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*The Newsletter of
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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the special offering for Haiti. The situation down there needs our prayer and our financial support. When you see such deep struggles; it does help to put some of our worries into perspective. Gee, what should I order when I go out to dinner vs. when will I find food for my children who haven't had a meal in two days? We also will be shipping hygiene and baby kits in the weeks to come. Check our mission pages on the web for details. We will continue to receive gifts for Haiti in the weeks to come.

This Sunday January 24 is a communion Sunday and communion will be served at both services. Next Sunday January 31 is Youth Sunday and also the night of our Annual Congregational Meeting (6:15pm). Annual meetings are a special part of being Presbyterian because Annual meetings are the forum at which you can thank people for hard work, ask questions about our ministry and mission, offer suggestions, volunteer to get involved. We dot the i's and cross the t's of our official business too which means: we will elect church officers, we will review the budgets, we will approve the terms of call of the pastor and hear reports from the Ministries and Deacons and approve minutes from past meetings. We will get an update from the Associate Pastor Nominating Team and officially elect all our elders as Trustees to comply with Maryland State Law. We also will elect a new Nominating Team. Usually somebody says something incredibly inspiring and insightful and no question is too small to consider. It's your church. It's your night.

One of the great things about Ark and Dove is our youth. They are active in many areas of our congregation including worship. It has been our tradition around here to provide faith building experiences for our youth during the summer. We send them on mission trips and to the Logos Youth Ministry Conference. On Saturday March 6th our youth will be holding a Spaghetti Dinner auction fundraiser. I think it's important to support them and besides they always serve a nice meal. Mark your calendar – dinner out at Ark and Dove on the Sixth of March. These summer trips change lives.

In Christ,



Church Leadership Retreat - February 12 & 13

One day away to get together and dream about what Ark and Dove is being called to do and be in the world. Long Range Planning will be the focus of this year's Leadership Retreat on February 12th and 13th. Anyone who is currently in a leadership position at Ark and Dove or anyone who thinks they may feel called to serve at Ark and Dove in the future will want to come to this fun and rewarding retreat. We will meet at Bon Secours for dinner on Friday the 12th and think and dream together until Saturday around 4pm. The cost is \$140 for a single room and three meals. Couples sharing a room get a reduced rate. Sign up in the church lobby or call the church office.

Christian Education

Youth Summer Trips /Fundraising Meeting

Calling all youth currently in grades 8 and beyond and any adults who plan on attending any of the summer trips (Logos Conference, Habitat Mission, Hau Kola etc.)!! There will be a meeting to discuss costs, fundraising etc. on January 31, after the second service in the Marshall Room. Logos registration forms will be distributed, plans for the Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction and other fundraisers will be discussed.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in any of the summer trips, please contact Beth Foster (BJFoster12@aol.com) or Ray Bussey (safe110@verizon.net) for more information!

SouperBowl of Caring

Coming your way soon! The youth will once again be collecting your donations of canned soup and dollar bills for the Christian Assistance Program! Our goal is to surpass our collection of \$1200.00 last year! We will also be taking collections at the Safeway at Waugh Chapel on 2/6 from 9:00AM - 3:00 PM.

Please bring your cans of soup to church now through Sunday, February 7! Youth will be standing by with soup pots that day to collect your dollar bills as well! Please help us support the youth in their 8th consecutive year of participating in the SouperBowl of Caring.

The Christian Education Ministry would like to welcome **Lisa Ferrer as our new Children's Ministry Team Leader!** Lisa brings a wealth of experience as a teacher at Hillsmere Elementary, and work with children and youth at previous churches! We are excited to have her on board working with our Sunday School program!

Finance Team

Report on the Mission & Ministry Operating Fund

Thanks to everyone who caught up and donated more! We finished 2009 in the black. We've had a phenomenal catch up in pledges and extra donations to finish out 2009. We were \$14,000 behind at the end of October and we finished up only \$7,000 behind at the end of December. We finished with approximately \$3300 to carryover to 2010.

