

November 2017

# The Voice of Faith

Dear Faith Family,

In the sermon on Oct. 8, we heard about how the children of God escaped miraculously from Egypt and found themselves face to face with the wilderness. They complained. They had nothing to eat or drink out there...in the wilderness. It is always stunning to me that God listened to their complaining! Not only that, but God provided manna and quail with the instruction that they only take what they need and no more.

We live in a gluttonous time, it seems to me. The examples of excess are everywhere we look...from movie moguls who prey on young women to company execs who amass unthinkable severance packages even though their company has put 1/2 of Americans at risk, to politicians who fly in private planes at the taxpayers expense.

In contrast, we belong to a community, the church, which preaches a different way of living. We belong to a people who value, among other things, these beliefs:

- We should only take what we need
- We share what we have with others.

Faith Church does an amazing job of maximizing our resources. We don't pay someone to mow the lawn or sing in the choir or teach our children. We don't spend money on glitzy enhancements. We are, in short, mindful of what we truly need. When a proposal for a big expense comes along, we prayerfully consider whether it is something we really need.

More importantly, we share what we have with others whether it is our time, our space, or our resources. The examples of our generosity are too numerous to list from housing a sister church displaced by fire, to collecting 50 bags of food for the food pantry by Thanksgiving, to planting trees in our neighborhood to working for Habitat to collecting back packs for the McCabe neighborhood. You know how incomplete this list is!

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Please send articles and photos for the Voice of Faith by the 15 of the month. [seekfaith@faithpcbalt.org](mailto:seekfaith@faithpcbalt.org)

## WORSHIP

### Sundays at 10:45

All Saints

*November 5*

1 Kings 5: 1-5; 8: 1-13

God speaks to Elijah

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*November 12*

Amos 1: 1-2; 5: 14-15, 21-24

Justice rolls down

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*November 19*

Commitment Sunday

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Luncheon following worship

Christ Our King Sunday

*November 26*

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14

Jeremiah's letter to exiles

The birth of Jesus

### Wednesdays Bible Study

*11:00 a.m. in Woodbourne Room*

Join Rev. Christa Burns and friends for a lively discussion of the upcoming Sunday lesson. Everyone is welcome! No preparation is required.

November 8 - Amos 1: 1-2; 5: 14-15, 21-24

November 15 - Isaiah 9: 1-7

November 22 - Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-14

November 29 - Daniel 3: 1, 8-30

In this harvest time, when we remember our blessings and how thankful we are, perhaps we can also consider what it is we truly need and what we have to share - our resources, our time, Most of all, may we ask ourselves how we can better share our faith to a world that sorely needs it. If we have faith, we truly do have everything we need!

You are loved,

Christa

### Advent Devotional

Write a little poem, meditation, story, or just a series of a few questions or thoughts; choose from the "starters" below or make one up. Choose something Biblical or not, perhaps a line from an Advent hymn or not.

How long, Oh Lord?

Awake!

What are we waiting for?

Open our hearts

How shall we meet you?

Come

While we are waiting

Light dawns

The world is weary

We are thirsty!

Thank you

When will...?

Listen!

Here I am/Here we are

You see us as we are

In the beauty of this day

Drop your contribution(s) in the offering plate or email them to the office. The meditations will be printed for daily reading during Advent.

## Adult Nurture

*Sundays at 9:15 in Woodmont Room*

### November Topics

- 5 – Transgender/Gender, Erin Donovan & Derrick Miller
- 12 – Immigration, Patricia Jones
- 19 – Climate Change, Molly Syme
- 26 – Foreign Policy, Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui, PhD

### Erin Donovan



Erin Donovan is in her 7th year as the Executive Director of HopeSprings, an organization that seeks to awaken, equip, and engage the faith community, by building capacity within HIV Service Providers, utilizing thousands of volunteers annually from 120+ churches throughout the Baltimore Region. She has recently led the effort at HopeSprings to develop a vanguard training called: Dialogue with the Church: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. This course prepares faith communities to have healthful and helpful dialogue with practical ways to better engage with LGBTQ brothers, sisters and friends. Dialogue will range from identifying terms used today about sexual orientation and gender identity, as well as topics that may arise within the context of faith.

Erin is on the Johns Hopkins Center for AIDS Research Community Participatory Advisory Board, sits on the Mayor's HIV/AIDS Commission for the City of Baltimore co-chairing the Faith work group, and on the Board of the Presbyterian AIDS Network.

