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## REVEREND JULIA'S REFLECTION

In November we will have an Adult Group entitled, "This I Believe". Larry Bostian will be asking all of us, and we will be given time to reflect on, what exactly do we believe about God, why bad things happen to people, is there life after death and how do we live meaningful lives.

Retired Bishop John Spong, Episcopal Bishop of Newark, NJ and writer of many books on progressive theology, recently gave his spin on what he believes about God. I thought this could be a great teaser to begin our discussion in November. By the way, about nine years ago, I invited Bishop Spong to come to speak to IFFPers and other faith communities in our area. He agreed and spoke to a packed crowd in the NOAA auditorium in Silver Spring. Many Jewish folks came from surrounding area synagogues. The first thing he did was to apologize to Jews for all the horrors that Christians have done to them down through the centuries. Enjoy! And let me know what you think.



**Q&A with Bishop John Shelby Spong from The Delphi Study Group blog site (<http://delphigroup.blogspot.com/>): WHAT IS YOUR IDEA, CONCEPT OF GOD?**

Shirley Krogstad from Hendersonville, North Carolina, writes: ***If you had to name one "belief" of yours that has evolved or grown the most over the last ten years, what would it be?***

*Dear Shirley,*

*Since my whole belief system is deeply interrelated that is not an easy question to answer. I like the story told about an elderly bishop who remarked, "The older I get, the more deeply I believe but the less beliefs I have." That is exactly what I feel.*

*To answer your question more specifically, however, I believe it would be the way I think about God. God is no longer a person, a being or an entity to me. God is rather a presence in whom, to use words attributed to St. Paul, "I live and move and have my being." The "old man in the sky" was the first image to go, then the heavenly judge who kept record books and finally the father figure who desired praise and whose mercy I implored. The invasive, external heavenly deity faded and new images began to intrude themselves into my consciousness.*

*The interesting thing to me was that while these old images were fading, the God intensity within me remained steady and steadfast. Today I am a God-intoxicated person, but my definition of God is anything but crisp and well defined. I struggle to find words big enough to use when I try to talk about God. God to me is now more of an experience of transcendence, or perhaps the source of life, the source of love and the ground of all being. An experience to me is vastly different from a being who might be described externally. People hear these concepts sometimes as simply words. I hear them, however as a call to transcend all human limits and all human boundaries. God to me is a call to live fully, to love wastefully and to be all that I can be. A redefined Jesus still stands at the center of my God experience. He is not the one sent to be my savior, redeemer or rescuer. Jesus is not to God what Clark Kent is to Superman, a deity*

*masquerading as a human being. He is rather a God presence through whom I am empowered to be open to the life, love and being that flows through me.*

*I now call myself a mystic because in my understanding of God I have gone beyond words into a kind of wordless wonder, awe and mystery. This is not where I was a decade ago. I doubt if it will be where I am a decade from now, but it is where I am today and it represents the evolving, growing frontier of where I was ten years ago.*

*Thanks for asking.*

– John Shelby Spong

## FROM THE BOARD

JEN LIEBREICH

By now you have surely completed and returned your IFFP registration packet! If not, please do, so that we can finish our directories and meet our budget: I am calling on you with all the Catholic and Jewish guilt I can muster!

We have begun a wonderful new year. Our now-permanent Director of Religious Education (DRE), Rev. Beth McCracken-Harness, and all our wonderful teachers have Sunday School off to a great start. Program Coordinator, Susan Ryder, has coordinated two open houses (October 18<sup>th</sup> is the second, so invite your friends!); our Spiritual Director and Advisor, Rev. Julia Jarvis and Rabbi Harold White respectively, have led our first Gatherings of the Fall; and we've celebrated the Jewish High Holy days with awe and reverence, and with highlights of beautiful member contributions from Josh Herman (shofar blower extraordinaire) and Bob Schwartz (heartbreaking Kol Nidre soloist). Thanks to everyone for pitching in and helping during busy autumn days.



The board has been busy too. In September we held our day-long annual retreat, where we were trained by the "Maryland NonProfits" group on board fundraising. After that meeting, we held a strategy session to help identify specific ways to implement that new knowledge to fundraise for IFFP. The board also reviewed strategic planning goals, set two years ago, to re-prioritize and set goals for this year. Since IFFP cannot financially sustain itself in it's current model (four part-time staff with the board acting as executive director), fundraising in order to hire an executive director remains our top priority.

