



# Celebration Times

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



Rob Ross delivers the Children's Story on Sun., Mar. 5. He spoke about taking a "Time Out" during Lent as we prepare for Easter.

## Volunteer to Help Alive! Furniture Program

On Sat., Apr. 15, strong volunteers are needed to help pick up and deliver donated furniture for the Alive! Furniture program. Meet at 7:45am at First Christian Church, 2723 King St, Alexandria for the pick up and delivery lists, divide into 2 crews and depart at 8am to complete the mission. Your own cell phone and work gloves are a plus, so please bring them. A firm commitment to help is needed by Wed., Apr. 12.

Each year, FPC is responsible for providing volunteers for two Saturday mornings to help with this worthwhile endeavor. Thanks to our youth and young adults, we provided several families with needed furniture in February. If you would like to volunteer, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board or you may contact Marty Bentley at 703-329-8227 or Beth McFarland at 703-256-7771.

## Become a Member of the Silent Auction Committee

The Silent Auction committee is looking for a few good people to help plan this event for next November. This important event raises funds for FPC's general budget and for Carpenter Shelter. We are looking for volunteers to assist in several areas: setup and cleanup, soliciting contributions from local businesses, encouraging FPC members to donate items for the auction, assembling baskets, distributing flyers, and more. For more information, please contact Debbie Griffin at 703-379-2251 or by e-mail at [Griffintales@aol.com](mailto:Griffintales@aol.com).

## Many Thanks to the Membership Ministry Team

Because I am stepping down as Membership Coordinator, I want to express my gratitude to the Membership Ministry Team for their wonderful work so far this year and continuing into the future! To those who are moving on, we send our prayers with you, and to those coming on board, Welcome!

- **Jo Soard**, who has served as Coordinator of the Welcome Potlucks will be moving soon. We wish her and Charlie all the best in their new home and pray for a wonderful new life for them.
- **Tania O'Neill** (Welcome Potlucks) will be spending more time with her family this year, and we pray for lots of joy for all of them.
- We celebrate **Carolyn Graham** (new Welcome Potluck Coordinator), **Chris and Kari Archer** (New Member/Inquirer classes Leaders), and **Gun Ja and Don Quigg** (Welcome Potlucks) with prayers for continuing friendship and service together; and thanks for continued ministry.
- And we welcome **Molly Sullivan** (New Member/Inquirer Classes and Welcome Potlucks) and **Dana Andy** (FPC/New Member Photographer) with prayers of thanksgiving for their service and new partnership in the Ministry.

The Membership Ministry welcomes visitors, educates newcomers about the Church and FPC in particular, gathers members and newcomers in fellowship, and assists newcomers into the life of the congregation. We welcome anyone who is interested in helping newcomers begin their journey at FPC. For more information, contact the Church office at 703-931-7344 or by email at [office@fpcusa.org](mailto:office@fpcusa.org).

-- Marnie Brown

## Can You Help?

We will have the last Saturday of the month food bank and we need people to hand out household items. Participants will meet at the Methodist church across the street to pick up the items and then go to Church of the Resurrection and hand them out. Think of all the things you can clear out of your basement with that spring cleaning. For more information, contact Beth McFarland at 703-256-7771.

To submit articles for Celebration Times: e-mail [office@fpcusa.org](mailto:office@fpcusa.org) or [dellinger@virginia.edu](mailto:dellinger@virginia.edu)

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

Michael Dennis (04/02)  
Elaine Halchin (04/02)  
Robyn Bounds (04/02)  
William Bartol (04/04)  
Regan Bartol (04/08)  
Helene Patterson (04/11)  
Genevieve Griffin (04/12)  
Liz Disper (04/12)  
David Stickers (04/12)  
Amber Lempke (04/13)  
David Barkley (04/15)  
Brooke Hatfield (04/17)  
Nancy Sherman (04/18)  
Michael Gilday (04/19)  
John Giglio (04/20)  
Alison Trimble (04/24)  
James Lyon (04/27)  
Donald Quigg (04/28)  
Rae Doris Peck (04/30)  
William Painter (04/30)

### Anniversaries

Kyle & Melissa Bartol  
(04/04)  
Charlie & Jo Soard  
(04/11)  
Michael & Linda Gilday  
(04/19)

## Bring Your Fish Bank on Easter Sunday

Remember to return your fish bank on Easter Sunday for the “One Great Hour of Sharing” offering, which benefits disaster assistance. This annual collection has helped hurricane victims, earthquake victims, tsunami victims; wherever there is a natural disaster, these funds are shared with the neediest. If you do not have a fish bank, you can contribute in the “One Great Hour of Sharing” envelopes located inside the friendship folios.

