



# The Acorn

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**Mark your Calendars** – a lot of activities are coming up!

Sunday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> – Children’s and adult Sunday School has started. Both meeting on Sunday morning at 9:30am – Come join us!

Thursdays – 6:30pm – Choir as resumed for the 11am service – come to practice and add your singing voice

Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> - 7pm – Talent auction

Sunday September 27<sup>th</sup> – A special lunch after the 11am service for the Kalu’s who will be returning to Nigeria hosted by Victoria.

Sunday October 4 – World Communion Sunday followed by an international lunch

Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> – 6:45 pm Registration and Orientation of Students and Tutors & Parents.

October 12<sup>th</sup> – 6:45pm - 8pm – Tutoring Sessions starts

Friday Oct 9<sup>th</sup> – last day to put in a reservation for Paul’s Anniversary Reception and Dinner.

Saturday Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – 8pm – Concert in honor of Paul Anderson’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Oaklands

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – 11am – Special Service and reception in honor of Paul Anderson’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Oaklands

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> – 4 -8pm – Reception/Dinner at Great Hall, Savage Mills - in honor of Paul Anderson’s 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Oaklands

Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup> – noon Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walk at Oaklands Presbyterian Church.

## Special Invitation to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party for Paul Anderson

There will be a free concert (donations gratefully accepted) in the Oaklands Sanctuary of our family of past and present performers.

This concert will be Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 7:30 P.M. Refreshments will be served.

Our usual celebrations will be held on October 18 at 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. at which Paul has chosen to speak.

Later that day from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M., we will come together at the Great Room at Savage Mill.

There we will feast on heavy hors d'oeuvres of anti pastas with roast beef, turkey breast, potatoes,

rolls, butter, salad, wine and soft drinks, chocolate desserts and a special cake.

The fee for the feast is \$35.00 per person and will cover the cost of the gift as well.

The address of the Great Room at Savage Mill is 8600 Foundry St, Savage, Md. 20763.

The festivities will be in the Old Weave Building and there are two parking areas.

**Please RSVP and give/mail your checks (payable to Oaklands Presbyterian Church) by October 8, 2009 to either:**

Linda Kirby (301/210-6777)  
[lkirby7207@comcast.net](mailto:lkirby7207@comcast.net).

Linda's address is 7207 Ivy Bank Rd., Laurel, Md. 20707.

Jeanne Curry (401/498-1538)  
[caseyjc1@verizon.net](mailto:caseyjc1@verizon.net)

Jeanne's address is 10599 Hunters Way, Laurel, Md. 20723.



## From the Stewardship and Finance Committee

### See You NEXT SATURDAY, September 26!

Oaklands' sole fundraiser of the year will take place on September 26 in the form of a Talent Auction. Beginning at 7:00 pm at the Church, light refreshments and wine will be served during the Auction.

What is a Talent Auction? It's a sale of talent or goods at which intending buyers bid against one another for items that are sold to the bidder who offers the highest price.

You won't believe the list of what's been offered for bid:

- **10 Piano or Brass (Trumpet/Fr. Horn /Trombone) Lessons**
- **Wine tour and picnic at 3 Maryland Wineries for 4 people**
- **4 Handmade/Crocheted Baby Blankets**
- **Pool Party/Crab Feast for up to 6 people**

- Bread of the Month (Yeast, Quick or Dessert Bread delivered to church 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month) starting November 2009 & ending October 2010
- Two one hour Tennis lesson (any level) by Teaching Professional
- Crochet or knitting lesson. Goal – simple scarf or shawl
- Floral designs (i.e. holiday pieces)
- Special dinner for 9 people
- Help with cleaning or organizing a closet or room (up to 8 hours)
- Clean out Medicine closet/cabinet by experienced RN; Get rid of old medications (up to 2 entries)
- Scrapbooking - Up to 100 photos/artifacts (tickets, maps, etc.) and you will get a beautiful scrapbook of your memories
- Christmas Portrait session – framed photo prints
- Dinner for 6 at Paul and Norm's
- Cotton Candy Party- Will spin cotton candy for kids' party up to 40 kids
- Greek dinner for 8, delivered to your home. Appetizers, main dish, side salad and dessert
- Concert of piano music with discussion of music, questions & answers, etc.
- Gift certificate valid for 2 season tickets for the 2009-2010 season at Bowie Community Theater
- Weekend at Rehoboth Beach House, 3 bedrooms/screened porch -1 block off Route One/near Outlets/Short drive to beach
- 2 subscriptions to Prince George's Philharmonic for 2009-2010 season
- Sit for my cat at my home while I am gone; you bid, I pay
- Two ½-hour voice lessons at Oaklands
- Sri-Lankan Dinner for 4; 1 week notice on Saturday night, preferably before December
- Help installing a deck (labor); you bid, I pay

