



LIFELINKS, April 27, 2017

Weekly messages from Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church
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THIS COMING SUNDAY

April 30, 2017

*** Thanks in advance to the volunteer staff for this Sunday.**

- **Greeters** are Mary Ann Sroufe and Sue Van Slyke
- **Liturgist** is Mary Beth Weaver
- **Counters** are Joe Boyette and Wes McClelland
- **Coffee Hour Hosts** are Mary Ann Sroufe, Sue Van Slyke, and Lee Cliburn
- **Click one of the following links to volunteer for any date(s) as [Liturgist](#), [Greeter](#), or [Coffee Hour Host](#).** You may also contact Hospitality Moderators [Ted Jutras](#) and [Zeek Dziekan](#) if you can assist as Greeters or Coffee Hour Host, or contact [Mary Beth Weaver](#) to assist as Liturgist. Thank you all for your assistance!

***Scripture Readings for this Sunday:** Hebrews 13:6-8 and Matthew 4:17-22

***Worship Schedule.** Arrival and fellowship is at 9:30am. Sunday Seminar 9:45am Sunday. Worship is at 11am.

***Congregational Meeting** April 30th after worship for the purpose of electing Elders to the class of 2019, and members of the Nominating Committee.

***Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** The PNC has completed a draft of the Ministry Information Form (MIF) and it now awaits Session consideration and concurrence. The MIF is our job description - defining who we are, our ministry goals and challenges, the characteristics/qualities we seek in a new pastor, and the roles we envision for him/her going forward in the CHPC. Upon Session concurrence, we will forward the MIF to denomination headquarters to be circulated to potential applicants. We will await responses and begin the evaluation process. The PNC is excited and asks for your support and prayers.

***Seeking Sunday School Teachers and Assistants!** We have a great group of children in preschool and elementary school who are attending one of two Sunday School classes meeting between 9:45 and 10:45 am each Sunday. During the last 15 minutes of each class, the kids meet with our music director Caitriona in the Sanctuary. Guidance in preparing for the class will be provided in advance, and the prep time commitment is minimal. If you are willing to give the kids at least one Sunday a month, please contact Adrienne Marsh, Chair of the Education Ministry (Adrienne.Marsh@gmail.com) and/or Diane Shages (diane.shages1@verizon.net)

***The Sunday Seminar is in the Balcony Room**, on the upper level of the Sanctuary. **This Sunday**, we continue to read through the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:13-16 'Salt and Light' See you there!

***Pledge Update.** At CHPC giving tends to slow down among the congregation after the Christmas holidays and it has done so this year. Through March we are 20 percent below planned giving levels. Last year at this time we were 9 percent below. Stable giving enables a regular cash flow for church operations. Electronic Funds Transfers (EFT) are an easy way to give regularly and meet your pledge commitment. Contact the church office admin@capitolhillpreschurch.org for EFT information."

Year-End Contributions:** A big thank you to all who have pledged and contributed to the mission of CHPC in 2016. ***Envelopes are available for 2017 in Fellowship Hall.

***Kids at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church
CHPC Nursery (0-4 years old)**

Our nursery has expanded its age range and now welcomes 0-4 year olds. We aim to have 2-3 nursery staff in the nursery each Sunday.

The nursery is available most weeks from 9:45-12:15ish between Labor Day and Memorial Day allowing parents to take advantage of attending an adult Sunday school class if they are interested. In the summer the nursery will be staffed from 9:45-11:15ish. If you leave your child in the nursery they **must stay** in the nursery until you collect them, nursery workers and parent volunteers will not allow children to leave and find their parents during the service. Please don't tell your kiddo they can leave the nursery on their own and come upstairs to find you.

***Kids 5+**

For kiddos who have aged out of the nursery, but aren't quite ready to sit through a service, we invite you take advantage of the family room upstairs of the sanctuary. There you can listen/watch the service while your kids can play/read/etc. Please remember the church **cannot** have children wandering around the building without a parent during the service. The nursery workers aren't able to watch those in the room as well as children outside the room and with unlocked front/back doors we need to make sure that everyone is safe. Please make sure your children are supervised by you or another adult at all times while at CHPC.

Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church Celebrates 153 Years!** Anniversary reception will be ***this Sunday following the congregational meeting.

In January of 1864, several ladies saw in The Presbyterian Magazine, an article written by the Reverend John Chester about a church he had started under a tree in Bustleton, NJ with another pastor. Since they were tired of walking or riding in a carriage through dusty or muddy streets to get to the closest Presbyterian church, they wrote to him and asked if - since God had used him to build a "Church under a tree" - He might also use him to build a church on a hill. The young pastor saw this as a call from God and immediately came to DC, met with a few interested persons and preached a sermon. Finding the situation favorable, he then returned to NJ, resigned his charge, moved his young family to Washington, and the Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church was organized by the Presbytery of the Potomac on April 11, 1864 with 34 members. And, as they say, the rest is history...

