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TIME, TALENT & TREASURE STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8TH

It is our time to renew our commitment to the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, you will have a variety of ways to demonstrate that on Stewardship Sunday, November 8th.

In a recent Presbyterian Outlook article, editor, Jack Haberer, made these compelling comments: "As Presbyterian and Reformed believers we put money in the offering plate



not simply to respond to heart-rending appeals for charity. We give as stewards. We affirm with the Scriptures that we as individuals give not from our own wealth but from God's. That is to say, we do not claim to own anything, whether the Porsche or Kia we drive, whether the mansion or tent we inhabit, whether the stock portfolio or the barely-scraped-together coins we spend. It's all God's property. We manage that



property according to God's design—providing for the needs of our families and neighbors, for congregational ministries and mission outreaches, for necessities and luxuries."

"Specifically we fund the ministry of the local church (the "storehouse"-Mal. 3:10) in amounts proportional to the resources God has entrusted into our stewardship care. The tithe, the first tenth of our income/equity, provides a benchmark for the support. Many among us give beyond the 10 percent figure."



Here at the Meeting House we have acted responsibly in managing our financial gifts as well as providing a variety of opportunities to express our commitment with the time and talent that God has provided us.

As we join together in community and stride into 2010, let us do so by strengthening our financial commitment, strengthening our commitment of our time and strengthening our commitment of talent so that we will be a blessing to those of our church community, the local community, and the world community.

There is evidence all around us that we as a faith community are changing lives. Be a part of the community and commit your Time, Talent and Treasure on November 8th.



New Members



Kit Ruland

Kit works in customer service with Oracle. He enjoys singing with the Capitol Hill Chorale and woodworking.

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Alan is a doctoral student in comparative religion at Georgetown and a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force Reserves. His interests include inter-religious relations, understanding the links between religion and violence/conflict, and laughing at his own jokes. Wendy works at USA Today in Digital Marketing. She is interested in music, playing piano and singing. They have two boys Liam (6) and Thomas (3).



From the Pastor

The Community Nature of the Sermon

While doing some reading and research for a recent sermon, I ran across the following explanation of what a sermon is and how it is meant to function in the life of a community. It comes from Michael Hegeman of Princeton Theological Seminary. I liked it so much that I thought I should share it with you.

“No sermon truly lives on the written page. A sermon leaps from the page in sacred sound, empowered by the voice of God. The sermon is the oral event of speaking, hearing, declaring, attesting, testifying, exhorting, calling, proclaiming, confessing, and professing the Word that God has spoken. The sermon is an integral and crucial aspect of our common act of worship. It is our liturgy, the act of the gathered people, where preachers and hearers together attend to God’s human speech, that is, the living and active voice of God orally communicated, interpreted for this day.”

Hegeman is right. The sermon is something other than a paper to be prepared and read by one person. It is an oral, participatory event, the act of a gathered people, preacher and congregants together, giving ear to what the Spirit has to say to us. The sermon, like the rest of worship, is first and foremost a community event, something to be experienced not just read—another reason why I and other members need and value your participation. See you in worship!

