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The Bellringer



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From the Pastor's Study

Dear Friends,

Lent is a time for intensive focus on some of the darker parts of the spiritual journey. The traditional center of this reflection is the suffering of Jesus on the cross. We can find the accounts of the last day or so of Jesus' life in Matthew 26-27, Mark 14-15, Luke 22-23 and John 18-19. It is not light reading. In fact, it is dark reading. That is the point. During this time of year and really throughout life, Christianity calls us to embrace the darkness of suffering. Not because we are masochists, but because we know there is ultimately no way around it. We cannot avoid suffering in life. We can, however, find our way through it. With faith in God, inspired by the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, we can embrace suffering, knowing that there is always healing on the other side. To try to avoid the suffering or pretend it is not there or that it does not hurt, will only prolong it and perhaps lessen the healing and joy. Lent is a time of reflection on these truths: suffering, faith, healing. New Life. This is our existence.

Peace,
Tom

In recent weeks the Govans Presbyterian Church Sanctuary sound system has been improved and upgraded. We have replaced a failed digital signal processor, installed a new listening assistance system, installed a new roll top desk for the sound equipment in the back of the Sanctuary, installed new microphone jacks for the early service band and made several other updates. Soon we will be purchasing a video camera and DVD duplication system to record our services and distribute the recordings to those who are interested. These improvements have been made possible by generous donations from the Harvey Jackson Memorial Fund and the Helen Kovach Fund which Ron Kovach established in honor of his mother.

Letters - Thanks: Giving and Receiving

Dear Friends,

Neil and I would like to thank Pastor Tom for his visits, also Mary Faith and Donna North for their visits and concern.

Judy Western and Neil, being avid readers, exchanged books, as did Mary Faith's husband Marc. These visits meant a lot to Neil.

We've been blessed with our family who has helped make my life easier and for seeing that I have transportation and some respite care.

We also thank Govans for your prayers, as they are important to us.

Love and Peace,
Shirley and Michael

Dear Friends,

Many, many thanks for the beautiful, delicious cookies that Mariners sent to me.

It is so wonderful to know how you remember the older members of the church.

I am not far from you now. Whenever you are able, drop in and see me at 8415 Bellona Lane, Apt. 701, Towson. Tel. 410-828-4057.

Love,
Evelyn

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the cookies from Mariners. They were delicious. Thank you, too, for the Christmas Poinsettia.

Ruth Baker

Book Reviews

by Wendy Smith

February is African American history month. There are many excellent books that tell the story of African Americans in our country and I have picked just a few to show the variety of texts that are available.

Uptown, written and illustrated by Bryan Collier, is an award winning picture book that shows a view of New York City through the eyes of a young, African American boy. Collages made from cut paper cleverly illustrate the art and music scenes of Harlem. A second text also set in New York is *Lookin' for Bird in the Big City* by Robert Burleigh and illustrated by Marek Los. Miles Davis, portrayed as a young boy, is searching through the streets of New York for his musician idol, Charlie "Bird" Parker. The words and the appearance of the text evokes the riffs played by Miles and Parker in the world of jazz.

Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later) by Elizabeth Fitzgerald Howard and illustrated by James Ransome, gives us an intimate look at the history of Baltimore through the eyes of two young African American girls. Sarah and Susan go to visit their Aunt Flossie on a Sunday afternoon. After tea, they explore Aunt Flossie's trunk full of old hats; each hat has a story. Family picnics, the return of soldiers from World War II, and the big Baltimore fire are all depicted. Ransome's illustrations are realistic oil paintings drawn with a sense of love and deep commitment to the African American people.

A particularly beautiful biography is *When Marian Sang* by Pam Munoz Ryan, illustrated by Brian Selznick. The text and illustrations combine to give a wonderful portrayal of Marian Anderson, the great African American singer from the first part of the twentieth century. Anderson was revered as a singer all across Europe, but could not sing in venues in her own nation's capital. Ryan tells her story from childhood, ending with her triumphal concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The end notes from the author and illustrator give more information about Anderson and the life she led.

