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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,

We enter Holy Week having completed two very important tasks. We have called Michelle Hwang as our Associate Pastor and we have completed (many of us) reading The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan.

Although you may not get this newsletter until Wednesday, there will be prayer services at the church on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; all at 7:30 and all with time for silent prayer. Each service will focus on what describes as happening on that day in the first Holy Week. On Thursday we will celebrate the Lords' Supper at our Maundy Thursday service and on Good Friday our service will focus on the Stations of the Cross as Mark describes the Passion. Thursday and Friday will be at 7:30 and Childcare will be provided on both of these nights.

The meaning of Holy Week is heightened and our faiths are enlightened when we walk with Jesus through the week in worship.

Perhaps you will read scripture daily in Holy Week with Mark – Here is the schedule:

Monday	Mark 11-12-19
Tuesday	Mark 11:20-13-37
Wednesday	Mark 14:1-11
Thursday	Mark 14:12-65 or 72
Friday	Mark 14:66-Mark 15:47
Saturday	Mark has no events chronicled on Saturday
Easter Sunday	Mark 16:1-8

The Presbytery of Baltimore approved our call to Michelle Hwang at its 839<sup>th</sup> stated meeting in Westminster Maryland. Michelle presented her statement of faith, answered three questions from the floor and was unanimously sustained (she passed and is ready for ordination). Pastor Michelle will begin her ministry among us on Sunday April 18.

I for one am very grateful to the Associate Pastor Nominating Team who worked so very hard these past 15 months. Steve Debus was our chair and the team was made up of Emily Ross and Emily Burnett, Russ Hester, Doug Walcutt, Dot Bruno and Laurie Barrow. They were highly committed to completing their work by March and they added many extra meetings to their schedule in order to achieve their collective goal. Those of us who checked in with them while they worked were impressed by their level of respect and their admiration for each other. They truly were a model team. They were thanked at our recent congregational meeting and they remain a team until June 30. Until then they will support Pastor Michelle in her transition to Ark and Dove and help her with planning her Ordination planned for late June.

Exciting Easter news on the Mission and Evangelism front; Our Session recently decided to support a Lutheran New Church Development. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are our kissing cousins in the Mainline Protestant world. Our ministers can serve in their churches and their ministers can serve in our churches because we are in "correspondence." (a highly jargoned and technical word which means official friends) The Bowie, Severna Park and Columbia Lutheran churches are working with the ELCA Synod to start a new church in the Odenton Gambrills area. Our support will not be financial. We will pray for them and we will allow them to "nest" in our building. They intend on targeting unchurched people and will meet Sunday Nights in the Marshall Room from 5:00 to 6:30. No doubt we will bump into them in the months ahead. They are calling their church The Network Gathering. This is a unique thing, supporting a new church in our own building (Ark and Dove blazes another trail). Four things are likely to happen. Both congregations will be blessed. Ark and Dove might lose some members to The Network Gathering. The Evangelism work of The Network Gathering will bring us new members. God's Kingdom will move forward two inches. Please keep The Network Gathering in your prayers – they are ELCA but they are our baby too. Easter is new life.

In Christ,



## Mission Ministry

### **One Great Hour of Sharing: Sharing Resources, Changing Lives**

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

This year as we prepare for One Great Hour of Sharing during the Easter season, Haiti is on my mind for a lot of reasons. First, I am awed by the response of this congregation to our disaster relief appeal. Members of Ark and Dove opened their hearts and wallets to provide cash donations as well as hygiene and baby kits. But even before our offering reached the people of Haiti, they were helped by the money you gave last year through One Great Hour of Sharing. Now, the initial emergency period has come to an end. Barring another miracle, no more survivors will be found in the rubble, and most of the food and water distribution systems are in place. But, more important, the continuing struggle of our brothers and sisters there is continues while here it begins to slip out of our consciousness. Our hearts are still full of compassion, but with our ears full of whatever news is more recent, it gets incredibly easy to forget the pain of those not only in Haiti, but in Darfur, in Pakistan, in Chile and all the other places where disaster and war cause displacement and suffering.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future. Please be generous in your support of One Great Hour of Sharing this year.

- *Kathy Emmert*



## Habitat News



Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake is searching for volunteers to work at the ReStore at 8101 Ft. Smallwood Rd from now until April 17. The ReStores' profits support our builds 100%. This is a great way to support ALL the homeowners, houses and neighborhoods of Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake.

