

Woods Chips



Dear Friends,

January 19, 2010, No. 2

The Bible does not record that Jesus

invited anyone to church...or to synagogue for that matter. Jesus' invitations focused instead on opportunities to know God and to develop a spiritual existence and to serve others. His invitations were not exclusive. In fact, "the more, the merrier" prevailed as an attitude. He was clearly enthusiastic and generous about what he was inviting people to...and those who accepted and followed were moved, at least in part, by Jesus' conviction and caring.



Each of us enjoys some aspect of Woods Church that holds a special focus as we live out our particular and unique calls in this place. It may be mission, pastoral care, teaching or fellowship, or something else. In any case, it brings a kind of joy to your life that you simply want to share with friends. When you invite friends to "church", you are really inviting them to "Woods", to an experience that focuses and sustains your faith;

that gives you the under girding for whatever it is you do out in the world. Just like Jesus, we can't help but want to share that invitation.

January 31st will be Friendship Sunday at Woods. Please invite friends to come to church with you that day so that they may have the opportunity to see what is the source and foundation of your living. We will also be offering you an opportunity to become a First Friend for one of our new members by filling out a brief card indicating your interest in that mentoring project.

Nancy Lincoln Reynolds

Joy and Laughter Sunday



We will be continuing the Woods tradition of a Joy and Laughter Sunday on the Sunday following Easter this year.

You are invited to send any good, clean, religious humor to me for consideration. Good – i.e., funny and respectful of persons and faith communities; Clean – goes without saying; Religious – touching on some aspect of faith or church-going. I have been collecting "holy humor" for over 15 years and have an abundant supply, but would love to hear from any of you who have a joke that makes you chuckle. E-mail to fchurn@woodschurch.org.

Meet the Staff

Rev. Floyd W. Churn, Interim Pastor,
Rev. Nancy Lincoln Reynolds, Associate Pastor
Rev. Elizabeth D. McLean, Associate Pastor
Brandon Brewer, Youth Director
Tom Lerario, Executive Director for Administration
Pam Fusting Dir. of Families with Children
Laura Albanese, Coordinator
Dong-Hyuk Lee, Director of Music
Hilda Gore, Worship Leader
Sheila McPhee, Mission Director
Jessica Kemper, Director for CDC
Rev. Dr. John E. Myhill, Parish Associate

Counseling Center

Rev. Dr. Jon E. Williams, Parish Associate
Lori Janssen, Director



Families with Children's Ministry

Pam Fusting, Director &
Laura Albanese, Coordinator



Preparing for the Lord's Table

Sunday, February 14, 12:30-2:30 pm -

We invite your family (parents and children grades K-5) to join us for lunch and an afternoon hands-on workshop. As Presbyterians we believe that we are received into the family of God through baptism; therefore baptized children are welcome at the Lord's Table. The workshop will help children understand the significance of the Lord's Supper and help parents determine their child's readiness to participate in this sacrament. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or on the bulletin board in the Education Wing.

Rotation Workshop Calendar:

Workshop Unit on **Jesus at the Synagogue** continues through 1/24. New Unit begins January 31st: **Three Women of Faith—Dorcus, Lydia, and Priscilla.**

Main Idea- Wise and courageous women of faith showed their love of God and Jesus through their faith and service. These women can be role models reflecting the image of God for all of us.

9:30 am

Grade	1/24	1/31
1 st	Computers	Art
2 nd	Cooking	Computers
3 rd	Science	Cooking
4 th	Storytelling	Storytelling
5 th	Art	Games

11:00 am

PreK-1 st Young	Young
Children in Worship	Children in Worship

2nd-5th Art
Storytelling

Sunday School Workshop Leaders Still Needed! We are still looking to fill a few open workshop leader spots in early 2010. Workshop leaders commit to a 4-5 week session and teach the same lesson each week to a different grade. Curriculum and support are provided! Please contact Pam Fusting pfusting@woodschurch.org to see where you can help. Remember the only qualifications needed are a love of God and a willingness to share it with His youngest followers.

