

# Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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

## The Session

### Class 2007

Stig Hammond, Bettye Miller

### Class 2008

Renee Milligan, Charlotte Ojong, Ernestine Tebong

### Class 2009

Jennie Cardin, Eric Yemoh

Pastor: Rev. Y. Eunice Yang

Clerk of Session: Janet Dolen

Treasurer: Charles Yancey

Assistant Treasurer: Jake Masters

We are striving to be

A Praying Congregation...

Deepening with God.

A Caring Congregation...

Deepening with one another.

A Welcoming Congregation...

Deepening with the world.

## A NEW DAY A NEW LIFE



Samanda Hawkins and Joshua Danso (son of Kingsley and Vida Danso) were baptized on May 27, Pentecost Sunday. In preparing for the baptism, they were given the book "*Living Water – A Guide to Baptism for Presbyterians*" by Rev. Dr. James E. Davison and were asked to share their reflections as follows:

From Samanda Hawkins

***1. Through reading "Living Water – A Guide to Baptism for Presbyterians" by James E. Davison, what did you learn about baptism that you did not know before?***

One aspect of the reading that really stuck with me was my role/life *after* being baptized. Baptism is a symbol of God's grace and mercy that he wants all of his children to experience. Baptism is a public affirmation of my faith, but does not end on the day of baptism. Baptism is a symbol of dying to my old way of life and beginning a new day and new existence with the grace of God surrounding me.

On the day I am baptized I am publicly affirming my faith, and it is a very special day that should always be

remembered. However, the affirmation extends to my life after the day of being baptized. I am promising to live in accordance to the way of Jesus Christ from that day forth. It will not be a perfect life or a life free from sin, but by being baptized God forgives me and breaks the power of sin.

In conclusion, I learned that baptism is not just about that glorious day that the actual sacrament is done, but rather the day I am baptized celebrates the beginning of my new life. It is my renewal and rebirth to a life dedicated to Jesus Christ. And while the day of my baptism will always be special and celebrated, the walk I will take after that day will be just as important.

**2. In your own language, what does it mean to be baptized?**

To me, to be baptized is to announce ones' faith in Jesus Christ. Not only promising oneself to live by the word of the Lord, but making a promise to God, to the congregation, to family, to friends, and to the World. The symbolic experience of baptism professes faith, and demonstrates the mercy and grace God wants to bestow on all of us.

To be baptized is to be welcomed into the family of God. It means to start a new life with the support of God's family. When an individual is baptized it means they are receiving the blessings of God. Someone who is baptized has let go of their old ways and receives, through water, the Holy Spirit to be poured on them to wash away their sins. To be baptized means to begin a new day and a new walk.

**3. What new reflection or experience has come to you as you prepare for your baptism?**

A new reflection that has come about as I prepare for my baptism is the commitment I am making to God. Though, I feel I have always had a close relationship with God as my baptism approaches my faith and feelings for the Lord grow stronger and stronger. I am truly letting go and dying of my old ways so that I may live a new day according to the way of Jesus Christ. I am not only promising myself, but I am promising God that I will not be perfect, but I will be committed into

carrying out his mission on Earth and allowing him to speak through me to others.



From Kingsley and Vida Danson

**1. Through reading "Living Water – A Guide to Baptism for Presbyterians" by James E. Davison, what did you learn about baptism that you did not know before?**

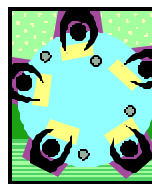
We learn that God is the primary actor in baptism, and the person being baptized is a kind of secondary actor.

**2. In your own language, what does it mean to be baptized?**

The baptized person is initiated as a new member of the church and is claimed for life in Christ Jesus and also marks the beginning of the person's new life in Christ as God's own child.

**3. What new reflection or experience has come to you as you prepare for your baptism?**

Our feelings that came as experience was that of pure peace, of love, and of light. We felt in our souls that just as a person is born into the world from protection within the water of the womb, a person is reborn spiritually of water in baptism. To be baptized is to be spiritually reborn.



**SESSION**

by Janet Dolen

At the May meeting the Session discussed:  
--various pages of the book, Transforming Congregational Culture  
--the upcoming retreat/workshop,  
--the Yard Sale,

--the facilities projects Elder Yemoh is getting done, and  
 --the baptisms and receiving of new members on Pentecost Sunday.



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, June 17, 2007

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on June 17 to elect new elders. The nominating committee nominates Jerome Farley, Jessyna McDonald, and Les Wattay to serve on class 2010, and Jake Masters to serve on class 2009. We are grateful that they answered the call to serve on session of Adelphi Presbyterian Church as we participate in the larger mission of Christ's church.



**MUSIC And**

**WORSHIP**



Y. Eunice Yang

We are grateful that Adelphi has been gifted with people who love and serve God through music. From Kathie James' 12 years of dedicated service, to our interim Ann MacKenzie, and to Chi-Ming Shui, a doctorate student at University of Maryland, they have brought music to our hearts and enlivened and enriched our worship each Sunday. Chi-Ming has been playing the organ for us for about 6 months. She has graduated from UMD and received her doctorate degree in music, will be married and move to Toronto, Canada. Her last Sunday with us will be June 10. Following her, Simon Zaleski, a graduate student at Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore will be providing music for us until mid-September. Upon the arrival of September,

Karolina Syrovatkova, a music graduate from UMD, will be with us until March of 2008.

