

# Evangelical Presbyterian CHURCH OF ANNAPOLIS

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June/July/August 2009

## EP CARE NET

You may have heard others talking about EP Care Net and wondered what Care Net is all about. EP Care Net is the new name for the communication and coordination structure for how we will be providing care for the members and friends of EP Church. There are four components of this care and as each does its part the whole process will function together to demonstrate the care that our God has for us.

- **Officer Care:** Each member of EP has now been assigned to one pastor, one elder, and one deacon. These officers function as the “first responders” for spiritual care to our nearly 900 members. If your ruling elder has not yet contacted you, he will be doing so soon. The elder is responsible for checking on your spiritual health and referring you to resources within the church for ministry. Likewise, your assigned deacon has special concern for your physical needs. Each of the five full-time EP Pastors leads a team of 4-6 elders and multiple deacons in this process. You can find out who your pastor, elder and deacon are by checking the regularly updated church directory under your name. We want a long-term relationship to be built between you and your assigned officers. Some may already know each other well; others may be just forming a friendship. Either way, both parties need to take the time to know the other better.
- **Staff Care:** EP Church employs over 21 full and part-time ministry staff. These folks labor every day so that the flock at EP is properly cared for and they have the privilege of being paid for their hard work. The various programs of the church are under the supervision of these various employees. Whether the focus is on men, women or youth ministry; counseling services; discipleship, administration or missions, these programs are designed to provide care for EP members and to assist EP to provide care for others beyond our walls.
- **Volunteer Care:** Many members of EP are in well established networks of friends who can help shoulder the load when times are tough. We may know these folks through our Sunday School classes or home groups, MOPS or a multitude of other ways. However, some of us are not well connected with other members of the body and when a need overwhelms us it is hard to know where to turn. Thus, EP Care Net is attempting to better communicate and coordinate those who need care and those who can give it. The Volunteer Care component of Care Net consists of four directors: Carolyn Woodie, Lila Williamson, Jan Borger and Mary Skinner. These directors help channel requests for help to eight coordinators over such categories as: **Handy Hands, Home Needs, Transportation, Caring Contact, Growth Partners, Senior Care, Continuing Care, and Special Needs Families.** These coordinators then contact their list of volunteers and make sure the need is being addressed. Sometimes a need requires long-term one-on-one assistance between a care giver and a care receiver. When appropriate such needs will be handled by our Stephen Ministers who are an important part of the EP Care Net.

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*A community of God's people seeking the Spiritual, Cultural, and Social renewal of Annapolis and the surrounding community as we are moved by the Gospel into devotion to Jesus Christ, love for His Body, and service to His World...that Christ would be glorified, and that Annapolis and the world would know that God has sent His Son.*

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**Elders for 2009**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES**

**GIVING THRU MAY 17**

<b>Operating Fund:</b>	<b>Year To Date</b>
Budgeted Giving	\$ 892,000
Actual Giving	\$ 953,000
Surplus or (Deficit)	\$ 61,000
<b>Building (Campaign) Fund</b>	
Amount Pledged since 01/01/08	\$ 646,000
Anticipated Giving to Date	\$ 297,000
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 222,000
Ahead or (Behind) Anticipated	(\$ 75,000)

**Deadline for the**

**Sept/Oct/Nov Epistle is August 4<sup>th</sup>**

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If you would like to receive the EPistle electronically, please email Melissa Drouin, [mdrouin@epannapolis.org](mailto:mdrouin@epannapolis.org).



*For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength.*

1 Corinthians 1:25



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- **Self Care:** The last component of EP Care Net concerns you, the individual. Galatians 6:1-5 reminds us that bearing one another's burdens fulfills the law of Christ but at the same time the apostle adds that each one of us has to bear our own share of the load. Part of bearing your own load involves communicating with the church leadership if you are experiencing a crisis. For instance, a pastor can't visit you in the hospital if he doesn't know you are a patient. Likewise, there are ways for the church body to minister to your financial or marital crisis but not if you aren't willing to let your need be known. So the body has a responsibility but so does the individual and when we communicate and coordinate then God's care can flow through us.

