

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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The Session assignment for 2004-2005
is as follows:



FROM OUR INTERIM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

	Chair/Co-Chair	Vice Chair	Member
Worship	Comfort Anigboh	Stig Hammond	
Christian Education	Kathie James & Candace Farley		
Mission & Evangelism	Martin Ojong		
Congregational Care	Evelyn Jones		
Stewardship & Personnel	Bob Finzel	David Milligan	Stig Hammond
Facilities	Charles Yancey	David Milligan	
Community Program	Bettye Miller		

Greetings to All!

It is with a glad heart that I accepted the position of interim director of music/organist and look forward to a year of joyous music with you at Adelphi Presbyterian Church.

During my interview, I shared my vision of the music ministry for Adelphi Presbyterian Church. It is to engage the church community in a meaningful worship experience whereby scriptures and liturgy are combined to compliment one another and to encompass a variety of music that is diverse and resonates with all of God's children.

To accomplish this, I will be meeting with Rev. Yang on a regular basis to plan (music) for the church program year. I invite all choir members and anyone who is interested and has an appreciation for music to meet with Rev. Yang and myself on **Sunday, February 6, 2005** immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to meet each of you and to introduce a rehearsal schedule, and learn about your vision of a music ministry. Please be ready to sing and allow 45 to 60 minutes for this important meeting.

Moderator: Rev. Y. Eunice Yang

Clerk: Janet Dolan

Treasurer: Charles Yancey

Assistant Treasurer: Jake Masters

The voices of children in song are appreciated and I encourage the participation of any child who wishes to be a part of the children's choir. On **Sunday, February 13, 2005** I invite children and their parents to a meeting/choir rehearsal immediately following worship. Please allow 30-45 minutes for this meeting. Any instrumentalists, soloists, or group(s) that would like to share their musical gifts may contact me. This would be an exciting addition to Sunday worship. Together, may we lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, and glorify God's presence in our lives.

Blessings, Ann MacKenzie



ASH WEDNESDAY AND THE LENTEN SEASON

by Y. Eunice Yang

“Remember, O mortal, that you are dust; and to dust you shall return.” (Genesis 3:19)

What is the death rate of human beings? One per person. It is 100%. No one can escape from not dying. Facing our own mortality is the theme of Ash Wednesday. We live in a culture that prefers to ignore death. Mourning is either extremely brief or not acceptable. Grief must be hidden underneath a pretended smile, “I am doing alright” so that other people can say, “She is very strong.” **Ash Wednesday service (7:30PM Feb. 9)** invites all of us to once again face the inevitable and unpleasant reality of death and to face God nakedly.

However, death is not the final claim of us. Ashes, the sign of death, are imposed on our forehead in the shape of a cross, on which Christ died yet was raised from the dead 3 days later. The ashy cross helps us face the reality of death and who we really are, yet in the meantime, reminds us of the new life given to us through the resurrection of Christ. If the Lord's Supper is celebrated as part of Ash Wednesday service, it is a strengthening and reassuring sign of God's grace that we can pass through the darkest valley and reach the

great resurrection feast in the Kingdom of God. It is a hope-filled future.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is known to have 40 days. Forty in the Bible is a round number referring to a span of time needed to accomplish something. Israelites were wandering in the desert for forty years. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for forty days. Yet, if you count the number of days beginning on Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter, there are 46 days. In the tradition of the church, every Sunday is considered the Lord's Day, a day to remember and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore the forty days do not include the six Sundays in between.

The focus of Lent has always been to “give up” something, giving up food, or movie, or entertainment. It has the connotation of “I sacrifice something...” The discipline becomes an obligation or duty. This kind of sacrificial or obligatory exercise does not last. Once Easter arrives, the old way of life returns. “Wooo.... Boy! I can enjoy life again. Give me my chocolate!” Nothing significant has changed in our inner being, in our relationship to God or other human beings.

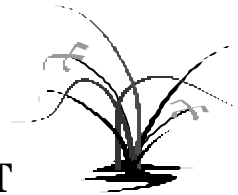
Lenten discipline is not about temporary deletions or additions of any sort. Lenten discipline is a way of life. It includes spiritual exercises that can permanently transform us, that can deepen our faith, alter our relationship with God, other human beings, and our surroundings. The Lenten Soup and Study will be designed based on these concerns. It will look to create a new being in us. All are welcome, those haven't been to church for a long time, those have never been to church, and those who look for a renewed presence of God in their lives. I look forward to an important time of the liturgical year when we devote ourselves to **a new way of life that will last beyond the Lenten season and onto the resurrection day.**

(Reference: Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church, by Laurence Hull Stookey, Abingdon Press, Nashville, 1996)

LENTEN DEVOTIONALS



In order to help those who would like to begin a spiritual journey and to cultivate a spiritual discipline, the church will provide special Lenten devotional materials for adults and youth, and families with young children. These materials should be available on **Sunday Feb. 6**.



