

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Ann Mac Kenzie

Greetings and Praises to all,

I would like to thank the adults and children that have participated in the choirs and shared their musical Gifts During the past several weeks. Your leadership is Blesses and Appreciated. As I stated, my goal for Adelphi Presbyterian Church's music program is to Glorify and praise god through voice and instruments. This continues to be my prayer.

My vision and hope is that there be a music ministry involving interested committed and dedicated persons that are willing to lead in worship on a regular basis. Is this vision shared within the church community?

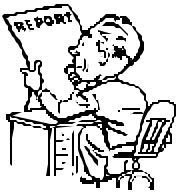
If you choose to respond in the affirmative, please feel free to attend Adult choir rehearsals on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday, immediately following Worship. The children's choir rehearsal is on the 2nd Sunday immediately following worship. I look forward to seeing you then.

Blessing and Peace

**AN ELDER COMMISSIONER'S
REPORT**

The Session assignment for 2004-2005 is as follows:

| | 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 | | |



by Comfort A. Anigboh

THE STATED MEETING of National Capital Presbytery held Tuesday, May 24, 2005, 10:00a.m. at Falls Church Presbyterian Church

Do you know that conflict, even violent conflict, is an intrinsic feature of Religion? So says Dr. Ed Farley during a theological discussion on “Christian Identity”, the highlight of the meeting of elders and pastors of the National Presbytery in Falls Church, VA.

According to Dr. Farley, the institutionalized nature of Religion has in itself, a dark side that makes its adherents convinced that the traditions, tenets, organizing tools, etc. came from GOD and have divine status. This means that they are seen as infallible and without criticism, forgetting that humans are in charge of the institutions.

On the other hand, GOD as a sacred power can never be identified with these human creations, and is always referred to metaphorically. Thus, practitioners honor and revere the traditions, but worship only GOD.

It is the tension between these two aspects of Religion that always brings about conflict.

The Christian movement has never been a uniform or peaceful community, and, in Dr. Farley’s opinion, that is the way it is supposed to be.

If we believe that the Gospel is a transforming power for all, then, it is bound to take many forms and faces, given the diversity of the universe. Identity should not be equated with uniformity, but with shared mutuality based on deep commitment, a shared sense of calling. This calling is to face the future. For example, St. Paul’s epistles are responses to various situations, and a vision of the future.

The perennial conflict between preserving our traditions and transcending our faith is what gives Christians double identity, and pushes them in two directions.

If you lean towards traditions, there is the tendency to come off as self-righteous and fanatic. On the other hand, without institutions and its tenets, there will be chaos. Hence the intrinsic nature of conflict is in religion.

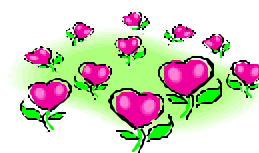
Rev. Tim Cargal, chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, introduced several candidates for Ministry, and Rev. Roy Howard, chair of Committee on Ministry, introduced several new ministers to the Presbytery. Each gave inspired and passionate testimonies as to what led them to answer the call for ministry.

That tallied with the sermon given during the worship service earlier in the day. The theme was “Can You Hear Me Now” and in a video clip that Rev. Gregory Seckman showed, various Christians trying to answer the question, “How have you heard the call of GOD?”

The Camp and Retreat Ministries Committee informed the meeting of the formal opening of the new retreat center at Meadowkirk and its excellent facilities. This is in addition to other reports by various committees and the adoption of an omnibus motion.

Being a first time Elder Commissioner, I did not know what to expect, and the business aspect of the meeting was not exciting. However, the worship service, the testimonies regarding faith journeys and the fantastic theological discussion made up for the lousy weather and a non-appetizing box lunch.

Who knows, I might do it again.



**50TH ANNIVERSARY
AT ADELPHI
by Chester Guild**

There has been a change in the date of our 50th Anniversary. The new date will be **September 25th 2005**. This change is necessary to accommodate our guests. The celebration will begin with worship service at 11 AM with Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn, Executive Presbyterian of National Capital Presbytery preaching, followed by a luncheon and other activities.

A NEW VBS FOR YOU!



by Kathie James

Families of this day and age have new schedules, demands, lifestyles, and commitments; but God still calls us to come to Him and learn all the time. So, Adelphi has designed a new VBS that's sure to fit while it brings families and friends together to share a meal, learn about Biblical teachings, and worship briefly as a community. And there is no cost!

Dates: July 18-22

Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Place: Adelphi Church

Ages: 5-95

We plan a light supper for everyone at 6:00 p.m. Then we will divide into groups to study God's Word. Young children (5-9) will learn wonderful Bible stories that will lead to crafts and games. Middle-aged young people (10-15) will learn about Bible teen models and will be able to engage in drama and other activities. Young and mature adults will study the Bible for lessons on stress management, wisdom, the future, and other topics. Following the group studies, we will gather for a brief, informal worship service.

