

June 2018

The Voice of Faith

Dear Faith Family,

The sun is out!!!! Has God given us all this rain and darkness so that we appreciate the sun all the more? Whatever the reason, the sun is surely welcome!

We have much to be thankful for at this time of the year. Some of our young people are graduating, some of our kids are playing baseball (if you are in O's withdrawal, I recommend the Lutherville Timonium Bees - or go watch James Herber play), the Minors celebrated 50 years of marriage, our gardens should all be well-watered and lush, Father's Day is coming up and we get to have our men lead worship that day and local strawberries are in. Yes, we have much to be thankful for.

The Adult Forum met on Sunday to plan classes for next year. While we were thinking ahead, we remembered all that we've done this past year and it is impressive. Tonight, we will have our last Book Club meeting of the year. Our books this year have all been about flight and we will conclude with a book about the Tuskegee Airmen. I am frequently reminded of the breadth and timeliness of the books we've selected. The nominating committee has presented a fine slate of new officers who will be ordained and installed this Sunday (June 10). With the guidance of Session, the committee has also selected an outstanding search committee for an interim pastor. We pulled off, once again, a successful block party for our neighbors. It was well attended and pretty much went like clockwork. Our finance committee reports that our balance sheet is in good order, better than in recent years.

So, we do have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. God is good. Happy Summer!

Blessings,

Christa

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Update on Pastor Search Process

The SEARCH process has begun. The Session instructed the Nominating Committee, at its meeting on May 21st, to come up with an Interim Search Committee to work with the Presbytery of Baltimore in picking an interim pastor.

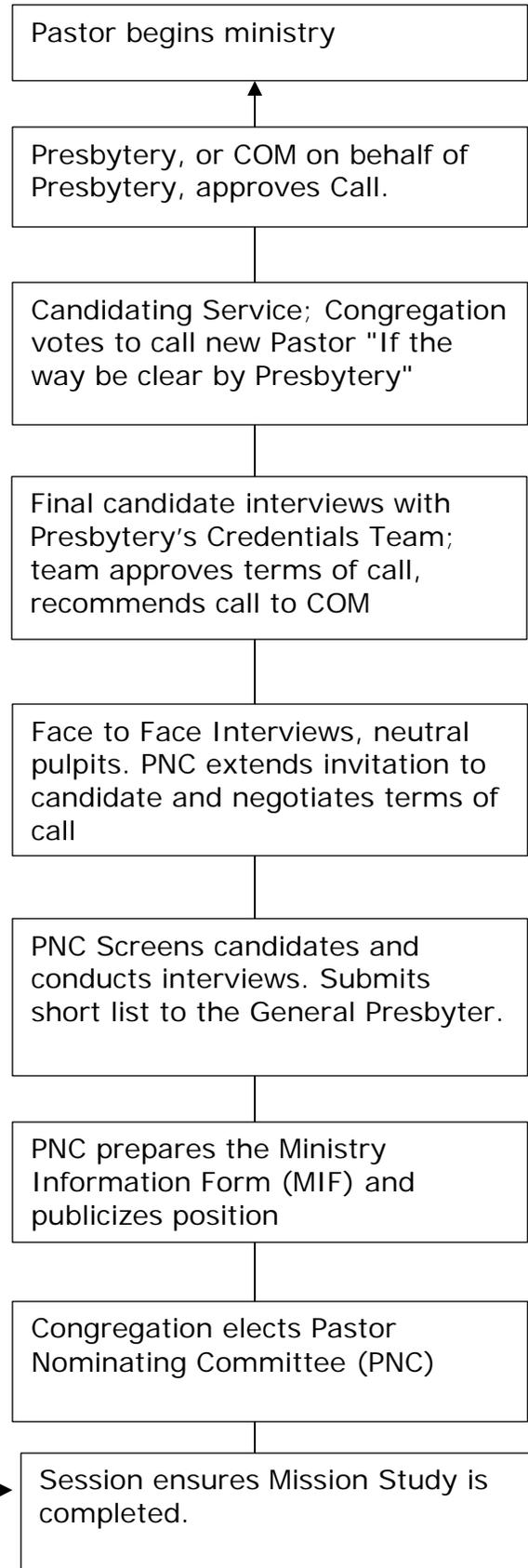
The Interim Search Committee will be: **Krista Wallace, John Colmers, David Meyers** and **Karen Burd**. We thank these folks for giving their time and energy to this process.

