

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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Treasurer: Charles Yancey

Assistant Treasurer: Jake Masters



CALM FOLLOWING THE STORM

To the members and friends of Adelphi,

If you were in church last Sunday, you will recall that I likened Jesus' re-appearing to the disciples, to experiencing the calm after a tornado. A tornado disrupts one's life. Major experiences happen in life that simulate the tornado experience. They are the events that take our breath away and can leave us panicked if we are not grounded. Now it is not my habit to chase tornadoes, but I have happened across them several times in the Midwest and once in southern Maryland. I have also had tornado-like experiences such as the death of my late husband 5 years ago. I also shared that the latest tornado in my life is breast cancer. And I shared that I was grounded in Christ.

Now I am in the calm following the storm. I was fortunate enough to be scheduled into surgery Tuesday, the day after my appointment with my surgeon since another patient had cancelled. The surgeon predicted that, though the tumor was at the bounds of Stage 1 in

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.

size, it would be relatively easy to treat. Now I am happy to report that the tumor has been removed, and pathology has affirmed the cancer to be Stage 1 with no cancer cells in the lymph nodes or surrounding tissue. There will be follow-up treatment to assure that any stray cells that may have been missed are dealt with. That treatment pales in comparison with what might have been, and what some of you have experienced.

It has been an amazing and miraculous journey, and I thank you for your prayers and support.

May the peace of Christ be with you in your own journeys, and especially in your life's "tornado" experiences.

Karen



Peace Notes – Things to Pray For --

Mothers. Especially on Mothers Day – May 10.



Sharing Your Heart

Joy isn't a feeling that comes and goes. We choose to live in joy by trusting in God. And that joy makes us strong.

If I may add a note, "Joy" is a feeling that seems to be moving into the atmosphere at Adelphi. I am not the only person who has noticed it. Several people have mentioned it to me. It seems to be the joy coming from a revitalized spirit, a happiness and energy for expanding current programs and starting new ones. It seems to be joy in God's love shared between Adelphi

members and friends. My suggestion: Encourage it to grow and expand. Embrace it and pass it on.

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. Elaine



SESSION MEETING

Janet Dolen

At the April meeting the Session

* discussed an upcoming Presbytery meeting, referred to as Amendment B and Elder attendance at Presbytery meetings

*went over the status of the budget;

* next steps for the Pastor Nominating Committee;

*approved hiring a substitute nursery caretaker for two Sunday's a month;

*and received reports from the committees.

On April 25th I participated in the yearly records review for Adelphi. Happy to say the minutes went through without an exception.



BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB

by Kathie James

On April 19, Bible Breakfast Club met to re-enact how the followers of Christ felt after His resurrection and how they came together as a Christian community. We

learned from the lesson in Acts how they shared everything with one another and made sacrifices of money and even homes and possessions when someone was in need. Our craft was making rubbings of an Easter design to be framed and hung. As always, a delicious breakfast was provided by Renee Milligan. BBC will meet again on May 17 at 9:45. Come one, come all! (By the way, we share our breakfast with the junior class and the adult class when the lessons are over.)



PERSPECTIVES IN PRAYER

by Kathie James

Our Lenten series, Perspectives in Prayer, concluded on April 1 with a very uplifting and inspiring presentation by Therese Taylor-Stinson, who is a Spiritual Director. She shared her experiences in that role and invited everyone to consider becoming involved in praying for and with others, helping them to discern God's will. The entire series was a joy for all who attended, starting from March 4. Our spirits were fed by those who led the discussions (Bettye Miller, Candace Philander, Kathie James, Marlene Donaldson, and Therese), as well as the lively and often humorous discussions themselves. Our appetites were fed by wonderful food brought by the participants. Various challenges were presented, such as considering the role of Spiritual Director, sharing in small groups, and establishing and maintaining Prayer Partners for the following three months. The attendance at our sessions ranged from eleven to twenty-four—a wonderful group! We plan to offer this series again in the future.



