

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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Minister: Every member of Adelphi Presbyterian Church

Pastor: Rev. Y. Eunice Yang
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The Session

Class 2006

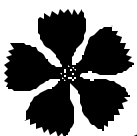
Candace Farley – Christian Education
Kathie James – Stewardship and Personnel
Charles Yancey – Facilities

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



A PRAYER FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

By Ernestine Tebong

Adelphi Presbyterian Church has added a new holiday, Lord. A day to honor our old friends, and founding members who have tended this church so well.

Pause with us Lord as we play again in the dusty lanes of yesteryear in this your house.

Bless these bigger than life friends near and far who have helped us bridge this gap between yesterday and today. In their footsteps we are making the journey. Thank you for such a heritage and a day on which to express our gratitude.

To you our old friends,
may you leave this home with a good feeling in your heart, fond memories, a willingness to return for friendly visits. You are loved here. Don't be strangers. Growth is our wish, and this is God's plan for you too. Receive his blessing.

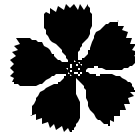
To our new friends of today and tomorrow,
Lord, give us the faith to take the next step, even when we don't know what lies ahead.
Give us the assurance that even if we stumble and fall, you will pick us up and put us back on the path.
And give us the confidence that even if we lose faith, you will never lose us.



From Director of Music

By Ann Mckenzie

Once again, my prayer is to have voices lead in worship and I am inviting all interested persons to join us for choir rehearsals. The **Adult choir** will meet on the first, third and fourth Sundays immediately following worship. If you prefer to share your instrumental talent, I would celebrate this and may be contacted through the church office or following worship. The **Children's choir** will rehearse the second Sunday of the month following worship. I look forward to having a great time and sharing new songs. Any child that would like to play their instrument is most welcome and may contact me.



Chester Guild & Verna Juska

The response and appreciation by all Adelphi Presbyterian Church members, past and present, was outstanding! Letters of congratulations and memories were sent to us by many that couldn't attend and those that did attend shared those memories in person with old friends. We hosted 200 people who traveled near and far to celebrate in service and fellowship.

Among those in attendance were 5 charter members: David and Kay Beard and their daughters Joan Romig and Nancy Bell; June Nordeen (attended with her daughters Marlene and Mia). Charter member Doris Van Wolfe was unable to attend but sent a letter noting her memories and congratulations.

We were so pleased to have former pastors Rev. Joseph Condro, Rev. Rhoda Nixon, Rev. Lynn Stanton-Hoyle, Rev. Nancy Clark. They shared their treasured memories with us and we were honored to hear that they treasure us as their favorite congregation. Nancy particularly mentioned that she regularly 'brags' on us. Rev. Zane Bolinger could not attend, but sent a congratulatory letter and also mentioned his fondness for his time spent here. Rev. Sam Alexander also sent a letter with his best wishes on our anniversary.

We also hosted 3 former organists, many former elders, deacons and couples who were married here at Adelphi Church. Current members and former members mingled while old friends caught up on children and grandchildren. Hugs were the order of the day. Our most distant travelers were Jeff and Barbara Somers from California and Joan Romig and son Rev. Christopher Romig from Florida.

The committee sincerely thanks all those who gave contributions of time, resources and finances. Without the support of all that was given, this celebration would not have been possible, nor would it have been as wonderful. This celebration was not in our budget. Because the donations were so generous, we not only could provide wonderful food (catered by Sabrina Taylor), dessert and flowers, we got 3 new tables! For



NEW MEMBERS JUST JOINED!!

Kingsley and Vida Danso, Emilia Melchizedek, Celine Nchako, and Eric Yemoh. We are glad for their presence among us and the gifts and talents they will bring to enrich our communal life in the body of Christ. Larry and Kathie James, Dick and Cherry Smith, and Ernestine Tebong are their sponsors. Please say hello to them or invite them to your house for dinner!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Annette Ankou for the birth of her second daughter, Jocey Ann on September 15.

Eric and Vivian Takang for the birth of their third daughter, Vannessa on September 21, weighing 8lbs 12ozs, 20.5 inches tall.

OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

those that worked hard on this celebration, the greatest reward was the remarks that we heard from all that attended: “Wow”, “Great Job”, “Fantastic”, “So great to see old friends and make new friends!”, “Wonderful celebration!” All of these remarks made every second of our efforts worthwhile.

We had a base committee of approximately 8 people to work on the anniversary celebration. There is much gratitude for each and every one of them as they lent their special talents to our committee and did an incredible job. Our congregation came through and performed a multitude of tasks in order to assist the committee in their difficult job of pulling all of this together. Thanks to all who helped make this celebration possible, we know it was to show that the love and word of Adelphi Presbyterian Church continues as does the love and word of Jesus Christ.

Present Elder Ernestine Tebong concluded the day with a prayer adapted from a poem that summed up the day – Blessings of the past, present and the future of the Adelphi Presbyterian Church.