They will work with the Presbytery Committee on Ministry's Melissa Hildebrand to pick an interim pastor for Faith.

When that process is complete, we will proceed with a full church study and pick a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to begin the search for a new pastor for Faith Church.

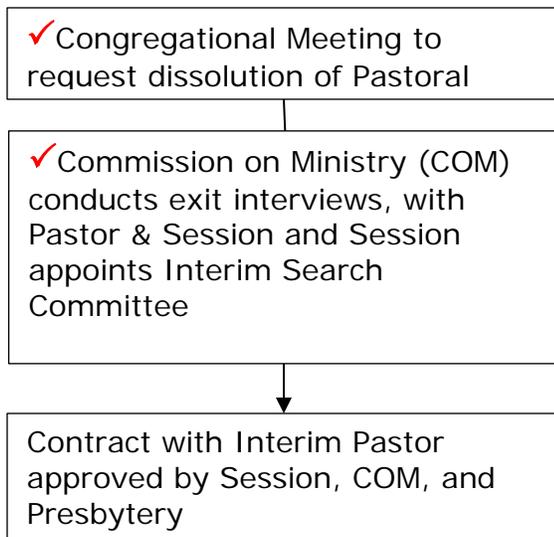
Please include these folks in your prayers,

Mike Billings
Clerk of Session



Search Process for Pastor

✓ Completed



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Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, 20 May 2018, Faith Presbyterian Church met in its regular annual meeting following the morning worship service. Pastor Christa Fuller Burns opened the meeting with prayer and turned the floor over to Kay Ballard, chair of Nominating Committee.

For invaluable and outstanding service, Kay thanked the following people: Anna Burns, Dawn Shirey, Ellsworth Jackson, Pat Nesbitt, Judy Sperling, Krista Wallace, Andy Fuller, Mike Billings, Phyllis Compton, Robert Gardner, and John Colmers.

Kay then proposed slates for election to the following boards:

Deacons: Lauren Hill, Natalie Wallace, Sharon Will, Mozella Williams, Gail Poorbaugh.

Elders: Ellsworth Jackson, Karen Meyers, JoAnn Robey, Mike Shirey, Audrey Trapp

Nominating Committee: Mary Hodgson, Susan Johnston, David G. Meyer, Krista Wallace

Following the unanimous election of all, the pastor closed this part of the meeting with a prayer and introduced the Rev. David Harris of the Baltimore Presbytery Committee on Ministry, who presided over the next portion of the meeting, which was to discuss the terms of dissolving the church's relationship with Pastor Burns upon her retirement. Chris Pope presented the Motion of Dissolution. Following the motion and a second, a period of discussion was offered. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Harris introduced Melissa Hildebrand, a member of the Baltimore Presbytery Committee on Ministry, who has been appointed as the liaison for FPC. She spoke briefly about the process that we will be following as we seek to hire a new minister, pointing out that this process will officially begin in July.

Many questions have arisen since the meeting. The Presbytery is dealing with some of them even as you read this. The biggest issue of the moment is that we must communicate. If you have a question, please address it to Christa or one of the Elders. Misinformation will not help anyone in any way. We want everything to be completely transparent in this process, but transparency is founded upon factual information shared freely and openly.

What stands at the moment is that our beloved Christa is with us through the first Sunday of July. The Worship and Arts Committee has a list of qualified and exciting possibilities to preach for us until we have selected an interim pastor. Faith Presbyterian Church remains a stalwart presence in our community and in the lives of the people who make up her membership. As long as we work together and stay informed, we will come through this process just as we have many times in our past.



Elected Church Officers

Kay Ballard, *chair*

Appointed by Session

Deacons

Lauren Hill

A native of Lancaster, PA, Lauren Hill has always loved travel, language, and service to others. She has been fortunate to combine these interests while working in the field of International Education. Lauren received Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Architecture and Urban Planning, and subsequently earned a Master of Arts in Intercultural Communication and a Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Although all of Lauren's family is currently in North Carolina, Lauren enjoys living in Baltimore with her husband, Nikolas and 2 year old son, Nixon.

Gail Poorbaugh

To serve a second term as Deacon.

Natalie Wallace

Natalie has been a member of Faith for more than 30 years. During that time she has been a part of many activities and functions from choir, bells and steel drums. Through it all she has felt a connection with the people of this congregation. Serving as a member of the Deacon board gives her a chance to give back to the community as well as the church. The mission opportunities are important to her and Natalie proud to be able to serve once again at Faith.