Burleigh, R. (2001). *Lookin' for Bird in the big city*. New York: Silver Whistle.


Collier, B. (2000). *Uptown*. New York: Henry Holt and Company.

Howard, E. F. (1991). *Aunt Flossie's hats (and crab cakes later)*. New York: Clarion Books.

Ryan, P. M. (2002). *When Marian sang*. New York: Scholastic.

Sympathy

to the family and friends of Roy Archer who died
on January 1, 2008.

Feb.	Lectionary 
3	Transfiguration of the Lord— Exod. 24:12-18; Ps. 2 or Ps. 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt. 17:1-9
10	1st Sunday in Lent— Gen. 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Ps. 32; Rom. 5:12-19; Matt. 4:1-11
17	2nd Sunday in Lent— Gen. 12:1-4a; Ps. 121; Rom. 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17
24	3rd Sunday in Lent— Exod. 17:1-7 Ps. 95; Rom. 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

Communion Offering for February

CARES. Souper Bowl of Caring

Communion offerings received throughout this month, plus the donations in the soup pot, will be sent to CARES. Souper Bowl of Caring was started in 1990 in Columbia, South Carolina, to get youth involved in solving the hunger crisis. \$5,700 dollars was raised. On the day of the 2007 Superbowl game, millions of dollars were raised to fight hunger. Govans Presbyterian Church is collecting cash donations at the end of the service on Souperbowl Sunday 2008. Please put at least one dollar in the pot as you leave the sanctuary at the end of the service. We will give the cash donated directly to CARES, our local food pantry, to help our neighbors in North Baltimore put groceries on the table and keep their heat and lights on. In addition, all Communion Offering envelopes received throughout February will be donated directly to CARES.

Easter Flowers

It is once again time to make arrangements for our Easter Flowers for our Easter Service on March 23, 2007. The deadline for orders is February 24th.

Name: _____

Qty.	Plant	(Please circle desired color)	Price	Total Price
	Easter Mums	Yellow, white, or pink/ purple	\$9.00	
	Lilies	4-6 blooms	\$9.00	
	Hyacinths	1 bloom	\$4.50	
	Hyacinths	3 blooms	\$9.00	
	Tulips	Yellow, red, or pink	\$9.00	

Payment enclosed: Check _____ Cash _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Please mark check "for Easter Flowers" -

Easter Flowers, Govans Presbyterian Church, 5828 York Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212

Thank you, Wendy



2/1	Andy Seabolt
2/3	Blaise DePaolo
2/3	Grace Peterson
2/3	Idell Purcell
2/4	Elizabeth Glaser
2/4	David Sandles
2/7	Mary Faith Ferretto
2/8	Lyndell Smith
2/10	Adam Byerly
2/12	Susie Sutherland
2/16	Anne Deinish
2/18	Dylan Cohen
2/18	Phillip North
2/18	Bonnie Thomson
2/19	Andrea Cox
2/20	Austin Clark
2/20	David Harris
2/21	Mildred Smealie
2/22	Doug Gaede
2/24	Ruth Nuhn
2/26	George Cognet
2/26	Peter Mauric
2/27	Loren Western

Tales From The Crypts XV

The Govanstown Cemetery of the Govans Presbyterian Church

Once again we come back to Mr. Archibald Brackenridge, whose marriage to my great aunt Beatrice Fraser and his early death occasioned the need for my grandmother to come to this country and subsequently meet my grandfather. My first cousin just sent me two accounts of Archibald's death (in 1886) which are interesting, not only to me but should be to other members of Govans Presbyterian Church. I don't know from what newspapers they came. The first reads: "Mr. Archibald Breckenridge (sic) died yesterday morning at his residence near Govanstown, Baltimore county, in the thirty-fifth year of his age, of typhoid fever. He was the son of Mr. Wm.D.Breckenridge (sic), the well known nurseryman. Mr. Breckenridge (sic) was engaged for a number of years in the florists' business, and had reached a prominent place among the trade, more especially on account of his collection of orchids, which was probably the largest in the country....He was associated with all public movements in the vicinity of Govanstown, and was among the most active of its citizens. Mr. Breckenridge (sic) was an elder in the Govanstown Presbyterian



