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The Bellringer

A Supercalfragilisticexpialidocious Sunday

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- 5 If Mary Poppins’ exorbitant word ever fit an occasion it is certainly this June 6th - when we will gather for a worship service that will include: the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the confirmation of our 2004 Confirmation Class, the Annual Meeting of the congregation, the election of new officers, special music by both the Chancel Choir and the

Govans Contemporary Band, and the All-Church Picnic.

It all begins at 10:00 AM - and you are invited to come in informal clothes, and stay throughout the early afternoon, enjoying the food we will share and watching the children enjoy the bouncing bubble. There will also be a cotton candy machine for all with a sweet tooth after the main course. Take this time to view and enjoy the new sculpture, “The Healer,” and walk the labyrinth.

At 2:30 in the afternoon we are invited to Second Presbyterian Church in Guilford for their annual Silent Auction and Concert to benefit GEDCO and bid good bye to GEDCO’s founding director, Julia Pierson. The concert is free (see other article in this news letter). Come on and join us – make it a supercalfragilisticexpialidocious Sunday!

Pastor Sharp

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Armed Forces and Veterans Endowment Fund

Govans Presbyterian Church is establishing an Armed Forces and Veterans Endowment Fund as a separate portion of our overall Endowment. This new Fund will recognize, honor, and remember those who currently serve or have served in the past in the Armed Forces of the United States. The Fund will be used to support the overall operations and mission of the Church consistent with the tradition of the service of the Armed Services to our Nation. An Armed Forces and Veterans Book of Remembrance will be established to inscribe and memorialize the names of those persons honored by gifts to the Fund. As we approach Memorial Day, please consider making a special gift to this new Fund.

Editor:
 Caprice McLaughlin
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 Mike Field
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From Pastor Sharp's Book Shelf

I was going to tell you about a new book published on the life of the infamous Caiaphas. *Caiaphas, Friend of Rome and Judge of Jesus*, is not the kind of book you'll find on everyone's bookshelf, but it provides fascinating information on the way the religious order that Jesus confronted worked.

But I'm going to leave that to a future sermon. Instead I want to tell you about a delightful book that will brighten your summer reading - though at first you'll wonder why the minister is recommending it. It is not about religion or faith. It does take a strong stand on values - but they deal with punctuation, not theology. The book is *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* by Lynne Truss. The sub-title is "The Zero Tolerance Approach to Punctuation."

It does have a section on the problem the lack of punctuation has caused for readers of the Bible (the Greek and the Hebrew originally contained no punctuation, nor spaces between the words. Imagine-readingthisphrasewithoutasinglespace. And, of course, when reading in Hebrew you had to read that backwards: ecapselgnisatuohitiwesarhpsihtgnidaerenigamI! In fact, in Hebrew, as originally written,

the language contained no vowels. That lack of punctuation in ancient languages caused serious problems.

Ms. Truss notes the doctrinal differences for Protestants and Catholics in the simple statement of Jesus to one of the thieves on the cross: "Verily I say unto you this day thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Since there is no punctuation in that entire sentence (as written in Greek), where do you put the comma? Roman Catholic scholars, who believe in a delay before entering heaven (one spends time in Purgatory) simply punctuate the sentence after "day." "Verily I say unto you this day, thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Jesus spoke the words that day (this day) - and the thief will be in Paradise with Jesus *someday*. Protestants, on the other hand, put the comma after "you." "Verily I say unto you, this day thou shalt be with me in Paradise." Thus Jesus promises the thief that he will join Jesus in Paradise that very day!

There are numerous sentences in the scriptures exactly like that. A later scholar or scribe has put in the punctuation and therein lies the mischief - and the excitement - of Biblical exegesis. It is also the reason

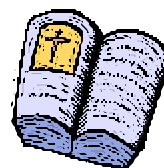
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**LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:
JUNE**

- 6/6 *Trinity Sunday*
Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31; Ps. 8; Rom. 5:1-5; John 16:12-15
- 6/13 *11th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
1 Kings 21:1-10 (11-14) 15-21a; Ps. 5:1-8; Gal. 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3
- 6/20 *12th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7) 8-15a; Ps. 42 and 43; Gal. 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39
- 6/27 *13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Ps. 77:1-2, 11-20; Gal. 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

**JUNE
WORSHIP LEADERS**

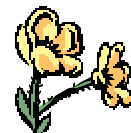
- 6/6 **Robin Chandlee**
- 6/13 **JoAnn Copes**
- 6/20 **Vacant**
- 6/27 **Barbara Kemp**



JUNE USHERS

11:00 a.m.