Check out Woods Web Site

www.woodschurch.org.

Sunday sermons are available online
(text and audio).

Adult Ministry, Rev. Elizabeth McLean

The Big Event is coming...



Every year the Presbytery of Baltimore offers a day-long educational forum at Woods for lay people and clergy called "The Big Event." This year the event will be at Woods on Saturday, February 20th. The theme for this year's Event is, "**Connecting and Engaging Through Worship**". Keynote speakers include Rev. Don Griggs, a noted Church Educator from Union/PSCE Seminary in Virginia, Rev. Eric Myers, professor of worship at Wesley Theological Seminary, and Wayne World, a widely published composer and musician. In addition to the keynote presentations, inspiring worship, and delicious lunch, participants can choose among 10 informing and interesting workshops on worship-related topics. Here are just a few of the topics from which to choose:

-Where There are Two or Three Gathered- a workshop on the exciting worship innovations coming out of the Iona Community in Scotland.

-Soli Deo Gloria- a workshop on how to transform the music ministry in the church into an avenue for spiritual growth for choir members and musicians.

-A House of Prayer for All Nations- a workshop led by a missionary to Sudan on multi-cultural worship experiences.

Whether you are involved in a worship ministry or simply are curious about how to get more out of your own worship experiences, the Big Event has something for you. Look for brochures at the Information Booth and the Christian Ed table in Fellowship Hall to find out more information and to register. The whole day costs only \$25 per person.

Book of Saints

Work is continuing on the Book of Saints. We will be contacting those families who have lost loved ones in the early 2000's and the 1990's, to submit a biography and photo. However, if you would like to submit your loved ones photo and biography before we get in touch with you, please call Deacons Marty Walker, Sue Hamel, Mary Conker or Judy Smith, who can answer your questions and give you guidelines. Meanwhile, please stop by to see the Book of Saints, which is on a podium at the entrance to the Sanctuary.



Join our Caring Team for the Big Game

While many of us will enjoy the satisfaction of food and drink during the Super Bowl football game on February 7, many others will be hungry and hurting. Join us in expanding our focus on the world's biggest football weekend to include "loving God & loving our neighbor" through the special effort known as the Souper Bowl of Caring. We have two special opportunities planned.

First, on Saturday, February 6, a team of Woods youth volunteers will help Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake building picnic tables and a playhouse for Habitat homes. The work will be done at Woods from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. No skill level is required.

- Youth volunteers must be at least 14 years of age and complete necessary liability forms. Contact **Lauren (laurenschoener@aol.com)** or **Scott (swiley@alionscience.com; 410-353-1491)** if you are interested in joining this effort or sign up at the Mission table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday.
- Permission slips are required and you can also get them from the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall after church or from Sheila McPhee in the Church Office.
- Lunch will be provided

On game day, Sunday February 7, these same youth volunteers will be stationed at the sanctuary exits with soup pots to accept your monetary donations and our food barrels will be in the entryway to accept non-perishable food donations for SPAN. Our financial gifts will benefit the ongoing work of Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake in providing simple affordable homes to low income families in this area. Later that week the

youth will help deliver the non perishables to "SPAN" and the financial donations to "Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake" as the Woods Youth Souper Bowl contribution to the community for 2010.

Woods will be one of the thousands of churches from all across America participating in this Souper Bowl fight against hunger and poverty. Each church directs their collection to an organization of their choice. This year on the day of the "big game" let's be a part of the team that is caring for others; bring an extra dollar (or two or more) and some non perishable food to help sustain hope.

Earthquake in Haiti



If there is a place on Earth that could have done without an earthquake right now, it's Haiti.

A 7.0-magnitude quake struck Haiti Tuesday, shattering buildings and forever changing lives. While authorities still don't know the extent of the damage, it is estimated that 3 million people may be affected by Haiti's worst earthquake in 200 years. One survivor reports there are thousands of people roaming the streets, looking for shelter.

