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

Dear Friends,

Looking ahead to worship over the next few weeks, I would like to give you one assignment and some news. On Sunday, August 8, it will be Invictus Sunday. At the suggestion of Kim Champagne, I will use some illustrations from the movie which is about Nelson Mandela, his first year as President in South Africa and their National Rugby team. Please watch the movie in the next few weeks.

This Sunday, July 25 I will be preaching about Elijah's discovery of God in the Sheer Silence and our music will include the Simon and Garfunkle song, Sounds of Silence. We will also sing some other Paul Simon and Simon and Garfunkel songs keeping an ear open for the presence of God in what we normally consider secular music.

Sunday August 15 - communion will be served.

Sunday August 29th - experimental worship. Multiple worship stations.

I hope you will support the 12 or so High School age youth and college age young adults who will be working at Green County Habitat for Humanity this August for a week. They are holding a Car Wash on Saturday from 10 to 1 to help defray the expenses of their trip.

I am grateful for the leadership of our Adults at the Logos youth conference. I think it is terrific that our youth are so strongly supported. We had a very nice sized group attend the conference.

Our Long Range Planning Team is meeting this Summer with the members of the six Ministries of our church. Their goal is to listen for ideas about how we can improve ministry and mission in our church. The Team is working to present a new Long Range Plan to Session for approval by All Saints Day which is November 1. You may want to help shape this plan with your ideas. There will be more opportunities for congregational reflection and participation in the late Summer and early Autumn.

In Christ,



Finance Team

Report on the Mission & Ministry Operating Fund

Mission Giving --

While many of us have been fortunate in weathering the effects of the latest economic downturn, the local emergency mission giving of the church has increased as more and more people find themselves in dire straits. So far this year, we have given \$2639.68 in small cash (\$40.00) donations to our neighbors who are facing evictions or electricity turn-off.

During Pastor Michelle's ordination, we collected \$1010.10 for the Presbytery of Baltimore to be used for emergency relief for

Ministers and their families. The congregation also donated \$350.00 for ordination gifts.

The Mission Team designated \$800 to support four youth who are taking summer mission trips to the Hau Kola Learning Camps in South Dakota and to the Mayan Kaqchikel Presbytery in Guatemala.

Christian Ed Needs Our Support -- Our Mission & Ministry budget depends heavily on Christian Education donations to pay for quality Sunday School curriculums and a VBS program that are wonderful for our volunteer teachers and children to use and learn from. So far this year, we've received \$1,115.00 for Christian Ed which leaves us \$1835.00 short of what was donated last year. Please consider this worthy fund.

Unfortunately, we continue to drop behind in Pledging -- While we are away enjoying summer vacations, it is easy to forget that the church operates year round. We've hit the summer doldrums in pledging drop-off. If you are behind, please try to catch up before you leave for vacation or when you come back. Stewardship is the grateful response to God's grace and goodness. It requires a consideration of how our choices affect us and others, of how we can refresh and renew ourselves and still be good caretakers of our church.

June 2010

	Actual	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$20,017.37	\$124,934.04	\$131,577.98	(\$6,643.94)
Unpledged:	3,569.00	22,796.00	28,000.02	(5,204.02)
Loose Plate	341.00	1,939.50	1,749.98	189.52
Total:	\$ 23,927.37	\$149,669.54	\$ 161,327.98	(\$11,658.44)

May 2010

	Actual:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Ahead (Behind)
Pledged:	\$22,483.08	\$104,916.67	\$109,648.31	(\$4,731.64)
Unpledged:	4,662.00	19,227.00	23,333.35	(4,106.35)
Loose Plate	412.00	1,598.50	1,458.31	140.19
Total:	\$27,557.08	\$125,742.17	\$ 134,439.97	(\$8,697.80)

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.

Prayer Concerns

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Will Debus' soccer coach, Eddie Hegewich, and his family on the death of his brother; Vaughn, a friend of the Johns' who is fighting a second bout of cancer; Shelly Fletcher's sister; Brad Mauzy and Florence Myers who are hospitalized; Bill Kinnick, healing from a fall and the Spates family whose three month old daughter/granddaughter died this week.