- Joe Hamilton—Capt.**
- Doug Gaede**
- Karen Duncan**
- Rosemary Lareau**
- Anne Englar**



A Word of Thanks

The Children and Youth Ministry Area would like to thank all those who have worked so hard this past year to provide quality programs and care to our children. Our Sunday school teachers this past year were: Preschool: Kathy Haduch and Karen Kells-Pamfilis; Kindergarten-First Grade: Becky Jones and Joyce Kruse; Grades One to Three: Carol Frigo and Jayne Page; Grades Four and Five: Kathy Zito and Sharon Ray. Many of the parents filled in as needed and we appreciate your care and concern.

We would like to thank David Kirkpatrick for brining music to the Sunday School classes as well as leading the Children's Choir.

Thanks again.

Pastor's Book Shelf Cont'd

you should not get carried away by religious arguments that rely on isolated, and often problematic, verses of the Bible.

But back to Lynne Truss and her amazing book that has commas running around like sheep dogs, and semicolons acting like the Special Police. One can, if one chooses, simply write like Virginia Wolfe or the Apostle Paul - a kind of stream-of-consciousness sentence structure - or with Ms. Truss' guidance we might eventually solve some really serious theological doctrinal debates. But putting Greek and Hebrew aside, the book is fun to read and will have you laughing out loud - while checking and double checking your

The Gratitude Corner

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

On The Road Again

Summer is the time when the Youth of Govans take to the road. Trips include a Middle School Camp at Massanetta Springs, VA; Bus trip to the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue, West Lafayette, IN; a tutoring camp on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota; and annual trip to Youth Week at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina.

Please keep the youth and the adults who accompany them in your prayers throughout the summer. Thank you for your financial support and your care and concern for our young people.

Govans Presbyterian Preschool and Child Care Center

Camp will begin on June 16th. If you haven't registered yet, there are still limited openings in each of the four camp sessions. You may choose a full-day or half day program. For parents who need flexible schedules and only need care several days a week, arrangements can be made with the Preschool office. Renee Hoegberg, our music teacher, will continue to come each week for Music and Movement.

The Preschool has recently acquired new materials that we will be using this summer and in our fall program. With funds that we have we have received from Title V, we will be adding several "big books" to our library and several "story bags". We have also purchased a new assessment program for our twos. The Ounce Scale has been recommended by the Maryland Committee for Children. Several members of the teaching staff have already attended a workshop to learn about how to use this in the classroom. Teachers are taught how to observe children during their play to assess the development of the whole child. We have also purchased ethnic dolls and pretend food for our dramatic play area. We will be adding puzzles and other manipulatives, playground balls, and several CD's. These purchases were made possible because of a generous donation from a parent and with money received from our annual school picture fundraiser.

It is always sad to say goodbye to the children and families every spring. We are looking forward to making new friends this summer and fall.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND HELPING

Helpers in Vacation Bible School

June 26-July 1

Helpers in Vacation Bible School June 26-July 1: We are in need of people to help in a variety of ways for our intergenerational Vacation Bible School this summer. You do not have to commit to help every night—just as you are able.

a. Resource person for a night: If you have knowledge of any of the five countries, the Philippines, Guatemala, Malawi, Pakistan, or Peru or have visited them or know someone who has, please let us know.

b. We also need people to help prepare a light supper each night.

c. Like to play games or do crafts? Please call us.

Contact Jean Richardson (410-435-5055) or Cindy Woodruff (410-377-5256, ccwoodruff@aol.com) or call the church office (410-435-9188) and leave a message.

Wanted, Needed: Volunteer

Reward: Lifetime Appreciation at Govans

The Facilities Ministry is looking *and praying for* a part-time Facility Manager with building trade experience to coordinate contracted repairs. This person will help the core Facilities Group to develop and implement a preventive maintenance schedule for the campus. Estimated time is between five and ten hours per week, including some of the time being spent at the church during business hours.

If this appeals to you, or to someone you know, please contact Jack Sharp, David Hatz, or Corky Shaw to find out more details. (410-435-9188, 410-494-8078, 410-823-8533) Govans is a beautiful place. Thanks for your help!

Kids Club Leader

Adult Worker Needed

Join the Govans Presbyterian Church Community by caring for its children, ages 4-9 years old, during the 11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. service every Sunday. Take young people from church to the Multi-Purpose Room for crafts, stories and games. Sub coverage and training available. Average size: 8-10 children.

Qualifications: High School Diploma, Early Childhood Coursework, access to a car, dependability, love of children, good physical health, Safe Child background check required.