We want YOU! We hope you will come out each evening to be with us in these activities, and we hope you will volunteer to assist in one of several ways:

- Leading or teaching a class
- Recruiting participants
- Donating a dessert or other part of the meal

Being available for child care, if needed
Being available if you speak Spanish
Praying that our VBS will meet the needs of people, that they will come
Praying that our plans will be divinely guided and bear fruit

Please speak to or call Candace Philander, Kathie James, or Rev. Eunice Yang to talk further about any of these ideas or if you have some of your own!



HEALTH NEWS!!!

George Washington University Hospital MAMMOVAN will be at our parking lot on **July 1, Friday, from 9:00AM – 2:00PM**.

Please call **202-741-3252** to make an appointment. There need to be at least 10 appointments before the mammovan will come out.

You are eligible if you...

- ✍ are age 35 and over
- ✍ have not had a mammogram in the past 12 months
- ✍ are not experiencing breast symptoms such as a lump or breast pain
- ✍ do not have breast implants
- ✍ have not been treated previously for breast cancer

Most insurance plans are accepted. Mommograms are free for those women who meet the eligibility criteria.



TIDBITS FROM THE YARDSALE

by Charles Yancey

The yard sale was well attended. Our net proceeds for this year's yard sale was \$1,262. I would like to thank all who gave of their time to make the yard sale a success.

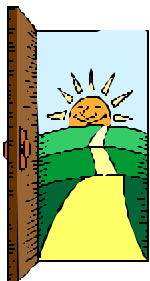
We purchased two items this year a banner and the frame supporting the banner. We expect that it should be useable for many years to come. Again, thanks to everyone for your assistance.



TSUNAMI UPDATE

by Charles Yancey

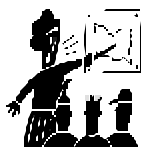
For some the Tsunami was something that happened and is over, but for many whose lives were affected by it, it will never be over. National Capital Presbytery received \$445 from Adelphi donated to the Tsunami Relief Fund to be used as needed.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

“Gift by Gift, Brick by Brick, we are helping build communities devastated by war, poverty and natural disaster.” This is the goal of our Presbytery's Ministry called ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. Adelphi willingly contributed \$178.04 this year. Enough to buy gifts, and or bricks. Thank you.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE



We will begin ESL classes in September. Do you feel called to use your talent and become a teacher for the coming year? Training will be provided. If you are interested in sharing your talents, please contact Bettye Miller.



A THANK YOU FROM

Dear friends of Adelphi Presbyterian Church,

Humbly, sincerely, and with Elder Citizen emotions, I do thank you for all the attention given me on Mother's Day and again on May 15, 2005.

The pancake and sausage were positively delicious and the dinning area was so colorful. Compliments to the men for a job well done.

I have never seen such a large Birthday Card. Your message means so very much to me.

The card will not fit into my new birthday memory book but will be kept in a place of honor in my home.

Sincerest Appreciation and Love, Verna Juska



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Aima Ojehomon upon her graduation from Eleanor Roosevelt High School. She will continue her studies at Oxford Teacher's College in London, England.



Gail and Randy Rodman May 18
Duane and Mary Wattay June 8

Tad and Atiya Jembere June 26

Marianne Donaldson June 21
 Rudy Guild June 26
 Carlton Potter June 26
 Lauren Wattay June 26



Help By Phone Menu

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

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.

Happy Birthday



Verna Juska May 15
 Daniel Farley May 16
 Tad Jembere May 22
 Eric Takang May 25
 Kay Beard May 26
 Sarah Milligan May 27
 Abigail Jembere May 30
 Brandi Wiltshire May 30



Ndema Ojong June 8
 Verna Agyei-Obese June 15
 Gabriella Takang June 16
 Randy Rodman June 17

Lectionary Reading



Sunday, June 5th
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 12:1-9
 Psalms 33:1-12
 Romans 4:13-25
 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday, June 12th
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:1-15(21:1-7)
 Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:8 (9-23)

Sunday, June 19th
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

Sunday, June 26th
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalms 13
 Romans 6:12-13
 Matthew 10:40-42

June Sunday Servants

| Date | Greeters | Nursery | Ushers | Acolytes | Liturgists |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| June 5 | The Milligans | Janet Dolen | Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire | Brandi Wiltshire | Stig Hammond |
| June 12 | Gail Rodman | Jennie Cardin | Janet Dolen Deborah Penot | John A. Thurber | Kathy James |
| June 19 | The Lancasters | Martin Ojong | Tad Jembere Jerome Farley | Verna Obese | Larry James |
| June 26 | Vida Agyei-Obese | Gail Rodman | Jake Masters Gail Rodman | Wesley Tembunde | Evelyn Jones |

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