

# Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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

The Session

**Class 2008**

Renee Milligan, Charlotte Ojong, Ernestine Tebong

**Class 2009**

Jennie Cardin, Jake Masters, Eric Yemoh

**Class 2010**

Jerome Farley, Jessyna McDonald

Pastor: Rev. Y. Eunice Yang

Clerk of Session: Janet Dolen

Treasurer: Charles Yancey

Assistant Treasurer: Jake Masters

God calls us at Adelphi Presbyterian Church to be a Christ-centered community of people experiencing spiritual awakening by praying, caring, welcoming, sharing the Word, and forming relationships with one another. At Adelphi Presbyterian Church, we are called to use our gifts and talents to serve God with energy and love.

~ Our Vision Statement adopted by Session,  
September 2007 ~



## Easter Morning

A Poem by Prommila Almas

Today is a joyful day,  
everything in nature and in heaven is dancing with joy  
and joy is more than doubled  
because of the tomb of crucified Jesus is presenting  
a glorious scene of heaven.  
Jesus is no more there. He is risen.

Don't ask me the limit of  
joy and delight of Mary (Mary Magdalene) because  
today she is a gospel (good news) bearer of her  
Worthy, Almighty, and Powerful Master.

Everybody is sharing the news that  
the King of Cross is risen, the King who was  
dead, senseless, laying in grave knowing nothing, but  
today He is Big News and knows every thing.

From everyone and from everywhere,  
a voice is heard, that everyone  
who is quiet, not known, valueless and worthless  
today has the voice, authority, and luck,  
is in power and feels living again.

My friend please take a message to  
Caiaphas (Chief Priest) to come and see that  
the King of Nazareth is powerful. He has risen.

Look, every bent-down head with sad and gloomy face is up-lifted with joy. Everybody is high in soul because today He is in power and worthy of all praise and honor.

Today is the end of all heart aching, painful moments and the end time of all hopelessness, because the King of Promise has fulfilled His promise. He is risen! That is why this morning is beautiful, captivating, and draws attention of hearts to its beauty.

The troubled heart of Holy Mary is at peace, satisfied, consoled and relieved from all agonies she went through. Her Son is a Victor.

Almas, look into yourself. Torrents of tears of joy are gushing out. Waves of joy of the world are nothing compared to these tears of joy – today these tears are full of joy of everlasting life, and for the risen Savior, who is risen and reigns forever.

Happy Easter!!!

© Prommila Almas



## FAREWELL!!!

We are sojourners! We bade farewell to *Winton and Prommila Almas* as they relocate to Utah to be near their families. We are grateful for the many years they have enriched our lives at Adelphi through sharing their gifts of faith with us. We will miss them. Please keep them in your prayers as they embark a new chapter in their lives. Also, *Hermis* is currently in Argentina and will join them in Utah in the future.



## REJOICE!

Today we rejoice that *Robert and Quinta Fon-Tendo* (with children *Larrisa, Bernice, and Robert Jr.*) and *Ephraim and Yvonne Mbanwi* (with children *Brian, Ashley, and Camille*) have made the decision to continue their faith journey as disciples of Jesus Christ and to participate in the ministry and mission of Christ's Church through joining the Adelphi Presbyterian Church. Let us fully embrace them into our community!

### ***Would you like to join the church?***

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), “*an active member of a particular church is a person who has made a profession of faith in Christ, has been baptized, has been received into membership of the church, has voluntarily submitted to the government of this church, and participates in the church's work and worship. An active member is entitled to all the rights and privileges of the church, including the right to participate in the Sacrament of the Lord's Super, to present children for baptism, to take part in meetings of the congregation, and to vote and hold office.*” (G-5.0202a)

**If you are interested in becoming an official member of Adelphi Presbyterian Church or if you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Rev. Yang or any elder on session.**



### ***Want to be baptized?***

**Want your children to be baptized?**

**Please speak with Rev. Yang about it.**



### **PRESBYTERIANS 101: WHO ARE WE?**

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), with denominational offices in Louisville, Kentucky, has approximately 2.3

million members, more than 10,000 congregations and 14,000 ordained and active ministers.

