

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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

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From the Pastor...

**“LET US GO ACROSS TO THE OTHER SIDE”
THROUGH THE STORM ...**

The Session

Class 2007

Comfort Anigboh
Stig Hammond
Bettye Miller

Class 2008

Renee Milligan
Charlotte Ojong
Ernestine Tebong

Class 2009

Jennie Cardin
Eric Yemoh

This has been a season of transformation. From April to June, many of our lectionary texts speak right on the transformation of our hearts and souls and minds. On June 25, 2006 Sunday, I preached from Mark 4:35-41 where Jesus invited his disciples to “go across (the lake when the windstorm was predicted coming) to the other side” trusting that the storm would in fact change and transform us. Do not fret. Do not escape. Storm and chaos are facts of life and unfortunately facts of church too. Unless we are transformed from inside out, unless we are being born again from water and spirit, we cannot become true disciples of Christ. Jesus invites us to get into the boat and trusts him so that we can get across to the other side. Jesus invites us to ride through the storm and chaos with him so that we can learn a new way of trusting and of loving one another.

Spring is the season of dying and rising. It is the time we experience the paschal mystery. Many have expressed how silence in the sanctuary during Lent has transformed them in an unspeakable way. They have been touched by God’s very own presence during the silent listening of God’s voice. On Palm Sunday, Renee Milligan organized the first Palm Sunday dinner where

the Adelphi family and friends enjoyed the food and fellowship. The Holy Week ritual of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, to Easter Sunday took us from the betrayal, the death, the total despair and hopelessness, to the joyful resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the month of April, the presbytery held two different workshops on transformation. Rev. Anthony Robinson spoke on what transformation means and how to lead a church through change and transformation. Bob Finzel and Tad Jembere and Eunice attended that workshop. The second workshop was on “Cultural Proficiency.” Martin and Charlotte Ojong, Ernestine Tebong, Candace Philander, and Eunice went to this one. They learned interesting ways of conversation that can deepen our understanding of one another’s cultural perspective.

On the day of cultural proficiency training, our church hosted for the first time the presbytery wide annual Session record review. Our clerk, Janet Dolen along with Evelyn Jones, Kathie James, and Charles Yancey provided hospitality to those who stepped into Adelphi church that day.

This year, we have a phenomenal number of walkers for the annual Crop Walk. We enjoyed together an afternoon of pleasant spring sun and breeze, plus the irritating pollens. The little Reyna finally surrendered and fell into sound sleep towards the end of walk.

On Mother’s Day, the lectionary text was John 15:1-8 on bearing fruits and the branches growing on the vine. During a special liturgy, worshippers were invited to come forward to plant some seeds in a flowerpot. This pot sits at the front door as you come into church and the seeds have born “fruits.” On the same day, men of the church again cooked and served the women with grace and patience. Women, please remember to do something for the men next year on Father’s Day.

The yard sale this year did not draw a big crowd as usual; yet, for those who came, it was a day of serving and having fun together. This season, Bob Finzel and Vivian Takang shared their faith journeys during worship. Their testimony reminds us that we live in a

faith community and we are supported by a great cloud of witnesses.

We have two graduates this year, Mebanga Ojong and Uche Anigboh. Uche is going to George Washington University. Mebanga is still deciding. Let us keep them in our prayers as they move into a new stage of their lives. A few of our members would be relocating this summer or moving into new houses.

Mrs. Kathie James after serving 12 years faithfully as the organist and director of music at Adelphi “retired” on June 25. A celebration was given on her behalf where many spoke words of appreciation and blessings.

We are also grateful to Kathie, Charles, and Candace for serving with energy, intelligence, love and imagination on Session for the last 3 years. We have newly elected, ordained, and installed Jennie Cardin and Eric Yemoh. A new Session is formed. Please pray for God’s strength, wisdom, and compassion upon the new session as they lead Adelphi forward.

Twelve beautiful and colorful flags have gone up in our front yard to proclaim our hospitality to the world – we welcome everybody!

I spent a week in Birmingham, AL attending the 217th General Assembly. I will share more about my experience next month. Blessings to you all and have a safe and restful summer. Don’t forget the Vacation Bible School and the first Jazz night at Adelphi.

The road to transformation is an unpredictable one and sometimes it creates storm or chaos in our lives. Yet, Jesus Christ invites us to go across to the other side to continue our faith journey. Let us say a resounding “YES” to God!!!



