



# Celebration Times

Fairlington Presbyterian Church, 3846 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302 June 2006



**Vacation Bible School** will be held from Mon., July 31 to Fri., Aug. 4, from 9 a.m.-noon. All children ages 4-11 are invited to attend. With the theme, *Adventure of the Treasure Seekers*, it will surely prove to be an exciting week for everyone!

Adult and teenage volunteers are also needed to assist in the program. Please see Rob Ross ([rob@fpcusa.org](mailto:rob@fpcusa.org)) for registration forms and volunteer information.

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## Fairlington Happenings

### Welcome to New Member

**Sungil Lee Kopf** is retired and lives in Falls Church. She is the mother of two grown children (a son and a daughter). She is interested in doing volunteer work in the church.

### New Arrival

Congratulations to James and Katie Rowley on the birth of **Travis Porter** who was born on May 1st.

## Get Ready for Rummage Sale to Benefit VBS

Make plans to stop by FPC on Sat, June 3 for a Rummage Sale to benefit Vacation Bible School. There are many ways to be involved!

- **It's Not Too Late to Donate Time:** On Thu, June 1 and Fri June 2, from 6-9pm, we need help pricing and sorting items. On Sat., June 3, help is needed at the following times: 6:30-8:30 am – help set up sale; 8-10:30 am – make change, supervise sale (shift one); 10:30 am-1 pm – make change, supervise sale (shift two); and 1-3 pm – help take down/drive left over items to Goodwill.”

For more information about the Rummage Sale, contact Dana Andy 703-671-3460 or [theandyfamily@comcast.net](mailto:theandyfamily@comcast.net)

## FPC Offers Special Thanks to Dedicated Members

For several years – almost since we’ve had a church web page, **Jim Welfley** has been our webmaster. We appreciate his work and offer our deepest thanks as he passed the baton to others on our Communication & Outreach team. Thank you, Jim for all your commitment to FPC.

We are grateful for the faithful ministry of two of our officers who rotate off their respective church boards in June:

**Alison Trimble** finishes her service on Session as an elder (for now). She has served as the Personnel Chairperson and Nominating Cte. Chairperson, and her faithfulness and wisdom has inspired us all. **Gloria Effiong** finishes her second term as a Deacon where she was the Deacon’s treasurer and a faithful servant of Christ. We thank both Alison and Gloria for their service and ask God’s blessing upon them as they receive a well-deserved rest.

We are also grateful for the ministry of **Michael Lempke** who finishes his term as a trustee and moves to the Session, **Darlene Johnson** who continues on Session for a second term, and **James Njimbong** who continues of the Diaconate for a second term, and **Joe Andy** who moves from the Session to the Trustees. Thank you for your time and talent.

At-large members of the Nominating Committee were elected at the May 21<sup>st</sup> Congregational Meeting. They are: Alison Trimble, Dana Andy, Larry Lunt, and Jim Chappell.

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## Highlights from the May 22 Session Meeting

- Approved a goodwill offering to be taken at the Shallowford Youth Concert (June 13) to go to that group.
- Learned that an anonymous donation was made for \$20,000 specifically to be used toward the salary for the FT Educator position.
- Received information from staff members what their ministries are doing. Among the improvements, changes, and news is: a new back door from the parking lot and completion of a thorough building inspection by Kann & Associates which found no major structural concerns (Karen Tokarsky for Building & Grounds Ministry); maintenance on May 25 for the pipe organ (Chris Hatfield for Music Ministry); and a planned Young Adult Retreat for September (Rob Ross for Christian Education Ministry).

## Join FPC in June Missions Activities

Are you interested in lending a hand this month? On Fri, June 30 at 4 pm, four-five people are needed to help make dinner at the Carpenter shelter. In addition, on Sat, June 24, we will meet at Fairlington Methodist Church at 8:30am, for the Alive Food Bank. Participants will pick up household items and distribute them to 120 households that are receiving food from Alive at the Church of Resurrection. For more information, contact Beth McFarland at 703-256-7771.

## *Worship in June*

**JUNE 4**

**Pentecost**

“A Year from Now . . .”  
Acts 2:1-21 & Acts 12:1-18

**JUNE 11**

**Trinity Sunday –  
Ordination & Installation of New Officers**

“Pickup Lines that Work”  
Mark 1:16-20

**JUNE 18**

**Father’s Day – Appreciation Day**

**JUNE 25**

**Rob Ross Preaching**

## Congratulations to Our Spring 2006 Graduates

**David Siegrist** received his Ph.D. in Biodefense from the Department of Molecular and Microbiology at George Mason University on May 18, 2006. He has just been named Interim Director, National Security Health Policy Center, at the Potomac Institute for Policy Studies.

**Erin Gingras** graduated May 13, 2006 from the University of Phoenix with a Masters in Business Administration.

**Cari Dellinger** graduated on May 13, 2006 with a Master of Science in Marketing Management from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC).