Church, and was prominently identified with its Sunday School....He was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him, and his death is greatly regretted. He leaves a wife and three children." The second: "The remains of Mr. Archibald Brackenridge, who died on Friday last at his residence at Govanstown, were buried yesterday afternoon in the Govanstown Presbyterian Cemetery [in lot 147], attached to the church. At three o'clock in the afternoon about three hundred friends assembled, and a long funeral procession was formed in front of the house. First came thirty members of the Mount Moriah Lodge of Masons, of Towson, of which Mr. Brackenridge was a member....After the Masons came the cloth-covered casket, trimmed with silver, borne by the pall-bearers. Next came about 50 little Sunday school children of the Presbyterian Sunday school, of which Mr. Brackenridge was superintendent. About three hundred friends and relatives followed. The procession moved up York Road to the church, about five hundred yards distant, and entered, the pall-bearers laying their burden in front of the pulpit. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Henry G. Martin, after which the remains were borne to the cemetery attached to the church, where they were buried....The active pall-bearers were John T. Ensor, Herman Everding [see TALES III], Wm.McRoberts [see TALES VI. He was working in the nursery at the time and went on to become the young widow's second husband], Chester Turnbull, T. Ballmer, and Wm. S. Norris [buried in lot 122]. Among those present [here are listed 22 men]...and others." It is interesting to a p.c. 2007 person that there is absolutely no mention of any ladies present, not even the grieving widow, unless you count her among the "friends and relatives." My cousin wrote that Archibald's "marriage to Beatrice Fraser was a real love match and the family was devastated by his death." *Requiescat in pacem.*

William A. Anderson, February 2008

Robin Chandlee, Member of Govans

In an effort to get to know more about fellow members that we see and share an occasional smile, "hello" or exchange of "peace be with you" with on Sunday, we will be asking members a series of questions. The responses will be presented in the Bellringer, hopefully monthly, during the coming year. Robin Chandlee graciously agreed to be the first person interviewed and here are her responses:

I was born and raised in Baltimore and have lived here all my life, with the exception of four years in Providence, Rhode Island where I attended Brown University.

I am married to Chris Helmers, and Jake (15) and Catharine (12) Helmers are our children. I have one older sister, Linda, who lives in Washington, DC. My mother, Frances Chandlee is a resident of Roland Park Place and attended Bible study and church at Govans for several years until health issues made it too difficult.

The most unusual place I ever visited was India. I was fortunate enough to take a month-long singing tour of India with the Brown University Chorus. We went all over the country and into Nepal, and met and sang for Indira Gandhi and Mother Theresa as part of our travels.

Right now, my greatest pleasures center around my children's sports and musical activities, walks with Chris, and visiting with my mom. When I do have time to myself I enjoy working out at a gym, reading, and walking and hiking. I also love to sing.

Our family has two dogs we adopted through the Mid-Atlantic German Shepherd Rescue. Daisy is a pure shepherd, and Holly is a mutt - part Basenji, part shepherd, part pit bull. We also have a rabbit named Nibbles.

I have wide tastes in food - two of my favorite restaurants are the Persian restaurant Orchard Market Cafe and the Ambassador (Indian cuisine), but I also love a good steak.

I work from my home writing grant proposals for a variety of nonprofit organizations in Baltimore. One of my clients has been GEDCO. As a matter of fact, GEDCO is a major reason I came to Govans Presbyterian. The then-Executive Director, Julia Pierson, who is Jewish and a long-time friend of mine, said that if she were Christian she would go to Govans. So I visited one Sunday, received a delivery of bread from Carol Hamilton, and was hooked.