The executive committee of the board (vice-chair Stephani Abramson, treasurer Andre Parraway, MaryBeth Cisneros and myself) finalized the first-ever IFFP Employee Handbook for our dedicated staff, outlining standard policies and taking a major step toward last year's goal of professionalizing our board and staff. Huge thanks and kudos to Stephani for coordinating the handbook. Thanks also to IFFP staff and Personnel Committee members Stephani, Promise Ahstrom and Ellyn McKay, for their unique roles and helpful input.

IFFP celebrated a lovely Sukkot/community service event this past Sunday. Rabbi White formed a circle to lead a brief Sukkot gathering in a field, and then in one hour we bagged 10,000 pounds of sweet potatoes from a farmer in North Carolina, which will be distributed by the MidAtlantic Gleaning Network to food pantries and soup kitchens across the region. With all those helping hands, we still got home in time for the Redskins -- and the Takoma Park Street Festival! The celebration of the harvest, the spirit of charity and fun were all served by IFFP members as they and their children, aged two to teen, dove into huge bins of potatoes to fill up big mesh bags. I was proud to be a part of it.

## FROM THE RABBI – SUKKOT AND THANKSGIVING



Sukkot is primarily an agricultural festival celebrating the autumn harvest. When Governor Bradford of Massachusetts Bay Colony instituted a thanksgiving festival he patterned it after Sukkot. The Psalm that was read at this first Thanksgiving gathering was Psalm 100, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," which is within the liturgy of Sukkot. Sukkot is, however, more than a thanksgiving festival. In Biblical times, seventy sacrifices were offered each day on behalf of the seventy nations existing in the world at that time. The ancient Hebrews prayed for the prosperity and well-being of peoples other than themselves. This embrace of otherness could be viewed as the first example of religious and cultural ecumenism. On Sukkot, the Scroll of Ecclesiastes was read with its emphasis upon viewing the world "under the aspect of eternity." The message of Ecclesiastes to us is to learn to take life "one day at a time." The prophetic portion that

is read on Sukkot is Solomon's dedicatory prayer for the Temple, which is characterized as a "house of prayer for all people." I find all of these ideas appealing inasmuch as they parallel the mission of IFFP, which transcends any formal or obligatory doctrine.

## INTERFAITH TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

RABBI WHITE

Along with the chaplains of Georgetown Campus Ministry, Rabbi White will be leading an interfaith trip to Israel and the West Bank between December 27th and January 6th. The trip will include meetings with members of the Parents' Circle, a group of Israelis and Palestinians who have bonded through the loss of loved ones resulting from the conflict in the region. Julia Jarvis has expressed interest in accompanying the trip as a leader. The cost of the trip, including airfare is \$2500 per person. Reservations, including a \$100 deposit, must be received by October 15th. Please contact Julia Jarvis or Rabbi White if you are interested in participating. In light of this deadline, please review the detailed itinerary for this trip, which is attached to this newsletter, if you are interested.

## NEW GATHERING FORMAT

SUSAN RYDER

We are always trying to improve the quality, ambience and timing of our Gatherings to better serve our community. In an effort to accomplish some of those goals we will experiment with a few new ideas beginning October 25. When you arrive you will hear lovely spiritual music (by CD) playing; board members will usher you to your seats (please fill in towards the front so the seats in the back are left for those arriving later) and give out programs.

The Gathering will begin promptly at 10:00 so that we have time for the Gathering, as well as refreshments, social time and getting the kids to Sunday school on time. The doors will be closed at 10:00. Those arriving after 10:00 will be admitted during times of songs throughout the service in order to keep disruption and noise to a minimum and keep focus on prayers, speakers, and participation at the maximum. We hope that these experiments will enrich your experience of the Gathering. If you have other ideas of how we can improve the ambience of the sacred within the cafeteria, please let us know.

## GATHERING NEWS AND INFORMATION

JULIA JARVIS

During the November 15<sup>th</sup> Gathering, we will have our Welcoming Ceremony for New Members. At that time we will invite all new member families to come to the front, introduce themselves and welcome them into the community with a responsive reading.