Sharon Will

Sharon was born in Hot Springs, Va. and grew up in Lawrenceville, Va. She attended Bridgewater College and Towson University and received bachelor and master's degrees in physical education and education. She played basketball and lacrosse in high school

and college, coached, and was athletic director. She taught physical education for 36 years before retiring from the Maryland School for the Blind. She has been at Faith Church since 1988 and has previously served as an elder and a Deacon at Faith. She has three "kids", a dog Kenzie, and two cats, Pandy and Angel.

Mozella Williams

Mozella Williams, MD lives in Baltimore and has been a member of Faith Presbyterian Church since December 2017. She was raised in rural Iowa and attended Bethel College in St. Paul, MN. After a couple of years in Seattle, she moved to Atlanta, GA to attend Morehouse School of Medicine. She enjoys her work practicing Family Medicine in integrative primary care practice in Rockville, MD and teaching medical students from time to time. She is passionate about working toward a just and sustainable health care system and living out Christ's example of servant leadership.

Session

Ellsworth Jackson

Ellsworth was born June 15, 1938 in Baltimore, the second of seven children to Edward & Dorothy Jackson. Educated in Baltimore City school, he graduated from Dunbar High School with honors. Ellsworth served in the US Marine Corp Reserves from 1956 until 1962. His employment included: stock clerk, x-ray assistant, correctional officer, BTC bus driver. He opened a liquor store in early 1968, a second one later on that same year; he went on to open two more, one in 1969 and the other in 1970. Ellsworth retired from business in January 2009. He is the father of five children and was married to Chandra DeLaine in 2009. Ellsworth joined Faith Church on May 15, 2016.

Karen Meyers

Karen was raised as a Roman Catholic in Indiana as the second child of a doubting Catholic mother and a non-religious Dad. She attended parochial schools through high school after which Karen lost interest in organized religion. Since leaving Indiana after college, she has lived in six different states, but after 30 years, Maryland now feels like home. Having had too much education and several false starts, Karen landed in middle school as a science teacher, spending the last 25 years of her career working with girls at Garrison Forest School. After David and she married in 1983 and their daughter Katherine was born in 1984, they began attending Presbyterian churches, finally finding our most comfortable fit at Faith. Karen credits Faith with having helped raise a kind, caring daughter and now her children as well. As a recent retiree, she keeps busy with her small gardening business, tutoring, spending time with her grandchildren, and serving on the board of her community association.

Joanne Robey

To fill an unexpired one year vacancy for Andy Fuller, Rev. Christa Fuller Burns brother.

Mike Shirey

Dawn and Mike discovered Faith in 2001 after an on-line search for local Presbyterian churches because at that time they were involved in Presbyterian Marriage Encounter – a legacy from his parents – Rich and Norma Shirey - who had been deeply involved in Marriage Encounter for most of Mike's childhood and his entire adolescence. Although the Shireys moved to Baltimore from Western Pennsylvania back in 1992, they went through several churches - including four years at Bethesda United Methodist Church in Hamilton – before they finally found their Faith family. Mike grew up in Pine Run United Presbyterian Church in

Markle, PA; attended a small Presbyterian Liberal Arts college in Grove City, PA (“Liberal” is misleading if you know anything about Grove City College)*; worked at Pine Springs Camp in Jennerstown, PA – the summer camp for Redstone Presbytery - where he met the Love of his Life; Mike has an uncle who is a retired Presbyterian minister. All of which is to say that he is a “dyed-in-the-wool” Presbyterian. Mike is a family services case manager for Harford County Department of Social Services and works with youth who cannot live with their own families for one reason or another. It is a job in which he says has never gotten bored; burnt-out at times, but never bored. Mike enjoys playing “wooden” music with friends, playing golf when he has the time, and working with the Boy Scouts in Troop 149. Mike also enjoys time with his two dogs Kolby and Moose. Dawn and Mike are looking forward to retirement and being able to travel. Mike says the greatest gift has been watching their daughter Kelsey grow and mature into the loving, committed, caring young woman she has become. The Shireys feel they are home here at Faith surrounded by friends who they consider family.

* Pat Thomson recently told Mike of her best friend from Sharon, PA - one Sara Naegele, PhD - who, along with her husband Edward Naegele, PhD, were his professors in Freshmen Chemistry 101-104. Small world.