I love my work and hope to keep doing it for a long time. I would also like to travel more often in the future.

I really can't think of anything about me that would surprise people. Pretty much what you see is what you get.

Other than my marriage and the birth of my children, the most memorable event in my life was singing at Mother Theresa's Home for the Destitute and Dying in Calcutta. Our audience was rows of frail women lying on mats on the floor. For those who know choral music, we closed with Randall Thompson's "Alleluia," a piece which can still move me to tears. When we were finished and were filing out, we held our hands up to our foreheads in the Indian greeting "Namaste" to each woman we passed. Though it's a common greeting, "Namaste" also means "I bow to the divinity within you." Two of the women clasped our hands in theirs as we went by and held them to their own foreheads. It was an unforgettable blessing.

Regarding what person I would most like to be like, I would borrow bits and pieces from lots of people - my husband's generosity, my father's graciousness, my mother's courage, my mother-in-law's cheerfulness and my aunts' unshakeable faith.

Robin Chandlee



Lent and Holy Week Schedule -

February 6th at 7:15 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service with Church Band and Imposition of Ashes

March 16th at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Palm Sunday with Sanctuary Choir Cantata at the late service

March 20th at 7:15 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion Service with Sanctuary Choir in Sharp Hall. Please bring an item for the CARES Food Bank.

March 21st at 7:15 p.m. Good Friday Liturgical Service with Clinton Adams and Randy Austin for musical accompaniment.

March 23rd at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE: 5:30 Yoga 6:00 Dinner 7:10 Bible Study					1	2
3 9:15 Family Service 10:10 Christian Ed. 11:00 Traditional Service, Congregational Meeting, Luncheon 12:15 Yoga 1:00 Confirmation Class 3:00 Youth Group 4:00 Girl Scouts		5 10:00 Knitting Group 6:00 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	6 Ash Wednesday 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Food & Fellowship 7:15 Ash Wed. Service 7:30 C&F Band	7 9:00 Peace Center 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00 LGBT Coffee Hour	9
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24 9:15 Family Service 10:10 Christian Ed. 11:00 Traditional Service, Baptism of Rachel Forbes 12:15 Yoga 1:00 Confirmation Class (WR) 3:00 Youth Group	25 7:00 Worship Ministry Area Meeting (WR)	26 10:00 Knitting Group 7:15 Session	27 9:30 Staff Meeting 6:00 Food & Fellowship 7:30 C&F Band 8:00 Adult Ministries	28 9:00 Peace Center 7:30 Choir Rehearsal	29	

Fresh Breeze Mindfulness Sangha meets at 8:30 a.m. every Sat. morning in Sharp Hall, practicing Buddhism meditation in the Vietnamese Zene Tradition. Newcomers are welcome. Enter Sharp Hall by the emergency exit on the west side of the hall.

Upcoming Events

Mission Trip to Haiti

On March 1st, six travelers from Govans will be leaving on a mission for Haiti. The purpose of the trip is to build relationships with people in this poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. We will provide some kinds of service to those in need, but mostly we will seek to be changed as we gain greater understanding. Please keep these travelers and their families in your prayers:

Tom Harris, Stephen Gaede, Joyce & Ted Kruse, Lisa Beacham and Myra Brosius

Montreat Youth Conference

From July 6-12, Govans and Brown Memorial Park Avenue Presbyterian Church high school youth are invited to attend the Montreat Youth Conference in Montreat, North Carolina. Space is limited to a total of 10 youth (includes both churches) and 2 adult chaperones from each church. A \$200-deposit is required to reserve a space, and the deadline is April 27. The group will be staying in a house this year and cooking their own food. If you are interested in going or in chaperoning, please contact Pastor Tom.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Come join us on Tuesday, February 5, at 6 p.m. in Sharp Hall for pancakes and sausages shoved off the grill—eat your fill! \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids.

