

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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

Pastor: Rev. Y. Eunice Yang
Clerk of Session: Janet Dolan
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The Session

Class 2006

Candace Farley – Christian Education
Kathie James – Stewardship and Personnel
Charles Yancey – Facilities

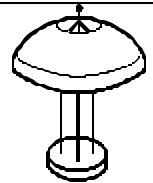
Class 2007

Comfort Anigboh – Worship
Stig Hammond – Worship
Bettye Miller – Community Outreach

Class 2008

Renee Milligan – Evangelism and Mission
Charlotte Ojong – Congregational Care
Ernestine Tebong – Transforming Congregation

FROM THE PASTOR...



Adelphi has had a “busy” fall. We truly had a wonderful 50th anniversary celebration. The committee under the leadership of Chester Guild and Verna Juska did an outstanding job. The food was good. The laughter is still lingering. We were blessed to have the presence of several former ministers among us.

Our General Presbyter, Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn’s sermon in the morning “Come as you are” from Matthew 22:1-14 reminds us of what discipleship is: We can come as we are at the invitation of Jesus Christ; yet, we can not stay the same. Life and faith are a continuously growing process. Transformation is essential in our relationship with God and one another.

The Transforming Congregation Project has completed its final assessment. The team along with the Session are reviewing the recommendations from Rev. Philbrick and working on the priorities of transformation. We are aiming to put a final report out for the congregation by the end of the year. The TCP team members, Bob Finzel, Tad Jembere, Martin Ojong, and Ernestine Tebong have exhibited unwavering and persistent commitment to the task. The time demand on their part is tremendous and they need your prayers and encouragement.

One immediate proposal, which has been approved by Session in its October stated meeting is to adopt the 1990 (blue) Presbyterian Hymnal as our main hymnal. We received donation of about 70 blue hymnals from the former Wheaton Presbyterian Church which is now closed. The Session will ask you to sponsor the hymnals and we will donate the money to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Fund. You will see a change pretty soon and will hear more about the "blue" hymnal.

The TCP team will involve the congregation more and more in the process. On **December 11, Sunday** after worship, the team has invited Rev. Dr. Ann Philbrick to come and work with the whole congregation. Everyone is invited to stay for a light lunch and discussion.

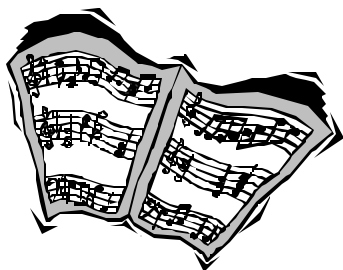
Has the wind of the Spirit been blowing in your life? Have you seen God lately? Have you experienced God's presence in your life lately? We would love to hear your stories. This newsletter belongs to everyone in the church. You are the gardener. Drop us a few words of your testimonies!!



FROM DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Ann Mckenzie

Bring your voices and join in song for
Thanksgiving and Advent! Rehearsals: Adults
1st, 3rd, and 4th, Sunday
Children: 2nd. Sunday



MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

By Kathie James

It's time for us to consider our third seed of stewardship--that of our own personal service to God through Adelphi Church.

Listen to what the apostle Paul says: "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.. for just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.. now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

Paul is encouraging us to look at what God has put into each one of us and use that ability or those abilities for the church, the body of Christ.

School teachers, principals, and other educators know that researchers have identified eight domains from which people tend to learn the best. They have found that while many students learn easily with books, pencils, and paper, other students learn better when they can actually make or construct things; or learn through music; or physical activity; or in groups; or through art. Another way of thinking about how people learn and grow is by identifying their strengths or talents. You probably have more than one strong area. How can you use your strengths to serve God here at Adelphi?

Please look at the list that's in your bulletin today and see the ideas for service with what ever time you can, sign your name, and place the pages in the "Everybody Serves" basket as you leave coming up this week--that of our material offerings. Please use this week to pray about what you believe God is calling you to give, and watch for opportunities that you will have to follow through. With our offerings of service and financial gifts, Adelphi can become the beacon of light and the body of Christ here in this community that can radiate out to many others, thank you.

STEWARDSHIP/THANKSGIVING CALENDAR

Sunday, November 13 - Pledge Sunday; please bring your pledge card to dedicate.

Sunday, November 20 - Harvest Sunday; please bring one or more items of food for Help by Phone (see newsletter for of foods to bring); we will bring them forward as we present our offerings on that day.

