



**O**n Sunday, October 7, World Communion Sunday, Church of the Pilgrims will be participating in the Presbyterian Church USA Peacemaking special offering. On this day we will join with Christians around the world to celebrate the unity that we find at the Lord's Table. We also receive the Peacemaking Offering to support the efforts of our congregation, our synod, our presbytery, and our denomination to spread the peace of Christ. This is one of four church-wide special offerings throughout the year. Twenty-five percent of the Offering will be used in the congregation for our peacemaking activities. The other 75 percent will help our partners in the presbytery, synod, and General Assembly as they work on behalf of God's peacemaking throughout the world.

Pilgrims' portion of the proceeds from the special offering will be used to support the National Coalition for the Homeless (NCH). Founded in 1982, NCH is a national network of people who are currently experiencing (or who have experienced) homelessness, activists and advocates, community-based and faith-based service providers, and others committed to a single mission. That mission is to end homelessness.

The National Coalition for the Homeless is committed to creating the systemic and attitudinal changes necessary to prevent and end homelessness. They do this through their speakers' bureau, legislative advocacy, publications, and programs such as

The Urban Plunge which enables non-homeless people to experience the reality of living on the streets, with current homeless people acting as their guides. NCH recently invited the 2008 presidential candidates to participate in this program to demonstrate their commitment to ending homelessness.

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**Peacemaking Special Offering  
Supports Advocacy  
for Ending Homelessness**

NCH also works to meet the immediate needs of people who are currently experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of doing so. Their guiding principle is that people who are currently experiencing homelessness or have formerly experienced homelessness must be actively involved in all of their work. Church of the Pilgrims has a longstanding and unique relationship with

NCH as their headquarters is located in the old manse of our building, and speakers from their speakers' bureau are frequent participants in the programs of our Pilgrimage groups. Beginning later this Fall, our Dupont Art Gallery in the Bird Room will feature paintings by homeless and formerly homeless persons connected with NCH.

Please plan to give generously to the 2007 Peacemaking Special Offering on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. ☩

**Schedule for  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY  
October 7, 2007**

10:25-10:50 AM

*Taizé "Preparation for the Lord's Day"*

In the spirit of Taizé, we will gather in the sanctuary for twenty-five minutes of singing and silence, an opportunity for meditative prayer and preparation for morning worship.

11:00 AM

*Worship*

**Including Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

**Following Worship:**

*Buffet Lunch*

**in the Fellowship Hall ☩**

**ADULT SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION IN OCTOBER**

**“Chasing the Wild Goose  
and Seeking the Lord of Light:  
A Pilgrimage to Taizé and Iona”  
Sundays, October 7-28, 9:30 A.M.  
Led by Jeff Krehbiel**

**D**rawing on his sabbatical pilgrimage to the communities of Taizé in southern Burgundy and Iona in the Scottish Hebrides, the pastor will share insights into the development and growth of these two Christian communities, and what they teach for our practice of ministry at Church of the Pilgrims. The first two weeks will focus on Taizé and the second two on Iona. †

**Theology on Tap  
Tuesdays through October 16  
6:30-8:30 PM  
At the Brickskeller  
“Stories of Call and Vocation”**

**T**heology on Tap will continue Tuesdays through October 16, led by Jeff Krehbiel, at the Brickskeller Tavern across the street from the church. We gather in the downstairs back room at 6:30 for food and fellowship, followed by Bible study at 7:30. Planned with young adults in mind, all ages are welcome. The focus for this series will be “stories of call and vocation,” related to our Homecoming theme of “Finding Our Place at the Table.” Parking is available at the church. See Jeff for more information. †

**Baptism of  
Dorothy Elizabeth Tilton**



**I**n worship on September 16, 2007, the congregation gathered around the font at the entrance to the sanctuary for the Baptism of Dorothy Elizabeth Tilton, daughter of Steve and Adrienne Tilton (photo), and sister of Noah, Sophia, and Alex Tilton. The parents and the congregation promised to teach Dorothy the stories of the faith and support her on her spiritual journey. Pastor Jeff Krehbiel poured water into the font, and Dorothy’s grandmother and other worshipers poured more water while wishing Dorothy well.

