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The Bellringer

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Special Easter Services Set:

Family Festival, petting zoo, crafts, Hallelujah Chorus

This year's Holy Day services will feature a petting zoo and egg hunt for the kids and a special performance of Handel's Hallelujah Chorus by our choir.

"We're trying to provide things for everyone, not just for kids," said Ed Richardson, director of Christian Education.

The day, traditionally the busiest Sunday for the church, kicks off with the children and family service at 9:15 a.m. Pastor Richardson will lead the service and the sermon is entitled "Christ is Risen."

At the 11 a.m. traditional service, Pastor Roger Shoup will deliver a sermon entitled "He is Risen!." The readings for Pastor Shoup's service will be Isaiah 61:1-4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1 and John 20: 1-10.

The choir has a special performance of the Hallelujah Chorus planned, which will highlight the organ's trumpets en

chamade. Jane Page and Myra Brocius will also provide violin and flute music

Between services, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., there will be a Family Easter Festival featuring a petting zoo with rabbits, ducks, and lambs borrowed from Woodberry Crossing. There will also be craft-making, Easter bug and car races and more.

"It's bringing the family together to celebrate God in our lives through art and games and crafts," said Cincy Woodruff, who is coordinating the festival.

If you are able to assist with the day's festivities, please let Marilyn or Cindy Woodruff (ccwoodruff@aol.com) know.

Other Holy Week events include a Palm Sunday bring-a-dish brunch and a concert at 4 p.m. featuring Narimichi Kawabata on the violin.

Pastor Search Update

The Pastoral Nominating Committee has received more than 50 inquiries from people interested in becoming our next pastor, and expects more to arrive.

"We have clearly some candidates who excite us and that we want to review more in depth," said Bonnie Thomson, co-chair of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

The committee has performed an informal review of the applications and is preparing to ask for additional information from a number of the candidates who seem to be a potentially good match for Govans.

The committee has also:

- * Completed the Church Information Form, an important document that expresses the values and missions of Govans for potential pastors. It is available on the Govan's website.
- * Posted our CIF with Call Referral Service.
- * Advertised with *Presbyterian Outlook*, electronically as well as in print.
- * Networked throughout the PCUSA.

- * Received a list of "matches" from Call Referral Service, a service of the national Presbyterian office that matches candidates with congregations.
- * Begun the process of reviewing individual Personal Information Forms sent by candidates.

The review of potential candidates is an ongoing process. As we receive new inquiries, we will review and determine if we want to move to the next step with each candidate and call them in for interviews.

The committee meets every week to continue our work on the search process. We have made significant progress on several of the MANY steps it takes to call a new pastor. We ask for your prayers and patience as we move forward.

Thank you for your support.

Deb Baer, Alice Orie, Myra Brosius, Jane Page, Stephen Gaede, Paul Robie, Charles Forbes, Colin Stine, Julie McDill, Bonnie Thomson

Govans Reorganization Plan Approved

The congregation has approved a reorganization plan aimed at keeping expenses in line with anticipated revenues in the coming year.

The restructuring was prompted by lower-than-expected donations and the expiration of a multi-year grant that had permitted the church to hire additional staff during the pastoral transition.

- * Effective April 14, the position of facilities manager will be eliminated.
- * The position of director of Christian Education will revert to three-quarters time on June 30, and then be eliminated altogether at the end of the year.
- * The outreach coordinator position will go to three-quarters time on June 30.
- * The position of office secretary will be reduced to 15 hours for the remainder of the year.

Unchanged will be the positions of pastor, bookkeeper, music leader and sextons.

Many churches face times of reduced congregational involvement during pastoral transitions, and Govans has been no exception.

“Giving has gone down, membership has gone down and expenses have gone up,” said Clerk of Session Jeanne Stine.

She expressed hope that members will become more involved, both in giving and volunteering, during the transitional period.