Everyone is invited to wear purple and participate in a silly hat contest!

Volunteers are needed for set-up, cooking, and clean-up. Contact Bonnie Thomson at 410-665-2399 or blt218@aol.com.

Wednesday Night Food and Fellowship

Come and join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. for dinner in Sharp Hall. Children's choir, adult Bible study, and band practice follow dinner. This casual evening is a perfect opportunity to get to know other church members. Menus for February are:

- 2/6: Southwest meatloaf, tricolor corn salad, corn muffins.
- 2/13: Italian sausage & peppers with Italian bread, Fettuccine Alfredo, mixed salad.
- 2/20: Pork chops, spinach mushroom gratin, apple sauce.
- 2/27: Burger bar, French fries, baked beans
Adults - \$6 & Children - \$3

Groups

Women's Circle

This group of women meet for lunch and a Bible study the first Monday of the month. The host provides dessert and beverage; the members bring a their own sandwich. If you are interested in trying this group, call Ann Englar at 410-821-9154.

The Gap

The Gap is a social group of the church for adults past young adulthood but pre-retirement. We gather at each others' homes for a potluck dinner, fun, and games. Call Bonnie Thomson for details and the date of our next get-together.

Mariners

Mariners, a social group of adults slightly older, typically retired, will be meeting on Feb. 16 at the home of Judy and Loren Western. Call the Westerns to let them know if you are coming.

The Knitting Group

If you enjoy knitting or other needlework, please join Pastor Tom and others in the Library on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for a time of fellowship and sharing of ideas. Call Joyce Kruse at 443-904-1149 if you have any questions. All are welcome!

The Green Committee

A Govans Goes Green Committee has been formed to address environmental issues in our church and community. The Committee's mission is to inform the congregation and community about contemporary environmental issues, while providing guidance on making environmentally-aware choices.

Doug Gaede chairs the group. Other members include: Julie McDill, Tom Lorch, Peter Conrad, Myra Brosius and Sasha Harris. Our kickoff meeting was November 18th. We decided to concentrate on projects in three areas: Grounds, Congregation, and Building.

There are two grounds projects that the committee would like to initiate. First is planting of trees on the church property. Myra and Peter volunteered to coordinate with Tom and Facilities' personnel to identify locations. The second project is to build a compost bin for Govans' leaves and grass clippings. Peter agreed to talk to Tom Harris and the Facilities Committee about this project concerning the bin's design and location.

Ministry Areas

Notes from the Choir Loft

Every 31st of December for the past 25 years has found me at a New Year's Eve party at the home of dear friends whose own circle of friends is connected by the thread that is a passion for music. We play chamber music of Mozart, Brahms, Beethoven, and others starting at 7 p.m. We break for a lavish meal that is not only sumptuous by lovingly and thoughtfully prepared by our hosts. The break is around 9 p.m. and at 10 p.m., we return to the Music Room where we play until the New Year is announced at midnight. Following about 15 minutes of cheers, tears, hugs, kisses and general pandemonium, the party begins to break up, and we continue to play music. Since the hostess of this party is the daughter of the great cellist Gregor Piatigorsky, there is always a plethora of fine cellists at this event and it is a tradition to end the evening with beautiful "Requiem" for three cellos and piano, during which we remember those who are no longer with us.

This year as we were playing, I was overwhelmed more than usual by the realization that music has brought some of the phenomenal people into my life, and that my life — because of music— is a state of perpetual grace; after all, I play for a living, I don't work, and even my teaching of nine classes at Peabody Conservatory, where I get to reveal some of my own insights into the marvelous universe of music to young people, is a gift and not a job.

Playing for, and directing the Govans' Choirs is also a gift that I appreciate deeply, even though my passion for excellence has, on occasion, been known to take priority over diplomacy and tact in rehearsal situations. The choirs really outdid themselves last November and December, and I am extremely grateful to them for that.