Pastor Ashley Goff baptized Dorothy in the name of the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sustainer, using whole *handfuls* of water for each person of the Trinity. After brother Noah lit a Christ candle for Dorothy, Pastor Jeff draped a white stole around her neck, symbolically clothing her in Christ, and made the sign of the cross on her forehead. As the choir sang, Kelsey Krehbiel took Dorothy into her arms and walked among the worshipers introducing the newest Pilgrim to the congregation. Joyful, no doubt, but tired, Dorothy slept. †

**CONGREGATIONAL SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION**



**O**n the last Sunday of summer it is customary for worshipers at Pilgrims to wear a favorite T-shirt that tells others about themselves, their interests, and their passions. Here are the T-shirts worn on September 2, 2007 by (left to right) Carolyn Sloane, Stan Lou, Tsehai Gemeaneh, Aine McCarthy, and Charles Briggs.

*(Photo credit: Gerry Hendershot) †*



**WASHINGTON INTERFAITH NETWORK**  
**Vote Neighborhoods First Campaign**  
**2007 Mid-Year Organizing Accomplishments**  
**January-July 2007**

**O**verview: For the past 5 years, Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) has been organizing under the Vote Neighborhoods First theme, challenging DC's political leadership to harness the equity created from DC's economic renaissance to rebuild long neglected neighborhoods. In 2004, WIN's expanded political power led Mayor Williams and the DC Council to create a \$100 million Neighborhood Investment Fund (NIF) financed from a percentage of the personal property tax paid by large businesses. In 2006, WIN also secured a \$450 million Community Benefits Fund from the publicly financed baseball stadium deal. Tax Increment Finance (TIF) bonds to be issued will be funded by the increase in tax revenues from the redevelopment of the area around the new stadium. Funds are dedicated to neighborhood redevelopment throughout the District—such as school improvements, neighborhood commercial districts, and affordable housing. During the 2006 DC Primary election, WIN organized 300+ non-partisan volunteer leaders to educate and turnout voters in target precincts around WIN member institutions citywide.

**WIN's 2007 Vote Neighborhoods First Campaign victories include:**

- **\$104 Million Neighborhoods First Down Payment.** On March 12, 2007 before 900+ leaders, Mayor Fenty promised and then delivered \$104 million in new funding for neighborhoods in his first 180 days in office to make Vote Neighborhoods First real.
- **\$6.9 million credit enhancement from the Neighborhood Investment Fund** has been awarded to create a \$25 million Neighborhoods First Land Acquisition and Predevelopment Loan Fund to be managed by WIN's ally, The Reinvestment Fund from Philadelphia, and to be used to implement WIN's NIF neighborhood revitalization plans.
- **\$425,000 in predevelopment grants** have been given, with a commitment from the city to finance fully 3 WIN neighborhood projects in Brightwood/ Upper Georgia Avenue, Shaw, and Deanwood Heights neighborhoods.
- **The Mayor Appointed a team to work with WIN** to develop and implement comprehensive redevelopment and financing plans for target neighborhoods (Brightwood, Columbia Heights, Deanwood Heights, Washington Highlands, and other NIF areas).
- **\$21.5 million was budgeted to renovate athletic facilities** at Ballou, Coolidge, Dunbar, McKinley, Roosevelt and Wilson Senior High Schools to be completed by opening of school in Fall 2007. In 2006, WIN organized parents, students, and coaches at Dunbar SHS, near WIN member church Mt. Lebanon Baptist, to demand these changes. 50 WIN leaders joined Mayor Fenty at a press conference to celebrate the groundbreaking on June 15, 2007.
- **Athletic and extracurricular activities** are funded in the FY08 budget and the city has also obtained a \$2,500,000 private sector funding commitment to rebuild high school athletic facilities.
- **FY2008 Budget includes \$24,580,000 million in new dollars for recreation centers** including \$1 million for Benning Terrace (Ward # 7), and \$500,000 for Fort Stanton Rec. (Ward # 8) Centers.
- **FY2008 budget includes \$28,052,000 million in new dollars for neighborhood libraries** including \$10 million for major renovations of the Washington Highlands library (Ward # 8).