At the end of the congregational meeting at which the plan was adopted, Pastor Shoup congratulated the committee and members for the tenure of the discussion and passion of their views.

“People have been able to speak to each other with commitment and passion but behind it has been a tone of respect,” Shoup said.

The staffing changes were necessary to reduce a budget deficit that was projected to hit \$110,000 this year without cuts. With the savings, that will be cut roughly in half. Other cost-saving and revenue-raising ideas are being explored.

Reminder



Deadline for Bellringer Articles is the **15th** of every month. Please send them to gpcoffice@yahoo.com.

Kawabata to perform

Narimichi Kawabata, a Japanese violinist whose debut album “On Wings of a Son” broke records for sales a classical album in 1999, will perform at Govans on Sunday, April 9 at 4 p.m.

The concert will benefit Woodberry Crossing’s summer camp for inner-city youth. The cost is \$10.

A reception will follow the performance, which will also feature Daniel-Ben Pienaar, a South African-born pianist.

Kawabata, who is visually impaired, started to study the violin at the age of 10 and learns music by ear alone. He won third place at the Japan Music competition at the age of 18 and graduated from the Toho School of Music and studied at London’s Royal Academy of Music.

Worship At Govans

- * April 9: Palm Sunday. “Hosanna”
Dr. Richardson
- * April 13, Maundy Thursday (7:30 p.m.)
Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
- * April 14: Good Friday (7:30 p.m.)
“Words from the Cross”
- * April 16: Easter Sunday.
“He is Risen.” Isaiah 61: 1-4;
2 Corinthians 4: 16-5:1; John 20: 1-10
- * April 23: Resume Sermon Series:
“The Sermon on the Mount, Then and Now”
“Blessed are the Peacemakers?”
Isaiah 2: 1-5; 1 Corinthians 14: 26-33a;
Matthew 5:9

April

WORSHIP LEADERS

April 2: Barbara Kemp

April 9: JoAnn Copes

April 16: Betsy Toland

April 23: Lois Boyd

April 30: Corky Shaw

From the Pastor's Study

Recently, I realized that the seasons of Lent, Easter and Eastertide have become, for me, a spiritual "wake up call". Lent, with its liturgies of confession, repentance, penance and absolution; its Sunday services of worship together with Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday; its disciplines of prayer, study and contemplation, altogether the solemnity of Lent is for me, and I hope for you, a spiritual "wake up call" to change what can be changed if we are to continue to deepen our relationship with the One who died for us that we might live for him.

On Easter and during Eastertide, solemnity becomes celebration. No one has captured that more than my favorite poet, Ann Weems. Enjoy and learn while reading this selection from Reaching for Rainbows, pp. 49-50:

<p><i>"I think on Easter morning we should throw confetti in church! No? What about a little fanfare? A deafening drum roll? A three-minute standing ovation? What? Have we had the drums beaten out of us That we in the celebrative community can't really Get excited About God's aliveness? About God's love given to us unconditionally? Have we given Easter to the lily bearers, the bunny rabbits, the Patent leather shoes? Let's face it: We live as though we don't believe in Easter... We can rock a Baby We can weep for a Dead Man: But what can we do for a 33-year-old who won't let the story end?</i></p>	<p><i>Easter scares us Because we're the people who can't believe That God gives us abundant life; We think we have to earn it. In our pull-yourself-up-by-your-own-bootstraps soci- ety It's hard to remember that God doesn't buy the self- made man. So we in the church spend our lives showing God What good people we are, What achievers we are, How much we deserve God's love We want to pay our own way, But Easter says it's already been paid! Easter says, no matter how prodigal, We can go home again! So come to the Easter party! Let's celebrate that amazing grace That in Christ's resurrection We are still loved even at our most outrageous. The Lord has given us the music; All we need to do is dance it! Come to the Easter party."</i></p>
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I look forward to worshipping with you during this holy season. Why not bring someone with you who is looking for a church home and a life-giving faith. Please continue to uphold Govans Presbyterian Church in your prayer and affection.

