

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News

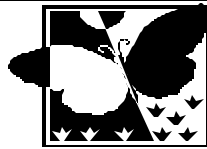


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**Minister: Every member of Adelphi
Presbyterian Church**



Transformation

by Tadele Jembere

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The Session

Class 2006

Candace Farley – Christian Education
Kathie James –
Charles Yancey – Facilities

Class 2007

Comfort Anigboh – Worship
Stig Hammond – Worship
Bettye Miller – Community Outreach

Class 2008

Renee Milligan – Evangelism and Mission
Charlotte Ojong – Congregational Care
Ernestine Tebong – Transforming Congregation

Transformation in a congregation begins with **transformation** of its members and leaders. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God". Peter and his brother Andrew were fishing in the sea of Galilee when Jesus said to them "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". They immediately left their nets and followed him. James and John likewise left their nets and their father to follow Jesus. Their discipleship not only **transformed** their lives but that of countless others to whom they witnessed. Prayer and daily devotion is central to **transformation**. I recall a sermon by Reverend Alexander in which he said "If you do not pray, you are not a Christian", This was a challenge to a sort of laid back Christianity that I lived. I also learned that whatever short prayers I had were mostly requests for God's help in my life and I said very little in thanking God for his grace and mercy and for all he has given me so far in my life.

For many years my devotion consisted of attending Sunday worship, reading the Sunday lectionary and praying on Sunday morning. Since joining the TCP team, I read some of the weekday lectionary in my email and pray. A chapter from Psalms is a daily feature

of the lectionary. I learned how much praise is given to God in the Psalms of David and how David's life was full of joy and sorrow, conquest and defeat and sin and repentance. The PCUSA website has links to the lectionary. Daily reading of the lectionary over three years would cover the main features of the bible.

Prayer is communion with God. Reverend Yang's sermon on May 21, 2006 had reflections on how very many people are consumers of Christianity but the life from the vine does not pass through them to affect the lives of others around them. I mailed a copy of our Easter daily devotion to a friend of mine and I felt good about that. It is a good start but it also reminded me that we are often silent about our faith.

Our area continues to undergo major demographic and cultural change. I am glad to see many nations represented in our membership. Our faith unites us. As the hymn says we have a story to tell to the nations. In the midst of demographic and cultural diversity, I believe there is a deep yearning for spirituality. People seek a clear sense of purpose and direction in their lives. Anthony Robinson in his book **Transforming Congregational Culture** points out that the path of healing and **transformation** is the path of surrender. Let us pray for **transformation** in our lives; membership growth will follow.



SESSION NEWS

Adelphi Session at its May meeting was charged with passion, energy, and enthusiasm. We discussed the goals laid out by the TCP team and came up with different ideas of implementing the goals. We continue to strive to become a **welcoming**, a **praying**, and a **caring** congregation. We hope that with the creativity and the faithfulness of our elders, the ideas will soon become "visible" before the whole congregation!!



A STAGE ENDED...

Our Director of Music and Organist, Mrs. Kathie James after serving Adelphi Presbyterian Church for over a decade will officially be "retiring." Her last Sunday as our organist will be June 25. The Session is planning a celebration to honor her service to Adelphi. Please stay after worship to offer your words of gratitude to Kathie.



217th General Assembly

The 217th General Assembly will be held in Birmingham, Alabama from June 15 to June 22. It is a historical Assembly because 1. It is the first Biennial Assembly, 2. It is the first paper-less Assembly (Pray that the computer system does not break down), 3. PCUSA will be meeting at the same time with Cumberland Presbyterian Church and Cumberland Presbyterian Church America which is an African American denomination. Please keep this Assembly in your prayers that the commissioners will be guided by the Spirit in their decision-making. PCUSA just went through a major restructuring that cut 75 staff positions at Louisville and some missionary positions would be lost due to attrition.

Some of the major issues for this Assembly are: 1. Peace, Unity, and Purity (PUP) Report, 2. Divestment to further peace between Palestine and Israel, 3. Constitutional revision, 4. Celebration of significant anniversaries of women in ministry, 5. Financial and organizational concerns due to the restructuring and financial crisis at the Assembly level. You can follow the news of the Assembly by logging on to <http://www.pcusa.org/ga217> There are 534 commissioners and Eunice will be serving as a commissioner for this Assembly. She will report to you her insights and reflections once she returns.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is following the situation in Indonesia. following this morning's powerful earthquake in the country's Central Java province. In the few hours since the quake hit, the death toll has risen into the thousands. Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers Bernie and Farsijana Adeney-Risakotta living in Yogyakarta are okay. We have called partners in Indonesia to express our concern and to be assured of their safety.

PDA has responded with \$100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds towards the initial \$1.5 million appeal. Partners request our prayers for both survivors and humanitarian workers. Funds are needed to support this response.

The ACT office in Geneva is coordinating information with the ACT Coordinating Office in Medan (for the tsunami appeal). That office reports that the three ACT members in Indonesia * YTBI (disaster program of the Council of Churches of Indonesia, YEU (the Christian Health Association) and CWS (Church World Service) are assisting in the following ways:

- YEU has sent in medical teams, medicine and equipment from four of their Christian Hospitals in Indonesia, and is evacuating injured children to Tegalyoso Hospital in Klaten.
- YTBI has sent two staff members from Jakarta to coordinate the distribution of food and medicine.
- CWS has sent three staff members to the affected area; two staff are doing assessments in Bantul and are preparing for the distribution of food and non-food items.