On average, they need an additional 4-5 volunteers daily between now and April 17th helping with various manual labor tasks. Except for next Tues ( 3/30), volunteers are needed Tues - Sat. Because of the need, they will also take half day commitments. (Usually we want only full day). Are you chomping at the bit to help Habitat and can't

because we haven't started Clay Street yet? This is for you!

Are you in high school students (16 and over) and are a little short of your community service hours? This is for you! Are you not comfortable hammering and sawing, but are perfectly happy hauling things around? This is for you! Need a team builder for a committee or dept or staff? Come on down to Pasadena!

If interested, please contact Nami Nafissi ([nnafissi@habitat Chesapeake.org](mailto:nnafissi@habitat Chesapeake.org)) or 410-366-1250 ext. 146. more information on the ReStore can be found at:

<http://www.habitat.org/env/restores.aspx>

### Ark and Dove's 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

I am so proud of the Dove Choir and the Children's Choir or their singing the past few weeks! Both groups will sing on Easter, which I'm really excited about! The Adult Choir will also be singing some very demanding music on Easter, as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Thank you so much to Shelly Fletcher for accompanying me on Palm Sunday! It's so amazing to collaborate with so many talented people in this congregation! This week, we will NOT have either Dove Choir or Children's Choir rehearsal, due to the Maundy Thursday service, but they will be singing on Easter Sunday. Parents, please have the Children's Choir there by 8:50 and the Dove Choir there by 9:00 on Sunday. The Adult Choir will be doing one more rehearsal after the Maundy Thursday service in preparation for Easter Sunday. If you'd like to sing the Hallelujah Chorus on Easter and can make this rehearsal, that would be great!

Tucker did great in the car to Florida. He slept almost the entire time- until about hour 12. At that point, he decided to sit in the back seat and bark at me for the remainder of the trip. Luckily it was just another hour! Thank you for your prayers for my friend Tammy and her husband, Scott. He came home last weekend! They have now taken off all of his bandages, and he's even going back to work in a few weeks! In other news, my Doctoral Lecture Recital will be on April 26th at 8:00pm at the University of Maryland. The lecture is titled "Liturgical and Historical Works by Twentieth and Twenty-First Century North American Jewish Composers". It will be about 30 minutes of lecturing and 30 minutes of music. I'm excited to complete it, as this is my last semester of course work! This Summer, I will take my comps and assuming I pass those, I will write my dissertation beginning in the Fall. One year to go- I can do it! I hope to see many of you worshipping with us during Holy Week. Thank you all for your continued support!

*With Love,  
Rebecca*

## Band Banter

The Adult and Youth Bands are both working hard, and it is great to see the music that we are making. In the Adult Band, we have been learning new anthems like gangbusters, and it's really quite astonishing to see just how many songs we can learn together. Since September, we have learned the equivalent of 3 concerts! I had a great time singing "Hosanna" today with everyone, and I especially enjoyed all three of our anthems this week.

In the Youth Band, we are hard at work on a song written by Sam, called "My Shadow." Everyone has done a fantastic job coming up with ideas for their individual parts, and the song is coming together nicely. It is a big job to tackle creating a song rather than re-creating it, and they are doing a great job.

Now as we look forward to Holy Week, I am excited to see all of the services and creativity of everyone come out even more.

*God Bless,  
Mark*

### **New Members / Inquirer's Class**

Saturday, May 1st  
8:30 am to 12:30pm

A short seminar designed for those who are interested in becoming members of Ark and Dove or just want to know more about Ark and Dove and the Presbyterian Church. A light breakfast will be served and Childcare will be provided upon request. Look for sign up sheet in the church lobby.

### Prayer Concerns

**Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:** Don Anderson and Linnie Girdner, recovering from surgery; Aryn Ramey; Dot Bruno; Les Dabbs; Chrissie White; Alta Paronto; Michael Johnson; Joe Austin, Charlotte Davie's father and Katie Taylor.

**Mt. Zion Baptist and Eastport United Methodist Church** will host the Winter Relief Homeless shelter. Please pray for the volunteers and the homeless men and women they will shelter.