Grace and Peace,
Roger

BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join the "Pastor's Bible Study" (PBS). Roger will lead participants in an examination of the "Sermon on the Mount". PBS will meet every Tuesday, 11:30 am-12:30 pm until June 27 in the Library. Everyone is welcome! Bring a friend! Any questions? Contact Roger.



APRIL

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| 1st
Barbara Stumpf | 14th
Rachel Morgan |
| 3rd
Amanda Dalton | 16th
Cory Frantz |
| 5th
Dana Elliott | 18th
Peter Causton |
| 6th
Jean Richardson | Matt Knutson |
| Alison Petersen | Sandra Knutson |
| 7th
Meghan Hamilton | Spencer Jozwiak |
| 8th
Jenny Petersen | Will Conrad |
| 9th
Jim Williams | 20th
Ruth Draper |
| Jessie Morgan | 22nd
Brian Harris |
| 11th
Carol McAfee | Alyssa Chesney |
| 12th
Quincy Sugiuchi | 24th
Janet Corson |
| 13th
Peter Conrad | 25th
Susan Platt |
| Donna | Jacob Motter |
| O'Laughlen | 28th
Will Draper |
| | Jason Turnock |
| | 29th
Barry Bryant |

Preschool Press

By Pam Ferguson, Director

On Wednesday, April 19th the Annapolis Children's Museum will present "How Does Your Garden Grow?" to the teachers and children of the Preschool. The children will actively participate in learning about plants by tasting different parts of plants. They will then get to plant seeds to grow their own vegetables. Some of these vegetables will be transplanted to the Preschool garden located near the ramp to the Senior Center. The children have enjoyed seeing the bulbs that they planted last fall burst into beautiful flowers this spring.

The Mental Health Association, Kids on the Block program, for three to five-year old children, will present a program on the importance of recognizing and coping with feelings. The children will watch a short video on conflict resolution, practice "Freeze, Breathe, 1-2-3" and sing songs.

On Thursday, April 27th the four-year old class and the kindergarten will attend a performance at the Baltimore Museum of Art. They will see a puppet show, "Puss'n Boots", given by Virginia's award winning Applause Puppets.

We are now accepting registration for our summer program "Around the World". Come join us for one or all four of our camp sessions. Each camp session runs for two weeks and is held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The children will explore different countries of the world through stories, music, dramatic play, science and arts and crafts. As offered during the school year, Extended Care hours are available from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at an additional cost. Parents may register for this service daily, weekly or monthly.



J O B S E A R C H

The Senior Center Board of Directors is now engaged in a search for an Executive Director for Senior Network of North Baltimore which has been providing entertainment, enrichment, enjoyment, and education to Baltimore seniors since 1974.

We seek an individual to ensure quality program delivery; enhance the organization's growth and visibility through public presence; raise funds in a challenging economic environment and provide overall management direction.

This individual will report to the Board of Directors; handle personnel management; oversee fundraising, including grant writing, special events and annual giving campaign and oversee financial management, including the budgetary process and an annual financial statement audit.

This person will need a minimum B.A. degree in Gerontology, Psychology, Sociology, Business Administration or related field. Good oral and written communication skills as well as strong computer skills are also a requirement.

Applicants should send a cover letter, resume and three references to James H. Williams, 11 Hamlet Hill Road, Unit 705, Baltimore, Maryland 21210-1517 or email to jimwilliams111@comcast.net.

Christian 'ED' Notes

Teacher Recognition. The Children and Youth Ministry area will be recognizing the Sunday school teachers on May 21, 2006 during both worship services. These teachers have devoted their time and talents to leading children and youth through this past year. They have provided not only a learning environment for the children and youth, but also a warm and caring place where they learn of God's love through the love of others. So when you see those listed below, take a moment and thank them for their diligent work and their care and concern for our children and youth.