Among my plans, brainstorm, fantasies and fugues regarding the Lenten season, is another musical service, possibly on Palm Sunday, in which we would explore diverse musical depictions of "Hosannah!" We shall need extra singers for this production, and I would welcome the opportunity to make glorious music with and for you. Please contact me at 410-889-6142 if you are interested in joining us, even on an ad hoc basis.

Clinton Adams

Mission and Social Justice Banner Makers?

The General Assembly has invited us to make a peace banner that reflects our Peace Making mission here at Govans.

The Mission and Social Justice Ministry Committee plans to make the banner, and it will be taken to San

Jose, CA, for General Assembly this summer. It will be on display with Peace Making banners from member churches from around the country.

We are looking for help on this unique project—hands-on help as well as design help. It would help us if you could take a few moments to answer the following question: How does Govans practice peace?

Please send us your thoughts via email to Jane Page at jpage96@earthlink.net and we will use your comments to design the banner. Thank you very much.

Jane Page, Committee Chair

Judy Western, Dickens Warfield, Joyce Kruse, David Rawle, Jim Williams, Bonnie Thompson

P.S. Govans has a pool of young and old artistic people with fresh ideas. Your help is welcomed!

Congregational Care

We welcome Dickens Warfield to Congregational Care! She is a wonderful addition to our group, and brings an energy to connect with others, and bring others to Govans.

Thanks to Judy Western who has expressed an appreciation for, and a wish to visit homebound members in 2008.

Congregational care is: Mary Faith Ferretto, Edith Brown, and Donna North. We meet on the 4th. Sunday of the month, after the 11 a.m. service. Please join us if you are a people person, and wish to spread the joy and well wishes from the Govans congregation to those we seldom see in church.

Please keep Bernie and Bea Pettit, Neil Michael, Jane Blakenship and Bitze Glaser in your prayers as they face serious illness. Also, prayers go out to Alice Reed for her recent illness.

With many blessings,
Mary Faith Ferretto

Finance and Stewardship

With the age of electronics, Govans is trying to compete. On a monthly basis, we will either withdraw your contribution from your checking or savings account or charge your credit card. So think about it, and if you decide to do either one, just see me and I will let you know what is required.

We are also in need of **Sunday Offering Counters** after both services for February and March. Counting the offering takes only about 20 minutes once you have done it the first time.

You can sign up as often or as little as once every six weeks. Please visit Sylvia in the Workroom on Sundays to sign up or call Sylvia at 410-433-6349.

Thanks!

Gifts for Jesus

Congregational Responses January 6, 2008

1. My gift is a promise that I will do my best to raise my children to know & love you.
2. A donation to Salvation Army.
3. One day's babysitting.
4. Peace in my heart & family
5. A song to share with all.
6. My best art work, my faith, my music.
7. Whatever he needs and a teddy bear or some stuffed animal.
8. Service to children in Baltimore City.
9. Play a song – "Simple Gifts".
10. Trash: my fears & insecurities.
11. Love to share music & time (have so little of it; it must be valuable).
12. World.
13. Love and happiness.
14. A commitment to others well-being & up-bringing.
15. My negative attitude about work & my boss.
16. Peace in my heart.
17. Child care time.
18. Hand woven blanket.
19. Unloving attitude toward other (indifference).
20. A puppy.
21. My devotion.
22. 1st Love, 2nd, Time 3rd A colorful crib mobile because these are good fits for anyone.
23. Baby bunny.
24. Good music.
25. My will – my work.
26. A favorite book or story (Where the Wild Things Are, Goodnight Moon, Catch-22).
27. Pretty clothing, a cake.
28. Gratitude for the opportunity to behold this child and the promise to strive to see that vision in all being, including myself.
29. Puppy.
30. Forgiveness.
31. Music, for celebration, for peacefulness, for communication.
32. Puppy.
33. I would offer the Christ Child guidance and love.
34. Music.
35. Clothes, music.
36. My curiosity, appreciation, love, enthusiasm, time.
37. Song, writing, and a good batch of homemade cookies.
38. A passport & visa for each family member.
39. Baby clothing.
40. Baby clothes
41. Gratitude.
42. To love & serve Him with all my heart.
43. My love and support.
44. Try for a deeper understanding at Biblical truth.
45. Hugs and smiles.
46. My heart and hall that I have been blessed to become.
47. Woven shirt.
48. Love.
49. Letting myself grieve over my many losses, so I am closer to God.
50. Love.
51. Give of my time and talents; pray fully to serve the purpose.
52. My attention.
53. Sweet potato baby food.
54. \$\$\$\$\$\$
55. Promise to love & listen.
56. Babysitting for Mary & Joseph.
57. A warm fuzzy teddy bear.
58. A box of letters and memories from you family /ancestors.
59. Lullabies, dark chocolate, curiosity and love.
60. LOVE! For Jesus – for God – for each other!
61. A baby crib so he doesn't have to sleep in a manger.
62. A hug.
63. A CD of lullabies & hugs.
64. A blanket and my discipleship.
65. Unconditional LOVE!
66. Peanut butter for the hungry.