AN OFFER FROM JENNIE CARDIN



This stewardship contribution involves all the women of the church! Please put Saturday, **December 3** on your calendars. Jennie Cardin is hosting a Party-Lite candle party at her home in Kensington. Lunch will be served at 1:30 p.m. and the presentation starts at 2:00 p.m. sharp. Invitations will be mailed soon. Jennie will match 10% of all sales and donate the money back to the church. Dress comfortably and bring your checkbooks and credit cards! Snow or shine!



PRESBYTERY MEETINGS HIGHLIGHTS...

By Eunice Yang

On **September 27**, the presbytery met from 10:00AM to late afternoon. Besides its usual business of receiving new ministers and examining candidates for ministry, approving the budget for next year and so on, we heard from about hurricane Katrina disaster response team and received the Indo Pak Presbyterian Church as a Fellowship. An overture from Bradley Hills PC on urging the 217th (2006) General Assembly to "continue investment strategies that promote peace between the Israeli and Palestinian people and seek prosperity for peoples of both nations" was passed by the

commissioners. Information can be accessed through presbytery website www.thepresbytery.org

A discussion forum also was held on the visioning development of the presbytery. The highlight of the day for me was the worship service where Dr. Cleophus LaRue, Francis Landley Patton Associate Professor of Homiletics at Princeton Theological Seminary delivered a nurturing and encouraging sermon "*Stressed but Blessed*" based on the story of Elijah.

On **October 4**, a special presbytery meeting was held to hear a report from the Peace, Unity, and Purity Task Force that was established by the 213th General Assembly (2001) to study the theological conflict and disagreement in the church: biblical authority and interpretation, Christology, ordination standards, and power. Two task force members, Elder Barbara Wheeler, president at Auburn Theological Seminary, and Jack Haberer, pastor and author of "*Godviews: The convictions that drive us and divide us*" were with us. They delivered a moving presentation of the process of personal and theological struggles in the last 4 years.

The end: They urge that this is not a win-lose battle. The unity of the church is the most important mission: we need to stay as one body in Christ. Everyone would be disappointed by the final recommendation of the task force, but hopefully, everyone is "alive" and works together for the Kingdom of God. The task force urges the 2006 GA not to adopt any new overture or change any book of order provisions. The church needs some time to discern a new way of looking at these issues that have divided us for so long. The 40 page report is available on line at the presbytery website and the hard copy is available in the office.

A THANK YOU FROM...



Dick and Cherry Smith

To Adelphi Family; Dick and I feel so blessed to have you all in our lives. The many calls, cards, visits, meals and most of all prayers is what got Dick through his heart attack, and me through surgery on both feet. Also, thanks to everyone involved for the wonderful 50th year celebration and sending some of the food home to us. God Bless all of you we're enjoying with Love. We also want to thank you for the flowers.

Happy Birthday



- November 3 Daniel Rodman
- November 3 Mary Wattay
- November 6 Bettye Miller
- November 7 Jerome Farley
- November 14 Albert Nixon
- November 17 Westley Tembunde
- November 24 Sara Masters
- November 28 Robert Finzel



- November 12 Stig and Sharon Hammond
- November 24 Robert and Joyce Finzel

LECTIONARY READING



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Josh. 24:1-3a,14-25
 Ps. 78:1-7
 1Thess.4:13-18
 Matt.25:1-13

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Judges 4:1-7
 Ps.123
 1Thess.5:1-11
 Matt.25:14-30

Christ the King/Reign of Christ
 Ezek.34:11-16,20-24
 Ps. 100
 Eph.1:15-23
 Matt. 25:31-46

1st Sunday of Advent
 Isa. 64:1-9
 Ps. 80: 1-7, 17-19
 1 Cor. 1:3-9
 Mark 13:24-37



Help By Phone Menu

Beef Stew Macaroni & Cheese Spaghetti Pork & Beans	Jell-o Pasta Soups Peanut Butter Fruit	Dry Milk Coffee Tea Cocoa	Pudding Pancake mix Pancake Syrup
Dried Northern Beans Tuna Jelly	Apple sauce Baby food Cold Cereals Grits Oatmeal		Red, Green & Yellow Vegetables Rice Pudding

All foods must be canned or dried and in sealed containers to meet health department regulation. Please bring the above items and place them in the grocery basket in the back of the sanctuary.

NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVANTS

	GREETERS	USHERS	LITURGISTS
November 6	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Larry James
November 13	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	Evelyn Jones
November 20	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Bettye Miller
November 27	Vida Agyei-Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Martin Ojong

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