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The Arkive

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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of the Haiti special offering. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working hard with partners to help the people of Haiti recover from the earthquake. Then comes news of a hugely violent earthquake in Chile. At first the President of Chile thought things were under control but now the dimensions of the problem are clear. If you would like to donate funds to Chile, just write the church a check and mark the memo area Chile. We have found out that the Presbyterian Church in Talca Chile between Santiago and Concepcion has been destroyed. Let's keep that congregation in our prayers.

As we walk our way through Lenten meditations toward the *Alleluias* of Easter please consider how important your support of One Great Hour of Sharing is. One Great Hour of Sharing is a long time Presbyterian mission practice and the usually the largest special offering each year at Ark and Dove (along with our Christmas Joy offering) Last year our one Great Hour of Sharing Offering was about \$3300.00. This year I think we really must do better because of the huge need. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives one third of the One Great Hour funds and they truly need our support. The Presbyterian Hunger Program and the Self Development of People fund are the other recipients of our One Great Hour of Sharing giving. These are excellent places and ways to help our sisters and brothers in need.

For more information about One Great Hour of Sharing please go to this link at PCUSA.org: <http://www.pcusa.org/oghs/>

I do so much enjoy the Lenten Taize worship services. They are an oasis for faith. This year they are on Wednesdays at 7pm. Childcare provided.

This weekend is going to be a lot of fun. Kelly and I are going to the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday to help our youth raise funds for summer mission trips and the Logos Conference and we are going to the Habitat Comedy Show at Broadneck High on Sunday. These fundraisers are important ways to support mission in our midst.

Are you on line? Do you have a facebook account? You can become a fan of Ark and Dove and receive regular short updates about news and events here at church. Just type in "Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church" in the search bar.

The Ark and Dove School of Music Board had its annual meeting last week and voted unanimously to elect Mark Edwards as Executive Director of the School. Congratulations Mark, we are all behind you as you try to revitalize this underachieving ministry. Mark is making no secret about the need for more Board members. The School is looking for Ark and Dove members and members of the community. The threefold mission of the school is to provide: music education, cultural enrichment events and private and group lessons scholarships for talented youth in our community who cannot afford such education.

In Christ,



Administration Ministry

In a “plastic” world, be informed, not afraid.

Today’s world of financial convenience and commerce is being designed around payment pay with Credit cards. Usage is constantly increasing especially in the online arena and life is becoming almost a hardship without them.

It would probably be best to precede this with some discussion on responsible use of credit cards, disciplined spending and the evils of 20%+ finance charges, but given numerous recent events in the media about Credit Card fraud, we felt called to begin there.

Many of us live in fear of what happens to us in the event we become victims of fraud or unauthorized charges show up on our credit card accounts. However, if the thought of trying to function in a world without plastic causes you to break out in a cold sweat or sends shivers up your spine, then you may have an equal fear of living without them. So, what do we do ?

Be informed, not afraid. The reality is that institutions that issue credit cards are required to comply with numerous regulations in order to issue them. One of which is to bear the risk of loss in the event fraudulent charges occur.

The things to remember are to watch your accounts, contact the card issuer or the financial institution immediately if you see charges that may be fraudulent, and then contact the merchant that posted the charge. Many merchants will reverse the charge just on your assertion alone that fraud has occurred. If they don’t, you may have to work with the financial institution’s process. This may require some letter writing and even making a police report, but ultimately you are entitled to a return of your money.

Some financial institutions are more arduous to deal with than others and you do need to be a good custodian of your cards. Also, these rules are for Credit cards, there is less protection when you say “Debit” instead of “Credit” and use a PIN instead of your signature.

-Bob Stevens

**Don't Miss
the Youth
Spaghetti Dinner
and Silent Auction!
This Saturday,
March 6th
5:30pm and 6:30pm
Auction will conclude on
Sunday morning.**

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.

Mission Ministry

Sarah's House

Forming a Sarah's House Team!

Would you like to help at Sarah's House but don't know how? Don't know what it involves? Would like to be involved but can't commit to helping on a regular basis? We are looking to form a team to facilitate this monthly mission activity. Ideally, a member on the team would commit to serving only 2-4 times out of the year and would know in advance when their help was needed. This is a great way to help others and get to know and work with fellow members of our church. If you're interested, please contact Nicole Howe, Nicole.c.howe@census.gov or 410-674-6035. Thanks for considering!



Music Director's Notes

We are off to a great start with the Dove Choir! Both Children's Choirs have been busy making tambourines out of paper plates, ribbons, and bells, and the kids are excited to show off their instruments for Easter. The Adult Choir continues to work on music for Easter, and I invite anyone who would like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus to come to the Thursday night rehearsal before Easter Sunday at 7pm. On Thursday, March 14th, all Children's Choir rehearsals will be canceled, as I am taking a vacation.

Next week, my puppy Tucker and I will be driving down to Florida to visit my family. I'm excited to introduce him to everyone, but not sure how I feel about 15 hours in the car together! I haven't been home since Thanksgiving, so I'm really excited about that. Please keep my best friend, Tammy, and her family in your prayers. Her husband was badly burned in an explosion and is going to require many surgeries. It's going to be a long road ahead for them. I'll be staying with her for a few nights when I'm home, which we're both looking forward to! I look forward to seeing everyone when I get back!

*With Love,
Rebecca*

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 Rememberance - 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 Slingluff

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Dot Bruno; Les Dabbs; Michael Johnson; Alta Paronto; Vaughn Brown; Joe Austin, Charlotte Davie's father; the husband of a friend who is dealing with at serious illness; Thurston, a friend of Joan Berry, who is undergoing evaluation for heart problems; David Schafer's sister, Debbie, recovering from surgery and Chelsea Powers, dealing with severe morning sickness.

Nichols Bethel United Methodist Church and Pasadena UMC will host the Winter Relief homeless shelter this week. Please pray for the volunteers and the homeless men and women they will shelter.

The love and sympathy of the congregation goes out to Dot Forloines and her family on the death of her cousin Alice and to Tim Stern and his family on the death of his Aunt Margaret.

Facilities Ministry

A Heartfelt Thank You . . .

The facilities ministry requested a few hours of time on Saturday, to keep our building in shape and welcoming to all that enter. It is difficult to find time in our busy schedules, especially when we are carrying our own burdens. I would like to thank those who were able to help, Wes Gordon, Jennifer Yahner, Ellen Makar, Melanie Smith, Tim Stern, Ray Bussey, Kyle Walcutt, Mike Davie and Julie Houck.

Hebrews 6:10 says it best, “. . . God will not forget your work and the love you have shown him . . .” Please allow me to offer my heartfelt and sincere thank you as well.

David Schafer

Worship Ministry

Taize Worship Services

Each Wednesday throughout Lent at 7:00pm 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.



The One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering will be accepted throughout Holy Week and is shared by the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People programs. Look for more information in your Sunday bulletins in the nest few weeks.

*joyfully serving God
with
OpenHearts
and
OpenMinds*

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