Beginning May 31, our evening worship services will be devoted to studying what God's Word says about each of these four components of EP Care Net. This will be an important time of learning how we can work together to demonstrate the love of Christ in our midst. You won't want to miss evening worship on May 31 and three weeks following in June.

How can you be more involved in EP Care Net? Here are four suggestions:

- Get to know your assigned pastor, elder, and deacon. Ask them to pray for you about specific things and remember to also pray for them.
- Participate in one of our many small group programs from Sunday School to GriefShare; from MOPS to Men's Fraternity. Get to know others in the body and learn to network.
- Volunteer! You know your gifts and talents better than anyone. Volunteer sign up forms will soon be circulating around the church. Take the time to fill one out and you'll be contacted by one of our Volunteer Care Coordinators with more information on how you can serve. If you know how to bear a burden, Care Net will help you find someone who needs your help.
- Attend evening worship through June and **pray** for the successful launch of EP Care Net within our congregation.



Pastor Bob Borger

## MISSION COMMITTEE

*As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.*  
John 20:21 (NEV)

As this is being written, Spring is in full bloom, and the promise of Summer is greatly anticipated. That means time off from school and family vacations. But this should not mean a vacation from missions but rather an opportunity for missions. With this in mind, we want to consider the need for helpers for the summer program at Woodside Gardens. If you are interested, talk to Laurie Nelson.

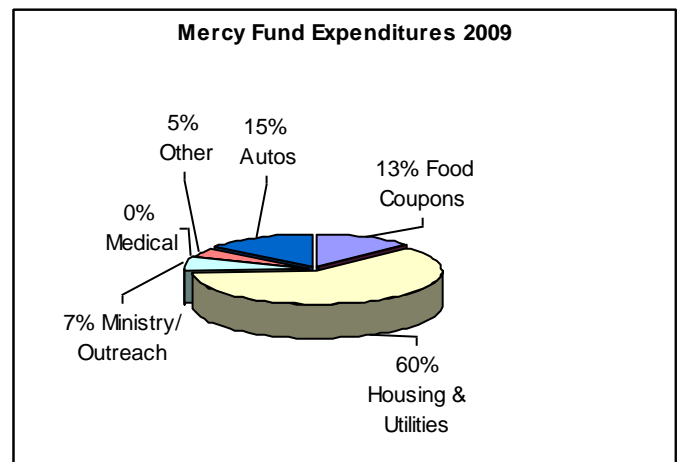
And we rejoice at the response to support sending a dozen or more kids to Camp Wabana for a week. It is also a time when young people are considering short-term mission trips to a wide variety of places, and for that we are very thankful. From within the church,



Pastor Doty is taking a group of teenagers to England as an outreach to their contemporaries there. Much of England has little to do with the church or organized worship, so this group is going to the neighborhoods to play soccer with the kids and in so doing provide an opportunity for witness. This is going out into the "market place" for these young people. Also from

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## Current usage of the funds given through the Mercy Committee for \$18,400.



### THANK YOU

Dear EP Family,  
Thank you to all of you who have made the transition out of my job as Director of Worship Arts such an encouraging time! Thank you to the many who planned and helped with the lovely reception after the evening service on April 5th and to you all for the generous gifts that were presented to me on that occasion! I have been very encouraged by the many kind written notes and verbal expressions of thanks so many of you have given me regarding the ministry the Lord gave me at EP. Nothing encourages my heart more than to hear that what the Lord allowed me to do here in the Worship Ministry has been a blessing and spiritual encouragement to you.

Ruth Burge

The community of Annapolis EP has been a huge blessing to M'Cheyne and I, and we would like to invite the congregation to our wedding ceremony.

Friday, May 29 at 1:00PM  
Annapolis EP Sanctuary



We regret that we are not able to accommodate everyone at our reception, but would like to share our ceremony with everyone that means so much to us. Cortney Breitschwedt and M'Cheyne Moore

### ARE YOU HOMESCHOOLING THIS NEXT YEAR?

The Evangelical Presbyterian Home Schooling Ministry (EPHEM) is recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education as an "umbrella" group for supervising homeschooling families. EPHEM is now accepting registrations for the coming school year.