People's Climate March** - Can you march with us ***this Saturday, April 29 for our neighbors and our climate? Climate change hurts everyone and we are called to respond. People of diverse faith traditions from around the country will form a faith contingent at the Capitol to speak out for our neighbors and the climate we share at the People's Climate March in Washington DC. Meet Dave Levy at CHPC at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. Let him know you are coming; call [703-549-5289](tel:703-549-5289).

MARCH SCHEDULE

- **10:00am Meet at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church**
- **10:30am Leave to meet up with other Presbyterians west of Capitol Building**
- **11:00am March Line-Up:** We will gather west of the Capitol Building in contingents that spell out the values we share: justice, truth, democracy, faith and more. Religious and Interfaith groups will meet on 3rd St., NW between Jefferson Dr., NW and Madison Dr., NW (the Mall) for activities for prayer and musical offerings; look for the **Presbyterian pennant**.
- **12:30pm Kick Off the March:** We'll begin marching up Pennsylvania Avenue towards the White House.

- **2:00pm Collective Action:** We will surround the White House and make a loud sound demanding climate justice and good jobs.
- **3:00pm End of March Activities:** We will reconvene at the Washington Monument grounds.
- **5:00pm Head Home for Ongoing Action:** We will wrap up our day together and head back to our local communities. The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church located at 1313 New York Av., NW will host us at their church from 5 to 6:00pm.

***Second String Orchestra** will be **Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00pm.**

***Education Ministry Meeting** will be **Wednesday May 3 at 6:30pm.**

***P & A Committee Meeting** will be **Wednesday May 3 at 6:30pm.**

***Movie Night at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church, Friday, May 5 at 7:30, will feature Arrival.**

Arrival delivers a must-see experience for fans of thinking person's sci-fi that anchors its heady themes with genuinely affecting emotion and a terrific performance from Amy Adams. When mysterious spacecraft touch down across the globe, an elite team--lead by expert linguist Louise Banks (Amy Adams)--are brought together to investigate. As mankind teeters on the verge of global war, Banks and the team race against time for answers--and to find them, she will take a chance that could threaten her life, and quite possibly humanity. (PG-13; 94%/82% Rotten Tomatoes)

CHPC is located at 4th and Independence Ave, SE.

Refreshments will be served. Admission is free to the public.



***Women's Prayer Group** will be held **Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 to 11:00am** at the home of Ami Dziekan (1423 D Street NE). Please RSVP to Ami at adziekan@ftc.gov if you will attend.

***Haitian-Inspired coffee hour has been moved to May 7** to celebrate with Fonkoze! A slide show by Mary Didier, Leslie Barbour, Jerry Sroufe and Maryann Sroufe will be shown on the 12-member Fonkoze fact finding trip to Haiti February 18-22. Fonkoze, a well-regarded development organization has been a partner with CHPC for many years.

***Take CHPC Out to the Ballgame** -- CHPC Baseball Sunday/Church picnic is **Sunday, July 9!** We'll gather outside the church following the service for a delicious pre-game cookout. Then we'll meet up at the game to see the Nationals play the Braves at 1:35 p.m. We need a final headcount for ticket order **no later than Sunday, June 18** - the earlier you can sign up the better. The cost is \$17 dollars per game ticket, \$3 for the picnic only (per person), or \$20 for both (per person); we ask that everyone bring a side dish or dessert to share for the picnic. Joe and Missy Boyette are coordinating the baseball tickets; let them know if you have any questions - you can contact Missy by email here. You may also contact Ted and Zeek who are coordinating the picnic. More information to follow. Hope you can make it out for a fun afternoon!

***Good Neighbor Capitol Hill Refugee Resettlement Group (CHPC is a member) is looking for Story Tellers!** A fundraising event is being planned with Story District to present a night of true stories by and about DC's diverse refugee population. The premier performance of *American Odyssey: True tales about hospitality, homecomings & plunging into uncharted waters* will take place on **June 29, 2017** at Lutheran Church of the Reformation, and we want you in the show! Go to this link to tell us about your story idea: <https://form.jotformpro.com/70754735491968>. No performance or storytelling experience is necessary. We are looking for true, first-person stories that are about you - how you felt, what you experienced and why it mattered to you. If you are selected to be part of the show, you will be expected to participate in 4-6 rehearsals over the course of 8 weeks.

***CHPC Joins The Way Home pledge!** CHPC is joining the campaign to end chronic homelessness in the District of Columbia by 2017 started by Miriam's Kitchen. We will add our voice to over 4,000 people, organizations, and businesses who have signed on and care about ending chronic homelessness in DC. By adding our voice, we can show policy makers and the greater community that DC residents really care about this issue. [Learn more here.](#)

***CHPC is now an affiliate of Jubilee USA Network!** CHPC will affiliate with Jubilee USA located at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 East Capitol Street, for one year. If you would like to learn more about Jubilee USA click [here](#) or upload this [one-page document](#). If you have questions about this affiliation please contact Leslie Barbour at lesliebarbour@earthlink.net.