History of Adelphi Presbyterian Church’s Pastors

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| Rev. Sean Mujais | 1955-1960 |
| Rev. Donald Upton | 1960-1961 |
| Rev. Zane Bolinger | 1961-1971 |
| Rev. Tom Miles | 1972-1973 |
| Rev. Joseph Condro | 1973-1992 |
| Rev. Rhoda Nixon | 1991-1994 |
| Rev. Lynn Stanton-Hoyle | 1992-1994 |
| Rev Sam Alexander | 1994-1999 |
| Rev. Nancy Clarke | 2000-2003 |
| Rev. Eunice Yang | 2003-Present |

In The Beginning There were David & Kay Beard



Joan Romig is the Daughter of David and Kathryn (Kay) Beard. Her parents were members of the church when it was just beginning and are still members today. She attended church here with her family and later, raised her own family in this church. Her husband Michael Romig and sons Christopher and Kevin became dedicated and active members of this church. Joan read this at the anniversary celebration. It is not only a history of the church; it is a history of her family within in the context of this church.

Adelphi Presbyterian Church 50th Anniversary Joan Romig’s Memories September 25, 2005

When I was a small Child, my grandfather urged me to remember the family into which I was born and the religious heritage that was mine. Today, I am remembering the heritage given to me by the Adelphi Presbyterian Church family.

On April 17, 1955, I became a member of this church. Shortly thereafter, I began attending a newly formed Sunday school class. Dr Felix Juska was our teacher and was totally committed to his three students – Nancy Beard (my sister), Lorna Campbell, and myself. Dr Juska came to class prepared, cheerful and relaxed and had a marvelous sense of humor, so we laughed often. Each week we memorized three Scripture verses and completed a written homework assignment. The Scripture verses and lessons learned in that class helped dot anchor my faith.

At the age of 19, I taught a Sunday school class which included Gail Rodman, who is currently a member of this congregation. Years later, I taught classes which included Gail Rodman’s children. I was also a Sunday school Team teacher with my husband, father and good friend, Debbie Mangene.

One of my favorite church activities was being a member of the Naomi Circle, which met for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship once a month. The dear women in that group enjoyed having holiday-theme programs and sing-a-longs. A highlight of a St.

Patrick's Day program one year was being entertained by Juanita Guild and Margaret Smith dancing an Irish jig.

Ollie Mount joy was our "Apple butter Queen". Each fall, she would cook 45 BUSHELS OF apples in a huge iron kettle on the church property to make apple butter for the church yard sale.

I also remember the church craft events; it amazed me how Shirley Broughton and Ruby Guild could think of so many creative crafts for Sunday school, Vacation Bible School and Christmas craft workshops.

Cherry Smith taught us how to do American Sign Language to many songs including "Love in Any Language" which we presented at the International Dinner. I will always remember how dapper Richard Smith looked in his tuxedo while serving us pancakes at the Mother's Day breakfast.

Christmas Caroling, as the snow was falling with Joyce Maurice and others was meaningful and serene. We sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" approximately 20 times during the evening because it was Joyce's favorite carol! Delivering Meals-on-Wheels with partners Patty Masters, Albert Nixon and Fred Dolen was always a heartwarming experience. Any request for repairs or maintenance of church property was skillfully completed by Dudley Dietrick or Les Wattay.

And, whether it was quieting spirited children who were eager to perform, moving stage props, or retrieving extra bulletins, Chester Guild and Jess Broughton were there to lend a helping hand.

It was an honor to serve on the Worship Committee of Session with Gloria Dietrick. She was a wise and dependable Session member, and a thoughtful and loyal friend. I miss her 8:01pm calls inquiring as to whether or not I knew the answer to the final Jeopardy question.

Time limitations restrict me from mentioning the many ways in which Verna Juska served as secretary **extraordinaire**'. She was gracious to everyone who made a request of ANY kind and we appreciate all that she has done for our church family.

Adelphi Church has been blessed by the musical talents of each of our organists and choir directors. They have inspired us with their gifts of music and have greatly enriched our lives. Singing in the choir with so many individuals whom I dearly loved created cherished memories.

Our church has been fortunate in having devoted pastors who have tenderly guided their sheep. Each one brought unique gifts to us and each one is remembered in my heart.

Our family met Joe Condro when he came to Adelphi Church 30 years ago as a young pastor. He was approachable, caring and a great comforter. He taught us the need for frequent examination of our beliefs and attitudes and the importance of maintaining close personal relationships with God and other people. He urged us to grow in our faith through continuing education in Bible studies and other classes. He was a pastor of a church in Virginia when my husband became ill in 1995. Joe, Tricia, Ruth and Benjamin came from Stanton VA to Adelphi, so that they could spend an afternoon with us shortly before Michael's death.

The time that my personal family worshipped and served together will always be treasured. Kevin was baptized here; Christopher and Kevin attended Sunday school and were received into membership in this church. They served as treasurers, ushers and provided music for this church. Michael and I served on Session, taught Sunday school and helped plant and tend the church garden and deliver the harvest to the homeless. It was a fulfilling time for our family.