JUNE SESSION

MEETING

by Janet Dolen

At the Session meetings for May and June the Elders:

- approved a motion for Iglesia de Dois church put a sign down near Riggs Road;
- approved hiring a teacher for ESL for one semester;
- approved designating Sept. 24 as a day for the congregation to make a special offering for ESL;
- discussed the action plans for meeting the TSP goals (gifts for visitors, flags representing the nationalities of the members of the congregation, ways to involve more members of the congregation in all aspects of the church; jazz night; map to show where member live; establishing Wednesday night as a time for prayer)
- discussed ways to get the congregation more connected with each other
- discussed the budget (holding our own); and
- discussed developing criteria so the scholarship money allocated in the trust fund can be made available to members of the congregation.

The Clerk reported on the review of Adelphi's minutes and register books (1 exception on the financial audit of Adelphi's books).



PRAYER HOUR

by Bob Finzel

Starting with the evening of July 12th, the Adelphi congregation will hold prayer meetings each Wednesday evening between 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. We will have the opportunity to strengthen our personal prayer lives by praying silently in the church sanctuary. We know that Jesus went off to pray alone. He needed his Father's guidance, He needed to know God's will. If Jesus, the perfect person, needed to pray, shouldn't we have the same need? How can we know God or ourselves unless we spend time in God's presence where our hearts and minds will be receptive?

We were told as children that our purpose in life was to know God, to love God and to serve God. Well, we can't love someone we don't know. So let us get to know God better. We may read loads of theology books and perhaps some of us can quote Scripture ad infinitum, so we may know all about God, but do we know God? Do we have a close personal relationship with God?

We think our Church Sanctuary is a great place to communicate with God. We can remove ourselves from the thousands of busy thoughts, the pressures of the day and have a quiet time with God.

When you are in prayer be sure and remember the church. I came across a prayer the other day written about 1640 which seems very apropos today.

"Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic church. Fill it with all truth in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where if anything is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior."

See you on Wednesday, July 12th and every subsequent Wednesday evening that you can make!



PRAYER HOUR ... for everyone

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00PM

Come in for the whole hour or 10 minutes for a time of silence in listening to God. We may sing or pray together at 8:00PM.



217th General Assembly

A Message to Congregations from the Office of the General Assembly Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) June 25, 2006

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Lectionary Psalm for today is Psalm 133: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

As the 217th General Assembly met together in Birmingham, it was remarkable to see Presbyterians from north, south, east, and west gathered together to discern the mind of Christ for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We witnessed the work of the Spirit in and through the assembly, giving us a glimpse of our visible oneness in Jesus Christ. We give thanks that the assembly theme, “So Great a Cloud of Witnesses” (Heb. 12:1) permeated the community of faith within the convention center.

In this meeting, we saw commissioners and advisory delegates living out in word and deed their deep commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ, their passion to be living expressions of Christ’s love to the world, and their eagerness to be a part of the future God intends for the PC(USA). We experienced the Presbyterian process of doing things at its best. We observed people working fairly and treating each other graciously.

This assembly dealt with hundreds of items, and a few made headlines across the country. Most likely, you have read or will read about the assembly’s actions from a number of sources over the next many days and weeks, but we want you to hear about this important gathering directly from the General Assembly. That is why we are writing this letter to you.

We know of three particular decisions that made immediate headlines. Here is what the assembly did with each of them:

--Israel/Palestine issues: This General Assembly acknowledged that the actions of the 2004 assembly caused hurt and misunderstanding among some Presbyterians and our Jewish neighbors. However, this assembly did not rescind the previous action on divestment. Divestment is still an option, but not the goal. Instead, this assembly broadened the focus to corporate engagement to ensure that the church’s financial investments do not support violence of any kind in the region.

--Report of the Theological Task Force on Peace, Unity, and Purity of the Church: With the approval of this report, the assembly did not alter our historic standards for ordination. However, it did make clear that more responsibility is to be exercised by sessions and presbyteries regarding the examination of candidates for ordination. By an overwhelming majority, the assembly also affirmed our covenantal partnership, our common theological roots, and the need for prayer in Christian communities as we make decisions.

--The Trinity: The assembly received a paper that affirms “Father, Son, and Holy Spirit” as the church’s primary language for the Trinity. The paper also lifts up other biblical images of the Trinity for study and use in worship.

We hope, over the months ahead, you will hear about the other items that did not make headlines* new church development, Christian education, evangelism, older adult ministries, homelessness, globalization, international mission, multicultural issues, disability awareness, and military chaplains, to name a few.

It was obvious to us that this assembly, like the church, had deep differences on a number of issues. But, the longer we were together, the more we realized how much we have in common in Jesus Christ*and the more we realized we need one another.

