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The Bellringer

Govans and Central Awarded Presbyterian Grant

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Govans Presbyterian Church and Central Presbyterian Church were awarded an \$11,000 grant by the Presbytery of Baltimore to help enhance the Woodberry Crossing summer program. Woodberry Crossing is a non-profit nature center for urban children and youth, located in Parkton, Md., on property owned by Beth and Barry Bryant. The one-time mission grant will be used to enrich and expand the existing summer program at Woodberry Crossing and to jointly design and construct a new outdoor worship space.

The grant will allow Woodberry to hire a volunteer coordinator for the summer as well as provide funds to hire specialists in the areas of drama, music, art and woodworking. All these ar-

reas will be new to the summer program and allow a broader experience for the campers who attend Woodberry.

Govans and Central will meet together to discuss worship in general and then talk about how to design a suitable worship space and come up with a schedule which would complete the project by September. The worship area will give Woodberry a dedicated space for worship in a lovely, natural setting. All churches in the Presbytery will have access to the worship area.

The Session approved requesting this grant and now Govans members must step forward and become involved in this project. There will be many opportunities to help not only in the

construction of the worship space but also in the summer camp as a volunteer working with the kids or providing much needed support services such as feeding the animals, cooking and serving lunch, and just being a friend to a camper for a day. The only requirements for volunteering are to be flexible in your attitude, be willing to work together and enjoy the outdoors. If you would like to help in anyway, contact Beth Bryant, Director of Woodberry Crossing at 410-343-1571. Watch the Bellringer and weekly bulletins for updates and opportunities.

Ed Richardson

GOVANS YOUTH ON THE GO

The Govans/Brown joint youth group thanks members of both churches for their continued support in efforts to raise money for summer trips. Here is a list of locations just to let you know where all we will be

sending youth this summer: *reat Conference Center in North Carolina.* We have a total of 22 youth and 3 college students participating in the trips, guided by 8 adults

Presbyterian Youth Triennium, West Lafayette, Indiana; San Salvador, El Salvador; Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota; Massanetta Springs, Harrisonburg, Virginia; and Mont-

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From Pastor Sharp's Book Shelf

God's Long Hot Summer is a powerful story of faith and civil rights. It was written by a local author, Dr. Charles Marsh, Associate Professor of Theology at Loyola College. Dr. Marsh was born in Alabama and spent his childhood in Mississippi. He is also well known for his book on the theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

What sets this book apart from so many other books about the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s is that he brings the struggle alive with the reflections of persons from both the black and white communities. You meet and listen to Fannie Lou Hamer, who left the cotton fields of the Delta to "work for Jesus" in civil rights. You will walk with collegian Ed Sellers who marched in Cambridge, Maryland. You will listen to the Biblical arguments of the Imperial Wizard of the Klu Klux Klan in Mississippi, Sam Bowers, and Southern ministers such as William Hudgins and Ed White as they reacted to the struggle. Dr. Marsh contrasts the stand of white ministers, like Ed White, who led protests against their own church's closed society, and those who defended segregation. The role of Christianity - as understood by both sides - leaps from the pages of *God's Long Hot Summer*.

Of all the characters you will meet, March

speaks most eloquently of Fannie Lou Hamer: "...Mrs. Hamer stands with her feet solidly grounded, the welcoming woman in love with the welcoming God. She shows us that the person of faith dare not retreat into racial narcissism or private virtuousness, but must 'drink the earthly cup to the dregs'—and only in so doing know the fullness of God's goodness and the resplendent openness to life and to others that follow. Mrs. Hamer embodied the conviction that the God of biblical faith is a liberating God..." [page 192-193]

Dr. Marsh's book illuminates some of the arguments going on within the church today regarding the fight for civil rights of the gay and lesbian community. Now, as in 1962, the church is conflicted - with theologians on both sides arguing that the Bible is on their side. And once again persons of faith find that they too must "drink the earthly cup to the dregs," and stand in the breach, if God's redeeming love is ever to be able to reach those dark places of hostility and rejection.



Pastor Sharp

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY: JULY

**7/4 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Independence Day**
2 Kings 5:1-14; Ps. 30; Gal. 6:(1-6) 7-16;
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

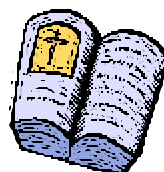
7/11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 7:7-17; Ps. 82; col. 1:1-14;
Luke 10:25-37

7/18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Amos 78: 1-12; Ps. 52; Col. 1:15-28;
Luke 10:38-42

7/25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hos. 1:2-10; Ps. 85; Col. 2:6-15 (16-19);
Luke 11:1-13

JULY WORSHIP LEADERS

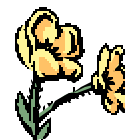
7/4 Vacant
7/11 JoAnn Copes
7/18 Vacant
7/25 Jamie Hardin



JULY USHERS

10:30 a.m.

