

# Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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**April 2009**

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

~ Our Vision Statement adopted by Session,  
September 2007 ~

## **The Session (July 2009 – June 2011)**

Class of 2009: Janet Dolen, Eric Yemoh, Bettye Miller

Class of 2010: Jerome Farley, Kathie James, Priscilla  
Lancaster

Class of 2011: Jake Masters, Rose Tangham, Joan  
Tembunde

Interim Pastor: Rev. Karen Doty

Clerk of Session: Janet Dolen

Treasurers: Charles Yancey, Jake Masters

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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.



## **SESSION MEETING**

Janet Dolen

At the March Session meeting

--the Session elected Bettye Miller and Janet Dolen to  
the nominating committee for new elders and the PNC  
and tentatively scheduled a congregational meeting on  
April 26th;  
--received reports from the committees;  
--discussed what would need to be done to get the  
nursery functioning again; and  
--scheduled the Yard Sale for May 9th.

Our nominating committee is actively seeking persons to  
serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).  
Since it is important that those asked to serve on the  
PNC be aware of the responsibility involved, the  
following is quoted from the presbytery's guidance for  
sessions and PNCs. For more complete information,  
go to [www.nationalcapitalpresbytery.org](http://www.nationalcapitalpresbytery.org). Then click  
on the following tabs: "Documents", "COM Policies  
and Procedures", Handbooks and sample documents",  
"PNC/Session Handbook. An overview of the  
process, adapted from that handbook, follows.

- ? The search process typically takes 12-24 months, with the PNC meeting weekly
- ? At the beginning of that time, and at least bi-weekly otherwise.
- ? The work involves preparing a Church Information Form, reviewing as many as 75-100 Personal Information Forms, interviewing candidates, hearing them preach, and checking references.
- ? There may be either local or out-of-town travel on weekends to hear candidates preach and interview them. [NOTE: Adelphi has typically invited candidates to travel to our area and preach locally in what is called “a neutral pulpit”.]
- ? Members should be both actively involved in the life of the church and also able to assume this additional responsibility.
- ? The work of the committee must be kept absolutely confidential, even from family members. [NOTE: This can not be emphasized too strongly. The thing that is most disruptive to a successful search is information “leakage” from the PNC.]
- ? Members must be willing to work towards consensus, putting the best interests of the congregation over personal interests.
- ? Members should understand that they will be involved in a calling process whereby the PNC seeks to discern God’s call for new leadership in the church, rather than simply a hiring process.

This is a very brief overview of the process and if you are contacted, please pray and look deeply into your heart to decide if you want to be a part of the process. Also, if finding the best Pastor for Adelphi is something you feel strongly about or want more information, please contact either Janet Dolen, Bettye Miller, Martin Ojong, or Tad Jembere or Rev. Doty. Volunteers are welcome.



## **ELDER COMMISSIONERS NEEDED FOR PRESBYTERY MEETINGS**

Our church is allowed to have two elders at each meeting for the coming year, through January 2010 in addition to Charlotte Ojong who is a member of Presbytery Council.

Two special meetings of Presbytery are scheduled in the near future. On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, the topic is Meadowkirk financing. On Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from 4pm to 8pm the Presbytery will discuss and vote on the proposed amendment to G-6.0106b. The next regular meeting of Presbytery is on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am at Falls Church Presbyterian Church. If you are an Elder who can attend any of these meetings, please let Janet Dolen or Pastor Doty know so we can have full representation at all meetings.

All necessary meeting materials are available on the Presbytery web site: [www.nationalcapitalpresbytery.org](http://www.nationalcapitalpresbytery.org). We can also make arrangements to preview the materials as a group when we know who will be attending.



## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>, Maunday Thursday, 7:30PM** – Worship with Communion in commemoration of Jesus’ Last Supper with his disciples.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday, 7:30PM** – Worship service focusing on Jesus’ Words from the cross. Please mark these special opportunities on your calendar.



## Peace Notes – Things to Pray For --

**A peaceful place to live for all the people of our world.**



### **A NEW NURSERY!**

Thanks to Priscilla and Hudson Lancaster, Cherry Smith, Vida Agyei-Obese, and Jake Masters, we now have a beautiful, clean, refurbished Nursery, where our youngest and smallest children can enjoy Sunday mornings. Priscilla and Hudson spent an entire Saturday cleaning the room, discarding old furniture and toys, and bringing in four new playpens, a changing table, and a high chair. A First Aid Kit and gloves are stored where Nursery attendants can get them when needed. Instructions and cautions are posted for health and safety. Sunshine pours in from the window, and in warm weather, children may be able to play just outside the Nursery in the fenced area.

Still needed are a new carpet, a bit of spackling and painting, a better and smaller table, and other supplies for the children. We also hope to update the bulletin board with current photos of our “little lambs.” In addition, we need a few more volunteers to be there on particular Sundays (at least during the worship service but also during adult classes from 10:00-10:45 a.m. if possible). If you are willing, please contact Priscilla (Congregational Care) or Kathie James (Christian Education). Again, many thanks to the Lancasters in particular and to all the others who transformed our Nursery practically overnight into a beautiful place for our little ones.