Audrey Trapp

Audrey Trapp first attended Faith in August 1983 with her two children, Michael (then 10) and Karen (then 8) and became a member that year. Over the years, she has served many terms on Session and has been a member of and chaired the Finance, Membership, and HR Committees. She served on the Pastor Nominating Committee that called Rev. Robin White to be pastor of Faith. She has been involved with the Cuba Partnership since 2013 and has traveled to Cuba seven times.

Audrey is a retired Career Counselor and enjoys yoga, traveling, reading, music, theater, and spending time with family and friends. She is married to John Trapp and lives in Mt. Washington. Together they have five adult children and ten grandchildren.

Nominating Committee

Mary Hodgson

Mary was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in rural Charles County, Maryland. She attended and was baptized at the only church that was within walking distance of her home. One summer, while she was still in high school, Mary was asked to teach a group of young children during Vacation Bible School. This experience was so enjoyable that it led her to become a teacher. Mary is a graduate of Morgan State University where she majored in French and Spanish. She is retired twice from Baltimore County after teaching for more than forty years. Mary is the divorced mother of one son and grandmother to his two adult children. Music is one of her favorite pastimes. She joined the a cappella choir in high school and has been a member of several church choirs since. Mary is currently a member of the choir at Faith and The Douglas Singers.

Susan Johnston

Susan Groff Johnston is a retired English teacher, having taught most recently in the Middle School at Friends School of Baltimore and as an adjunct at the University of Baltimore. She has an B.A. degree in English and an M.A. in religion (New Testament and Early Christianity,) both from Miami University. Susan has been a member of Faith for 18 years, where she has served on Session and the Christian Education committee and sings in the choir. She and her husband Lew live in Jacksonville.

David G. Meyers

As long-living, lifelong Presbyterian, David can recall sitting with his grandmother, who never missed a Sunday service, as far back as 1938. Then, when he was knee high to a grasshopper, David started singing in the choir, and joined many a church choir over the years, because sacred music for him was the best part of the church service.

David has served on the Session of two Presbyterian churches, and was on the search committee at Second Presbyterian Church.

He feels that a church fortunate enough to have a pastor who, in addition to the many daily duties serving us all, gives an inspiring sermon that has relevance to this world in which we are living is a blessing. This is why his wife Karen, and he joined Faith Presbyterian Church.

Krista Wallace

Krista is a proud Baltimore native who has always aspired to positively impact the lives of children and young adults. She attended Baltimore City College High school, and then went to Howard University in Washington D.C. earning a degree in Human Development. You can catch Krista listening to anything from jazz to hip-hop to classical music. She also loves to read, shop, play board games and learn about different cultures. Krista has been attending Faith for over 20 years and loves it!

Faith Church's 2018 High School Graduates



Joshua Crosier - Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School
I plan to attend BCCC for a construction skills course.



Rashan Millen –
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel High School



David Seaberry – Chesapeake High School
Plan to get into college and get my bachelor's in Architectural Engineering and get a good career that positions me to put my family in a better position.

WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Judy Sperling, *chair*

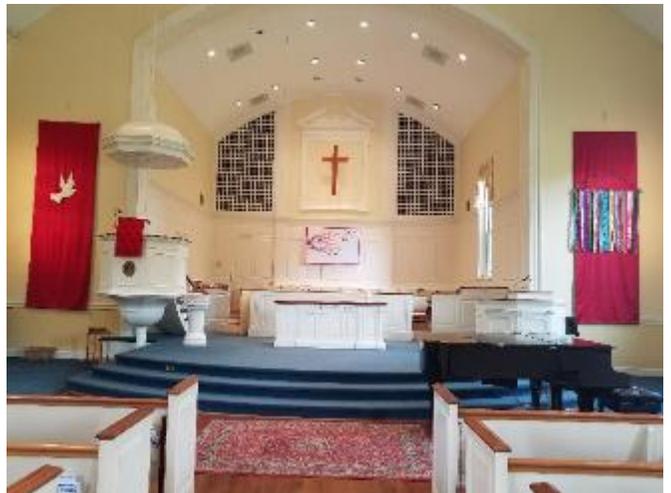
The worship service on May 13 was a special service that combined recognition of Mother's Day and the celebration of Youth Sunday. We took time to remember how our lives have been influenced by our relationships with the women in our lives who provided "mothering". And, we felt pride while we watched the young people from our Faith Family lead worship.



