

# Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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**ARPIL 2007**

**Minister: Every member of Adelphi  
Presbyterian Church**

**Deepening with the world.**

## The Session

### Class 2007

Stig Hammond, Bettye Miller

### Class 2008

Renee Milligan, Charlotte Ojong, Ernestine Tebong

### Class 2009

Jennie Cardin, Eric Yemoh

Pastor: Rev. Y. Eunice Yang

Clerk of Session: Janet Dolen

Treasurer: Charles Yancey

Assistant Treasurer: Jake Masters



## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**Sunday, April 1, 11:00 A.M.**

**Passion/Palm Sunday**

Palm Sunday Dinner follows.

All are welcome to stay

**Thursday, April 5, 7:30 P.M.**

**Maunday Thursday Service**

(with Communion)

**Friday, April 6, 7:30 P.M.**

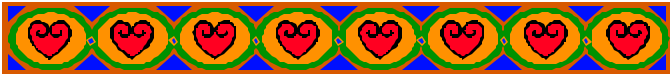
**Good Friday Service**

**Sunday, April 8, 11:00AM**

**Easter Sunday Service**

(with Communion)

**We are striving to be  
A *Praying* Congregation...  
Deepening with God.  
A *Caring* Congregation...  
Deepening with one  
another.  
A *Welcoming*  
Congregation...**



## SESSION NEWS

by Janet Dolen

### At JANUARY 28 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, the following motions were approved:

- to receive Pastor's, secretary's and clerk's reports.
- to accept all reports of the standing committees.
- to receive and accept the 2006 financial report and the 2007 budget.
- to approve the Pastor's entire terms of call for 2007 allowance and, in addition, require process and feedback to all staff personnel evaluation.

**Please Note:** Richard McFail, the Stated Clerk of the presbytery, advises that the motion related to personnel evaluations and feedback exceeds the authority of the congregation. All relationships with staff including evaluations, etc. belong to the Session, as specified in G-10.0102 (n). Thus, this motion passed by the congregation is to be interpreted by the Session as advisory and non-binding. The only matters which the congregation can vote on are detailed in G-7.0304.

### At the FEBRUARY SESSION meeting the Elders:

- approved **two requests** for the use of the Church
- approved a **salary increase** for the person who cleans the Church
- approved a contract for a company to **remove snow**
- discussed the process for developing standards for the **Pastor's evaluation**
- the **attendance at the ESL** class was exceptional, thanks in part to Elder Cardin's efforts (she put an advertisement in the Washington Examiner)
- discussed the **transformation process** and how it relates to the Session.

### At the MARCH SESSION the Elders discussed:

- the worship and workshop led by **Rev. Ann Philbrick on March 18**
- the plans for the upcoming **Yard Sale** (May 19<sup>th</sup>)
- the **Palm Sunday dinner**
- ways to reach the community through **mission**
- approved the **baptism** of Joshua Danso



## BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB

by Kathie James

Sixteen energetic, enthusiastic children and adults attended the Bible Breakfast Club meeting on March 18. We recapped February's lesson (ask the kids about igloos and how they figured into the Valentine lesson of love), and we had a fun quiz on all of the Bible people we have studied since September – 6 Apostles and 6 women. We then learned about the Disciple Thomas and about Rahab, a woman who had done some bad things in her life but who turned to God and was rescued from destruction (adults noticed the closeness of the name Rahab with the word "rehab," which is what she did!). The story of the Prodigal Son was told, and again we saw how a person who had made some bad decisions turned back to the right way and was welcomed by God. Our craft was coloring boomerangs, on which had been written "You can always go back to God." You may have seen some boomerangs flying around the church yard later.



## WOMEN'S PRAYER

**DINNER** by Jennie Cardin

The ice storm on Friday night, March 16, did not stop four hardy ladies from gathering at the beautiful home of Candace Philander for the monthly Women's Prayer Meeting. After a highly cheerful greeting from Daniel and Reyna, we enjoyed a gourmet dinner and some warm fellowship. We then recessed to the living room, where Jennie Cardin led the group in a discussion of chapters 15, 16 and 17 of A Purpose-Driven Life,

highlighting these questions: (1) How can I start treating other believers like members of my own family? (2) How can I ensure that relationships are my first priority? (3) Does my level of involvement in my local church demonstrate that I love and am committed to God's family? As we think on these matters, we prepare for the next meeting, which will be hosted by Joan Tembunde on Saturday morning, April 21, at 10:30 a.m. We especially thank Jerome for scraping the ice off windshields when we were ready to go and for the family's many other gestures of kindness that evening. They have already answered those three questions!