Rocky Laha

Birthdays

Michael Adorno Maldonado, Richard Andre, Amanda Asmus, Dede Bailer, Jo-Anne Barnard, Skip Bea, Candace Beane, Olivia Bearman, Tom Berkman, Frank Black, Matthew Bostick, Ellen Bradley, Buck Buchanan, Hayden Burn, Lisa Burn, Wayne Campagna, Lillian Church, Bob Clark, Susan Clark, Nathan Cole, Bill Comey, Henry Copher, Thomas Copher, Gavin Corn, Mary Katherine Corsetti, Maggie Dabney, Don Dahmann, Bjorn Davidson, Karen Davis, Sherrie Debruyne, Jaron Drucker, Laura Duke, Rebecca Duke, Robert Duke, Rob Dunn, Kristine Eelkema, John Evans, Jim Ewalt, Lorna Facticeau, Adriana Fanganiello, Olivia Ferriter, Kathy Flora, Margaret Gardner, Brandon Giroux, Jenny Gladieux, Robert Hausmann, Matthew Hebert, Patrick Hendy, Jacob Hensley, Lauren Hensley, Alexis Herndon, Herb Herrmann, Luke Holland, Jeff Irving, Alexa Jarecki, Pete Jeffrey, Juliet Jennings, Rich Johnson, Emily Jones, Matt Jones, Alexandra-Katharina Kendrick, Brad Kenimer, Eleanor Kenimer, Ben Kimble, Gini Kline, Tracey Kohler, Anne Lamar, Linda Lanam, Bill Landis, Jeff Lenn, Robert Luther, Sharon Luther, Grace Ly, Scott MacEwen, Ryan Mach, Connor Mailander, Helen Mengel, Everett Merriman, Anne Metcalf, Cheryl Michener, JC Milner, Robin Muthig, Laura Osman, Maureen Petron, Susan Pettey, Annmarie Pittman, Aiden Potholm, Jerilyn Reeder, Charlotte Regen, Suzanne Regen, Roland Reynolds, Talon Riesbeck, Jim Roberts, David Sacknoff, Bob Sennewald, Liam Shannon, Tony Sherman, Claudia Shuba, Carol Simmons, Mark SooHoo, Gordon Speed, Raleigh Speed, Clara Stiff, Colin Sundwick, Pat Van Demark, Andrea Van Schoick, Ellie Wainstein, Madison Warner, Janet Yieh, and Su Yieh.

Our Congratulations are offered on...

The birth of...

Andrew Robert Hausmann, son of Robert and Melanie Hausmann, on September 27;
Benjamin Charles Larsen, grandson of Graeme and Polly Bannerman, on September 30;
David Louis Cucinelli, son of James and Cary Cucinelli, on Saturday October 24;
Anna Katharine Browne, daughter of Andrew and Emily Browne, granddaughter of Cas and Ann Hobbs, on October 23;
Randall Jones Feltman, son of Julie and Andrew Feltman, on October 20;
Kaitlyn Marie Herrmann, daughter of Rick and Kristin Herrmann, granddaughter of Graeme and Polly Bannerman, on October 28.

The baptism of...

Owen Rector Beyreuther, son of Todd Richard Beyreuther and Elizabeth Lee Blossom on October 11;
Cecelia Claire Groves, daughter of Garrick and Jennifer Groves on October 11.

We give thanks...

For the safe return of Susan Thomas' friend, Tim McLaughlin, from Afghanistan.

Our sympathy goes to...

Jana McKeag, on the death of her father, Charles Edwin McKeag, III;
Louanne Wheeler, on the death of her cousin, Beverly Krchmar, on October 9;
Lanny and Susan Griffith, on the death of their son, David Griffith, on October 12;
Roland Frye, on the death of his mother, Jean Frye, on October 21;
Bruce Day, on the death of his father, Jim Day, on October 22.

Church News

Time and Talent Rally

On Stewardship Sunday, the OPMH family will have a unique opportunity to see the Time and Talent survey come to life. Our first Time and Talent Rally will take place in Fellowship Hall following both services on November 8th. Representatives from each ministry will be present to highlight ways in which members can get involved, whether by serving on a committee, or assisting with a specific need or event.

One of the great blessings we are given as a church family is the opportunity to form meaningful relationships with one another and with the wider community through a variety of volunteer opportunities. As we have repeatedly heard from the pulpit this fall, we are called as a community in Christ to use our gifts to accomplish his work. The Time and Talent Rally will help each of us to consider not only our financial commitments, but also how we use our individual talents.

OPMH members were treated to beautiful fall afternoon weather at Fort Ward park during the Church Picnic on October 4th. Everyone had a great time enjoying fellowship, food and fun during the picnic. Thanks to everyone who came to the picnic, and to Mark SooHoo for organizing a great day!



Nominations for Youth Elders and Deacons

At the September stated meeting of Session, in recognition of the contributions (both actual and potential) of our talented youth to our church ministry and community, Session voted to add up to two youth elders and two youth deacons (each elected for a one-year term, with the possibility of re-election for another one-year term). Several Session members were youth officers or had worked with youth officers and spoke enthusiastically in support. The Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of nominees that it will present at a called congregational meeting in the near future (watch the bulletin for the announcement). The Nominating Committee would consider only confirmed members (age 15 to 25 as the Book of Order defines youth as under 25). Please send any suggestions to Joe McCoy (jmccoy@gbrarch.com), chair of the 2009 Nominating Committee, or leave a note directed to the Nominating Committee in the Clerk box in the church office. Please submit nominees by November 7.