The Pastor Corrine Travel Fund has only about \$2000. We would like to have at least \$2500 in it to get her safely to Iona, Scotland, and back. Please consider donating to our farewell gift of sending Pastor Corinne on her long-hoped-for trip to the religious community in Iona. Good News!! We took in \$3693.00 in Christmas Joy. \$1846 of Christmas Joy went to General Assembly programs, \$462 went to Dr. Karla Ann Koll, Missionary in Guatemala, \$462 went to John and Gwenda Fletcher, missionaries in the Congo (and parents of John & Michelle Fletcher, new members of our church). \$923 went to Winter Relief.

2010 Tax Contribution Statements are being mailed out to every family this week. If you do not receive yours or if you find errors, please contact Brooks Emrick at dadnbrooks@aim.com or 410-923-2510 and we can email or mail you another one.

Disaster Relief for Haiti -- We received \$1497.00 in donations for Disaster Relief for Haiti on Sunday, January 17th. Thanks to everyone who donated to this amazingly generous outpouring. An expedited check was mailed to the Presbytery of Baltimore on Sunday night.

Thanks to Rich Speir who donated the funds to pay for plowing the church parking lot after the big snow.

December	2009 Actual:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$25,136.45	\$230,035.07	\$237,246.00	(\$7,210.93)
Unpledged:	3,819.00	51,179.00	50,000.00	1,179.00
Loose Plate	167.25	3,461.24	3,900.00	(438.76)
Total:	\$29,122.70	\$284,675.31	\$291,146.00	(\$6,470.69)
November	2009 Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$24,076.45	\$204,898.62	\$217,475.50	(\$12,576.88)
Unpledged:	5,766.00	47,360.00	45,833.37	1,526.63
Loose Plate	678.00	3,293.99	3,575.00	(281.01)
Total:	\$30,520.45	\$ 255,552.61	\$266,883.87	(\$11,331.26)

We are now accepting the Per Capita Offering for 2010. The amount this year is \$31 per adult member.

Children's Worship Opportunity

All children in grades 2 and up are welcome to attend worship with their families on Sunday, January 31 - Youth Sunday! Both services will be lead by the Logos youth, Youth Band, and the Children's choir! Sunday school classes will be held for PreK and grades K/1 that day as well as the nursery and cribbery.

Children's Ministry Offerings

We are blessed to have a wonderful team of teachers to staff our Sunday School classes! If you are new to Ark and Dove (or just wondering "where do all those kids go after the children's message?") , here's our line-up:

Cribbery - ages 0-24 months

Nursery/Toddlers - ages 24-36 months

Pre-K - (3/4 year olds) - Shepard Room

Grades K/1 - Prentiss-Whitman Room (9:30 service)

Grades K/1/2 - Prentiss- Whitman Room (11:00 service)

Grades 2/3 - Witherspoon Room ((9:30 service)

Grades 4/5 - Calvin Room (9:30 service)

Grades 3/4/5 - Calvin Room (11:00 service)

Grades 6/7/8 - Marshall Room (9:30 service only)

Grades 9/10/11/12 - Marshall Room (9:30 service only)

Haiti Mission Opportunity

All children are encouraged to bring in items for the hygiene and baby kits! Individual items or complete kits can be brought to Sunday School. Collections will be received for the next few weeks! What a wonderful opportunity to have our children involved in mission!

Hygiene Kit supply lists and other information will be available at church and on our website.

Administration Ministry

My “Church Resume”

As part of a recent report from our Nominating Team that is searching faithfully and diligently for our new Associate Pastor, we heard about many resumes that are being reviewed to help determine the best person possible to join our leadership team. As I listened (in awe by the way at the work being done), it made me realize that each of us really have our own “Church Resume.” In looking at mine, I decided this year that my resume could definitely stand some improvement in several areas, especially the “Experience” section.

Now is a good time to prayerfully consider how you might be able to strengthen your personal resume with our Church. Participating, on a team or project is a great way to build your resume’s “experience” section at your own pace, while your efforts in supporting the missions and goals of the Church are appreciated and valued. Build your resume “reference” section by meeting some new people and beginning some new friendships, or renewing some old ones that will last a lifetime.

Lastly, I noticed that the cover letter for my resume was also in need of editing about what my overall contributions to the Church could be. Completing and turning in my Pledge for the year helped solidify my commitment to all of the sections on my resume. Consider a resolution at the beginning of this year to update all aspects of your personal church resume. Doing so now is particularly important when budgeting and planning have to be done for the year and not all pledges have been received.