One of the greatest joys in my history here has been the privilege of worshipping with my parents, David and Kathryn Beard. It was from my parents that I learned the blessings one receives from regular church attendance, tithing, service in mission and a steadfast commitment of supporting the church through many transitions. I have often wondered how many tomato, pepper and flower plants my father and mother have lovingly grown and packaged for church yard sales throughout the years.

If you are here today in presence or thought, you have contributed to the heritage of this church and have left a great legacy.



NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

By **Kathie James**

Bible Breakfast Club met on September 18, with about 26 people in attendance. Thanks to Charlotte Ojong, Michele Thurber, and Candace Philander, everyone enjoyed a very nice breakfast as we began a study of Bible stories in the Old and New Testaments, teaching the importance of scrolls. Some of the stories we read showed how people used to write in Bible times on large pieces of parchment paper, which they would then roll up and tie. All of the children made scrolls with this Bible verse on them: 2 Timothy 3:16a, "All Scripture is inspired by God...." They will try to memorize this verse for our next meeting, October 16. Children also received a miniature Bible to show how the printing of the Bible has advanced over the years. We also sang many songs, including "The B-I-B-L-E," and we offered prayers.

During the month of OCTOBER, we will have Sunday School every week at 9:30 a.m. for both children and adults. Rev. Yang and TCP team members will conduct the adult class, and the children's class will be conducted by various families of the congregation, including the Farley-Philander family, the Tembundes, the Wiltshires, the Jameses, and a special guest on October 23. Bible Breakfast Club will meet as usual on October 16 (be sure to eat breakfast at home on the other Sundays!). We hope everyone will attend during the month of October.



What Is The Presbyterian Church Doing To Help Americans?

By Vivian Austin

GAUTIER - Volunteers have helped set up the first of 15 tent cities expected to be established across South Mississippi. The tent cities will house disaster relief workers from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance who will help Gautier and other cities on the Gulf Coast rebuild, said Lee Watenpaugh, camp manager. The workers who established the site came from the National Capital Presbytery in Washington, D.C. The campsite is on U.S. 90 at the Gautier Presbyterian Church, which had water and structural damage. The camp features open-air kitchen and dining areas with canned food and drinks, portable toilets and plastic-covered showers.

Watenpaugh said the tent city in Gautier is a prototype for the other sites, which will be determined by Carl Rush, program manager. The PDA has done mission work, but this program is the first for relief work after a major disaster, said project coordinator Greg Saunders. The aim is long-term assistance to help the Coast rebuild.

"Essentially, the direction is going to go west," Saunders said. "It's starting here, and camps are going to spot through the counties going west."

Watenpaugh added: "And we'll put up as many as needed and can handle the job."

The group will work with government officials and other agencies to identify what needs to be done, said Saunders, who will be replaced in about 10 days

Saunders and Watenpaugh said volunteers are church members of various denominations and are skilled craftsmen, as well as ordinary citizens who will simply provide "a strong back" for construction and other relief work.

"We are representing a specific denomination, but we are not here to help any particular denomination," Saunders said.

The tents sleep four or six people but will be used by three or four campers each, with several for couples. Volunteers will stay about two weeks and be replaced by others.



Tom and Jennie Cardin October 14
 David and Sharon Anderson October 19
 Carlton and Ruth Potter October 23

Happy Birthday



Joyce Finzel October 2
 Priscilla Lancaster October 7
 Ruth Potter October 13
 Kathie James October 17
 Janet Dolen October 20
 Helen Logan October 21
 Gail Rodman October 27

LECTIONARY READING



October 2, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Ps. 19
 Ph.3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 9, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Exodus: 32:1-14; Ps106:1-6,19-23
 Phil. 4:1-9; Matt.22:1-14

October 16, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Exod. 33:12-23; Ps.99; 1Thess.1:1-10
 Matt.22:15-22

October 23, 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Duet. 34:1-12; Ps.90:1-6, 13-17
 1Thess. 2:1-8; Matt.22:34-46

October 30, 31th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Josh. 3:7-17; Ps. 90: 1-6,13-17
 1Thess.2:9-13; Matt.23:1-12

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



TALKING ABOUT PEACE

BY PRESBYTERIAN PEACINGMAKING PROGRAM/PEACE NOTES

Here's a modest proposal: replace all Ambassadors to the United Nations with Presbyterian Youth! Over the past few months, the Presbyterian UN Office has hosted some amazing young people. Whether talking about international racism or peacemaking, these young people challenged speakers and themselves to think about what it means to be a part of the body of Christ in 2005. In the words of one participant, "Jesus was pretty straight forward, "Love you neighbor as yourself". Imagine if the United Nations General Assembly was made up of 191 people who believed and acted on that **understanding!**



Help By Phone Menu

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| 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.

OCTOBER SUNDAY SERVANTS

| Date | Greeters | Ushers | Liturgists |
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| October 9 | Gail Rodman | Janet Dolan Deborah Penot | Matilda Che |
| October 16 | The Lancasters | Jerome Farley Tad Jembere | Bob Finzel |
| October 23 | Vida Agyei-Obese | Jake Masters Gail Rodman | Chester Guild |
| October 30 | Bettye Miller | Winton Almas | Kathy James |

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