

# Adelphi Presbyterian Church News



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



## The Session

### Class 2007

Comfort Anigboh, Stig Hammond, Bettye Miller

### Class 2008

Renee Milligan, Charlotte Ojong, Ernestine Tebong

### Class 2009

Jennie Cardin (2008), Eric Yemoh

Pastor: Rev. Y. Eunice Yang

Clerk of Session: Janet Dolan

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...

**Worship** – Worship is at the center of Christian life both corporately and personally where we “ascribe all praise and honor, glory and power to the triune God.” (W-1.1001 Book of Order) I want to thank many of you who continue to encourage me in my worship leadership including sharing words of appreciation about my sermons. I know I cannot satisfy everybody. I also know I cannot be who I am not. But I can be faithful to God and to the gifts that God has given me. After Kathie’s retirement, a music task force was formed according to session’s suggestion. The task force is to assess our current situation and discern the future direction and format of music ministry at Adelphi. The task force members are Stig Hammond, Ernestine Tebong, Evelyn Jones, Cherry Smith, Joan Tembunde, and *ex officio*, Eunice. We have met once so far. The consensus is to continue to try diverse music and have blended music every Sunday, with appropriate instruments and different singers.

Evelyn has been a song leader. Others have offered their musical talents: Renee Milligan, Cherry Smith, Prommila and Hermis Almas, Charlotte Ojong, Comfort Anigboh, Magdalene Eseme, Lilian Tah... We welcome more who would like to share their musical

talents with the congregation, and most importantly, offer their praises to God. We also would like to have more to share their faith journey and testimonies during worship. In June, Vivian Takang shared her experience and reflection of coming alive from a serious car accident. In August, Hermune Prashad shared her thanksgiving to God for the many blessings that God has bestowed upon her and her family! She volunteered to offer lunch for us that Sunday.

Mebanga Ojong and Uche Anigboh were both confirmed. On the same day, bibles were presented to them and other 3 graduates: Tambetta, Ndema, and Aima who came back all the way from England. I would like to express my deep appreciation to Candace and Jennie for their time and effort of accompanying our youth on this journey of affirming their faith in public. We care about our children and youth on a personal level if not so much on a programmatic level. Food Sunday continues to be on the fourth Sunday of each month, when tithes and offerings and food for Help By Phone are brought forth during offering time.

**Facility** – Thanks to many faithful and caring members who work silently and “out of sight,” our building despite of its age continues to stand tall on the hill! Under the able leadership of Charles Yancey in the last 3 years, facility has built a fleet of troopers – whether at invitation or at their own initiatives – who own different parts of the responsibilities in caring for our building and grounds: changing toilet papers and towels, replenishing supplies, cutting bushes and maintaining the garden, edging grass, cleaning the gutters, replacing light bulbs, repairing and painting, hauling in and out trash cans, . . . . . In August, our doors facing Buck Lodge were painted “hot red” by Kenneth Tebong. Pastor Pagan from Iglesia de Dios helped us with some trimming and mulching.

**Pastoral Care** – Transitions and changes continue to be the trend in our people’s lives. Leaving home for school. Moving into new houses. Preparing for a career shift. Traveling thousands of miles. Grieving the death of loved ones. Struggling with and healing from sickness. Waiting and welcoming the birth of new life. Reconciling broken relationships. Waking up from unexpected

incidences in life. . . . God’s grace and presence is evident every step of our lives. Every step – whether on the mountain top or in the valley – is worth the walk and every step needs to be celebrated. Homebound communion was served in August (at the grace-filled assistance of Janet Dolen) to Betty Bridges (at Leisure World), David and Kay Beard (at Hill Haven), and Sharon Anderson (at home). When a part of our body can no longer be with us due to factors uncontrollable to them, the body of Christ continues to provide care and show love!