***Want to Learn More about Mission Outreach?** Get real time information about CHPC mission projects and the Washington Seminar Center by joining CHPC Service Ministry. See Calendar of Mission Activities [HERE](#). Contact Leslie Barbour at lesliebarbour@earthlink.net or (202) 821-8393. Regular meetings will be the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm.

***Saturday Morning Mindfulness** CHPC and the Kagyu DC Tibetan Community on Capitol Hill are co-sponsoring a time of mindfulness instruction and practice each Saturday from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon in the chapel / annex.

***Parking @ CHPC** Free parking is available on Sunday mornings, and weekday evenings courtesy of the National Capital Bank in the lot just behind CHPC - access through our alley on 4th Street SE. Meters are also free on Sundays, after 6:30 p.m. weekdays, and after 3:30 p.m. Saturdays. [Follow this link for more information](#)

***Long-time member Sue Van Slyke needs a ride to church.** Sue can no longer drive and would like to continue coming to church, but to do that she needs a ride both ways. She lives in Temple Hills, 8 miles from the church- a 20 - 30 minute drive. If you can help, please call or email Sue. Thank you

***Joni Bell is looking for rides to and from Church each week.** If you are willing to help, please email Diane Shages (diane.shages1@verizon.net) who is trying to set up a calendar at least through Memorial Day weekend. Joni lives at 406 Kentucky Av, SE (near 14th St Safeway).

***CHPC has established a new program to provide rides** for any church member who is unable to get to church on their own. Session has approved the allocation of budget to be used towards a CHPC-funded Uber account, which will be available to church members who are unable to find another means of transportation to get to worship services. The program does not change the existing efforts to find rides to/from church from volunteers within the congregation, but rather is intended as a supplemental service to ensure that any member who wants to be able to attend worship will always be able to do so. For more information about the program please contact Ted Jutras, co-moderator of the Hospitality Ministry, at tcjutras@gmail.com.

***Our community has a number of members who enjoy taking part in Sunday service, but are unable to drive themselves.** We have been lucky enough to have wonderful volunteers who help these members frequently, but we would greatly appreciate some new volunteers who would be willing to fill in occasionally. If you would be willing to either serve as a regular volunteer or as a back-up as the need arises, [please sign up here](#). You can also contact Zeek Dziekan at ggdziekan1@yahoo.com, of the Hospitality Ministry to discuss.

***Electronic giving cards for collection plate:** We are pleased to offer laminated cards in the pews that indicate "electronic giving". If you give electronically, please feel free

to put the card in the collection plate as it circulates each week. *You can use the QR code on the back of these cards to make mobile donations from the pew!*

***CHPC Social Media** Have you been to [CHPC's Facebook page](#)? Are you following [@CapHillPres](#) on Twitter? CHPC member Alex Counts is now doing a great job of keeping both our Facebook page and Twitter feed updated. Help him out with your own likes, comments, tweets and retweets!

***May Birthdays** Mary Didier: 4, Nancy Travis: 6, Shane Karr: 7, Jennifer Newton: 7, Anima La Voy: 9, Sam Wright: 9, William Delano: 10, Jayme Walton: 10, Micheal Nord: 12, Brandon Hunt: 13, Roy Nord: 22, Vourneen Hultman: 23, Chris Smith: 26.

***If you have noticed that your birthday is not appearing** in the church bulletin and Lifelinks, please email your birthday and month (year not necessary) to [the church office](#). The Stewardship Ministry is sending out birthday notes to congregation members.

***For updates on METRO rail trackwork** that may impact your comings and goings at CHPC, you can always get information [here](#) -- a calendar of scheduled work is available.

***Activities of the Presbytery** Go to the website www.thepresbytery.org to find the current "Thursday Mail" from National Capital Presbytery. [Click here](#) for archived editions.

***Please read the prayer list and help us keep it up to date.** Email Pastor Scott with any changes. Thank you!

***Prayer Concerns:**

Kayla Pettko, daughter of a friend of Doug's, with a cancer diagnosis

The family of Shirley Cochrane

Lila Hammett (child of a friend of Erica Stanley)

Suzanne Gill (friend of Diane Shages)

Dudley Brown

Joni Bell

Billy Gormley

Charlotte Heiligenstein and family (friends of Claudia Nadig)

Jeanie Mamo (friend of Chris Smith)

Sue Van Slyke

Jack Carter (Brenda Carter's brother)

Shirley Brown

Dariana Verdi

Barbara Whitford (former member of CHPC)

Milton Bell

Brenda Carter

Janice Todd (step-granddaughter of Jerry & Mary Ann Sroufe)

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