Presbyterians trace their history to the 16th century and the Protestant Reformation. Our heritage, and much of what we believe, began with John Calvin (1509-1564), whose writings crystallized much of the Reformed thinking that came before him.

Presbyterians are distinctive in two major ways: they adhere to a pattern of religious thought known as Reformed theology and a form of government that stresses the active, representational leadership of both ministers and church members.

**Points of Distinction:** One of the places where the church has had the opportunity to live up to its proclamations for the equality of all persons is in the status that it gives women in its own life and work.

*Read more on [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org) Click on "Who we are."*



## Cracking a Tough Nut

A message to the PCUSA from the General Assembly moderator, Rev. Joan S. Gray

Atlanta – Evangelism continues to be a really tough nut to crack for many Presbyterians. We worry about our shrinking churches, but we are not comfortable, by and large, talking with people outside the church (or sometimes inside it!) about our faith.

What can we do to help change this culture of silence into one that connects with people who need to hear good news? Here are a few suggestions I have picked up around the church

***Give people in your church a chance to craft and practice their faith "elevator speech."*** When I was candidate for Moderator of the 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2006), someone told me that I must be able to tell someone why they should want me to be moderator between the time they got on an elevator with me and the time they got off. I think every

Presbyterian should have an "elevator speech" in answer to questions such as, "Why are you a Christian? What difference does God make in your life?" It would give us a jumping off place to talk about faith and help us get over our evangelistic lockjaw.

***Carry a give-away Bible.*** Buy several small, inexpensive Bibles or Scripture portions and mark with a highlighter some passages that are particularly powerful for you in terms of the gospel message. Carry one of these around with you in your car, purse, or in your carry-on bag when you fly. If you get into a religious discussion, give the person the Bible with your blessing and invite them to read the marked passages. You can even read the passages with them to open the door to further conversation.

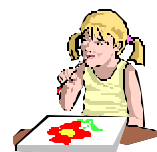
***Pray that God will bring people across your path who need to hear of and experience God's love.*** Expect it to happen. Pay attention and be prepared to respond graciously and authentically. There really are people out there who are desperate to hear some good news about themselves and the world. We have that good news! If we are willing, God will use us to plant seeds of the gospel in people's lives.



## SESSION

by Janet Dolen

At the March session meeting the Elders discussed:  
--the progress of the Pastor's evaluation,  
--a request to use the Church's facilities for violin lessons,  
--the water bill and an update on our finances,  
--the plans for Holy week, and  
--dates for upcoming events (May 4: Crop Walk; May 10: Yard Sale; Mother's Day pancake breakfast on May 11; and a Church cookout on September 7).



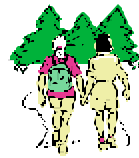
## BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB

by Kathie James

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BBC!

Bible Breakfast Club met on March 16, and we took note of the fact that the first Bible Breakfast Club meeting occurred on Sunday, March 17, 2003; so we are celebrating the fifth anniversary of our group and its place in Adelphi's Christian Education program. In attendance were Wesley, Yazmeen, and Mimi Tembunde, along with their mom Joan, as well as Dr. Bettye Miller, and Larry James. We opened with prayer and singing, then we studied our lesson. While the adults read Scripture from the four Gospels about Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week culminating in the Crucifixion, the children created a display of pictures illustrating the various readings. We noted that two sad parts of the history—Peter's denial that he knew Jesus and the crucifixion of Jesus—had happy endings: God can take our mistakes and our sins and make something good out of them, just as He made Peter one of the greatest preachers, healers, and disciples; and, even though Jesus died, He rose again to show us that we, too, can have eternal life. Then we enjoyed a light breakfast, followed by a puzzle that focused on the lesson. We hope to see these "regulars" and more on April 20. Please come and bring a friend!

