



## Meeting House Announcements for January 24, 2010

### 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2010 – 8:30 and 11:00 am

SERMON	<i>The Church and Its Mission</i>	Dr. Laha
HYMNS	<i>God Is Here!</i> <i>Arise, Your Light Is Come!</i> <i>We All Are One in Mission</i>	
PRELUDE	<i>The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God</i> (Psalm 19)	Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)
POSTLUDE	<i>Arise, Your Light is Come</i>	Seth Bingham (1882-1972)

### CHURCH NEWS

**Ordination:** Today during 11:00 am worship, we will ordain two youth, Matt Comey and Nell McKeown, to the office of elder, and two more, Katherine Gardner and Eleanor Kenimer, to the office of deacon.

**Join Old Presbyterian Meeting House Children, Youth, and Knitting Ministries** and donate Making Gift of Heart Kits for victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance requests Baby Kits. Pick up a list and directions in the narthex today. We will collect through Valentine's Day.

**The Souper Bowl of Caring is Coming!** From January 31 to Super Bowl Sunday, February 7, join the OPMH youth in collecting money donations and canned goods for local Mission Partners. The specific recipients of the donations will be announced next week. Donations can be dropped off in the marked bins in the narthex, the Education Building, and in Elliot House reception area. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Next Sunday, January 31, will be our first Meeting House Art Show.** Artwork created by Meeting House members will be on exhibit in Fellowship Hall throughout the morning. A percentage of the proceeds from sales will benefit children's ministry. For more information, contact Anne Browne at [anne.w.browne@att.net](mailto:anne.w.browne@att.net).

**Annual Congregational Dinner - Mark Your Calendars – for Sunday, March 7** for dinner, dancing, and Silent Auction. Join Meeting House friends at the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria for a fun-filled evening of good food, music, and dancing. We'll gather for reception at 5:30 pm, enjoy a delicious dinner at 6:30 pm, and dance into the evening. Additional information and invitations will follow.



## ADULT EDUCATION

**Sunday mornings at 9:40 am:**

**A Romp Through the Gospels** continues in Heritage Hall. Taught by Bill Phillippe, this class offers a survey and comparison of the four gospels as well as a look at some of the other writings of that period to see how they match (or don't match) with Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

**Study books for the Joshua:** Journeys in Faith class are available for purchase today in Heritage Hall. Books are \$6— if paying by check make check payable to Old Presbyterian Meeting House and mark "study book".

**Bible Study on Luke** continues. Meets Wednesday nights from 7:30-8:30 pm in Flounder 1b. Everyone is welcome! Books are \$14.

**A two-week Inquirers' Class** for those interested in learning more about the church or in becoming members will be held on Sundays, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7, from 9:40 – 10:40 am, in the Elliot House 2nd floor Conference Room. RSVPs to the church office are encouraged, but not required.

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**The Journey**, our workshop rotation Sunday School classes for children in grades 1-5, continues a series of workshops learning about the Bible. Workshops for this rotation include art, games, discovery, and video. Check the board in the main hallway for workshop assignments.

**Sunday School** begins with singing at 9:30. Children age 3 years through Grade 1 meet in Room 22 with Sally Laha; children in Grades 2-5 meet in Heaven with Julie Jernigan and Martha Beall.

**Middle School Sunday School** in the Elliot House Library to discuss the Baptism of Jesus from 9:40-10:40 am. Senior High in Flounder 2b to continue the four week study of the Gospel of Luke.

**Club 3-4-5** will have its first get together on Friday, Feb. 5, 5-6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. Club 3-4-5 is a new fellowship group for children in grades 3, 4 and 5. For more information, contact Allyson Hazzard.

**Fellowship tonight! Middle School, 5-7 pm; Senior High, 6-8 pm**, both in Fellowship Hall. We will look at Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy and discuss how we can use our faith to be prophets and advocates for others, especially those in Haiti. Join us to make a difference in the lives of those in need.

**Youth group time change! Starting January 31, Middle and High School youth group will meet from 6-8 pm.** Groups will continue to have separate specialized programs and discussions. For a more detailed and updated calendar, please visit the newly updated OPMH website.

**Next Sunday, January 31, Middle Schoolers, join us for a laser tag event** right after church until 3 pm. From 6-8 pm all (including adults!) are invited to join us for another screening of "Coal Country." When we turn our lights on, chances are that this electricity was generated at least in part by burning coal mined from Appalachia. What does our connection to "coal country" and its people mean for us as religious communities? This event will be co-hosted by OPMH's Environmental Stewardship Advocacy Group.



## MISSION

**Special Appeal for Haiti** - The Meeting House has a long history of mission with and among the Haitian people. There is a tremendous need for emergency food, shelter, and medical supplies and an ongoing need for materials and personnel to help rebuild. Through the PCUSA Presbyterians Disaster Assistance, a special account has been set up for relief efforts in Haiti. You can help with these efforts by making a monetary gift made payable to OPMH and marked "Haiti Relief". Please keep the people of Haiti and all those who are working to help them in your thoughts and prayers.

**Twenty Tutors Still Needed!** The first years of education are a critical time for students. Will you commit just 30 minutes a week to read with a first-grade student through the end of the school year? Training and materials are provided. For more information, or to volunteer, contact the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium ([www.alexandriatutors.org](http://www.alexandriatutors.org) or 703-549-6670, x119).

**ALIVE! Family Emergency Program (FEP) in Need of Volunteers.** FEP is in need of volunteers to work the following shifts: (1) Every other Monday morning (9 am–12 noon) packing emergency food orders; (2) The second and third Tuesday afternoons of each month (12 -3 pm) answering the phone and processing referrals for financial assistance; (3) The first and third Thursday afternoons of each month (12-3 pm) answering the phone and processing referrals for financial assistance. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Linda Coleman at 703-671-0245 or [Linda.L.Coleman@verizon.net](mailto:Linda.L.Coleman@verizon.net).

## FELLOWSHIP, STUDY AND PRAYER

**First Sundays with the Stephen Ministers:** Many of us struggle to find peace and meaning in our lives, especially during difficult and sad times. Stephen Ministers hosts an informal time of fellowship on the first Sunday of each month following the 11:00 am services and welcomes all who would like a willing listener. We will be in the Elliot House parlor. If you would like more information or would like to arrange to meet privately with a Stephen Minister, call Susan Grandy at 703-780-4134 or 703-299-4749.

**20s30s:** Join us Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm for light dessert and discussion at 211 Payne Street (north of King Street), home of Emily and Amanda Asmus. For more info., call Emily at 703-795-5280 or [emilyasmus@yahoo.com](mailto:emilyasmus@yahoo.com).

Fun...Food...Games - These you will enjoy if you attend **SPIRIT'S Valentine Party on Tuesday, Feb. 9**. Place: Heritage Hall: Time: 1:00-3:00 pm. Please call the church office to make reservations by Monday, Feb. 8.

## UNSUBSCRIBE:

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