

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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

~ Our Vision Statement adopted by Session,
September 2007 ~

The Session (July 2009 – June 2011)

Class of 2009: Janet Dolen, Eric Yemoh, Bettye Miller

Class of 2010: Jerome Farley, Kathie James, Priscilla
Lancaster

Class of 2011: Jake Masters, Rose Tangham, Joan
Tembunde

Interim Pastor: Rev. Karen Doty

Clerk of Session: Janet Dolen

Treasurers: Charles Yancey, Jake Masters

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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.



SESSION MEETING

Janet Dolen

At the February Session meeting, the Elders did an in
depth review of the budget and approved it for 2009.




Urban Missionaries

Tadele Jembere

The cover of the January 25 2009 issue of the
Washington Post Magazine drew my attention with
images of faith strewn over the front page. At the
bottom of the page there is a picture of mother Teresa,
her frail image belying her monumental faith and iron
will.

The central character is Laura Cartagena, a twenty five
year old graduate of Catholic University who founded
A Simple House, a Catholic lay ministry to the urban

 **WHAT PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE -**
- Grace
[May 1996 Presbyterian Survey*]
*** Now Presbyterians Today**
Grace to You

*Indescribable divine love draws us to God,
justifies us by faith in Christ, and empowers
us by the Holy Spirit.*

By Ethan Raath

One day a young mother wanted to talk about her reawakening faith. In the course of the conversation, I suggested that God's Spirit was at work in her life, trying to get her attention, trying to "woo" her. Reflecting on this image later, she said, "I was really tickled by the idea of God courting me. I have this image of God sitting patiently on the swing bench on the porch, while I'm upstairs trying to fix my hair and finish my makeup. I guess it's time I came downstairs and invited God in."

Grace is God's goodwill and favor reaching out to redeem us.

God's grace is like that--God "woos" us, calls us into a relationship of love. God's grace draws us to God, justifies us by faith in Jesus Christ, and sanctifies and empowers us by the Holy Spirit.

Grace is defined as favor, blessing, or goodwill offered by one who does not need to do so. It is unearned and undeserved favor. In our sinful condition as humans, undeserving as we are of God's love, it is God's goodwill and favor reaching out to redeem us.

www.pcusa.org



BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB

by Kathie James

poor of Southeast Washington DC a year and a half ago. Abandoning a life of comfort in suburbia, she moved into a donated rowhouse that came with Lucy, a homeless schizophrenic who had to live in the house as a condition of donation, a year and a half ago. The ministry has attracted four more college graduates who had all bought into the concept of urban mission and who had all vowed a life of "Poverty, Obedience, and Chastity", principles underlying the concept of A Simple House. They have no air conditioning, no television, no internet. How refreshing! The cars they use in the ministry, their cell phones are all donated. Laura earns 200 dollars a month to serve two dozen families in Southeast Washington. She and her roommates have put their lives at risk in the maelstrom of drugs, turf violence, teen pregnancy in Southeast DC.

They fight losing their faith in God watching daily recalcitrant lives of people who are not only poor in a material sense but are devoid of hope and love. They have gone past the popular, What Would Jesus Do? question to the next phase: How would Jesus Live?. The writer of the book Irresistible Revolution: Living As An Ordinary Radical, Shane Clairborne is quoted in the article as saying "People are not crucified for helping the poor. People are crucified for joining them".

For a church our size we have a good mission and evangelism project. I recall our former pastor, Eunice Yang, telling us in one of our retreats writing a check is not mission. If we can serve the poor in one of many soup kitchens we would be blessed in that it would help us appreciate our relative comfort and allow us to grow spiritually.

A post script - Laura had a grandmother who read bible stories for her in an illustrated children's bible while she was growing up, a grandmother who she says is "A pillar of Sanctity and Virtue." . Having just volunteered to do a Sunday a month with our teens at the encouragement of Kathie James, not knowing whether I can do a good job, I will hold that pillar in mind as the seed in Laura's committing her life to God.

The article can probably be read on line at the Washington Post website

On February 15, the Bible Breakfast Club met to read about Jesus as a 12-year-old boy. While not much is known about His childhood, the Bible tells us of Jesus' going to the temple to do His Father's work, actually teaching the priests about God. We learned a bit about education and schooling in Jesus' time—without textbooks, duplicating machines, computers, or audio-visual materials. Our craft featured sand art, as we know there was plenty of sand in Jesus' part of the world! We enjoyed a tasty and filling hot breakfast prepared by Dr. Renee Milligan after a time of prayer, singing, and studying. Our next meeting will be March 15 at 9:45 a.m. All are welcome!