Congratulations to Rev. John Y. H. Yieh, Ph.D

Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) has named the Rev. John Y.H. Yieh, Ph.D., professor of New Testament, the recipient of the 2009 Suzanne F. Thomas Faculty Research Award. Yieh, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church (USA), has taught New Testament at Virginia Seminary since 1995. The Suzanne F. Thomas Faculty Research Award is given annually to a member of the Seminary's faculty to support faculty research and foster excellence in scholarship at VTS. The award is given at the discretion of the Dean of the Seminary. Dr. Yieh worships at the Meeting House along with his wife Su and daughter Janet.

Adult Education Offerings in November

IN HERITAGE HALL...
NOVEMBER 8, 15, 22, & 29

Why Not Be Reformed: The Reformed Tradition Through the Eyes of its Critics.

Dr. Bruce Douglass, director of the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington and Georgetown University professor, will lead this examination of Reformed beliefs and practices. The Reformed version of Protestant Christianity has always had its critics. This course is designed to examine some of the more important criticisms of Reformed beliefs and practices and clarify the Reformed response. Each session will address a particular criticism made by opponents:

November 8—A Distant and Demanding God; November 15-Cramped Lives (the ‘Frozen Chosen’); November 22-Aesthetically Challenged; November 29-A Recipe for Secularization?

IN FELLOWSHIP HALL...
NOVEMBER 1- DECEMBER 13
New Testament VIPs

This six-week offering will explore leading figures of the New Testament whose lives were transformed by Jesus: Peter, the sisters Mary and Martha, James the brother of Jesus, Priscilla, Lazarus, and Mary, the mother of Jesus. This class will use materials published by The Thoughtful Christian.



IN WESTMINSTER HALL...
NOVEMBER 8, 15, 22, & 29

Making a Home for Faith: The Church-Home Connection

In the baptism liturgy we affirm that parents are the first teachers of faith for their children. This course is designed to provide tools for parents to nurture the spiritual lives of their children. Drawing from resources from David and Kathy Lynn, Elizabeth Caldwell, and Joyce Mercer, parents will explore how their own faith impacts how they model faith for their children.

Led by Priscilla Andre-Colton, Director of Christian Education

IN ELLIOT HOUSE CONFERENCE ROOM...
NOVEMBER 15 & 22
Inquirers' Class

This two week class is designed for those interested in becoming members of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. The first session covers basic theology of the Presbyterian Church; session 2 focuses on the specific ministry and mission of OPMH and the role and responsibility of members.



Youth Fellowship

Lots of exciting happenings with OPMH youth fellowship this fall! After focusing on building safe space in September, in October, we focused on reaching out beyond ourselves to our neighbors near and far away. The youth spent two weeks learning all about the OPMH work camps, and focused in on how we can better partner with Faith Ministries, the group we work with for the Mexico work camp. Thank you to all the adults and youth who took on special leadership roles! Later in the month, the youth stayed busy with preparations for the Stockings for Soldiers Drive and sent care packages to our college students.

November will also be an exciting month with anticipation building toward November 22nd: **The Stockings for Soldiers Drive collection and Youth Sunday!** We will begin preparing to lead worship, so all youth should do their best to attend all youth fellowship dates in November. We have a few **REQUIRED** rehearsals: **Sunday, Nov. 15, 5:00-7:30 pm, Saturday, Nov. 21, 9 am-12:30 pm. On Nov. 22**, youth will need to arrive early, likely around 7 am. To celebrate, we will go out to lunch after the 11:00 service from 12:30 to 2:00 pm. Also, look for opportunities to **Rent a Youth (adults)** or be **rented (Youth)** in November and December.

Hope to see you on Sunday or during the week for coffee, hot chocolate, or a pastry or two.

