

March 2022

The Voice of Faith

Dear friends of Faith,

Growing up Presbyterian in Louisiana, I was more acquainted with the fun of Mardi Gras than the season of Lent. Mardi Gras meant king cakes, class parties, costumes, and parades; streets showered with beads in purple, green, and gold, a spasm of spectacle that faded into the ash grey of Lent, with its prescribed deprivation. There was never as much emphasis on the practice of Lent as there was on the revelry that proceeded it. These days, more than I ever expected to be, I find myself drawn to the journey of the coming weeks. Dare I say it? I'm looking forward to the work of Lent – the time of preparation, of intention and reflection, of digging down to plant new seeds that will grow and flourish into more deeply rooted faith.

Lent covers the forty days, six weeks (except Sundays) leading up to Easter. It is a time when disciples like us seek to join Christ in the wilderness, preparing ourselves to follow him to Jerusalem, into community and conflict, death and resurrection. Lent doesn't have to be a time to give anything up – it's a chance to take on new practices, or to connect and grow together.

Our Lenten theme is *In the bulb, there is a flower: Growing through Lent*. We will use a flower power *Floriography of Lent* calendar to guide our journey with daily actions, reflections, and questions to ponder over the coming weeks. We'll use the calendar's conversation prompts for discussion during the Forum. I also invite you to make a commitment to environmental stewardship to deepen your practice through the season. Tread lightly this Lent by going vegan or vegetarian, buying nothing new, avoiding single-use plastics, reducing your energy use, or eating on a SNAP budget and giving the savings to the CARES pantry. You'll have a chance to share your experience and process what you're learning during the Forum each Sunday. Our children will be invited to six weeks of Sunday school before worship during Lent, with lessons based on the scripture passage they'll hear in worship that morning.

Together, we'll also be creating a prayer project, writing our

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prayers on origami paper during worship that will be folded into paper flowers to adorn the cross on Easter morning. I hope you will find a way to join our Faith journey over the coming weeks, and that you, too, will find meaning, connection, and growth in the process.

With hope and gratitude,

Cat

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Karen Burd, *chair*

Children's Sunday School

Lenten Sunday School Series begins March 6th. This will be a six-week series on March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10 from 9:15-10:15. The Prek-1st class will held in the first classroom next to the Sanctuary and taught by Robin Nemser and Chandra Jackson. The Elementary class, 2nd-5th grade, will be held in the upstairs classroom, and taught by Susan Minor.



Souper Bowl of Caring

The youth of Faith raised over \$1400 for the CARES Pantry during the Souper Bowl of Caring! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Wednesday Bible Study

11:00 a.m. Zoom

Join Cat every Wednesday to reflect on the coming Sunday's lectionary passage. All are welcome!

Worship Welcome



Faith families were invited to stay after worship on February 27 for a Worship Welcome Class! We learned about the parts of worship, talked about the PRAYground, and explored ways for our youngest members to contribute to the worship life of our congregation.





JOIN FAITH CHURCH FOR LENT!

IN THE BULB THERE IS A FLOWER:

Growing through Lent



Lenten Devotional Cards "A florigraphy of Lent"

These cards offer a daily practice of reflection and action to guide you through Lent.

The Forum, Sundays at 9:15 in-person and on Zoom connect and reflect on together on your Lenten journey. Make a commitment to environmental stewardship during the season – either by avoiding single use plastics, going vegan or vegetarian, buying nothing new, reducing energy usage, or living locally – and reflect together in the Forum each week about your experience.

Lenten Prayer Project:

We will offer prayers on origami paper during worship, and a team will fold our prayers into flowers to adorn the cross on Easter. If you love origami, join our flower folding team after worship each Sunday or take some home to fold!



Ash Wednesday:

Join us **March 2** at 6:00 p.m. to begin the season with scripture, silence, prayer, and song in the chapel and on Zoom. **Get ashes-to-go** from 8-9:00 a.m. or 12-1:00 p.m. on Loch Raven Blvd by the bus stop.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday: **April 10** at 10:20 a.m. Parade of Palms with St. Matthews Church; Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: **April 14** at 6:00 p.m. with simple communion service on Zoom.