Current families have had registration materials mailed to them but if you are a new family that would like to join, you can view the information about EPHEM on the church's website at [www.eppannapolis.org](http://www.eppannapolis.org). Look for the EPHEM link under "Congregational Life." New family registrations will be accepted during the month of June on a "first-come, first-served, basis." If you have any questions about homeschooling in general or EPHEM in particular, please call Nancy Deibert at 410-798-8781 or [nancy.deibert@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.deibert@gmail.com).

### YOUTH FOR CHRIST

Steve Kaiss is the Ministry Director for Metro Maryland Youth for Christ. Steve and his wife, Melanie, have four children: Elijah (12), Caleb (10), Noah (9), and Hannah (2). They live in Linthicum, Maryland and are members of Severna Park EP Church.

Steve was saved at a Billy Graham Crusade and joined Youth for Christ at Andover High School, where he was disciplined and encouraged to grow in his faith. While he attended Towson University, he did volunteer work with Youth for Christ. In his junior year of college he took over leadership of the Andover Youth for Christ. After college he felt called to join Youth for Christ in full-time ministry. Steve has now been working with Youth for Christ for 30 years.

As the Ministry Director, Steve oversees 25 staff members, who work in Anne Arundel, Howard, Harford, and Baltimore Counties, as well as Baltimore City. He recruits, trains, and supervises volunteers for the ministry. He also oversees teen parent programs for teenagers who face the challenges of being parents, and programs for inner city and sub-culture teenagers. Steve leads the Youth for Christ Club at North County. Steve's greatest desire is to reach non-Christian teenagers with the Gospel, disciple them, and get them settled in a Bible-believing church.



### Prayer Requests:

1. Additional adult volunteers with a heart for the young people.
2. New groups that have formed at Broadneck and in Baltimore City.
3. Wisdom for Steve and his family as they try to set the priorities that God wants them to have.

## OUTREACH UPDATE

We have been involved in many opportunities this spring that we wanted to thank you for your generosity and kindness.

- **The Change for life Baby Bottle Campaign** was held this past February. We were able to contribute \$6,066.85 to the Bowie, Crofton Severna Park Pregnancy Center.
- The items you provided for the **Zambia Orphanage Outreach** this past March were overwhelming! Those items are now on their way to the children. If you would like to follow the "Villages of Hope" ministry you can go to the All Kids Can Learn International website at [www.akcli.org](http://www.akcli.org).
- In March we held our first meeting for **Habitat for Humanity's Clay Street Restoration Project**. Because of permits and relocations the start date for actual work will not begin until January 2010. If you would like to be kept apprised of how this develops and how we at EP will be involved please send an email to Tom Beall at [tabeall@epannapolis.org](mailto:tabeall@epannapolis.org).
- We also finished our first year of the **Good News Club** at the **Germantown Elementary School** (located near the USNA stadium). With the help of teachers, parents, and volunteers from our church, every Wednesday from 3:30-4:45, we were able to share Gods Word with **34 students**. We will begin a new year in October. If you would like to be a part of this wonderful ministry please contact Laurie Nelson or Donna Schmidt.
- Thank you all who attended and/or volunteered during the **Go Fish Concert** in April. More than 700 parents and children came to hear the guys sing about Jesus.
- Thank you for the contributions for our **Send a Kid to Camp Campaign**. It has made it possible for our church to send the following 20 children (ages 7 to 14) to Camp Wabanna from June 29 through July 4: Angelica, Yolanda, Rebeca, Suzanne, Jermelle, Angel, JaMaree, Jahbri, Anija, Alexis, Precious, Daniela, Estela, Yoli, Julio, Adan, Carla, Char-



nisha, and Lashaunda ( 4 Angel Tree, 8 Iglesia de Dios and 7 Woodside Garden children). Thanks also to everyone that volunteered at our Camper's Pizza Dinner. About 50 campers, siblings and parents gathered for pizza, games and registration forms on a Saturday night in May. Please continue to pray for these children and their families that God would use this experience to change their lives.

More Outreach Opportunities this year that you can get involved in.

