

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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



FROM THE PASTOR...

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

We are striving to be

A Praying Congregation...

Deepening with God.

A Caring Congregation...

Deepening with one another.

A Welcoming Congregation...

Deepening with the world.

I deeply feel and believe that God is doing a NEW THING among us – both personally and communally! Don't you see it? Grace is bursting through! Year 2006 ended on a good note for Adelphi. We had a great season of Advent and Christmas services with joyful and beautiful music offered by children and many adults. The strength of the praise of our choir was about to break all despair and hopelessness.

The praise and prayer service on December 31 could be captured by a word "FREE!" The Holy Spirit definitely was moving freely in and among us! Children, youth, adults – guests or members – we picked favorite hymns, shared thanksgiving, offered praises! You have been freed up to worship God with your body and soul, mind and heart! You have all been freed up to worship God with your voices through singing, praying, counting the blessings, and offering thanksgiving even during trying times!!

I count it a blessing to be able to worship God with such intelligence, imagination, love, and energy – God certainly "deserves" to be worshipped with our whole heart, mind, and soul! Thank you also for the kindness, love, and generosity you have shown me! May we look forward to the NEWNESS of the New Year together!

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:18-19) Because of that, let us sing a new song to the Lord (Isaiah 42:9-10; Ps. 96, 98; etc.) and open our hearts and eyes to SEE the NEW THING that God is doing in us and among us!



POEM TO GOD

by Prommila Almas

Why Should I Not Exalt God's Name?

Awesome GOD made me so beautiful.
Why should I not exalt God's name?

I was the dust under God's feet. I was worthless in my
flesh and soul. God breathed in me, a human being.
Why should I not exalt God's name?

I was lost in the streets, deep down in sin, roaming
aimlessly in darkness. God called me with love. Why
should I not exalt God's name?

My understanding was like an animal. I was crooked
and lost in my ways. God guided my feet on my right
path. Why should I not exalt God's name?

I was dead in sins. My wounds of sin were stinking.
(Psalm 38). God dressed my wounds with love. Why
should I not exalt God's name?

I was in deep pits where there was no even place to
stand. I was helpless and powerless to fight back. Why
should I not exalt God's name?

God lifted me up from the valley of death. God's mercy
brought me to God's side and spread a table before me
(Psalm 23). Why should I not exalt God's name?

All the poor and humble in heart, God took them from
the gate of death and made them sit with princesses.
Why should I not exalt God's name?

I know and feel the hunger and thirst, when I see Your
pain on the cross, where You declared the word of
forgiveness for me. Why should I not exalt God's
name?

God dressed me with a blood-washed robe. There was
no wrinkle or stain on it. I was without blemish. Why
should I not exalt God's name.

All those are weary and heavy laden (Matt. 11:28) get
immersed in God's blood and shout with joy, for the
bridegroom has called us all. Why should I not exalt
God's name?

Now I have no fear of death. You have made me Your
heir. You rose again from the dead and gave me life.
Why should I not exalt God's name?

Everything is so beautiful and every face is shining with
happiness. Every one is so beautiful in God's blood.
Why should I not exalt in God's name?

God put me in the furnace of distress. God put me on
the threshing floor. God pruned me and cut me in all
aspect of life and made me Almas (a diamond).



STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship in a church of our size is vital for our
continued existence. Generous financial contributions
make the difference in a faith program that can grow
versus one that is restricted by lack of resources.

Please get your pledge cards in soon so that the session
can continue to plan for the dynamic course that the
transformational committee has set.

Thanks, Eric Yemoh and Renee Milligan



SESSION

by Janet Dolen, Clerk of Session

At the December session meeting, the Elders approved the communion schedule for 2007, scheduled a retreat for January 22, and also scheduled the congregational meeting for the last Sunday in January.

Rev. Ann Philbrick will come in February to conduct a worship service with the congregation.

The session went over the preliminary budget for 2007. The Elders discussed ways to get pledges in to finalize the budget and areas that may need to be increased (added money for a financial audit). The issue of the Pastor's salary was also discussed. The Pastor's salary will have to be substantially increased and the Session was presented with a schedule for increasing the Pastor's salary to the Presbytery's standards. The Session discussed the level of commitment needed by Adelphi's members and options for handling this increase. The budget would be reworked to take this issue into account.



JOYFUL THREE MONTHS

by Elaine Wilcoxson

Comfortably sitting in the Adelphi Church office, I look back on my arrival here and my transition to a routine that hums. Most beginnings are accompanied by some uncertainties and any concerns I may have had in my new situation were soon calmed by the welcome I received in your community. As I learn the functions of my new job, I am grateful for the support and reassurance of your energetic minister, Rev. Eunice Yang, as well as that of church members and officers who came by the office periodically.

Rev. Yang and I have shared happy and productive hours working together on the bulletins, newsletters and general flow of the Adelphi Church's business. I am glad to see the good work of the church. My spirituality is strengthened and nurtured in this welcoming setting. Thank you.

Sincerely, Elaine



INTERNATIONAL NIGHT DINNER

Come join us **January 14, 2007 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** for our annual International Dinner night. Bring something from your homeland to share that will feed approximately 6 people. Wear whatever you like—but feel welcome to wear clothes from your homeland. We will need help with set-up and clean-up. To volunteer, or if you have questions, call Renee Milligan, 301-379-2520.

BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB



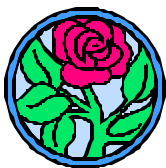
by Kathie James

December 17 was one of the busiest days of the year for Adelphi members and friends, and it began with the meeting of our Bible Breakfast Club. Thirteen active and involved people attended, both children and adults. We opened with prayer, as usual. Our Bible studies featured the Apostle Andrew, who played significant parts in New Testament history before becoming the patron saint of Scotland, and the Prophetess Anna, who had waited daily in the temple all her life until her old age, reading the Bible and praying for the coming of the promised Savior. When Mary and Joseph brought the child Jesus to present Him at the temple, Anna knew that she had seen the Messiah. Our craft was making Christmas snow globes. After another delicious (and festive) breakfast served by Renee Milligan and Jennie Cardin, with help from Larry James, we practiced "Do You See What I See?" the popular Christmas song about Jesus' birth, and then sang it during the worship service. Thanks to Renee for her solo and for leading the children, also to Joan Tembunde for helping to direct our young choir. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 21 at 9:45 a.m. We hope to see YOU there!



ADELPHI ADULT FELLOWSHIP GROUP by Kathie James

A hearty group of thirteen people participated in our AAFG activity in December, attending a beautiful concert by the Georgetown Chorale, arranged by Jennie Cardin. The event was presented at the Nolan Performing Arts Center at Georgetown Visitation in Washington. The concert featured selections from "Gloria" by Vivaldi and "The Messiah" by Handel. There were numerous other musical numbers of the season, and the audience joined in on a few of them. Everyone left with the spirit of the season in their hearts. Adults, please watch for the next AAFG activity and plan to join us, usually on the second Saturday evening of the month.



A HILLHAVEN CHRISTMAS SERVICE by Kathie James

On Sunday, December 3, a special Advent service was presented at the Hillhaven Assisted Living Center. Twenty-three people from Adelphi Presbyterian Church attended, including 13 children. Participants in the service included Wesley Tembunde, Yazmeen Tembunde, and Verna Agyei-Obese, who read Scripture; Percy Agyei-Obese, who led the group in prayer; Mimi Tembunde, distributed gifts to the residents. In addition to those young people, Daniel and Reyna Farley, plus Becky and Gabrielle Takang, and Yazmeen's friend, Faith, joined Renee Milligan in singing "Do You See What I See?" which made a big hit with the residents. The children also led the singing of "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night." We are reminded of the Scripture passages in which Jesus speaks about the importance of children, how He loves them, and how we should be like them. One of the residents later said, "My faith in humanity has been restored!" We want to thank all the parents who helped their children practice music and reading, attended the service, and bringing their children earlier

than usual to be a part of this occasion. You gave a lovely gift to the Hillhaven folks, and we may have started a tradition!



RETURN TO HILLHAVEN by Kathie James

On December 13, an evening of Christmas caroling was held at Hillhaven Assisted Living Center. Renee Milligan and Cherry Smith, joined Kathie and Larry James in leading the residents in singing both sacred and secular songs of the season, as well as presenting interspersed specials, such as Renee's solo "Twas in the Moon of Winter Time," a carol based on a French tune with Native American words and phrases about Jesus' birth. Larry was the percussionist, playing the tambourine, drums, bells, and sticks on such numbers as "Little Drummer Boy," "Feliz Navidad," "Jingle Bells," "Jingle Bell Rock," "Silver Bells," and a calypso carol. There was also a touch of Mozart ("Ave Verum Corpus"), as well as English carols and old-fashioned songs. One lady remarked, "I learned that song in kindergarten!" (It was "Up on the Housetop.") A great time was had by all, and we left once again filled with Christmas spirit.



CONGRATULATIONS

to Kingsley and Vida Danso. A Son, Joshua was born to them on December 9, 2006. Joshua was 9lb and 4oz, 21 inch long.



Happy Anniversary

January 6 Jerome and Candace Farley



Happy Birthday

January 1 Ayukossa Ojong
 January 1 Tambetta Ojong
 January 8 Patti Masters
 January 9 Candace Farley
 January 15 Larry James
 January 29 Betty Bridges
 January 30 Mikki Rodman
 January 31 Ernestine Teborg

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 2, Tuesday, 7:00PM – Worship and Music

January 7, Sunday –

* **11:00AM Baptism of the Lord's Day Worship with Communion. Preacher: Elder Tad Jembere.**

*Attention, all Session elders: Deadline for Annual Report!

January 9, Tuesday, 7:00PM – Session

January 10, Wednesday, 7:00PM – TCP team

January 14, Sunday –

* **11:00AM Special worship where Larry and Kathie James will share their faith journey during Civil Rights Movement!**

* Offering collected for ESL (English as a Second Language) offering during worship.

* 6:30PM – International Night Dinner

January 16, Tuesday 6:00PM – Pastors prayer meeting from Adelphi, Church of God Seventh Day, and Iglesia de Dios.

January 19, Friday 6:30 PM – Women's Prayer Dinner at Renee Milligan's home.

January 20, Saturday 9:00AM – 3:00PM – TCP and Session Retreat from all Transforming Congregations in the National Capital Presbytery.

January 21, Sunday –

9:45AM – Bible Breakfast Club

11:00AM – Worship with Communion

January 28, Sunday 11:00AM – Worship and Food Sunday. Annual Congregational Meeting follows.

Lectionary Reading

Baptism of the Lord

Isa. 43:1-7

Ps. 29

Acts 8:14-17

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isa. 62:1-5

Ps. 36:5-10

Cor. 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-101

Ps. 19

Cor. 12:12-31a

Luke 4:14-21

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer. 1:4-10

Ps. 71:1-6

Cor. 13:1-13

Luke 4:21-30



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



Sunday Servants

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
JAN. 7	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Larry James
JAN. 14	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	Evelyn Jones
JAN. 21	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Bettye Miller
JAN. 28	Vida Agyei-Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Martin Ojong

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