

June 8, 2010

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**The Arkive**  
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The Newsletter of  
Ark and Dove  
Presbyterian Church of  
Odenton  
[www.arkanddove.org](http://www.arkanddove.org)

## From the Pastor...

Dear Friends,

Worship for the next weeks will be varied and I think inspiring.

On June 13 we will celebrate Song Story Sunday at 9:30; singing some well known hymns and learning the stories behind their writing.

At 11:00 We will celebrate communion using the music of U-2 – the popular rock group (with their permission). People have come to call these services U-2Charist

On June 20, Our Elementary and Middle School age children and youth will be leading worship, presenting the musical “Land of the Giants” at both services. Children will stay in worship on June 20 for they won’t want to miss this.

On June 27, we are shuffling the schedule. There will be one Morning Service at 10:30 AM with blended music. In the afternoon, together with the Presbytery of Baltimore we will ordain and install Michelle Hwang as our Associate Pastor at a 4:30 pm service. We are expecting a pretty decent crowd for the Ordination and Installation Service and are looking for help with hosting the many family, friends and Presbytery members that will be here. There is a signup sheet in the lobby. There will be a special offering for Clergy in the Presbytery of Baltimore who face crises. All loose plate giving (giving not in an Ark and Dove envelope) will go to this worthy cause.

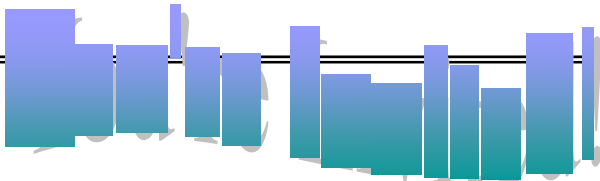
Speaking of worship variety, we are planning two experimental worship services for Sunday August 29 (9:30 and 11:00). For our sermon time, we will be heading to worship stations to engage in a variety of prayerful activities in the sanctuary. Children will stay in the sanctuary. This should be interesting; in fact you might want to help plan this first time post modern experience. If so, please contact Pastor Michelle or myself.

I was grateful to Bob Stevens for his stewardship message of this last Sunday. He reminded us all how important it is to support the Per Capita Special Offering ( envelope in the January pile). If every member of the church pays their per capita apportionment (which support s General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery) it would free up over \$7000 for mission and ministry in our church. (Did you know that Presbytery, General Assembly and Synod provided over \$ 1.5 million in support to start this church from 1991-1999) I am also very grateful to Lisa Ferrer and Beth Foster who in May reminded us that one of our chief missions is to educate our children, youth and adults and that we can help that to happen by supporting the Education offering.

Please hold the date Sunday September 13 on your calendar. It is rally day, church picnic day, mission fair day, gifts discovery day, team story day, and homecoming day. Word is they will try to get me to sit in something called a dunking booth? Oh we need some large tents to sit under – do you have one of those larger tents with no sides?

In Christ,





The day has come! You are all invited to join us, along with others from the Baltimore Presbytery and the Hwang family, in celebrating the **Ordination and Installation of our Associate Pastor, Michelle Hwang**. Michelle has been an integral part of our Church for more than two months now and on **Sunday June 27 at 4:30 PM** we will be hosting a service at Ark and Dove Church with a reception to follow.

As space and food need to be arranged please RSVP to [apnt@arkanddove.org](mailto:apnt@arkanddove.org) or (410) 674-6400 by June 20th.

If you are interested in supporting the event please contact either Steve Debus or Dawn Gordon. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

## 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.

## Discipleship Ministry

### Recent Spiritual Gifts Class an Enjoyable Success

"It was a gathering of a portion of the community sharing through laughter the ways in which God empowers us to share in the ministry," reflected Associate Pastor Michelle Hwang, who co-facilitated the class with me. I learned that people don't need to take the Spiritual Gifts Inventory prior to the class to benefit from it, and that our being welcoming to those who just drop-in (with God's nudging?) can create a richer experience for everyone. We invite you to a class in the fall. You might have an experience like **Jim Cooper**: "*Safe among some friends, learned from them about their gifts and about my own.*"

- *Linnie Girdner*, Gifts and Discovery Team Leader

## Nominating Team

The Nominating Team is discerning who among us might be called to serve as a Deacon or Elder. The Nominating Team prays about church leaders. Perhaps you know of someone in the church whom we should consider and about whom we should pray? Please share your thoughts by using the suggestion box in the lobby. All suggestions will be kept confidential.

## Christian Education

***Congratulations to our graduating seniors! We wish you the best as you move on to new adventures!***

Alex Bates	Emily Burnett	Nick Champagne	Justin Ederheimer
Sam Hamilton	Alex Hansen	Cory James	Darrace James
DeAnte Musgrove	Alex Walcutt	Krista Weissner	

### **Wanted: Summer Sunday School Teachers!**

The summer schedule will begin on June 13th. The Children's Ministry team is looking for anyone who may be interested in teaching a class or two this summer. Summer Sunday School is a great way to "try" teaching. We will have two classes: PreK - children entering grade 1, and children entering grades 2-5.

Sign up sheets are located in the lobby. Contact Lisa Ferrer at [lferrer@aacps.org](mailto:lferrer@aacps.org) for more information! We hope to have you as part of our team this summer!!