**Pregnancy Clinic Volunteer Training** - Do you want to make a difference one life at a time? It's easier than you think. All you need is a willing heart and a desire to share God's love and hope. The Pregnancy Clinics of Bowie Crofton and Severna Park, a Christian outreach to women and families in unplanned pregnancies, is offering a 10 week Summer Volunteer Daytime Training Seminar beginning Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM until 12:30PM, at the Severn Park Pregnancy Center, 650 Ritchie Hwy.

- Class size is limited so please mark your calendar and call for more information at 301-262-1330 or 410-431-5000 or register online at [www.pregnancyclinicministry.org](http://www.pregnancyclinicministry.org).
- **Greeters and Welcome Station** - Do you have a desire to make people feel welcome on Sunday mornings? We are looking for volunteers that would be willing to greet before the 9:15 and 11:00 services on a rotating basis. First impressions especially at a church mean a lot and can make a difference as to whether someone will return the next week. If you desire to be a part of this ministry please contact Christy Jo Wilson at 410-544-3685.
- **Project Backpack** - On Monday, **August 17, 9:00 to 12:00** we will be assembling and delivering backpacks for the children at Woodside Gardens and Iglesia de Dios. This is a great ministry for the whole family to participate in. If you are a bargain hunter and would like to assist in the purchasing of the school supplies please contact Laurie Nelson. We will begin collecting financial contributions as well as school supplies on Sunday, July 19.
- **Woodside Summer Camp** - Many have asked if we will be returning to Woodside Gardens on Tuesdays this summer to conduct our summer

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camp. As of the date of this EPistle article we have not heard whether the community will be able to have the camp this year. Please continue to pray that details will be worked out and that we will be able to go into the community and share Gods love. I will keep you posted.

- **Lighthouse Shelter** – If your Sunday School, Bible Study, Small group or family would like to provide dinner for the Lighthouse Homeless Shelter (located off of West St), EP has committed to the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. This summer **June 25, July 25** and **August 22** are available. If you are interested in any of these areas of ministry, please contact Laurie Nelson.

**Angel Tree Coordinator** - I am in need of someone who has a heart for the Angel Tree ministry. I do not know how many years I will be able to continue with this ministry and I am looking for someone who is willing to work beside me in order to “learn the ropes” so that if/when I leave there will be someone who can carry on this vital wonderful ministry. If you are at all interested in working with these children, please call me at 410-674-5621 for further information. I promise that unless something happens, I will not leave you “holding the bag” for a couple of years. Dee Chalfant

**English as a Second Language** has successfully completed its second school year. It has been very rewarding to all of us, teachers and students, and now we are inviting everyone who would like to join us as teachers or teacher's aids this September to participate in the teacher training class held this summer. We are offering training on June 5, 6 and July 17, 18. Both of these are Friday nights and all day Saturday and you must attend both days. Classes are limited to 24 students and fill up quickly, so please contact the committee chairman, Louise Morris at 410-266-7746 or email [morrnich@verizon.net](mailto:morrnich@verizon.net) as soon as possible for details.



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our congregation, at the end of the semester, Fred and Dana Andre (Campus Crusade) will be taking a group of international students to Niagara Falls for a conference outing. The group consists of both believers and non-believers, so great opportunities for friendship evangelism to ensue. Some of our other campus ministries have outreach plans for the summer as well.

Summer can also be a time when overseas missionaries with families are more free to travel and make visits back to the U.S. Such is the case for Dr Bill and Dorothy Ardill and their four children. Bill is a surgeon working in Evangel Hospital in Jos, Nigeria, under the auspices of SIM. Dorothy teaches in the mission school. They will be visiting with us on Sunday, 14 June, when they will be sharing in several Sunday School classes and speaking in the evening service.

The Mission Committee is planning on having a reception for the Ardills after evening service for them to be able to directly interact with as many people as possible. In the future it is the plan to have a number of such receptions when our missionaries are in our midst rather than planning s special Missions Week event every other year.

It will provide every bit as much interaction at less work per event, and be more timely as well. At the end of August, Julie Soltis (Intl. Teams, Austria) will be visiting and arrangements for her visit will be announced as they become firm. Beginning in September, Mark and Marti Mylin (GEM-France) will be living in the mission house for a year. Mark will be pursuing some further theological education during this time. Their presence in our midst will provide a great opportunity to really get to know them and the work that they are doing.

