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May 2006

The Bellringer

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Pastor Search Update:

The Pastoral Nominating Committee is still receiving applications from interested candidates to lead our congregation and anticipates setting up interviews for late spring.

In several cases, the committee has requested additional information from candidates whose informational forms indicate they may be a good match for Govans. We are in the process

of reviewing the additional information and listening to sermons to determine if we want to move forward towards interviews. We have begun to craft our interview questions.

-Bonnie Thomson

Spring Flea Market:

The Great Govans Flea Market - an important source of funds for the church and a terrific source of clothes, gifts, sporting equipment and other hard-to-find necessities - will be from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 20.

Besides the bargain-hunting, it is also an opportunity to clean out your attic. The church accepts donated goods in advance and sells them - keeping the proceeds for our important mission and other work. For the more ambitious, tables can also be rented for a nominal fee at which families can sell their own wares and keep the proceeds.

"We have a regular group who shows up to check out what they can find. I suspect there are certain items that have circulated among several families," said Mike Field, who is organizing the event this year.

"I've found some really cool finds along the way - there are always some unique pieces of furniture and some house wares and I my kids always find some toy that they must have or they will perish," Field said.

The event is as much a festival as a sale. Regular vendors attend, selling collectable books, jewelry and other items, and members make and sell food. "There is usually really good chili and hot dogs. I usually feed my kids there," Field said.

The event is held on the front lawn of the church unless it rains, in which case it is moved inside to Sharp Hall.

Clerk of Session Jeananne Stine said the event has been a popular one for many years. Vendors were already calling last seeking the date so they can rent a table and attend. "They are a lot of fun. You see everyone," Stine said.

If you have items you would like to donate for sale, please leave them at the church, marked 'Flea Market'. (Don't take them downstairs, but leave them at the Dungeon door.) Please try to get your items to us before May 16th, so we have time for sorting, pricing, and set up.

This is usually our most successful fundraiser and we hope that everyone will come out to support it. Here are some ways that you can help:

On Tuesday, May 16 through Friday, May 19, we will need help at the church; going through the treasures we've received, pricing them, and setting them up for display. (This is a great way to preview items you might like to buy!)

Then on Saturday, May 20, we will need help with:

1. Work a table, selling things for a few hours.
2. Help in the kitchen, serving and selling food items.
3. Donate baked goods (Call Mary Weller, 410-828-1227).
4. Help clean up. (Note: We will also need trucks to haul what we don't sell to Value Village.)
5. Come, and shop, and eat, and visit with friends!

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, call Mike Field (410-426-2146) or Jeananne Stine (410-377-0978), or you can always talk to them at church!

Letters - Thanks: Giving And Receiving

The Easter Family Festival offered family members and friends a chance to celebrate the season by participating in crafts, games, an egg hunt and a petting zoo. It was a relaxing time to appreciate the glory of God's creations. We would like to thank Beth and Barry Bryant and family for bringing their babies (rabbits, goat, ducklings and a lamb!) to our Peace Garden area. Thanks also to the youth who staffed the tables, inflated balloons and hid the eggs. We also would like to thank the Gaedes and Barbara Pulyer for assisting with the craft projects. We hope most of you found your eggs and enjoyed the surprises inside of them.

Our next big event is Youth Sunday on May 14 where we honor mothers and special women in our lives. If you would like to help with music, theatre, storytelling, readings, supervision or any other part of the services on this special day, please contact Cindy Woodruff at 410-377-5256 or ccwoodruff@aol.com.

Neil and I want to thank our friends at Govans for their prayers and concerns for our precious daughter Kathy. We appreciated so much the women who helped to prepare the luncheon and those who so generously brought food. Kathy's long struggle with ovarian cancer is over now, and we feel that she is in a better place. Thank you for your kindness.

Love,
Shirley & Neil Michael

This is a love note to Govans Presbyterian Church. You nourished my body with good food. You nourished my soul with good wishes and prayers. You nourished my spirits with cards and notes that lifted my spirits when I was feeling very down.

Thank you. I will pray for you now.
Love,
Dotty Sharp

Thank you so much for honoring me at the Sunday service. I'm sure it will be a once in a life time experience for me. The reception was lovely, the cake delicious, the cross beautiful, and the flowers so very pretty. I cannot express how special you made me feel. It has been a pleasure working with folks at Govans, and I will miss you. May life bring you a reflection of the kindness you've shown to others. God Bless you always and in all ways and, again, thank you for my special day.