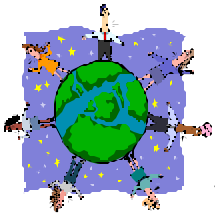
**Session and TCP combined Retreat** – A retreat and training was scheduled for both session and TCP team. However, we finished earlier due to an accident. In the short time we gathered, we went over briefly about “Who are we Presbyterians?” and the duties of elders in Presbyterian Church. We shared a couple of “fun” exercises about our attitude toward change and our aptitude toward spirituality. We also watched a few clips from the video “Sister Act” – having some conversation about why we do what we do and the spirit of teamwork!

**217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** – Almost 3 months after General Assembly meeting in Birmingham, Alabama in June, I still deeply felt the moving of the Spirit during that meeting. I especially remember the current moderator, Rev. Joan Gray, said that she wants to lead by being led (by the Holy Spirit). There will be some tough challenges ahead of our denomination and our whole church. So, let us keep those who are in leadership in our prayers that they have a God-Listening heart and mind.

**Secretary** – After nearly 2 years of dedicated service at Adelphi Presbyterian Church, Mildred Fon found a full-time job with the federal government. We are glad for her for this career advancement.

**Prayer** – A few faithful continue to show up every Wednesday night at 7:00PM for silent prayers! May God hear our prayers and accept our offerings of ourselves to God! And may God reveal God’s will and God’s vision to us as we listen attentively to God’s voice in our lives!

**Transformation** – Our journey of transformation continues, individually and communally. Sometimes, we "see" it. Sometimes, we "feel" it. Sometimes, we can describe it with words. Sometimes, transformation is too good to be verbalized. I am grateful to be on this journey with you. I know there are pains and grief still. I hope we can continue to openly and honestly talk about our pains. I trust that God will open a door of possibilities and build a high way for us to return "home" – home of a transformed and Spirit-filled Adelphi Church with clear common vision and mission!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2006

by Candace Philander and Kathie James

Vacation Bible School 2006 was a most rewarding experience for everyone involved. We served about 65 children and adults with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit through the work of many hands and the prayers of the congregation.

The curriculum, which was designed by Adelphi elders, focused on the theme "Out of Many, We Are One"--emphasizing God's love for all the world and our rich diversity at Adelphi. Each night highlighted a different area of the world: the Caribbean and other islands, Africa, Latin America, and America/Native Americans. The classes were taught by Elder Dr. Bettye Miller, Elder Jennie Cardin, and Elder Candace Philander, respectively. Scriptures relating to the theme began every lesson. Many resources came from The Children's Mission Yearbook (2003). There were also cultural games and crafts each evening. Elder Kathie James taught the teen and adult class, which studied a portion of Rick Warren's book The Purpose-Driven Church.

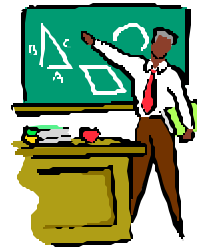
Each evening began with a feast provided by many and usually including types of foods from the area being studied. After classes, a brief worship service was held

featuring music and prayers from those countries, as well as prayers from the participants--many of whom were children.

On Friday night, a wonderful jazz concert served as the culminating event. After all participants in VBS received certificates of attendance and appreciation, dinner was served (provided in part by a member of the Lighthouse for Christ group). The group DEJA, a three-piece combo of musicians from Montgomery College, serenaded us outside on a lovely, breezy summer evening with a broad repertoire, including Gospel songs and hymns, show tunes, Duke Ellington works, and requests.

A comprehensive report of VBS is available for review in a notebook in the back of the sanctuary. Also, there are many wonderful photographs taken by Bettye Miller on display. We feel that God blessed Adelphi and all the participants in many ways, and we thank the congregation for their prayers and support.

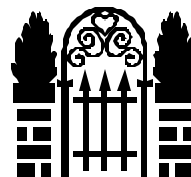
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## SECOND LANGUAGE

The ESL community service project continues under the leadership of Bettye Miller. This semester, we hired a teacher, Elizabeth Burke, who have had several years of teaching English to immigrants. Registration and classes begin on Tuesday, September 19. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30PM – 8:00PM. Registration fee is \$25. Please share the news with those you think may benefit from this service our church provide. Any questions, please call Bettye.