Peace, Alice Tewell

6th Annual Stuffed Stockings for Soldiers

OPMH youth would like to send some Christmas cheer to military personnel in Afghanistan, Iraq, and overseas. Simply pick up a stocking and stuff it with goodies for the holiday – don't forget a Christmas card and personal note to let the troops know they are not alone. Children's drawings are a real hit!

To participate, simply pick up a stocking to stuff (or purchase a stocking yourself!) from our youth during the worship services on November 1, 8, and 15.

Suggested items include:

“Wicking” socks

(pull moisture away)

Canned fruit (peel off lid)

powdered drink mix (Gatorade)

mint chewing gum

mint Lifesavers or Altoids

International phone cards

cookies (no chocolate – it melts!)

stamps

postcards/notecards

sun screen

disposable razors

disposable cameras

power bars (not chocolate)

foot powder

Q-tips

Toothbrush/toothpaste

AA batteries

little bottles of shampoo

personal tissue packets

hard candy



beef jerky, slim jims

dried fruit, nuts

personal notes

baby/hand wipes or waterless

anti-bacterial hand wash

magazines (sports, bodybuilding,

car/truck/hunting, fishing,

fashion, etc)

If you have a friend or a relative serving abroad who would like to receive a stocking, please contact Alice.

Please return stockings to the church Sunday, November 22 and 29! We are also asking that you donate \$5 for shipping the stocking around the world. (It can be pinned to the stocking, or placed in the marked can.)

Thank you for helping send “tidings of comfort and joy” to homesick soldiers!

If you have questions or want to help, please contact

Alice Tewell at (703)549-6670 ex. 115 or alice@opmh.org.

2009 Youth Fall Calendar

WHERE DO I GO?

Sunday School: Unless otherwise noted, High School, Flounder 2B, Middle School Boys, Flounder 1B, Middle School Girls, Elliot House Library

Evening Youth Fellowship: Unless otherwise noted, the Middle School group meets from 5-7 pm and the High School group meets from 6-8 pm, both in Fellowship Hall. Practice times for the MS/HS combined band is during MS youth group from 5:30-6:30.

Month for Rent a Youth! Throughout November and December, members of the congregation will be ordering youth service (yard work, babysitting etc.) Please give Alice your available dates and a buddy you would like to work with.

SUNDAY, 1

AM: Collect stocking for soldiers after both services

12:00-2:00 pm: High School Lunch Out/ Youth Advisory Council Meeting

5:00-6:00 pm: Band Practice, Fellowship Hall

6:00-8:00 pm: Haunted House in Graveyard and Fellowship Hall (MS/ HS)

8:00 pm: Youth Advisor's Meeting, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, 8

AM: Collect stocking for soldiers after both services

12:15-1:15 pm: Youth Subcommittee Meeting, Flounder 2B

PM: Preparations for Youth Sunday

(MS Youth: 5:00-7:00 pm, Band 5:00-6:00, HS Youth: 6:00-8:00)

SUNDAY, 15

AM: Collect stockings for soldiers after both services

4:00 *Concerts with a Cause* featuring Janet Yieh.
Let's all give her our support!

PM: Preparations for Youth Sunday

(Band: 6:00-7:00; MS/HS combined Youth: 6:00-8:00 pm)

YOU MUST BE HERE!

SATURDAY, 21

Youth Sunday Rehearsal and Band Practice , 9 am - 12:30 pm. You Must Attend!

SUNDAY, 22

Youth Sunday - Christ the King Sunday! (Both Services)

AM: Final collection of Stockings for Soldiers

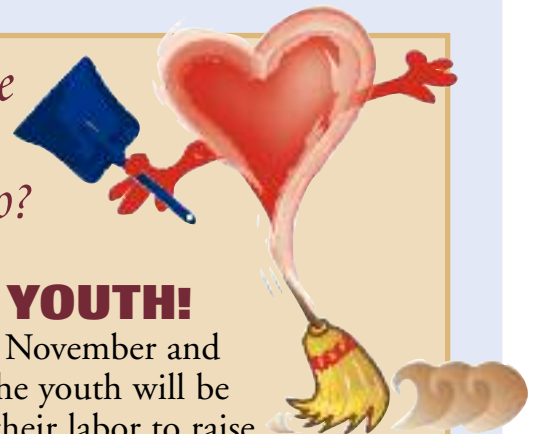
12:00-2:00pm: Youth Group Lunch Out! Time to Celebrate!