She has a Bachelors in Cultural Anthropology from Vanguard University and Masters in

Organizational Leadership from Eastern University. She also is adjunct professor with the College of Business and Leadership at Eastern University. She is passionate about the power of the local faith community to do great things and loving people where they are.

Prior to her work at HopeSprings, Erin served in the public and private sectors for 11 years, including three of those living in East Africa. She has consulted for Small Business Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and the U.S. Department of Labor.

Erin has the best husband ever, named Brian, and two rambunctious kids, Keegan (9) and Kaylee (7). When not at work or at home with the family, you can find her leading worship at her church, running and biking on the streets of Baltimore, and cooking for friends and family...or maybe drinking coffee or wine depending on the time of day.

### Rev. Derek Miller



Rev. Derek Miller currently serves as the Co-Director for Faith Community Outreach and Assistant Trainer with HopeSprings, a faith-based nonprofit that seeks to awaken, equip, and engage the Church to see the eradication of HIV and related stigma and health disparities.

Derek has been serving in Baltimore City for almost 10 years, working to establish and strengthen several congregations in the city, shepherding local leaders, and creating new

opportunities for community building.

Derek has a Bachelor's in Biblical Studies from Southern Seminary and is working on a Dual Master's Program in Theology and Church Ministries from St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute in Baltimore, MD. Derek brings a deep passion for seeing more expressed unity amongst the Church in shared geographic areas around common mission and service.

He and his wife, Kara, live in the Highlandtown neighborhood of Baltimore where they enjoy having immigrant neighbors from many parts of the globe and the amazing food and culture they bring.

### **Patricia Jones**



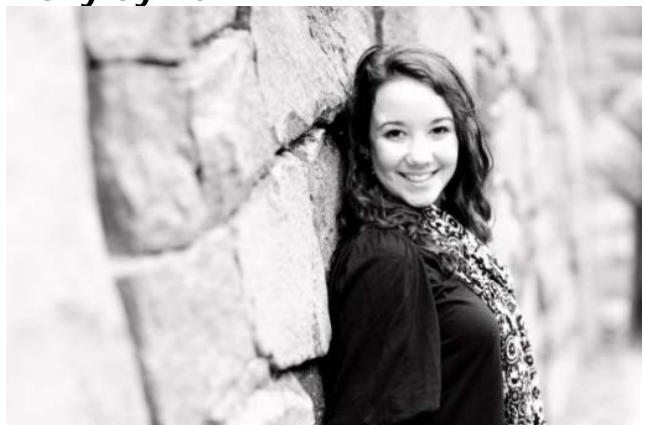
Pat has a Masters Degree in Adulthood and Aging Studies from Notre Dame of Maryland University. She is a registered nurse and retired nursing home administrator in the State of Maryland. She has completed the Parish Nursing Certificate Program at the Ecumenical Institute (EI) of Saint Mary's Seminary and University and continues to pursue courses in Pastoral Care. In addition to these credentials, Pat has spent the last three years (since 2012) working with immigrant families through the Immigration Outreach Service Center (IOSC) in the Saint Matthew Church community in Baltimore city. In this role, Pat has served as an advocate for refugees, political asylum seekers, and immigrants (documented and undocumented). She assumed the role of Director in 2013. She has lead the IOSC in the development of new programs and has

spent the past year organizing the local immigrant community to build power in the community in order to take action on important issues that affect immigrants in the Baltimore area and the region.

She also has more than 20 years experience in the development and management of research projects. During her research career, she worked at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, The University of Maryland School of Medicine, an International Clinical Research Organization, and ran her own clinical trials management company. She has worked as a consultant with the University of Maryland Institute of Human Virology where she was responsible for operational support of an institutional strengthening grant in Haiti after the earthquake of 2010.

In 2010, she received a Community Service Award from the University of Maryland Baltimore for her work with immigrants. She was given this award for engaging her peers in immigration work at the University of Maryland and for her dedication as a healthcare advocate for immigrants.

### **Molly Syme**



Doctoral Candidate and Graduate Research Assistant, Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Johns Hopkins University  
Molly is from Northern Virginia and attended Virginia Tech studying Engineering Science and Mechanics. After completing her

undergraduate degree, she participated in World Race, a year-long mission program where she traveled to 11 countries partnering with local Christian organizations. Molly returned to academia and attended McGill University in Montreal, Canada for a master's in Atmospheric and Oceanic Science, it was there she began research using idealized climate models to study climate change and sensitivity. Upon starting her PhD at Johns Hopkins, Molly decided to stay in the same niche of research, not only is it enjoyable but she is thankful to be a part of a field of science that is relevant to us today.