## Report on the Mission & Ministry Operating Fund

**February was unkind to us with giant snows and reduced income....** Between the two snow storms in late January and early February, we spent approx \$650 on snow removal. Unfortunately we don't budget for snow removal since we have a dedicated group of volunteers who show up with lawn tractors and snow shovels and handle most events. However, this year, the snow overwhelmed them and left us with an unplanned expense. Additionally, the services for February 7<sup>th</sup> had to be cancelled, which further depressed church income and left us \$4,774.00 behind in overall income.

**The Pastor Corinne Gift Travel Fund** is still \$200 short of where it ought to be. Please remember our beloved retired Associate Pastor as we welcome our new one. Our plan was to send Pastor Corinne on her long-hoped-for visit to the religious community in Iona, Scotland.

**Good News!!** The youth took in \$701.15 for Souperbowl which has been donated to CAP (Christian Assistance Program). CAP is the local federation of churches that run a food pantry and clothes closet for our neighbors in need. We have received \$3,332.00 in Per Capita donations since the beginning of the year. We owe \$7,902.72 in Per Capita to Presbyterian Church for the year 2010. If you haven't paid your membership "head tax" of \$31.00 per confirmed member, please put it in the offering plate marked "Per Capita". The Presbyterian Church USA depends on Per Capita for governance, administration and organizational expenses.

**Building Fund Help is Needed** – The Finance Team is looking for one or two volunteers to help with the bookkeeping duties for our building fund. Instruction and training is provided. If you can offer a few hours each month and feel called to help with our "Walking in Faith Fund," please contact Administration Elder Bob Stevens ([robert.stevens@aplfcu.org](mailto:robert.stevens@aplfcu.org)) or Finance Team Leader Brooks Emrick ([dadnbrooks@aim.com](mailto:dadnbrooks@aim.com)) .

**Counters Needed after the 9:30 and 11:00 Services...** If you like numbers and can spare a half hour after either Sunday Service, we'd like you to join us once or twice a month in counting up the offering for the bank deposit. Please see Shelley Franklin or Brooks Emrick.

### February 2010 (2/7 Service cancelled due to Snow Emergency)

	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$17,212.33	\$ 40,437.66	\$ 43,859.32	(\$3,421.66)
Unpledged:	4,617.00	8,039.00	9,333.34	(1,294.34)
Loose Plate	201.50	524.50	583.32	(58.82)
Total:	\$ 22,030.83	\$ 49,001.16	\$ 53,775.98	(\$4,774.82)

### 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

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP



PRAYER SERVICE, TUES. MARCH 30 7PM

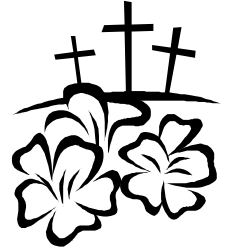
PRAYER SERVICE, WED. MARCH 31 7PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP,  
APRIL 1, 7:30 PM COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED



GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP,  
APRIL 2, 7:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP,  
APRIL 4, 9:30 AND 11:00 AM



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## Christian Education

### **Faithful Women - Exploring Psalm 23**

For many of us Psalm 23 is a source of comfort and strength in times of trouble. It may be one of the few Bible passages we actually memorized. But, do you know all the meaning that David, a shepherd, packed into it? If you'd like to expand your knowledge of this Biblical favorite, come and **join Faithful Women at 9 a.m. on 1st and 3rd Saturdays, beginning April 17, at 9a.m.** here at the church to explore their new selection, A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23 by W. Phillip Keller. It's a short little book and easy to read. Keller is a minister who was an actual shepherd. It will change and deepen your understanding of this poem/song.

A paperback or hard copy of the book may be purchased from Amazon.com by individual order. However, if you want to save postage, sign up in the lobby on Easter and pay \$12 in advance [make checks out to Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church with a memo 'Faithful Women']. We will be ordering early the following week. So sign up or contact Kim Champagne (phone 410-987-9303, or email: [kim.champagne@gmail.com](mailto:kim.champagne@gmail.com)).

## Board of Deacons

The month of May is Deacon All Call Month. During this Month the Deacons would like to make phone contact with all Ark and Dove members. The purpose of this call is to find out how you are doing and what is going on in your life. We are not asking for anything more than a phone conversation with

you! Please help the Deacons by answering the phone and spending a few minutes chatting with someone who wants to know you better.



### **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 Slingluff