No evening fellowship.

SUNDAY, 29

Thanksgiving Sunday and 1st Sunday of Advent; No evening fellowship.

*Feeling like
there is so
much to do?*



RENT a YOUTH!

Throughout November and December, the youth will be renting out their labor to raise money to go to Montreat, Massanetta, Triennium, and Mexico workcamp this upcoming summer.

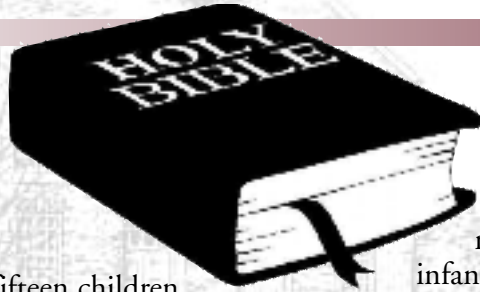
Our youth can:

Babysit, Organize basements/ closets,
Rake leaves, Weed gardens, Help wrap
Christmas gifts

Suggested donation: \$10/ youth/ hour
(youth will come at least in pairs)

Reserve your youth now!

Email Alice Tewell, Youth Director
(alice@opmh.org) to reserve your dates!



Third Graders Receive Bibles

On Sunday, October 18, fifteen children received their Bibles during worship. Children receiving Bibles were Olivia Anne Bearman, Charlotte Katherine Brightbill, Campbell Eltzroth Dickson, John Ryder Duncan, Claire L. Hazzard, Olivia S. Hazzard, Erica Charlotte Johns, Hal Vernon Lackey IV, William Raymond Lally, Helen Marietta Mengel, Jenna Noel Mulvihill, Emma Townsend Reese, Philip Fraser Reese, Thacher Hallet Smith, Ann Denk Tuttle, Thomas Elliott Worrall.

Consider how you will keep your promise. Right now we need nursery volunteers (especially the infant nursery at 11:00) and shepherds for our elementary age children's classes. Nursery volunteers work with the paid caregivers, making sure each infant or child is happy, content, and comfortable. Shepherds accompany their group to their workshop, take attendance, and help keep order. You do not have to be a parent to do either of these jobs. You just need to care about the children of this church family.



Keeping the promises...

In the Presbyterian Church when we baptize infants and children there are promises made. God names and claims the child, promising to love

and redeem that child through the work of Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit. God keeps that promise.

Parents promise to live the Christian faith and raise their children in the faith. They keep that promise by modeling faith in their daily lives. They keep that promise when they connect their children to the faith community in Sunday school, worship, service and fellowship.

The congregation promises to guide and nurture by word and deed, encouraging discipleship. We keep that promise by volunteering in the nursery, teaching Sunday School, by mentoring confirmands and leading youth fellowship, by financially supporting the ministry of the church and providing space, by including people of all ages in the mission of the church.

Saint Nicholas Festival for Children

On Sunday, November 29, during the Sunday School hour (9:50-10:40) children in grades 1-5 are invited to Fellowship Hall for the Saint Nicholas Festival. We'll watch a movie telling the story of Nicholas' life, from a boy to a bishop. Nicholas was still a young child when he discovered a very special secret that changed his life

forever. It was the gift of giving, by which he brought happiness to many people. The life and work of Nicholas embodies the spirit of loving and giving we all experience at Christmas.



Nicholas cared especially for children. And so, we ask each child to bring a small new toy to the Saint Nicholas Festival. We will bless our gifts and share them with the children at ALIVE! House.

Fight Hunger with ALIVE!

For those of us whose day to day concerns do not include how to get food on the table, it is hard to imagine that 1 in 6 children in northern Virginia are at risk of going hungry this year. For many of our neighbors in Alexandria, avoiding hunger is a major concern. Compared to last year, families in Alexandria are turning more and more to local food pantries to supply basic needs. At ALIVE!'s food bank, demand began to creep up to 35% or more over the same month the year before, with an all-time high in March 2008 of 2,770 people needing food help.