The Gathering Committee is asking everyone to please try and come on time, 10:00 a.m. otherwise you might miss an important announcement, joy or fun song!

If you'd like to join the IFFP Band and choir, please see Marci (our music director) or Pete (our main guitarist). We welcome all instruments and voices. Also, if you have particular songs/hymns you'd love to sing, see Marci.

A quick note about Fr. Dennis McManus' participation in our Gatherings: Fr. Dennis is a colleague of Rabbi White's at Georgetown University. They teach a class together with Imam Yahya Hendi on interfaith understandings between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Fr. Dennis is originally from Mobile, AL. He has been with IFFP as our main Catholic resource for the last two years and a mutual affectionate bond has developed between him and IFFP. Don't miss his warm, brilliant presence!

## NEW MEMBERS

MARY BETH CISNEROS

We are happy to welcome new members Kelly Barnes and Casey Dinges, their daughter Abby who's almost 2 and Casey's two children, Erica (18) & Jeremy (16) who we hope will visit.

We also want to welcome back Suzanne and Nat Mund and Sarah who's now in the Pre-K 3's class.

### **Erika and Bernardo Calloway Kleiner (Joined Last Spring)**

Bernardo grew up locally in Silver Spring, MD in a Jewish home. His Dad is from Argentina, and his Mom is from South Africa. Erika grew up Christian (United Methodist) in Oklahoma. They have two children: Elliot 2 ½ and Elena Belle, who was born on May 24, 2009.

Erika has a Master's of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN, and Bernardo has a Master's of Public Health degree from GWU. Erika does sexual and domestic violence advocacy work through the Office on Women in Alexandria, VA and is also a massage therapist in Takoma Park. Bernardo works in the field of traffic safety as a project manager at Cambridge Systematics.

Erika and Bernardo heard about IFFP through several friends over the years and decided to check it out. They were looking for a spiritual community with a focus on social justice. They used to belong to a synagogue, but found themselves not making it to services very often, so decided it was time to explore.

The first time they came to IFFP was such a wonderful experience – they were able both to celebrate and express all of who they are and meet people in the same situation. They are so happy to be here and plan to be more regular participants once they acclimate to having two kids!

## IFFP COMMUNITY SERVICE

PAUL MILLER

Over the past few years, the members of IFFP have carried out numerous activities benefiting community organizations and connecting lessons from Sunday school to the real world practice of service and 'Tikkun Olam'. This year we are assembling a group of volunteers to continue this tradition. Some new people have stepped forward including a possible co-chair of the committee. We are also grateful for the community service 'veterans' who have continued their tremendous commitment, especially the "point people" for our holiday events, Antoinette Eates, Promise Alstrom and Diane Katz. The Committee has lots of other potential initiatives and is also looking for new ideas and activities which members would like to support. Look for further announcements at Gatherings and in upcoming email bulletins and newsletters.

## SUKKOT GLEANING

SUSAN PRIESTER

As many of you know, each year for Sukkot, our gathering takes place in a slightly unorthodox place: usually in a field somewhere, just before the better part of our congregation spans out across acres of leftover crops, to glean what we can for a local food bank or pantry or the like. This year, the details came a bit late (through no fault of our organizers!) and maybe the plan wasn't what people had expected, so not too many of us made the trip around the beltway to Brandywine last Sunday. For those that did though, it was a true miracle for literally thousands of hungry people in our own backyards. A handful of IFFP families including kids of ALL ages (even my 3 year old!), bagged TEN THOUSAND POUNDS of sweet potatoes. Yes, TEN THOUSAND POUNDS...and we did it in just under ONE HOUR!

Rabbi White led a beautiful Sukkot service under the glorious morning sun, with a breeze nipping at all of us, and then it was time to work. Rubber gloves snapping away, huge nylon mesh bags in hand, we dug into four massive bins that at first seemed bottomless. The kids definitely had the most fun. Quickly, there was a friendly competition developing and cheers came from the first group to see the bottom of their bin. Then the race was on and the rest of us worked even faster. Of course, we still chatted with those beside us, learning about each other, helping each other fill those bags, tie them and roll them to the flats. Sometimes the bags would await the stronger members (or many members) to heave them into their crate for their trip to one of almost a dozen food banks.

