

Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



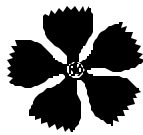
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CELEBRATING
50 YEARS OF HISTORY

LOOKING FORWARD TO
THE FUTURE WITH
FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE



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

Pastor: Rev. Y. Eunice Yang

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The Session

Class 2006

Candace Farley, Kathie James, Charles Yancey

Class 2007

Comfort Anigboh, Stig Hammond, Bettye Miller

Class 2008

Renee Milligan, Charlotte Ojong, Ernestine Tebong

TRANSFORMATION



By Ernestine Tebong

I want to share with you a short story about a wonderful thing that has happened. My own transformation during the last few months. When I was asked to be a member of the Transforming Congregations Project, I said yes without much contemplation. I guess that was good, because if I had gotten the chance to ask more questions and find out what the project entailed, I would have probably turned down the request. When I learned more about the project, I immediately knew what I was going to do. I was going to go out like the army, and recruit more members, help put together more church programs, and our church transformation would be complete.

I have since learned that it is more than filling the pews, and creating new programs. I learned that transformation is about me and my relationship with God.

For the past seven months, I have learned to ask God to lead me. I start each day with a prayer, and end each day with reading the Bible, and a prayer. My ritual is to

kneel beside my bed, and pray out loud. I praise the Lord for all his goodness, and all his blessings. I ask God to watch over me, and help me to do God's will. Of course I don't forget to also ask God for those selfish blessings of finances, and a good husband, etc. etc. After all didn't God say "Ask and it will be given unto you? Knock and the door will be opened? Seek, and ye shall find?" Then I always end with thanksgiving for I know my prayers have already been answered.

This new way of life has led me closer to God, I see God in everything around me. I see God in the flowers, in animals, in people...even those that offend me; I try to ask God to bless them. Friends I have to tell you that my transformation is already on the way. I sing along loudly in my car to Christian music, and I always feel happy and content even when things are not going so well. I even find myself talking about God to family and friends whenever and where ever. There's no one shyier than I am, but sometimes during conversations about faith I interject brilliant arguments that I know for sure are not coming from me. I just smile and give God the glory.

A few months ago we tried to put together prayer groups, not only to pray for our church, and each other, but to get to really know each other as the multi-cultural church that we "are". Not one of the groups has yet gotten together. We all have things to do, and places to go, but when Pastor Yang told me that all we needed to jump start our transformation is prayer...my reply to her was "We can't even get ourselves together to pray, how are we then to start?"

Dear friends, if transformation starts with each and every one of us, what are we doing to transform ourselves, or more accurately put, to be transformed by God in Jesus Christ? Transformation in my opinion is showing up with a full cup in order to share with those whose cups are empty. If our mission from Jesus Christ is to go out into the world and make disciples, how do we give when our cups are empty?

I believe that if each one of us through constant Bible study, prayer, and meditation is filled with the Holy Spirit, we will not have to worry about filling the pews.

I remember Reverend Ann Philbrick saying to us at one of our TCP meetings..."We Presbyterians are not comfortable with sharing our faith". If we grow closer to God, and are filled with joy, we would want to testify about the goodness of God in our lives. People will come to our church to find out for themselves how they can also be transformed and how they can experience God working in their lives. I recently heard the host of a Christian radio program say that being a Christian is not about receiving, but instead about service. Service to the community, service to the church, and service to God.

To jump start our transformation, Pastor Eunice Yang will be leading a one-month Wednesday night Bible study and prayer. We will also have fun, share our joys and concerns, and get to know one another much better. We are asking every one to commit to just one month, that is just four Wednesday nights in September from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

September 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2005. At Adelphi Presbyterian Church.



From Director of Music

I would like to thank the following for their part during the summer: Evelyn Jones, Renee Milligan, children who share songs from VBS, Aima Ojehomon, Prommila Almas, and Stig Hammond. Your gifts are appreciated.

Adult choir rehearsal will resume on September 11, following worship to prepare music for the anniversary celebration 25, 2005. I will meet with the children on the second Sunday after worship.

I am looking forward to a musical fall and Advent.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



by Kathie James

What a wonderful VBS we had this summer! Every evening from July 18-22 at 6:00-8:00PM, we gathered for a light dinner, interesting classes, and a brief worship service. The planning committee had hoped for at least five people in each three classes, but we were blessed with more than double that number on one occasion. There was between 18 to 31 people present, 13 adults came and 18 children, 17 were affiliated with our church and 14 were from other churches and neighborhoods. A few came from our immediate neighborhood, but others came from a greater distance. One person came from Damascus to join us. Our meals started with soup and salad, we did not know how many to expect; but similar to the story of the loaves and fishes, our food was multiplied by donations from Adelphi members and friends. Every night we had food left over.

The adult class, led by Rev. Yang, focused on the contemporary family using “Transforming Family” – a document approved by General Assembly as the basis for some lively discussions! The children’s classes, led by Elders Bettye Miller and Kathie James, featured Bible stories, songs, and crafts each evening. On the last night, the youth groups shared some of the lessons they learned with the adults; referring to some issues they discussed and answering some pointed questions. The young people sang songs and showed their crafts, representing Creation, Jonah, Daniel, and Jesus. All participants received a certificate and an ice cream party was held after worship.

We want to thank everyone for yours prayers, (“The prayer of a righteous [person] has greater power in its effects.”—James 5; 16a), the food that was sent, your attendance, your bringing others, your participation in many ways, and your support. We especially thank Candace Philander coordinator, and Evelyn Jones, chef! Let’s do it again next year!