Salary: \$25.00 per Sunday

Start Date: Immediately

Contact: Ed Richardson at 410-435-9188

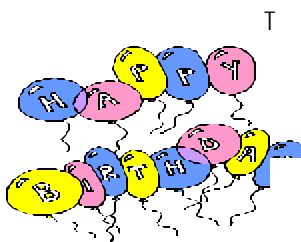
LAPTOPS NEEDED: We are looking to “borrow” one or two older notebooks (Pentium I or II would be fine) that we could take to Pine Ridge on our mission trip to use in the learning camp we are planning. Laptops need not be new but need to have a CD-ROM drive. They will be used for basic writing and desktop publishing and will be returned in same shape as we receive them.. For more info, contact Ed Richardson at 410-435-9188.

ANNUAL PRIDE CELEBRATION

The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center of Baltimore and Central Maryland is sponsoring its twenty-ninth annual Pride Celebration. The Festival is to be held June 20, 2004 at Druid Hill Park from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm and will feature food, music, entertainment and booths from groups, organizations and businesses. There were more than 25,000 people at last year's celebration. This year's theme for Baltimore Pride is "Viva la Difference."

Govans has had an informational booth at the Gay Pride Festival for many years. It is a way of reaching out to the community and letting them know that Govans Presbyterian is a loving and welcoming place for them to worship God. Sometimes people stop by and share their stories of rejection by religious organizations; as heart wrenching as that may be, it is comforting to be able to invite them go Govans and assure them that they are welcome.

We are looking for friendly faces from the con-



JUNE

1ST

Sarah Forbes
Ally Woodruff

3RD

David Hatz
Joan Riffert
Clif Culp
Barbara Kemp
Sarah Weller

4TH

Joshua Motter
Ashley Hatz

5TH

Judy Western
Caprice McLaughlin

8TH

JoEllen Motter

9TH

John Sutherland
Rachel Pontious

11TH

Janey Harper

13TH

Meredith Nachbahr

15TH

Katie Arnsdorf

16TH

Jacob Helmers

17TH

Edith Sziburies

18TH

Kathy Cushman

19TH

Carol Hamilton

20TH

Ted Hoffman

Summer White

21ST

Mary Welliver-Dillon
George Johnson

23RD

Ken Greene
Cecelia Boss
Read Cowern

Jamie Ray

24TH

Leslie Grant
Richard Cox

25th

Edna Summers

Patricia Pyle

26TH

Jean Isteero
Michael Harris
Lynne Cullen

27TH

Jennifer Lins

28TH

Lauren Zorbis

29TH

Anita Tayback

20TH

Kathy Zito

2004 Vacation Bible School

God Calls Us: Around the World in Five Days

This year's Vacation Bible School looks at the wonderful world of Presbyterian Mission. As part of this exciting new Vacation Bible School, learners will "visit" the Philippines, Guatemala, Malawi, Pakistan, and Peru. The learners will hear stories about God's call to us and mission letters that describe how Presbyterians are responding in partnership to that call.

Our VBS at Govans will be **June 26-July 1 each evening at 6:00 p.m.** and will be an intergenerational event open to every member of our congregation. We will begin each "visit" to the various countries with a light supper which includes foods from that country. (Don't worry, we will have some "familiar" food as well!) We will then have a time of learning about the country and the mission work there. We will have people come speak to us to give us first hand impressions of these countries. Everyone will enjoy making crafts from the countries as well as playing games that children play. Make plans to travel with us as we explore God's Call and how we answer it around the world! (*Interested in helping with VBS? Have artifacts or have visited any of the countries we will study? Please call Jean Richardson at 410-435-5055.*)

Registration begins June 6. Make your reservations so

The General Assembly

The General Assembly - Richmond, Virginia.

Pastor Sharp will be attending the General Assembly of our denomination later this month. The Assembly begins on Saturday, June 26th and runs through July 3. Pastor Sharp will be the advocate for the Presbytery of Baltimore's Overture to change the constitution by deleting section G6.0106b which prohibits the ordination of gay and lesbian church members to the office of Deacon, Elder or Minister.

SNNB: Senior Network of North Baltimore

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

FARMERS MARKET VOUCHERS

Tuesday, June 8th from 1-4 p.m.

Wed., June 9th from 12-3 p.m.

