

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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March 2010

Minister: Every member of Adelphi
Presbyterian Church

Session

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

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

Class of 2012: Janet Dolen, Hudson Lancaster,
Kingsley Danso

Interim Pastor: Rev. Karen Doty
Clerk of Session: Janet Dolen
Treasurers: Charles Yancey, Jake Masters
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Treasurer: Charles Yancey
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.

~ Our Vision Statement adopted by Session,
September 2007 ~



SESSION MEETING

Janet Dolen

At the February Session meeting the Elders approved:

- the 2010 budget,
- the baptism of Marianne Donaldson Ablor-Odjidja's son, Andrew, on March 21st,
- hiring a nursery attendant for the Friday Family Nights, and
- Rev. Doty's contract for 2010.

The Session had a long discussion on a proposal received for ways to strengthen Adelphi in the future and, at the request of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), whether we want to call a full- or part-time Pastor. The Session approved (1) asking Charles Yancey and Jake Masters to work on contacting the trustee of the Otto Trust and (2) that the PNC offer a 3/4 time call for the Pastor.

And, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday.



HAITI RELIEF

Situation Report: Haiti earthquake

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), working in collaboration with partners, continues to provide basic humanitarian aid for those most impacted by the January earthquake and to assess ongoing recovery needs. More than \$510,000 has been sent to help with relief. The Haiti response reveals challenges in humanitarian work.

Haiti's many challenges reveal the difficulties of humanitarian work

PDA is asking you to stand in the GAP for disaster survivors as you **give, act and pray**.

In a message on February 9, Chris Herlinger, ACT Alliance Communicator said, "In a perfect world, distributions of humanitarian aid after a major disaster would occur without a hitch. Everything would be orderly and proceed with precision.

But life is messy and Haiti is far from perfect. Humanitarian practice, even during relatively small emergencies, is hard and imperfect work — a fact often not fully understood or appreciated by donors and even non-emergency staff of humanitarian groups.

In light of the challenges — poor existing infrastructure, massive damage and the huge toll the earthquake has taken on everyone — the need to accept some imperfection and to improvise has become part of the daily realities of aid workers."

"You need to be patient to do this kind of work," said Emmanuela Blain, 30, a medical doctor helping distribute food and goods in and outside Port-au-Prince for ACT Alliance

member the Lutheran World Relief'
www.pcusa.org



FIRST FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHTS AT ADELPHI

The Word of God in Isaiah 43:19 states, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?" We believe that in addition to all the good things going on at Adelphi, God is getting ready to do something new, which responds to certain needs that we have. For example, we need to have a regular choir in worship services; we need to have a youth choir as well; there is a need to revive the Women's Group; we need to reach everyone, including our Adelphi men.

But there is one problem—When? With our busy schedules, when can all of this happen? Some of our young families with children, as well as other members, believe that one Friday evening a month would be ideal: the end of the work week, no school the next day, a time to relax and enjoy together. So we're going to try it!

Our first "First Friday" will be March 5, starting at 6:30 p.m. with supper provided. Following supper, there will be two time blocks with activities mentioned above, plus an intergenerational activity as well. There's something for everyone! We will also have child care so that no one will have to worry about babysitting.

So please mark your calendars and join us for a relaxing, enjoyable evening of fellowship together. Also, please pray for this event and the blessings it will bring. Let's let God "Do a new thing" at Adelphi.



CHILDREN WAITING

The Adelphi nursery still needs volunteers for child care on Sunday mornings during service. Please consider helping. We love our children and want them to have the best care and we need at least one other person each Sunday.

Contact Priscilla Lancaster to help.
301-322-4144



Sharing Your Heart

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace."
Bumper sticker in Syracuse NY.

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, 9:30AM – 2:30PM, 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. Elaine



Peace Notes – Things to Pray For --

In looking for “Things to Pray For” this month, I wanted to include our children. Here is a simple prayer written for children they might enjoy praying with you.

Golden Light

Golden Light, shining bright,
Always teach me what is right.
Teach me to speak with kindness and care.
Teach me to be willing to share.
Teach me to remember, when playing with others,
That all of us are world sisters and brothers.
Golden Light, shining bright,
Keep our world family safe in Your sight.
www.bellaonline.com



Dr. Ojong is the Best!

If you pick up a copy of the March Washingtonian, and you will see a familiar face on page 73. Martin Ojong has been named one of the best doctors in Washington, DC. There is a wonderful photo, along with a brief article about him. We learned (at the March 3rd Lenten study) that he was named by his colleagues--a long list of other doctors--as the oncologist to whom they would send their family members who needed his expertise and service. That's quite high tribute! From Rev. Karen Doty



Happy Anniversary

Richard and Cherry Smith

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 Birthday

- March 9 Comfort Anigbor
- March 11 Vonda Agyei-Obese
- March 11 Rhoda Nixon
- March 12 Percy Agyei-Obese, Jr.
- March 12 Mebanga Ojong



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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Classes for elementary and junior students after Children's Time . from approx. 11:25 - 12:10

(Children leave the worship service after the Time with Children)

Nursery, 11:00-12:15.

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

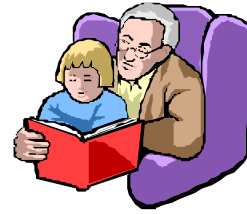
Help by Phone is a tax-exempt agency under Section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, for those of you who contribute financially to it. For questions call Lois – 301-699-9009

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! COME AND BRING OTHERS!



**SAVE GOD'S EARTH –
RECYCLE**

Help us keep Adelphi Church litter free and take responsibility for our trash. There is a recycling bin



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mar 5** 6:30 PM Family Night
Mar 7 11:00 AM Worship and Communion
Mar 10 6:30PM Bible Study
(light dinner at 6:30 and study at 7:15.)
Mar 14 11:00AM Worship
Mar 17 6:30PM Bible Study
(light dinner at 6:30 and study at 7:15.)
Mar 21 11:00AM Worship
Session Meeting After Service
Mar 24 6:30PM Bible Study
(light dinner at 6:30 and study at 7:15.)
Mar 28 11:00AM Worship
Food Sunday and Newsletter Deadline

Please note: Starting Friday, March 5, the Adelphi Family Night will be meeting for fellowship and sharing hour. All ages are welcome to join us at Adelphi Church – 6:30PM.

Sunday Lectionary Readings for March 2010

March 7 (3rd Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 14 (4th Sunday in Lent)

Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

March 21 (5th Sunday in Lent)

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

March 28 (Passion / Palm Sunday)

Liturgy of the Palms
Luke 19:28-40
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Liturgy of the Passion
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Luke 22:14—23:56
or Luke 23:1-49

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist	Nursery
MAR 7	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Chester Guild	Ndema Ojong	Atiya Jembere
MAR 14	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong	Larry James	Cecilia Molungu
MAR 21	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Abigail Jembere	Vida Agyei-Obese
MAR 28	Vida Agyei-Obese (or other)	Jake Masters Gail Rodman		Vida Agyei-Obese (or other)

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