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CUBA MISSION TRIP INTEREST MEETING

APRIL 1, 2019

FPC is now party to a Covenant of Christian Solidarity with the Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in San Nicolás, Cuba. In support of that Covenant, a return mission trip to Cuba is planned for mid-September dependent on interest. If you have an interest in participating in that trip, or even if you are just interested in what the Covenant is all about, please join Randy DuVall on April 1 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 212 for an informational meeting. Assuming that the return trip goes forward, those who attend the meeting will receive preferred consideration for inclusion on the mission team. Advise of your attendance at missions@firstpresvb.org or call 757-672-1797.



Show and Dinner

This Sunday, March 17, 5:00 p.m., Stanton Hall

Your Route to Church This Sunday

As most of you know, the road closings for the Shamrock Marathon this Sunday will make your trip to FPC a bit more difficult! If you can get to the round-about and/or Holly Road, you can come in on the west side of the church and avoid the closings on Atlantic and Pacific Avenues and General Booth Boulevard. Please plan your route and allow extra time for the trip.

Closures: Both lanes of Atlantic Avenue between Shore Drive and the Cavalier Hotel and Pacific Avenue between the Cavalier and 35th Street will be closed about 5:30 a.m. Feeder roads on Atlantic will be open to get access to Holly Road (we have been told that extra police will be in place to direct traffic this way, maybe even on the bike path). Pacific Avenue between the Cavalier and 35th Street will re-open at 8:45 a.m. and one southbound lane from Shore Drive to the church will open by 9:15 a.m. (Shamrock officials recommend that if you live on the east side of Atlantic Ave, park your car on the feeder road before 5:30 a.m. on Sunday morning to avoid having to cross the run course.)

General Booth Boulevard northbound between Prosperity Road and Rudee Bridge is closed until 2:45 p.m. Use Oceana Boulevard.

Note: Because of the closures on Atlantic Avenue, do not use Shore Drive east. Go south on Great Neck Road and then east on Laskin Road.

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From the Interim Pastor's Desk

To everyone who participated in our congregational survey: 342 surveys were submitted, well-exceeding our goal of 300! Thanks for your commitment and dedication! The plan is to give you feedback on the survey at our congregational luncheon scheduled for Sunday, March 31, following 11:00 a.m. worship. Put the date on your calendar!

The Mission Study Team has shifted its work to meeting with small groups and asking four focus questions. So far, we have met with 13 small groups, received over 125 answer sheets and around 900 recorded responses. Together with the congregational survey, the information gathered from the four focus questions will guide the Mission Study Team in discerning the congregation's vision for our church's future.

If you have yet to participate in a Four Focus Question Small Group Meeting, here are three opportunities:

College Students' Gathering: Friday, March 15, at 12:00 noon for lunch, location to be decided. See Lyndsey McCall for more details.

Members 50ish and Younger: Friday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. at Smartmouth Brewery, 313 32nd Street. See Krysta Bickel or Jennie Ware for more details.

Home "Cottage" Meeting for All Ages: Saturday, March 23, at 4:00 p.m. at Pam Pyle's home, 1304 Kingfisher Ct. Open to the first 20 who contact the church office to sign up. (428-6332 or office@firstpresvb.org)

Possible Future Meeting?: If you are unable to meet on any of the dates listed above, please call the church office and your name will be placed on a waiting list for a future meeting to accommodate all who would like to participate.

Thanks again for your dedication and support. There seems to be lots of excitement growing in our Mission Study work, and I trust that God will bless us with a fruitful result.

In Christ's Service,
David Cagle
Interim Pastor

Congratulations to Lyndsey

Our Youth Director, Lyndsey McCall, has recently been accepted into Pittsburgh Theological Seminary's Doctorate of Ministry Degree program in the area of "Parish Focus." Lyndsey will take classes in the areas of Theology of Church and Ministry, Pastoral Care, Homiletics (preaching), Education, and Congregational and Community Issues. Last fall, the Session approved Lyndsey to take these next steps to further her education. Lyndsey says, "Don't worry, I'm not going anywhere anytime soon!" Her doctoral program requires her to participate in a 2-week intensive program in Pittsburgh during the months of June and January for the next 3-4 years. The rest of her study and writing will be accomplished while at home in Virginia Beach. Lyndsey asks for your prayers as she starts this new and exciting journey.