During the Moment with Faith Kids the Chancel steps were crowded with energetic children and youth. The Children's choir sang as a group, one of the scriptures included dance interpretation and Franny Marinacci sang a solo.



Bibles were given to children in the third grade and above. Recognition of our graduates, young people we watched grow into young adulthood, ended in a standing ovation of pride. At the end of the service carnations were given to worshipers by the youth in recognition of all mothers.



Pentecost is always a special service and this year was no exception. White doves and multi-colored streamers adorned red banners and the canvas that was painted during last years' service hung in the Chancel to remind us of the original day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit moved across the land. The service was a series of readings and songs led mostly by members of the Wednesday Bible Study Class. During the service fifteen people were recognized for their time spent teaching church school during the past year.

Block Party

Faith's 5th Annual Block Party was a huge success in spite of the threatening sky. It was attended by 124 families, a total of 400 moms, dads, grandparent, kids and a few single adults. The grill masters said they "sold" 500 hotdogs!

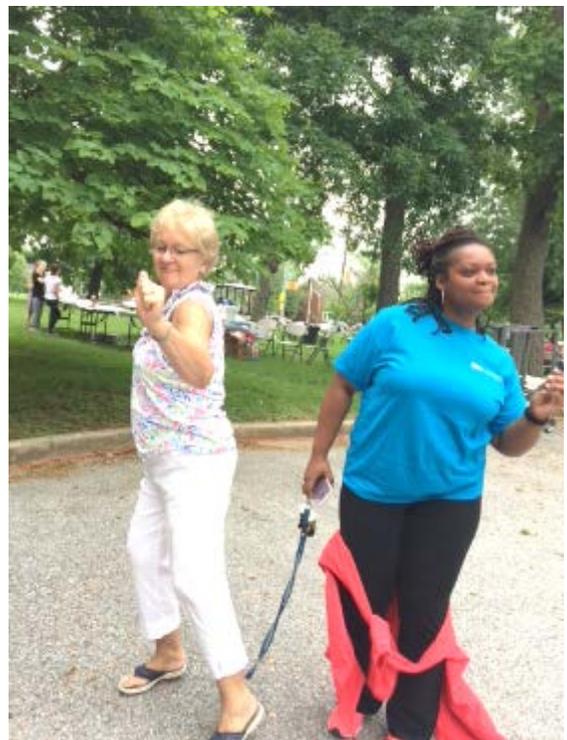


Two people registered to vote and many picked up the voter's guide from the **League of Women Voters** table. Lots of folk took advantage of the free blood pressure check staffed by **Good Sam** hospital and plenty picked up community information thanks to Council Person **Bill Henry**. **Gwen Brown** of BUILD attended. We were surprised and delighted that Council Person **Mary Washington** stopped by.





Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this community event the outstanding success.



FAITH FAMILY LIFE

Happy June Birthday!

- 1st Bennett Seavers
- 2nd Evelyn Wallace
- 5th Adelaide Cooke
Pat Thomson
- 6th Elizabeth Burger
Ron Sperling
- 8th Mercy Dunyoh
- 9th Doris Cowan
June Rowe
- 12th Mozella Williams
- 15th Lynda Aldana
Ellsworth Jackson
Maimah Stewart
- 18th Austin Giganti
- 22nd Harry Sutton
- 23rd Phyllis Compton
- 24th Edward Meade
- 28th Judith Colaianni

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

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Betty Bunce
Esme & Leon Stirling
Nancy Stutzer
Betty Lou Tampieri

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

Hampton National Historic Site

On a beautiful Saturday morning last month, a group of Faith folks were treated to a tour of Hampton Mansion and National Historic Site. Our guide was our own **Bill Curtis**, who serves as director of natural resources in his capacity as a national park ranger at this cultural and historic treasure right here in Baltimore. We toured the former slave quarters, visited the mansion's elaborate

rooms, and enjoyed a picnic on the lovely grounds.



For those not familiar with this impressive resource, a visit is definitely worthwhile. We had the special pleasure of Bill's extensive knowledge and insights, but docents are available. Plan an excursion! You won't be disappointed.

Enjoy Your Blessings

By Maceo Williams

The Son of God is the light of the world. The light is for us to enjoy. Follow the light and you will not be in darkness. The former things will pass way. God in heaven said, "Behold, I make all things new. Let the hurt fade away, count your blessings every day. Count your blessings one by one and see what the Lord has done.

Give Thanks to the Lord, for God is good and mercy endures forever. Surely, goodness will follow me all the days of my life, and I shall live in my home of happiness forever. Therefore, comfort one another with these words.