The unity we seek for the church*and the unity we

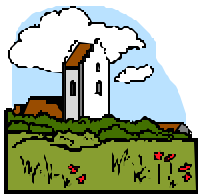
experienced at the assembly*is not just about coming to an agreement. It is also about being with each other in the healthy struggle to discern God's will. It was that healthy struggle we witnessed at the assembly, and in that struggle we were blessed. God's Spirit was with us. Not everyone will like what the commissioners did, but the spirit coming out of the assembly was something we think will be a blessing to the whole church.

Indeed, we are convinced that God has a future for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). We invite you to join us as we move with renewed enthusiasm to doing God's work in the world.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Joan S. Gray
Moderator of the 217th General Assembly (2006) of
the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Reverend Clifton Kirkpatrick
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



Women's Prayer Breakfast

by Kathie James

The Women's Prayer Breakfast for June was hosted by Evelyn Jones in her lovely new home on June 17. After a time of fellowship and of enjoying the delicious food, six Adelphi ladies gathered to study about God's plans for us through Scripture and Rick Warren's book, [A Purpose-Driven Life](#). We pondered Psalm 139 and Isaiah 44:2 in the chapter entitled "You Are Not An Accident." Some of us had difficulty in answering the question posed by Chapter 3, "What Drives Your Life?" We will continue to think about the answer to that question, particularly in light of Isaiah 26:3. Chapter 4, "Made to Last Forever," helped us put in perspective our life on earth and what it is for (preparing for eternity) (I John 2:17). We will continue these studies and prayers between now and our next

meeting on July 15, which will be hosted by Ernestine Tebong. We hope more ladies will join those who were with us, including Evelyn, Ernestine, Comfort Anigboh, Charlotte Ojong, Jennie Cardin, and Kathie James. Come and bring a friend; you will not regret it.



BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB

by Kathie James

Our Bible Breakfast Club met on Fathers' Day, June 18. The lesson focused on God, our Heavenly Father, on Biblical fathers, and on all types of fathers--stepfathers, foster fathers, grandfathers, mentors--any men who have impacted the lives of children through example or interaction. After opening with the Lord's Prayer, which had been taught to the children by Joan Tembunde during previous lessons, we went immediately to our craft--making little cheesecakes for the fathers in our lives. Everyone present took part, from Reyna Farley, who meticulously selected Skittles to place on her cheesecake, to her dad, Jerome Farley, who timed the mixing of the batter, which was expertly handled by Wesley Tembunde. Yazmeen and Mimi Tembunde poured the ingredients together; Daniel Farley very carefully blended the ingredients; and Cecilia Molongu and Joan Tembunde poured the mixes into the cheesecake molds. The molds were then refrigerated until after church. We also told several stories about many Bible fathers, from Adam to Joseph (Jesus' earthly father), including one uncle--Mordecai, who implored Queen Esther to rescue the Jews from destruction. We played a card game of matching the fathers' pictures. We almost forgot to enjoy the wonderful breakfast prepared by Michele Thurber! But there was a lot of food, and we shared it after the service with all worshippers. We are sure that upon delivery of the cheesecake treats, there were many happy fathers! Special thanks to Larry James for bringing in all the ingredients and other supplies, as well as to Joan and Cecilia for helping to clear our "baking center." Bible Breakfast Club will meet again on [July 16 at 9:30 a.m.](#) **Come one, come all!**



"WOLF TRAP" AT

ADELPHI? by Kathie James

Yes, indeed! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs on Friday evening, July 21, at 6:30 p.m. for our first jazz concert--under the stars. (If it rains, we will come indoors.) For the unbelievably low price of \$5, you will be treated to a light supper and some professional musicians playing live jazz and other styles of music. What a perfect way to spend a summer Friday evening with family and friends.

Our mission in trying out a jazz concert has several facets: We want to glorify God in music and fellowship; we want to reach out and invite our neighbors in the community to join the Adelphi family for this occasion; we want to present this as a culminating event for our Vacation Bible School, which will have met on the four previous evenings; and we hope that the event will lead to more such concerts that will draw people together, perhaps even interesting others in our church. We look forward to having a wonderful time.

If you would like to help with food, sales, or any other part of this plan, please call Rev. Yang right away. Thank you, and be sure to mark your calendars!



"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

by Kathie James

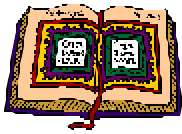
Dear Friends,

Adelphi Church is certainly made up of the Saints of God, and I thank you for your presence at Coffee Hour on June 25, at which time I stepped down from the position of Music Director. You truly put a song in my heart with your warm, kind words, the delightful gifts, and the affectionate fellowship. Thanks so much for the beautiful framed photos and for your signed messages around the edges. Fellow Elders, thank you for

allowing me to enjoy more coffee with the giant mugs and the gift card from Starbuck's. I also appreciate receiving the new Presbyterian calendar so that I can keep up with the liturgy and the church year celebrations.

