

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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Class 2008

Renee Milligan – Evangelism and Mission
Charlotte Ojong – Congregational Care
Ernestine Tebong – Transforming Congregation



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, April 9 11:00 A.M.

Passion/Palm Sunday

(Fish Banks for One Great Hour of Sharing
will be collected during worship)

Palm Sunday Dinner follows.

All are welcome to stay

Wednesday, April 12, 7:00 – 8:00PM

Lent Silent Prayer

Thursday, April 13, 7:30 P.M.

Maunday Thursday

(with Communion)

Friday, April 14, 7:30 P.M.

Good Friday Service

Sunday, April 16, 11:00AM (10:55AM)

Easter Sunday Service with Communion



(A Note from Y. Eunice Yang: The followings are adapted from “*Liturgical Year – The Worship of God. Supplemental Liturgical Resource 7*” prepared by The Ministry Unit on Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (USA) and Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Published by Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville, KY.)

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

The service for Passion/Palm Sunday maintains the inherent tension that exists between the joyful entry of the palm processional and the somberness of the passion, the focus of Holy Week. The tradition of the day includes a congregational procession into the church and a reading of the passion narrative.

A tendency in recent years has been to combine the passion and the palms for the following reasons. First, since at least the fourth century, the focus of the first day of Holy Week, or Great Week, has been the passion of Christ. The joy of Christ’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem is overshadowed by sober meditation on the suffering and death of Christ.

Secondly, the journey to Jerusalem has the cross as its goal, and the cross needs to be kept in sight even during the triumphal entry into Jerusalem. For those who do not come for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services, Passion/Palm Sunday provides an opportunity to hear the entire passion story. Without the death on the cross, there is no resurrection on Easter. Long and careful meditation on the mystery of the cross must precede the wonderful message of Easter.

THE TRIDUUM (“THE THREE DAYS”)

The three final days of the Holy Week (from sunset Thursday through sunset on Easter) complete the commemoration of Christ’s passion. These three days are called the Triduum. Because of the interrelationship of the three days, each service of the Triduum needs the others to tell the whole story. The services provide an opportunity to travel Christ’s path of servanthood,

through the Lord’s Supper and the suffering of the cross, as we move toward Easter.

Our joy during the great festival of resurrection will be enhanced by faithful participation in worship during the preceding week, especially during the whole of the Triduum.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Two elements mark the service of Maundy Thursday: Footwashing and the Lord’s Supper. Footwashing (our church does not do it at this time) in ancient time was a lowly task performed by menials, with or without pay. So, the focus of the footwashing story in the gospel of John is on Jesus (the person not the act of footwashing) who took upon himself the humiliation of the cross, the ultimate symbol of his selfless love for others. The act of footwashing symbolizes our servanthood within and beyond the body of Christ.

We do not reenact the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples. We observe the Lord’s Supper as the way to celebrate the salvation won for us in Christ and to share with our risen Lord a foretaste of the heavenly banquet.

GOOD FRIDAY

The Good Friday service is a penitential service, yet it is also a celebration of the good news of the cross. We should retain the paradox of the day in which to allow for numerous contemplative moments, and to permit the power of silence to speak for itself. No colors, flowers, candles, or decorative materials are appropriate on Good Friday, except, perhaps, “representations of the way of the cross.”

The passion narrative according to John is read on Good Friday, because at the heart of John’s passion narrative is the good news of the cross – the victory of the cross. Thus, John’s emphasis on crucifixion and glory corresponds to the tension and ambiguity of the day.

EASTER VIGIL (Currently, our church does not provide this service.)

The vigil begun in darkness is traditionally called the “jewel” of Christian service and is the first service of Easter (not the sunrise service), which is a season of 50 days up to Pentecost. The service includes the service of light, the service of the Word, Baptism, and a festival Eucharist.

On the final night of this Easter journey we pause in vigil, at which time we remember stories about who we have been and are now becoming. As the community of faith, we recount our centuries-long pilgrimage culminating in the renewal of baptismal promises. Because we have been here for so long, it takes a long time to tell who we are. We will not be hasty folk on that night.



FROM THE PASTOR...



Spring is here! Adelphi Presbyterian Church is onto a good start in 2006.