In the face of natural disasters, Hygiene Kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. During Lent each year we normally assemble Hygiene Kits for Church World Service. In view of this major disaster in Haiti, let's start our Lenten project early – If you or your small group would like to participate, then here is what you can do.

To assemble a Hygiene Kit you will need:

- One hand towel measuring approximately 16" x 28" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb
- One nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards)
- One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- Six Band-Aids

Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Toothpaste that has an extended expiration date will be added to Hygiene Kits just prior to shipment.

Bring the kits to the Church Office.



Summer Short Term Mission Opportunity!

Consider volunteering for the Hau Kola Learning Camps on the Pine Ridge and Lake Traverse Reservations, South Dakota this summer. This mutual mission between Baltimore Presbytery and the Dakota Presbytery supports the children on the reservation with summer learning opportunities. This year the **deadline for applications is March 20th**. More information and applications will be available on line starting **January 20th** at www.haukolalearningcamps.org. Contact Woods member, Janet Williams at 410-647-7406 or janwilliams48@yahoo.com if you have questions.



Youth

News

High School Youth

Middle School Youth

Sunday School Classes for 6th-8th grades
Sunday Mornings 9:30 am in the Holy Grounds Building.
Forms can be found at www.woodschurch.org.
Click on Youth page. Any questions e-mail Christie
ccory@woodschurch.org.

Sunday January 24th “Friendships” Part 2

4-6 pm in the Youth Room.
Bring a friend and win a prize!

For All Parents of Kids in Grades 5–8

You are invited to join other parents at Woods in a discussion of the challenges and choices you may encounter as a parent and that your child may face as they navigate through their pre-teen and early teen years. Explore how you can continue to make a difference and provide spiritual guidance in your child’s life.

Join us on the following Sundays 4:00 – 6:00 pm:

January 24th February 21st March 21st April 11th
Bring a friend and join us in this casual forum **for parents** of pre-teens and young teens to talk and support each other. Youth group topics will coincide during these months to support communication with your child. Topics include:

January 24: Sex and Sexuality –How can you comfortably talk to your child about sex, sexuality and their spirituality? The Birds and Bees made “easy.”

February 21: Youth Culture –How can you make a difference in your kids’ lives when you feel you are swimming upstream against the strong current (or raging river) of a sexual, violent, and technology-saturated culture? Look closely at the teen culture in and around the Severna Park area (sexting, freak dancing, Facebook).

March 21: Media Influences – Does the music, movies, TV and video choices your child or their friends make have an influence? Listen and watch the top picks for young teens today.

April 11: More topics as requested

Check out the Woods Youth News

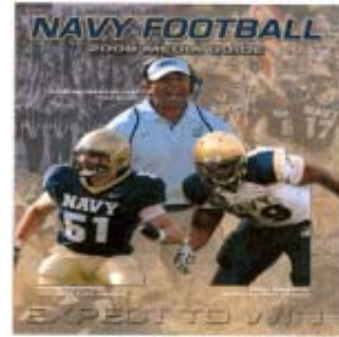
www.woodschurch.org

Stay up to date with what’s happening in
Youth Ministry at Woods.

Sunday High School Bible Study for 10th -12th grades.
Sunday mornings 9:30 am in the Youth Room.
Any questions e-mail Christie ccory@woodschurch.org !

Sunday January 24th “Teens vs Parents” Part 1

6:30-8:30 pm in the Youth Room



High School and Middle School

Mark Your Calendar: Woods church Hosts
All Area Youth Group!

Sunday January 31st 6:30-8:30 pm

Guest Speaker:

Navy Linebacker “Ross Pospisil”

Navy Defensive Team Captain
Commander of the 28th Company

Confirmation 2009-2010

January 24-Small Group

“Day of Service” check in with your
small group leader!