**Genevieve Guenther Ricart**, daughter of Patricia Guenther and Glenn Ricart, graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science degree in brain and cognitive science. She will begin studies at Duke University School of Medicine in July.

## News from Presbyterian Women

Thanks to your generosity the Presbyterian Women donated \$373 to the mission project which will be awarded to Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan; Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky; The River, Johnson City, Tennessee; Rose Advocates, Weiser, Idaho, and Single Parent Resource Center, Inc., New York, New York. Forty-nine people enjoyed food and fellowship at the luncheon on Sun, Apr. 30.

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# From the Pastor...

## A Church on Fire

When I was a baby, my home church in Chapel Hill burned down. The charred bell from the steeple is all that's left from that original building. I was too young to remember, but I'm told that a crowd gathered that night – helplessly watching – while the church building fell to the ground.

With June, the Easter season ends and Pentecost begins – that season that recounts flaming tongues and the winds of the Spirit. And we rejoice that **we are a church on fire** – not because flames are licking at our foundation but because the Holy Spirit is generously with us lighting a fire deep within us. Signs abound:

- The Shallowford Youth Choir from Atlanta, GA. presents “A Reason to Rejoice” on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, directed by former FPC staff member Bob Chambless – a program that will inspire great hope in young people today,
- Plans are moving along as we look forward to the hiring of a full-time Christian Educator to begin in July – a sign that we are growing in many ways,
- We are praying about and studying the Peace, Unity, and Purity Report which comes before the General Assembly of our denomination this month. Classes about this report will be offered every Sunday during June at 9:30 AM – a sign that we are interested in talking about differences rather than dividing over them. You can read this report at: <http://www.pcusa.org/peaceunitypurity/resources/fullfinalreport.pdf>
- Vacation Bible School (July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>) is coming – bigger and better than ever – reminding us of the origins of our congregation (which started after a VBS program led by Presbyterians in the Fairlington neighborhood sixty years ago) and pointing to the future as we aim to register 60 children – a sign that we are increasingly a force of light and life in the community.

Folks, we are on fire – in the best way. But we need your participation, your presence, your prayers, and your talents to keep those flames flying. Join us for any and all these events!

Have a wonderful month – *Pastor Jan*

## Fairlington Presbyterian Church Financial Report

During the first 1/3 of the year, January through April, our operating income and expenses for Fairlington Presbyterian Church are as follows:

Total unrestricted income .....	\$92,434.97
Total operating expenses .....	\$91,202.00
Balance .....	\$1,232.97

The operating expenses include all moneys to pay for our staff and all of the church ministries. Not included in the above number are the restricted funds, such as those contributed to “Make a Joyful Noise” and to the Capital Initiative Campaign for the elevator.

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

Wesley Mitchell (06/03)  
Brooke Welfley (06/04)  
Stephanie Joshi (06/09)  
Cameron Davidson (06/13)  
Rob Emard (06/14)  
Benjamin Dawson (06/17)  
Leah Crosby (06/18)  
Linus Luki (06/21)  
Mildred Rosenberger (06/22)  
Victoria Spencer (06/22)  
Rob Reynolds (06/24)  
Katie Rowley (06/26)  
Christine Crosby (06/27)  
Richard Johnson (06/28)  
Alexis Wright (06/30)

### Anniversaries

Ernie & Roberta Wykoff  
(06/07)  
David & Emily Foster  
(06/14)  
Glenn Spencer & Simmy Yau  
(06/15)  
Tom & Valerie Hollis  
(06/16)  
Randy & Leslie Dragon  
(06/18)  
Mike & Alison Trimble  
(06/22)  
Richard & Susan Rose  
(06/22)  
William & Audrey Johnson  
(06/23)  
Chris & Lisa Dockins  
(06/24)  
Dan & Barbara Krabill  
(06/25)  
Dirk & Liz Disper  
(06/29)

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Ministry in Our Church, Our Community, and Our World***

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The Congregation

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Day off is Saturday.

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**Coordinator**

Karen Tokarsky

**Membership Coordinators**

Emily and David Foster

**Ceremonies Coordinator**

Lisa Dockins

**Elders**

Joseph Andy

Brad Bennett

Jeannette Davis

Connie Hansen

Brooke Hatfield

David Hoover

Darlene Johnson

Elaine Marini

Will Painter

Alison Trimble

**Trustees**

Shannon Harvey

Michael Lempke

David Siegrist

**Deacons**

Ben Dawson

Gloria Effiong

Susan Fiscus

Pat Keene

Vernette Kukolich

Bonnie Nasr

James Njimbong

Helene Patterson

June Pickard

Charlotte Ross

**Mission Coordinator**

Beth McFarland

**Music Coordinator**

Chris Hatfield

**Director of Choirs**

Chris Hatfield

**Organist**

Michael Dennis

**Worship Coordinator**

Lisa Miller

**Nursery Staff**

Debra Carroll & Zalika Cole

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