## WORSHIP AT HILLHAVEN



--by Kathie and Larry James

Hillhaven Assisted Living is a beautiful facility just two miles up the road from our church. As most people know, Dr. and Mrs. Beard are residents there. Recently, Rev. Yang asked that we consider leading the Sunday worship service on every fifth Sunday; we gladly accepted.

July 30 was our first experience with conducting a worship service for the residents at Hillhaven. We were delighted to see that more than 20 residents and staff members filled the parlor, including the Beards and Joan Romig. Our focus for the service was on prayer; several Scripture passages were read, interspersed with "Words of Sharing" and with hymns that the people enjoyed. We closed with prayer and then had an opportunity to chat with some of the attendees.

If there are any other members of Adelphi who would like to join us in presenting worship services, please let us know; we would be delighted to take you with us. Our next service will be at the end of October.

## WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP



by Kathie James

Six ladies gathered in the beautiful, welcoming home of Ernestine Tebong on July 15 to enjoy an abundance of delicious *food*, warm and joyful *fellowship*, and a deepening of our *faith* through the study of *A Purpose-Driven Life*. We covered chapters 3 and 4, focusing mostly on what drives our lives as individuals. We ruled out some of the most common things, including guilt, resentment, anger, fear, materialism, the need for approval, success, wealth, fame, and pleasure. We are studying these lessons to discover a life guided, controlled, and directed by God's purposes. We noted that knowing our God-given purpose keeps us focused, motivates our lives, actually simplifies our lives, gives meaning to our lives, and prepares us for eternity. We also saw that this life is indeed preparation for the next, which will be endless. We also talked about what makes Adelphi Church special, and everyone agreed

that the main things that draw us are the warm, welcoming people who sincerely care about one another and the way in which we have a unity of Christian spirit among great diversity. We spent time in prayer, both speaking and listening.

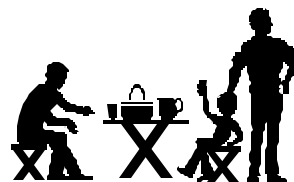
The Women's Prayer Group met on Friday evening, August 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the church. Much good and healthful food was shared as we fellowshiped together while eating. Then Evelyn Jones led the lesson from Rick Warren's *A Purpose-Driven Life*, Chapter 6. We learned that from God's point of view, life is a test, a trust, and a temporary activity. With many Scripture references, we considered the various tests that some of us had experienced and how God's hand was seen in those tests. The good news is that God wants us to pass the tests! But He tests our faith through problems, our hope by how we handle possessions, and our love through people. As for trust, we will be evaluated and rewarded according to how well we handled what God entrusted to us. The third part will be studied at our next meeting: **Friday, September 15, at 6:00 p.m. at the church.** Please read Chapter 7 and bring some food to share. Also, bring a friend!



## CONGRATULATIONS

Mackenzie Faith Kerr was born to Julie and Ted Kerr on Saturday, July 29, 2006, at 3:11 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces. Proud grandparents: Kathie and Larry James. Proud aunt: Jennie Cardin.

## BIBLE BREAKFAST CLUB

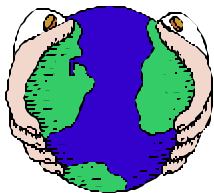


by Kathie James

The attendance record for this year was set at Bible Breakfast Club on August 20, when more than 25

people attended! We were delighted to have several guests who came for the first time, as well as people who had attended Vacation Bible School for the first time, some of our college-bound young people, and many returning friends, plus several of our "regulars." The lesson focused on Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20, where He tells us to go into all the world and tell others about Him. We reviewed the areas of the world studied in VBS, and we added more. Then each person received a beach-ball type of globe to blow up and use to locate many of these places. A game was played involving all participants, kids and adults, which required the matching of various countries with their capital cities. Our geography expert was Ayuk Ojong, followed closely by Mr. Paul Tembunde, Mr. Elie Moussa, Mebanga and Tambetta Ojong, and others. We recited the Lord's Prayer in Spanish, French, and English to include all participants. We sang "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands," and the young people sang it in the worship service as well. Our next Bible Breakfast Club meeting is September 17. Let's break August's record!

