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The Newsletter of  
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## Stewardship Ministry

Dear Friends,

Do you still use a checkbook register to record your checks and the balance of how much money you have (or don't have) in the bank? I do, but my daughter does not. She still knows how much she has in the bank, but there is no register. I found out from Dave Ramsey's course "Financial Peace" that I am a nerd. I want to know where my money goes and I want to have some sort of peace in how I spent the money. Not only do I record my transactions in the checkbook register, I also record them in Quicken. Does that make me a double nerd?

Let God  
Lead

As You Gather  
and Give



The one thing that shouted out at me from that "Financial Peace" session was the thought that what you do with your money screams loudly about who you are. I have been keeping track of where my money goes for years and years. Several years ago I really started looking at that checkbook register and I was not too happy about where my money went and what I did with it. So I changed it. If you look at one of those old checkbook registers (because I still have them!) and compare them to my current register, you would see a very different person. I am happy now with what my register screams about me. I have let God lead me in that effort.

Our stewardship campaign for 2010 has begun. Over the next few weeks I ask you to "Let God Lead" you as you gather and give. Please be in prayer over what you will do with your money. We have made enormous strides with Habitat for Humanity and all of our mission efforts. We need to continue this next year. We need to call an associate pastor next year.

One way to Let God Lead is to have a discussion with family or friends or to center your own thoughts. Read Psalm 96 and take time to answer these questions:

- For what moment today am I most grateful?
- For what moment today am I least grateful?
- When today did I feel most alive?
- When did I feel life draining out of me?
- What is God calling me to do with my money?
- What is God calling me to do with my time?

Discuss your answers with family or friends or just spend some time thinking about it yourself. Then Let God Lead.

*Karen Dodson*

**Church Picnic This Sunday**  
**October 4th - 12:30 to 2:30pm**

## Band Banter

Hello Ark and Dove. I hope the beginning of the school year has proved to be both productive and exciting. It has for me, as Youth Band had a great first rehearsal on Sunday, and LOGOS starts this Tuesday. Everything is in full swing now, and I am excited to see the new developments that the year has to bring.

The first Youth Band Sunday will be October 11, so please mark it on your calendars. The Youth Band is also an open membership group, meaning that anyone can come join us to worship in song. We meet on Sunday afternoons, after the 11:00 service lets out.

We are also keeping Alex Hansen in mind, as he makes a speedy recovery from his internal injuries, and hopefully he won't have to be called "drip" for too much longer!

Also a word on the Anthem from this Sunday. It was a piece of music written by the Australian guitarist, Tommy Emmanuel. He has been touring for his entire adult life, and got his start, basically traveling around Australia like a gypsy, playing music whenever he could, and not having a steady place to sleep from year to year. The song, "Angelina" was written for his daughter, with the same name.

*That's all for now. God Bless,  
Mark*

## Facilities Ministry

It is fall and Ark and Dove is hopping! We have events going on in our building every weekend from now through December-- in addition to all of the regular weekday activities, and the construction of an Eagle Scout project near the entrance. The Facilities Ministry is working hard to make sure everything stays working and in good order. We could sure use your help to make this all happen. Please consider volunteering for the **Ark and Dove Fantabulous Beautification Extravaganza** on October 17<sup>th</sup> and November 7<sup>th</sup>, where we will be working on many projects to maintain our grounds and our building. Or you could consider volunteering to help with our building cleanup during the week of November 2, after the Winter Relief Homeless Shelter. Even if you are not available during any of these times and you want to be involved—please drop us a line at [facilities@arkanddove.org](mailto:facilities@arkanddove.org). There are always projects to be done in our continuing efforts to keep Ark and Dove in its best condition. We look forward to seeing you soon!!

## Prayer Concerns Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:

Lester Dabbs, recovering from surgery; the family and friends of Cindy Sennett, a co-worker of Wes Gordon, who died this week; Frank Young, Tim Stern's brother in law, who underwent neck surgery; and Tim and Kelly Stern who are traveling this week.

## Winter Relief Homeless Shelter

What are you called to do? Sign-up to volunteer and/or donate to the Ark and Dove Winter Relief Emergency Homeless Shelter! Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church is a mission oriented church committed to helping others. There a great upcoming opportunity for you and your family to serve others. The date is fast approaching. Have you seen all those sign-up sheets? Ark and Dove is hosting the rotating Winter Relief Emergency Homeless Shelter from Monday, October 26, through Monday, November 2, 2009.

There are many opportunities for you to consider. Please take a look at the Winter Relief sign-up board in the lobby and take a look at the team matrix and accompanying sign-up sheets. What are you called to do? We really need you to sign-up, so we can adequately plan and prepare for this exciting mission event. We also need food and non-food donations. While we have plenty of towels and sheets, we need a great deal of other items. Take a look at the donation sign up too! Let us know if you have any questions!

The winter relief initial planning team – Don Anderson; Martha Anderson; Vaughn Brown; Josh Ederheimer; Scott Foster; Linda Girdner; Clay Heflebower; and Kathy Miller.

