

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 4th

Immediately following worship

We will elect officers, review our 2007 budget, and enjoy a hot lunch.



Please mark your calendars!



THE SIDE DOOR COFFEE HOUSE

Presents

“Jabuti” directed by **Josie Brown**. “Ever wonder how the birds got their colors and what a turtle had to do with it?”

“Why the Moon is Free” directed by **Josie Brown**. “Ever try to dress the moon?”

“Saving Grace” written and directed by **Meghan McNeilly** and **Debbie Bouwkamp**. “It is Emily’s first ‘OUCH’ convention (Open Unification of Clumsy but Hopeful Individuals).”

Saturday, January 27

Two productions: 7 & 8:30 p.m.

Join Us!



SAFEHAVEN

January 7 - 13th

**Thank-you** to all who have volunteered! It takes over 60 of us to do this ministry.

**Dinner preparers:** please note dinner is served at 6:00 p.m.

**Overnight folks:** we need you to arrive by 8:00 p.m. You can depart at 7:00 a.m. the following morning.

Sunday Worship Services  
11:00 a.m. - Sanctuary  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
All are welcome!



Come & Worship

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From the Pastor,

Start your year with RPC’s “2010 Vision.” Let’s “Reinvigorate.” We can do this by practicing the following on a daily basis.

- “RPC PRACTICES”**
- Hospitality—A Welcoming Spirit.**
  - Discernment**—listening for truth with one’s heart.
  - Healing**—growing more dominant as the population ages.
  - Silence**—meditating and contemplating.
  - Testimony**—simply sharing the Good News with others.
  - Diversity**—celebrating our differences.
  - Justice**—spirit of fairness.
  - Worship**—experiencing God together and inviting others to join us.
  - Reflection**—engaging heart and mind.
  - Beauty—A Faith Practice.**

Let this be the season for turning strangers into friends—attend worship regularly; you can’t welcome people if you are not here, and you may be the very one who is needed to reach out to a guest that day.

Invite someone or a group of someone’s to join you for worship, a personal invitation is the most effective way to reach someone; whether it’s a member who hasn’t been to worship for a while or a co-worker or friend.

My prayer for this New Year is for us to be an inviting Church, with good news and warm welcome offered to all!

God bless - and hope to see you often in Church!

Dave

## January Meetings and Special Dates

- January 1:** New Year's Day—Office Closed  
**January 2:** Office Closed  
 Faith Opportunity Circle, 7 p.m., Custis H.  
**January 3:** After School Club (ASC) - 2-3:30 p.m.\*  
 ASC - Bell Ringers, 3:30 - 3:45 p.m.\*  
 Middlers - 3:15 - 4 p.m.\*  
 Service Club - 5 - 6 p.m.\*  
**January 4:** Bridge - 9 a.m.\*  
 Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m.\*  
**January 6:** Pastoral Assistants Comm., 10 a.m., Parlor  
**January 7:** Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship/Sacrament of Communion, 11 a.m.  
 Safe Haven Begins\*  
**January 8:** Bell Choir, 7:45 p.m.\*  
**January 9:** Session, 7:30 p.m., Parlor  
 Deacons, 7:45 p.m., Choir Rm. (CHANGE)  
 Board of Property Mgt., 8 p.m., Rm. 2  
**January 11:** Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary\*  
**January 15:** Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday—  
 Office Closed  
**January 16:** Christian Education - 7:30 p.m.  
**January 21:** Mission Committee Meeting (after church)  
**January 22:** NEWS NOTES DEADLINE  
**January 27:** Two Coffee House Productions, 7 p.m. &  
 8:30 p.m., Custis Hall  
**January 28:** Outreach Committee Meeting (after church)

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE:** Beginning in February, Session will meet on the **THIRD TUESDAY** of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the Parlor.

**Remember:** We need all officers to attend all meetings!

\* See attached calendar for other dates.



Why not forward our Web page on to a friend with an invitation to join us for worship!  
[www.riverdalepresbyterian.org](http://www.riverdalepresbyterian.org) or contact the church office at 301-927-0477 for the latest information.

## 2007 PLEDGE DRIVE

*"Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake."  
 Deuteronomy 15:10*

Thank-you Richard Redfield, Pete Pichaske, and Ted Ifft for leading our Stewardship Drive! Because of their efforts and your response nearly \$325,000 of pledges were received! If you have not pledged and wish to do so, please contact the church office.

Session will meet on Tuesday, January 9 to finalize our 2007 Operating Budget. Your pledges and giving make this process so much easier! Thanks again to all!

And remember: *A tithing church is a thriving church!*

## 2007 NEW OFFERING ENVELOPES

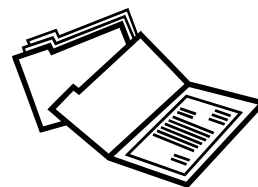
Please retrieve your Offering Envelopes in the Narthex. The Per Capita envelope is the first one in your box of envelopes. The payment is \$31.00 for 2007. We pay this to the Presbyterian (USA) for each member every year. This supports our ministry, but if you'd cover this expense it will leave us significantly more funds for our local ministry.



Please save the church postage by picking them up by January 31.

## YEAR END REPORTS

Presidents and committee chairs of organizations please remember to have your YEAR END REPORTS in the church office by Friday, January 19th.



## YOUTH NEWS

### Comparative Religion for Junior and Senior High Sunday School



Every January for the past 8 years, the Senior High class has spent a month in study of religions culminating in a visit to another place of worship. The month always begins with a grounding in Presbyterian Faith and discussions of basic Protestant beliefs. Then we discover the basics of another world religion and sometimes a less known, cult-like set of beliefs. We discuss cults and the dangers of opportunistic, thought-control "religions" and learn to defend our faith.

The past years have included the following:  
 1999: Islam, 2000: Buddhism, 2001: Mormon, 2002: Rock & Roll Christian, 2003: Unitarian, 2004: Christian Science and Scientology, 2005: Hindu and Unification Church, 2006: Buddhism and Islam.

This year we will be studying Quakers and Shakers and including the Junior High students. Parents please help your youth get to Sunday School by 9:45 a.m. We will be meeting in the Middler room (3rd floor end room, behind the organ) and have much to cover:



- January 7:** Back to the Basics
- January 14:** Basics of Shakers (movie) and Quakers (prepare for field trip)
- January 21:** Field trip to Adelphi Friends Meeting (permission required—9:45 a.m. - NOON).
- January 28:** Super Sunday, VBS style rotation classes, Bible People Who Made a Difference: Jeremiah

Super Sunday we will meet 9:30 - 10:45 a.m., beginning and ending in Custis Hall. Junior and Senior High will be small group shepherds and activity leaders.

**February 11:** Parent Connection. Youth grades 9 & up and parents will watch selections from the movie "Crash" on the big screen and discuss racism.