



Adelphi Presbyterian Church

9401 Riggs Road, Adelphi, Maryland 20783



# Vacation Bible School



**God's Creation, Our [ W]rec[ k]reation"**

What God has made and how we have (or have not) cared for it!

Monday July 19th to Friday July 23, 2010

6:30 PM—8:20 PM



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July 19, 2010

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Christian Education Committee, we welcome each one of you to Adelphi's Vacation Bible School 2010. Using the Scriptures, we will focus on the theme of "**God's Creation Our [W]rec[k]reation**" and study to discern God's leading as we consider three questions each evening:

- What did God create?
- How have we harmed what God created?
- What can we do to be better stewards and caretakers of God's creations?

Several presenters will help us to examine these questions and answers through their areas of expertise, while the youth (up to and including teens) will gather in age-appropriate groups for Bible stories and crafts around the same issues. We hope to conclude the week with several concrete outcomes that will respond to God's leading and contribute to a better world for people, animals, plants, and the environment in general, and all of God's creation.

We are truly glad that you are a part of this experience.

Sincerely,

*The Christian Education Committee:*

*Dr. Bettye Miller*

*Ms. Candace Philander*

*Ms. Joan Tembunde*

*Mr. Bob Finzel*

*Ms. Rose Tangham*

*Dr. Jessyna McDonald*

*Mr. Tad Jembere*

*Dr. Kathie James, Chair*

## INTRODUCTION

**The Lord God took the man and put him  
in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. (Genesis 2:15)**

...When we face big challenges such as those with the environment, we may withdraw, blaming others rather than taking personal responsibility. Though the problems may be new, the Bible reminds us from its first chapters of this human tendency to pull back and shift blame (See Gen. 3:1-13). ...As we face the world's environmental problems, believers can remember that God works with us as we tend the planet placed in our care.<sup>1</sup>

## OUR GOALS AND ACTIONS

**Our goal is to discern what God would like us--both youth and adults, individuals and a congregation--to do to honor His creation and take actions to conserve and preserve it.**



Our actions may reach out to the environment--by planting gardens and trees, recycling, cleaning up, and other projects suggested by the presenters;



Our actions may reach out to animals of various kinds, such as endangered species and ways to protect them, as well as to stray or abused animals in our own neighborhoods and how to treat them;



Our actions may reach out to other human beings both here and abroad who need help and care, as well as to consideration of our own negligence of healthful life styles.

1. Source: Kurt Bjarne Jorgensen (Vonge, Denmark) Daily Word 12/7/09 p.57

**THEME: "GOD'S CREATION  
OUR [W]REC[K]REATION"**

**YOUTH PROGRAM**

**July 19, 2010**

Dinner

Teacher: Dr. Bettye Miller

Read Genesis 1:1-2

**The Concept of Nothingness**

**July 20, 2010**

Dinner

Teacher: Dr. Bettye Miller

Read Genesis 1:20-23

**What Did God Create: Part 1?**

**July 21, 2010**

Teacher: Ms. Candace Philander

Read Genesis 1: 24-26

**What Did God Create: Part 2?**

**July 22, 2010**

Dinner

**YOUTH AND ADULTS TOGETHER**

Isaiah 43:19-21

**Global Warming**

**Ms. Xuexia (Shirley) Zheng,**  
Honors Student, University of Maryland

**Connecting Your Faith to Your Parish Life:  
the Greening of the Church**

**Ms. Cindy Olson,**  
Vice President, Business Development &  
Outreach, ECO-COACH

**WORSHIP**

455: "All Creatures of our God and King"

Sharing of Scripture – Isaiah 43:19-21,

Job 12:7 and what was learned

Prayer

**July 23, 2010**

Dinner –

**YOUTH AND ADULTS TOGETHER**

**Wildlife of the Chesapeake Bay**

**Glennis Daniels-Backus,**  
Administrator and ADA Coordinator,  
College of Southern Maryland

Scripture: I Kings 4:33-34 – “[Solomon] described plant life, from the cedar that is in Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also taught about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. Men of all nations came to listen to Solomon’s wisdom....”

Proverbs 30:24-28 “Four things on earth are small, but they are exceedingly wise: the ants are a people not strong, yet they provide their food in the summer; the badgers are a people not mighty, yet they make their homes in the rocks; the locusts have no king, yet all of them march in rank; the lizard you can take in your hands, yet it is in kings’ palaces.”

Song of Solomon 2:12: “The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land.”

# **ADULT WORKSHOPS**

**July 19, 2010**

## **Biblical Underpinnings – God’s Creation, Our Environmental Issues**

**Ms. Cindy Olson**

Vice President, Business Development &  
Outreach, ECO-COACH

### **WORSHIP**

267: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

271: “Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Things”

Sharing Scripture Psalm 24:1-2; Psalm 136:1-9, 25-26  
responsively, and what was learned

Prayer

**July 20, 2010**

## **Climate Change--Challenges & Opportunities for Environmental Stewardship**

**Jessyna McDonald, Ph.D.**

Executive Director, Institute of Gerontology, University of the  
District of Columbia &

Former National Chairman of the Roundtable Associates Inc.  
(African Americans in Parks, Recreation and Conservation)

### **WORSHIP**

293 - “This is My Father’s World”

Sharing Scripture – Psalm 104:10-14, 24 and what was learned

Prayer

**July 21, 2010**

Dinner –

**How Our Health Is Affected By What  
We Do To The Earth; How Our Misuse Of God's  
Creation Has Endangered Our Health"**

**Dr. Renee Milligan**

Health Care Professor and Practitioner

**Panelists: Dr. Martin Ojong, MD**

Radiation Oncologist

**Dr. Charlotte Ojong, MD**

Ophthalmologist

**WORSHIP**

473: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Sharing of Scripture – Genesis 2:19-20; Exodus 20:10 and what  
was learned

Prayer



## **OUTCOMES OF VBS THIS YEAR:**

What will each of us pledge to do? (Supply Pledge Cards)

1. Corporately – e.g., recycle, revive and care for Adelphi gardens, reduce use of plastic and styrofoam, conserve water and paper, use fabric napkins instead of paper napkins, turn off unnecessary electricity, help clean up in and around the church
2. Other:
3. Individually – contribute to organizations such as World Wildlife Fund, Heifer Project; use aluminum water bottle instead of plastic; “adopt” an animal
4. Other:

Door prizes; mementos of Creation

### **WORSHIP**

Read together #266 – Scripture: Jeremiah 27:5

Sing #455 again - “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Final thoughts shared

Prayer and Benediction – Psalm 115:15

# Vacation Bible School Notes