This musical journey has been quite an experience for me. I worked under several pastors--Joe Condro, Rhoda Nixon, Lynne Stanton-Hoyle, Sam Alexander, Nancy Clark, Eunice Yang, and several guest preachers. Adelphi gave us many soloists and instrumentalists over the years (see the newsletter from November 2004). I enjoyed bringing school choirs from Winston Educational Center, Shepherd Elementary School, and Rudolph Elementary School, along with guest artists from those places. Our "Music Sundays" were very popular, well attended, and inspirational. I loved our Adelphi Angels and our Adelphi Cherubs, not to mention the Miracle Choir! Let's pray for more miracles so that our singing groups may be revived. The re-positioning of the choir pews, the purple choir robes, the green hymnals, the various parts of the service we sang--all are vivid in my memory. The diversity in our music is another facet that has grown richer in recent years, thanks to your participation.

Thank you so much for your support in this ministry of music. It has been wonderful to "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" with you these past 12 years!



Lectionary Reading

July 2, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam. 1:1, 17-27
 2 Cor. 8:7-15
 Mark 5:21-43
 Psalm 130

July 9, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam. 5:1-5, 9-10
 2 Cor. 12:2-10
 Mark 6:1-13
 Psalm 48

July 16, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19
 Eph. 1:3-14
 Mark 6:14-29
 Psalm 24

July 23, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam. 7:1-14
 Eph. 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
 Psalms 89:20-37

July 30, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam. 11:1-5
 Eph. 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21
 Psalm 14

Help By Phone



Dear Congregation,

Your Participation in this ministry means much to us and to those whom we serve in their time of need. At this time, we are working at capacity to meet many needs of people in our County, especially needs for food. And with children out of school for the summer, the need is even greater. All of us see higher prices passed on due to higher energy costs.

Our pantries pack according to an arranged schedule of quantity and kind. This way, people know that all is equitable, no matter which pantry supplies their need. As usual, all items must be canned or dried and in sealed containers to meet Health Department requirements.



Help By Phone Menu

Beef Stew Macaroni & Cheese Spaghetti Pork & Beans	Jell-o Pasta Soups Peanut Butter Fruit	Dry Milk Coffee Tea Cocoa	Pudding Pancake mix Pancake Syrup
Dried Northern Beans Tuna Jelly	Apple sauce Baby food Cold Cereals Grits Oatmeal		Red, Green & Yellow Vegetables Rice Pudding

We would like to thank your church for participating in 2006 Crop walk. Thank you again for your part in this ministry! And Blessings to you during the summer season. May you find time for a change of pace and may it be safe and happy!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Chester and Ruby Guild

July 7

Jake and Patti Masters

July 8

Hudson and Priscilla Lancaster July 17

Calendar of Event

Sunday School – Summer schedule

First/Second Sundays - **The whole family of God joining together for worship**

Third Sunday – 9:30AM Bible Breakfast Club

Fourth Sunday – 10:30AM Children Sing and Dance + Learning music

Fourth/Fifth Sundays – **The whole family of God joining together for worship**

PRAYER HOUR: Every Wednesday



7:00 8:00 PM

Beginning on July 12, Wednesday the church is open to all who want to come in for prayers, for silent time, for meditation. You may come for the whole hour or 10 minutes. There may be some brief group singing and prayers after **8:00PM**.



Vacation Bible

School – July 17 to 20 Monday – Thursday, 6:00 – 8:30PM. If you are interested in helping, please contact Candace Philander.

July 21, Friday – 6:30 PM



Jazz Night

Delicious food will be offered for a small charge!! Please come and bring your friends and neighbors.

Happy Birthday



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| July 1 | Jeremy Wiltshire |
| July 4 | Jake Masters Jr. |
| July 6 | Rachel Milligan |
| July 7 | Kathie Rodman |
| July 11 | Yazeem Tembunde |
| July 13 | Alison Hong |
| July 21 | Joan Tembune |
| July 29 | Chester Guild |

Sunday Servants

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
JULY 2	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Charles Yancey
JULY 9	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	Comfort Anigboh
JULY 16	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Matilda Che
JULY 23	Vida Agyei-Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Bob Finzel
JULY 30	Bettye Miller	Winton Almas Hudson Lancaster	Chester Guild

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