

Old Presbyterian Meeting House

September 24, 2017

SUNDAY

8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.
 Childcare
 8:30 a.m. Worship with
 Communion
 9:40 a.m. Classes
 11 a.m. Worship
 noon Coffee hour

STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Robert R. Laha, Jr.
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Office Hours:
 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mon. - Fri.

The Old Presbyterian Meeting House
 is a congregation of the Presbyterian
 Church (USA) and the National
 Capital Presbytery, and a Covenant
 Network congregation.

We extend a warm welcome to you this morning. Following 11 a.m. worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for fellowship and coffee hour hosted by the Worship ministry.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday evenings in October, beginning October 4. This year's Midweek Connections series will focus on Contemporary Islam and how we may foster better relationships with our Muslim brothers and sisters. Our series will be led by a number of scholars dedicated to this topic. Join us for dinner at 6 p.m.; program at 7 p.m. Childcare is available for young children with advance notice by Monday at noon. Dinner is \$10/adult, \$5/child (5 and younger) with a family maximum of \$30. You may pay online at opmh.org, or bring payment to the church. Please contact Heather Starek in the church office if you have any questions (hstarek@opmh.org).

If you are visiting us for the first time, take a moment to discover the many opportunities for worship, education, and service. **Individual listening devices** are available on the desk in the narthex. Please turn them off as you return them after worship. **Large print hymnals** are available from an usher. **Children's Worship Bags** are also available from an usher. Please return the bag with its contents to the pink box in the narthex following the service. **Restrooms** are available down the stairs from the narthex. Handicapped accessible restrooms are in the Elliot House. **Our parking lot** is in the 400 block of South Royal Street, not next door to the Meeting House. For information about additional parking options, see the flyer in the friendship pad.

It is already that time of year when you can sponsor a family, foster teen, senior, or person with disabilities through the City of Alexandria's Holiday Sharing Program. You can also help by serving as a bike or scooter sponsor, providing grocery and other gift cards, or donating new toys. Sign up outside the sanctuary or email Margaret Rizzi (rizzifamily1@cox.net).

Sundays

AT THE MEETING HOUSE

Key:
 Fellowship Hall, FH
 Heritage Hall, HH
 Westminster Hall, WH
 Courtyard, CY
 Education Building, ED
 Elliot House, EH
 Flounder House, FL
 Sanctuary, S

Podcasts are
 available at
www.opmh.org
 or scan the QR
 code.



ADULTS

Sunday Class at 9:40 a.m.
Bible Basics: Information & Insights
 HH

YOUTH

Sunday School at 9:40 a.m.
 Middle School & High School
 FL 1b/2b
 Youth Group
 Middle School FH/FL 2b
 4:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner included
 High School FH/FL 2b
 6-8 p.m. Dinner included

CHILDREN

Childcare 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 Infants ED-14
 Toddlers ED-12
 3- and 4-Year-Olds ED-11
 at 11 a.m.
 Ushers can direct you to
 childcare.
 Music Time, 9:30-9:50 a.m.
 Ages 2-Kindergarten ED 12
 Grades 1-5 ED-Heaven
 Group Time, 9:50-10:40 a.m.
 Little Stars (4 year olds) ED 13
 5Ks ED-26
 Grades 1-2 ED-24
 Grades 3-4-5 ED-20
 Family Fellowship
 10-10:40 a.m. Heaven

SUNDAY LEADERS

Duty Elder
 Gerry Cooper
 Greeting Deacons
 8:30 a.m. Bill Sundwick
 11 a.m. Marie France Bunting
 Office Duty
 Bonnie Bunting
 Ushers
 8:30 a.m. Bob Harris
 11 a.m. Rob Dunn
 Sound
 8:30 a.m. Beth Roberts
 11 a.m. Skip Bea

Opportunities for Ministry

SUNDAY ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Join us in Heritage Hall at 9:40 a.m. for *Bible Basics: Information & Insights*. This morning Ann Herlin will lead us in looking at the history and writings of the Old Testament. On October 1, Rocky Laha will speak to us about the words God spoke through the prophets. Each session stands alone so come to all or as many that pique your interest!