Good Friday: **April 15** at 6:00 p.m. A service of darkness and shadows.

Holy Saturday: **April 16** at 10:30 a.m. **Easter Egg Hunt.**

Easter Sunrise: **April 17** at 6:30 a.m. in the courtyard.

Easter: Worship at 10:45 a.m. celebrate the resurrection with brass fanfare and communion! Music begins at 10:30 a.m.



WORSHIP & THE ARTS

Our last Voice of Faith went to press in November. Both Advent and Christmas are memories. The greens are gone. The stars in the Sanctuary windows, the Advent Wreath and the Stained Glass image of the Birth of Jesus are safely stored away. At that time of the year we started and ended our days in the dark of winter.





Now, three months later the weather bounces between frosty winter weather and teasing days when the temperature climbs and the sun shines offering us the hope that spring is on its way so Easter can't be too far off.

Mark your calendar:

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| March 2 | Ash Wednesday |
| April 10 | Palm Sunday |
| April 14 | Holy Thursday |
| April 15 | Good Friday |
| April 17 | Easter |

Services are being planned for Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter when the day will offer both a Sunrise service and Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:45 am.

Currently, we can have in-person worship in the Sanctuary by observing a safe distance and wearing masks along with Zoom worship. Hopefully we will be able to continue this plan; but if Covid conditions become threatening, all worship will return to Zoom. Keep up with what's happening by reading the weekly News and Notes.

Sounds of Faith Campaign

Please see page 10 for how you support our campaign to cover the cost of new speakers in our sanctuary.

MUSIC

Dr. Samuel Springer, Minister of Music



Hi Everyone,

This is just a note to invite choir members and interested parties back to rehearsal. We will start bells and choir on March 9th in the chapel. Easter is just around the corner! Looking forward to seeing everyone then.

Keep safe.

Samuel

DEACONS

Lauren Hill, moderator

Another Successful Advent Festival





The Deacons are happy to announce that the Advent Festival of 2021 was a huge success despite the fact, that we once again, we're forced to make some sacrifices due to the pandemic. We did meet in person this year, unlike 2020 when the festival was virtual, but we're unable to share a meal. After selling beautiful Christmas arrangements, handmade scarves, liquors, miniature nativities, ornaments and so much more.



The Deacons' Hands of Faith fund was increased by \$2207! We will be sure that the money is spent wisely to assist those in need in our community. Thank you to the festival committee, those who donated goods, and those who came and spent money!!! It was a great event.

Harford House

The Deacons continue to deliver groceries to Harford House on the last Thursday of each month. Our friends at Harford House have been enjoying the groceries you have provided them monthly through your donations to the Deacons' Bread Fund. Thank you so much for your continuing generosity.



The last almost two years have made it difficult for us to maintain our contact with the residents of Harford House on a personal level. As it appears the pandemic is waning (hopefully), the Deacons hope to eventually get back to our regular visits three times per year, or even more often. We will start delivering a meal to the residents on the last Thursday in the month, like what we had done before. We will not start out with a "Game Night," "Bingo Night", or other interactive activity until the fear of the pandemic is much less.

To start off, we would like to invite you to provide the "fixin's" for a lasagna night on March 31st. This meal would be delivered to Harford House that afternoon.

If you would like to contribute a pan of lasagna, makings for a salad, salad dressing, garlic bread, iced tea, and/or cookies for dessert, please contact Susan Minor at 410-254-2779.

Please drop off food donations in the Faith kitchen by 3pm on March 31st. Monetary donations to support meals can be given to the Bread Fund. Again, thank you for your generosity and your cards for the residents at Harford House.

CARES Pantry

Thank you to everyone who has contributed. Personal Hygiene items are still needed for the CARES pantry and can be delivered to the Fellowship Hall or the narthex.