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67. Power to bring peace to all mankind.
68. Shelter for the homeless, feed the poor, clothe the poor, love & peace on earth, love to God.
69. A blue blanket.
70. Big hug & love.
71. A blanket.
72. Diapers would be what I would give to baby Jesus today.
73. Faith, hope and love.
74. A Bible and rattle.
75. Thankfulness.
76. A cloak of peace with a commitment to work towards understanding & community.
77. Love, kindness to others.
78. Love, honor, respect, protection and all my flaws.
79. The best of "all" I have.
I would play music to create a peaceful moment.
80. Love and time for Christ & his people.
81. God's blessing for life and warm clothes to keep him warm.
82. Louis Armstrong recording "What a Wonderful World".
83. The return of all our troops from Iraq this year.
84. Baby blanket.
85. I give my love to Christ because he first give his love to me. So that now I may give my love to my fellow men & women. I give him thanks for love.
86. My energy because even after a long run, he blesses me immediately just about with more energy to give back to him.
87. Room monitor camera and sound.
88. Mail-proof, chain mail, gloves and socks.
89. Kiss.



(Continued from Page 7—The Green Committee)

The third project is selling reusable Grocery sacks with a Govans' logo. The bags are available for sale in the Gallery between services. They come in their own tiny stuff sack and fit easily in a purse or pocket. Ruth Draper reports that she has already used her Govans Green Reusable bags twice and they were very handy! Thanks for Julie McGill for starting this project.

Other projects under consideration are a survey of the church building lighting for conversion to compact fluorescent bulbs (CFB), a bike/carpool/walk to Church on Sunday in the Spring and additional recycling opportunities for printer cartridges and church office paper. Please contact committee members to get involved! Initially, we plan to meet between the services on Sunday.

The Presbyterian Home

The Presbyterian Home of Maryland in Towson has an active Board of Volunteers that would welcome new members. Many women of this congregation have served faithfully on this board over the years, but now, our delegation has dwindled to one active member. Since the home now has quite a few male residents, a male volunteer would be most welcomed.

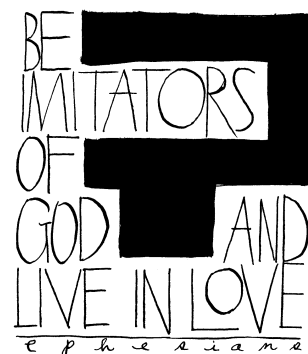
The Board meets once a month on the 1st Tuesday, and all members are expected to serve on a committee. The most active of these is the visiting committee which meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Each resident of the home is visited once a month by a member of the committee. For some residents, this is the only visit they receive. In addition, this committee organizes special events on holidays and provides extra services to the residents on an ongoing basis.