Annual Yard Sale

Please spread the word about our annual church Yard Sale Saturday, May 9th. Time is 8am to 2pm 9401 Riggs Rd. Adelphi, Md. Please call to reserve a space 301-434-6337 and mail a check for \$15.00 to our church ahead of time, or it will be \$20.00 on that day. Make checks payable to Adelphi Presbyterian Church. Also, just in case, a rain date will be May 16th

Note: We need all the help we can get from the entire church congregation to make this a success! Our undershepherd lists must be called and requesting everyone bring a baked item for the bake table, and find out if they can set up or work the church "white elephant" table, refreshment stand, bake table, clean up, and pricing the evening before! A sign up sheet is in the back of the church, shortly! Also, time to clean out our basements or attics, so please bring any item that can be sold at our church table to the church and put them in the back room and please price items to help out. Thanks!



MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Please let everyone know that May 10th at 9:30am is our annual Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast including, pancakes, hot syrup, sausage, milk, and orange juice. But, the great thing is the men cook for the women!!

So come one, come all (you don't have to be a mother or have a mother) to enjoy this is wonderful get together!

Thanks, Cherry Smith 301-384-0775 if you have any questions.



ADELPHI MAILBOX REPAIR

Again, Adelphi owes a debt of gratitude to Pastor Pagan of Iglesia de Dios Church, which shares space at Adelphi!!

During April, vandals knocked the mailbox off its post. A few days later they returned and broke eggs in it, as well as on the church front door. Pastor Pagan cleaned the door, generously installed a new post, and painted it a beautiful red to match the church front doors.

Adelphi is fortunate to have such a good friend!.



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

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



SAVE GOD'S EARTH -- RECYCLE

Help us keep Adelphi Church litter free and take responsibility for 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

May 18 Gail and Randy Rodman



Happy Birthday

May 16 Daniel Farley
May 22 Tad Jembere
May 25 Eric Takang
May 27 Sarah Milligan
May 30 Abigail Jembere



SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES!

Sundays, 10:00-12:15

*Nursery for infants and toddlers

Sundays, 10:00-10:45 a.m.:

*Class for “juniors” – older elementary children and teens

*Adult education class taught by Rev. Doty

Sundays, during worship service

*Class for younger elementary children (ages 5-8)

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

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! COME AND BRING OTHERS!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3 Sunday 10:00 AM - Sunday school (see above)

11:00 AM – Worship with Communion

CROP WALK

May 9 Saturday 8:00AM – 2:00PM Yard Sale

May 10 Sunday 9:30AM – Mothers Day Breakfast

10:00 AM - Sunday school (see above)

11:00 AM – Worship

May 17 Sunday 9:45AM Bible Breakfast Club

10:00AM – Sunday school (see above)

11:00AM – Worship

May 24 Sunday 10:00AM – Sunday school (see above)

11:00AM – Worship

Newsletter Deadline

May 31 Sunday 10:00AM – Sunday School (see above)

11:00AM – Worship **Session meeting after service**

Lectionary Reading 2009

May 3 (4th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23:1-6

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

May 10 (5th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:25-31

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

May 17 (6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98:1-9

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

May 21 (The Ascension of the Lord)

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:1-9 or Psalm 93:1-5

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

May 24 (7th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1:1-6

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

May 30 (Eve of Pentecost)

Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20

1 Peter 2:4-10

Evening: Psalm 23:1-6

May 31 (Pentecost)

Morning Psalm 104:1-35

Isaiah 11:1-9

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

John 14:21-29

Evening Psalm 29:1-6

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Date	Greeters	Ushers	Liturgist
MAY 3	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Chester Guild	Ndema Ojong
MAY 10	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Ndema Ojong	Evelyn Jones
MAY 17	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Abigail Jembere
MAY 24	Vida Agyei-Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Martin Ojong
MAY 31	Bettye Miller	Hudson Lancaster	Matilda Che

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