MORE NEWS FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

by Kathie Jamies



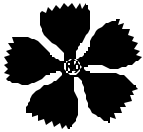
The Bible Breakfast Club met on August 21 at 9:30am. Thanks to Michele Thurber and Charlotte Ojong, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast as we shared prayers together, sang Bible songs, studied Bible verses, and heard Bible stories. We learned about Elijah and Elisha, young King Josiah, and Jesus’ first miracle. A common theme was the jars which were transformed. Both Elijah and Elisha

ministered to poor women who had jars of oil what were running out; but in both cases, these prophets prayed to God, Who allowed the jars not to run out; but to give all the oil that was needed. When Jesus attended a wedding in Cana, the jars of wine ran out; but He told his disciples to fill jars with water, which they did, and Jesus turned the water into wine for the wedding guest. Each young person at the breakfast Club received a small jars with a cross on top, with a label that quoted Scripture verse about the jar that did not run dry. Our jars contain a liquid for blowing bubbles, and we know we can refill them in order to continue blowing bubbles; but the cross reminds us of God’s miracles and how He cares for us. The next meeting of the Bible Breakfast Club is Sunday, September 18, at 9:30am.

Families and Friends of ages are welcome and invited to attend. Please come!

In October, we will have Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We would like to initiate a Christian Education program for our children that has more continuity and more opportunity for kids to come and learn about Bible history and the teachings of Jesus. Lessons will consist of songs, prayers, Bible verses, Bible stories, and related activities. Children of all ages are invited. **Rev. Yang will conduct an adult class at the same time for parents who wish to attend. These dual classes will meet on October 2, 9, 23, and 31 with October 16 as our Bible Breakfast Club Sunday** (breakfast is available, and the lesson is intergenerational, with everybody together).

We will evaluate the October Sunday School toward the end of that month and ask for your opinions and suggestions. Please come and participate: bring your children (and their friends), attend the adult class, help in the Sunday School group, or whatever you would like to do. We look forward to seeing you!



50th ANNIVERSARY

Stepping into the Way Back Machine – we’re continuing to reminisce about the past of Adelphi Presbyterian Church as we celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

September 1990:

Dr. Rev. Joseph Condro was still our pastor.

Our Sunday Servants were:

Ushers: Joyce Finzel and Bunny Sours

Glen McLeod and Julie Masters

Fred Erskine and Ronald Pond

Chester Guild and Jesse Broughton

Harry Fleming and Dick Smith

Greeters: Jim, Mary and Rachael Gage

Jake and Patti Masters

David and Kay Beard

Sue Graham and Katie

Helen Nusbaum

Nursery: Dick and Cherry Smith

Harrell and Barbara Gordon

Glen and Vicki McLeod

Barbara Kline and Helen Longen

Bob and Joyce Finzel

APC “News Notes” for September 1990

Recognition and changes for the Sunday school teachers of the 1990-1991 year: They were Shirley Broughton, Mary Douglas, Gail Rodman, Judy Haines, Kathy James, Paul Gebicke, Cherry Smith, David Beard and Joan Romig.

Other news:

- ? Kevin Romig gave a violin solo on 9/2/90
- ? Bible study was conducted by Dr. Rev. Condro on the Book of Genesis.
- ? The annual church picnic was on 9/12/90
- ? There was a shopping tour to Lancaster PA with the Riverdale Presbyterian Church members.
- ? We assisted with the shelter for homeless men for one complete week.
- ? The Naomi Circle (for the ladies) met on the second Wednesday of the month. This month’s leader was Joan Romig and the lesson was “Have you felt like giving up lately?”
- ? On September 16 we had a hymn singing service.
- ? On September 5 we had a session meeting with communion.

As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary let us be thankful for all the past pastors and lay people, members, officers, Sunday servants, guests and visitors. They all shared in our service to serve and project the word of Jesus Christ in service to our Lord.

Verna Juska & Chester Guild



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The classes are **Free**. They will be held once a week on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday will be the morning class beginning September 13 at 10:00am. Thursday has been set aside for the evening class it will begin at 6:30pm on September 15. Tell a friend or bring a friend. Dr. Bettye Miller will be pleased to see you. To register call the church office on 301-434-6337.



September 16 Uzo and Comfort Anigboh
September 19 Albert and Rhonda Nixon
September 28 Martin and Charlotte Ojong

Happy Birthday



September 2 Cherry Smith
September 4 Vivian Takang
September 8 Claudia Volz
September 17 Magdalene Esemé
September 17 Renee Milligan
September 29 Ifeanji Anignoh
September 29 Duane Wattay

LECTIONARY READING



September 4, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Roman 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 11, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114

Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21

Roman 14:1-12

Matthew 18:12-35

September 18, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

September 25, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Bible Study and Prayer

Every Wednesday 7:00PM - 8:00PM

September 7, 14, 21, 28

Session Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 7:00PM

TCP Team Workshop with other Churches

Saturday, September 10, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

Presbytery Meeting

Tuesday, September 27, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

Sunday, September 18

9:30AM Bible Breakfast Club

11:00AM Worship with Communion, receiving of
new members

Sunday, September 25

50th Anniversary Celebration with Rev. Dr. Wilson
Gunn preaching in the morning service, followed by
luncheon and afternoon activities.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



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SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SERVANTS

Date	Greeters		Ushers		Liturgists
September 4	The Milligans		Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire		Evelyn Jones
September 11	Gail Rodman		Janet Dolan Deborah Penot		Bettye Miller
September 18	The Lancasters		Jerome Farley Tad Jembere		Martin Ojong
September 25	Vida Agyei- Obese		Jake Masters Gail Rodman		Charles Yancey

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