Why am I relaying all this here? To let everyone know how amazingly gratifying and invigorating and valuable the experience was to those of us that went, even though we were "just in a warehouse". I can say, for sure, that my kids "got it", even more so this year than other years when we were "in the fields". This opened the door for wonderful conversations about helping others and giving back. Our kids saw 10,000 pounds of potatoes in front of them DONATED by ONE farm. Then they stood right next to us, worked as hard, helped as much and felt the same honor we felt in having the chance to provide this service to our community. Thanks, IFFP, for making available to us this incredible experience.

## HOLIDAY COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS

SUSAN RYDER

Thanksgiving and Christmas will arrive before you know it. The holiday season traditionally sees a number of community service events *of long-standing* that have enabled IFFP to forge warm wonderful relationships with our larger community. Please consider volunteering for these and/or get in touch with Paul Miller to talk about other ways you and your family might be able to contribute.

## **THANKSGIVING MEAL FOR MOMS**

Antoinette Eates will once again organize a Thanksgiving celebration for MOMS families and needs volunteers to cook and serve this wonderful meal. This year's dinner takes place at Rockville United Church on Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup>; it has been a great success in the past, thanks to IFFP volunteers who have *'faithfully'* cooked and served terrific Thanksgiving dishes for the group of about 50 mothers and children. MOMS, Mothers Offering Maternal Support of the Montgomery County Mental Health Association, offers young at-risk pregnant and parenting teens help and support in caring for their babies and small children through direct services and activities such as mentoring, support groups, and educational services. Please volunteer and look for further announcements in the bulletin.

## **HOLIDAY GIFT COLLECTION FOR MOMS**

For several years we have helped the MOMS group with a holiday gift collection for the young mothers and their children. Promise Alstrom, who has coordinated this in the past, will receive a wish list from MOMS of items the mothers have requested: the items requested often reveal great need within this community of mothers and children. It's a great opportunity for both grownups and children understand charity and the joy of giving. Promise will post details in the bulletins and on the list serve. Please fill these wish lists if you can.

## **SPRINGVALE TERRACE ASSISTED LIVING HOLIDAY COLLECTION**

In addition to MOMs, IFFP has worked to bring love and support to the residents of Springvale Terrace, a residential community in Silver Spring for low and moderate income seniors. This year Diane Katz will once again be organizing a collection of personal care items and other small gifts around the December holiday season. She needs IFFP members to contribute these gifts which will be packaged by IFFP children and adults at our Holiday Party on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Our Sunday school classes also participate in programs at Springvale throughout the year. Please keep this activity in mind and look for announcements from Diane, in the bulletin and list serve.

## **FUNDRAISING & DONATIONS**

DAVID QUIGLEY

Speaking of giving...please remember that IFFP is an eligible charity in the Federal Government's Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). The CFC is a program in which the Federal Government encourages its employees to donate money to one or more pre-approved charities. We thank the many members who were very generous with their CFC donations last year.

For those who are Federal employees, please remember IFFP as you make your CFC contribution decisions this year. Also, please let all your friends and family members know about IFFP's participation in this program. This is a smart opportunity to build a strong IFFP, so let's get the word out! **IFFP's CFC number is 27138.**

**OCTOBER****October 4: Sukkot Gleaning****October 18: Gathering**

"Children's Sabbath Sunday"

Open House

Adult Group with Fr. Dennis

Sunday School – Session 3

Yoga

Class Picnics: Grades Pre-K 3's & 4's, K

COA – AM

COA Prep - AM

**October 25: Gathering**

"Reformation Sunday: The Story of Reformation"

Adult Groups: Two Tracks

Sunday School – Session 4

Yoga

Class Picnics: Grades 1, 2 & 3

COA – PM

COA Prep – AM

**NOVEMBER****November 1: Gathering**

"All Saints Day–Stories of Saints"

Adult Groups: Two Tracks

Sunday School – Session 5

Yoga

**November 1 (continued):**

COA – AM

COA Prep - AM

**November 15: Gathering**

"Prayers of Women in the Bible & Welcoming New Members"

Adult Group

New Member Brunch

Sunday School – Session 6

Yoga

COA – AM

COA Prep -PM

**November 19: Meal for MOMS**

Community Service Event (see article above)

**November 22: Gathering**

"Thanksgiving Service"

Adult Groups: Two Tracks

Sunday School – Session 7

Yoga

COA Prep - AM

**Member sources of information about events:**

Our website, [www.iffp.net](http://www.iffp.net), has a listing of events and dates on the home page as well as a more detailed calendar of events, in calendar format, ([http://www.iffp.net/events/user\\_calendar.php](http://www.iffp.net/events/user_calendar.php)) that members can access at any time. IFFP also has a Facebook page.