Special Music Worship Scheduled

On Sunday, April 7, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary the Chancel Choir, accompanied by orchestra and organ, will offer John Rutter's "Requiem," which is Rutter's signature work and is considered by many to be the most beautiful and emotional

Christian composition of the last half of the 20th century. This is a good opportunity to bring friends to join our worship and hear our choir.

Christian Sympathy

The love and sympathy of the First Church family are extended to Regina Rossi and her family on the death of her father-in-law, Robert Valentine, on March 8; to the family and friends of Judy Hitchcock, who died on February 24, and to the family and friends of Alice Layne, who died on February 27. Our love and sympathy are also extended to the family and friends of Les Wasserman, who died on January 24. A memorial service for Les will be held in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday, March 16.

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Regina Rossi SOPRANO
Suzanne Oberdorfer ALTO
Andri Gowens TENOR
Larry Giddens BASS

Christian Education

The Story Update

Jesus is coming on Thursday, March 14, and Sunday, March 17. Got your attention?! Finally, we've made it to New Testament times in our ongoing study of The Story. Join us for Chapter 23 - Jesus' Ministry Begins.

Lenten Publications Available in Atrium

Please stop by the table in the atrium and choose a devotional booklet (adults) and/or activity books (children) to be used during this season of Lent.

Enter Your Story Passport to Win

Everyone whose "Story" Sunday School passport has been stamped 7 or more times between January 6 and March 10 is eligible to win a gift certificate. Check with your teachers for your attendance status, fill out your passport, and give it to Jacqui or Lyndsey to enter into the drawing. The winner will be announced at the Talent Show next Sunday. New passports begin next week as we begin session #23 in the New Testament study of "The Story!"

Spring Kirk Nights

Wednesdays, March 13, 20, and 27 - Jesus in Film

Dinner 5:45 p.m.	March 20	taco bar (beef, chicken), fixings, dessert
	March 27	baked rotini, salad, bread, dessert

Discussion 6:30 p.m. - selected scenes from the following films

March 20	Son of Man (R)
March 27	Jesus of Montreal (R)

Though viewing the films in their entirety is not required, you may buy or rent Jesus Christ Superstar (1973) and Son of Man on AmazonPrime. (The links to buy or rent these movies will also be on the FPC Facebook page.)

To reserve your place for dinner, place the tear-off in Sunday's bulletin in the offering plate, contact the church office, or sign up on the clipboard.

Opportunities to Serve

Travel Size Toiletries Needed for Samaritan House

During the month of March Presbyterian Women will be collecting travel-sized hygiene items, such as hand lotion, toothbrush/paste, small packs of tissues, deodorant, etc. (the ones from vacation/business stays at hotels will work) to fill purses which will be donated to residents of Samaritan House, an organization which provides emergency and permanent housing and supportive services to victims of domestic violence and homeless families. PW members will provide the purses. Leave your donations in the narthex or

church office reception area. As always, thanks for your support of the Presbyterian Women's missions!

Volunteer at the First Church Food Pantry

FPC's Food Pantry helps feed the homeless and hungry. The hours are Tuesday/ Wednesday/Thursday from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. with a 2-person crew each shift. If you would like to volunteer or be a substitute for a 2-hour slot once a month, contact Robin Branch (544-8809).

Save Items for Youth Ministries Rummage Sale

A Rummage Sale Fundraiser to help fund our Youth Ministry summer trips will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. If you have items to donate to the sale, please pick up price tag stickers from the church office, price your items, and bring them to the 303 Youth Center on Thursday, April 11, from 2 - 5 p.m. All leftover items will be donated unless claimed. Thanks are extended in advance for your support.

Blue Bags Available to Give Out to Our Hungry Neighbors

Ever wished you had food with you to give to people you see on the street corners with signs asking for food? Volunteers at our Food Pantry have prepared individual "Blue Bags" for sharing with them. Feel free to take one with you today (they're in a basket in the chapel narthex) to give to someone who needs it this week!

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Blood Drive on Thursday, April 4

Come to Stanton Hall between noon and 5 p.m. and donate some of your life-saving blood. It cannot be manufactured; it can only come from volunteer donors; and one donation can potentially save up to three lives. Go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code FPVB to schedule your appointment or contact Count Kitty Boshier and she'll help you out.