In January, under the leadership of Bettye Miller and Charles Yancey, we had a great worship service in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Bettye recapped the life of Rosa Park and how her life has manifested her conviction of a just and loving God. Charles shared his own faith struggles in the midst of the Civil Rights Movement and how his faith in God has helped him overcome the turmoil of that era. That same Sunday night, Renee Milligan organized the International Night Dinner which was overwhelmingly attended by our members and friends of the church. Young and old, men and women, we enjoyed a variety of great foods and fellowship together. It was truly a feast of the Kingdom of Heaven. Our coffee hour on the 4th Sunday continues to exhibit the hospitality of the hosts. Please remember that Food Sunday is the 4th Sunday when we

bring forward canned food to be donated to Help by Phone during offering.

In February, our Youth in Faith Formation (Confirmation) began with two youth participating, Uche Anigboh and Mebanga Ojong. Their respective mentors are Candace Philander and Jennie Cardin. We have met a few times, focusing our discussion on practical topics in life and how our faith in God speaks to those particular areas. We also had a session on sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, to learn and share their theological meanings and our memories of them. We also received two new members, Jessyna McDonald and Annette Ankou whose faith journeys appeared in the March newsletter.

On February 19, the Transforming Congregation Project team led a congregational forum where members of the church verbalized their concerns for the church and their hopes and dreams for the future. TCP team continues to be in prayers and meetings of discussion as to how to help the congregation continue its transforming journey. Upon their suggestion, we began having different members share their testimonies during worship service. Faith journeys also appear on different issues of the newsletters.

Thanks to our young parents, the Farleys, Tembundes, and Wiltshires, that our children are learning and growing in their knowledge and love of God. The Christian Education committee has adopted the Presbyterian curriculum “*We Believe*” which is a lectionary-based curriculum. Last Sunday (April 2), the Old Testament reading was from Jeremiah about a New Covenant that God established with the people of Israel. After service, I saw some children carrying the beautiful and creative “covenants” they made between God and them. What a wonderful lesson and testimony! Our children also share their talents with us during worship often. Thanks to Mrs. Wong Chen and her friends, Johnny and Judy who share their gifts and love of music with our children. Every 4th Sunday at 10:30AM, children can come and learn music which they will share with the congregation during worship that day.

Beginning in March, a new church is sharing our facilities, *Iglesia de Dios*, whose pastors are Baudilio and Laura Pagan. This is a small Spanish speaking church. They meet in our church Saturday and Sunday nights. Let's welcome them and pray for their ministry. The Seventh Day Church of God continues to use our building on Saturdays and additionally Tuesday nights.



Thanks to Les Wattay and Charles Yancey, we have our custom made signs in the yard that actually has attracted some visitors to our service. Our English as a Second Language class continues on Tuesday morning and Thursday night. If you know of anybody who may need this training or who can be a teacher, please feel free to contact Bettye Miller. In March, I, along with Jessyna McDonald who has extensive community work experience, attended the Quarterly Prince George's County Faith-Based Initiatives meeting. We learned different programs and activities that the county social service department is offering to the community. It was informative and uplifting to know that various people are doing so much to better our society.

If your names were not mentioned above, it was not intentional. We value and treasure the presence and participation of every member and visitor. You all have contributed to our life together and make our church a nurturing and welcoming place in the midst of a busy and mundane metropolitan culture.

Lent began with Ash Wednesday. During Lent, a silent prayer service is held every Wednesday from 7:00PM to 8:00PM. You are welcome to come into God's presence and experience and know God in silent stillness. We are entering the Easter season. Yet, before we cross over to the joyful Easter, there is a lonesome and long journey to tread from Palm Sunday, to the farewell on Maundy Thursday, to the darkness on Good Friday, and to the deadly silence of Easter Saturday. Please come and join us in this journey so that we can embrace Easter with full joy!!!



WHAT TRANSFORMATION MEANS TO ME

Ernestine Tebong

Rather than try to explain to you what transformation means to me. I will tell you a story about a year and a half ago, my old reliable Isuzu Rodeo finally gave out on me. I went out to buy another automobile. I don't like small low cars, maybe it has something to do with the ease of getting in and out of them or the way one sits high and feels superior to the other cars on the road, hence my love of SUVs. Well, that was until the gas prices went crazy.

After I parted with my Rodeo, I went out looking for another SUV, and behold I found the car of my dreams...the mother of all luxury SUVs, the Range Rover. Before I even test drove the car, I could imagine my dominance on the road, the respect from friends, and the envy of strangers. I wanted that car...even when it exceeded my budget for a car. Vanity took over my reasoning faculties, and I bought the car. I've sought of felt guilty driving that expensive car when I could do a lot more for my poor relatives in Cameroon, or save for retirement, or start the business that I have always wanted. That guilt still did not spur me to sell my Car.