Amber Gaede, Sharon Ray, Kelly Shay, Ken Greene, Andrea Cox, Stephen Gaede, Kathy Zito, Betty Flint, Cindy Woodruff, Ramona Hoyle, Jane Page and Carol Frigo has served as our faithful and dependable Sunday School Co-Superintendents this year.

Thank You. A special thanks goes out to Andrea Grzybowski, our kids club worker. Andrea has been a caring presence for those children in the 11:00 service who attend Kid's Club. We wish her well as she move on to other adventures

Easter Festival

On Easter Sunday, April 16, the Children and Family Ministry Area will host an Easter Festival in Sharp Hall. There will be activities for all ages and families are encouraged to participate. There will be a unique form of Easter egg hunt for families so you will not want to miss it. We will also have some animals from Woodberry Crossing joining us this year.

Special Adult Forum Coming in May

The Da Vinci Code Lives! Two years after our original series of lessons on the best selling novel, The Da Vinci Code, we are once again presenting a three week series preparing people for the much anticipated movie to be released May 19, 2006. Here is the topics and dates for the study.

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| Sunday, May 7 | Symbolism and the Da Vinci Code– What are some of the “clues” needed to break the code? A quick look at what is reality and what is fiction and what is somewhere in between. |
| Sunday, May 14 | The Da Vinci code-A review of the story of the book and a look at some of the places the movie will take us. |
| Sunday, May 21 | Da Vinci, the man and the myth. An exploration of Da Vinci and his life interpreted through his books, manuscripts and paintings. Dr Jonathan Pevsner from Johns Hopkins leads this forum. Dr. Pevsner is a Da Vinci scholar with a collection of over 600 books on the master. |

Reaching Out

By Marilyn Forbes

Wanted: Volunteers to make our church run more smoothly. There are many needs. Contact Jeananne Stine at 410.377.0978.

Missing: We are missing many of you from our services. Please come and meet our new interim minister. We look forward to seeing you on Palm Sunday, Easter and the Sundays to follow!

Meet our New Members

We welcomed two new members to our church family on March 26th at the 9:15 worship service.

Mary Cox, mother of Cathy Vickers, lives at 7314 Heinle Ave, Rose-dale, 21234. Joy Dignan was her sponsor as she joined.

Juanita (Cricket) Badders, 6409 Hartwait Ave, 21224. Kit Clark was her sponsor.

Both members have already become involved in Adult Options and helping prepare and serve Sunday refreshments.

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:

April 9 Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Ps. 118: 1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50: 4-9; Ps. 31: 9-16;

Phil. 2: 5-11; Mark 14: 141-15:47 or Mark 15: 1-39 (40-47)

April 16 Easter

Acts 10: 34-43 or Isa 25: 6-9; Ps. 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1

Cor. 15: 1-11 or Acts 10: 34-43; John 20: 1-18 or Mark 16: 1-8

April 23 2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 4: 32-35; Ps. 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20: 19-31

April 30 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3: 12-19; Ps 4; 1 John 2: 1-7; Luke 24: 36b-48

April 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 8:00 Fresh Breeze SH 4:00 Gospelfest Same
2 9:15 Children and Family 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	3	4 10:00 Staff Mtg. 11:30 Bible Study 5:30 Preschool Staff Mtg	5 7:00 Lenten Study 7:30 C & F Band 8:00 PNC	6 7:30 Chancel Choir	7	8
9 PALMSUNDAY 9:15 Children and Family 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	10	11 10:00 Staff Mtg. 11:30 Bible Study	12 7:00 Lenten Study 7:30 C & F Band 8:00 PNC	13 7:30 Maunday Thursday Holy Communion	14 7:30 Good Friday Service Preschool CLOSED SNNB CLOSED	15
16 EASTER 9:15 Children and Family 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	17 Church Office CLOSED Preschool CLOSED SNNB OPEN	18 10:00 Staff Mtg. 11:30 Bible Study 7:00 Ministry Area Meetings	19 4:00-8:00 Counseling Center Graduation 7:30 C & F Band 7:30 PNC	20 7:30 Chancel Choir	21 9:00 Reminiscing WR	22 10:00-2:00 Woodberry Crossing Spring Fling Parkton, MD
23 9:15 Children and Family 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Confirmation Class	24	25 10:00 Staff Mtg. 11:30 Bible Study 1:00 Red Hat Society SH 7:00 Session	26 7:30 C & F Band 7:30 PNC	27 7:30 Chancel Choir	28 6:00 Confirmation Retreat begins	29 10:00 Clerks Meeting (G) All day Confirmation Retreat
30 9:15 Children and Family 10:00 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 2:00 Confirmation Retreat						

