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The Bellringer

Transitions: Where do we go from here?

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The church has received a large number of applications from high-quality candidates to serve as interim pastor and plans to have a final selection in the next few months, according to the head of the search committee.

“We’ve gotten a lot of great resumes,” said David Rawle, who is chairman of the 11-member committee searching for a temporary replacement to guide the congregation until a permanent successor is hired for Jack Sharp, who retired last month.

The selection of an interim pastor is the first step in a long process of finding a new leader for a church. The interim pastor typically serves for a year or more while a congregation pursues a permanent successor.

Rawle’s committee has been working since July, and hopes to have an interim selected by early December.

The committee has been impressed, however, by the number and quality of applicants, Rawle said. Govans is a large and vibrant congregation with a good reputation, and serving as its interim pastor is considered a desirable job. Typically, interim pastors – who are barred from being candidates for permanent replacement – are retired ministers who are specially trained to help congregations through the difficult transition between spiritual heads.

The role of each interim pastor is defined by a church, and can vary depending on the congregation’s needs. Govans is assessing the many roles per-

formed by Pastor Sharp and determining which ones can be assumed by the new governance structure of ministry areas approved last year, and which ones should be left to the interim pastory, Rawle said.

Meanwhile, a pastor nominating committee is expected to be named and, with the approval of the congregation, begin work early next year. The committee will steer the process of finding a permanent pastor.

The process, which typically takes from 12 to 18 months, begins with a thorough examination of the church and its congregation. A formal “Church Information Form” will have to be completed, which defines the philosophies and goals of the congregation, and will serve as the template for the successor search.

“We will talk to people around the church and see ‘What do you want?’” Rawle said.

After that is completed, the search committee will begin the process of accepting applications – up to 300 are expected for the Govans job – and winnowing the list of candidates. Interviews will be conducted, and finalists may be brought to a neutral church in the area so search committee members can discreetly assess their abilities in leading services.

According to the rules and ethical standards of the Presbyterian church,

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FAREWELL TO ALL



Dear friends,

I want to take this opportunity to give each one of you a big "Thank You" for all the support, flexibility, and love you have afforded me throughout my seven years here at Govans. I hold the staff and membership of this church in high esteem for your untiring quest for inclusiveness not only here at church but out in the greater world. I assure you all this is not the norm; you are all very special.

I would also like to take this time for a special thank you to the Chancel choir- YOUR Chancel choir- all of whom give their talent and several hours during the week to enhance the traditional worship service; they are its heartbeat. I have had the fortune of spending Thursday evenings here at the church with them. I wish them the continued love and support they need to keep doing such a wonderful job . I know they will make their next director as proud on Sunday mornings as they have made me.

I will be moving on after the worship service on October 31 to a sister church in the Presbytery where I can only hope that I am made to feel as cherished as I have felt here at Govans.

Once more: Thank you.

Peace.
Jimmy Galdieri



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former Pastor Sharp will not be permitted to have any association with Govans. This custom permits the church to move forward and to assure that proper authority is vested in the interim pastor. Former Pastor Sharp cannot attend services at Govans until a permanent successor is selected and invites him to return.

Over the next few weeks, services will be conducted by several ministers, including Govans parish associate the Rev. David Harris, Govans director of Christian education the Rev. Ed Richardson, and visiting pastors and Presbytery

leaders.

Meanwhile, Jimmy Galdieri, who has served for seven years as our music director, has accepted a position with the First Presbyterian Church of Howard County – a very good opportunity for him and we wish him the best.

Dr. Keith Lusted has agreed to serve as interim organist/choir director through mid-January. A search for a permanent music director is expected to begin after the interim pastor is in place.

By Jon Morgan

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Calling all new members and friends who have been attending Govans Church! Join us on Saturday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. for a fellowship dinner in Sharp Hall. If you became a member of Govans since November 2003 you are especially invited.

We would like to give a special invitation to sponsors and our friends who have been worshipping with us, to join us for dinner.

We welcome folks who have been long-term members to join us as well on November 13th.