Jack Weller—Capt.
Mike Field
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Alice Orié
Ed Boyd
Charles Elliott



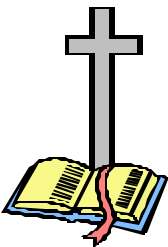
160th Anniversary Quilt

A quilt commemorating our church was started some time ago. As we prepare to celebrate our 160th church anniversary, we would like to complete this quilt in time for the festivities. If you can help with some sewing, please call Bonnie Thomson at (410) 665-2399. She can also be contacted on line at blt218@aol.com.

CARES: Our Local Food Pantry

CARES is a Food Pantry & Financial Assistance Center located at St. Mary's Church, serving the residents of Govans and surrounding areas. Donations can be dropped off here during church (basket located in Tower Room or to the church office). CARES needs assistance all year long especially during the holidays.

Wish List: Tea bags, sweetener packets, small containers of canned meats such as tuna, chicken, and chili, chicken stew, beef stew, spaghetti noodles and sauce, jello/pudding, boxed potatoes, rice, beans, soups, jelly and peanut butter, canned vegetables/fruits, cereal, along with female personal care items and paper items such as toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Thank you for your support.



I am the resurrection and the life...

Florence Finney—June 3, 2004

The Gratitude Corner

The Will of God will never take you where the Grace of God will not protect you.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Elizabeth Beall
Deborah Baer
Holly Maddux
Kelly Oglesbee
Tracy Morgan
Jeff Morgan

CONFIRMANDS

Cory Frantz
Dylan Greene
Jeannette Hobbs
Paul Hobbs
Harrison Jozwiak
Peter Mauric
Thomas (Buddy) Richardson
Charlie Stine
Allison Woodruff
Chris Kurts

GOVANS' CONGRATULATIONS

Jean and Albert Isterro, 40th Wedding Anniversary on June 25th.
Bea and Burnie Pettit, 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 27th.
Fred and Jeanette Gaede, 35th Wedding Anniversary on June 21st.
Ed and Beth Richardson, 25th Wedding Anniversary on June 5th.

Congratulations to the other couples who have June Anniversaries

Jeanette and Max Franz
Gretchen and Craig Forbes
Doris Shenk and Caleb Corkery
Jennifer and Kevin Heinlein
Amber and Doug Gaede
Sarah and Jay Forbes
Amy and Jamie Hardin



CONGRATULATIONS

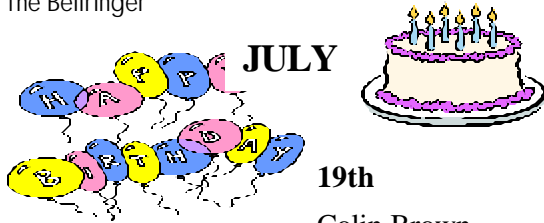
To

JEAN RICHARDSON

Who was nominated and received an award for

Outstanding Older Adults
in
Baltimore Presbytery, 6/17/04



**JULY****19th**

Colin Brown
Aladdin Owoh

21st

Gertrude Koller
Tom McElfatrick

Janet Lord

Jody Hamilton

Jack Hoffman

22nd

Matt Mellott

23rd

Helen Koller

25th

Kelsey Brown

Sam Cox

Caron Mullins

26th

Charles Corson

Maggie Farrand

27th

Jimmy Galdieri

28th

Dale Clatterbuck

29th

Magdalene Fennell

Catherine Wilson

30th

Matt Tayback

Joe Stover

Eleanor MacDougall

31st

Marilyn Forbes

Ben Hobbs

1st

Deb Dalton

2nd

Estelle Hess

8th

Jay Forbes

9th

John Matthews

11th

Emma Byerly

Ethan Knarr

12th

Elsie Hegwood

14th

Janet Simons

Beth Richardson

Amy Hardin

Jocelyn Ray

15th

Jean Jackson

16th

John Kinnier

Nelly Kangethe

Stephen Haduch

17th

Dan Dillon

Sue Childress

Olivia Sterling

18th

Lois Boyd

Judy Dobbs

Chris Mellott

JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

David and Patsy Owen—7/11

Karen DeCamp and Dan Pontious—7/13

Barbara and Drew Andersen—7/15

Ellen and Heath O'Laughlen—7/18

**A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE
CORRYMEELA COMMUNITY**

On behalf of the Corrymeela Community, I am writing to thank you for your very generous donation of \$1,100.00. As a Christian Community we particularly appreciate the prayers and support of churches, meetings and groups—it is a real source of encouragement as together we continue to work and pray for peace. Thank you for your prayers and your generous gift. Please pass on our thanks to everyone for their support.

At Corrymeela our financial shortfall has been a real challenge over the last 18 months. A lot of work has been done in addressing this and your support is a real encouragement to us all at this time. Thank you for generous gift.

On the political front the election results have confirmed the rise of the DUP and Sin Fein. There is no doubt that agreement will be difficult with, what some commentators describe as, the more 'extreme' voices winning the majority of seats on both the unionist and nationalist side of our community. The path to lasting peace is never easy—there will be difficult days ahead.