ALIVE! has two food distribution programs. The most well-known is the Last Saturday Food distribution (LSFD), which takes place from three locations in Alexandria on the last Saturday of each month. In addition, every weekday ALIVE! delivers food to members of the community who cannot feasibly come to the Saturday distribution, namely those who are elderly, have disabilities, or have young children. Linda Coleman, director of ALIVE!'s Family Emergency Program, shared that both of these programs are in high demand and serve a critical need in the community.

Food collection boxes will become a more visible part of our Sunday worship experience this year. Please remember to bring items regularly. Items on ALIVE!'s wish-list this fall are: canned meat and tuna fish, fruit flavored gelatin, spaghetti noodles, peanut butter and jelly, powdered milk, complete pancake mix (needs only water), and syrup.

-Lindsey Merchant

Help the Homeless Help ALIVE! House Mini Walkathon!

Join with the Old Presbyterian Meeting House family for a mini walkathon on Sunday, November 15. Walkers (and strollers) will gather outside Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship service and walk to the Lee Street Park. Light refreshment will be available at the park.

Registration will begin on Sunday, November 8—follow the feet to sign up. Registration will be \$20.00 per family. All proceeds will go to support the ALIVE! House and its programs.

“What is ALIVE! House?” you ask. ALIVE! House is a small shelter for women and families in Alexandria. Established in 1972, it is the oldest continuously-operated women's shelter in Virginia. ALIVE! House provides a comfortable, home-like atmosphere in which women and families can address goals in several areas. Residents use their time at ALIVE! House to work on job skills, reduce debt and create savings, and develop effective living skills in the areas of homemaking, time management, and self-discipline. ALIVE! House is a home, not an institution. ALIVE! House director Dimitri Warren provides one-on-one management and support, assuring that residents achieve their goals and become productive members of the community.

The mini walkathon is sponsored in conjunction with the Fannie Mae Help the Homeless Walkathon on the National Mall on Saturday, November 21st. For more information and/or to register for that event visit their website at www.helpthehomelessdc.org.

Sponsor a Family Holiday Sharing

Sponsor A Family is here! Would you like to participate in a Meeting House Christmas tradition? For many years, our congregation has reached out to our less fortunate neighbors through the City of Alexandria's Department of Human Services "Gift of Sharing" program. You'll be matched with a needy Alexandria family, and given their Christmas wish lists. Families of all sizes, senior citizens, and foster children are on the city's list; you can let our coordinator know approximately which size family you prefer (or team with someone else to sponsor a larger family.) To sign up, contact Kerri Stevens (703-966-3895 or kerri_stevens@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, November 4.



Congregational Life & Community Events

Alexandria Tutoring Consortium: Fall Literacy Forum

All tutors, those interested in being tutors, or those interested in helping young children learn to read are invited to this special event. The event will include remarks by Superintendent Morton Sherman, and a special presentation "Student Success: Overcoming Barriers" by Burnette Scarboro, Cluster Representative and African Heritage Outreach for the Family and School Partnerships, Fairfax County Public Schools. Wed, Nov. 4, at Fairlington Presbyterian (3846 King St.). Reception at 7pm; Program 7:30 – 9pm. RSVP atc@opmh.org

We Need Tutors

The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (of which the Meeting House is a founding member) is looking for caring adults who would be willing to devote just 30 minutes once or twice a week to reading with an Alexandria 1st or 2nd grader who needs a little help. Developing strong reading skills early is critically important for later success. Tutoring generally runs from October through May, and is at the school during the school day. (Consider going on your way to work.)

Most schools provide lesson plans. For more information, contact Claire Wiles at 703-683-5353, or go to www.alexandriatutors.org.

The Reformed Institute

In Celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of John Calvin, the Reformed Institute welcomes you to an "occasional event" with Dr. Sujin Pak:

Calvin and the Jews

In John Calvin's lifetime he was often accused of being a "Judaizer." What exactly did that claim mean? Was it justified? What was its significance then? And what significance might it have today? These are the issues Dr. Pak can be expected to take up in her presentation. She is the author of a new book called *The Judaizing Calvin*

Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009, 10:00 a.m. to Noon, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Rd.

