

# Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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May 2007

**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.



**FROM THE PASTOR**

Y. Eunice Yang

Easter is here! Praise the Lord! Yet, our nation was terrified by the Virginia Tech massacre on April 16, Monday. It was an Easter week that was overshadowed by Good Friday. Once again, we learn that life is fragile and life is a gift from God. For those who lost their loved ones in such carnage, there is no word for it. Grief is heavy! It will be a long journey to live with pain, to consume tears, and to find life and joy someday. Let us remember those families in our prayers for the months to come.

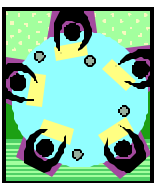
Our worship services during the Holy Week were filled with expression of faith through music, energy, and passion. We are grateful for those who have come forth and taken the initiative to praise God through music: Kathie James, Renee Milligan, Charlotte Ojong, Cherry Smith, Ernestine Tebong, Samanda Hawkins, Celine Nchako, Joan Tembunde, Matilda Che, Martin Ojong, Larry James, Magdalene Esemé, Rose Tangham, Stig Hammond. For the first time that I could remember, we had choir for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. I trust that God has accepted our offering through such genuine and joyful worship where we brought our full presence to the holy presence of God. We also want to thank those who read the entire passion narrative for us on Palm Sunday and Good

Friday: Charles Yancey, Bob Finzel, Tad Jembere, Martin Ojong, Ndema Ojong, Larry James. On April 15, we had our second Praise and Prayer service. Again, we heard testimonies from the hearts of gratitude and we were surrounded by singing and praying and reading of the scripture. May we continue to worship and praise God with all of our heart, mind, and soul!

I look forward to Pentecost Sunday where we will have 2 infant baptisms, one adult baptism, and one joining the church through public profession of faith. May we come together to celebrate with them and their families as they embark a new stage on their faith journey!

On Transfiguration Sunday in February, my sermon (some of you mentioned it again later) centered around looking for small sparks in life instead of the glory of splendid fireworks, paying attention to the beauty of a small blade of grass, listening to the stories of faith around us.... Yes, I have to remind myself all the time that "little things" in our life are as significant as the "big things." A small blade of grass contains the mystery of the whole universe. Haven't you seen quite a few sparks in and around Adelphi in recent months? Haven't you noticed you are one step closer to living a God-centered life?

God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good!



## SESSION

by Janet Dolen

At the Session meeting for April, the Elders discussed:  
--efforts to find an accountant for the financial review,  
--attending a workshop to further refine the transformation process at Adelphi,  
--visitor outreach and the perception and process for membership,  
--music at worship and the need for an organist,  
--Elder Yemoh's great work at getting the lighting inside and outside of the church fixed/upgraded,

--approved baptisms for Pentacost Sunday, and  
--set schedule for special session meetings for new members and new elders



## *I AM ALIVE*

By Prommila Almas

I am alive!  
Everywhere, anywhere is spring.  
Every plant is green.  
Every tree is dressed up.  
Somebody, bring me a message of spring.  
I am alive!

Flowers are alive with a rainbow of colors.  
Spray me with red so  
I am alive!

Autumn is gone, spring is here, yet,  
somewhere our heart is still covered with snow.  
Paint me a new color so  
I am alive!

All the branches and trees are uplifted  
because this is a new season.  
Wake me up so that  
I am alive!

Praise the Lamb of God and delight yourself in Him.  
(Psalm 37)  
Because my Redeemer lives so  
I am alive!

He suffered. He bled, He died for Almas,  
and now He lives so  
I am alive forever!



## MEANING OF MEMBERSHIP IN The Presbyterian Church (USA)

The incarnation of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ gives to the church not only its mission but also its understanding of membership. One becomes an active member of the church through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and acceptance of his Lordship in all of life. Baptism and a public profession of faith in Jesus as Lord are the visible signs of entrance into the active membership of the church.

Persons may enter into active church membership in the following ways: by profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith in Jesus Christ, or transfer of certificate from some other church.

A faithful member accepts Christ's call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of his church. Such involvement includes:

- ⊕ Proclaiming the good news,
- ⊕ Taking part in the common life and worship of a particular church,
- ⊕ Praying and studying Scripture and the faith of the Christian Church,
- ⊕ Supporting the work of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- ⊕ Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,
- ⊕ Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
- ⊕ Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
- ⊕ Living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life,
- ⊕ Working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment.

(Excerpts from the Book of Order Chapter 5)



## EASTER EGG HUNT

by Jennie Cardin

Because of the unseasonably cold weather and projected light snowfall, Candace Philander-Farley, Joan Tembunde and I postponed the hunt until Easter Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following church. Many children participated, and all 30 brown bag lunches quickly vanished.



## PALM SUNDAY DINNER

by Jennie Cardin

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, Adelphi's Second Annual Palm Sunday Dinner was very well attended. Many members provided a variety of delicious food. The honey-baked ham that Charles Yancey provided was surrounded by many other delicious entrees and side dishes like fried chicken, potato salad, green salads, rice dishes, homemade desserts, and more. This event was highly attended and supported by the congregation.

## BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB



by Kathie James

### God Speaks to Us at Tax Time—Really!

On April 15—the traditional day for filing our income taxes—Bible Breakfast Club met, with 6 children and 7 adults present. After singing and praying, we learned about Priscilla, a Jewish woman who became a Christian and evangelized many people in Corinth. We then studied about Matthew, also a Jew and one of

Jesus's Apostles, who was a tax collector. In Bible times, tax collectors were usually dishonest and were hated by the public, so people wanted to know why Jesus chose Matthew and why Matthew hosted a big dinner party for Jesus and other tax collectors. Jesus replied that He had come to minister to the sick and the sinners, not the righteous people. Then, we learned about tithing by reading Malachi 3:8-12, which was found on page **1040 of the Good News Bible!** (Taxes can be good news!) Ask the children how much a person should give to God after receiving \$10 or \$100 or \$1,000,000, in order to give a tithe, or 10%. Each child received a piggy bank with the verse II Cor. 9:7c (God loves a cheerful giver) on the side; and each child received ten pennies, one to put into the bank as a tithe and nine to keep. They then painted their banks with beautiful colors. Thanks to Candace Philander and Larry James for providing juice, doughnuts, and fruit for our breakfast.



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

by Cherry Smith

Sat. May 19th from 8am to 2pm will be our church yard sale. Spaces Available \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 on that day! Rain date of June 2nd. This is Adelphi Presbyterian Church's only fund raiser and all the money goes to mission. We need everyone's participation! Please sign up in the back of the church if you can help. Please bring a baked item for our church bake table, and or items for the church "white elephant" table. (Items will be stored at the church, so start bringing them ASAP!)



## EASTER LILIES - THANK

YOU

Adelphi Presbyterian Church sends grateful appreciation to all members who donated Easter Lilies for the church. Thanks to your generosity, 12 Easter Lilies were set up in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday Service



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George Washington University Hospital MAMMOVAN will be at our parking lot on **May 16, Wednesday, 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.



## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

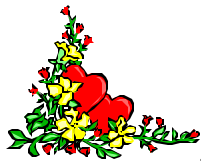
by Cherry Smith

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast is May 13th at 9:30. All are welcome! This includes Pancakes & Syrup, Sausage, coffee, tea, milk, and juice. Made and served by the Adelphi Men and Youth!! Bring the lady of the house for a special way to start Mother's Day!

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. Please spread the word!!



## *Happy Anniversary*

May 18 Gail and Randy Rodman



## *Happy Birthday*

May 15 Verna Juska

May 16 Daniel Farley

May 22 Tad Jembere

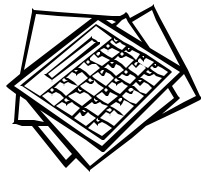
May 25 Eric Takang

May 26 Kay Beard

May 27 Sarah Milligan

May 30 Abigail Jembere

May 30 Brandi Wiltshire



## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

**May 6, Sunday – 11:00AM – Sunday Service**  
~ Crop Walk follows ~

**May 8, Tuesday, 7:00PM – Session**

**May 9, Wednesday, 7:00PM – Officer’s Training**

**May 13, Sunday**

**\*9:30AM – Mother’s Day Breakfast**

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

**\*Special Session (after service)**

**May 16, Wednesday 9:00AM –**

**Mamovan in church**

**May 19, Saturday, 9:00AM – 2:00PM**

**Annual Yard Sale - Any questions, please speak to Cherry Smith or Jennie Cardin.**

**May 20, Sunday –**

**\*9:45AM Bible Breakfast Club**

**\*11:00AM – Sunday Service**

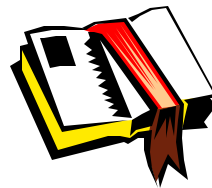
**May 22, Tuesday 10:00AM –**  
**Presbytery Meeting at Vienna**  
**Presbyterian Church**

**May 27, Sunday –**

**11:00AM Sunday Service and Communion**  
**~ Receiving Baptisms and New**  
**Members ~**

**Food Sunday**

**Coffee Hour – Worship and Music**



## *Lectionary Reading*

**May 6, 2007**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 11:1-18**

**Psalms 148**

**Revelations 21:1-6**

**John 13:31-35**

**May 13, 2007**

**6th Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 16:9-15**

**Psalms 67**

**Revelations 21:10, 21:22—22:5**

**John 14:23-29**

**May 20, 2007**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**Acts 16:16-34**

**Psalms 97**

**Revelations 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21**

**John 17:20-26**

**May 27, 2007**

**Day of Pentecost**

**Acts 2:1-21**

**Psalms 104:24-34, 35b**

**Romans 8:14-17**  
**John 14:8-17 (25-27)**

## **Sunday Servants**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
MAY 6	<b>The Milligans</b>	<b>Paul Tembunde</b>	<b>Matilda Che</b>
MAY 13	<b>Gail Rodman</b>	<b>Janet Dolen</b>	<b>Evelyn Jones</b>
MAY 20	<b>The Lancasters</b>	<b>Jerome Farley Tad Jembere</b>	<b>Bettye Miller</b>
MAY 27	<b>Vida Agyei-Obses</b>	<b>Jake Masters Gail Rodman</b>	<b>Martin Ojong</b>

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