Pat Jeffers

Thanks to all our Govans fiends who brought food, helped to serve, and clean up at the Easter reception - Sylvia Usher, Judy Western, Kaycee Mac Dougall, and Kit Clark. A very special thanks to Cricket Badders and Mary Cox who brought pastries and many delicious sandwiches for us to enjoy, and to Jeananne Stein for her wonderful bunny cake. Everyone should have gotten their fill of Easter treats.

Marilyn Forbes

May Worship Leaders

May 7: Robin Chandlee

May 14: JoAnn Copes

May 21: Betsy Toland

May 28: Drew Anderson

Lectionary for the Lord's Day

May

May 7: Ezekiel 43: 21-24, Colossians 4: 2-6, Matthew 5:13

May 14: Ed Richardson - Acts 8: 26-40, Psalm 22: 25-31

May 21: Psalm 27: 1-4, Corinthians 4: 1-6, Matthew 5: 14-16

May 28: Matthew 8: 5-13

May Sermons

- * May 7: Communion Sunday. Sermon: "Needed, Salty Christians."
- * May 14: Youth Sunday. Pastor Richardson leads.
- * May 21: "What's the Difference?"
- * May 28: Memorial Day Weekend. Sermon: "Who Will Remember?"

Reminder!

Deadline for Bellringer articles is the **15th** of every month. Please send them to gpcoffice@yahoo.com or place in Bellringer mail slot in the work room with subject line "Bellringer article".

Thank you.

May 2006

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>1 12:30 pm Women's Circle (WR) 6:30 pm Belvedere Improvement Assn. K. Evans (SH)</p>	<p>2 10 Staff Meeting 11:30 Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>3 7:30 PNC (WR) 7:30 C&F Band</p>	<p>4 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5 9:30 Yoga (SH)</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7 9:15 Children & Family Worship 10 Sunday School 11 Traditional Worship</p>	<p>8 9-12:15 Foot Care SNNB (pg. 6)</p>	<p>9 10 Staff Meeting 11:30 Pastor's Bible Study</p>	<p>10 9:30 AARP (SNNB) 7:30 PNC (WR) 7:30 C&F Band</p>	<p>11 9:00 Medicare D Enrollment 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 9:30 Yoga (SH) 11 Reminiscing (WR)</p>	<p>13 3-10 pm Govans Youth Spa-ghetti Dinner (SH)</p>
<p>14 9:15 Children & Family Worship 10 Sunday School 11 Traditional Wor-ship)</p> <p>Mother's Day Youth Sunday</p>	<p>15 9-12:15 Foot Care SNNB (pg. 6)</p>	<p>16 10 Staff Meeting 11:30 Pastor's Bible Study 1:00 ID Bracelets SNNB (see pg.6)</p>	<p>17 7:30 PNC (WR) 7:30 C&F Band</p>	<p>18 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>19 9:00 Parables in the Bible (see pg. 5) 9:30 Yoga (SH)</p>	<p>20 8:00 - 1:00 Spring Flea Market!</p>
<p>21 9:15 Children & Family Worship 10 Sunday School 11 Traditional Worship</p>	<p>22 2-4 pm Preschool Art & Music Festival (SH)</p>	<p>23 10 Staff Mtg. 11:30 Pastor's Bible Study 7PM All Ministry Areas</p>	<p>24 7:30 PNC (WR) 7:30 C&F Band</p>	<p>25 7:30 Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>26 9:00 Parables in the Bible (see pg. 5) 9:30 Yoga (SH) 11 Reminiscing (WR)</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 9:15 Children & Family Worship 10 Sunday School 11 Traditional Worship</p>	<p>29 MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>30 10 Staff Mtg. 11:30 Pastor's Bible Study 7PM Session</p>	<p>31 7:30 PNC (WR) 7:30 C&F Band</p>			

Birthdays



1st	
Peter Heller	13th
2nd	David Draper
Cara Shipley	Madison Gaede
4th	15th
Kim Kesler	Ross Pannebecker
5th	16th
Kirsten Pamfilis	Helen Kovach
Madison Pamfilis	17th
Hailey Gaede	Wayne Maddox
Garett Hatz	Fouad Matrouk
7th	18th
Bruce Robinson	Trudi Mitchell
Doris Shenk	Allison Lins
8th	21st
Doris Norris	Jody Sharp
Quanisha Chapman	23rd
9th	Theresa Jones
Lee Seabolt	25th
10th	Kelly Busick
Stephen Gaede	27th
Peter Mellott	Georgia Kern
Sharon Ray	29th
11th	Fabi Nathan
Alice Orie	31st
Jay Ouellette	Beth Brya
12th	
Blair Farrand	
Alexander Neudeck	

Preschool Press

By Pam Ferguson, Director

The Johns Hopkins CARES Safety Center will be located on the Preschool parking lot from 9-12 pm on Monday, May 8th. This bus contains a “house on wheels” and fun, interactive exhibits and low-cost safety products. Parents are invited to tour the bus with their children to learn more about injury risks that are found in the home and how they can prevent them. Accidental injuries are the leading cause of death for children.