About a month ago, I was fortunate enough to get a job in Gaithersburg. The catch was that I had a long commute, and my new job requires me to drive all over Montgomery County, logging hundreds of miles a week. The mileage and fuel for my gas guzzler is enormous to say the least. When I brought up the idea of the possibility of selling my car, my family and friends all suggested that I keep the car, and buy another small car for work.

Many people would not understand, but in the Cameroonian community, you are sometimes identified by your car or home. It took me two weeks to make up my mind. I first read my Bible to find comfort in the fact

that I am enough; I prayed that God would help me to be comfortable with me, no matter what kind of car I drove. I asked God to use this whole car situation to teach me.

Never ask God an open ended request. One afternoon, I thought I heard God speaking to me, I drove to CarMax, and they paid almost what I was asking. I next needed to buy a smaller car, but I convinced myself that if I buy a minivan, I could later use it for business, and besides, it would take less gas as it is a six cylinder and not an 8 cylinder.

I went to the Auto Auction in Virginia, and purchased a Ford Winstar. When I went back three days later to pick up the van, it wouldn't move. The Auction gave me a voucher to purchase another car from the lot. I added another 1300, and picked a 2000 Toyota Sienna, after all Toyotas are the best cars on the road. Two days later I took the car to my mechanic for an inspection, and he basically told me to "junk" the car. He said the engine was gone, and the transmission was on its way too. This is the point were I tell you that I lost it, but for some reason, all I could do was call out the Lord's name "Jesus" over and over. A friend suggested taking the car back to the Auction. I did, and left the papers, and keys with them. They refused to acknowledge the return, but I left.

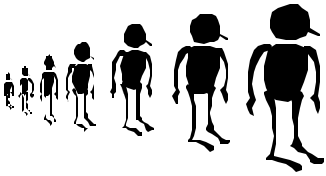
At this point I was driving a rental car, and desperately needed a car, now I was looking for just anything that would run. I thought I should ask for prayers, which I did in church. My prayers for a car were answered when Bettye told me about her 93 Subaru with 56000 miles, and I jumped at the chance. Last week, when I picked the car up, I kept wondering if maybe this was the car that God wanted for me all along, and I was hearing what I wanted to hear, and not God's voice. I turned the radio on and sang along the praise songs at the top of my voice praising God. You see, my perspective has changed a lot in the last year of Transformation. I now have an ongoing conversation with God at all times, even when I choose not to listen; he's still talking to me.



I know you want to know what happened to the van. I got a lawyer who basically told me that he didn't think I had a case, because of the "As is" clause that I signed. He charged me \$500 to write a letter to the Auction, threatening legal action. When He got a call from the Auction for arbitration (another fine print clause that I signed) he advised me that I would incur more expenses, and not a guarantee it would go my way. I decided to end the legal action. He asked if I was going to pick up the car, and I said no. Let them have the car, I have no use for it, and I don't want to wish that trouble onto someone else by selling the car, and by the way, it is just stuff, and we don't take them with us when we leave. I believe the Lord was at work at this point because I couldn't believe what I was saying...I was abandoning a car that by this point had caused me \$7000. He looked at me with amazement and asked me to teach him how to be so calm in this crazy world. I started telling him about this period of the year, the meaning of lent, and how Christ came to earth, lived poorly, suffered and died for us.

Yesterday, the Lawyer called to say that if I didn't pick up the car, which at this point was in impound, would cost about \$980, the Auction would sell the car, and put it in collection. I was dumfounded, but once again God intervened, the Lawyer bought the car from me about a fraction of what I paid.

I am still struggling to find the lessons in my ordeal, but I can tell you that a year ago, I would have handled this situation a lot differently, and would have been an emotional wreck, blaming God, feeling sorry for myself etc. etc. I do believe that transformation is working in my life, and I pray that everyone in our congregation will feel changed. As Rev. Philbrick said "transformation begins with each and everyone of us" **To me transformation does not mean more programs, it is not the style of song, it is not how many people are in the pews, or how successful our yard sale is...it is for me that something felt deep inside that cannot be explained, but that God knows.**



(Below are some tentative goals set by TCP team and approved by the Session for our church for 2006. Please read them, give your feedback to any of the TCP team members or any elders on Session. Let us work together to become all that God has called us to be and to do!)