Special prayer request: Please pray for Kevin and Tanya Van Horne (IVCF-Moldova) and family. The government in Moldova continually harasses them in regards to obtaining visas, which must be renewed every year. A new legal glitch has been introduced, which if not resolved could mean that they would have to leave and not return for a minimum of three years. They, as well as Tanya’s mother, Julie Soltis, are all members of SPEP.

## 7 STEPS TO HEALTHY GRIEVING

from Through a Season of Grief the GriefShare devotional published by Church Initiative, Inc.

There is no one right way to grieve, but there are steps to grieving that are healthy and that will help you move along this journey.

Step 1: Acknowledge and understand your own grief. "The people who recover are the people who admit their loss and are able to talk about it," says counselor, H. Norman Wright.

*"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart"*

1 Samuel 16:7

Step 2: Let others know your needs and let them help in a concrete way.

*"Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need"*

Hebrews 4:16

Step 3: Feel free to grieve in your own way.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus"*

Philippians 4:6-7

Step 4: Find the right people to share it with

*"Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles"*

Philippians 4:14

Step 5: Commit to the journey, long or short, that leads back into living life. God will reward your sincere willingness to commit to the journey and to press on.

*"Not that I have already obtained it, or have already become perfect, but I press on in order that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."*

Philippians 3:12-14

Step 6: "Sometimes the best remedy for grief is finding some way to touch someone else's life," says Dr. Larry Crabb. Open your eyes to the needs around you.

*"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long"*

Psalms 25:4-5

Step 7: Trust God and cling to Him. Bring all of your questions and feelings honestly to Him. Appeal to Him, cry to Him, yell at Him; confess to Him, and then sit back in His arms and trust.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."*

Proverbs 3:5-6



We are just finishing up our spring session of GriefShare. Our next session will begin in the fall. If you are grieving, plan to join us in the fall or bring a grieving friend.

For more information, contact Paul and Carolyn Woodie 410-626-8430 - carolyn.woodie@verizon.net or Walt and Karen Asplund 410-923-3285 - asplundmd@yahoo.com.

## COMMUNITY

Saturday Mary and I went to the wedding of the son of some of our best friends from our Small Group. Monday evening I spent a couple of hours with some friends from a Men's Bible Study helping a family move a wood pile. What do these 2 things have in common? Both came out of a sense of community and being invested in each others lives. Twenty years ago when we moved to Arnold, Mary and I were invited to a weekly Bible Study/Small Group with 2 other couples. That group has grown to 6 families who meet weekly for Bible Study, prayer, and really caring for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ. The wedding was a wonderful "family" celebration for all of us in the Study as we rejoiced with each other. Two men from a Men's Bible Study I meet with are also involved in a family Bible Study/Small Group and one of those families was in need of help moving a wood pile at their house - so they called our study and we moved wood to help out in a time of need.

As Bruce preached in May from Hebrews 13, we are saved into community - God saved us into the Body of Christ, not into a life of "going it alone". We are *designed* by God to be in relationships with other believers where we can care for each other, study God's Word, pray, fellowship with, and support each other. Are you involved in ongoing relationships with other men to help you to grow in your faith? Have you taken the time to invest your life in the lives of God's people around you? Do you have other men who you consider brothers because you have taken the time to get to know them and care for them. Sadly, many of us come to a crisis in our lives and have to deal with it alone because we have not taken the time and effort to immerse ourselves in the Body of Christ. Even the times of joy are less than they should be because we have no deep friendships to share them with. If this describes you, then now is the time to begin "plugging in". Call Tom Beall, 410-647-7985. There are groups meeting at EP on Tuesday night, Wednesday morning, Wednesday night, Thursday morning, Friday morning, and Saturday morning. There are also groups meeting all over the county at restaurants, businesses, and in homes that you could become a part of. Don't go it alone - You weren't designed that way!