SOCIAL & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COUNCIL

Karen Meyers, chair

The Story Walk

The Faith Story Walk is well on its way to becoming the newest feature on our church grounds. If you aren't familiar with Story Walks, they are a way of engaging young readers by making reading an outdoor activity with a physical component. A Story Walk is comprised of a number of platforms spaced out through an outdoor area with each platform featuring a 2-page spread of a children's book, arranged in sequence so a young reader can read the pages on each platform, walking from one to the next. Bill Curtis, having seen a story walk at Lake Roland, suggested the project as a way to help the children in our neighborhood make up the learning loss they may have suffered during the pandemic.



Jack Nesbitt lent his carpentry skills to the construction of the platforms and a group of Faith volunteers stained the platforms on the February work day. The 14 platforms will start near the Little Free Library and extend all the way around the church building. They will be installed at some point in the next month or so perhaps in conjunction with an event which is yet to be determined.





WPC Family Engagement Night

Walter P. Carter will host a March Family Engagement Night with a STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) theme on **Tuesday, March 15**, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. There will be activities spread throughout the school building and take-home dinners available to families. Faith will offer an engineering activity. If you're interested in helping either in the planning or on the actual evening, please let Karen Meyers or Cat know. Those attending will be required to mask.

Voting Rights Rally

On Monday, January 17, we held a voting rights rally, calling on Congress to protect the right to vote nationwide.



BUILD

Six Faith members tuned in to a BUILD Zoom teach-in on housing recently. BUILD is initiating a campaign to get the city of Baltimore to invest \$750 M - \$1 B over the next 7 to 10 years to rehabilitate more than 10,000 vacant properties. They propose a combination of funding from the city, state, and federal governments with some portion coming from the American Rescue Plan Act. Those of us who attended feel this program could be transformative for the city and look forward to supporting it however we can.



Join with other North Baltimore Presbyterians to play kickball and do crafts with our neighbors in Woodbourne-McCabe at Alhambra Park! From 10:00-12:00 the first Saturday of each month - see you there March 5.

CUBA NOTES

Audrey Trapp

As we say, "in Cuba, it is complicated..."



The Cuba Partner Network not being able to travel to Cuba, Samuel generously agreed to take cash gifts of \$2200 for our partner churches in Meneses and Iguara. He is also taking Valentines made by Faith's children, wooden crosses made just before lockdown and a small booklet of photos of our activities.

FAITH FORWARD

Patrick Baker, chair

Zooming with 8

BYOC³ (Bring Your Own Computer, Conversation and Cocktails!) Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 pm. This is going to be like *Dinners for 8*, but more of a membership, fellowship, get together evening where the 4 groups will have questions to work through.

We will look at bringing the actual Dinners for 8 later in the Spring.

Lenten Movie Night Series

We will bring back the Lenten Movie Night Series on Sunday evenings and will start at 6:00 pm. The dates will be March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10. Patrick Baker & Mike Billings will host the first Sunday, March 6, 2022 movie start time at 6:00 pm; bring your meal and we will eat together at 5:30.

See poster on page 11.

Flood 2022

On January 17, people arrived at Fellowship Hall to find the floor flooded with water and water pouring out of the ceiling and running down the south wall beneath the Pastor's office. Water covered much of the floor, perhaps as deep as an inch in many places.



Discovering the door to Cat's office swollen shut, they entered the pastor's office via the door in the Woodbourne Room, the hot steam was overwhelming. Water was

pouring out of the heating unit in the corner of the room. The floor and the carpet were flooded with an inch or so of water. Everything was soaked. Water had risen to the bottom of the credenza. Moisture from steam and condensation was dripping from the under surfaces of the bookshelves and wetting books and other items on the shelving.



Everyone quickly began to clean up and dry out the rooms. Thank you to Paula & Peter Burger, Pat & Jack Nesbitt, Robin & Neil Nemser, and Deb & John Colmers.

Thankfully this damage can be repaired. We called in a restoration company to finish the water cleanup, spray the carpets with a mildewcide. We are now working on hiring someone to complete the work.



Lenten Movies

Sundays 6:00



MAR 6 Harriet

From her escape from slavery through the dangerous missions she led to liberate hundreds of slaves through the Underground Railroad, the story of heroic abolitionist Harriet Tubman is told.



MAR 13 American Factory

In post-industrial Ohio, a Chinese billionaire opens a new factory in the husk of an abandoned General Motors plant. Early days of hope and optimism give way to setbacks as high-tech China clashes with working-class America.