The Preschool will have its annual Art and Music Festival on Sunday, May 21st from 2-4 pm. The children will sing songs that they learned throughout the year and will be led by their music teacher Mrs. Renee Hoegberg. This year the children will sing in the church sanctuary at 2:15 pm. When the musical presentation is complete, families are invited to Sharp Hall to view the amazing art display created by their children. We will have an Ice Cream Sundae Social to complete the afternoon’s festivities.

There are still spaces for preschool children ages two through kindergarten in our summer camp program. The children will be taking a trip around the world this summer to learn about other cultures through music, arts and crafts, cooking, movement, and games. There will be four two-week camp sessions beginning on June 19th. The cost of each two-week session is \$150. The program will run from 9-12 pm. Full-time care is available from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. For Families who need child care in August, the Preschool will be open for Extended Care the entire month. Please contact Preschool office at 410-435-8189.

BIG DOINGS IN THE GOVANS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY



Wonder who is buried in our Cemetery? Now, you can find out from the Govans website, www.govanspres.org. Previously, the cemetery records were recorded in a big, old, heavy book in our church office. With the help of Julie McDill, Sharon Ray, Linda McIvor, Steve Gaede, William and Barbara Andersen, these records were computerized, alphabetized and added to the church's website.

The next project is to update and correct “Tombstone Inscriptions of Govans Presbyterian Church Cemetery” published by the Baltimore County Genealogical Society. Jack Toland has volunteered to help with this project.

William A. “Drew” Andersen

Observe Wills Emphasis: May 7, which encourages Presbyterians to consider including the church or its various missions in a will. Call (800) 858-6127 for more information.

From the Pastor's Study
A Message from Interim Pastor Roger Shoup, D.Min.

I was ordained into the Ministry Word and Sacrament in June 1963. For twenty-four years I was an installed pastor of three churches. For these past nineteen years, I have served ten churches as Interim Pastor. It was not until I became an interim pastor that I discovered that listening is as important as speaking and often it is more useful as a way to understand the heart and soul of a church or a person. I believe Jesus listened as well as he preached and because he listened to them, people listened to him.

Since January, staff and officers of Govans Baltimore Presbytery have taken time from their busy schedules to arrange a "listening session" with me. It is an invaluable opportunity for me to listen to these women and men tell me their life story; describe their spiritual journey and share experience, insight, and expectation as a member of this congregation.

I want to listen to as many members this congregation as possible. The more members that I listen to, the more effective I will be as your interim pastor. If you are willing to gift me with your time and truth, please contact to arrange for a "listening session" at a time that is mutually convenient.

I must confess that I wasn't a very good listener when I was an installed pastor. Listening is an that requires focus, discipline, and a capacity for delight when surprised; compassion when saddened; understanding when trusted. I am becoming a better listener and will continue to improve with your help and God's enduring patience.

Grace and Peace
Roger Shoup, D. Min.

BIBLE STUDY

You are invited to join the Pastor's Bible Study. Roger will lead Participants in an examination of the "Sermon on the Mount". The study will meet every Tuesday from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm until June 27 in the Waverly Room. Everyone is welcome!!

Parables in the Bible: 5/19—6/30, 9-11 am.
Cost \$30. Instructor: Rev. Robert Speer.
SNNB. Call 410-323-7131 for details.

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.

Christian ‘ED’ Notes.

Sunday School to end May 21. With Memorial day weekend May 28 and the all church picnic and one service on June 4, we have decided to end Sunday School on Sunday May 21. We thank everyone for their support and participation this past year. Sunday School and Adult Study Options will begin again on September 10, 2006 with Rally Day

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.

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 are the topics and dates for the study.

- 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.

Children and Youth Our next big event is Youth Sunday on May 14 where we honor mothers and special women in our lives. If you would like to help with music, theatre, storytelling, readings, supervision or any other part of the services on this special day, please contact Cindy Woodruff at 410-377-5256 or cewoodruff@aol.com.

SNNB: Senior Network of North Baltimore
(cont. on pg. 7)

The Senior Network of North Baltimore continues to interview candidates for Executive Director. We hope to announce the hiring of someone soon. Although we accepted Assistant Director-Sandy Simmons’ resignation after four years of service, Mary Swem is in place to make sure we do not miss a beat. while we look for Sandy’s replacement. We have launched our annual campaign and hope you will contribute generously this year to this wonderful asset in our community.