This will be an evening of food, fellowship and fun. David Kirkpatrick will entertain us with song and music. Details will follow but save November 13th at 6:00 p.m. for this special evening.

Marilyn Forbes

WELCOME to our Presbytery Executive, Peter Nord, who will be preaching at Govans on November 14, 2004.

A HAPPY THOUGHT

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom.

Colossians 3:16

Armed Forces and Veterans Remembrance

by John Kinnier

November 11 is Veterans Day, the day designated to honor those who have served our country as members of the Armed Forces. As a way of honoring those who have served, and to support the mission of the church over time, the church has established the **Armed Forces and Veterans Remembrance Fund**.

There are some dates that stand out in our memory because of monumental events that occurred on that date. Most of us remember December 7..... "Pearl Harbor Day"; September 11..... "9/11", etc.

November 11 was a date just as monumental for a previous generation of Americans. On the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month of 1918, (November 11, 1918) an armistice went into effect between the Allied and German governments, ending the fighting of World War I. World

War I was thought by many of that time to be "the war to end all wars," and November 11 was commemorated as "Armistice Day" to remember the horrendous casualties, the sacrifices and heroism, and as importantly, the hope for enduring peace and freedom.

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson issued his Armistice Day proclamation. The last paragraph set the tone for future observances:

"To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."

With the advent of World War II, and then the Korean War,

the nation wanted to recognize and honor not just those who served in World War I, but also those who served in our country's Armed Forces in all of America's wars. The name was changed to Veterans Day by Act of Congress in 1954. President Eisenhower called on all of us to, each year, "remember all who fought and served so gallantly, their dedication and sacrifices, and to rededicate ourselves to promoting an enduring peace."

Govans has traditionally paid tribute to those who have served. There are two brass plaques mounted in the sanctuary, displaying the names of members who served in World War I and World War II. As a way of continuing to pay tribute to those whose names are on the plaques, as well as to those who have served in subsequent conflicts or are serving now, or may serve in the future, the

Session has established a special endowment fund. It is called **The Armed Forces and Veterans Remembrance Fund**. Donations to this fund may be made in honor of family members or friends, or in general appreciation for those who served. The names and service of those recognized will be inscribed in a Book of Remembrance, which will be maintained in the Gallery. This endowment fund will support the ongoing needs and mission of the church in perpetuity--serving the church in honor of those who served the country.

Your support of this fund is encouraged. We believe this is a fitting tribute to those who have served, and because of their service and our remembering, we will be supporting the mission of the church in their name....continually! For more information, please let us know of your interest via an "I Wish" card, or call the

LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY: NOVEMBER

11/7 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hag. 1:15b-2:9; Ps. 145:1-5, 17-21 or Ps. 98; 2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

11/14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Isa. 65:17-25; Isa. 12; 2 Thess. 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

11/21 Christ the King/Reign of Christ
Jer. 23:1-6; Luke 1:68-79; Col. 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

**11/28 1st Sunday of Advent/
St. Andrew's Day**
Isa. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; Rom. 13:11-14; Matt. 24:36-44

MARINERS

The November Mariners will be at the Stoneleigh Bowling Alley with dessert at the Clarks, 305 Murdock Road, 410-377-2809.

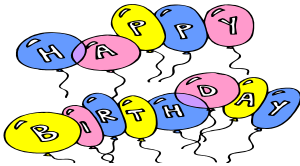
INSTRUMENTALISTS AND SINGERS WANTED

The music team for the 9:15 a.m. worship service welcomes instrumentalists and singers, as well as a soundman to operate the mixer in the back of the church. If you have a desire for enjoyable worship through music, contact Mike Kirkpatrick, 410-242-2744, or mike@kirkpatrickguitar.com

The Gratitude Corner:

