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Pulpitshenanigans

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
—1 Corinthians 12:7

February is African American History Month. Should Presbyterians spend time reading and learning about the roles that African Americans have played in the foundation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? In other words, Does African American Presbyterian history matter? The African American Congregational Support office in Racial Ethnic & Women's Ministries offers a resounding yes—of course African American Presbyterian history matters!

Like the ministry of John Gloucester, for example. In 1807, Gloucester arrived in Philadelphia and began preaching. Rising from slavery and oppression, he formed the first African American Presbyterian congregation in 1811 and led African American Presbyterians to see the light of Christ within each of them. He was the first ordained African American minister in the Presbyterian Church.

African American women have played a major role in shaping education throughout the years. Lucy Craft Laney, who organized a school in the basement of Christ Presbyterian Church in Augusta, Ga., was a recipient of the General Assembly Women of Faith Award. Mary McLeod Bethune received her early training at a Presbyterian mission school and went on to establish what became Bethune-Cookman College, a private, historically black college in Daytona Beach, Fla. In 1923, McLeod became one of only a few women in the world to serve as a college president.

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Pulpitshenanigans (continued)

At the end of the Civil War, education was one of the primary needs of the emerging people, and African American women and men assisted in laying a firm foundation for knowledge. For the first time, many attended institutions and received degrees before going on to work in schools that were established by the Board of Freedmen, and later the Board of National Missions, of the Presbyterian Church.

African Americans have served as pastors, Christian educators, musicians, mid council executives and moderators of the General Assembly and in various leadership roles with Presbyterian Women and other ministries of the church. African American women and men continue to utilize their gifts and talents to serve God and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Our faith as Presbyterians calls us to walk alongside those who are oppressed and to create opportunities and change environments so that all who have gifts for ministry can fully live out their call.

This month is a time that the church and the nation have set aside to honor African Americans, who have contributed so much to society and the church. We celebrate the history and contributions of African Americans in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) this African American History Month and throughout the year. And we continue to be inspired by those who have ensured that equal opportunities were offered to all people, regardless of the color of their skin.

Reprinted from Presbyterian News Service, written by Lonnie Oliver, Associate for African American Congregational Support

- Submitted by Pastor Shannon



On February 12th, **Second Sunday Special Music** welcomes the return of the husband and wife Guitar Duo of Kathrin Murray and Troy King during the traditional worship service at 11:00am.

A native of Hawaii, Ms. Murray received her Bachelor's Degree from Denver's Lamont School of Music, and a Master's from the Peabody Conservatory. She is an active soloist, chamber musician and teacher, currently teaching at the Baltimore School for the Arts, McDaniel College and the Bryn Mawr School. Mr. King holds

degrees from the Cleveland Institute and the University of Denver. He has performed in concerts throughout the U.S., Europe and Latin America, and has been heard on the BBC and frequently on Public Radio, both in the U.S. and Spain. Mr. King teaches classical guitar and guitar ensemble at Towson University.

Looking Ahead: March 12th; Jacqueline Pollauf, Harpist
Easter Sunday, April 16th; Greg Small, Trumpeter



Guatemala Partnership
Spring 2017 Workshop in Guatemala
Evangelism and Discipleship to Marginalized Communities

SHARE – STUDY – REFLECT- LEARN – BE INSPIRED!
NEWEST PRESBYTERY PARTNERSHIP TRIP TO CEDEPCA

MAY 1-6, 2017
THIS INTERCULTURAL ENCOUNTER FOR MEN & WOMEN
WILL FOCUS ON
EVANGELISM & DISCIPLESHIP TO MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES

CONTACT DEB MILCAREK FOR ALL DETAILS
Including Registration Form
dmilcarek@baltimorepresbytery.org & 410-433-2012

Inclusive cost = \$1,500

Feb 6th = Registration Deadline with \$500 deposit



Let 2017 be a year of healing and hope. Join other leaders in the Presbytery of Baltimore who are working to bring reconciliation to divisions of race/class within our communities. POB has a partnership with CEDPCA, a Central American ecumenical organization whose work in Biblical and Theological Education, Women's Ministries, Disaster Ministry and Intercultural Encounters has successfully forged relationships with marginalized people in Central America for 30 years. We will join with our partners at CEDEPCA to seek both inspiration and tools for reaching marginalized people in our own contexts.