ACT Coordinating Office staff in Medan say aftershocks are still happening and therefore this crisis is still unfolding. The Geneva ACT Coordinating Office will be gathering and sharing more information from the members in Indonesia as it becomes available.

Funds to support this response can be directed to DR000146 Indonesia account.

Please remember, in order to get credit for any contributions, you must send your contributions to NCP Offices earmarked with the account # provided. Contact Debbie Golden, Director of Finance, golden@thepresbytery.org for more information.



BIBLE BREAKFAST

CLUB by Kathie James

The Bible Breakfast Club met on May 21 and first followed up on the previous lesson--fruits of the spirit, which are produced by serving others. We then played a board game called "Fruits of the Spirit," and everyone--adults and children--got into the action. After a time of prayer and a delicious breakfast prepared by Renee Milligan and Michele Thurber, each young person made a "Mothers of the Bible" book while those over 18 worked on the game of the same theme (space permitting, you will find it elsewhere in this newsletter). The booklet had pictures of 12 Bible mothers, including one grandmother and one foster mother, as well as the husbands. Children were given a set of pictures of 21 children, and they had to match the children to their parents, which they did while listening to short stories about each mother. The families were "pasted together" to complete the booklet. The next meeting of the BBC will be on Fathers' Day, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. You won't want to miss this one!



CONGRATUATIONS....

Mebanga Ojong and Uche Abignoh upon their graduation from High School. Let us pray for their continuing journey in life!!

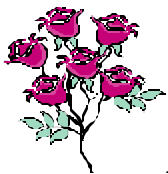


"WOLF TRAP" AT ADELPHI? by Kathie James

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!



A LETTER FROM VERNA JUSKA

Dear Session Members and Friends:

Thanks you so much for the lovely hanging plant and for all the love shared with me in the celebration on Mothers Day and my Birthday. You certainly make me feel like a Queen—but I think the money spent could better be used for needed church items.

The Pancakes Breakfast was delicious and the tables were beautiful. My compliments to the men for a job well done. Thank you again for a job well done.



Congratulations to Bunny Sours upon the arrival of her fourth grandchild, Ana Margarit Mondrgon.



Our Condolences to the family of **Dr. Robert Duffy** who passed away last month. Dr. Duffy was a faithful member at Adelphi for many years before he and his wife moved to Shepherdstown, WV.



Lectionary Reading

June 4 -Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Ps.104:24—34

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John 15:26-27

June 11-Trinity Sunday

Isa. 6:1-8

Ps.29

Rom. 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

June18 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

1 Sam. 15:34-16:13

Ps. 20

2 Cor. 5:6-10

Mark 4:26-34

June 25 – 12th day in Ordinary

Time

1 Sam.17:4-11,19-23

Ps. 9:9-20

2 Cor.6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41



Women's Prayer Breakfast

by Kathie James

Our second gathering of the year was hosted by Dr. Bettye Miller on May 20 at 10:30 a.m. Ten ladies were present to share a sumptuous and abundant breakfast while fellowshiping together. In addition to the hostess, they included Evelyn Jones, Jennie Cardin,

Joyce Finzel, Renee Milligan, Ernestine Tebong, Comfort Anigboh and her friend Melinda, Kathie James, and our Pastor, Eunice Yang. Bettye then led us through the first chapter of Rick Warren's *A Purpose Driven Life*. Several handouts were provided for our further study and reflection. A thought-provoking discussion ensued, with everyone internalizing the message of the chapter: *Life is not about me; it's about what God's purpose is for me, and I must ask Him continually to reveal His purpose or purpose(s) and listen to Him on a daily basis.*

The next gathering will be hosted by Evelyn Jones on the morning of Saturday, June 17. Directions will follow. At that time, we will discuss Chapters 2 and 3, so they should be read in advance. We hope all ladies of Adelphi will come and bring their daughters, sisters, neighbors, and friends--any women who would like to take part. Our spiritual growth is enriched in this gathering.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Duane and Mary Wattay June 8
Tad and Atiya Jembere June 26

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

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

June 4, Sunday – Pentecost

Congregational Meeting after service to elect new Elders to serve on Session

June 10, Saturday 2:00-6:00PM

Presbytery TCP team workshop at Westminster PC in DC

June 13, Tuesday – Session meets at 7:00PM

June 15 – June 22 Thursday – Thursday

217th PCUSA General Assembly meets in Birmingham AL

June 25, Sunday – Ordination and Installation of New elders

Happy Birthday



Ndema Ojong	June 8
Verna Agyei- Obese	June 15
Gabriella Takang	June 16
Randy Rodman	June 17
Marianne Donaldson	June 21
June Nordeen	June 22
Rudy Guild	June 26
Carlton Potter	June 26
Lauren Wattay	June 26

Calendar of Event

Sunday School

First Sunday – 11:30AM immediately following Children's moment

Second Sunday – 11:30AM immediately following Children's moment

Third Sunday – 9:30AM Bible Breakfast Club

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**Sunday
Servants**

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
JUNE 4	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Larry James
JUNE 11	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	Evelyn Jones
JUNE 18	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Bettye Miller
JUNE 25	Vida Agyei-Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Martin Ojong