Tom Beall

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June - Orioles Baseball family night
- July - Fishing Trips  
Ministry to International Students
- September 12 - Church Family Picnic
- To Be Announced - Men's Golf Tournament
- October 17 - Leadership Training Seminar

Watch the bulletin for details or pick up a schedule on the Men's Bulletin Board and then come join us.

Contact Tom Beall at 410-266-8090 extension 117 or email at [tbeall@epannapolis.org](mailto:tbeall@epannapolis.org) for more information or to help you get started.

*To encourage men to grow in their faith and love for Jesus Christ;  
To provide fellowship opportunities and growth in the Body of Christ;  
To provide opportunities for using spiritual gifts in ministry  
To share the Good News of the Gospel to a dying world.*

## 2009 RETREAT



# Women's Ministries: Joining our hearts on the Lord's path...

**The Goal:** The goal of Women's Ministries is to see every woman become a mature worshipper of God; that she would know Him personally and be committed to extending His Kingdom in her life, church, community and throughout the world.

**The Purpose:** Women's Ministries exist to provide opportunities for women to be transformed by the gospel through worship, prayer, study, fellowship, evangelism and service.

*"Show me Your ways, O Lord, teach me Your paths; guide me in Your truth and teach me, for You are God my Savior, and my hope is in You all day long." Psalm 25:4-5*



Dear Friends, Welcome to Summer 2009!

Very rarely do you see a seagull by itself; pull out a loaf of bread and you get a sky full! Seagulls are known to be very persistent in pursuing a meal: just check out the U-Tube video of Sam the shoplifting seagull from Aberdeen Scotland. We pray that our plans in Women's Ministries this summer will give you opportunities to pursue persistently your relationship with the Lord, and your relationships within our congregation. There are also opportunities to bring a friend.

This summer all of our studies will be reading together and discussing *The Heart of Prayer, What Jesus Teaches Us*, by Jarram Barrs. This book will be our guide in our study of God's Word on the topic of prayer.

*"If we are honest with ourselves, we will acknowledge that we pray very little. When we do pray, we are often focused on our own performance or on making a 'good impression' on God or those around. As a result, we lose the joy, delight, and childlike dependence of heartfelt prayer.*

*But despite our weakness in prayer, Jesus' teaching and example provide support rather than condemnation. This uplifting book highlights this encouragement and calls believers to turn their eyes away from their own performance and follow Jesus as they pursue the heart of prayer."*

Sign up today for one of our studies. For a complete schedule of the all the summer activities in Women's Ministries pick up a brochure in the Women's Ministry Office or from our bulletin board. Be Persistent! Come join the flock! Looking forward to our summer together, In His Grace, Jenny Woodruff, Director of Women's Ministries

		Registration for Summer	
*Tuesday Afternoons July 7-August 11 1:00pm-3:00pm	At the Home of Ellen Lyttle, Heritage Harbor	<p>You may register for a Women's Bible Study in one of the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Fill out a registration form and put it in the Women's Bible Study mail slot in the Church Office.</li> <li>- Contact the Women's Ministry Office</li> <li>- Look for our sign up table in the Fellowship Hall between services on Sundays in June.</li> </ul> <p>If you are interested in the studies at Claire Reddigs or Natalie De Vries, we are working on options for childcare at these homes.</p> <p>*NOTE: These studies start and end a week later.</p>	<p><b>Summer Dates to Remember:</b></p> <p><b>June 6th</b> Women's Ministry Prayer Team Mini-Retreat</p> <p><b>June 8th</b> Women's Bus Trip to Longwood Gardens</p> <p><b>June 21st-26th</b> Vacation Bible School</p> <p><b>June 29th-3rd</b> Most summer studies start this week</p> <p><b>August 3rd-7th</b> Most summer studies end this week</p> <p><b>August 3rd</b> Bus Trip Women and Girls of all ages: Shopping at the Leesburg Outlets</p>
Tuesday Evenings June 30-August 4 6:30pm	At the Home (or sailboat) of Jackie Billingsly Bay Ridge		
Wednesday Mornings July 1-August 5 9:30am-11:30am	At the Home of Christy Jo Wilson, Severna Park		
Wednesday Evenings July 1-August 5 7:30pm-9:30pm	At the Home of Natalie De Vries St. Margarets		
*Thursday Mornings July 9-August 13 9:30am-11:30am	At the Home of Claire Reddig Crofton		
Thursday Evenings July 2-August 6 7:30pm-9:30pm	At the Home of Amy Brereton Annapolis		
Thursday Afternoons July 2-August 6 1:00pm-3:00pm	At the Home of Carol Breza, Annapolis		

*Bring a friend...*



Women's Ministry

Looking Back...