5-year-old meets Baltimore artist Amy Sherald — wearing a replica of Michelle Obama's portrait dress

By John-John Williams IV

The Baltimore Sun Contract Reporter

May 2, 2018



Like many, 5-year-old **Ivy Seavers-Reale** was drawn to the portrait of first lady Michelle Obama created by Baltimore-based painter Amy Sherald.

"I like her because she's strong, kind and nice," Ivy said of the former first lady.

The resident of Wilson Park in Northeast Baltimore loved the portrait so much that she asked for a replica dress for her birthday. Not only did she get the dress, she got to meet with Sherald at the Baltimore Museum of Art this past weekend.

Ivy's fascination with the portrait and Sherald goes back to February, when the portraits were unveiled.

Her older brothers were obsessed with President Barack Obama's portrait by Kehinde Wiley.

Ivy preferred the first lady's. She also said that she liked the portrait because it featured some of her favorite colors: pink and blue.

"She was looking at the portrait and said: 'That's Michelle Obama and she's a queen,'" recalled Ivy's mother, Marshalyne Seavers.

"In her 4-year-old mind she sees everything that is good in America. When Michelle Obama speaks she has a way of making sure everyone feels included and comfortable. My children see that. They listen to her. She interacts with children often. She seems approachable and familiar. So of course my 4-year-old is attracted to that kind of person — who is approachable, kind and likes children."

Seavers knew she wanted to make her daughter's 5th birthday memorable by buying her a \$150 replica of Obama's portrait dress by Magnolia Lake Children's Clothing.

"That's the only thing she wanted for her birthday," Seavers said. "She wears it around the house all the time. It's a fantastic break from the princesses. She has plenty of princess dresses too. They have fallen to the wayside."

Seavers decided to up the ante and bring her daughter to a talk Sherald gave at the BMA. The moment was magical for young Ivy, according to her mother.

"She said [to Sherald], 'I love Michelle Obama.' She said, 'Thank you for making the portrait.' She's super-shy," Seavers said. "She was very excited to go." At the end of the day, Ivy told her mother that Sherald "makes beautiful things." A picture of Ivy and Sherald sitting on a staircase in the museum on Sherald's Instagram account has gone viral, getting more than 15,400 likes.

Next, Seavers wants to take Ivy to see the actual portrait in Washington, D.C. "I don't think she understands the scale of it," she said. And Ivy may end up with a poster print of the portrait.

"They want to bring that portrait into the house," Seavers said of her children. "They feel some kinship. They want to have some ownership over it."

Lemonade Fellowship

With warm weather and a summer church calendar starting up, it is time to make our pivot from Coffee Fellowship before worship to Lemonade Fellowship following worship. Mary Ellen Curtis is once again coordinating! Please let her know if you are willing to host a Sunday and provide lemonade, a sugar-free drink and some goodies to be enjoyed under the portico or in the narthex if it is unbearably hot. Mary Ellen ensures supplies of paper products. Please consider helping by volunteering for a Sunday.

Shredding by Andre

It's Monday and Andre Slacum is hard at work! Thank you Andre!



This is the 5th year for Faith Communities of Baltimore – with Pride (FCBWP) and for Faith Church to participate in the Gay Pride Parade! And each year the numbers have grown. Last year the parade organizers awarded FCBWP the prize for the largest number of walker – estimated to be 300!

Important Dates:

June 16, 1:00 p.m. start - Pride Parade
Parade begins at 33rd & Charles – ends at 23rd & Charles. While the parade route is longer, it is also all downhill! It seems people that the previous route too short. Let us know if you will walk!

June 17, 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Pride Sunday Celebration at Druid Hill Park. Setup is before 11:00 and teardown/cleanup is after 5:00. We will be recruiting people to work 2 hour shifts or however much time you have available.

T-shirts are still \$5, let us know if you need a new one, Ryan Sattler hopes to place the order by May 15. If you have a shirt, you don't need a new one and if you don't expect to wear it again, you might offer it to someone who will be participating (just a suggestion.) **Ryan will have shirts available on the day of the parade.**

Interfaith Worship Services - These are beautiful service that inspire and help us set the mood for the Pride Weekend.

Time to still be determined

June 7 – St. Ignatius on the corner of Calvert & Madison

June 12 –**Note Change** Bolton Street Synagogue, 212 W. Cold Spring, 21210

More information will be forthcoming, or call Doris Cowan 410-444-4731.