MAR 20 Neither Wolf nor Dog

An author is asked to write a book about an Indian elder's experiences. Getting sucked into the heart of contemporary Native American life in the sparse land of the Dakota, the author accompanies the 95-year-old Lakota elder across the lands.



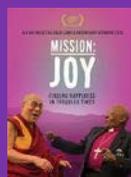
MAR 27 Honeyland

A woman utilizes ancient beekeeping traditions to cultivate honey in the mountains of North Macedonia. When a neighboring family tries to do the same, it becomes a source of tension as they disregard her wisdom and advice.



APR 3 My Octopus Teacher

My Octopus Teacher is both a wildlife documentary and a moving tale of how a man in crisis found joy and purpose through immersion in nature and a remarkable relationship with an octopus.



APR 10 Mission: Joy

Finding Happiness in Troubled Times
A look at the friendship between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and the late Archbishop Tutu. The film goes behind the scenes, where Archbishop Tutu and the Dalai Lama recount stories from their lives.

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The Sound of Faith

Announcing: The Faith Church Speaker Campaign

GOAL : \$10,000

New Sanctuary speakers will bring better sound to our worship and programs. A generous matching gift means we have a great head start. But, we need your help!

**Please make a gift to:
The Sound of Faith by Sunday, March 13.**

Any amount raised over our goal will support improvements to our video projection system for Zoom worship.

FAITH FAMILY LIFE

Happy March Birthday!

3rd Kay Ballard
8th Cat Goodrich
14th Scott McGill
15th Isabel Aldana
Linden Seavers
20th Nixon Hill
22nd Susan Dockman
23rd Paul Samuel
30th Delevana Brown
Veronica Herber
Ivy Seavers

Happy April Birthday!

3rd Bill Hyde
5th Chris Pope
9th Cora Bissett
14th Carol Mohr
17th Kelly McGill
20th Tina Curtis
Gail Poorbaugh
21st Ted Wallace
24th Lew Johnston
Hudson Seavers
25th Scott Bissett
Elaine Parker
30th Robin Nemser

Happy May Birthday!

3rd Charles Richardson
10th Sharon Will
11th Judy Sperling
Janet Thomson
14th Cal Burns
15th Karen Burd
Ann Scheck
16th Andy Fuller
18th Ellen Bernard
Mary Hodgson
19th Gillian Goodrich
21st Ileana Martinez-Castillo
Kelsey Shirey
24th Sarah Ward
29th James St. Pierre
Natalie Wallace
31st Andre Slacum

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

Welcome New Faith Family Members

Sondra Watkins



We celebrate that Sondra Watkins joined Faith Church on January 18 by reaffirmation of faith. A lifelong Episcopalian, Sondra first came to Faith Church for the Wednesday Bible Study with her friend Mary Hodgson. When her former church closed, she began to participate in our Zoom worship and attended faithfully through the pandemic. A retired middle-school science teacher, Sondra is also an evangelist - inviting her sister, Maureen, to join us for worship regularly on Zoom from Florida; her grandchildren Autumn and Ashton have also been active in the life of the church. What a blessing to have Sondra and her family as part of our Faith family! Welcome, Sondra!

Hugh Stanley Macdonald, born February 10.



Juliette Leone Bissett, born February 25!

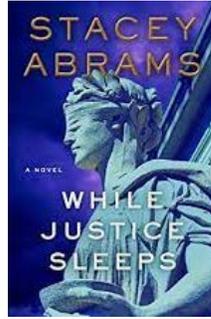


Please Keep in Your Prayers

Ellen Bernard's sister
Robert Ingram
Chandra Jackson
John Reale and the Seavers-Reale family
Ann Scheck
Lynn Weber
Faith's homebound members
The people of Ukraine

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

Book Club



At our March 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Book Club meeting we will be discussing **Stacey Abrams** book *While Justice Sleeps*. "From celebrated national leader and bestselling author Stacey Abrams, comes a gripping thriller set within the halls of the US Supreme Court." Please consider joining our discussion in March. (4 copies are available at the Enoch Pratt Free Library as well as free ebooks and CD's)



Did you know Faith is on Instagram? Follow us at "FaithChurchBalt" to see the latest pics and updates about our work to seek, stand, and serve together!