If you were to approach the chapel on a typical Sunday morning at 11:00, the joyful noise you hear might cause you to stop and check to see if there was an adult in there. If you went inside you would see children singing, clapping, jumping and even dancing to the Lord. You might even see some of the characters that have visited the Well this year such as Thirsty Guy, who has been searching all year for something to satisfy his thirsty heart and his friend Wise Girl, who encouraged him to read the Bible. You might see the Woman at the Well who couldn't keep quiet after meeting Jesus and receiving His Living Water. You might even learn about a real well being dug in Bhogpur, India to help children of lepers living in a children's home that is supported by Mission to the World. So if you haven't had a chance to visit the Well, stop by and you might not want to leave...



Our last Well worship time for this school year will be May 31. We will reconvene in the fall. Children's Ministry wants to give our heartfelt thanks to our Well team: Music: Sandy Smith, Katie Beaumont, Joanne Pasquarelli, Heather Bates, Abby Harries, Heather Cate, Jack Gott, Elliot Smith. Drama: Josh Thompson, Elsbeth DeRoo, Jill Hagerott, Dean Graham, Stephanie Pigott. Technical support: Tim Geis, Curtis Bates, Bruce Miller, Phil Lenham. Stay tuned for new summer Sunday School format for grades k-5!



In our Noah's Ark Preschool, special monthly lessons and activities have kept our preschoolers and their teachers on the move with an outdoor pumpkin hunt and Easter egg hunt, special gospel lessons with Miss Valerie and moving to the music with Mr. Sharkey. The kids are so cute, it just makes you smile! So come on down to visit us there any Sunday morning!



Pioneer Clubs and Stockade finish their year on Wednesday evening, May 6. What a great year it's been for the boys and the girls - growing and learning in Christ with godly leaders and sweet fellowship with the kids and their parents at the weekly club meetings, Fa-

ther/Daughter Campout, Father/Son Sleepover and Pine Car Derby Race and more! Stephanie Bressler has been our Pioneer Clubs Director for over 10 years.



She is stepping down from this position as of May 6. We are SO thankful for her dedication and leadership to so many girls and their families over the years, and we are going to MISS her!! Keith Hendrick has been our fearless leader of Boys' Stockade for the past five years. He also is stepping down from his position on May 6. We REALLY appreciate his hard work and dedication along with several faithful dad assistants!! God bless you all for your service to the children and families on Wednesday Family Nights here are EP!



Looking Forward...

Reach for the Summit with Upward Bound 2009! Join us and many others June 22-26 for an extraordinary trek focused on the rugged and radical journey of Jesus Christ!

This summer we are celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of using VBS Reachout Adventures' program and curriculum. It is truly an exciting, action-packed week as we come together (more than 200 of us staffers) to share the gospel with children in our community.

To quote the Bible Curriculum guide:

"To put a most important truth in a fresh and unfamiliar way is to do a tremendous service. Probably no Biblical story is more familiar to children in its basic facts than the story of the birth, life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. And yet, though the story is familiar, it is often less real to children, less likely to move them to respond than other stories they know. Frequently, fairy tales are told better to children than is the life of Jesus... The real Jesus comes to us through His Word and through the careful enlightening of our minds and imaginations through the use of His Word by His Spirit. Our purpose in Upward Bound is to give each child a truer, more realistic picture of Jesus Christ in order that he or she might fall more deeply in love with him and trust Him more fully."

Last year over 350 children attended VBS including kids from Iglesias de Dios church and Woodside Gar-

dens. Sunday morning services (9:15 and 11:00) May 31 will include a special ministry spotlight on VBS. That day will also be our camper registration kick-off. Ask God to show you who He wants you to invite to Upward Bound this year- it's a great outreach opportunity!