Reclaiming Jesus

A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis

We are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.

It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else—nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography. Our identity in Christ precedes every other identity.

When politics undermines our theology, we must examine that politics. The church's role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. The government's role is to serve the common good by protecting justice and peace. When that role is undermined by political leadership, faith leaders must stand up and speak out. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state."

It is often the duty of Christian leaders, espe-

cially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries—and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God.

Jesus is Lord. That is our foundational confession. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar was not—nor any other political ruler since. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Our faith is personal but never private, meant not only for heaven but for this earth.

Applying what "Jesus is Lord" means today is the message we commend as elders to our churches. We pray that we, as followers of Jesus, will find the depth of faith to match the danger of our political crisis.

The present crisis calls us to go deeper—deeper into our relationship to God; into our relationships with each other, especially across racial, eth-

nic, and national lines, and into our relationships with the most vulnerable, who are at greatest risk.

We need to recover the power of confessing our faith. Lament, repent, and then repair. If Jesus is Lord, there is always space for grace. We believe it is time to speak and to act in faith and conscience, not because of politics, but because we are disciples of Jesus Christ—to whom be all authority, honor, and glory. He is the light in our darkness. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

Signed: *Bishop Carroll A. Baltimore, Rev. Dr. Peter Borgdorff, Dr. Amos Brown, Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Dr. Tony Campolo, Dr. Iva Caruthers, Bishop Michael Curry, Rev. Dr. James Forbes, Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, Dr. Cynthia Hale, Rev. Dr. Richard Hamm, Rev. Dr. Joel Hunter, Rev. Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, Bishop Vashti McKenzie, Rev. Dr. Otis Moss, Jr., Dr. John Perkins, Bishop Lawrence Reddick, Fr. Richard Rohr, Dr. Ron Sider, Rev. Jim Wallis, Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner, Bishop Will Willimon*

I. WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God's image and likeness. Racial bigotry is a brutal denial of the image of God in some of the children of God.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the resurgence of white nationalism and racism in our nation on many fronts, including the highest levels of political leadership. We reject white supremacy and commit ourselves to help dismantle the systems and structures that perpetuate white preference and advantage. Any doctrines or political strategies that use racist resentments, fears, or language must be named as public sin.

III. WE BELIEVE how we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner is how we treat Christ himself.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the language and policies of political leaders who would debase and abandon the most vulnerable children of God. We strongly deplore the growing attacks on immigrants and refugees; we won't accept the neglect of the well-being of low-income families and children.

V. WE BELIEVE that Christ's way of leadership is servanthood, not domination. We support democracy, not because we believe in human perfection, but because we do not.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT any moves toward autocratic political leadership and authoritarian rule. We believe authoritarian political leadership is a theological danger threatening democracy and the common good—and we will resist it.

II. WE BELIEVE we are one body. In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT misogyny, the mistreatment, violent abuse, sexual harassment, and assault of women being further revealed in our culture and politics, including in our churches, and the oppression of any other child of God.

IV. WE BELIEVE that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Jesus promises, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

THEREFORE, WE REJECT the practice and pattern of lying that is invading our political and civil life. The normalization of lying presents a profound moral danger to the fabric of society.

VI. WE BELIEVE Jesus when he tells us to go into all nations making disciples. Our churches and our nations are part of an international community whose interests always surpass national boundaries. We in turn should love and serve the world and all its inhabitants rather than to seek first narrow nationalistic prerogatives.

THEREFORE, WE REJECT "America first" as a theological heresy for followers of Christ. While we share a patriotic love for our country, we reject xenophobic or ethnic nationalism that places one nation over others as a political goal.

Full statement and resources available at ReclaimingJesus.org.

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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 3 10:45AM – ST Worship	4	5 6:30PM – FH Pride Meeting	6	7	8	9 Christa's Celebration
10 10:45AM – ST Worship New Officer Installation	11 7:00PM – WB Joint Meeting of Session & Deacons	12 7:00pm – WM Men's Group	13	14	15	16 Pride Weekend
17 10:45AM – ST Worship	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 10:45AM – ST Worship	25	26	27	28	29	30
July 1 Christa's Last Sunday 10:45AM – ST Worship						

Locations

ST – Sanctuary
 WB – Woodbourne Room
 WM – Woodmont Room
 FH – Fellowship Hall
 OC – Off Campus