The APB

This past week, July 11-17, some of our youth and adults took part in the annual LOGOS East Conference. It was a wonderful time of worship and fellowship. I was tremendously impressed with our adult volunteers who worked tirelessly to make sure that the conference glitches were taken care of, nursed the kids, extended compassion, and engaged in relationship building. The week was full of activities, which invited all of us to let go of the circumstances, tasks, or individual concerns that we keep closely held in clinched fists. We were invited to let go and come and see who Jesus is and how community can reflect Christ's love. I was thrilled to see the talent among the youth and their willingness to engage in discussion about the challenges of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. I thoroughly enjoyed my Bible study group, which was a diverse gathering of upcoming Seniors who respectfully listened to each other, and yet were openly expressive about their own opinions. I hope that more youth will be able to take part next year.

VBS is just around the corner. We are excited about all the activities for both children and adults. If you would still like to participate in the adult reading group please let us know and we will place an order for you. Once again the book is *Forgiving Ararat* by Gita Nazareth.

May God's presence continue to guide your path.



Music Director's Notes

I would like to extend an invitation to all singers and musicians to sing with us this Summer. There is very little commitment- we meet on Sundays at 8:30 to sing for the 9:30 service. The music this Summer is very simple, so even if you don't read music, we welcome you (especially if you are a tenor)! If this is something you might be interested in, just come to rehearsal at 8:30 on any Sunday.

This month has been a very busy one, with the Magic Flute being just around the corner. The show runs on July 29th and 31st. I have put a poster on the bulletin board in the church that has all of the information. If you would like any more information, please email me at RebeccaEBell@gmail.com. I am happy to reserve tickets for you, but I can't imagine you will have any trouble purchasing them at the door. Here is a brief synopsis -

First performed only two months before Mozart's death, The Magic Flute is the story of true lovers who must survive magical ordeals before they can be together. Prince Tamino stumbles into the land of the Queen of Night, where he is attacked by a giant serpent. He is rescued by three ladies, who show him a picture of the beautiful Pamina, and Tamino instantly falls in love. Protected by a golden flute, he sets off with the bird-catcher Papageno to rescue Pamina from the clutches of the sorcerer Sarastro. But the sorcerer is actually a wise priest, who tells Pamina that though she and Tamino are destined for each other, they must first prove their love. When the gods instruct Tamino to take a vow of silence, Pamina fears that all is lost and contemplates suicide, but she is comforted by kind spirits and finds new strength to aid Tamino through the trials of fire and water. Triumphant over all adversity, the lovers unite, as the forces of light banish the darkness, and the magic flute carries the final melody.

I hope to see you there! With Love, **Rebecca**

Session Members - 2010

These people serve on the church's governing body – Session of Ark and Dove. We thank them for their service. If you have any questions, comments or would like to participate in any area of the church please feel free to contact the elder concerned. If you are unsure which elder you should contact call Jean Powers at the church office 410 674-6400 between the hours of 9am-12pm Mon-Fri.

Admin Elder -	Bob Stevens (Policy, Finance and Communication)
Worship Elder -	Spencer Keyes (Music and Worship Services)
CE Elder -	Beth Foster (Educational programs - adult, youth and children)
Facilities Elder -	David Schafer (Maintenance and growth of our building and grounds)
Discipleship Elder -	Donna Anderson (Welcome, outreach and growth of the church, gifts discovery and equipping leaders)
Mission Elder -	Kathy Emmert (Local, national and world mission)
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Moderator of Session -	Tim Stern, Michelle Hwang
Clerk of Session -	Rich Speir
Moderator of Deacons -	Kelly Burnett

Christian Education

*Vacation Bible School Begins
This Sunday!*

The countdown is on for a cosmic adventure! Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church is inviting all children, ages 4 through fifth grade, to blast off with "Galactic Blast" Vacation Bible School July 25 through July 29. Beginning at 5 p.m Sunday with a Potluck Supper for all and 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday with dinner, cadets will voyage into outer space praising God. Through daily missions, kids will explore space, gain new perspective on our planet Earth, and learn easy "green" earth tips they can practice at home. It's a cosmic combination of faith and fun! Registration is just \$10 for the week (\$35 for a family of 4 or more).

Register online **TODAY** at <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/galactic-blast/Ark%20and%20Dove%20VBS> or contact the Church Office at 410 674-6400.



Youth Car Wash
THIS Saturday!
July 24th
10am to 1pm

Get your car's sparkle on and help the youth raise funds for their summer mission trip!



or current resident

Congregational Meeting
This Sunday, July 25th
at 10:45am

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