### **THE ADELPHI ADULT**

**FELLOWSHIP GROUP** (AAFG) is back! Our first get together was on Saturday, March 14th, at Cherry & Dick Smith's house. We had a St. Patrick's Day Pot Luck Dinner with many delicious dishes ranging from appetizers (cheese, chips & salsa & hot crab dip), vegetables (green beans almondine), main dishes (crab cakes, shrimp, & the traditional corned beef and cabbage), fruits (pineapple, strawberries, melons & dried bananas), and desserts (shamrock & oatmeal raisin cookies, & cheesecake), not to mention all the drinks ranging from green punch to Jello shots! The color green was abundantly displayed from the garland decorations, shamrocks on the cheesecake, dress clothes, even down to the shoes! The Jukebox played songs from the 50's and 60's and the fellowship was priceless and a great time was had by all.

We've decided to skip April (due to busy schedules and travel for Easter) but want to pick up in May! We are thinking the first Saturday in every month, so all adults can kind of plan on our get togethers and try to keep their calendars free! So, how about going bowling with us May 2nd.?? Details to be announced. We welcome any ideas for future events and look forward to seeing all of you!

Cherry Smith



### **YES!!!!!!** **(Youth Emphasis Sunday)**

What a wonderful day we had on Sunday, February 22! Designated as Youth Emphasis Sunday, it was an event during which we shared a wonderful lunch prepared by the Congregational Care Committee

(Priscilla Lancaster, Chair, and assisted by Rose Tangham, Hudson Lancaster, and many others) and then learned about new opportunities and programs being initiated in our church, especially for the youth.

Over 60 people attended this event, including some special guests. The Adelphi Teaching Corps was introduced: Candace Philander, Bettye Miller, Joan Tembunde, Rose Tangham, Marlene Donaldson, Bob Finzel, Jessyna McDonald, Tad Jembere, and Kathie James (Cherry Smith, substitute). The Christian Education Committee members explained how we had arranged Sunday classes to better accommodate age groups, since we are growing and growing. (See separate article.) The names of all Adelphi children, written on squares of paper, were attached to the wall; we asked every person in attendance to take the name of a child and commit to praying for that child over the next three months. At the end of the event, door prizes were awarded, and clean-up was swift!

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OUTCOMES OF “YES” – YOUTH  
EMPHASIS SUNDAY

\*For now, the Sunday School for younger elementary children will continue each Sunday right after Time With Children in the worship service (approx. 11:25-12:00).

\*Starting on March 1, a new class for Juniors (older elementary students and teens) began at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

\*The Nursery has been renovated, thanks to Priscilla and Hudson Lancaster and others, so that babies and toddlers will have a warm, friendly, safe, comfortable place to be while their parents are in worship; volunteers were sought to serve in the Nursery, although we foresee hiring an individual on a more permanent basis. (Two more volunteers would be welcome.)

\*Rev. Karen Doty spoke about the plans for a Youth Group, targeted primarily for the Junior youth students, which would meet twice a month for service projects and social activities. She also introduced Ms. Cheryl Holder, who lives nearby and is eager to work with our

youth in various activities centering on camping and the arts. Included in the Youth Group activities will be preparation for confirmation for those who are eligible, with actual confirmation planned for May. We hope to see dates for those meetings very soon.

\*Not leaving out the adults, we established an adult education class to be taught by Rev. Doty on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:45, coinciding with the new Junior Youth class. We hope that the Nursery volunteers will be on hand at that time as well for the infants, toddlers, and younger children. In this way, everyone will have opportunities for Christian Education every Sunday.

So, come one, come all and be part of the Adelphi Renaissance in Christian Education. Everyone has something to give, and we have much to share with one another. Say “YES” to “Youth Emphasis Service” and to satisfying our hunger for knowing God.



## BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB

by Kathie James

The Bible Breakfast Club met on March 15, opening with prayer and thanksgiving. Since the new class for older youth has begun, this group was—naturally—a bit smaller but focused on younger minds and hearts. Nevertheless, they were quite enlightening! Mimi Tembunde led the group in reading several Scripture verses, and both Daniel and Reyna Farley offered exceptional words of wisdom as we studied the Ten Commandments. We also read about Jesus clearing the temple of vendors and comparing our bodies to temples

(I Cor. 3:16-17). In honor of St. Patrick’s Day and how the shamrock helps to illustrate the Holy Trinity, we made a craft that placed Father, Son, and Holy Spirit on each of the three leaves. At the end of the lesson, we shared breakfast with the junior class and once again enjoyed some delicious scrambled eggs

prepared by Yazmeen Tembunde. Our next meeting will be the week after Easter, April 19, at 9:45 a.m. All those outside of the junior class are invited to Bible Breakfast Club, and we will get together for fellowship upon conclusion of the lessons.



## MUSICAL NOTES

The Adult Choir (AKA “The Miracle Choir”) has been rehearsing special music for the Easter season, and we would be delighted to add a few more voices. We plan to sing for the worship services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, possibly Good Friday, and of course, Easter Day. The music is relatively simple, so it’s easy to learn. We do ask anyone who is interested to come to rehearsals, which are held immediately after worship on each Sunday up to and including Easter. Whether or not you choose to join us, we are certain that everyone will enjoy and take inspiration from the selections which the choir will be sharing as we praise God and honor our Savior in song.