Time, Temporality and Violence in International Relations eds. Anna Agathangelou and Kyle Killian (London: Routledge, 2016)

Siba holds degrees from University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ph.D. in Political Science, December 1988; University of Wisconsin-Madison. Master's Degree in Political Science, 1984 ; Institut Polytechnique Gamal Abdel Nasser, Conakry, Guinea. Law Degree, 1979; Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Conakry, Guinea. Diplome de Greffier, 1976.

### **Siba N'Zatioula Grovogui**



"Are Our Foreign Policy Decisions Informed By Evidence?"

Siba is a professor of International Relations and Political Thought, Africana Studies and Research Center, Cornell University.

Author of the books, "Beyond Eurocentrism and Anarchy" and "Sovereigns, Quasi Sovereigns and Africans" and numerous peer reviewed articles and book chapters including:

"Archiving the Universal: Commonwealth, Truth and Pluralism in International Law," in Politics of African Anticolonial Archive, eds. Shiera Malik and Isaac Kamola (New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2017)

"Time, Technology, and the Imperial Eye" in

## WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Judy Sperling, *chair*



October first was World Communion Sunday. Faith was one of the many churches around the world to intentionally celebrate communion on this designated day of worship to express unity. A display of a variety of breads and fabrics that represented diverse cultures were used as a visual reminder of the participants diversity. In addition to our usual gluten free bread these same breads were used as part of our communion elements.



Worship on October 08 was in response to the tragedy in Las Vegas fifty-nine candles were lit on the Communion Table. During the *Service of Lament*, a time was set aside for worshipers to request prayers for concerns, stresses and worries, both personal and globally.



Also during worship this month, Bill Curtis was recognized for years of dedicated service as of Clerk of Session. Again we say "Thank You, Bill".

Our annual All Saints' Day service will be held on November 05. Families of the six members of our Faith Family who have died during the past year have been invited to join us in worship and everyone present will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.



On Sunday, October at 4:00 p.m. the newly remodeled chapel was dedicated in the memory of Irma Clair Lenderman. A concert was presented by baritone Randy Woodfield, tenor Kendrick Lee and soprano Shekinah Ravizee. Following the concert a Wine and Cheese Reception was enjoyed in the Jackson Lounge.



We offer a "Thank You" to Randy Woodfied for the donation of a piano for our new Chapel. This gift will be well appreciated as we continue to find many uses for our new flexible space. The replaced piano has found a new home in the fellowship hall.

Looking ahead. . . . .

Advent begins on December 03 – come and worship and stay for the Advent Festival

Greening of the church on December 09 – everyone is invited to join the fun

Christmas Pageant on December 17

Christmas Eve Worship with communion, 10:45 a.m. in the Chapel & 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Social & Environmental Justice Council

Karen Meyers, chair

The Baltimore Sun ran a story (Monday, 10/23) about a proposal (Bill 17-0037R) by Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke to revive the dollar house program which many of you probably remember from the Schaefer administration in the 1980's. Under that program, people were sold vacant houses in the city for \$1 if they agreed to live in the rehabilitated house for a certain number of years. The proposal includes the use of city funds to provide 1% interest loans to those who purchase the homes to cover the costs of renovation. It further suggests instituting training and apprenticeship programs in construction to provide jobs.

If you would like to express support for the proposal, please contact the members of the Housing and Urban Affairs Committee:

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[Isaac.Schleifer@Baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Isaac.Schleifer@Baltimorecity.gov), vice chair

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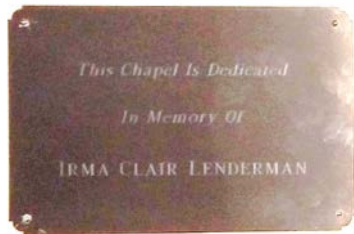
[Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov](mailto:Zeke.Cohen@baltimorecity.gov)

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Another issue coming before the city council which warrants our attention is Bill 17-0020R which requests that city agencies involved in offering incentives for private development report to the city council on the use of such incentives, on how they can be used more equitably and on how transparency of the award process can be improved. The hearing on this bill is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 9, at 10 AM in the City Council Chambers on the 4th floor of City Hall. To express an opinion on the issue, contact your city councilperson. To find your city council person click here.

