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Ark and Dove
Presbyterian Church of
Odenton
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From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

This Wednesday February 17 marks the beginning of Lent on the church calendar. Lent is a season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Lent has been practiced in the church in some form for about 1700 years. Lent calls each of us to remember and appreciate the significance of the Resurrection in our own lives here and now. To delve into the implications of the resurrection for our faith, requires that our souls be both healed and honed. For that to happen we need to consider and purge what is superfluous in our lives and we need to heighten and intensify what is meaningful. Lent is a time of self inspection, introspection and reordering. Lent is a call to renew faith that has grown dull by the same old, same old.

Lenten worship is an important part of preparing our souls for Easter. During the 40 days of Lent we will offer an Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 and five Wednesday Taize worship services also at 7:30. During Holy Week we will offer a Maundy Thursday and a Good Friday service.

Almost everyone admits "I should read the Bible more, I should pray more, I should work on my faith." OK (kindly phrased), quit talking about it and do it. Ark and Dove is offering six small group opportunities during Lent. We are reading the book called The Last Week by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossan. The book is about the last week of Jesus' life. "It is a week of extraordinary importance for Christians....What was the last week of Jesus' life all about?...It is revelatory...This book is about the Passion.... and is about what Jesus was passionate about....the book is written to retell a story everyone thinks they know too well and most do not seem to know at all." The Sunday preaching during Lent will follow the chapters of the book.

Perhaps the snows have pushed our church off track. They sure pushed everything else off track. There are only seven people signed up to participate in Lenten small groups. (I acknowledge that the Sunday 11 AM group and Saturday Woman's group – likely have simply failed to sign up on paper but are in.) However these exceptions aside, our sign ups or lack thereof illustrates that our congregation is not ready for Lent or Easter and quite frankly it reflects very poorly upon us as a whole.

I am urging you to sign up for a group. They are offered as follows
Wednesday Noon
Thursday 7 pm
Saturday Morning Women 9:00
Sunday 9:30am, 11:00am, 6:30pm

If there are six people who desire a Tuesday evening group, I would be happy to lead that in addition to the Thursday group. Perhaps you would like to lead a discussion at another time?

You may register by sending an e-mail to Jean Powers, our Church Administrator at admin@arkanddove.org

In prior years we have had 60 to 80 people in Lenten small groups.

In Christ,



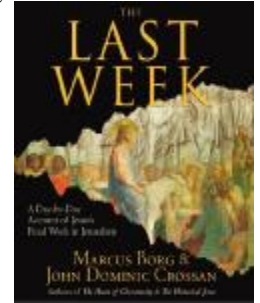
Christian Education

Lenten Study

This week marks the beginning of Lent. This year's Lenten study will be: *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*, by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Pastor Tim will be using the book in a series of Lenten sermons.

Small discussion groups are forming now!- There are six groups starting this week:

- Wednesdays at noon at the Anderson's home starting 2/17 - Led by Linnie Girdner.
- Thursdays at 7pm starting on 2/18 - Led by Tim Stern.
- Every other Saturday at 9am started last Sat 2/13. Led by Kim Champagne.
- And Three groups on Sundays all starting on 2/21. 9:30am group led by new Parrish Associate, Chaplain Don Wilson and Vaughn Brown. 11:00am group led by Chaplain Betsy Baer and a 6:30pm group led by Beth Foster and Kelly Burnett.



See the sign up display in the church lobby! Books are available for purchase for 10.00 after each service.

Spaghetti Dinner/Silent Auction

March 6th - Seatings at 5:30pm and 6:30pm

Tickets - \$5.00 for children/\$10.00 for adults - on sale on Sunday. Some of our church's small groups and Teams will be putting together "baskets" for the Silent Auction. If your group would like to create a basket to help the youth raise money for their summer trips contact Ray Bussey or Beth Foster. Mark your calendars now and support the youth and adults going on the summer trips!



SouperBowl of Caring

Many thanks to everyone who donated soup and money for C.A.P.! The youth collected 298 cans of soup and \$701.15 at Super Fresh and donations at church! The youth and adults spent time on Saturday, 2/13 at the local Super Fresh soliciting

Finance Ministry

Thank you for keeping your pledges current in January. As you can see weather related lower January worship attendance affected our unpledged income. Pastor Corinne's pilgrimage to Iona fund now stands at \$2,201. Our goal is \$2,500. Per Capita giving in January was 2,346 and our goal there is \$4,200. Giving to Haiti stands at \$2,387. Thank you for your support of the Haitian people. We still are accepting gifts for Haiti.

January 2010	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$23,225.33	\$ 23,225.33	\$ 21,929.66	\$1,295.67
Unpledged:	3,422.00	3,422.00	4,666.67	(1,244.67)
Loose Plate	323.00	323.00	291.66	31.34
Total:	\$ 26,970.33	\$ 26,970.33	\$ 26,887.99	\$ 82.34

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)

Interfaith Comedy Fundraiser

A Rabbi, a Minister and a Muslim... Walk on to the stage... What happens next will bring laughter...a laughter that builds peace! Please join us for an Interfaith Comedy Fundraiser on Sunday, March 7th 2010. This fundraiser is sponsored by Habitat for Humanity and takes place at 3pm at Broadneck High School. Tickets are \$20 each (\$10 for students) and can be purchased from Lorrie Yates. Please see the mission bulletin board in the Lobby for more information.

Our Mission Statement

Ark & Dove is
a community of disciples that
embodies the life & spirit
of Jesus Christ
so that lives are transformed
and
God's dream is carried into the
world.