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In Our Prayers (Please keep Prayer Team members informed of the progress of your friends or relatives.)

IN KEMPSVILLE HEALTH & REHAB: Paul Brennan.

RECUPERATING FROM SURGERY: Sallie Bryant.

IN CHESAPEAKE HEALTH AND REHAB: Larry Johnson.

IMMEDIATE CONCERNS: Terri Bauman (Reading), Dick Carlson, Diane Dennis (Miskimmin), Jean Drewry (Cheatham), Bill Dullaghan (Morgan), Julie Duncan (Nelson), Belinda Ellis, Rick Evans (Miskimmin), Members of the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Federal Government, Alex Ford, Tristan Goering (Bragg), Tess Griffith (Feineis), Dennis Howard, John Holt (Marson), Carolyn Huzzard (Cherry), Melissa Johnson (Pyle), Barbara Keefer (Harris), Helen Lukhard (Dawson), Aaron May (Engel), Clyde McComb (Stoughton), Jim McGuire (Oberdorfer), Bob McVey (Scott), Rob Mumm (Bragg), Geneva Roush (Davison), Lynda Salmon (Marson), Fred Sieg (Beall), Carol Ann Smallwood (Harrison), Scott Stroh, The Rev. William Summers, Bob Tyrrell (Whitaker), Tony Underdown (Gentry), Raine Williams (Walsh), Stacy Wood (Bragg), Jennifer Zito.

ONGOING CONCERNS: Diana Adele (Stoughton), Elizabeth Bimson, Jake Burks (Harris), Sam Drewry (Cheatham), Chandler Luke Fulton, Hugh Gilliam (Carden), Scott Hand (Maragon), Courtney Hoopes (Ellis), Tom Keefer (Harris), Nicole Perkins (Ellis), Dick Whalen.

IN ASSISTED LIVING AT FIRST COLONIAL INN: Mary Hood.

IN THE MEMORY CENTER: Dale Bimson.

IN SENTARA VILLAGE (Virginia Beach): Gail Darden.

IN WINDERMERE: Stanley Kreider.

IN THE WATERFORD ASSISTED LIVING: Ginny Koun, Bonnie Nelson.

IN BETH SHALOM VILLAGE: Roberta Wilsey.

IN THE HOY CENTER AT

WESTMINSTER-CANTERBURY: Gloria Malbon, Jean Russell.

AT HOME: Ann Andersen, Butch Everett, Eileen Harrell, Judy Hitchcock, John Huzzard (Cherry), Sonia Kullick, Joan Pickett, Shirley Roberts (Dodge), David Roland, Cloyce and Bill Stanley, Betty Thompson, Dorothy Whitehurst, William Wilson (Fiveash).

Sunday's Volunteers

USHERS: Rich Engel, Rick Beale; Robert Blanchard, Rick Burnell, Bart Dexter, Neale Ford, Mac McClure, Blake Norris, Chip Simkins, Keith Wright. Please thank these volunteers for their willingness to serve on Sunday mornings.

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ELECTRONIC SERVICE REQUESTED

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, March 24, immediately after 11 o'clock worship. The purposes of the meeting are

1. To present the 2018 Annual Report, which will include a summary of our 2018 statistical report, reports from staff members and committees, a year-end 2018 financial report, and a basic report of the 2019 budget;
2. To elect the 2019 Nominating Committee. The Session has appointed elders Mickey Kosloski (Chair) and Jennie Ware (Vice Chair) to serve on the committee. The congregation will vote to elect four members of the Nominating Committee: Gael Daugherty and Diane Feineis, both of whom have been recommended by Presbyterian Women, as well two at-large members who will be presented by the Planning Committee. As always, nominations from the floor of the meeting are in order with prior permission of the nominee. This Nominating Committee will be charged with presenting for election a slate of elders and trustees who will begin serving in 2020, as well as, when the time comes, presenting for election a Pastor Nominating Committee.

PW Gathering

Join us on Monday, March 18, to hear the fascinating story of the once-secret society P.E.O. and the amazing educational opportunities it offers to women. We gather at 9:45 a.m. for light refreshments before our 10 a.m. meeting in Stanton Hall.