## JOURNAL AT LENTEN SOUP AND STUDY 2007

by Charlotte Ojong

### March 4, Sunday

The book of Acts: The Big Revelation.

Dear brothers and sisters,

As many of you, I have read the book of Acts many times, just like any book of the bible. As far as I am concerned, the passages went away, they vanished after a while. Something happened to me this week after the Wednesday bible reading, silent reflection, and group study of the Word of God. It will not leave me after Wednesday night. My meditation continued Thursday and Friday. Saturday it vanished again. But this Sunday, during my morning prayer, it caught up with me again. I have to share with you this feeling.

The image of Jesus giving instructions by the power of the Holy Spirit to his disciple before he was taken up and asking them to wait for The Holy Spirit before witnessing in his name, and the disciples gathered in a room to pray while waiting is what I want to share with you. We are waiting for the Holy Spirit, why don't we

come out of our comfort zone for Jesus? Please let's come together this Lent season here at Adelphi Church and wait for The Holy Spirit by reading, studying from the book of Acts, meditating on the word and praying to be transformed together in Jesus name.

### March 28, Wednesday

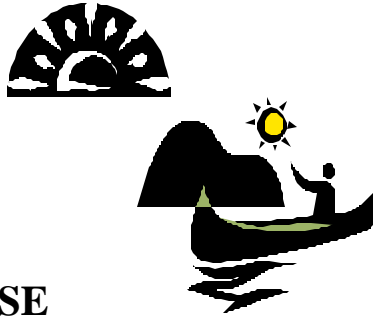
Today is Wednesday. I am looking forward the precious time shared with my brothers and sisters in Christ this evening. "The Lent Study" - what a misnomer! I will want to say "Our Souls Study." That is exactly how the book of acts made me feel all this lenten time.

I had planned to ask pastor Yang to permit me to write "a special faith journey"; little did I know that the Spirit was at work. Before I even had the chance to call Rev, Yang to tell her that I want to write a special faith journey, there she was on my voice mail asking me to write something about the lenten study. You remember I have been saying my "special faith journey"? The point is I was constantly reminded by the Spirit since last Wednesday, I needed to write something. The voice of truth kept prompting me to call Pastor Yang; but on the other side the accuser kept holding me behind. Praise God for who He is.

Like Saul, I am just a sinner, a mere human. I have always said to myself God will not want to use me. I am not the right servant. I was at that same state of mind, if not worse, when we started our Lent. Or should I say Our Souls Study. I was there only physically, so I thought. Wednesday after Wednesday, we studied the book of Acts and reflected on our spiritual understanding and what we thought God was calling us to do through the light of the Word of God.

I experienced "The Light" on this journey just like Saul on his way to Damascus (Acts 9:1-9). Yes, brothers and sisters, like Saul I am flashed by God's presence in my life. I just need to open my eyes and see. I am still a sinner but I have witnessed God's love and presence this Lent. My heart is softened. I am opened to God's mercy. I accept God's mercy although I know that like Saul my Journey has just started and I am still a sinner. I will serve God wherever he wants me to go.

May God's Light and the Holy Spirit flash all of us at Adelphi always!



## THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

by Ernestine Tebong

At the gracious financial and spiritual assistance of our National Capital Presbytery through the Transforming Congregation Project Committee, our Transformation Coach - **Rev. Ann Philbrick** came to our congregation on March 18 to lead the morning worship and the afternoon workshop. The theme of the day is "The Purpose of the Church."

During worship, Rev. Philbrick introduced new technology to our worship by showing clips from the movie "Toy Story 2" and her sermon title was "Growing Edges." She also led the congregation in singing acappella the last hymn "The Summons" from *Sing the Faith* (The newest Presbyterian song book).

