Scientist Pepper Powers facilitates discussion of “God- According to God” . Come and participate in discussion of how religion and science presents a new way of how to understand God. Join in fascinating and mind opening discussion! Order a book and sign-up at table. pepper.p.powers@nasa.gov



MONDAY NIGHTS



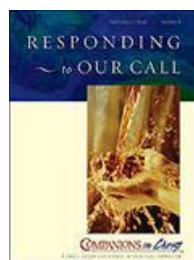
“Financial Peace University” twelve Mondays 7:00pm. This is a biblically-based small group which gives practical suggestions on how to manage and put-in-place a financial plan for your family which will improve your quality of life and strengthen your faith. Open to the community. Sign-up now through Steve Pugh, the facilitator - adminelder@gmail.com Don’t miss!

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS



“Countering Consumption Society with Biblical Interpretations, beginning with Moses/Pharaoh” Five sessions beginning Wednesdays, Sept. 23rd 7:00pm, in the Marshall Room. Walter Brueggemann, master story-teller, interprets the Biblical Story with contemporary flair that gives a new understanding on how to live in God’s community with intention! Ever feel overwhelmed by too much information? In each 12 minute DVD, Brueggemann lights a fire under our faith to live with hope without falling for gimmicks that promise but don’t produce! Great series! Sign-up at table. Pick-up free handout for first session and try us out! Series hand-outs, \$5.00. Pastor Corinne Baker, facilitator, bakercorinne@aol.com

THURSDAY NIGHTS



“Called To Share Our Gifts” Thursdays, 7:00pm, Sept. 17-22, Cost \$8.00. This group combines activities from Responding To Our Call (Companions In Christ Series) with aspects of Positive Psychology. This spiritual formation group will enable you to “reflect on Christ’s call in your life and discover anew the gifts that God gives you for living out your personal ministry.” Co-facilitators, Linnie Girdner, Kim Jones. For more info, Linnie Girdner at 410-672-5050 or lgirdner@comcast.net

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY MORNING

The Ark and Dove Women's Group Presents...Joshua A Journey of Faith by Mary Mikhael

In the nine lessons of Joshua: A Journey of Faith, Mary Mikhael invites us to explore the challenging, sometimes heart-rending, book of Joshua. Pursuing such themes as leadership, the promise of land, the concept of “holy war,” and outsiders becoming insiders, we learn ultimately to find rest in the justice and mercy of God.

Cost: \$7

Time: 9:am on 9 Saturdays mostly in 2009
in the Ark and Dove Room

Dates: Sept. 19, Oct. 3 & 17, Nov. 7 & 21, Dec. 5, Jan. 9 &
23, Feb. 6

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