<http://www.baltimorecitycouncil.com/council-district-map>

## The Irma Clair Lenderman Chapel



Irma Lenderman lived in the apartments across the street. She was never actually a member of Faith Church, but she was certainly an active participant in the life of our church family. Irma would greet me after worship, often wearing a knit cap and a merry smile. She unflinchingly quoted a piece of scripture by heart.

Irma had a difficult life. She had a difficult marriage and suffered a nervous breakdown after her son was born which resulted in her mother raising the child. Repeated treatments for depression left her mentally fragile. None-the less, Irma was an example of sturdy resilience and grace.

Irma eventually moved to the Augsburg Home and when I visited her, she always knew who I was and she always asked about Faith Church. Although not a woman of means, Irma was rich in spirit. When she died, she left Faith Church \$10,000 which enabled us to renovate the chapel. We dedicate the chapel in memory of Irma Lenderman.

~ Rev. Christa Fuller Burns

## Thank You Randy!

A wonderful, thoughtful thing happened recently. The chapel got a piano donation! The donation came from one of our most beloved members, Randal (Randy) Woodfield. This donation will enable us to have music for worship and concerts. The piano is a Mason and Hamlin piano.



Mason & Hamlin is a name many of you might not know but it is associated with quality. Henry Mason was a pianist and came from a rich musical background. His family descended from pilgrims who crossed over on the Mayflower. His father, Lowell Mason, was known as the "father of American church music" and was known throughout the world as a composer and hymn publisher. Emmons Hamlin, on the other hand, was a gifted inventor and mechanic who developed a method of voicing organ reeds to imitate the sound of other musical instruments such as the violin and clarinet. After further developing his discovery, he teamed up with Mason to form their company producing musical instruments, starting with their new instrument known as the "organ harmonium."

Simply put, if it wasn't for faithful supporters like Randy, Faith would not be able to sustain the level of outreach to the community. Words are sometimes not enough to express gratitude but we will try; Thank you, Randy, for the love and generosity you have shown. We are forever grateful.

~ Samuel Springer



## FAITH FAMILY LIFE

### Happy November Birthday!

4 <sup>th</sup>	Eva Marinacci
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Bartlett Campbell Burd
12 <sup>th</sup>	Pharibe Pope
15 <sup>th</sup>	John Nesbitt
18 <sup>th</sup>	Stephan Davis Franny Marinacci
21 <sup>st</sup>	Christa Fuller Burns Reginald Wallace, Jr.
26 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Shirey
28 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Bunce William Brown, Jr.

If you would like your birthday added or if it is incorrect, please contact the church office.

### Please Keep in Your Prayers

Christian Dunyoh  
Mildred Miller  
Esmie & Leon Stirling  
Nancy Stutzer  
Betty Lou Tampieri  
Dot Weller

Please send your prayer requests to Christa Burns, *Pastor* 410-435-4330, and/or Sharon Will 410-254-6788. Prayers are answered!

### Book Club

*November 27, 7:00 p.m.*

Our flight motif will have us discussing over wine and cheese. **Colson Whitehead's** *The Underground Railroad*, a Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning chronicle "of a young slave's adventures as she makes a desperate bid for freedom in the antebellum South."

For more information contact Pat or Jack Nesbitt.

## Advent Fest!

Calling all crafters, bakers, knitters, and creative souls The Deacons once again will have the Hands of Faith alternative gift table at the Advent Festival on December 3rd to raise funds for the mission work of the church.

We are asking for donations of your amazing creations for the table. Please see Dawn Shirey for details. Thank you in advance for generously giving of your handiwork.

### 50 By Thanksgiving Challenge! GEDCO's CARES Pantry

Faith Church has already donated 100 bags of food to the CARES Pantry this year. The need for food, cleaning products, and personal items is ongoing. Let's challenge ourselves to see IF we can donate at least 50 more bags by Thanksgiving.

Canned goods, non-perishable food, and household items should be placed in the baskets or grocery carts located in the narthex and hallway outside the sanctuary. Let's see if we can rise to the challenge!



2017 Per Capita \$34.15 per member, to date only \$2046 has been paid of the \$5293 pledged. If you have not contributed, please do so now if you are able.