CENTS-ABILITY OFFERING OCTOBER 1

The Cents-ability offering will be received next Sunday, October 1 during worship. As we gather at the Lord's table to be fed and nourished physically and spiritually, we remember the many families who are hungry by bringing coins or other offerings we have set aside at our own mealtimes. The Cents-ability offering will be donated to ALIVE! to feed hungry Alexandrians. Extra cups are located in the office or narthex.

ALL CHURCH RETREAT NOVEMBER 3-5

Register today for the All Church Retreat or online at opmh.org. Don't miss out on this multigenerational (really, ALL ages) weekend with opportunities for rest, recreation, learning, worship, and time to do as you please. Our Parish Associate, the Rev. Dr. Jon Smoot, will lead an adult study on "The Appalling, Appealing, St. Paul". Our Meeting House Educators, Noelle Castin and Mary Pratt Perry, will guide the learning and activity times for children and youth. Answers to all your questions in the FAQs on the website or contact co-chairs, Jim Beall and Laura Campbell.

VOICE STATE ELECTION FORUM OCTOBER 15

Make plans to join other Meeting House members and friends in attending the VOICE State Election Forum on Sunday, October 15, 4:30-6 p.m., at Patriot High School in Prince William County. 1,600 VOICE clergy, school, and other community leaders from 75+ institutions will gather to hear how candidates for Governor and Attorney General will lead on specific VOICE proposals relating to WMATA funding, affordable housing, criminal justice reform, immigration, public education, and reducing hate speech and acts. Your attendance at this forum will demonstrate to the candidates the importance of VOICE's agenda. VOICE is an independent, non-partisan community organizing group of 44 faith congregations, including the Meeting House, in Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax County, and Prince William County. To say yes now or for more information, contact mrhea@signaturei.net or speak with Larry Williams, Jen Tolbert, Gail Freunsch, Bill Sundwick, or Linda Lanam this Sunday.

MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Meals On Wheels is in need of new volunteers this year, due to the expansion of the MOW routes to 8. This now requires 16 OPMH people to deliver meals on the 4th Friday of each month. You can contact Carolyn Wilder (carolynswilder@gmail.com) or Mary Lee Anderson (dande9978@comcast.net) to volunteer.

FALL BOOK STUDY

Save the dates for our fall book study Mondays, October 23, 30, and November 6, from 5:30-6:45 p.m. in Heritage Hall. *The Red Tent*, by Anita Diamant, is a popular piece of historical fiction set in the time of Jacob, his four wives, their 12 sons (the original tribes of Israel), and their one daughter. The book study will explore the biblical themes along with historical fiction personal/family ones. Contact Rev. Katherine Stanford (kstanford@opmh.org) for more information.

2018 CALENDARS FOR PRISONERS

The 2018 calendar collection box is in the church office, and a second box will be in the narthex during the month of November. Please donate your extra calendars for this part of the OPMH prison ministry. Your contributions will be distributed to Assisting Families of Inmates in Richmond, the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, and Guest House.

IN CELEBRATION

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Dennis and Barbara Johnson's wedding anniversary, by Eric Johnson, Laura Campbell, and Sam.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Stephen Ministers have committed to pray for all listed below wherever they are every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Join them. Our prayers are with those in the military and other government services who are deployed overseas: Ryan Campoamor, Michael Woodgerd, and Bethany Gaddis.

Our prayers are newly offered for Edward Alderman, father of Claire Pratt and grandfather of Mary Pratt Perry.

Our sympathies are with Norm and Carolann Sharp on the death of their granddaughter.

Our prayers continue for Betty Heiby; Bill Landis; Kathy Cochrane; Jeffrey Hall, son of Ed and Janet Hall; Susan Esche, cousin of Skip Bea; Jim Mott, friend of the Morharts; Aby Kavelman, Amy Kavelman and Toby Eckert's niece; Lynda Elder, Kit Ruland's sister; Allison Kicak and Dave Poole, Pamela Kicak's sister and brother-in-law; Beverly Clark, Baird Smith's cousin; Jenny Stryker, friend of the Elmore family; Fridolin Bosch, Jeanine Santillo's son-in-law's father; Meg Miller, friend of the Van Hook family; Tom Marfing, Cynthia Duncan's friend; Sarah Palsma's brother, Ryan Palsma; John Hoagland, Sarah Murphy Youssef and Jason Murphy's grandfather; Linda Woodhouse's sister-in-law; Colleen Biddle, friend of Dona deLeon; Kevin King, Kait Murphy's cousin; and Anita Garrett.