## MISSION'S INEVITABLE WAY OF



## THE CROSS

*A PC(USA) medical missionary letter from Bangladesh by Dr. Les Morgan on August 17, 2006*

**RAJSHAHI, Bangladesh** — As a college student in 1977, and as a medical student in 1980, I worked in a Presbyterian medical clinic in a refugee camp in Bangladesh.

One hot, muggy day at the overcrowded clinic, a woman brought to me a newborn baby wrapped in rags. The child had a myelomeningocele, a form of spina bifida. With no neurosurgery available to close the exposed spinal cord, I knew that the child nestled in my arms would soon die of meningitis, and that no medical treatment I could provide could save him.

Although I went on to complete my training, and have now served as a medical missionary for 17 years, I often find myself in the same situation I faced as a medical student in that refugee camp: I still care for dying patients for whom I am unable to provide the treatment they need. Such situations are inevitable for missionaries sent into a world where resources are limited and unevenly distributed. Medical missionaries have the particular task of seeking out and ministering in the name of Christ to those for whom the world's medical resources are unavailable.

The church sends medical missionaries to comfort children with leukemia who have no hope for a curative bone marrow transplant, to pray with mothers who have end-stage renal disease but for whom dialysis is only a wish, and to hold the hands of fathers who are debilitated from coronary artery disease but for whom a stent or bypass surgery is way beyond their means.

It is not difficult to find people who are sick and in need of care. The hardest part for a medical missionary is forsaking technology in order to minister to people where that technology is rendered useless. How can he carry bone marrow transplant technology to a place where there is no electricity? What good is a dialysis machine without running water? How can he prescribe bypass surgery for a man who can't afford to feed his family? Eventually, a medical missionary's journey strips him of technology and his ability to cure, and leaves him powerless in the face of disease and death.

For all Christians, if we follow our calling far enough and deep enough, the missionary journey allows us to take nothing but ourselves and the faith that guides us. Whether God calls us to people on the other side of the world or to our neighbor down the street, eventually we must forsake what we have and what we can do and offer simply who we are as followers of Jesus Christ. It is mission's inevitable way of the cross.

During one of my mobile clinic visits to the village of Nostrotpur, about 30 miles from where I work at Christian Mission Hospital in Rajshahi, a woman named Mrs. Kisku came to see me complaining of weakness and shortness of breath. Upon examination, I knew exactly the reason for her ailment – her aortic valve was

leaking, putting pressure on her heart. The only hope for a cure is heart surgery to replace the defective valve. Although a common procedure in the United States, the surgery is not available in Nosrotpur or anywhere near there. Even if it were, the family could not afford it. So I did my best with medicines to make Mrs. Kisku feel better, but I knew that the medicines would ultimately fail.

Mrs. Kisku often came to see me for a check-up, and sometimes I would admit her to the hospital to adjust her medicines. As she was quite poor, I would arrange for her to receive assistance for her hospital stay and the medicines she needed. I cared for her in this way for several months. She told me once that she had sold her chickens to pay for the rickshaw and bus fare to come see me. One day I made another mobile clinic visit to Nostrotpur, and I looked forward to checking up on Mrs. Kisku. When I arrived, however, her daughter told me that she had died. The daughter told me that as her mother lay dying she had asked for me. She had said, "I want Dr. Morgan to be here with me."

I understood then that the mission of the church transcends the resources we might provide for those in need. In the end, we must present ourselves simply as believers. Just as God sent to us his son Jesus Christ, who was born, who suffered, died and rose again in order to be with us forever, so we are called to be present to others in faith, in hope, and in love. This presence to others, in the name of Christ, is the principal evangelical task for all missionaries.