Per Capita literally means *Per Person*, therefore a household would pay the amount per member. You may use the Blue envelope and/or note "Per Capita" in the memo line of your check.

## Sharing Faith!

How do we share Faith? This is the question our Stewardship Committee is asking us to think about during this season of Thanksgiving. We can share with others our stories about what God has done for us. We can share our witness to justice in our city and our world. We can share with others the fact that there is no place like Faith Church! We can share our resources to enable our church to share its faith in our neighborhood, our city and our world.

One of our singers at the concert on October 22<sup>nd</sup> said to me: "There is such a great spirit in this church!" The fact is, we come to Faith Church because there is a great spirit here! How do we share that spirit? How do we share Faith?

The psalmist puts it this way: "Sing to God, all the earth! Share the news of God's saving work every day!" (Psalm 96:2)

Beginning on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Faith members will "share their faith" during worship.

Commitment Sunday will be November 19<sup>th</sup> when we will dedicate our pledges to Share the Faith and celebrate with "Subs and Sundaes" in the Fellowship Hall after worship.

Watch for a special mailing with a pledge card enclosed.

Faith Church has much to be grateful for...every day we see God's saving work. So – let's share it!

Christa Burns,  
On behalf of the Stewardship Committee:  
Scott Bissett, Carl Herber (chairs)  
Anna Burns, Paula Burger, Bill Millen, Neil Nemser, Gail Poorbaugh

## GEDCO Honors Faith

Faith Presbyterian Church was nominated by the staff of the Hartford House to receive the **Spirit of Giving Award**. GEDCO will honor you with an award at the Thanksgiving Tribute on November 16<sup>th</sup> at B'more Kitchen.

We would like to thank you and your congregation for all of the wonderful things you have done for GEDCO and in particular for the Hartford House, knowing the residents of the Hartford House are appreciative. You have made a difference in their lives as well as others who have benefited from your generosity.

## Harford House Thanksgiving

*Monday November 20*

Our annual Thanksgiving at Harford House is fast approaching, and we need your help. Note that it has been moved to Monday evening.

- Provide a side dish of green bean casserole, mashed potatoes or sweet potatoes? Food may be dropped off at Faith Church or taken directly to Harford House.
- Transport food from Faith Church at about 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20 to Harford House? (If is near the Courthouse at North Avenue and Harford Road)
- Make a financial contribution toward our expenses?

Please email **Karen Burd** with how you can assist. [kjhburd@gmail.com](mailto:kjhburd@gmail.com)

**Concert to Benefit**  
**Puerto Rico**  
**The Caribbean Islands**  
**Mexico**

**Sunday, November 12**  
**4:00 PM**

**Faith Presbyterian Church**  
**5400 Loch Raven Blvd**  
**Baltimore, 21239**

**Free Will  
Offering**



**Lenny Rogers  
Steel Drums**



**Bailes de mi Tierra**



**Noche Latina**





MARYLAND  
FAMILY  
NETWORK

*The first five years last forever.*



## You Don't Want to Miss This!



Just back from North Korea, two-time Pulitzer winner Nicholas Kristof joins us as the 8th Annual Sandra J. Skolnik Lecturer on Early Care and Education. Reserve your seats now for this very popular event to be held at **LeClerc Auditorium at Notre Dame of Maryland University** on **October 30, 2017 from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM**. If you had registered for the original date, **re-registration is required**. An automatic reply will be sent to you at that time to confirm your participation in the event.

A New York Times columnist, Kristof has written extensively about the crucial need for early childhood education and its economic impact on communities, bipartisan approaches to supporting children, pre-K, and poverty. With his wife, he has written several books, most recently *A Path Appears* about how to make a difference in the world. Their previous book, *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, was a No. 1 best seller. His column appears every Sunday and Thursday.

[Register Now](#)

**Please allow extra time for parking for this event. Parking is available at the Knights of Columbus located at 201 Homeland Avenue** (adjacent to Notre Dame of Maryland campus). Limited parking is also available on Notre Dame campus. A shuttle bus will be available to transport you to LeClerc Auditorium. Thank you to our partners:



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# *2017 Thanksgiving Tribute*



*Celebrate 26 years of*

Building Caring and Compassionate Communities

November 16, 2017 • 6:00-9:00 PM

B'More Kitchen • 5609 Hess Avenue

[www.gedco.org/2017tribute](http://www.gedco.org/2017tribute)



# November

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