We will have vouchers on a first come first serve basis. You

**Jean W. Roesser,
Secretary of the MD Dept. of Aging
to visit the Senior Network
June 25th at Noon**

Jean W. Roesser was appointed Secretary of the MD Department of Aging on February 7, 2003. She is a past member of the Maryland State Senate and the Maryland House of Delegates, and was named one of Maryland's 100 women for 2002. She will be at Senior Network for lunch on June 25th at noon. After lunch, Secretary Roesser will award certificates to our participants who completed the Seniors in Motion program and offer remarks on Aging in Maryland. Call 410-323-7131 to make your reservation.

MTA BUS PASSES

Tues., June 8th at 10:00 a.m.

The MTA will be here to issue new bus passes.

REMINDER:

The Senior Network Sunday Father's Day Brunch is on June 20th from 1-3 p.m. Catering provided by Overlea Caterers. Entertainment to follow. The luncheon cost is \$6.00 and payable at the time you sign up and is non-refundable.

Free Blood Pressure Checks

Wed., June 9th & 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Massage Mon., June 7th & 21st from 12-1:45 p.m.

Fee \$10.00 for 15 minutes

UNDERSTANDING MEDICARE Rx BENEFITS

The Prescription Drug Discount Card and You

Monday, June 14th at 12:30 p.m.

Asthma in Older Adults: Mon., June 28th at noon

Come have lunch with Dr. Crystal Simpson, an assistant professor in the Div. Of Geriatric Medicine and the Center on Aging Health from Johns Hopkins Univ. RSVP by June 21st.

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 reference and meaning for the people in the ancient world. Cost \$15.00. Call the office to sign up.

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
Bermuda Cruise from Balt.	Nov. 14th-21st

Call Senior Network for reservations. Space is limited.

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

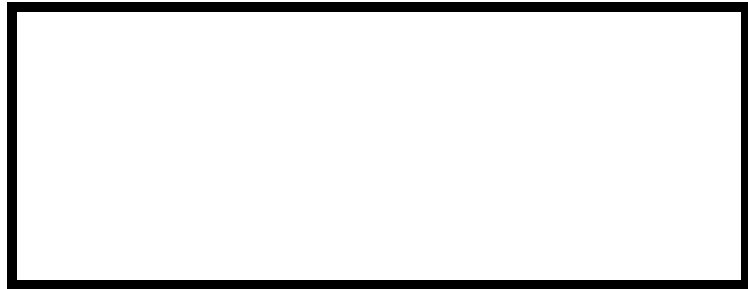


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9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE

With Contemporary Music

Coordinator: Mike Kirkpatrick

10:10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT OPTIONS

11:00 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

Parents Night Out

Need a night out? Can't find a babysitter? Have we got a deal for you. The Youth group is offering a Parents Night Out to help raise funds for summer mission trips. The cost is \$20.00 per child and the times are 6:00-10:00 p.m. here at Govans Presbyterian Church. Mark this date for Parents Night Out: **Saturday, June 12.**

ANNUAL PRIDE CELEBRATION CONT'D

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gregation to volunteer at the booth for 1 or 2 hours on June 20th. If you have an hour to spare and would like to do some Mission work for Govans Presbyterian and Baltimore...please contact me at 410-256-0842 for details. If you can't make it, just send your prayers with us. If we are there for just one person who is feeling that they have no place in God's World it will be worth it. Just about four years ago that was me, so I know



JUNE

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*Whatever happens, conduct yourself in manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.
Philippians 1:27*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 8:30 a.m. Life Line (SH/SNNB) 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)</p>	<p>2 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 2:00 p.m. Line Dancing (SH)</p> <p>PRESCHOOL GRADUATION</p> 	<p>3 8:30 a.m. BMHS (WR) 12:30 p.m. Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 p.m. Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)</p> 	<p>5 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH) 3:00 p.m. Rising Stars Party (SH)</p>
<p>6 10:00 a.m. Combined Worship Service 11:10 a.m. Annual Meeting 12:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Picnic (Front Lawn) 6:00 p.m. Pine Ridge Meeting</p>	<p>7 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Chair Massage 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm)</p>	<p>8 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 2:00 p.m. Line Dancing (SH)</p>	<p>10 12:30 Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Sufi Order (SH)</p>	<p>11 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)</p>	<p>12 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH) 6:00 p.m. Parents Night Out (MP-Rm)</p> 
<p>13 9:30 a.m. Children & Family Service 10:10 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Options 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service</p>	<p>14 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 12:30 p.m. AARP Pre-Drug (SH/SNNB) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm)</p> 	<p>15 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)</p>	<p>16 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 2:00 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:30 p.m. Facility Ministry 7:30 p.m. Dancers of Universal Peace (SH)</p>	<p>17 12:30 Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Sufi Order (SH)</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)</p> 	<p>19 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