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Pastor Sharp's Farewell Letter to All

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Dear Members, Friends and Staff of Govans,

As we enter this 160th Anniversary Month, we also begin our last month together where the Sharps will be your pastoral family, and I your pastor.

An anniversary time is a great time to sense the sweep of history that encompasses this church, which stood on this exact site when the latest in communications was the advent of the telegraph, the surrounding community was countryside, and Govanstown was a small county town. Much has changed over those years — as the neighborhood became an urban center, fourteen pastors served the little congregation — and now, as I move into retirement, a new adventure waits you, a new pastor will emerge from your search process, and excitement will build for the new day, and the new missions that God will call you to.

Dotty, Jody, John, Bryan and I will always have a special place in our hearts for the good people of Govans. You have been generous to us in many ways, and we pray only the very best for all of you in the years ahead. I am grateful for your acceptance of my leadership, and your willingness to permit me to spend time working with many of you in the community to serve the poor, the homeless, sen-

iors, and those who suffer from mental illness.

I pray that you will forgive me for any problems I leave you with, mistakes I have made, and I pray that the good times and the work we have done will be sustainable.

On October 31st, at midnight, I will cease to be your pastor. The policies of the Presbytery of Baltimore, where I remain a member, state the guidelines for former pastors clearly:

“John R. Sharp agrees that he will not provide pastoral guidance for weddings, baptisms, or funerals in the former congregation or with members of the former congregation without the specific invitation of the Moderator of Session or if the Moderator is unavailable, the Clerk of Session (G-14.0606). Planning and counseling are to be performed by the resident pastor, either interim or installed. He may be invited to share in services as a guest at the invitation of Session and the resident pastor as prescribed in the Book of Order. He will neither say nor listen to any uncomplimentary or critical remarks concerning the present, interim, or future clergy in social or other gatherings.”

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Furthermore, it is intended that as the former pastor, I will refrain from participating in any church functions for a full year. Thereafter, only as invited by the new pastor or Clerk of the Session.

This does not mean that friendships must be broken off, or that Dotty and I will cease to care about you and the Govans community. We

will still be living in the area, following your progress, and seeking to be of service wherever God may lead us.

May God bless all of us as we look forward to the new experiences God is bringing into our lives.

Peace and Love,
Pastor and Mrs. John R. Sharp
(Jack and Dotty)

A HAPPY THOUGHT

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every great experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say to yourself, "I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing that comes along." ...You must do the thing you think you cannot do.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

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

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

OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 3 - Our 160th Anniversary Sunday - World Communion and Mission Festival - Sermon: "Family Ties" - **Single Service at 10:30 a.m.**

October 10 - Guest Minister from Scotland - Reverend Norman Shanks

October 17 - Sermon - "A Different Perspective"

October 24 - Stewardship & Heritage Commitment Sunday - Sermon: "Coming Clean"

October 31 - "On Endings and New Beginnings" (*Pastor Sharp's final Sunday as Pastor of Govans*) **A Single Service at 10:30 a.m.**



A REMINDER

Please RSVP no later than October 15th if you plan to attend the party on Saturday, October 23rd, 2004 honoring Dr. & Mrs. John R. Sharp (Jack & Dotty) on the occasion of their retirement from Govans Presbyterian Church.

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

BALTIMORE'S 2004 CROP WALK

Join us as we respond to the needs of the poor and hungry in our community as a participant in this year's **CROP WALK**, an international program sponsored by CHURCH WORLD SERVICE to help fight against hunger.

Baltimore's 2004 CROP WALK will take place on Saturday, October 23rd. For the second year, *Civic and Religious Emergency Services* (CARES) operating under the auspices of

Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO) will directly benefit from this program.

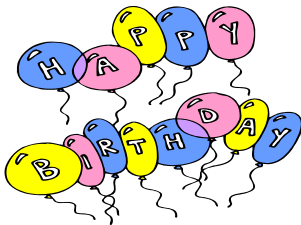
This year the **WALK** route has changed due to construction/dredging of Lake Montebello and we thought it would be appropriate to have the CARES center included as part of the walking route. The **WALK** will start at Govans Presbyterian Church and proceed through the neighborhood of Homeland to CARES for a water stop. Then we

will cross York Road and walk past the GEDCO office in the neighborhood on the east side of York Road and then back to the church. This is approximately 1.5 miles. Registration is from 9:15 - 10:00 a.m. and the Walk will begin at 10:00 a.m.