To register: There is no cost for this event. To assist us in our planning, please register online at our web site, www.reformedinstitute.org

Moms' Group Gathering

Candy canes? Advent wreaths? Santa Claus or Saint Nicholas? Christmas trees? Stockings? The crèche? There's great variety in Christmas traditions. How does a family choose which traditions it carries on? Something from mom's family, something from dad's, something new to add are all up for grabs for newly-forming families. At the next Moms' gathering we will share traditions, learn about some new ones and talk about how to establish family traditions.

The next gathering of the Moms' Group is Saturday, November 21, 10:00 am in Heritage Hall. Sitters will be available if requested. If you need the sitters, please let Priscilla know as soon as possible. Newcomers and friends are always welcome.

From SPIRIT



Attention Meeting House

Art Lovers:

Alexandria artist, Patricia Palermino, will be at coffee hour on November 1 selling and autographing her prints. Note cards and prints of her recently completed Meeting House will be available. 1/3 of the proceeds will be donated to the Alexandria ALIVE! Program. The Meeting House painting is sponsored by the SPIRIT board.

VETERANS' DAY RECEPTION

SPIRIT invites you to attend a Veterans' Day reception to honor our church members who have served our country and those who are currently serving in our Armed Forces.

11 Nov • Heritage Hall • 1:00-3:00 PM

Reservations: Call church office
703 549-6670.

NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 AM Worship/Communion 9:30 AM Children's Music/Heaven 9:40 AM Education 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Coffee Hour/FH 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Youth Choir/Band/S 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM High School/Middle School Youth Halloween Party/FH 7:00 PM AA Mtg/WH 8:00 PM Youth Advisor's Meeting/FH 8:30 PM AA Mtg/WH	2 7:00 PM Leadership Council	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 7:00 PM 20s30s/Offsite 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting/HH	4 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM SPIRIT meeting/L 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM Wednesday Night Bible study/FL 1b 8:30 PM AA Mtg/WH	5 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM US Census Bureau Testing/FL 1b 7:00 PM AA Mtg/WH 7:30 PM Adult Choir 8:30 PM AA Mtg/WH	6 3:30 PM - 6:30 PM US Census Bureau Testing/FL 1b 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal/S 7:30 PM AA Mtg/WH	7 12:00 PM AA Mtg/WH 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Time and Talent Set Up/FH 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Wedding/S 8:30 PM AA Mtg/WH
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Courtyard: CY Fellowship Hall: FH Flounder: FL 1a, FL 2b Heritage Hall: HH
 Westminster Hall: WH Sanctuary: S Conference Room: CR Library: L Parlor: P

Concerts with a Cause

Our musical concert series, *Concerts with a Cause*, presents a varied array of vocal and instrumental artists. No admission is charged and receipts from a free-will offering are donated to a designated charitable organization. *Concerts with a Cause* seeks to advance evangelism, heighten awareness of our congregation and its outreach programs within our neighborhood, and contribute to the musical fabric of our community at large.

Recent *Concerts with a Cause* beneficiaries include The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium, Friends of Guest House, Katrina Recovery, support programs in Kenya, Pakistan, and Haiti, and the Old Presbyterian Meeting House's own Family to Family.

Our next concert will feature OPMH's own Janet Yieh, organist on **November 15 at 4:00 p.m.** The beneficiary for this concert will be Faith Ministry (Ministerio de Fe).

Janet Yieh, a junior at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes High School, began studying piano at age 4 and organ in sixth grade. She currently studies organ with Dr. John Walker, professor at Peabody Conservatory and organist at Brown Memorial Church in Baltimore, and piano with Dr. Carol Prochazka, Co-chairman of the Peabody Preparatory Piano Department. Past teachers are Mrs. Ruei-Hwa Shyu, Dr. Corey McVicar, Mrs. Victoria Harding, and Dr. Wayne Earnest. She has often played piano and organ for the worship services at her school, at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, and at the Virginia Theological Seminary. She has performed several piano and organ recitals at the Virginia Theological Seminary and in 2008, Janet played three organ recitals in Taipei, Taiwan, and also in the Organ Spectacular Concert at Brown Memorial Church in Baltimore. Janet is delighted to play her first solo recital in the *Concert with a Cause* series.

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