Maryland the Beautiful



HB ### / SB 791 would make Maryland a leader in the 30 x 30 conservation movement and ensure that nature and people in Maryland can continue to thrive

-  **Set a statewide goal to protect nature and open space:** The bill would set a land conservation goal for Maryland to conserve 30% of its lands by 2030 and 40% by 2040. This goal ensures that as Maryland continues to grow and develop, Maryland will continue to have open space for nature and for people.
-  **Ensure the goal is implemented:** The bill would direct the Smart Growth Subcabinet to work with the Department of Natural Resources to track and implement the 30 x 30 and 40 x 40 goal.
-  **Make conservation more equitable:** The bill would create a new program called the "Greenspace Equity Program", which would provide a new source of grant funding for private land trusts and local governments to complete greenspace projects in underserved communities. Such projects would require community support and input so that community needs for greenspace are met.
-  **Empower conservation efforts to meet the goal:** The bill would direct funding to capitalize a Revolving Loan Fund for private land trusts, creating a source of bridge funding so that land trusts can better compete in the real estate market in order to acquire and preserve land for the benefit of nature and Maryland communities.
-  **Support stewardship of Maryland forests:** The bill would increase funding and set a mandatory appropriation for the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives Fund to support the stewardship of privately owned forestland in Maryland. Forests are the most important habitat for terrestrial wildlife and birds, and the majority of forestland in Maryland is privately owned. Forests sequester carbon, reduce air pollution, regulate flooding, and protect water quality.



Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA)
"Bringing **Color** to the Classics!" production of

In partnership with



Nine Negroes Concert

Marquita Lister, *curator*

Vincent Stringer, *author/narrator*

Conceived by Terri Allen

FREE



Travel with CAAPA through Black History using music, narration, and poetry to explore nine of the most important life-changing eras in American History...meet Nine Negroes.



Sun. March 6, 2022 4:00 pm

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CAAPA presents Nine Negroes Concert in Baltimore

Explore nine of the most important eras in American History through a musical music, narration, and poetry

(SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022, 4:00 PM) People of the African Diaspora have been referred throughout history as Black, Colored, Afro-American, Negro, African American, the dreaded N-word, and most recently BIPOC. Created and produced by the **Coalition for African Americans in the Performing Arts (CAAPA)**, the **Nine Negroes Concert** challenges audience members to explore these important eras and significant experiences in American history through music, narration, and poetry, including eras such as the Middle Passage, Enslavement, War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, Civil Rights, Black Power, Black Lives Matter, and the Future. The concert is on **Sunday, March 6, 2022 at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5400 Loch Raven Blvd., Baltimore, Maryland at 4:00 pm,**

Conceived by CAAPA Executive Director **Terri Allen**, the non-profit arts organization leader commissioned **Morgan State University** Professor and head of the Fine Arts and Opera department **Marquita Lister** to curate the provocative concert. Lister, who is also an acclaimed soprano, called on arts educator and vocal music specialist, **Dr. Vincent Stringer**, to write and perform the narration. The concert also includes creatives such as **Daniel Rich, Terrell Kellum, Candace Potts, Ricardo Horsey, Shana Oshiro, Randy Smith, Jade Jones, and Robert Schroyer**. Free-to-the public and project managed by CAAPA Executive Assistant and soprano **Ayanna Freelon**, the musical interpretations helps viewers experience the poignant journey of the Black experience, while exploring a variety of musical genre, visual effects, and spoken word. Interested parties may contact 301-839-1444 for additional information or visit www.4caapa.org.

ABOUT CAAPA: The 501c3 non-profit arts organization is dedicated to *"Bringing Color to the Classics!"*® by advocating and supporting Black classical musicians, youth, and others in the performing arts for diversity both on the stage and in the audience. Their five-point initiative includes Community Outreach, Arts Education, Audience Development, Performance Opportunities, and Arts Partnerships. **www.4caapa.org**

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March

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