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

John F. Kennedy



NOVEMBER

2nd Tom Appel Robin Busick Andrew Farrand William Field	8th Ada Orié Shuquan Minto	15th Julien Colvin Bernie Harper Donna North	24th Margaret Bronner Okpe Orié Corinne Sterling George Hoyle III
3rd Courtney McElpatrick	9th Kevin Heinlein Joy Petersen	17th Amber Gaede	25th John Sharp Jr. Monica Graham
4th Howard Heiss Jr.	10th Harvey Jackson	18th Evelyn Wynn	26th Kit Clark Ridia Busick Daniel Lord
6th Joyce Kruse	11th Michael Busick	19th Edith Brown Nicky Colvin Patrick Rawle	30th Steve Frantz Jamie Hardin Karen Kells-Pamfilis
7th Coralyn Blackiston	12th Diana Dana Joe Carroll	21st Dorothy Fleming	
	14th Ed Boyd Uchenna Orié	22nd Corky Shaw	

BAPTISMS

Sunday, October 3rd

Garrett Kirkwood Shipley, born October 26, 2000. son of Cara and Terry Shipley.
Georgia Katherine Kern, born May 27, 2004, daughter of Kelly and Kevin Kern. Her sponsors are Stacy and Bill Haynes.
Chloe Ann Shenk Corkery, born October 15, 1996, daughter of Doris Shenk and Caleb Corkery. Her sponsors are Alison and Steve Petersen.
Owen Christopher Shenk Corkery, born December 5, 1998, son of Doris Shenk and Caleb Corkery. His sponsors are Karen DeCamp and Dan Pontious.

Sunday, October 17th

Hannah Chandler Morgan, born September 17, 1991, daughter of Jon Morgan and Carol Frigo.
Allison Gale Morgan born August 14, 1993, daughter of Jon Morgan and Carol Frigo.
Rachel Elizabeth Morgan, born April 14, 1996, daughter of Jon Morgan and Carol Frigo.
Chloe Meck born March 6, 1995, daughter of John and Paula Meck.
Jacob Meck born January 14, 1998, son of John and Paula Meck.
Elias Harlow Page born May 4, 1995, son of Glenn and Jane Page.
Jackson Howard Page born May 7, 1997, son of Glenn and Jane Page.
Kaitlyn Anne Morgan born March 5, 1997, daughter of John and Dee Morgan.
Jessica Annelein Morgan born April 9, 1999, daughter of John and Dee Morgan.

GOVANS NEW ADDITIONS

Congratulations to:

Jay and Sarah Forbes on the birth of their baby boy,
Jeremy Hanson Forbes, born October 13, 2004
 Kelly and Kevin Kern on the birth of their baby girl,
Georgia Katherine Kern, born May 27, 2004
 Laurie and Jody May on the birth of their baby girl,
Ava Grace May, born August 27, 2004

NEW MEMBERS JOINING GOVANS

New Members joining the church on Sunday October 17, 2004:

Sandra Knutson sponsored by Steve and Alison Petersen
 Matt Knutson sponsored by Steve and Alison Petersen
 Cathy Vickers sponsored by Cindy Woodruff
 Bob Vickers sponsored by Cindy Woodruff

New Members joining the church on Sunday October 31, 2004:

Gladys Wheeler sponsored by Wilma Webster
 Rosemary Scott sponsored by Mary Weller
 Cynthia Jamison sponsored by Cyntrice Bellamy-Mills
 Deborah Goldberg sponsored by Donna and Heather O’Laughlen

NOVEMBER USHERS	NOVEMBER WORSHIP LEADERS 11:00 a.m.
Harry Hess III — Capt.	
Jon Morgan	11/7
Joan Commarata	11/14 Barbara Kemp
	11/21 Lois Boyd
	11/28 Corky Shaw



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.

CHAIR MASSAGE

**Mondays, November 8th
& 22nd
15 minutes for \$10**

Jan Sanborn, a Certified Massage practitioner, will be here to help you relax your muscles. Call the office to sign up.

**SAVE ENERGY
SAVE MONEY**

**Tuesday, November 9th
10-11 a.m.
FREE SEMINAR**

Barbara Elkins from BGE will be here to educate us on how to Save Energy and Money and, how to get assistance with your BGE bill. Please call the office to sign up.