MUSICAL NOTES

Music is always an important and enjoyable part of worship, and we are glad that Rev. Karen Doty includes four hymns in the service each week. Jose Zambrana and Kathie James continue to share the organist's duties, while Evelyn Jones encourages us to sing enthusiastically by leading from the choir loft. On February 15, our worship was enhanced with a beautiful duet by Joan Tembunde and Renee Milligan, who sang "I've Found a Friend." On February 22, we were treated to a pleasant surprise--a warm, mellow voice singing the Offertory; it was our part-time organist Jose Zambrana, adding a special touch to the moment. We invite vocal and instrumental soloists of all ages to take part in the service, and we invite all who enjoy singing to watch for opportunities to join with the choir. Let us continue to praise the Lord with music.



Peace Notes – Things to Pray For -- Mission Connections

As of December 2008, the PC(USA) has 219 long-term mission workers serving in 63 countries. Of these,

192 are mission co-workers and 27 are long-term volunteers. In addition, 65 young adults serve in nine national sites and five international sites through the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) program.

New: read [newsletters from the Advent season](#) observed by PC(USA) mission workers around the world.

Please pray for the Presbyterian Church's mission program, both in this country and abroad.

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Sharing Your Heart

I asked God for water, He gave me an ocean.
I asked God for a flower, He gave me a garden.
I asked God for a friend, He gave me all of YOU...
If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it.

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, 9:00AM – 2:00PM, 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.

Thank you. Elaine Wilcoxson



Lenten Worship and Study Opportunities

March 4th through April 1st, 6:30 – Soup Supper; 7:00 -- Perspectives in Prayer. These sessions are being coordinated by the Christian Education committee,

facilitated by its members, and will provide opportunities for learning and sharing. All are invited to a part of this Lenten preparation for Easter.

April 9th, Maundy Thursday, 7:00 PM -- We will celebrate communion as part of this service, as Jesus served his disciples at the last supper.

Please mark these special opportunities on your calendar, and also plan to be part of our festive Easter worship on April 12th.



Dr. David Beard

The Celebration of the Life of Dr. David Beard, beloved charter member of our congregation will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 28th at Adelphi Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Beard, a graduate of Ohio State University, was a board member at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and conducted research at Beltsville, Maryland. He was an active elder at our church, and served on Finance and Personnel Committees.

A catered lunch will follow the service, furnished by the family. Dr. Beard's grandson, The Rev. Christopher Romig, former member and organist of our congregation, and currently pastor of Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice, FL will be joining Rev. Doty in conducting the service. Please plan to come, renew acquaintance and support the family at this time. Come early to hear accomplished pianist, Rev. Romig, play the piano before the service as his grandfather requested.



HELP BY PHONE

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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SAVE GOD'S EARTH -- RECYCLE

Help us keep Adelphi Church litter free and take responsibility of 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.



Happy Anniversary

March 27 Richard and Cherry Smith



Happy Birthday

March 9 Comfort Anigbor
March 11 Rhonda Nixon
March 12 Percy Agyei-Obese
March 12 Mebanga Ojong
March 12 Michelle Wiltshire



Children's Sunday School

1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays, 11:00AM
(after children's moment)
3rd Sunday, 9:45AM Bible Breakfast Club
(no Sunday School)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 1 Sunday 11:00AM Sunday Service & Communion

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth (Dean) McDonald preaching
March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1 Wednesday Soup Supper and Prayer Class

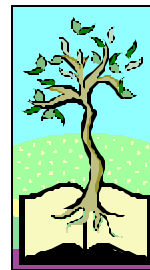
March 8 Sunday 11:00AM Sunday Service
Lakesha Bradshaw preaching

March 15 Sunday 11:00AM Sunday Service

March 22 Sunday 11:00AM Sunday Service
Newsletter Deadline

March 28 Saturday 11:00AM Memorial Service for Dr. David Beard

April 9, Maundy Thursday 7:00PM Service



Lectionary Reading 2009

March 1 (1st Sunday in Lent)
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

March 8 (2nd Sunday in Lent)
Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

March 15 (3rd Sunday in Lent)
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19:1-14
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

March 22 (4th Sunday in Lent)
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Eph. 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

March 29 (5th Sunday in Lent)

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:20-33

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
MARCH 1	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Chester Guild	Bob Finzel
MARCH 8	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong	Larry James
MARCH 15	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Abigail Jembere
MARCH 22	Vida Agyei-Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Evelyn Jones
MARCH 29	Bettye Miller	Hudson Lancaster	Martin Ojong

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