We will explore:

- Overcoming fears and building trust with marginalized groups
- Gaining confidence in the power of the Gospel to transform people and communities
- Deepening bonds of friendship and mutuality among members of this group and CEDEPCA, who are coming from very different backgrounds
- And more. All discussion will be in English and Spanish.

Baltimore participants will include members of a ministry to Hispanic immigrants as well as leaders of our racial reconciliation movement from the Presbytery. If this theme speaks to you and your own calling for service, please consider participating in this workshop in Guatemala.

CEDEPCA, our mission host for the trip, began its biblical-theological education for clergy and lay persons in 1987, during Guatemala's Civil War. The war began with a political coup over land reform. It progressed to Mayan genocide, and culminated in the wholesale murder of Christian social reform activists. It was clear to CEDEPCA founders that life-denying theology needed to be confronted with Reformed ideas, made available to anyone who dared to explore a new theology that would prepare them for service in Jesus' name.

CEDEPCA has a multi-level education program geared toward transforming faith, life and understanding. Also essential to CEDEPCA's programming is its women's ministry and post-disaster spiritual and psychological care as well as pre-disaster community preparedness. We are proud to partner with CEDEPCA! To learn more about CEDEPCA's work, visit their website, www.CEDEPCA.org.



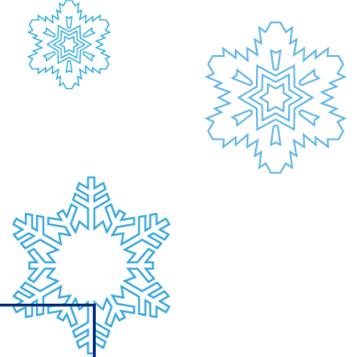
John Walter, the outgoing Mission chair, put together a detailed report on the sponsored November 2016 trip to Cuba. Copies of his report are on the table in the hallway as well as posted on the Mission bulletin board.

We also received the 2016 Annual Update from Kasupe Ministries, Inc. Copies of this report can also be found on the Mission bulletin board.

Join Kim Bednarik at the Adult Sunday Morning Gatherings, 10:00am on Sunday in the church basement office (next to the boardroom). Gatherings for February are:



**February 5 Leaning on the Lord
February 26 Getting to Know Jesus**



A Funeral Service for Joe Thompson will be held here at Ashland Presbyterian on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.



PRESBYTERIAN COMMITTEE ON THE Self-Development of People

Every year at Easter the congregations of the Presbytery of Baltimore take part in One Great Hour of Sharing, which is distributed in three very important ways - The Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. A portion of the SDOP money is returned to the Presbyteries to be used for projects in the local area. Our local SDOP committee solicits grant applications through Oct. 1 of the current year.

Self-Development of People is a very specific mission of PC(USA). Founded in 1970, SDOP reflects the Presbyterian belief in self-determination. Funded projects must be conceived of and run by the people that will benefit from them.

A \$3,000 grant has been awarded to the Youth Empowerment Summer Camp in Woodbourne-McCabe. Various congregations as well as The Center partner with this neighborhood association to provide a three week summer camp experience for their young folks. *This is another success for Ashland's Mission Project! This camp is based on the Vacation Bible School which Ashland coordinated and ran with Woodbourne-McCabe last summer!*





We had terrific holiday parties here at Ashland. They were all so successful. We especially thank the room mothers who did a great job of coordinating the menus for the parties. Thanks to our Santas for a wonderful job. We hope they enjoyed visiting Ashland and meeting our children.

With the holidays behind us, we look forward to learning about winter with all of its beauty. We'll learn about snow and how snowflakes come in different shapes, conduct snow experiments and discuss all the fun activities to do in the snow. We'll also learn about winter animals and how they live in the cold weather.

In January, Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday was celebrated. We talked about how we must look after and care for one another and learn to appreciate our uniqueness.



During the month of February, the children will learn about Groundhog Day and will predict if Pauxatawney Phil will see his shadow. I'm guessing that we will have an early Spring since the weather has been so warm but we will see.