As a **CROP WALK** supporter, we have one request. We ask that you designate one person to serve as a recruiter/coordinator for walk participants. We are requesting donations of bottled water, apples, and cookies to distribute to our walkers at the water stop. Bring all items to church office no later than October 22.

MARINERS

There will be no October Mariners due to the many activities we have here at Govans. The November Mariners will be at the Stoneleigh Bowling Alley with dessert at the Clarks, 305 Murdock Road, 410-377-2809.



OCTOBER

1st
Virginia Hiob

3rd
Ron Brown
Chris Ouellette

4th
Martha Sayre
Jody Hoffman

5th
Charles Forbes
Samantha Zito

6th
Betsy Toland
Sandy Isteero

8th
Rosemary Lareau

9th
Butch Wilson

10th
Meshack Kangethe
Scott Sugiuchi

11th
Lynn Featherston
Erna Kesler
Logan Brown

(Earl) Tank Jones

13th
John Gallagher

15th
Chloe Corkery

16th
Charlene Gaines

Jack Toland
Dylan Greene

21st
Cory Forbes

24th
Stuart Greene

25th
Randy Terry
Baird Dillon

Gibson Kangethe

26th
Jennifer Heinlein
Becky Rawle
Garrett Shipley

27th
Mattie Rankin
Katrina Hoyle

28th
Ethel Roberts

29th
Joy Dignan
Jerry Joiner III

31st
Dennis Connolly

Govans Presbyterian Preschool and Child Care Center

Everyone has been busy the first few weeks of school getting to know one another. We are welcoming back many old friends and making many new ones. The children and teachers are working together to establish classroom routines and each room is taking on a personality of its own. Our gym teacher, Janet Lloyd, and our music teacher, Renee Hoegberg, have already come to share their talents with the children and teachers.

A storyteller and music performer will be presenting "The Pied Piper

of Hamelin" to the children on Wednesday, October 6th. Susan Creasey is a graduate of Radford University and is currently pursuing her Masters Degree at Towson University. Susan has performed with the Opera Roanoke and Piedmont Opera of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She has also performed in several Towson University productions. She teaches beginner piano and voice. We hope to have her back for other performances this year.

Parents are invited to "Back To School Night" on Wednesday, October

6th at 7:00 p.m. Parents will meet with the teachers who will discuss their plans for the 2004-2005 school year. Parents will then meet in Sharp Hall for a brief meeting and refreshments. We will be serving cakes and cookies from Claire's Gourmet to introduce everyone to their products. This will begin a fundraising campaign to help raise money for new equipment to be used in the classrooms. Last year we raised over \$700 from this campaign and we hope to do better this year!

The Zoo Mobile will be bringing farm animals to

the school for the two-year old classrooms on Thursday, October 21st. Everyone else will be going to Land of Promise Farm on Friday, October 22nd to see farm animals where they live and then go on a hayride. Everyone will get to pick a pumpkin to bring home. Our annual Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 29th at 11:00. Parents and friends are welcome to come and photograph our witches, ballerinas and superheroes.

By: Pamela Ferguson
Director

PRESBYTERIANS RESPOND TO HURRICANE CHARLEY

In response to the great damage caused by Hurricane Charley, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has issued an appeal for help to all churches across the nation. In addition to the many hundreds of homes damaged, ten Presbyterian Churches sustained severe damage. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been in contact with the affected presbyteries and is preparing to send funds from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering.

If you want to help with a cash donation, please send personal or congregational checks, payable to Presbytery of Baltimore, to the Presbytery Office and indicate on the memo line one of the following accounts:

- # 9-2000015 (for Relief and Recovery for Disaster Survivors)
- # 9-2000163 (for Church Property Damage)
- # 9-2000151 (for Kits) Baby Kits \$35.00, Health Kit \$12.00, Hope-in-a-Box \$24.00 and School Kit \$11.00

You may also help by assembling Kits or Boxes. Four different types will be accepted: Health Kit, School Kit, Hope-in-a-Box, and Baby Kit. The contents of each type are available in the church office. Kits and boxes are sent directly to Church World Service in New Windsor, Maryland. For more information see Presbyterian Disaster Assistance website, <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/index.htm>.