In the afternoon, we enjoyed a delightful and healthy meal prepared by the Congregational Care Committee (chaired by Elder Jennie Cardin). Rev. Philbrick then led the congregation to examine the purpose of the church. We examined our understanding of the purpose of the church from our upbringing and from the bible study and group discussion that followed. We wrestled with a lot of questions in the afternoon.

"What does the scripture say about the purpose of the church?"

"What business are we in?"

"What is the church?"

"Why is this church here?"

"Why do people need Jesus Christ?"

"Why do people need the church?"

"Why do people need this particular church?"

"To whom does our church belong?" (To me? To a group of people? To the pastor? NO!!! The church belongs to Jesus Christ!!!)

"What is it about my experience of Jesus Christ that this community cannot live without?"

We were really challenged to put God first and to put "me" at the second or third or last place!

"Are we trying to keep people happy?" Rev. Philbrick says, "A spiritually mature Christian is willing to be inconvenient for the sake of the Gospel."

### What happens from here?

The TCP team and the Session will review the input from the congregation and work together to form A PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH for Adelphi Presbyterian Church. Our near future ministry will be guided by this purpose statement. As the world and culture around us changes so rapidly, we have learned that we have to constantly review and refocus our purpose and vision for the long-term health and growth of Christ's Church.



### Palm Sunday Dinner

by Jennie Cardin

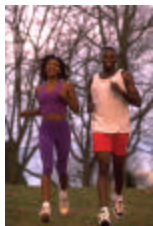
Through the grace and commitment of Renee Milligan and Charles Yancey, Adelphi Presbyterian Church will host its Second Annual Palm Sunday Dinner immediately after worship on Sunday, April 1, 2007. We will have a delicious baked ham and beautiful carved turkey. We need several volunteers to bring a covered dish to complement this meal. If you can bring food, please kindly contact Renee by e-mail ([tworams@aol.com](mailto:tworams@aol.com)) or telephone 301-513-9730. Like our Annual Christmas Luncheon, we anticipate the

entire congregation's participation. We look forward to enjoying what's becoming another Adelphi tradition.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



April 7, Saturday, 10:00 – 12:00 AM will be our Easter Egg Hunt. Bagged lunch will be provided. Please bring a friend to join us for this outdoor activity!!!



## CROP WALK 2007

by Jerome Farley

### We walk because they walk

It is spring-time in DC; the cherry blossoms are here, the birds are returning and the world is awakening. Among the spring rituals it is time for CROP Walk; yes **the Hyattsville 2007 CROP walk will be held on May 6, 2007** at Lake Artemesia. A big thank you to all those individuals who signed up for Crop Walk 2006, we look forward to seeing you again so please participate by either walking or supporting a walker. To donate online go to [www.adelphipc.org](http://www.adelphipc.org) for more details.

- ? Over 852 million people around the world are hungry — one-seventh of the human family.
- ? Most of these people are not victims of famine, but suffer from chronic hunger and malnutrition that stunts growth, sapping energy and potential.
- ? Every day, more than 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes — about one child every five seconds.

- ? 1.2 billion People in developing countries live on an income of \$1 a day or less.

**CROP hunger events address hunger and poverty, locally and globally--for 60 years -** Since 1947, Church World Service's (CWS) CROP community events have provided an effective means for individuals, congregations, and communities to respond to humanitarian needs worldwide.

Last year CROP WALKS raised over **\$16 million** to support the hunger-fighting work of Church World Service around the block and around the world.

**National Support** - Some 2,000 communities across the country participate in CROP events each year, raising funds for local hunger-fighting agencies as well as for the international relief and development efforts of CWS.

**Where do your Donations go?** - The agency works in partnership in some 80 countries globally, and has offices in South America, East Africa, Southern Africa, Pakistan/Afghanistan, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and Indonesia. With up to **25 percent** of the funds raised by a CROP Walks going to support local hunger-fighting efforts in the U.S.



