

Calendar

Sun Jan 31

9:30 a.m. Adult Issues Class
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Moment for Mission
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
 Yoga - Narthex

Mon Feb 1

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:15 p.m. Bible Study – Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tue Feb 2

10:00 a.m. Knitting Group
 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wed Feb 3

7:15 p.m. Deacon Meeting

Sun Feb 7

Shelter Arrives

9:30 a.m. Adult Issues Class
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Souper Bowl Sunday
 Moment for Mission
 Communion
 Annual Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
 Yoga - Narthex

Mon Feb 8

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 5:00 p.m. Memo Information Due
 6:15 p.m. Bible Study – Dinner
 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tue Feb 9

10:00 a.m. Knitting Group

Sun Feb 14

9:30 a.m. Adult Issues Class
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Young Adults Bible Study
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 12:00 p.m. Bake Sale
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
 Yoga - Narthex

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THE
 GEORGETOWN
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Bi-Weekly Memo

January 31, 2010
 &
 February 7, 2010
 Worship 11:00 a.m.
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MEMO:

HELPING HAITI



GPC created over 100 kits for Church World Service! In response to the tragic earthquake in Haiti, GPC members and friends contributed hygiene kits (and additional supplies) to go to Church World Service which sends these kits to people suffering from disasters around the world. In addition, funds were contributed to help CWS transport kits to wherever they are needed. Because of previous drives, kits were available immediately to be sent to Haiti. The kits we made may go on to Haiti as there continues to be great need in that country, or may fill the warehouse for quick use in the next emergency. The Youth Group helped with this project by packing 38 kits on January 24 as part of their youth group meeting. Members and friends are encouraged to continue to give funds to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance either by writing a check to Georgetown Presbyterian Church (noting PDA DR000064 in the memo line) or going to the PDA page on the denomination's website to contribute online (www.pcusa.org/pda). Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has already given \$209,000 for relief efforts - especially toward supplying the Presbyterian backed hospital in Leogane. Please continue to keep the people of Haiti, and those who are working to alleviate their suffering, in your prayers.



February 17th
 7:00 p.m. Service

Floating Homeless Shelter

We need volunteers once again for the annual Floating Homeless Shelter! Georgetown Presbyterian Church is hosting the shelter Sunday, February 7th through Sunday, February 28th. This shelter rotates among several churches in the Georgetown area from November through April and is run by the Georgetown Ministry Center.

Volunteers prepare simple, hearty evening meals for the shelter residents (12-15 people) while they are at GPC. Volunteers also have the option of spending the night at the church with the residents and Ministry Center staff. This is a wonderful tradition at GPC because it is a great experience for all involved and an excellent way to serve the Georgetown community. We need your help to make this year's shelter a success!

Sign up soon, as this has traditionally been a very popular event and the evenings book up quickly. Contact John Schmidt (703-347-5260 or jvschmidt98@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up today.

The 230th Annual Meeting
 of the
 Georgetown Presbyterian Church

is hereby called for Sunday, February 7, 2010. The meeting will convene following the 11:00 a.m. worship service for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Annual Report for 2009
2. To vote on the recommended changes in the pastors' terms of call.
3. To elect Trustees of the Corporation, and
4. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

By order of the Session:
 The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted, Moderator
 Robert Bell, Clerk of Session

Happy Birthday

Feb 1 Virginia Boatwright John Hudson	Feb 10 Katy Brandenburg Feb 12 Lillian Hoagland Elizabeth Horan
Feb 2 Samuel Jordan	Susan Page
Feb 5 Alexander Scott John Scott	Feb 14 Kent Stevens
Feb 6 Stokley Voltmer	Feb 15 Alex Bullock
Feb 7 Phil Fleming Christopher Howe Jill Kidwell	James Schlesinger Esther Lynn Wisdom
Feb 8 Patty Jo Divers Laine Holman	Feb 16 Anna Newnam Feb 17 Chip Hoagland Alexandra Pancake
Feb 9 Stan Address Steve Hunt Sophia Welch	Feb 19 Dorothy Burnett Feb 20 Regina Langton

YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

The Young Adults Fellowship will meet on the second and fourth Sundays of each month for a Bible Study. The theme of the study for this semester will be "Justice and Righteousness."

Those under forty, married or single, students or employed/unemployed, or anywhere in between, are all welcome.

The study will be from 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., in the Colonial Room. Watch for announcements for social events!

SCHEDULE:

February 14:	Micah 6, 7
February 28:	Jonah 1-3
March 14:	Isaiah 42:1-12; 52:13-53:12
March 28:	Matthew 5
April 11:	Matthew 6-7
April 25:	John 18:1-19:16
May 9:	Philippians 2:1-11
May 23:	Romans 12, 13

2010 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN (as of 1/26/10)

122 Pledges totaling \$412,164.00

Next Memo Due Date

For the Memo covering February 14 & February 21. Due date is **Monday February 8th** at 5:00 p.m.

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Monday Night Bible study reconvened on January 11 for a five week study series on "Worship and Spirituality" which will be led by Dr. Springsted. The goal of the series, Dr. Springsted explained, is to talk about worship as a spiritual practice, and how we may better understand what we are doing in worship. After initially looking at what we are doing in worship, the series will then talk about some of the chief parts of Christian worship such as the role of God's Word in it, prayer, and the sacraments.