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

10/3 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lam. 1:1-6; Lam. 3:19-26 or Ps. 137; 2 Tim. 1:1-14;
Luke 17:5-10

10/10 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer. 29:1, 4-7; Ps. 66:1-12; 2 Tim. 2:8-15;
Luke 17:11-19

10/17 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer. 31:27-34; Ps. 119:97-104; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5;
Luke 18:1-8

10/24 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joel 2:23-32; Ps. 65; 2 Tim. 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

10/31 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Hab. 1:1-4; 2:1-4; Ps. 119:137-144;
2 Thess. 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

OCTOBER USHERS	OCTOBER WORSHIP LEADERS
George Cognet— Capt.	11:00 a.m.
Connie Newton	
Mindy Watson	10/3 Susan Platt
Ramona Hoyle	10/10 Drew Andersen
Elsie Hegwood	10/17 Beth Richardson
Edgar Wiggins	10/24 Alice Read
	10/31 John Kinnier

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLYWEDS:
Phyllis Brashler and Kevin Welch, who were married at Chincoteague Island on September 18, 2004

Heidi Mort and Brian Green, who were married at Thurmont on September 25, 2004

CONGRATULATIONS to Mindy Watson and Connie Newton on their Holy Union on October 2, 2004 at Govans Presbyterian Church

Congratulations to Heather O’Laughlen and Lance Corporal Greg Hopkins, who will be married on November 6, 2004.

GOVANS NEW ADDITIONS



Nicholas Anthony Bellamy-Mills born June 23, 2004. Parents are Cytrice Bellamy and Anthony Mills.

Benjamin Christopher Knarr born September 7, 2004. Parents are Dorian Knarr and Meg Bryant Knarr.

BAPTISMS

Sunday, September 26, 2004, 9:15 a.m. Service

Justin Conrad, born January 12, 1992, son of Peter G. Conrad and Myra Brosius. His sponsors are Carol & Don Buchanan.

Paulina Conrad, born March 30, 1999, daughter of Peter G. Conrad and Myra Brosius. Her sponsors are Anita & Robert Fisk.

Kiva Sewell, born September 9, 1996, daughter of Gregory Sewell and Kim Brent, and grand-daughter of Phyllis Brent. Her sponsor is Latanya Bailey-Jones.

Sunday, September 26, 2004, 11:00 a.. Service

Starlette Franklin, born December 8, 2003, daughter of Chuck & Stacey Franklin.

Jake Helmers, born June 16, 1992, son of Chris Helmers and Robin Chandlee.

Catherine Helmers, born March 25, 1995, daughter of Chris Helmers and Robin Chandlee.

Emily Louisa Reed, born May 25, 2000, daughter of Michael Reed and Deborah Baer. Her sponsors are John Laube and Elizabeth Baer.

Nicholas (Nick) Michael Reed, born March 20, 1997, son of Michael Reed and Deborah Baer. His sponsors are John Laube and Elizabeth Baer.

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 (\$4.75).

Sponsored by Eating Together

REVERSE MORTGAGE SEMINAR

**Tuesday, Oct. 24th
10:30—11:30 a.m.**

Sue Haviland from Wells Fargo will be here to explain the pros and cons of a Reverse Mortgage. Is it for you? Call 410-323-7131 to sign up

APPLE FESTIVAL

**Tues., Oct. 26th
1:30—3:30 p.m.
Cost \$1.00**



Join us for our 1st Annual Apple Festival and enjoy some hot or cold apple cider, apple cake or apple pie and a sampling of some fall apples. Our featured movie will be "Young Frankenstein" parody of a 1930s horror movie. Call the office to make your reservation for this fun afternoon.

FLU AND PNEUMONIA SHOTS

Wednesday, October 20th, 2004 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and Monday, November 1st from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Good Samaritan Hospital will be giving the shots. If you have Medicare B, the shots are free; if not, they are \$15.00 for Flu and \$21.00 for Pneumonia. **Must call office for appointment, NO WALK INS**

SENIOR LAW ISSUES

**Tues., Oct. 12th
1-2 p.m.**

Robert Winkler, attorney, will present law issues for seniors. He will discuss Advanced Directives, Living Wills, Power of Attorney and some estate planning. He will also answer your questions regarding legal issues. Call to sign up.

PUMPKIN PAINTING

**Wed., Oct. 27th
10:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.
FREE**

Join us for this fun workshop and enjoy some apple cider and gingersnaps while you paint a Halloween pumpkin for yourself or your grandchild. This is a free workshop sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care. Please call the office to sign up.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY
OCTOBER 29TH**

Come join us on Friday October 29th. Come in costume (or not), watch The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, hear the history of Halloween and sing some Halloween carols. The program will follow our Friday Luncheon. Call by 10/25.

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.

