

# Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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**December 2009**

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

## *Session*

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

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

Class of 2012: Janet Dolen, Hudson Lancaster,  
Kingsley Danso

Interim Pastor: Rev. Karen Doty

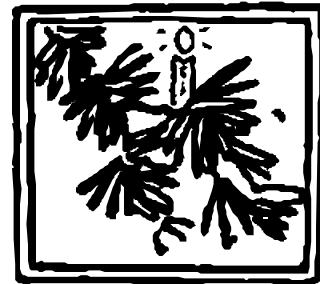
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Assistant Treasurer: Jake Masters



## **SESSION MEETING**

Janet Dolen

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 ~

**At the November Session the Elders went over the business of the church. We discussed the financial standing, the stewardship campaign, the results of the audit of Adelphi's financial records, the wrap up to the work being done on Adelphi's building, and plans for the Advent season.**



## ADVENT ACTIVITIES

### OUR CHILDREN PARTICIPATE IN ADVENT

“...and a little child shall lead them” (Isaiah 11:6). We at Adelphi are blessed to have our children leading us in worship and praise, especially during Advent and Christmas. We are also very grateful to the parents, who bring them to the various activities and support their participation. Here you see what our energetic youth will be doing in the month of December:

**December 6:** Parents will bring children to Hillhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 3210 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, at 10:00 a.m. The children will lead the residents in worship by reading the lectionary Scriptures and singing special songs that they have prepared. They will return to Adelphi for Sunday School.

**December 13:** During the worship service, children will decorate the Chrismon Tree\* with symbols of the season, then enjoy Sunday School.

**December 20:** During the worship service, children will place figures in the Nativity Scene and sing two of the songs they presented at Hillhaven, then attend Sunday School. Following that, all of us will enjoy the Adelphi Christmas dinner party; and we plan to have the children sing the third song at the party.

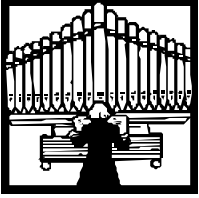
**December 24 (Thursday):** Come at 7:15 p.m. for a special musical prelude to our 7:30 p.m. family Christmas Eve service. Children will also participate in this service, and one of the children will place the figure of the Christ Child in the manger of the Nativity Scene.

We will certainly be blessed as we focus on the Christ Child Himself and the wonderful children who are leading us in the celebration of His birth.



CHRISMON TREE

Yes, “Chrismon” is the correct spelling. The Chrismon Tree and its name were originated in 1957 by Frances Kipps Spencer, a Lutheran church member who set out to decorate a tree with Christian symbols in the form of tiny white lights and objects. The custom has been adopted by many Christian churches in areas far and wide. More interesting facts, as well as pictures, can be found online (enter “Chrismon” on “Google.com,” and you will be treated to this presentation).



## MUSICAL NOTES

December will be a time of wonderful music at Adelphi, and we look forward to having everyone rejoice with us in song, as well as enjoying some special presentations.

As noted in another article, our children will be singing at various times, and they always uplift our spirits! On Christmas Eve, José Zambrana and Kathie James will be presenting a piano-and-organ medley of Christmas music as the prelude; you will want to arrive about 15 minutes early to hear these selections.

We look forward to other musical surprises from our congregation, and we welcome participation from anyone who has a gift to share. Let us praise God in song as we prepare to welcome His Son once again as the newborn king.

If any of you have a special musical contribution to share in worship, please contact Kathie James, our music coordinator, or Rev. Doty. We want to be sure that every contribution has its rightful place.



## BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Jake Masters, Hudson Lancaster, Charles Yancey, and others have led the effort of completing major repairs to the church before snow flies. Thank you to all who have participated (even Ndema Ojong who was seen changing light bulbs in high places).



## GRATEFUL FOR THANKSGIVING

Priscilla Lancaster is thanking everybody in the congregation for the TEAM effort for the International Thanksgiving Dinner.

Everybody did a fine job! Not just one person, but everybody. The food preparation and set-up, and clean-up went wonderfully. It all went smoothly with no stress, thanks to everyone. Good job!!