LENT EVENT **9:30AM** SUNDAY, FEB. 13

To “kick off” the Lenten season, we will hold a Lent Event on the **First Sunday of Lent, February 13 at 9:30AM**. Priscilla Lancaster will be the coordinator for this event. A hearty breakfast will be provided. The meaning of Lent will be explored through different activities of the day. The Mission committee will introduce One Great Hour of Sharing. The Christian Education committee will lead a bible lesson and a group craft project. See you at 9:30AM on Feb. 13!



MOVIE NIGHT 7:00 PM FRIDAY, FEB. 18

We will be watching “*Chocolat*” at the Milligans on the above said time and date. Discussion will follow. Please check their address in the directory or call them for directions. If you need transportation, please call any elder for assistance. The Milligans are preparing to have a full house of guests. So, bring your friends. Popcorns will be provided!!

WEDNESDAY SOUP AND STUDY



Following the Ash Wednesday service, every Wednesday **beginning Feb. 16** during Lent for 5 weeks, we will have soup (6:30pm) and study (7:00PM) together afterwards. Any one is invited to come for a hearty soup. We will study a series of texts in the Gospel of John, exploring images of God, reading short meditations and poems, and writing prayers of our own. Each day will end with a short worship and prayer service.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Services were held both on Jan. 23 and 30. Some people were courageous enough to venture out and the spirit of praise and worship was strong. Yet, we did not have enough quorum to hold congregational meeting on Jan. 30. Therefore, annual congregational meeting has been postponed to **Feb. 6**, right after service.

We will also **assemble tsunami health kits** together after congregational meeting. Please bring your materials to the church on Sunday if you have not done so.

50TH ANNIVERSARY AT ADELPHI

Adelphi will celebrate its **50th Anniversary** this year. This will be an exciting time. The celebration worship will be held at 3:00PM on **World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2005**. Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn, General Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery, will be preaching. All former and living ministers of Adelphi will be invited to celebrate with us. Chester Guild and Verna Juska will head up the planning for this event. Please direct any information or questions to them. Please volunteer your time and talents to help us celebrate this milestone of Adelphi and to look forward to an exciting and renewing future.



OUR CONDOLENSCENES TO...

Carlton and Ruth Potter on the death of Carlton's brother, Robert M. Potter, age 78.

Crissy Hussain, on the death of her brother, Ronald Tihal, age 75 of St. Petersburg Florida.

Les and Ruth Wattay on the death of their son, Keith D. Wattay, age 43. Siblings include Duane Wattay and Mary, and Kathleen Hong and Jeff.



Help By Phone Lunch Menu

Soup	Peanut butter	Jelly	Fruit
Applesauce	Juice	Dry milk	Baby food
Coffee	Tea	Coca	

All foods must be canned or dried and in sealed containers to meet health department regulation. Please bring the above items and place them in the grocery basket in the back of the sanctuary.

FROM HELP BY PHONE



Dear Congregation:

Thank you so very much for your check in the amount of two thousand seven hundred dollars!

We appreciate and need this gift from you! Our calls for help are many. Since August, we have seen a threefold increase in the number of calls for help. This is unprecedented and we see no change in the trend.

Simply put: Many people in our Country are in need of the basics of everyday life – food, clothing and shelter.

We know you have worked hard throughout this year to make this gift and we are so grateful and recognize your commitment to share this gift and we are so grateful and recognize your commitment to share this ministry with us!

Best wishes to all of you for a New Year that is filled with joy and peace.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



February 14 Joe and Deborah Penot
February 16 Charles and Jean Yancey



Happy Birthday

February 15 Kathleen Hong
February 18 Percy Agyei-Obese
February 19 Crissy Hussain
February 29 David Anderson



Lectionary Reading February 2005

6 **Transfiguration of the Lord**
Exodus 24:12-18
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17: 1-9

13 **1st. Sunday in Lent**
Genesis 2:15-17; 3: 1-7
Roman 5:12-19
Matthews 17:1-9

20 **2nd Sunday in Lent**
Genesis 12:1-4a
Roman 4:1-5; 13-17
John 3:1-17

27 **3rd Sunday in Lent**
Exodus 17: 1-7
Roman 5: 1-11
John 4:5-42

February Sunday Servants

Date	Greeters	Nursery	Ushers	Acolytes	Liturgists
February 6 11:00 a.m.	The Milligans	Janet Dolen	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Brandi Wiltshire	Martin Ojong
February 13 11:00 a.m.	Gail Rodman	Jennie Cardin	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	John A. Thurber	Charles Yancey
February 20 11:00 a.m.	The Lancasters	Martin Ojong	Tad Jembere Jerome Farley	Verna Obese	Comfort Anigboh
February 27 11:00 a.m.	Vida Agyei-Obese	Gail Rodman	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Wesley Tembunde	Matilda Che

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