Community Center-Class 9:30-10:45am

January 31-Small Group

“The Disciples”

Community Center-Class 9:30-10:45am

February 7-Small Group

D & E Sunday (Donuts & Elders)

“Friendships”

Community Center-Class 9:30-10:45am

Any questions e-mail Brandon

bbrewer@woodschurch.org



Thank You

Thank you from Arundel House of Hope

Dear Members of Woods,

We want to thank you for your support of our organization and the work that we do with the homeless. Your donation of time serving as a Winter Relief Shelter and the donation of clothes sent to the Fouse Center will enable us to continue serving those in need.

During 2008-2009 our Winter relief Program alone offered a total of 8,528 bed-nights to 180 men and women from the ages of 18 to over 61. There are many reasons for people being homeless and we are trying to address and correct what we can.

We have temporary housing for women at our WISH House, and for men we have the Fouse Center, and Safe Haven I & II. We have three homes for permanent housing and are currently working on establishing a home for veterans. We also have the Day and Resource Center which is open 6 days a week to offer assistance and we have recently added a Social Enterprise, The Doughy Dog, which will employ and train homeless people.

Your donations of time and your financial support are a tremendous assistance in all of these endeavors. Thank you once again for thinking of others.

Best regards,
Mario Berninzoni
Executive Director,
The Arundel House of Hope

From the Church Garden

Through the years, each month of the year has been given a birthstone and a birth flower (perhaps to help sell jewelry, etc.), as a symbolic association to enrich one's life. Flowers, especially, have gained their own personalities as they have transcended cultures and civilizations. Their importance is shown in food, art, medicine, folklore, and religion. The January birth flower is usually the narcissus (the word is Latin for daffodil), as the bulb is responsible and dependable for blooming each year. It is thought that the ambition of those born (with the narcissus) helps them to zealously pursue their goals.



Art in the Gallery at Woods

Photography by Ginny Kuhn



An exhibit of photographs by local artist Ginny Kuhn is on display in the Gallery until February 7th. Gal-

lery hours are Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-9:00 pm, Fridays 9:00 am-5:00 pm and weekends by appointment by calling the church office at 410-647-2550.

ChristCare

ChristCare and Choice

Author Stephen Covey wrote the following:

“Many years ago while on sabbatical from my university, I was wandering around the stacks of a library in Hawaii and pulled down a book that caught my interest. What I read was so inspiring, so compelling, and so profound that it changed my life from that moment on. These were the three sentences I memorized:

Between stimulus and response, there is a space.

In that space lies our freedom and power to choose our response.

In those choices lie our growth and our happiness.”

In ChristCare groups we are reminded weekly, with Christ at the center of our group and our lives, that we are not alone in that “space.”

In January, there will be a ChristCare table in Fellowship Hall (stimulus). You are invited to stop by and explore joining a ChristCare group or becoming a ChristCare leader (response). It is encouraging to know that in your choice lies the possibility of your growth and your happiness.

The love and sympathy of the congregation are extended to:

- Ray and Margie Weidner, Devon and Derek, on the death of Margie's mother.
- Brady and Morgan Williams on the death of their grandmother.
- Jen Edwards and family on the death of her father, Ron Weitz.
- John Hammond and family on the death of his wife, Ruth Hammond. Ruth was a member of Woods for 62 years.

Woods New Member/Inquirer Classes

Dessert Social

Monday, February 1st at 7:00 pm.

Classes:

Sunday, February 7th & 14th at 9:30 until 10:30 am

OR Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00 until 9:00 pm

New Members/Elders Dinner

Wednesday, February 24th

Welcomed into Membership

Sunday, February 28th at the 9:30 or 11:00 worship services

During your first year as a member of Woods, we will offer and guide you to several opportunities in which you may discern and enrich your spiritual growth. For more information, contact Rev. Nancy Lincoln Reynolds at 410-647-2550.



News from Music Ministry



Choirs are back up and running and working on new music. If you or your children would like to join a choir, it's never too late. Choir School starts at 5:30 pm and Adult Choir starts at 7:30 pm. Choir dinners continue and start at 6:30 pm. Please take advantage of these dinners and enjoy the fellowship with each other. Dinners cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. We also need volunteers to help serve the dinners. Everything is already prepared, you just have to serve. If you can help, please call donghyuklee@woodschurch.org.

