

The Washington New Church Society

Weekly Whisper

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A prophet in Scripture signifies the Word of the Lord (AC 9188). Elijah, like John the Baptist, particularly denotes the Word of the Lord (AC 3540) *preparing the way of the Lord* at His first Coming and at His second Coming (AC 7643).

WEEK AHEAD.

Mon, Feb 1 – 8:00 pm Arcana Study at _____
We are reviewing the second half of Exodus 19, #8785 – 8852. All are welcome.

Tues, Feb 2 – 8:00 pm Board of Trustees Mtg.

Wed., Feb 3 – 7:30 pm Astronomy Lecture by Chuck Quintero at the church. Bring a friend!

Fri., Feb 5 – 7:30 Dessert & Coffee (no supper), with a doctrinal class at 8:00 pm on the back-ground for the Elijah stories in 1st Kings.

NEWS

Star Gazing and Fund Raising: Thanks to all who came out to this enjoyable event last Tuesday the school “won” the big prize even though we were competing against another area school, the result being over \$260 earned for WNCS!

If you are in the area of the Bowie Town Center be sure to see **our BIG Bus Shelter Ad** for the school – right on the main road where you turn into the Safeway & Macy’s. It looks fantastic! Huge thanks to Curt Moore, who was the inspiration and go-to man for the whole project.

Our school open house is coming up on February 10th. Most things are in readiness, but if you can help with some last minute “fixing, esp. in the lighting department, the staff would be most grateful. Bonnie can give you all the details.

Journey Program - The *Living Courageously* program begins with today’s sermon and continues for 7 weeks with small group sessions at members’ homes to discuss the Elijah stories and their application to our spiritual lives. If you haven’t yet signed up or obtained your workbook

for the course please see Sharon Kunkle or the church secretary TODAY to get started. *Sign-up sheets are available on the church bulletin board and there is a box for your completed enrollment forms on the front office desk.*

Workbooks are \$15 (or two for \$25) and the discussion groups of 8-12 people will all be lay-led and hosted in private homes. This could be very instructive and a lot of fun, not to mention a great community builder AND, most of all, an excellent gate of entry for any newcomers or enquirers. Think about it. You could really make a difference in this program.

On Duty Next Weekend

Sunday – February 7th 11:00 am

Sermon: **The Widow’s Obedience** (MEF)

Chancel Miranda Hyatt

Organ Carole Waelchli

Flowers..... Monica Hyatt

Ushers James Roscoe & Pat Sweeney

Jr. Usher..... Bryan Sweeney

Primary..... Kim Maxwell

Intermediate Kinseys

Advanced Lisa Martin

Senior Monica Hyatt

Nursery..... Aubrey Hernandez

Nursery Help..... Brenna Sweeney & Jared Hyatt

Coffee..... Janet Ferrell

Clean Church Sharon Kunkle

The information was taken from the most recent issue of the ECHO, but may not reflect privately arranged substitutions.

FEBRUARY MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

Bryn Athyn, PA, February 13-14.

We have at the church a small stack of 28 page color brochures featuring all sorts of details about this event including 36 possible workshops (on everything from crafts to ballroom dancing, from couples' presentations to romantic meals, entertainment, mentoring, and much more. If you want to celebrate your marriage with other committed NC couples, or kick start a renewal of your marriage, this may be the thing for you. (Two of our own couples will be there, Brad Johns & Candy Quintero both doing presentations.)

Come and get the brochures, or go online at www.caringformarriage.org to see all the details and to register. Cost varies based on your meal requests; there is no single set fee.

Game Night



With all the people who love games in our congregation, we thought it would be fun to have a regular game night established. So, you are invited every third Saturday of the month to an open game night at the Quintero's! If you like board games, card games, party games - whatever - come join us! The first will be on Saturday, February 20th. This is open to college age and up. We have lots of games, but feel free to bring any you might have. You can also bring snacks or drinks to share - but this is optional. The idea is to have this be a very casual drop-in-if-you'd-like event. The hot tub will also be available, so bring your bathing suit if you want to partake - we even have waterproof cards! If you don't like games, but want to be social, we always have the TV for movies. We will put out monthly reminders, as well as announcements if the date has to be moved to a different Saturday because of conflicts. Hope to see you there! ~ Chuck & Candy

Thanks to Dr. Bell

On behalf of the congregation I would like to thank the Rev. Dr. Reuben Bell and his wife, Jill for graciously coming to stay with us for the weekend, to visit to teach and to preach for us.

The talk last night (following a fabulous meal prepared by Mr. Dave Cowley and his crew) was titled, "The Science Wars: News from the Front," and *was recorded by Dr. Bell*, so audio copies can be made available to any who request them. (Just give us a day or two to prepare the media.)

As an addendum, after visiting today in the church hall if you would like to extend a visit with the Bells informally you are invited to stop by the manse for tea, coffee or a glass of wine for an hour or so before they prepare for the journey home.