GOALS FOR 2006

1. To learn what it means to be a multi-cultural community and discern whether we would like to become one.

- a. To encourage people to attend the presbytery wide multi-cultural workshop on April 29, Saturday. Another MC workshop will be scheduled in the fall.
- b. Gather flags of our members of the countries from which they came and “install” them on the street

2. To formulate the vision and the mission of the church

- a. To hold congregational forum on February 12, Sunday after service
- b. To formulate a draft by the end of March

3. To Deepen Member Ownership and Involvement

- a. Every member serves in a committee
- b. Asking the elders to call their undershepherd people and encourage them to volunteer in a committee
- c. To uphold our belief of “priesthood of all believers”
- d. Chair elders can share committee responsibilities during worship or through newsletter
- e. Having more people involve in worship

4. To become a praying congregation – the continuing personal transformation

- a. Update of prayer requests
- b. “Programmed” study during Lent or other seasons
- c. Share with the congregation different ways of prayers through newsletter and bulletin. Encourage people to practice a specific form of prayers during that week.
- d. To encourage people to read Upper Room, daily lectionary, etc.
- e. To encourage people to pray 15 minutes a day for transformation wherever they are and whenever they can
- f. TCP team members share “What does transformation mean to me?” through newsletter and bulletin

5. To become a Welcoming Congregation!



FIRST PALM SUNDAY DINNER

Join us for our First Palm Sunday Dinner immediately following Palm Sunday Service. Approximately 12:15-2pm, on April 9. The mission committee will provide chicken, ham and drinks. Please bring your favorite easy side dish or dessert or a smile.

Also, on Palm Sunday, please turn in your Special gift for One Great Hour of Sharing. Fish Banks for the children and information about this program are in the back of the Sanctuary! !

BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB



Kathie James

In March, we celebrated the third anniversary of Adelphi's Bible Breakfast Club. We have met every month on the third Sunday for three years, with only

one exception. We have enjoyed studying the Bible, singing, praying, making crafts, and--of course!--eating a delicious breakfast. We especially thank Renee Milligan, Michele Thurber, and others including Charlotte Ojong, Joan Tembunde, and Candace Philander, for preparing a tasty breakfast for the participants, who have ranged from infants to grandparents.

At our meeting on March 19, we studied about the Armor of God and how we as both children and adults can fight against evil with the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Shield of Faith, the Shoes of Peace, the Sword of the Spirit, and the Helmet of Salvation (Ephesians 6:11-18). The younger members had a chance to "dress" our model (Larry James) with these pieces of armor. Each child then colored a picture of a young person wearing the same armor while the adults played word games using the terms above. We sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." During the worship service, the entire group, including our "model," went forward during Time With Children. Dr. Charlotte Ojong sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" in French, then the group sang it in English, featuring the part that includes, "Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer." We thank all seventeen persons in attendance for helping everyone to master this lesson.

Our next meeting will be April 16 - Easter Day. We hope you will join us, and bring a friend!

The Month in Music



Kathie James

The month of March ushered in Lent, and our music program has enriched the season in various ways. On March 5, Evelyn Jones sang "Into the Woods," a reflection of Jesus' time of temptation. On March 12, we were delighted to have Brandi Wiltshire and Alex Harper, two of our young people, play a duet on violin and viola, respectively. They had selected Beethoven's

"Ode to Joy," a favorite of many worshippers. On March 19, we were doubly blessed, first by the children and the adults from Bible Breakfast Club, who sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." This hymn contains a reference to the Gospel Armor, and the lesson for the day had been from Ephesians 6:11 concerning putting on God's armor to fight against all evil. Second, Renee Milligan sang Bill Gaither's beautiful composition, "He Touched Me." On March 26, Evelyn Jones returned to sing "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace." She first spoke about the opportunity she had several years ago to meet the composer, Eugene Hancock, and her words helped everyone to appreciate even more the lyrical and mystical piece. In addition, Mrs. Chen and her assistants presented our children as they sang and played some musical instruments. Our hymn sings continue prior to the service, and we join in with a few old favorites as well as with new hymns from the blue hymnal. Truly we are becoming a singing church!



ANNUAL YARD SALE

Adelphi's annual yard sale will take place Saturday, May 6, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a rain date of Saturday, May 13. If you are interested in renting space, please state clearly your name and telephone number. Spaces are \$15 each in advance, \$20 on the day of the event. Tables and chairs are not provided. Checks should be made payable to Adelphi Presbyterian Church. Please mail to 9401 Riggs Road, Adelphi, 20783, or place in the mailbox in the parking lot, or hand deliver--but please call first to be sure someone is there. Thank you; we look forward to your participation.