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 (\$4.75).

Sponsored by Eating Together

**SYMPHONY OF LIGHTS
TOUR**

**Tuesday, December 7th
2:00-10:00 p.m.
Cost \$45.00**

This tour includes an early dinner at the Old Country Buffet in Catonsville. Then on to Ellicott City for "The Heritage Walk." See a Symphony of Lights, a spectacular drive-through Holiday light display in Columbia. Then visit the Church of Latter Day Saints Temple Visitors Center, for a glittering display of lights and a live nativity scene with a concert (based on availability).

For more information on classes or other activities at the Senior Network call 410-323-7131 from 8:30-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

**THE WORLD'S GREATEST
NEW YEAR'S CONCERT**

**Salute to Vienna
Sat., January 1st 2:30 p.m.
Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall
Cost \$60.00—Orchestra Seating**

Join Senior Network in welcoming in the New Year with an outstanding cast of 75 musicians, singers and dancers in a magnificent recreation of the world famous Viennese New Year's concert and celebration. **Salute to Vienna** is an authentic Viennese New Year's Concert. It's Pops!, It's Opera! It's Musical! It's Symphony! It's Dance! It's Total Entertainment! Let's celebrate the New Year together.

EXPERIENCE AFRICA
Following the Friday Luncheon on November 5th.

Join us for lunch and West Africa's often primitive conditions, its rich history, renowned art, and cultural traditions and magnetic influences in the 21st century. Call 410-323-7131 to sign up.



Senior Network offers a Bridge Club and Bridge Clinic, and a Reminiscing club to learn to write down and share your favorite memories. Don't forget blood pressure checks, chair massages, and reiki. Computer classes begin November 12th.

GIFT CERTIFICATES

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Senior Network of North Baltimore now offers Gift Certificates. Purchase them for a trip, class or a dollar amount. For more information call 410-323-7131 or ask the next time you're in the office.

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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

Interim Organist, Keith Lusted

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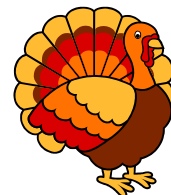
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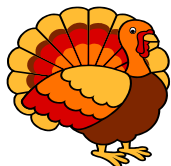
ALL ARE WELCOME

The Ellen Morriss Memorial Labyrinth

is open from dawn to dusk daily





**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**



NOVEMBER 2004

*Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
Psalm 143:10*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi (SH) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm)	2 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)	3 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Sanc.)	4 9:00 a.m. BMHS (WR) 12:30 Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	5 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH) 7:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	6 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH) 4:00 p.m. Heather O'Laughlen & Greg Hopkins Wedding Reception to Follow (SH)
7 9:15 a.m. Children & Family Service 10:10 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Options 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 1:00 p.m. SNNB Luncheon	8 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi (SH) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm) Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (SH/Sanc.)	9 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 1:00 p.m. SNNB (SH) 5:00 p.m. Preschool Potluck Dinner (SH) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)	10 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30 p.m. TAMFS Bd. Mtg. (WR)	11 12:30 Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Sufi Order (SH)	12 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH) Montreat Overnight Reunion	13 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH) 9:00 a.m. New Wave Meeting (WR) 6:00 p.m. New Members Dinner (SH)
14 Preaching Peter Nord, Executive Presbyter 9:15 a.m. Children & Family Service 10:10 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Options 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service	15 9:00 A.M. Tai Chi (SH) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Govans/Central Worship Meeting (WR)	16 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)	 17 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Sanc.) 7:30 p.m. Dancers of Universal Peace (SH)	18 12:30 Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Sufi Order (SH)	19 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)	20 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH) 9:00 a.m. Ministry Area & Session Workshop (SH)
21 Preaching Rev. David Harris 9:15 a.m. Children & Family Service 10:10 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Options 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service	22 9:00 A.M. Tai Chi (SH) 10:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel (SH) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm)	23 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)	24 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Sanc.)	25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 10:00 A.M. Service Church Office Closed SNNB Closed Preschool/Daycare Closed	26 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)	27 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH)
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