TRI-PRESBYTERY JUNIOR CAMP - For children entering 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, it is a great first-time Christian camping experience. Check it out on epannapolis.org or triprescamp.com. We're hoping to send a large group of boys and girls this year, and even some adult counselors! Questions? Contact Linda Cate 266-8091 x126.

Opportunities to serve:

June 7 - August 30 - Summer Sunday School teachers needed!

June 21-26 -Vacation Bible School teachers and helpers still needed.

Contact Linda Cate at ext. 126.

With Joy in the Journey,  
Linda, Christy, and Valerie

### FROM THE DIRECTORS KEYBOARD

April 13 was my first day as Director of Worship and Arts at EP Annapolis. It was surreal as Belinda and I entered into the building by the Fellowship Hall. Memories of Christian school events and the beginnings of relationships of friends who still attend EP. There were echoes of past musical events and the laughter of a father and daughter banquet as we danced and "Dos-a-dos".



Belinda and I are grateful for Gods hand in leading us back to the Annapolis area as we transition into the next phase of our ministry. We still have our home in Philadelphia to sell before we can purchase a home in the area making it a challenge in getting settled in the community. But our God is faithful and his timing is perfect.

I have been blessed having Ruth Burge during the transition aiding me as I learn the ropes of the worship ministry at EP. Thanks Ruth, you are an administrative Ninja!

The number one question I have been asked since my

arrival is: "what will you change?" My answer is "Of course there will be some changes but nothing too radical". My plan is to listen and learn the life of EP and experience what God has been doing since the churches beginning in the early 60's. The blended worship style has a rich history and will continue to flourish in the coming years. I embrace the classic hymns and contemporary chorus being played in all musical styles (classical, jazz, rock, indie).

As I look at the future of the Worship and Arts Ministry I will be working on the following:

- Developing three worship bands to lead services on Sundays.
- Training, recruiting, and developing sound/tech teams.
- Gathering our instrumentalists and vocalists together to create musical diversity.
- Searching for new musical arrangements to be used by our choirs and bands.
- Developing our youth and young adults to lead EP in worship.

The list could go on but as the Spirit leads me and through God's timing we will all draw closer in how to serve and lead our church.

A key phrase that I hold on to from John Frame concerning worship is, "In all our worship, the good news that Jesus died for our sins and risen gloriously from the dead should be central!" We at times become more hung-up on the music and forget that the word of the Gospel is our link to our Lord and Master. Galatians 2:20 has been my key verse as I lead worship, "I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Blessings,  
Randy Pendleton



## ANNAPOLIS CLASSICAL TUTORIAL SERVICE

A ministry of EP Church which assists home schooling families in the classical and Christian education of their children



### *ACTS in Action*

Throughout the year the children and parents participating in ACTS can:

- ◆ Take many exciting field trips
- ◆ Enrich their learning through special programs in the afternoon
- ◆ Demonstrate their skills by taking the National Latin Exam
- ◆ Take a trip through time during the annual History Faire.
- ◆ Develop test taking skills by participating in quarterly in class testing
- ◆ Have the benefit of a managed classroom learning experience

### *Frequently asked Questions:*

- ◆ **When does ACTS meet?** ACTS meets from 8:00am - 12:00pm on Monday and Thursday.
- ◆ **When do classes start and end for the year?** Classes generally begin the first Tuesday after Labor Day and run through the middle of May.
- ◆ **What grades are taught at ACTS?** ACTS offers classes in Grades 2-11.
- ◆ **What subjects are taught at ACTS?** ACTS offers tutoring in the subjects of English composition/grammar, speech, Latin, history, science, math and logic.



### *What makes ACTS helpful to home schooling families?*

- ◆ Provides assistance to parents while preserving the home school environment.
- ◆ Orderly classroom structure.
- ◆ Small student to teacher ratios for each class.
- ◆ High priority placed on tutor to parent communication.
- ◆ High quality instruction at a reasonable price.
- ◆ Weekly lesson plans that outline what is to be done in class and what will be taught at home.

ACTS is accepting applications. Much more information can be found by visiting our website at [www.epacts.org](http://www.epacts.org).

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