*Prayerfully,
Bob Stevens*

Music Director's Notes

Youth Sunday is on January 31st- the Children's Choir will be singing at both services, along with the Youth Band and Logos. I hope you will come and support the youth in this church. I'm excited to be getting back in the swing of things, but have certainly enjoyed my vacation off from school! The Dove Choir will resume their rehearsals on Thursday, February 4th, and they meet from 5:30-6:00. The Children's Choir continues to meet from 6:15-6:45 on Thursdays. I would like to invite the 2-3 year olds to sing with the Dove Choir, but would ask that the parents of the youngest ones please stay close by in case your child needs you for any reason. I'm also looking for someone to volunteer to help me with the Children's Choirs. This person would come to all of the Children's Choir (and Dove Choir) rehearsals, help me keep the kids engaged, send and organize reminder emails, print music, etc.. It can be a parent of one of the kids, as long as it won't affect your child's participation in the choir.

In other news, I am a new mom to a 12 week old English Bulldog puppy who we named Tucker! I have been housetraining for the last 2 weeks, which has proven to be a challenge, but he's doing really well. He did, however, decide that he doesn't like the rain yesterday and instead would rather go in the elevator! I have another week home with him and he's starting obedience class this week, so let's hope that helps! I'm looking forward to a great new year. January 20th marks my 1 year anniversary here at the church, and I couldn't be happier. Time certainly does fly when you're having fun!



*Love,
Rebecca*

Band Banter

Youth Sunday is almost here, and we are up and running in LOGOS. We are getting ready for our most ambitious project since I have started teaching my Worship Skills Class, which is to be responsible for two church services. I am excited to see the results we come up with, combining the efforts of the Youth Band, all LOGOS groups, and the Children's Choirs. It should be a great service, so please support the youth programs on January 31.

I am participating in the Howard County Rising Star Competition this year, and have just been notified that I will be in the finals on Saturday, April 24. I will give more details as the date comes closer, but just to give you a heads up, the winner is decided by the audience. Please come out and support not only me, but the arts in Howard County as I take part in this contest.

*God Bless,
Mark*

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Dot Bruno; Michael Johnson; Florence Myers; Vaughn Brown Sr; Vaughn Brown Jr, undergoing minor surgery this week; Couples facing marital strife; Garry Dabbs, undergoing foot surgery for a badly broken foot and Ferndale UMC and Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will host the Winter Relief homeless shelter this week. Ark and Dove will help the Lutheran church on Thursday night. Please pray for the volunteers and the homeless people they will shelter. Include the nation and peoples of Haiti in your prayers as they attempt to recover from two major earthquakes in one week.

The love and sympathy of the congregation goes out to Peggy Whitmire and her family, a former member and elder, whose youngest son, Dustin died this week and to Carol Fudge whose brother died this week.

Worship Ministry

2010 Lenten Services

The 2010 Lenten Taize Teams will form the first part of January. **The first planning meeting will be held on Monday, January 25th.**

Taize Services will be held on Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 during Lent. Contact Breinny Mosella, breinny@verizon.net. For information on the history and background of Taize worship, please visit their official website at <http://www.taize.fr/>.

Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction

The fundraiser you wait all year for.....is back!!!

Save the Date!!

March 6th

Seatings at 5:30 and 6:30

Tickets - \$5.00 for children/\$10.00 for adults - on sale beginning 2/14

Mark your calendars now and support the youth and adults going on the summer trips!

Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck Supper

Sunday, January 31st

5:30 Potluck

6:15 Meeting

Childcare will be available for the meeting as well as activities for the older children. Look for sign up sheets in the church lobby.



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DISASTER ASSISTANCE
OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

As you know there has been a terrible earthquake in Haiti. The Mission Ministry of Ark and Dove has called for a special offering during January to address the crises. Please make your check out to Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church and mark your checks "Haiti" in the memo section.

One of the special things about Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the commitment to offer sustained and long term assistance to people in Crises. Our ministry is designed to join and then follow up first responders. We are still in Louisiana and Mississippi working on Katrina relief and we will stay in Haiti for some time to come. You can read more about our efforts at the [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](http://www.presbyterian-disaster-assistance.org) website.

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