Everybody is invited. We will begin at 6:15 p.m. for supper in the Georgetown Room. The ever prepared Food Team will provide drinks, salad, and dessert, and everyone is encouraged to bring his or her own sandwich, and \$3. The study itself will begin at 7:00 p.m. and go for about an hour.

The schedule is as follows:

February 1: Baptism

February 8: The Lord's Supper

There are no readings to be done ahead of time. Everybody is asked to bring a Bible, and there will be handouts from time to time. With this schedule, we will finish just before Lent.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

More than 20 years ago, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$60 million (over \$10 million in 2009 alone!) has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

On Sunday, February 7, following the worship service and the Annual Meeting, some of our youth will be waiting in the narthex as you exit the sanctuary, with pots ready to be filled with your dollars to help alleviate hunger and poverty in our community. Every dollar donated goes to Georgetown Ministry Center, our 2010 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice. Please come prepared to give generously.



Backward Glances

The early years of the Civil War were difficult for our church. The minister, the Reverend Dr. John H. Boccock, left in 1861 to join General Lee's Confederate Army. A year later, in 1862, the church was used as a hospital for the wounded from the Second Battle of Manassas and the Battle of Fredericksburg. During that year the church held services at neighboring churches. After the Government relinquished the church building, a decline in pew rents required a special levy to lift the church out of debt. Things began to improve after the war ended.

On November 26, 1865, the Chapel on West Street (now P Street) was dedicated. Four large lots had been given to the Church in 1864-65. The Chapel was built on those lots and named for R.S.T. Cissel who had donated \$5,000 to the Church. Dr. Cissel had received the money for lectures he had given in 1863. As mentioned in last month's *Memo*, Dr. Cissel was a much loved and stalwart member of the Congregation. That same year a new manse was built on the western portion of the lots. The portion between the manse and the chapel was left vacant.

Sunday Services in connection with and for the Sabbath School were to be held at the Chapel at 3:00 p.m. and evening services at 7:00 p.m. Sermons were to be by the Reverend Dr. Joseph Smith of Baltimore. The Session agreed to hold these services weekly at the Chapel. The sale of tickets for the Sacred Concert came to \$26.35. They also agreed to take up a collection at the Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, December 7) service for the American Union Christian Commission.

On April 1, 1866, the Church added 15 communicants for a total of 243 adult members. The number of children enrolled in the Sabbath School and Bible classes was 630. This reflected vibrancy in the Church one year after the end of the Civil War. It also showed the growth of the church from the original 15 that had begun with Dr. Balch in 1780.

Doug McFadden
For the Heritage Committee

FROM A SEASON OF GIVING GIFTS TO A SEASON OF GIVING LOVE

Now that we are all warmed up from the giving of the Christmas season, we can keep in shape by sharing our gifts of love. "Souper Bowl Sunday" will be February 7th and the making of valentines for Ingleside residents will be on January 31st and February 7th. Mark your calendars for these great events and give the gift of love! Bring your kids or forget your kids and bring yourself! All ages welcome, we have plenty of glue, paper, and glitter!

ADULT EDUCATION –THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

Please join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the Washington Room as we continue to explore issues of importance to our faith and community:

January 31—Steven Krubiner, Assistant Director of Government Affairs, J Street, will discuss *The Role of the US in Middle East Peace-Making: Changing Dynamics in Washington and the Region*. J Street is a relatively new and much publicized organization founded "to change the dynamics of American politics and policy on Israel and the Middle East." It is devoted to rapidly achieving a two-state solution and regional comprehensive peace.

February 7—Rev. Dr. Henry J. Ferry will discuss *Racism and the Reformed Tradition: the Prophetic Ministry of Francis Grimke*. Born a slave on the eve of emancipation, Francis Grimke served the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church in Washington during the last quarter of the nineteenth and first quarter of the twentieth centuries. The efforts of this African-American Presbyterian leader to combat racism in church and society provides a unique perspective on a broad range of issues confronting Presbyterians here in DC and across the nation in that period, including racial discrimination and reuniting North and South both in the overall society and within the denomination. Rev. Dr. Henry J. Ferry is ordained in the Presbyterian Church; the former Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Church History at Howard University School of Divinity; and a member of the Company of Teachers of the Reformed Institute.

February 14—Drew Portocarrero, EVP, World Security Institute, will discuss *Nuclear Weapons: Should and Can They be Eliminated Globally?* More than 17 years after the end of the cold war, there are still over 23,000 nuclear weapons on the planet, many of them on quick-launch status. A host of nations are poised to develop such weapons in the coming years, thereby complicating the balance-of-terror and, perhaps, giving terrorists access to nuclear WMD. These developments have led to renewed public debate and diplomatic activity regarding the reduction and possible elimination of these weapons. Do these efforts have a chance to succeed? What if they don't?

February 21—Professor Denise Hopkins, Wesley Theological Seminary, will explore aspects of the story of Bathsheba. Many have considered Bathsheba to be one of the "bad girls of the Bible." So why does Matthew include her in his genealogy of Jesus? She was the wife of King David and the mother of Solomon, so why does Matthew mention her only as "the wife of Uriah". What does she have in common with Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Mary, the only other women mentioned in this lengthy genealogy? We'll see a movie clip from "King David", starring Richard Gere, to glimpse how our culture has dealt with Bathsheba. Does she need a press agent? This will be the concluding talk in Professor Hopkins' series on *Matthew's Genealogy of the Female Ancestors of Jesus* (the originally scheduled talk was snowed-out in December).