SNNB: Senior Network of North Baltimore

Located in the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center

The SNNB offers a variety of programs and activities for senior adults. Below are a few of the activities for this month. For more information on any of these programs, please call SNNB at 410-323-7131.



Computer Classes Begins

Introduction to Computers

May 12th – June 16th, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. \$45.00

Learn to turn a computer on and off properly and use the mouse. Open programs and learn how to use Help. Increase your confidence & more!

No experience necessary – this very basic course prepares you to explore the computer world.

Working with Word

May 12th – June 16th, 2006

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$45.00

Work with Microsoft Word to create documents, lists and tables.

You must know how to maneuver the cursor and select text. *Prerequisite – Intro to computers and MS Word*

Internet and E-mail

May 12th – June 16th, 2006

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. \$45.00

Learn to search the web and create an e-mail account.

You must know how to maneuver the cursor, and select text *Prerequisite – Intro to Computers.*

eBay

Thursday, May 18th, 2006

10: am - 12 Noon

Cost: \$20

Computer instructor Kathleen Risk will introduce you to the auction for buying and selling online, eBay.

She will look up items for you or help you to browse yourself. Find out how much things are selling for and what you need to do to buy or sell online. Reservations are required.



OPPORTUNITIES AT SNNB

MEDICATION CHECK-UP

Friday, April 7th, 2006

Noon - 3:30 pm Call the office to set an appointment.

MY MEDICARE MATTERS

Monday, April 17th, 2006

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Call Office to set an appointment.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Wednesdays, April 12th & 26th at 10:30 am

THE HEALING POWER OF MUSIC

Friday May 26th 12:45 pm

This wonderful event will feature soloist soprano Gay Plantenia, who will sing and discuss the healing power of music through times of illness, stress and hardship.

MORNING COFFEE AND DONUTS

May 3rd 9:30 - 10:30 am

Join us for coffee, donuts and some fellowship with our friends. Donations accepted. Call to sign up.

EXERCISE

Mondays & Wednesdays

4/10/06 - 7/3/06 11:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Cost: \$25 Instructor: Marie Conn

FRENCH

Mondays, 5/1 - 6/26/06 10:00 am - 11:30 am

cost: \$30 Instructor: Sarah Buxton

STORIES OF THE BIBLE

Fridays May 19th - June 30th

9:00 - 11:00 am Cost: \$30

Dr. Robert Speer will share stories from the Bible from a literary & historical view point. Registration required.

MTA Cards

Thursday, April 13th

10 am—Noon FREE

If you would like to update or get a new MTA Card, bring proof of age. *(You must be 65 yrs. old)*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE SENIOR NETWORK OF NORTH BALTIMORE. CALL SNNB OR PICK UP A SILVERSCOOP TO SEE ALL THE DIFFERENT TRIPS THE SENIOR NETWORK IS SPONSORING.



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GOVANS SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE

With Contemporary Music

Coordinator: Mike Kirkpatrick

10:10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ADULT OPTIONS

11:00 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

with Organ and Chancel Choir

Director of Music, William Wisnom

BARRIER FREE

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR

BOTH SERVICES

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Ellen Morriss Memorial Labyrinth

is open from dawn to dusk daily