SNNB SUNDAY LUNCHEON * OCTOBER 17TH, 2004 * 1:00 P.M.—3:00 P.M.

Join us in saying farewell to **Rev. and Mrs. Jack Sharp**. Jack will reminisce about his years with Senior Network and **Govans Presbyterian Church**. He will be greatly missed, and we wish him well in his next endeavor. Catering will be by Carol D. Call the office for the menu and to make reservations. Please make **reservations by October 8th**. The luncheon cost is **\$6.00** payable at the time you sign up. Payment is non-refundable.

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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

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

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE
10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST

**The Gratitude
Corner:**

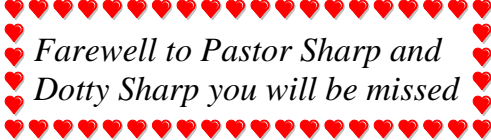
“True thanksgiving means that we need to
thank God for what He has done for us, and not
to tell Him what we have done for Him.”

~ George R. Hendrick






OCTOBER

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Farewell to Pastor Sharp and

Dotty Sharp you will be missed

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service 11:30 A.M. Celebration Tea for Dotty Sharp <i>Pastor Sharp's Last Sunday</i> 					1 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH) 7:30 p.m. Labyrinth Workshop	2 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH) 2:00 p.m. Holy Union—Connie Newton & Mindy Watson
3 160th Year Anniversary of Govans Church 10:30 a.m. Combined Worship Service 11:30 a.m. Mission/Stewardship Fair (SH) 4:00 p.m. Ordination of Barbara Stumpf	4 9:00 a.m. Tai Chi (SH) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 5:30 p.m. Neighborhood Gardening Assoc. (Jayne Mauric) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm)	5 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)	6  11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:00 p.m. Back to School (SH) 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Sanc.)	7 9:00 a.m. BMHS (WR) 12:30 Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH) 6:00 p.m. International Potluck with Rev. Shanks from Scotland	9 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH)
10 9:30 a.m. Children & Family Service 10:10 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Options 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service 7:00 p.m. Celtic Spirituality & Iona with Rev. Norman Shanks	11 9:00 A.M. Tai Chi (SH) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 12:30 p.m. Tai Chi (SH) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm)	12 9:00 a.m. BMHS 9:00 a.m. 55 Alive (WR) 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 10:00 a.m. SNNB CARE (MP-Rm) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)	13 9:30 a.m. 55 Alive (WR) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Sanc.)	14 12:30 Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Sufi Order (SH)	15 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)	16 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH) 11:00 A.M. WOODBERRY CROSSING FESTIVAL
17 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY 9:30 a.m. Children & Family Service 10:10 am. Sunday School/Adult Options 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship 1:00 P.M. SNNB Luncheon (SH)	18 9:00 A.M. Tai Chi (SH) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 12:30 p.m. Tai Chi (SH) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm)	19 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Lib) 11:30 a.m. SNNB Lunch with the Nurse (SH) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH)	20 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 1:30 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 6:00 p.m. Counseling Graduation 7:30 p.m. Dancers of Universal Peace (SH) 7:30 p.m. Facility Ministry 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Sanc.)	21 8:30 a.m. BMHS (SH) 12:30 p.m. Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 p.m. Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Sufi Order (SH)	22 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)	23 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH) 9:15 a.m. Crop Walk 7:00 p.m. Retirement Party for Pastor Sharp at Stadium Place YMCA 
24 PLEDGE SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. Children & Family Service 10:10 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Options 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship	25 9:00 A.M. Tai Chi (SH) 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 12:30 p.m. Tai Chi (SH) 7:00 p.m. Debtors Anon. (MP-Rm)	26 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Lib) 11:00 a.m. Bible Study (Lib) 7:00 p.m. New Wave (SH) 7:30 p.m. Session	27 11:00 a.m. Exercise Class (SH) 2:00 p.m. Line Dancing (SH) 7:30 p.m. Contemporary Music Rehearsal (Sanc.)	28 12:30 Tai Chi (SH) 12:30 Painting Studio (MP-Rm) 2:30 p.m. BMHS (SH) 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	29 PRESCHOOL HALLOWEEN PARADE 9:30 a.m. Yoga Class (SH) 12:00 p.m. Friday Lunch Bunch (SH)	30 8:30 a.m. Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha (SH)

Room Codes: SH=Sharp Hall, WR=Waverly Room, Lib.=Library, MP-Rm.=Multi-Purpose Room, Gal.=Gallery, DR=Deacons Room, CR=Choir Room