All the classes will have fun celebrating Valentine's Day with parties, cards and special treats. The children always enjoy this holiday. President's Day is another important holiday to learn about in the classroom. They will make Lincoln and Washington hats as well as learn about the different presidents on the money we use everyday. Don't forget about Pajama Day! Everyone loves to come to school in their snuggly PJ's.

There will be visitors in the hallways as we give tours to prospective enrollees for the two's and three's programs in the fall. All other registrations are now underway.

-Anne Anvil



BEST BOOK CLUB EVER!

If you are an Ashland Presbyterian Woman you are invited to enjoy the fun and fellowship of our women's Bible Study. We meet on the 2nd Monday September through May at the home of Susan Williams at 12:30p.m. APC women who cannot fit the Bible Study into their schedules at 12:30 p.m., can join us for "Tea at Two." This fellowship encourages our participation in the mission work of Ashland Presbyterian Church in Cabaiguan, Cuba: Sarah's Hope; and the Presbyterian Church World Wide through the Baltimore Presbytery and Presbyterian Women. The Bible Study *Who is Jesus?* by Judy Yates Siker can be secured by contacting Susan Williams at 410-785-6955.

On the Calendar:

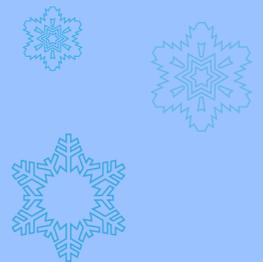
Monday, February 13, 2017, 12:30 p.m., Lesson 6 of *Who is Jesus?*, at the home of Susan Williams

ASHLAND CHURCH FAMILY CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays	Anniversaries	Deacon/Elder Ordination Anniversaries
2/03 Amy Cavolo 2/08 Drew Wagner 2/15 Robbie Wheeler 2/16 Karen Hensley 2/24 Mike Benzak Emily Wheeler 2/26 Mary Jo Kern 2/28 Sandy St. Germain	2/20 Jerry and Penny DeBoer	2/2 Jim St. Germain (2003) 2/15 Cathy Griffiths (2015) Gene Ruhl (2015) Rene Florendo (2015) 2/25 Vince Mendel (2007)

ASSIGNMENTS

2017	February
USHERS/ GREETERS	2/5 Priscilla Barrett/ Sandy St. Germain 2/12 Will & Deb Nassau 2/19 Deb Miller 2/26
SERVERS	2/5
LITURGIST	2/5 JoAnn Ruther 2/12 Sue Ruhl 2/19 Deb Miller 2/26
VAN DRIVERS	2/5 Bob Hensley 2/12 Mike Benzak 2/19 Jerry DeBoer 2/26 Butch Zink



As we look ahead to the season of Lent, why not become more involved in Worship as part of your Lenten Spiritual practices? Sign up to be an usher/greeter, liturgist or server. Sign up sheets are on the table in the hallway.





Early Worship 9:00 am
Christian Education Classes 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

WEEKLY EVENTS ...

Sundays Special Needs Troop #927 2:00 p.m.; Church of the Nazarene 5:00—7:00 p.m.
Tuesdays Daisy Troop #625 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings 8:30 p.m.
Thursdays Contemporary Worship Practice 6:30 p.m.—Chancel Choir: 8:00 p.m.
Fridays Church of the Nazarene (3rd Friday) 9:30 p.m.—Midnight
Saturday Church of the Nazarene 7:30-9:30 p.m.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5 Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Adult Gathering 10:00 am	6 Project Linus 9:30 am Girls Scouts 6-7 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship Services 9:00 & 11:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Special Music	13 Women's Group 12:30 pm	14 Session 6:30 pm 	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17	18
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SENIOR MOMENTS OF INSPIRATION

My goal for 2017 was to lose just 10 pounds...only 15 more to go!

Ate salad for dinner...mostly croutons and tomatoes..really just one big, round crouton, covered with tomato sauce...and cheese...Okay, FINE, it was a pizza...I ate a pizza!

How to prepare Tofu in two easy steps:
Throw it in the trash.
Grill some meat.

I don't mean to brag but...I finished my 14 days of diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.

A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Kids today don't know how easy they have it...when I was young, I had to walk through 9 feet of shag carpet to change the TV channel.

I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented...I forgot where I was going with this.

Just remember, once you're over the hill, you begin to pick up speed!!!

- Submitted by Marlene Uhler