May this Easter season bring you renewed hopes and grace!

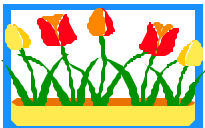


### We walk because they Walk

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 2008 CROP walk will be held on **May 4, 2008** at Lake Artemesia.

A big thank you to all those individuals who signed up for Crop Walk 2007, 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. Last year we raised \$2200 let's double that this year!!!  
by Jerome Farley

### A BIG THANK YOU



To.....

All who participated in the Holy Week services. **First**, all the worshippers who came with a listening and prayerful heart to worship and praise God. **Second**, all the readers and actors in the services: Matilda Che, Janet Dolen, Jerome Farley, Bob Finzel, Samanda Hawkins, Evelyn Jones, Jessyna McDonald, Bettye Miller, Martin and Charlotte Ojong, Ndema Ojong, Candace Philander, Richard Smith, Charles Yancey. **Third**, the energetic Karolina Syrovatkova, our organist and director of music, and the beautiful and first-rated (!) Adelphi choir: Matilda Che, Samanda Hawkins, Evelyn Jones, Marlene Donaldson, Celine Nchako, Charlotte Ojong, Ernestine Tebong, Joan Tembunde. **Finally**, congregational care committee and Christian education committee for hosting the coffee hour and Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter service.



### 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

Please continue to choose from the list here to share your food item with your designated pantry. All foods must be canned or dried and in sealed containers to meet health department requirements.

Once again, until the end of April, Help by Phone will share in a national matching funds program to alleviate hunger. Matching funds, up to one million dollars, to be

shared among all agencies, are available. Help by Phone is a tax exempt agency under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for those of you who contribute financially to it. For questions call Lois – 301-699-9009



## Happy Anniversary

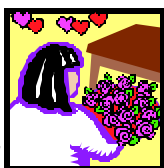
April 7 Larry and Kathie James



### COUSINS WERE BORN!

Congratulations to Percy and Vida Agyei-Obese on the birth of their daughter, Vonda, born March 11. Proud brother and sister are Verna and Percy.

Congratulations to Kingsley and Vida Danso on the birth of their daughter, Gabrielle, on March 19. Proud brother is Joshua.



## 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



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 6, Sunday – 11:00AM Sunday Service

April 13, Sunday – 11:00AM Sunday Service

\*Session meeting after service

April 20, Sunday –

\*9:45AM Bible Breakfast Club

\*11:00AM Sunday Service & Communion

April 27, Sunday – 11:00AM Sunday Service

\*Coffee Hour – Stewardship & Personnel

\*NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

### Children's Sunday School

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, 11:00AM (after children's moment)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, 11:00AM (after children's moment)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 9:45AM, Bible Breakfast Club



### Peace Notes – Things to Pray

For --

- \*God's help for hungry people in the US and around the world
- \*God's wisdom and strength for those who reach out with food, encouragement, support and advocacy
- \*God's guidance for legislators who pass laws, approve programs, and appropriate funds affecting hungry people
- \*God's guidance for all who work for peace, so that fear of violence will no longer keep peasant farmers from their fields
- \*God's blessing on the church's hunger ministries



### Lectionary Reading

April 6 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

April 13 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 2:42-47

Psalms 23:1-6

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

**April 20 (5th Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

**April 27 (6th Sunday of Easter)**

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

## **Sunday Servants**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
APRIL 6	<b>The Milligans</b>	<b>Paul Tembunde Chester Guild</b>	<b>Matilda Che</b>
APRIL 13	<b>Gail Rodman</b>	<b>Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong</b>	<b>Larry James</b>
APRIL 20	<b>The Lancasters</b>	<b>Jerome Farley Tad Jembere</b>	<b>Chester Guild</b>
APRIL 27	<b>Vida Agyei-Obese</b>	<b>Jake Masters Gail Rodman</b>	<b>Bob Finzel</b>

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