One cannot help but be impressed and touched by the way the residents face their declining years with courage, good humor, and an abiding faith. The knowledge that you have made their day a little brighter is your reward.

Edith Sziburies

Contact Edith at 410-435-0238 if you are interested.



Cute Dog Seeks a Good Home—Woof! Woof! See my tail wagging? My name is Fella.

I'm a 3-year-old miniature poodle, looking for a good home, as my human will be moving soon. Stats: 13 Lbs, apricot colored, full length tail, neutered, with shots up to date. Benefits: I'm affectionate, playful, seek attention from humans. Other traits - - - I'm protective of my food, and I might snap at someone who tries to make me do something I don't want to do at the moment. Hopefully, there's a dog-friendly home out there, without young children, who will absolutely enjoy my company. Please call my human at your earliest convenience to arrange a meeting, - - - Jane Blankenship, 410-882-2668.

Going to Trinidad

February is the ideal month to go to Trinidad. Catch a flight from BWI and in three hours – Trinidad! Or, travel on Greenmount Avenue to 31st street and visit the Trinidad Gourmet at 418 E. 31st Street. This takeout has the food of Trinidad, mostly made from scratch, with generous portions and modest prices. The owners, Chuck Locham and Donna Baboolal, provide friendly and welcoming service that is seldom found today even in high priced restaurants. Try the Roti, a traditional dish of vegetables, including potato, meat, or shrimp wrapped in a dough pastry. The food is fast, affordable, and delicious! Delivery can be arranged to several people or groups if orders are placed before 10:30 a.m. Across the street from the Trinidad Gourmet is Normal's Bookstore that offers an eccentric mix of used books, music and videos. Three blocks further south is the BookThing at 3001 Vineyard Lane, where ALL books are free. Books are arranged by subject but browse and let the books find you rather than searching for a specific title.



An ideal Saturday in Waverly would be to visit the Waverly Market in the morning, stop by the Trinidad Gourmet for lunch and then continue on to Normal's Bookstore and the BookThing. The ideal Sunday, of course, is to worship at Govans.

One Straw Farm Returns to Govans

Our first year of involvement with One Straw Farm, a local, organic farm invested in community supported agriculture was a big success. We had more than 70 people involved in purchasing 45 shares in the farm. The wonderful thing about this initiative is that not only do the shareholders enjoy 8 items of fresh, organic produce every week for 24 weeks, but the farm donates one share of produce for every 10 purchased shares. What this means is that our commitment to supporting this particular local farm allows us the chance to help others with no access to fresh, organic produce. For 24 weeks last year, Govans donated all of the extras [more than 40 items of produce each week] to CARES. Not only did we support CARES with our non-perishable goods, but we supplemented these donations with lots and lots of fresh produce for which CARES clients were most appreciative.

Plans are in the works to continue to be a drop site for the 2008 season. We hope to increase our shareholder base in this farm, so please pass the word! You do not have to be a church member to participate. While the farm requires full shares to be purchased, it is easy to privately split a share with a friend.

Early-bird special: \$475 if you register and pay by March 1, 2008.

\$525 if you register and pay by June 1, 2008.

Delivery begins late May/early June and continues until mid-November. Govans' delivery day will continue to be Monday. For further information visit the farm's website at www.onestrawfarm.com. Farmer Joan can be reached at joan@onestrawfarm.com. Please register and pay directly to the farm but let Bonnie Thomson know that you intend to join the Govans site [410-665-2399 or blt218@aol.com].

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GOVANS SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 A.M.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE

Contemporary Music with Randy Austin, Jr.

10:10 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
ADULT EDUCATION

11 A.M.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

With Organ and Chancel Choir

Organist & Choir Director: Clinton Adams

BARRIER-FREE

Bellringer Staff:
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Donna North
Jon Morgan
Betsy Toland
Ted Kruse

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The Ellen Morriss Memorial Labyrinth
is open from dawn to dusk daily