I am grateful for the vibrant and worshipful music that the choir has been offering us. With the service of Simon and Karolina, I hope that the choir will continue to lead the congregation in faithful and thankful worship!!

## BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB



by Kathie James

Twelve seems to be our lucky number for attendees, and how appropriate as we study the twelve apostles during this year! On May 20, we opened by singing "Showers of Blessing," both because of recent rains and also as a foreshadowing of our lesson. Following morning prayers, we read from the Bible about Rebekah, who tricked her husband Isaac into giving his blessing and inheritance to Jacob instead of his twin brother Esau. Several of the young people acted out the parts, and they were great! Then we read about Judas Iscariot (notice the last 4 letters of his name), how the Bible called him a thief, how he betrayed Jesus, how he felt guilty, and how he hanged himself. Our key Bible verses in these lessons were from Matthew 7 – "Judge not, that you be not judged"; Matthew 5 – "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"; and Matthew 5:45 – "God makes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust." In other words, we must not judge others; we must forgive; and God loves everyone whether they are good or bad. Our craft: Each person received a white umbrella on which they painted Matt. 5:45 and then used their individual artistic talents for the rest. As usual, Renee Milligan served a lovely breakfast. Thanks go also to Dr. Bettye Miller, Joan Tembunde, Cecilia Molungu, and Larry James for their support. Come to BBC on June 17 – Father's Day! We would love to double our dozen to 24!



**OUR THANKS TO...**

Pastor Baudilio Pagan of the Iglesia de Dios has been working on our yard, re-mulching, weeding, trimming. He also fixed the peeling part of our front door and restored the beautiful red. Thank you, Pastor Pagan!!



## WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

By Kathie James

On Saturday, May 26, 2007, eight ladies met in the beautiful home of Joan Tembunde for a time of food, fellowship, and faith. After partaking of a delicious and abundant breakfast, we prayed and studied three chapters of A Purpose-Driven Life, led by Jennie Cardin and Bettye Miller. Others present were Magdalene Eseme, Rose Tangham, Matilda Che and her mother Anna, and Kathie James. Everyone joined in the discussion, which focused on relationships and the unity of the church through the teachings of the New Testament. We closed with prayer and more fellowship. The next meeting will be held at Betty's house on either June 16 or June 23; we hope that Adelphi ladies can hold those dates open until a decision is made in a couple of weeks. On that date, we will study Chapters 22, 23, and 24. All Adelphi women and their friends are invited.



## 33<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL YARD SALE

by Jennie Cardin

The weathermen predicted rain. God predicted something else! We had a picture-perfect day for Adelphi's 33rd Annual Yard Sale. We sold over 40 tables, about 80 hot dogs, too many bbq sandwiches, and dozens of cold drinks. DJ Dave made his annual

cameo appearance, boosting the crowd, while the children burned up extra energy in the moon bounce.

Thanks to everyone who donated time, talent, and financial resources for this annual event. We netted just over \$1,200.00; no small accomplishment for our church. Let's surpass this amount in 2008. Remember, portions of these proceeds go towards the church's mission and evangelism and community outreach.

## MOTHER'S DAY THANK YOU



From Verna Juska

Upon entering the church the morning of May 13, 2007, the aroma of coffee, pancakes and sausage started my mouth "watering." Then in Fellowship Hall I was greeted with friendly, well dressed, gracious men who guided me to a beautiful table.

The lavender tablecloth, roses and Mother's Day balloons all making for a lovely atmosphere caused my eyes to start "watering."

My eyes really overflowed as I was presented hugs, cards and a lovely rose plant with a terrific flower container. You made me feel very much like a queen.

Humbly but gratefully I do thank you for your generosity and kindness on Mother's Day.

Sincerest Appreciation,  
Verna Juska



## Happy Anniversary

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



## *Happy Birthday*

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



## *Lectionary Reading*

June 3, 2007

### **Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalms 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 10, 2007

### **10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 17:8-16

Psalms 146

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

June 17, 2007

### **11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 21:1-10

Psalms 5:1-8

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36-8:3

June 24, 2007

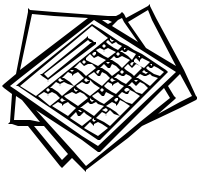
### **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Kings 19:1-4

Psalms 42 and 43

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39



## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**June 3, Sunday – 11:00AM - Sunday Service**

-- Officer's Training (after service)

**June 10, Sunday – 11:00AM – Sunday Service**

**June 12, Tuesday – 7:00M - Session**

**June 17, Sunday –**

**\*9:45AM – Bible Breakfast Club**

**\*11:00AM - Sunday Service with**

**Communion -Receiving Baptisms—**

**\*Congregational Meeting**

**June 24, Sunday**

**\*11:00AM - Sunday Service (Ordination  
and installation of new officers)**

**Coffee Hour – Facilities**

**\*JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

**June 26, Tuesday 6:00PM – Presbytery Meeting**

**July 14-15, Sat-Sun: Leadership Training Retreat  
(Led by Lois Stovall) at Meadowkirk Camp and  
Conference Center in Middleburg VA. It is open  
to all elders who may be interested. We do need  
an exact headcount some time in June. Thanks for  
your commitment and service to God.**

## Sunday Servants

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
JUNE 3	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Chester Guild	Matilda Che
JUNE 10	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong	Bob Finzel
JUNE 17	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Chester Guild
JUNE 24	Vida Agyei- Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Larry James

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