**Citywide Affordable Housing Strategy:** On Monday, July 16th before 600+ Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) leaders, DC Mayor Adrian Fenty unveiled his citywide affordable housing plan. During the 2006 Elections, Mayor Fenty pledged to WIN that he would fund, build/preserve 14,000 affordable housing units over the next 4 years. DC Council Housing Committee Chair Marion Barry attended the action and endorsed the Mayor's Plan and pledged to work with WIN to implement it. Mayor Fenty's strategy, designed to fulfill his commitment during the 2006 elections to implement WIN's \$1Billion Vote Neighborhoods First Agenda, includes:

- \$117 million in new annual funding to support affordable housing development in DC;
- 500 Nehemiah homeownership units for persons making \$20,000-\$75,000 over the next 18 months;
- 5,000 Nehemiah homeownership units on identified sites over the next 4 years;
- Pledge to apply the 30% affordable housing requirement from the Anacostia Waterfront Corporation legislation to all city-owned property;
- Plan to preserve 5,000 rental units including seeking the passage of a law to give DC the Right of First Refusal to Purchase when buildings are sold as well as a pro-active strategy to preserve HUD subsidized housing.

**Supportive Housing:** Earlier this year, WIN launched a Supportive Housing organizing campaign to push DC to implement its Homeless No More Strategy to create 2,500 permanent, affordable housing units with support services targeted toward chronically homeless individuals/families as well as ex-offenders. WIN leaders have organized lay and clergy teams to seek long-term solutions to homelessness. Together, they have identified 20+ possible development sites on which to build supportive housing near downtown. WIN leaders and Mayor Fenty plan to unveil a citywide supportive housing action plan at a WIN public action in November 2007. ¶

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Join us on Sundays:  
Christian Education, 9:30 A.M.  
Worship, 11:00 A.M.

The Peacemaking Offering will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 7, during worship. Tax deductible contributions to this offering can be also sent by mail to the church. See the front page for more on World Communion Sunday and Peacemaking Offering. ✠

## 2007 Peacemaking Offering

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

### Sunday, October 7

*"And the leaves of the tree are for the  
healing of the nations"*

*(Revelation 22:2)*

**The Session of Church of the Pilgrims:** *The Session is the governing body of the church. Its members are elected by the congregation. Each elder serves a three-year term. The Session meets the third Wednesday of each month.*

**Charles Briggs '08, Clerk of session:** The clerk is responsible for recording the minutes of the Session meeting, and maintaining the Church rolls. The remaining Elders are responsible for coordinating a team with a particular responsibility within the life of the congregation.

**Mitch Fulton\* '09, Building:** The building Team helps keep this big, beautiful building working well and looking good! They coordinate clean-up days, and help make decisions about building priorities.

**Melissa Rosenblatt, '08, Leadership Development:** The Elder for Leadership Development chairs the Officer Nominating Committee; helps identify and recruit new leaders, and works to insure that all the leaders in the church have the training they need to accomplish their various tasks.

**Betty Rudolph '07, Outreach:** The Outreach Team coordinates all of the congregation's local mission programs, including Open Table and WIN, along with other initiatives that arise from the needs of the community or the interests of the congregation.

**Jean Stewart '08, Spiritual Development:** The Worship & Spiritual Development team is responsible for the planning of worship, including special services and offering opportunities for spiritual development outside Sunday morning.

**Jonathan Mertz '09, Membership Development:** The Membership Development Team works to make our community of faith more inviting and welcoming, and helps newcomers find a place in our community of faith.

**Calva Leonard\* '09, Stewardship/Finance; Trustee:** The Elder for Administration serves as treasurer and works with the Trustees and Church Administrator to manage the finances of the congregation.

**Bart Osterveld '07, Christian Education:** The Education Team is responsible for Sunday morning Christian Education for both children and adults.

**Nancy Daugherty '07, Congregational Care:** The Congregational Care Team works to provide support to members of the congregation, such as coffee hour and buffet.

Trustee, Mary Ester

\*These also serve as Trustees.