Music Director's Notes

Wow, enough snow already! I have never seen this much snow in my entire life (granted, I did live my first 21 years in Florida)! The Dove Choir began rehearsals and I'm so excited to have 2 new members. We pushed the music back due to the cancellation of the service last week, so the Children's Choir will be singing this coming Sunday with the Adult Choir. They'll sing the anthem at the 9:30 service- I hope you'll be able to see it! The Adult Choir will begin work on Easter music in the next few weeks, and I'd like to invite anyone interested in singing to come to a Thursday night rehearsal (7-8:30). Stay warm!

- Rebecca

Band Banter

The snow has really been something. I feel like the weather has taken a week and a half away, and I kind of want it back. I am thankful for the time away, because as they say: Absence makes the heart grow fonder. It was an awakening on Sunday, February 7, when I didn't feel the same fellowship with everyone, especially with my Youth Band and Adult Band. It felt great on the 14th again, when we could all come together again, and worship together. There is just nothing like real fellowship, and I'm thankful for such great groups.

Outside of Ark and Dove, I have been taking part in the Howard County Rising Star Contest, and have made it to the final round. The finals will take place on April 24, and I would love for you all to come out and support not only me, but also the arts community in Howard County. There is going to be great food from area caterers, as well as the Rising Star Contest, in which the audience selects the winner. If you would like information on how to get tickets, please just let me know.

*God Bless,
Mark*

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Dot Bruno; Les Dabbs; Michael Johnson; a friend's husband fighting cancer; Ron Stanton's uncle; Tim's Aunt Marge and Chrissy White, recovering from cancer surgery. St. Christopher Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian of Annapolis will host the Winter Relief homeless shelter this week. Please pray for the volunteers and the homeless men and women they will shelter.

2010 Team Leaders

Team Leaders are at work in all areas of the church. They are always looking for people who feel the call to be on their team or to lead a team. Contact any of these leaders anytime for more information.

Education Teams- Elder, Beth Foster 410 451-8385

Children's Ministry - Lisa Ferrer, Nursery - Lori Musican, Club 234 - Cheryl Walcutt and Deb Saylor, VBS - Wendy Wellington, Logos - Beth Foster and Sarah Salkeld,

Associate Pastor Nominating - Steve Debus

Mission Teams - Elder, Kathy Emmert 410 695-1892

Habitat for Humanity - Lorrie Yates, CAP - Greg Makar

Winter Relief - Josh Ederheimer, Scott Foster

Sarah's House - Nicole Howe, Youth Mission - vacant

Ribbons of Remembrance - Don Anderson, Global Mission - vacant

Worship Teams - Elder, Spence Keyes 410 874-7253

Liturgy & Sacristy - Adell Gaurin, Sound - Jeff Hulett,

Visual Media - Scott Foster, Taize - Breinny Mosella,

Head Ushers - Tom Ross & Fred Barrow, Flowers - Jean Powers

Sunday Fellowship - Marilyn Speir

Discipleship Teams - Elder, Donna Anderson, 410 674-7742

Hospitality and Outreach - Cathy Debus, Discover - Linda Girdner,

Fellowship Events - Shelly Fletcher, Stewardship - Karen Dodson,

Walking in Faith follow up - Julia Kirby, Nominating - Scott Foster,

Connect - vacant

Administration Teams - Elder, Bob Stevens, 410 519-2814

Communications - Dawn Gordon, Planning - Rich Speir,

Finance - Brooks Emrick, Personnel and Policies - vacant

Facilities Teams - Elder, David Schafer, 410 969-1705

Building Maintenance - Mike Davie, Grounds - Ellen Makar,

Kitchen - Ray Bussey, Technology - Chris Slingsluff

Worship Ministry

Taize Worship Services

Each Wednesday after Ash Wednesday throughout Lent at 7:30pm there will be a beautiful meditative service of sung prayer and silence. Each service is about a half hour long and is a wonderful way to bring the reflection of Lent into our busy work weeks.

Worship Team

The worship team is looking for a couple of people that would be interested in helping fold bulletins on Friday or Saturday before Sunday Service. If you are interested in answering the call please email Debbie Saylor at debsaylor@aol.com.

Flower Team

Floral displays at Ark and Dove are all dependent on your donations. If you would like to donate flowers to honor a loved one or a special occasion see the flower calendar on the bulletin board in the church lobby, pick a Sunday and follow the easy instructions.

Deacon Contact List

Who's your Deacon? To better serve the congregation, each Deacon is assigned a portion of the congregation based on the first letter of each member's last name. Please use this list to contact your Deacon with your joys or concerns.

Alpha	Deacon	Contact
A-B	Vania Lauer	410 541-6991, rlauer@aol.com
C-E	Judy Quigley	410 846-5430, jquigley@umd.edu
F-G	Scott Howe	410 868-3676, Scottspe1@comcast.net
H-K	Wes Gordon	410 551-4405, wgordon_88@yahoo.com
L-O	Cathy Debus	410 451-4489, smcw@debus.name
P-S	Martha Anderson	410 305-0877, donmartha@aol.com
T-Z	Sarah Salkeld	410 729-0129, sarahjsalkeld@yahoo.com

Moderator of Deacons - Kelly Burnett, 410 544-5779, kellyb327@aol.com
 (Prayer requests should be directed to Kelly)



We are still collecting the Special Offering for Haiti Relief for the next several weeks. If you are putting together the relief kits we will be collecting them for the next several weeks also. Check out our website for more info and links to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website.

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 and
 OpenMinds

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