First Friend

It's Fun! It's Interesting! And It Takes Very Little Time...

Be a First Friend to a new member at Woods. First Friends shepherd new members during their first few months at Woods, helping them connect to people and activities. Meet your new member during one class and sit with him/her at the Elder-New Member Dinner. Beyond that, it's simply making sure your new friend doesn't get lost in this large, happy, crowd at Woods.

Call or e-mail Nancy Sullivan, 410-647-2550; or nsullivan@woodschurch.org.



Presbyterian Women of Woods (PWOW)

Please, please recycle your greeting cards (not just Christmas cards) by saving them for Bazaar 2010!! (Please put them in the PW box in the office.). Also, we will continue with our "crafty" meetings. In February we will meet every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in Room 152. Please bring your ideas for next year's Bazaar. We were so wonderfully successful this year that we're hoping to get a jump start on next year. Many thanks to all of you who helped to make Bazaar 2009 such a joyous success. Any questions? Call Barbie Willis 410-544-0057 or charsmom@aol.com or Beth Wiley 410-544-5051 or wiley10@verizon.net.

GROUNDS & SOUNDS



Come enjoy a relaxing evening of acoustic music performed by various members of our Woods community. The coffeehouse will be held at the Holy Grounds on Saturday, February 27th. So, plan on coming out to "chill" with some local artists, family and friends, and stay tuned for more info as the date approaches!

Katch-up your pledge!

YTD = Year to Date

Act. = Actual

LY = Last Year

Contributions:

July 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009 YTD Act.	\$1,119,270
July 1, 2008 – December 31, 2009 LY	\$1,200,840
July 1, 2009 – December 31, YTD Budget	\$1,175,910

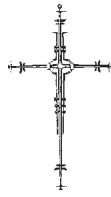
The budget pledges are Pledge Cards actually received. As of December 31, 2009, we are \$56,640.00 short of anticipated contributions.



Library News

The Library Book Cart is featuring books that will support/enhance the Adult Education classes. Please check out any books that will add to your enrichment of these classes.

WEEKLY CALENDAR



Thursday, January 21st

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
9:00 am Library Committee
9:30 am ChristCare (J. Donnelly)
5:30 pm Choir School
5:30 pm ChristCare (S. Donnelly)
6:30 pm Choir Dinner
7:00 pm ChristCare (Haines)
7:30 pm Lumberjacks
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 22nd

9:15 am ChristCare (Parker)

Saturday, January 23rd

7:30 am Men's Fraternity
8:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, January 24th

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Women's Bible Study
8:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Ed Class - Daniel
9:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Praise Band Rehearsal
9:30 am High School Bible Study
9:30 am Middle School Sunday School
9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
10:30 am Investment Committee
11:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am High School Bible Study
11:00 am Contemporary Service
11:00 am Adult Ed – Women in Church History
12:30 pm Stephen Ministry Monthly Meeting
4:00 pm Middle School Parent Class
6:00 pm ChristCare (Atkinson)
6:30 pm High School Youth Group
7:00 pm Prophets One Man Show
8:30 pm Reception following the Prophets

Monday, January 25th

6:45 pm Disciple I
6:45 pm Disciple IV
7:00 pm WoodsWork Committee
7:00 pm Service of Commitment to Life
7:30 pm ChristCare (Sickels)
7:30 pm ChristCare (Hillier)

Tuesday, January 26th

9:30 am Quilters' Group
10:30 am ChristCare (Connolly)
11:00 am Stephen Ministry Peer Group
6:30 pm WoodPiles
7:30 pm Woodwise Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 27th

10:00 am ChristCare (Borland/Jensen)
10:30 am Sunrise Bible Study
11:00 am Disciple I
12:30 pm Presbyterian Women of Woods
7:00 pm Stephen Ministry Peer Review
7:00 pm ChristCare (Feldmann)