Jim Williams, President, Board of Directors.

I.D. Bracelets:

May 16, 1:00—3:00 pm.
Representatives from the North Precinct of Baltimore City Police Department will be at the Senior Network to explain and register

These silver-colored bracelets are inscribed with identification numbers that link the wearer with a Police Department database that stores home addresses, telephone numbers, emergency contacts, vehicle information and information about basic medical needs. For further information, contact Cora at 410-323-7131.

Foot Care for Seniors:

May 8 & May 15, cost \$10

Foot evaluation clinic; those with diabetes given first preference. There will be three clients from 9 am to 10:30 am and three 10:45 to 12:15 pm. Peg Massey with 30 yrs experience will work with seniors and evaluate problems of the foot, especially diabetes. Call Mary ASAP for details on items you are to bring with you and for sign-up. 410-323-7131.

For further details on the Senior Network of North Baltimore, see the newsletter, ‘**The Silver Scoop**’. You may pick it up in the gallery, or have it delivered to your home. Contact the SNNB office at 410-323-7131.

**The Bellringer has a New Feature -
New ways communicating with the congregation...**

Communications

Each ministry area is submitting a monthly article for publication in a feature section. We hope you like this initiative for spreading the news of ministry area activities.

Stephen Gaede has assembled the membership and friends' roster for publication on the website in the month of May. He is working on establishing blogs for members to express their thoughts about activities the ministry area you are interested in.

Last, the telephones have been transferred to Verizon which resulted in phone lines being down for the expected 2 or 3 weeks.

Joe Hamilton
Chairman

Congregational Care

Congregational Care makes the homebound members know they are an important part of our community.

The Ministry area continues to deliver flowers to home-bound members, as well as to those who may be recuperating from surgery, etc. Besides faithfully visiting the residents of Roland Park Place, Donna North has begun her own ministry of mailing birthday cards to all of our homebound members—thank you Donna for your caring concern! She is also taking upon herself to resume mailing the Sunday bulletins to homebound members. Mary Faith Ferretto will be posting our most current list of congregational care members in the gallery, please check the list and drop a note or a card to friends you haven't seen in a while! They will enjoy hearing from you and knowing that they are in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks always to our session liaison, Edith Brown, who always has a joyful smile. Edith delivers much love to our homebound friends. She is such a team player and works with us to see that folks in need receive flowers each Sunday. Jean Richardson joyfully continues to help with the communion ministry, as well as assisting with funerals and other receptions.

Mary Faith Ferreto

Facilities

The new spring season reminds us that change is constant. Some changes are difficult and bring new challenges. Due to budget constraints we could no longer continue the position of Facilities Manager. We will miss the energy, commitment and experience that Charles Kearsse brought to this position and wish him well as he starts his new venture.

Volunteers are stepping up in many ways to contribute to maintaining the church property. Our first outside workday was on Saturday April 29. Weeding and trimming shrubs will be an ongoing challenge this

summer so watch for announcements future work-days to join us for fresh air, fun, fellowship!

Two new HVAC units are being installed to serve the sanctuary. One replaces a unit that was damaged by lightning last summer.

Laura Kittle

Senior Network of North Baltimore	
<p style="text-align: center;">Quilting Thursdays, 5/11-6/15 10am-noon Cost \$25.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Line Dancing Wednesdays, 3/22-5/24 1:30-3:00 pm Cost:\$25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Painting Studio Thursdays, 3/16-5/18 12:30-2:30 pm Cost:\$30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gentle Yoga Fridays, 3/17-6/2 9:30-10:30 a.m. Instructor: Joanna Brandt Cost \$38</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Book Lovers Tues, May 9th 12:30 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">French Mondays, 5/1—6/26 10-11:30 am Cost \$30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Advanced French Tuesdays, 4/11-5/16 10-12 pm Cost \$50</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Bridge Clinic for beginners Tuesdays, 10:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bridge Club Thursdays 12:30-2:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exercise Mondays and Wednesdays, 1/2-3/29 11-12pm Instructor: Marie Conn Cost \$25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tai Chi Mondays & Thursdays, 3/27—6/5 12:30-1:30pm Instructor: Jennifer Lake-Mauldin Cost: \$35 two days</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Walking Club Tuesday & Thursday 9 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reminiscing Club 2nd & 4th Fridays of the month 11 am.</p>



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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

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BOTH SERVICES

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Ellen Morriss Memorial Labyrinth

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