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 ~



Report from Congregational

Care: by Jennie Cardin

Our Annual Christmas Luncheon was once again a tremendous success. We had over 70 attendees, delicious food, picture taking, fellowship, and a visit from our returning special guest, Santa. Special thanks to Joan Tembunde, Renee Milligan, Candace Philander-Farley, Jerome Farley, Cherry Smith and the host of others who helped set up and clean up.

Speaking of cleaning up, our kitchen remains clean. Our committee is now planning on replacing some of the old pots and pans that have seen their heyday. For the New Year, we are planning on buying new kitchen utensils and maybe one or two appliances. If you see anything in the kitchen that needs attention, please contact Jennie Cardin at (301) 933-2972 or grasshopperbabs@hotmail.com.



CLUB

by Kathie James

On December 16, members of the Bible Breakfast Club studied about the shepherds as part of the

Christmas story. They learned that being a shepherd was not always a "fun" job. Shepherds were usually men without families because they had to be away from home for long periods of time. Also, teenage boys were often recruited as shepherds so that they could learn the job. It was a dangerous one, as shepherds had to be ready to protect sheep from wild animals such as lions. Shepherds also had to be sure sheep didn't get lost. On a very dark, quiet night a sudden great light appeared in the sky, with angels singing. The shepherds were very scared! But they listened and realized that this was a surprise from God. They went to find Baby Jesus and worshipped Him. We thought about ways in which God surprises us, too.

Then children made scenes with Nativity stickers, placing the shepherds by the stable and the angels up in the sky. Our breakfast was served on plates with shepherd designs, along with shepherd cups and napkins. Finally, just as Jesus was given many special names at His birth, each child was given some Scripture verses with their own personal references in order to choose a "Life Verse" to memorize. For example, a person whose name begins with "E" was given Proverbs 20:11, "Even a child is known by his doings." A wonderful breakfast, including servings of Shepherd's Pie, was served by Candace Philander and Renee Milligan. Those in attendance included Daniel and Reyna Farley, Eddie and Malayna Lockerman, and Verna and Percy Agyei-Obese. In addition to Candace and Renee, other adults included Dr. Bettye Miller and Shirley Philander, with Larry James and Jerome Farley providing support in the background. Happy Birthday to Jesus!



CAROLING AT HILLHAVEN

by Kathie James

On December 9, the residents of the Hillhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Home were treated to a bevy of Christmas carols, led by several children of Adelphi Presbyterian Church. Our young carolers included Yazmeen, Mimi, and Wesley Tembunde and their friend Faith Likambi; Daniel and Reyna Farley; and Verna and

Percy Agyei-Obese. They performed "The Little Drummer Boy," complete with musical instruments. They went on to lead two other practiced carols— "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night," but the Hillhaven residents didn't want them to stop! The children were also eager to sing more, so joyous songs of Christmas continued spontaneously, creating lots of smiles and happiness. Finally, the children were gathered up and taken back to church so that they could attend Sunday School. We are grateful to the adults who attended, transported the children, helped with rehearing, and participated in the caroling: Joan Tembunde, Jennie Cardin, Jerome Farley, Candace Philander, Shirley Philander (Daniel and Reyna's grandmother), Vida Agyei-Obese, and Larry James. No doubt the halls were ringing even after the group left!



Help By Phone

In 2007 Help By Phone responded to just over 58,000 people in our county with short-term goods and services. Two hundred volunteers worked to supply food from our eight pantries. Other goods and services offered were: clothing for all ages, financial counseling, transportation to medical appointments. We responded initially to those suffering from child or spousal abuse, sexual assault, and deep weariness with life.

We thank you for your support. Adelphi Presbyterian Church contributed two thousand dollars. We really appreciate this contribution!!



January 6 Jerome and Candace Farley



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 Nikki Rodman

January 31 Ernestine Tebong



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Children's Sunday School

1st Sunday, 11:00AM (after children's moment)
2nd Sunday, 11:00AM (after children's moment)
3rd Sunday, 9:45AM, Bible Breakfast Club

January 6, Sunday – 11:00AM Sunday Service January 13, Sunday

*11:00AM Sunday Service

Session Meeting After Service

1/13 Absolute Deadline for Annual

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January 20, Sunday

*9:45AM Bible Breakfast Club

*11:00AM Sunday Service

6:00PM International Night Dinner

January 27, Sunday – 11:00AM Sunday Service Annual Congregational Meeting after

service



PEACE NOTES – THINGS TO

PRAY FOR -- A Prayer for the new year

Gracious God, Who wills peace and justice, May this be the year that Peace grows and Justice flows Around your world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

> Presbyterian Peacemaking Program www.pcusa.org/peacemaking



Lectionary Reading

January 5 (Eve of Epiphany)

Psalm 110:1-7

Isaiah 66:18-23

Romans 15:7-13

January 6 (2nd Sunday After Christmas

Day/Epiphany of the Lord)

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalm 147:12-20

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:(1-9) 10-18

Epiphany of the Lord:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

January 12 (Eve of Baptism of the Lord)

Evening: Psalm 93:1-5 or 114:1-8

Isaiah 61:1-9

Galatians 3:23-29; 4:4-7

January 13 (Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29:1-11

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

January 20 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

January 27 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 9:1-4 Psalm 27:1, 4-9 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Matthew 4:12-23

Sunday Servants

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
JANUARY 6	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Chester Guild	Bob Finzel
JANUARY 13	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong	Evelyn Jones
JANUARY 20	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Bettye Miller
JANUARY 27	Vida Agyei- Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Martin Ojong

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