Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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Minister: Every member of Adelphi Presbyterian Church

Session

<u>Class of 2010:</u> Jerome Farley, Kathie James, Priscilla Lancaster <u>Class of 2011:</u> Jake Masters, Rose Tangham, Joan Tembunde <u>Class of 2012:</u> Janet Dolen, Hudson Lancaster, Kingsley Danso

Interim Pastor: Rev. Karen Doty Clerk of Session: Janet Dolen Treasurers: Charles Yancey, Jake Masters 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 ~



SESSION MEETING Janet Dolen

At the December meeting the Elders presented reports from their individual committees, reviewed the budget to finalize it for 2010, reviewed the membership rolls, and approved the Communion schedule for 2010.

The yearly congregational meeting is scheduled for January 31st after Worship.

January 2010



CHRISTMAS AT HILLHAVEN

On December 6, the Adelphi Sunday School children and their parents went to the Hillhaven Nursing and Rehabilitation Center to lead the residents in a Christmas worship service, and they did a wonderful job!

The lectionary Scripture was read by Daniel Farley, Yazmeen Tembunde, Gabriella Takang, Percy Agyei-Obese, Wesley Tembunde, Verna Agyei-Obese, and Mimi Tembunde. The children also sang three Christmas songs: "The Twelve Days of Christmas," "What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby?" and "Go, Tell It on the Mountain," the last one with Dr. Renee Milligan. Renee also sang "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" and led the congregation in other Christmas hymns. During the service, there was standing room only!

Following the worship time, gifts were distributed by Reyna Farley, Becky Takang, Vannessa Takang, and Malayna Lockerman. The residents were delighted, and there were many smiles for the children, even some applause.

We sincerely thank the wonderful parents, grandparents, and other relatives who brought their children out so early on Sunday morning (following a snowy Saturday) and supported their participation in this much anticipated activity. The Hillhaven folks are always eager to see children, and they repeated their thanks over and over as we prepared to leave. The occasion was a blessing for them and for us.



MUSICAL NOTES

The Advent and Christmas season at Adelphi was enhanced by the lovely music that was selected by the pastor and the organists, as well as the joyous singing each week. We especially thank Evelyn Jones for the solos she performed and for her leading the congregation in singing all the hymns. Renee Milligan has also favored us with beautiful solos. In addition, we thank those who made extra efforts to be a part of the group which we lovingly call "The Miracle Choir," namely the adults who came out to practice during the week, stayed after services to practice, and arrived early on Sundays to practice. On December 13 the choir sang a calypso anthem (with Larry James on the maracas) entitled "Glory to God in the Highest!" and again on Christmas Eve with "There's a Song in the Air," joined by José Zambrana and his wonderful voice, while Kathie James accompanied on piano. As a Prelude on Christmas Eve, José and Kathie performed an organ-piano duet featuring a medley of Christmas songs.

Although our children were scheduled to sing on December 20 but got snowed out, they did a wonderful job of singing at Hillhaven Nursing Home on December 6 (see separate article). We hope to hear more of our young people in musical ministry in 2010.

Finally, we pray that the coming year will find the adult choir, large or small, in the choir loft each week, robed in purple and gold, and lifting our spirits in song. All are welcome to join us, regardless of singing experience. Let us "Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord!"



CHLDREN WAITING

We know how busy everyone is, however, the Adelphi nursery still needs volunteers for child care on Sunday mornings during service. Please sign up to help. We love our children and want them have the best care and we need at least <u>one other person each</u> <u>Sunday.</u> Contact Priscilla Lancaster to help. 301-322-4144



God in your loving mercy, hear our prayer.

Release us from fear and open our eyes, that we might be reconciled with you and all your creation

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Sharing Your Heart

"Nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness." Meister Eckhart

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. Your name will be kept private if you so request. Elaine



January 6 Jerome and Candace Farley



January 1 Ayukossa Ojong January 1 Tambetta Ojong January 1 Rose Tangham January 8 Patti Masters January 9 Candace Farley January 15 Larry James January 29 Betty Bridges January 30 Nikki Rodman January 31 Ernestine Tebong



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.



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.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! COME AND BRING OTHERS!



Letter from Help by Phone, Ltd.

"December 17, 2009

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Thank you for your check in the amount of two thousand dollars and all of your support! We need it! Your part in this ministry sets a standard for others and helps so many people! We are indeed grateful to all of you.

Best wishes for a joyous Christmas and a New Year that is safe and filled with goodness and peace.

Sincerely, Lois Jones"



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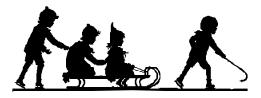
FOOD SUNDAY – EVERY 4th Sunday Please bring your donations to Help-by-Phone on the 4th Sunday and bring forth your offerings

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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 3 Sunday 11:00AM Worship and Communion Jan 10 Sunday 11:00AM Worship Jan 17 Sunday 11:00AM Worship Session Meeting After Service Jan 24 Sunday 11:00AM Worship Food Sunday Newsletter Deadline Jan 31 Sunday 11:00AM Worship Congregational Meeting After Service



Sunday Lectionary Readings for January 2010

January 3 (2nd Sunday After Christmas Day) Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9) 10-18

January 6 (Epiphany of the Lord)

Epiphany of the Lord: Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12

January 10 (Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 17 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11

January 24 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time) Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21

January 31 (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time) Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist	Nursery
JAN 3	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Chester Guild	Ndema Ojong	Atiya Jembere
JAN 10	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong	Matilda Che	Cecilia Molungu
JAN 17	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Abigail Jembere	Vida Agyei-Obese
JAN 24	Vida Agyei-Obese (or other)	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Larry James	Vida Agyei-Obese
JAN 31	Bettye Miller	Hudson Lancaster	Evelyn Jones	Priscilla Lancaster

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