## Message from Rob Ross, Christian Educator

Summer Vacation is coming...and with it comes Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held by Fairlington Presbyterian Church from July 31-Aug 4, 9 am – noon. That is about four months away, but we are already planning. This year's VBS is called: Adventure of the Treasure Seekers, and it focuses children on searching for the treasures of the Christian Faith—treasures about God's love for us and what that love means. Since this is the 60<sup>th</sup> year for FPC, we are trying to enroll 60 children (aged 4-11) in VBS. That is a big number, and we will need your help! But with many people, we can certainly do it! Over the next four months, members of the VBS planning team will be talking with you about how you can help out. At this point, here is what you can do:

- 1) Be thinking about who you can invite to VBS—perhaps a neighbor or a child of a friend. In order to reach our goal of 60 children, we are going to need to invite children who are not currently a part of our church. The Communication and Outreach Ministry will be giving you materials in the near future that you can share with that child's family.
- 2) Consider helping out with VBS in other ways. There are many, many ways to get involved. We need song leaders, craft leaders, story tellers, actors, recreation leaders, greeters, snack people, and people to lead the children from place to place. There are other jobs that can be done ahead of time on weekends or evenings. We need planners, decorators and builders to create an archeological dig site, publicists, lawyers to look over our release forms—all kinds of people! If you are interested in helping out, contact Rob, either via e-mail ([rob@fpcusa.org](mailto:rob@fpcusa.org)), phone (703-931-7344), or in person (on Sunday mornings).
- 3) Pray for the leaders, for the children who we will reach, and for their families. Pray that people who are searching for something will find our announcements. Pray that our people in our congregation will hear God's call to this ministry. Pray that the children will grow to understand God's love for them through our ministry. We will sow and water, pray that God gives the growth!
- 4) Be on the lookout for future announcements. There will be more announcements about how to get involved in coming newsletters, bulletins and worship announcements.

Thanks so much for your support as we explore this exciting ministry, and please let me know if you have any questions or would like to be more involved!

— Rob

# From the Pastor...

## Who Have You Told??

In Matthew's Gospel, an angel told Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. Then the Marys told the disciples.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and the other Mary told the eleven.

In John's Gospel, Mary Magdalene told Jesus' "brothers."

### Who have you told?

When was the last time you were dying to tell somebody something? Was it about a college acceptance? An engagement? A birth? The latest news from the White House or Capitol Hill?

The "E" word has been hijacked from many Christians. Too many of us are uncomfortable calling ourselves "**evangelists**" but an evangelist is merely one who shares Good News. As a Christian and as a member of The Church, we all have the joy, responsibility, and privilege of sharing Good News.

### This is how you do it:

- Invite a neighbor to worship on Maundy Thursday (at the joint service with the Methodists across the street)
- Invite a co-worker to worship on Easter. If he/she has kids, invite them to the 10:30am Egg Hunt.
- Start talking up Vacation Bible School to your friends.
- Tell somebody you go to a Bible Study/small group/circle meeting/men's fellowship and then invite that person to join you.

The Church got started because people told — some were dying to tell — about something life-changing, inspiring, wondrous. Who have **you** told lately? April presents us with some perfect opportunities!

*See you in worship and beyond*  
—Pastor Jan

## Time to Celebrate the Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women will celebrate their birthday on Sun., Apr. 30 with a salad luncheon following the service. Everyone is invited. Come join us and help us celebrate.

The birthday offering is an opportunity to minister to people around the world and at home. This year the recipients are:

- **Forman Christian College**, Women's Hostel, Lahore, Pakistan. Provide on-campus housing for 92 young women from villages and rural areas in Pakistan.
- **Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc.**, Refugee Family Center, Louisville, Kentucky. Renovate and staff a Refugee Family Center to help relieve the problems associated with low income and costly childcare.
- **The River**, Johnson City, Tennessee. Fund a place where women with little or no income can meet to listen, learn, laugh and wash clothes.
- **Rose Advocates**, Maple Tree House, Weiser, Idaho. Construct a facility providing a safe haven and services for victims of domestic violence.
- **Single Parent Resource Center, Inc.**, Resource Central, New York, New York. Create one-stop access to approximately 25 of New York's nonprofit and public service providers for single parents with low incomes, already overwhelmed by the daily demands of solo parenting.

Envelopes will be in the back of the pews for your convenience. For information call Helene Patterson at 703-354-3026.

## Worship in April

### APRIL 2

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Jeremiah 31:31-34, John  
12:20-33

### APRIL 9

#### Palm Sunday

Mark 11:1-11 – "Two Parades"

### APRIL 13

#### Joint Maundy Thursday Service - 7:30 PM

Service at Fairlington United  
Methodist Church with Jan  
Edmiston preaching

### APRIL 16

#### Easter

Mark 16:1-8 – "Field Trip,  
Mission, Dental Appointment,  
Pilgrimage"

### APRIL 23

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31 –  
"I Want My Life Back"

### APRIL 30

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:36b –48  
"Not a Ghost Story"

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

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