**ADULT GROUP THEMES FOR OCTOBER****LARRY BOSTIAN**

October 18: Fr. Dennis McManus will lead a discussion of Pope Benedict's Encyclical, Caritas in Veritate. (We are asking Fr. Dennis to suggest some brief readings in advance to facilitate this discussion; the encyclical itself can be read online or you can download it; it is quite long, however, so be prepared.) Caritas in Veritate lays out both a form of progressive social agenda and instructive links that tie that agenda into the Church's traditional teachings about the family, contraception and abortion, etc.

## ADULT GROUP THEMES FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER LARRY BOSTIAN

### October 25: Two Tracks

Track 1: We are inviting the Rev. Jim Todhunter, retired pastor of Christ Congregational Church in Silver Spring and a board member of the Shalem Center, to lead a discussion about how our spirituality and our theology change in middle age. Jim has been studying the work of the Catholic contemplative Richard Rohr. (NB: Rabbi White will be away this week.)

Track 2: Interfaith 101 Series Part 1. Ian Spatz, former board chair and facilitator extraordinaire will lead this session on “hot button” topics such as respecting and honoring our partner's traditions, dealing with extended family, how to raise the children, teaching the children about religion at home.

### November 1: Two Tracks

Track 1: Committees. Once again we will dedicate our Adult Group to breaking into IFFP committees so that members can choose a committee of interest and members of committees may have a planning session. This was a big success last year.

Track 2: Interfaith 101 Series Part 2: Ian Spatz will continue the discussion from Part 1 and also address other topics of individual interest to participants including issues that arise when celebrating Passover & Easter. (Another session for the entire group will be held in the spring).

**November 15:** Debbie Reichman, who assists Rabbi Harold at Georgetown, has been thinking a lot about what our faith traditions say about health care. As the nation struggles to reform our health care system, Debbie will lead a discussion that looks at that debate through a different lens.

### November 22: Two Tracks

Track 1: What do we mean when we say “God”...and when we don't say “God.” What does that signify? Rabbi Harold, Rev. Julia, and Larry will lead off by sharing how their own understanding of this question has changed and continues to evolve; then we will invite others to join in.

Track 2: Interfaith 101 Series Part 3: Join Ian Spatz as we focus on the joys and challenges of celebrating Hanukkah and Christmas in the same family, alternately entitled “Don't Light the Menorah too Close to the Christmas Tree”.

# Sunday School & Teens

## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Sunday School year has started! Welcome back, kids! I hope you had a great time in Sunday school. We are all working hard to make Sunday school fun for you. In fact, a lot of what the teachers learned in teacher training this summer was about making your classes fun.

Thanks to all those who made Back to School Sunday a success: thanks to the teachers and classroom assistants, who prepared for the students and welcomed them to the classroom. Thanks to the hall helpers who assisted the children...and thanks to the parents who met with their children's teachers. Thanks to the volunteers who helped me on the spur of the moment

and especially to Peter Grey, Adria Zeldin, Andre Parraway and Alison Wylegala who made themselves available to help so that everything would flow smoothly.

I am excited about the Hebrew program this year. In the past, it has focused on the fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Fourth grade has worked on the alphabet. Fifth grade has learned vowels and some reading...and sixth grade has done Hebrew prayers. Now, we are expanding it into the younger grades. Our wonderful music teachers will be using more Hebrew music. Renee Wasco, our teen volunteer, will lead Hebrew games in the younger classes. In the third grade, Josh Herman is leading a Hebrew alphabet game every week, and Renee will help him as needed. The fourth graders will learn the Hebrew alphabet with Michael Rosenman (the Hebrew teacher). Since the children will learn the Hebrew alphabet in the third grade this year, Michael will be able to teach more reading in fourth and fifth grades next year. Of course, we will continue to teach Hebrew prayers in the sixth grade. So, we'll end up with more basic Hebrew literacy—and that is important for kids who have Bar/Bat Mitzvahs or who attend Jewish holiday services.