Thursday, January 28th

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
9:00 am Library Committee
9:30 am ChristCare (J. Donnelly)
5:30 pm Choir School
5:30 pm ChristCare (S. Donnelly)
6:30 pm Choir Dinner
7:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal
7:00 pm ChristCare (Haines)
7:30 pm Lumberjacks
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 29th

9:15 am ChristCare (Parker)

Saturday, January 30th

7:30 am Men's Fraternity
8:30 pm AA Meeting

Sunday, January 31st

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
8:00 am Women's Bible Study
8:00 am Communion Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Adult Ed Class - Daniel
9:30 am Confirmation Class
9:30 am Praise Band Rehearsal
9:30 am High School Bible Study
9:30 am Middle School Sunday School
9:30 am Traditional Worship Service
11:00 am Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary Service
11:00 am Adult Ed – Women in Church History
5:00 pm ChristCare (P. Smith)
6:00 pm ChristCare (Atkinson)
6:30 pm High & Middle School Youth –
Guest speaker, Navy Linebacker, Ross Pospisil.

Monday, February 1st

6:30 pm Confirmation Leader's Meeting
6:45 pm Disciple I
6:45 pm Disciple IV
7:00 pm ChristCare (Hatcher)
7:00 pm New Members' Dessert Social
7:30 pm ChristCare (Sickels)
7:30 pm ChristCare (Hillier)

7:00-8:30 am Monday-Friday-Private
Prayer /Meditation in Sanctuary
☺Indicates Child Care provided. Reservations required.
Please call 48 hours in advance.

Tuesday, February 2nd

10:30 am ChristCare (Connolly)
1:30 pm Equippers' Meeting
6:30 pm Woods Piles Youth Group
7:30 pm Human Resources

Wednesday, February 3rd

10:00 am ChristCare (Borland/Jensen)
10:30 am Sunrise Bible Study
11:00 am Disciple I
1:30 pm Pastoral Care Meeting
7:30 pm Ministries

Thursday, February 4th

6:00 am Men's Fraternity
8:00 am REHABS (Retired Handipersons)
9:00 am Library Committee
9:30 am Esther Circle
9:30 am ChristCare (J. Donnelly)
5:30 pm Choir School
5:30 pm ChristCare (S. Donnelly)
6:30 pm Choir Dinner
7:00 pm ChristCare (Haines)
7:30 pm Lumberjacks
7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

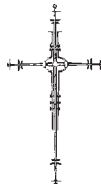
Woods Chips Schedule

Next Woods Chips will be
mailed out February 1, 2010.
Check Woods Web Site for info
and updates at
www.woodschurch.org.

Esther Circle

We will meet on Thurs-
day morning, February 4th, at 9:30
am in the Founders Room. Polly
Wilson will lead us in lesson #5.
Priscilla Dankhoff will have our
opening devotions and Joan
Brosecker will provide refresh-
ments.

We are a group of older
women and welcome all new-
comers. For more information,
call Jean Parker 410-647-4754.



Stop Slots at Arundel Mills

The Peace and Justice committee is asking the congregation to sign a petition which is **against** slots being located at Arundel Mills Mall. The AA County Council approved zoning to allow installation of 4,500 machines at Arundel Mills shopping center - nearby schools, churches and family neighborhoods. There are 3000 homes within 1/2 mile of the Mall. **Most people who voted for slots thought that the slots parlor would be at the Laurel Race Track.** The petition requests that there be a referendum on the November ballot asking to vote yes or no to allow slots at Arundel Mills Mall.

Only 19,000 signatures of registered AA County voters are needed to put the issue on the ballot in AA County at the next general election but they are needed by February 4. Over 200 Woods members have already signed! However we need more signatures **BUT before Sunday**, check your voter registration on line or bring your voter card. What you sign has to be exact and legible!!

The URL is www.mdelections.org Fill out the "Verify Voter Information" and hit enter. Bring that information with you on Sunday!!!!

The petition will be available on Sunday at the Local and World table in Fellowship Hall.

January 24, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Communion Service

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service

7:00 pm The "Prophets"

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Communion Service

9:30 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service