I know I will again find myself caring for someone for whom I can offer nothing but myself as a follower of Jesus Christ. But my time has taught me that I am not alone in that inevitable way of the cross. I am with all who live in faith as the body of Christ, bearing witness to his mercy and love.

(Dr. Les Morgan and his wife, Cindy, also a medical doctor were both missionary advisory delegates at 217<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. Dr. Morgan and I served on the same committee – Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships. All other PCUSA missionary letters can be found at <http://www.pcusa.org/missionconnections>)



## ***CALENDAR OF EVENT***

**September 3, Sunday** 11:00AM – Worship

**September 6, Wednesday** 7:00PM – Hillandale Community Meeting

**September 9, Saturday** 7:00PM – Pool Party and Potluck at the Milligans

**September 10, Sunday** 11:00AM – Worship

**September 12, Tuesday** 7:00PM – Session

**September 15, Friday** 6:30PM – Women's Dinner Bible Study

**September 17, Sunday**

1. 9:45AM – Bible Breakfast Club

2. 11:00AM – Worship with Communion

3. 2:00-6:00PM – TCP Teams meeting at Hope Presbyterian Church

**September 19, Tuesday** 6:30PM – ESL begins

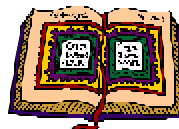
**September 24, Sunday** 11:00AM – Worship (Food Sunday)

**September 26, Tuesday** 10:00AM – Presbytery Meeting at National Presbyterian Church

September 29, Friday 6:00PM – Memorial Service for Ethel Hanson, co-officiated by Revs. Joe Condro and Eunice Yang

**Every Wednesday** 7:00PM – Prayer at church

**Every Tuesday and Thursday** (beg. Sept. 19) 6:30- 8:00PM – English as a Second Language



## ***Lectionary Reading***

**Sunday September 03**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

S.of Sol. 2:8-13,

Ps. 45:1-2,6-9



James 1:17-27  
 Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

**Sunday September 10**  
**23 Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Prov. 22:1-2,8-9,22,23  
 Ps. 125  
 James 2:1-10  
 Mark 7:24-37

**Sunday September 17**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Prov. 1:20-33  
 Ps. 19  
 James 3:1-12  
 Mark 8:27-38

**Sunday September 24**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Prov. 31:10-31  
 Ps. 1  
 James 3:13-4:3  
 Mark 9:30-37



**Help By Phone**

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

Vida and Percy Agyei-Obese August 19  
 David and Renee Milligan August 26  
 Uzo and Comfort Anigboh September 16  
 Albert and Rhoda Nixon September 19  
 Martin and Charlotte Onjong September 28

**Happy Birthday**



David Beard August 1  
 Promilla Almas August 4  
 Paul Tembune August 5  
 Evelyn Jones August 5  
 Tyler Anderson August 6  
 Kyle Penot August 9  
 Chris Smith August 15  
 Jake Master August 16  
 Christine Wattay August 18  
 Deborah Penot August 19  
 Murielle Tembunde August 25  
 Sharon Anderson August 29  
 Cherry Smith September 2  
 Vivian Takang September 4  
 Claudia Volz September 8  
 Magdalene Esemé September 17  
 Renee Milligan September 17  
 Ifeanji Anigboh September 29  
 Duane Wattay September 29

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**



**Sunday Servants**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>
<b>SEPT 3</b>	The Milligans	Paul Tembunde Neil Wiltshire	Charles Yancey
<b>SEPT 10</b>	Gail Rodman	Janet Dolen Deborah Penot	Comfort Anigboh
<b>SEPT 17</b>	The Lancasters	Jerome Farley Tad Jembere	Matilda Che
<b>SEPT 24</b>	Vida Agyei-Obese	Jake Masters Gail Rodman	Bob Finzel

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