## School of Music

### **Trumpeting Our SOM Addition!**

The Ark and Dove School of Music (SOM) announces the addition of a brass instrument teacher—Brandon Norton. Brandon is currently in his last year of studies at Peabody Institute in trumpet performance, having graduated *summa cum laude* in trumpet performance from Columbia State University Schwob School of Music in Georgia. A personable young man, Brandon has 4 years experience teaching trumpet, mainly to youths. He brings a broad experience as a musician having played with a variety of orchestras and both wind and brass ensembles since 2003. To get more information or arrange for lessons contact the SOM at 410-674-5664 or email [AandDsom@verizon.net](mailto:AandDsom@verizon.net).

## Church Officer / Team Leader Training Thursday, October 15th at 7pm

The discipleship ministry is offering a team leader training for current team leaders or those that might be interested in learning about how to effectively lead teams. Successful teams don't happen by accident they happen through a process of team development and good leaders. Elder Jeff Morgan will be the leader of this training session which will focus on helping leaders understand the process that teams go through from start to reach peak efficiency. The session will also help leaders to look inside themselves, understanding their tendencies and habits so they can lead with good self-awareness and the ability to get the most from all types of people - alike or dissimilar. Please sign up at church or email Donna Anderson at [Joshdonna@aol.com](mailto:Joshdonna@aol.com) if you plan on attending.

## Church Picture Directory Dates Announced

We are excited to announce that Olan Mills will be helping us to create a new pictorial directory of our church family. The directory will help us to connect names with faces. It will be a useful tool for new people as they begin to worship here and for longtime members and visitors. It will be an ideal outreach tool and will capture our church in words and pictures.

Please participate! We want our album to be as complete as possible. Remember, to get a book, you need to participate. We will be signing up for the next several weeks here at the church. Please sign up as soon as possible to get the appointment time that best suits your schedule.

- Every participating family/household that selects a pose for the directory will receive a free directory and a complimentary Olan Mills 8x10 Custom Natural Portrait.
- You will come to the church only once for photography and for portrait viewing.
- This program is available at no cost to the church.
- You will have the opportunity to order additional portraits during your scheduled time, if you wish. You do not need to purchase photos to participate.
- If you do wish to purchase additional portraits, they come with Olan Mills' 100% Satisfaction Guarantee.
- Whether you decide to dress formal or casual, you will want to make the most of this opportunity.

The scheduled dates for photography at church are:

**Wednesday, November 11, from 3-9 pm**

**Tuesday, December 1 from 3-9 pm**

**Wednesday, December 2 from 3-9 pm**

We are currently signing people up for the November 11 date in the church lobby. Please stop by on Sunday and sign up for your time slot. We want everyone to participate. Our book will not be complete without you!



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## INTERIM INTERLUDES

In the hall last week, I overheard some of our youth talking about what they do on the week-ends and one of them said, *"I love coming to church!"* The rest of the group agreed and started sharing experiences they are having at A&D. What a wonderful tribute to our children and youth, their committed teachers and to you, their parents for encouraging them in their faith.

The following are some suggestions that may help and encourage you as you guide your children in their faith journey.

How do we surround our children with a healthy atmosphere for nurturing faith?

By building rapport and establish trusting relationships with them

By expressing love in the home and in the context of the faith community

By talking about and helping them to discover God through nature, at table, and at play, and through the beauty of creation and daily life

By reading and talking about stories with spiritual themes and exploring Bible stories and children's prayer books

By establishing healthy relationships and environments in school, home and church

By surrounding them with healthy God-talk through labeling, expressions of thanksgiving, appreciation, and gratitude

By nurturing them emotionally, physically, mentally and spiritually

By encouraging their interaction with the arts

I look forward to meeting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children during their Sunday School time on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be learning about the Sacrament of Communion in preparation for receiving Communion and worshipping together with their families on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Last Sunday we participated in some learning activities to help us be familiar with the different parts of worship.

In Christ,



### Fall Small Groups at Ark and Dove

*Sundays at 11am - "Living the Questions2" Join any Sunday for topical discussion by church leaders on important biblical topics.*

*Wednesdays at 7pm - Pastor Corinne facilitates these DVD discussions of how biblical faith counters the pull of modern culture.*

*Thursdays at 7pm - "Called to Our Gifts" faith formation combined with Positive Psychology.*

*Alternate Saturdays at 9am - Begins Sat 9/19 - "A Journey of Faith" Women's Group studies Joshua.*

Watch for these upcoming Events!

October 17th and Nov 7th - Church Beautification Days

October 25th - Reformation Sunday - Happy Birthday to John Calvin and Ark and Dove!

October 26 thru Nov 2nd - Winter Relief Homeless Shelter

November 14th - Fall Craft Festival (benefits the Ark and Dove Habitat House)

November 21st - Pastor Corinne's Retirement Dinner

*Contact Jean at the church office if you would like to get involved with any of these great events!*