## TEEN GROUP

**BENJAMIN FOOTE, TEEN LEADER**

My vision for IFFP's Teen Group is the same as my hope for all seekers of faith: to have fun, to develop and strengthen relationships in the community, to serve others, and to enrich our spiritual selves – we in the Teen Group will just do it with shorter attention spans and more snacks! So far, we are off to a great start. In August, we had a hugely successful rafting event, organized by Rob Liebreich. Last week, our teens led us in a moving Yom Kippur service, sweetened with the musical gifts of Bob Schwartz. Many other teen adventures are already in the works, with a focus on synthesizing aspects of fun, service, and spiritual development.

This Teen Group venture will not be solely, or even significantly, my doing. Rather, I intend my role to be that of official Teen Group figurehead, with the true power, enthusiasm, and creativity remaining in the hands of the teens themselves. To that end, we will continue to have planning meetings throughout the year; Teen Group events, email, and our new Facebook group page ("IFFP TEEN GROUP") are also great opportunities for teens to share their ideas for *their* teen group. I, of course, will still throw into the mix my own ideas, guidance, and snack preferences.

But, the teens and I can't do it entirely alone; as the saying goes, it takes a village. Our most pressing matter is to collect contact information, with the aim of being able to talk directly teen to teen. Also, if you come across ideas or opportunities for teen events, both in your professional and personal lives, please send them my or the teens' way. And, obviously, the most important aspect in all this is rides...just kidding! The most important aspect is a nurturing community. We at IFFP are blessed with that. May those blessings continue as we help our teens learn to continue them.

## INTERFAITH TEENS: NOT DAZED OR CONFUSED

SUE KATZ-MILLER

The following is an excerpt from Sue Katz-Miller's Blog, [www.onbeingboth.com](http://www.onbeingboth.com)

*On Yom Kippur, I watched my 15-year-old daughter stand up before [our interfaith community](#) and lead the Jewish call to prayer: "Barchu et adonai hamvorach...". She learned this chant for her [interfaith coming of age ceremony](#) when she was thirteen. But I wasn't sure if she would ever have the opportunity to lead the prayer again, or whether the melody would stick in her mind. Some of us who were raised as Jews, let alone those like my daughter raised as interfaith children, rarely use our Bar or Bat Mitzvah education in the ensuing years or decades.*

*Seeing her stride up to the front of the sanctuary, hearing her voice ring out with such assurance surprised and thrilled me. I had not anticipated this moment, because our Yom Kippur service is designed and lead by our interfaith teen group, and being teens, they don't necessarily keep parents in the loop. All I knew was that while I was busy in the half-hour before the service began, setting up the tables of challah and egg salad for the meal to break our fast, she was making last-minute decisions with the other teens about who would lead which part of the service.*

*Religious leaders have an infuriating tendency to posit, without reference to any current objective research, that interfaith children raised with dual religions will turn out lost, apathetic, ignorant, confused. In fact, there is no current objective research. All we have are anecdotes. So I offer my own. At our Yom Kippur service, I did not see confused. I saw a teenage boy confident enough to get up and talk about repentance and prayer and charity. I saw a teenage girl confident enough to get up and give a spontaneous, touching and entertaining Yom Kippur reflection. I saw my own daughter made stronger by a day of fasting: I saw her as an adult endowed with spiritual insight and the gift of leadership.*

*I wish every clergy member, of every religion, could come and observe our teens leading the Yom Kippur service each year. They are the ultimate proof that children raised with substantive education about two religions, in a caring community, with access to spiritual experience, seem to be turning out fine. Fine indeed.*

## ODDS AND ENDS

SUSAN RYDER

### **BE INCLUDED IN THE IFFP DIRECTORY**

Our directory is scheduled to come out in October. Please send in your registration forms by September 1 so we can have accurate information for our directory, personal listings, and class listings.

### **GET A NAMETAG**

We're starting a new year and want our members to have nametags in good condition. We will make replacement nametags for all members by the end of September. If you know that your nametag is lost, incorrect, or broken and need a new one, email Susan Ryder.

### **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

IFFP follows Montgomery County Public Schools for closure due to weather. In case of icy conditions, snow, or storms call the County at 301-279-3673, or <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us>.