That is why Corrymeela's work remains important. In bringing people together, in a safe space, where they can hear the other's story, profound changes can take place in relationships. We know that hope can be kindled by such experiences.

Thank you for sharing in Corrymeela's vision for peace and reconciliation.

Thank you once again,

Yours in peace

Peter Anderson on behalf of the

Corrymeela Community

A Happy Thought

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

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.

FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Join SNNB for a gourmet box lunch and a program every Friday at Noon.

All Luncheons are subject to change.

Call 410-323-7131 to sign up. You MUST sign up by the end of the day on Monday. A \$1.50 to \$2.00 donation to Eating Together is suggested for people 60 or over. Under 60, please pay the full cost of the meal (\$5.95).

Sponsored by Eating Together.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT SNNB

We have some wonderful Christmas Items and gifts for sale in our activity room during the month of July.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, July 20th

1:30 P.M.—3:30 P.M.

Cost \$1.00

Come and join us for a sundae with a variety of toppings and enjoy the movie "Calendar Girls". Call the office to sign up.

CRAB FEAST SPECIAL

July 30th—12:00—2:30 p.m.

Five Steamed Crabs, Crab Soup, Barbeque Chicken, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Corn Bread, Watermelon and Milk. Cost \$10.00. Reservations due by July 15th with Payment.

TRAVEL WITH SENIOR NETWORK

Rainbow Dinner Theatre	Tuesday, July 13th
The Phantom of the Opera	Thurs., Aug. 10th
Charlottesville, Virginia	Sept. 21st-22nd
Wildwood, NJ	Oct. 3rd-7th
Washington, D.C. (World War II Memorial, National Air & Space Museum, Arlington Cemetery.	Oct. 14
Bermuda Cruise from Balt.	Nov. 14th-21st

Call Senior Network for reservations. Space is limited.

Free Blood Pressure Checks

Wed., July 7th and 21st at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Massage Mon., July 19th from 12-1:45 p.m.
Fee \$10.00 for 15 minutes.

REIKI Wednesdays, Cost \$5. Call to make appointment.

COMPUTER CLASSES begin July 16th. Call the office to sign up.

Home Owners Tax Credit—See Sandy. Last day to file 9/1/04.

Movements with Meditation Workshop—Friday, July 23rd.

HANDMADE QUILT RAFFLE

On Display in the Activity Room

We will be raffling off a Full size Handmade Quilt made by our Quilting Class, Shirley Doneghy, Helen Brooks, Edna Ruff, Margaret Lievers, Betty Rogers and Pat Litz, Instructor. We are truly thankful to them for making and donating the quilt to Senior Network for a fund raiser. The quilt is a \$900 value and tickets will be \$1.00 each. Drawing will be held on December 19th at our Sunday Luncheon. You do not need to be present to win. Contact Sandy for more information and tickets.

POETRY IN THE BIBLE

Mondays, 9-11 a.m.

July 12th thru August 23rd

Instructor Rev. Robert Speer

This class explores the voice of the poet in the Bible in both the Old and New Testament, with a view toward finding cultural references and meaning for the people in the ancient world. Cost \$15.00. Call the office to sign up.

Call the Senior Network for more events or pick up the Silver Scoop. More clubs, classes, events and trips. A lot of information.

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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE

With Contemporary Music

Coordinator: Mike Kirkpatrick

NO SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

with Organ and Chancel Choir

Director of Music, James Galdieri

BARRIER FREE

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR BOTH SERVICES

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Ellen Morriss Memorial Labyrinth

is open from dawn to dusk daily

Cont'd from Front Page—Car Wash

who volunteer to go and to help guide our youth in these varied experiences. Rev. David Harris, our Parish Associate, will be going to Montreat and serving as one of the Small Group Leaders this summer. Dr. Richardson will be taking a middle school group to Massanetta Springs as well as co-leading the trip to Pine Ridge along with Chrystie Adams from Brown.

The youth group asks you for your prayers and your continued support. Our last (hopefully) car wash will be Sunday, July 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Come to church and get your soul and your car cleansed!

GREETING CARDS

If you have used greeting cards that you are disposing of, please tear off the fronts and donate them to the church. The box for cards is in the south window of the Gallery. Janet Cowern recycles them to AARP, which uses them for crafts. Thank you for your support.



JULY

2004



Sun

Mon















Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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<p>4 Happy Fourth of July</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Children & Family Service 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Church Office Closed SNNB Closed Preschool Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 a.m. BMHS (SH) 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 2:00 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:30 p.m. Church Growth & Outreach Committee (WR)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Painting Studio (MP-Rm)</p>  <p>7:30 p.m. Sufi Order (SH)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH)</p>	
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Room Codes: SH=Sharp Hall, WR=Waverly Room, Lib.=Library, MP-Rm.=Multi-Purpose Room, Gal.=Gallery, DR=Deacons Room, CR=Choir Room