## Sharing Your Heart

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank all of you who remembered me and my family in prayer and good wishes during the time I was in Kentucky with my family.

My 92 year old mother, who is an elder in the Smiths Grove, Kentucky Presbyterian Church, has become frail. Pneumonia and other illnesses have caused her to lose more of her memory and she remains confused and frustrated, but with hope to recover. She is deeply grateful that God has given us supportive, loving family

members. She has blessed us with a model of unending love.

Sincere thanks. Elaine

Please share with your Adelphi Church family anything that may have spoken to your heart.

You may call me here at Adelphi on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9:00AM – 2:00PM, or other times leave me a message, and I will be glad to write down your note for you. You may send me an email at: [www.adelphipc@yahoo.com](mailto:www.adelphipc@yahoo.com). Your name will be kept private if you so request.



## ADELPHI SENDS CONDOLENCES

Adelphi was saddened to hear of the passing of Richard Hopkins, a former member of our church.

In his memory, a service was held March 21, 2009 at Colesville Presbyterian Church.

For anyone wishing to send cards, please mail them to: Judy Hopkins,

3210 Norbeck Road, Apt. 319,  
Silver Spring, MD 20906.

Jane Noble notified us of the death of her twin sister, Jean. Jean and Jane have both been members of Laurel Presbyterian Church recently, and Jane wanted to pass the word on to her long ago friends at Adelphi.



## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Please mark your calendar on April 26 right after church. There is going to be a Baby Shower for Candace. Be there, it's going to be fun. Please call Priscilla at 301-322-4144 for any information.



Also, on May 9, we will be having our annual yard sale. We are going to have a 'sign-up' sheet for volunteers. It is going to be a team effort, so please pass the news around; our rain date will be May 16.

Thank you. Priscilla.



### EASTER EGG HUNT

Please bring your children to enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Sunday, April 12. Contact Candace Philander, 301-860-1581 for questions or to volunteer your help.



### HELP BY PHONE

### FOOD SUNDAY – EVERY 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Please bring your donations to Help-by-Phone on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday and bring forth your offerings during worship! Thanks.

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.

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
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*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*



### SAVE GOD'S EARTH -- RECYCLE

Help us keep Adelphi Church litter free and take responsibility of our trash. There is a recycling bin at the outer door by the church office for bottles and cans. There is paper recycling in the office. Please place empties and paper refuse in the bins. Thank you.



### Happy Anniversary

April 7 Kathie and Larry James



### Happy Birthday

April 5 Charlotte Ojong  
April 7 Hudson Lancaster  
April 11 Vida Agyei-Obese





## SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Sundays, 10:00-12:15

\*Nursery for infants and toddlers

Sundays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.:

\*Class for “juniors” – older elementary children and teens

\*Adult education class taught by Rev. Doty

Sundays, during worship service

\*Class for younger elementary children (ages 5-8)

(Children leave the worship service after the Time with Children)

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! COME AND BRING OTHERS!**



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 1 Wednesday evening

6:30 PM - Simple Supper

7:00 PM - Prayer Class

April 5 Sunday 10:00 AM - Sunday school (see below)

11:00 AM - Palm Sunday Worship

April 9 Maundy Thursday,

7:30 PM - Worship with Communion

April 10 Good Friday,

7:30 PM - Worship

April 12 Easter Sunday 10:00 AM - Sunday school (see above)

11:00 AM - Worship following worship -- Children’s Easter egg hunt

April 19 Sunday 10:00 AM - Sunday school (see above)

11:00 AM - Worship

12:30 PM - Session Meeting

April 26 Sunday 10:00 AM - Sunday school (see above)

11:00 AM – Worship

## Lectionary Reading 2009

**April 5 (Passion/Palm Sunday)**

Liturgy of the Palms:

Mark 11:1-11

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Liturgy of the Passion:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

**April 9 (Maundy Thursday)**

Exodus 12:1-4 (5-10) 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

**April 10 (Good Friday)**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22:1-31

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

**April 11 (The Great Vigil)**

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

Psalm 46:1-11

Genesis 22:1-18

Psalm 16:1-11

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18

Isaiah 55:1-11

Isaiah 12:2-6

Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6

Psalm 19:1-14

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Psalm 42:1-11 and 43:1-5

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 143:1-12

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Psalm 98:1-9

Romans 6:3-11

## **SUNDAY SERVANTS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
APRIL 5	<b>The Milligans</b>	<b>Paul Tembunde Chester Guild</b>	<b>Ndema Ojong</b>
APRIL 12	<b>Gail Rodman</b>	<b>Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong</b>	<b>Matilda Che</b>
APRIL 19	<b>The Lancasters</b>	<b>Jerome Farley Tad Jembere</b>	<b>Abigail Jembere</b>
APRIL 26	<b>Vida Agyei-Obese</b>	<b>Jake Masters Gail Rodman</b>	<b>Larry James</b>

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