## CHILDREN WAITING

We know how busy everyone is, however, Adelphi nursery still needs volunteers for child care on Sunday mornings during service. In the spirit of the TEAM effort from the Thanksgiving celebration, please sign up to help. We love our children and want them have the best care and we need at least one other person each Sunday. Contact Priscilla Lancaster to help. 301-322-4144



## Sharing Your Heart

“Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.” ~Author unknown, attributed to a 7-year-old named Bobby

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

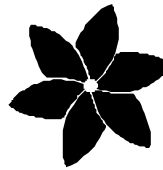
You may call me here at Adelphi on Tuesdays or Thursdays, 9:30AM – 2:30PM, or other times leave me a message, and I will be glad to write down your note for you. You may send me an email at: [www.adelphipc@yahoo.com](mailto:www.adelphipc@yahoo.com). Your name will be kept private if you so request.  
Elaine



## Peace Notes – Things to Pray For --

### *CAREGIVERS*

Recent statistics indicate that as many as 50 million people in the United States are providing some amount of care for a family member who is chronically ill, has a disability or is experiencing frailty associated with age. Please, remember them in prayer.



## Adelphi Poinsettias

Again this year Adelphi members will be decorating our church with beautiful poinsettias for the holiday season.

Members may buy the flowers, and the church is decorated with them on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. After Christmas Eve people may take them home to enjoy. We request that members wait until after Christmas Eve to pick them up,

Members may buy the flowers for \$11.50. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for member names and the number of poinsettias you would like to purchase.



**Happy**  
**Anniversary**

December 23 Paul and Joan Tembunde  
December 30 Winton and Promilla Almas



**Happy Birthday**

December 4 Atiya Jembere  
December 5 Uche Anigboh  
December 5 Martin Ojong  
December 6 Richard Smith  
December 7 Charles Yancey  
December 9 David Jones  
December 10 Matthew Smith  
December 18 Joan Romig  
December 18 John Anthony Thurber  
December 19 Stig Hammond  
December 22 Dave Milligan  
December 25 Marlene Donaldson



**SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!**

Classes for elementary and junior students after Children's Time. from approx. 11:25 - 12:10

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

Nursery, 11:00-12:15.

Bible Breakfast Club will be on a sabbatical. Adult and intergenerational classes will be held at Karen's discretion.

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



**SAVE GOD'S EARTH --  
RECYCLE**

Help us keep Adelphi Church litter free and take responsibility for 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.



**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

*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*



**ADELPHI HOLIDAY  
DINNER**

The month of celebration is here! Join us on December 20 for the annual Holiday Dinner at Adelphi. Please come to worship and share. It is always a special occasion.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Dec 6 Sunday 11:00AM** Worship and Communion  
Children Sing at Hillhaven
- Dec 13 Sunday 11:00AM** Worship  
Children decorate Chrismon tree  
Session meets after service
- Dec 20 Sunday 11:00AM** Worship  
Adelphi Holiday Dinner
- Dec 24 Thursday 7:15PM** Special Music Prelude  
7:30PM Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 27 Sunday 11:00AM** Worship  
Food Sunday Newsletter Deadline





## *Sunday Lectionary Readings for December*

### **December 6 (Second Sunday of Advent)**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

### **December 13 (Third Sunday of Advent)**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:2-6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18

### **December 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

Micah 5:2-5a  
Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 80:1-7  
Hebrews 10:5-10  
Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

### **December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)

### **December 25 (Nativity of Jesus Christ/Christmas Day)**

*At dawn:*

Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97:1-12  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

*Christmas Day:*

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98  
Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)  
John 1:1-14

### **December 27 (First Sunday after Christmas Day)**

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52



## SUNDAY SERVANTS

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist	Nursery
DEC 6	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Chester Guild	Ndema Ojong	Atiya Jembere
DEC 13	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong	Matilda Che	Cecilia Molungu
DEC 20	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Abigail Jembere	Vida Agyei-Obese
DEC 27	Vida Agyei-Obese  (or other)	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Larry James	Vida Agyei-Obese



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