- Gardening services at your home
- Need House Cleaning done at my house; you bid, I pay
- Seated Massage (head, shoulders, neck, arms, feet), your house or mine. Can do more than one.
- Computer services at your home; Clean-up your computer

Don't see anything you can use or need? There's more--several unique items will be available for bid during a **silent auction!**

Questions? Email Brenda Simms at [timidcat25@aol.com](mailto:timidcat25@aol.com)

**Remember, this is Oaklands' only fundraiser—let's make it a good one! See *YOU* there!**

#### **Post Script**

The Stewardship and Finance Committee hopes you enjoyed your summer. At the same time, the Committee wants to provide a gentle reminder to all to be aware of your pledge commitments and start now to catch up on any lapsed pledges.

Although summer is the season of vacations and respite from the daily grind, the work of Oaklands takes no vacation. The Oaklands ministry is a 12 month, 365-day operation. Bills are due, salaries must be paid, and the life of the Church continues.

So, please review your pledges and get caught up, so you and Oaklands do not fall behind in the good work and deeds that Oaklands provides its congregants and the community.

#### **MISSION OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

#### **PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!!**

**When: Sun., Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00**

**What: Fannie Mae Walk for the Homeless**

**“Mini-Walk”**

**Where: Oaklands Presbyterian Church**



*With your participation in this event, you can help make a BIG difference to our area's homeless!!*

More than 12,000 people in the Washington metropolitan area are homeless and current economic conditions mean even more people may be at risk. Homeless figures include people who are living on the streets, staying in shelters, or living in transitional housing; more than 40 percent are members of families, roughly one-third are children. Nearly one-third of the region's homeless adults are employed, and in some areas, the share of employed homeless people is even higher.

The Fannie Mae Foundation has provided about 10% of the over-all budget of LARS (Laurel Advocacy Referral Services) in the past. Oaklands works closely with LARS to assist those in need in our community for the use of our temporary shelter, Winterhaven (our February temporary 1 week shelter) and our Food Pantry.

Please save October 25<sup>th</sup> (rain or shine) to plan to participate in our annual mini-walk, or if you're unable to walk donations welcomed! The entry fee is \$25.00. Participants/ donors will receive a Fannie Mae Walk-For-the-Homeless T-shirt. *Please mark your calendar and bring a friend!*

**JOIN**

**PARTNERS FOR PEACE**

**IN WELCOMING THE SPEAKERS FOR**



**Jerusalem Women Speak 16:**

**Three Women, Three Faiths,**

**One Shared Vision**

**AT A FUNDRAISER AT**

**BUSBOYS & POETS**

**2021 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET NW**

**Washington, D.C.**

**Saturday, October 3, 2009**

**6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

**SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20**

Please RSVP to [Deena@partnersforpeace.org](mailto:Deena@partnersforpeace.org)

Can't come? Support the tour by [donating at www.partnersforpeace.org](http://www.partnersforpeace.org)

### ***Partners for Peace 2009 DC Area Events***

**Saturday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> Washington, DC**

11:45 AM - Shiloh Baptist Church: *Sabeel Conference*

6-8 PM- *Busboys & Poets Fundraiser: 14<sup>th</sup> and V. St. NW*

**Sunday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup> Burke, VA**

8:30 AM-11AM- Burke Presbyterian Church

Baltimore (MD): 7:30 PM Goucher College

**Monday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup> Gaithersburg, MD**

7:00 PM- Keese School for Continuing Education, Asbury  
Methodist Village

**Wednesday, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>** Washington, DC

6:00 PM-8:00 PM - American University

**Thursday, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>** Annandale, VA

11:30-1:30 PM- Shepherd's Center at Saint Albans Episcopal  
Church

Washington, DC

4:00 PM- Georgetown law School

**Friday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>** Solomon's Island, MD