## GRATITUDE

from Adelphi Secretary, Elaine Wilcoxson

Thank you, Les Wattay, for putting an ESL sign up on Riggs Road in front of Adelphi Church. I have been able to help many foreign language speaking members of our community when they called about the ESL classes. They have told me that they read the sign on Riggs Road and wanted to join the class. This is a

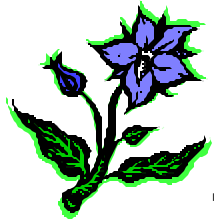


wonderful outreach program at Adelphi and my thanks go out to all involved in facilitating it.



## Community News

The Prince George’s County Police Department is actively recruiting men and women for employment of civilian positions. They want, and you deserve, only those civilian individuals who demonstrate core values such as professionalism, excellence and integrity and those that aspire to make a difference in your community. You may have been seeking an opportunity such as this or know someone who is. Employment opportunities vary from data entry, administrative aides, fingerprint assistant, forensic chemist and even more. Applicants may use the following number as a contact: 301-883-6330 or via internet: [www.princegeorgescountymd.gov](http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov) to be considered for a rewarding career.



### THANK YOU

from Hudson and Priscilla Lancaster

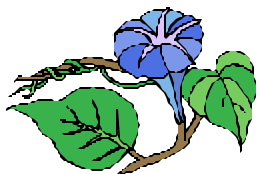
I want to thank everyone for their phone calls, cards, prayers, and concern for the loss of my brother. You never know how much we are touched by people in this church, our neighborhood, from near and far. It cannot take the pain I feel away, but I just know that I have friends who care so much, and the love of God. Also I don’t want to forget Eunice. She was there for me before and after the death of my brother. Her prayers were with me most of the time, reminding me of God’s love for us.

Thank you, Eunice.



## Happy Anniversary

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



### THANK YOU

from Jean Yancey

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Adelphi Church received a card from Jean Yancey saying, among other things, “Sorry, it’s taken me so long to say thank you for your concern, your prayers, your calls and your cards. Hopefully I’ll continue to get better. Prayer is the greatest gift one friend can offer another. Love, Jean” The card is posted on the downstairs bulletin board for you to see. Our good wishes go out to Jean for her continued recovery.



## Happy Birthday

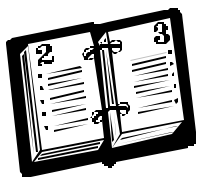
April 5 Charlotte Ojong  
April 7 Hudson Lancaster  
April 11 Vida Agyei-Obese  
April 12 Uzo Anigboh  
April 19 Phyllis Samuel  
April 25 Jeff Hong



May 19, Saturday, 9:00AM – 2:00PM –  
33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Yard Sale (Rain date June 2)

### *Help By Phone*

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



### *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**April 1, Sunday – 11:00AM – Passion and Palm Sunday Service followed by Palm Sunday dinner**

**April 8, Sunday – 11:00AM Easter Sunday Service and Communion**

**April 15, Sunday – Praise and Prayer Sunday (Praise! Pray! Share your testimonies!)  
\*9:45AM Bible Breakfast Club  
\*11:00AM Sunday Service**

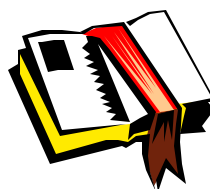
**April 17, Tuesday, 7:00PM - Session**

**April 21, Saturday, 10:30AM  
– Women’s Prayer Group**

**April 22, 11:00AM - Sunday Service  
Food Sunday, Coffee Hour- Worship and Music**

**April 29 Sunday – 11:00AM Sunday Service**

**May 16, Wednesday – Mammovan at church**



### *Lectionary Reading*

**April 1, 2007  
Passion/Palm Sunday  
Luke 19:28-40  
Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Philippians 2:5-11**

**April 8, 2007  
Easter/Resurrection of the Lord  
Acts 10:34-43  
Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
John 20:1-18**

**April 15, 2007  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Acts 5:27-32  
Psalms 118:14-29  
Revelations 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31**

April 22, 2007

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:1-6(7-20)

Psalms 30

Revelations 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23

Revelations 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

**Sunday Servants**

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
APRIL 1	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde	Charles Yancey
APRIL 8	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen	Matilda Che
APRIL 15	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Bob Finzel
APRIL 22	Vida Agyei-Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Chester Guild
APRIL 29	Bettye Miller	Winton Almas Hudson Lancaster	Larry James