### **VBS 2010**

Set the date on your calendar now!! ***Galactic Blast*** will be held this summer 25-29 July, 5:30 - 8:00 PM each night! An adult class will be lead by Pastors Tim and Michelle, using the book "Saving Ararat". Child care will be provided for children ages 3 and under!

Sunday evening, 7/25 will kick off the week with a **church wide Potluck Supper**. Dinner will be provided the other evenings from 5:30 - 6:00 PM. Online registration will be coming soon!

### **Paper Retriever**

Don't forget to bring your recyclable paper to church each week! Stop by the Paper Retriever and toss it in! The more paper we collect, the more our Youth Mission Endowment will grow!

## Church Directory

### **We need your church pictures!**

The last stage of our church picture directory is the layout of the opening pages with candid photos of church activities. If you have electronic photos of church-related events (pageants, meetings, retreats, mission activities, worship, Sunday school, scouting, etc.) please save them on a CD and place in Donna Anderson's mailbox at church (in the copy room). Please submit them by Sunday, June 6 if you would like for them to be considered for inclusion in the directory.

Please mark the CD with your name if you'd like it returned. Thanks in advance for your help. Contact Donna Anderson at [joshdonna@aol.com](mailto:joshdonna@aol.com) if you have photos to contribute.



**Habitat Trip 08**

## **Denim Drive for Habitat**

Bring in your old jeans so they can be turned into Ultra-touch cotton wall insulation and used in Habitat for Humanity homes. No matter what size, condition, color, or number of holes -- all can be used. Simply place it in the bin marked Denim Drive and the Mission Team will



take care of the rest. The Denim Drive, in cooperation with Amicus Green Building, runs through July. For more info, contact Linnie Girdner at 410-672-5050 or [Lkgirdner@comcast.net](mailto:Lkgirdner@comcast.net).



**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**June 27th Worship**  
10:30 am Blended Worship  
4:30 pm Ordination and  
Installation of Michelle Hwang

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## The APB

As we look ahead to the summer, gratefully life here at Ark and Dove does not stand still. Sunday school continues and we are in need of volunteers. If you feel called to this ministry please contact Beth Foster or myself. VBS is around the corner and we have an exciting novel *Forgiving Ararat* by Gita Nazareth, available for purchase in the lobby after each service for \$12. It is a tale of good and evil and deals with questions of justice. Someone who is in the middle of the novel has already expressed the need to read it again because of the richness of the writing. We invite all of you to join us as we dialogue about these issues and how our faith informs our answers or lack of answers.

I hope that your summer season is filled with rest and quality family time.

*Peace,  
Michelle*

## Music Director's Notes

I'm so grateful to Paula and Wendy, for running the musical rehearsal on Thursday, and for Paula for filling in for me on Sunday! The kids are doing great with preparing for the musical! They are excited to be performing at both services on June 20th. I hope you will all be there that day to support our youth music programs. The Summer is near and that means we will be taking our Summer breaks from choir. Our last day will be June 17th for the Adult Choir, and after our program on June 20th, the kids will also be taking their Summer break. The Adult Choir will be going to a 'pick-up' choir, and will be meeting on Sundays at 8:30, beginning on June 28th. If you've ever been interested in singing with the choir, please join us on any Sunday. We will be planning a lot of solos and small groups for the Summer Anthems, so Sunday rehearsals will be mainly hymns, introits, and closings. On June 20th after the musical, Mark, Pastor Tim, Pastor Michelle and I will be heading to the Montreat Music and Worship Conference in North Carolina. I'm looking forward to it and know that I'll be coming back with wonderful information that will help me be a better leader in the church.

I am writing this Arkive from Sunny Florida. It is so hot here- I don't know how I lived here my whole life! My puppy, Tucker, will be spending the Summer in Florida with my Mom, as I will be busy with Opera rehearsals through July. She has an English Bulldog as well, so they've been having a great time playing together! It's been great to see all of my friends and family- today I spent the day with my Grandma, celebrating her 84th birthday! As much fun as I'm having down here in the sweltering heat, I'm looking forward to returning to Maryland this week!

With Love,  
*Rebecca*

## Prayer Concerns

**Please keep the following people in your prayers this week:** Florence Myers; all of the people and animals affected by the oil spill in the Gulf.

We give thanks for great news from the Taylor family; Katie is now walking with crutches.

## Band Banter

Hello Ark and Dove,

I am proud to announce that the Ark and Dove School of Music has hired a new violin teacher, from the Peabody Conservatory, named Lydia Chernicoff. After a fantastic interview, the board decided that she would be a great addition because of her warm personality and fire for learning and teaching music. Here is a little bit more about Lydia:

Lydia began her violin studies at the age of eight. She performed with youth orchestras at Carnegie Hall, Tanglewood, and Jordan Hall, and in Germany, the Czech Republic, Brazil, and Venezuela. Lydia has played professionally with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra and the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra. In December 2009, Lydia traveled to China with the BCO, playing concerts at the Suzhou Science and Cultural Arts Center. In 2008 she collaborated on a contemporary music project with members of Alarm Will Sound. In September, she will begin her Masters in Musical Arts degree at the Peabody Institute, where she has also been granted a two-year Chamber Music Assistantship. She will be continuing her violin studies with Violaine Melançon and majoring in both violin performance and pedagogy.

As for the Youth Band, after we sing the U2-charit for service, we will break for the summer. Congratulations to all of my youth, because you have made fantastic music this year!

God Bless,  
*Mark*

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