CALENDAR OF EVENT

SUNDAY SCHOOL

First Sunday – 11:30AM immediately following Children's moment

Second Sunday – 11:30AM immediately following Children's moment

Third Sunday – 9:30AM Bible Breakfast Club

Fourth Sunday – 10:30AM

Children Sing Along and Music Lessons

Fourth/Fifth Sundays – The whole family of God joining together for worship

English as a Second Language continues on Tuesday 10:00 – 11:30AM and Thursday 6:30 – 8:00PM.

April 7, Friday – Youth in Faith Formation at 7:30PM

April 8, Saturday – Easter Egg Hunt 10:00AM (Rain day – April 15)

April 9, Sunday – Palm Sunday dinner after service (See Renee Milligan for details)

April 11, Tuesday – Session Meeting at 7:00PM

April 12, Wednesday – Lent Prayer at 7:00PM

April 13, Thursday – Maundy Thursday service at 7:30PM

April 14, Friday – Good Friday service at 7:30PM

April 16, Sunday – Easter Sunday Service at 11:00AM with Communion

April 21, Friday – Youth in Faith formation at 7:30PM

April 23, Sunday –

- Food Sunday and Coffee Hour after church
- Rev. Tony Robinson speaks about transformation 2:00 – 5:00PM

April 24, Monday – Rev. Tony Robinson speaks about Leadership and Transformation 10:00AM – 1:00PM

April 29, Saturday –

- Presbytery Session Record Review for area churches held at our facilities
- Presbytery Multi-Cultural workshop 8:30AM – 3:00PM

May 6, Saturday 8:00AM – 2:00PM Yard Sale

Happy Birthday



Charolette Ojong April 5
Hudson Lancaster April 7

Vida Agyei-Obese April 11
Uzo Anigboh April 12
Phyllis Samuel April 19
Jeff Hong April 25



Larry and Kathie James April 7
Jeff and Kathleen Hong April 21



Help By Phone Menu

Beef Stew Macaroni & Cheese Spaghetti Pork & Beans	Jell-o Pasta Soups Peanut Butter Fruit	Dry Milk Coffee Tea Cocoa	Pudding Pancake mix Pancake Syrup
Dried Northern Beans Tuna Jelly	Apple sauce Baby food Cold Cereals Grits Oatmeal		Red, Green & Yellow Vegetables Rice Pudding



LECTIONARY READING

5th Sunday in Lent

Jer. 31:31-34
Ps. 51:1-12
Heb.5:5-10
John12:20-33

Passion/ Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11
John 12:12-16
Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29
Phil.2:5-11
Mark 14-15

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Acts:10:34-43

Ps.118:1-2

John 20:1-18

Acts:34-43

Mark 16:1-8

2nd. Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35

Ps.133

1John 1:1-22

John 20:19-31



Breakfast Club

Games for All

Scrambled Words: Unscramble the words below to reveal the Gospel Armor and what each piece represents:

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| 1. MEETHL | 7. SSENSUOETHGIR |
| 2. HESSO | 8. HUTTR |
| 3.BLET | 9. HIFAT |
| 4. HISLDE | 10. TRIPSI |
| 5. TREETALAPBS | 11. CAPEE |
| 6. ODRSW | 12.NOISTLAVA |

Word Find: Each of the words listed can be found in the puzzle, either right to left, left to right, up and down, down and up, and possibly across. Circle the words as you find them, and check them off on the list. Some letters will overlap into more than one word.

LOVE OBEY SOLDIER SHARE
BLESS JUST GOODNESS CHURCH
FAITH RIGHTEOUS SPIRIT PEACE
SALVATION ARMOR WORD TRUTH
SHOES HELMET BREASTPLATE
SHIELD SWORD BELT BIBLE PRAY
TREAT.

OBEYAZWYXWV R
RIGHTEO USUOT
SBSRRTR PQMDP
SLOVEAD RRORN
EEMSALVATION
NRHTPL YHKWH
DEEOJTI RIP SC
OIMEI SH GACH R
ODL SHAR E FBI U
GLE FEEC A EPEH
DOHTURT S U JLC
C SSELBELT BDA

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
April 2	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Charles Yancey
April 9	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	Evelyn Jones
April 16	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Bettye Miller
April 23	Vida Agyei- Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Martin Ojong
April 30	Bettye Miller	Winton Almas Hudson Lancaster	Larry James

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