

**New York Metropolitan Opera's
ROSS CROLIUS, Bass**
with Diane Guernsey, piano
In Concert Sunday • April 13 • 4:00 p.m.
SPC Sanctuary

Program includes
"Arise, Ye Subterranean Winds" by Henry Purcell
The Bacchanalian's Wish by John Popely
Vulcan's Song from Philemon et Baucis by Charles Gounod
"In diesen heiligen Hallen" from Die Zauberfloete by Mozart
"The Umpire's Song" from Casey at the Bat by William Schuman
"Sixteen Tons" by Gamse/ Sechak, arr.

Suggested donation: \$10 to aid Church youth mission trip to
White Mountain Apache reservation

(Note: Ross is the son of SPC member Jean Ehman and the late Newell Crolius)

EARTHFEST

a community gathering • prayers for the earth • in song & eucharist

Sunday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

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DAVID LAMOTTE CONCERT

Singer • Songwriter • Acoustic guitarist

Sunday, May 4, 7 p.m.

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Suggested donation \$10

It's been seventeen years since David LaMotte has had a real job or a real haircut. No one could accuse him of being a slacker, though. In that same time he has released 10 CDs and performed 2000 shows in 45 states and on four continents. The Boston Globe says he "pushes the envelope with challenging lyrics and unusual tunings, but he also pays homage to folk tradition."

David has a strong commitment to humanitarian work as well as peacemaking. He is the co-founder and volunteer director of a non-profit organization which funds projects at schools in Guatemala. He works with at-risk high school students and has traveled from Bosnia to Belfast promoting intercultural understanding through music.

Check him out at www.davidlamotte.com.

DEACON SHEPHERDS TO CALL YOU Sixteen deacons are assisting me with pastoral care of our 220 some households in the parish. Each deacon has been assigned about 12 households. As necessary and when appropriate, I will ask them to contact a particular household or their respective group of households. They may contact you just to introduce themselves and occasionally thereafter to share concerns of the church or hear your concerns. Since all our deacons are not available to serve in this way every year, your “deacon shepherd” could change from year to year. This “shepherding” program is part of the Congregational Care and Hospitality Committee which is chaired by Elder Mary Ellen Lloyd.

—*Pastor Tremba*

BREAKING THE SILENCE

This year’s Lenten program dealt with issues many of us would rather not discuss: dying, the death of a loved one, and our own final journey. Bill Howard and Yvonne Fisher (who also read an article written by Debbie Hammond) spoke eloquently about their relationships with dying family members. I was deeply moved by their courage and honesty as they shared the wisdom they gained through their experiences, and reflected on what they might have done differently. I was especially touched by the spiritual aspects, recalling the great honor of being with my father in his last hours. Listening to their stories of love and loss, I thought about how I would handle death when it comes for another person I love—and when it comes to me.

The second part of the series focused on preparation. Jack Young suggested collecting all your essential papers—wills, advanced directives, insurance policies, etc.—into one readily available package. Phil Baker-Shenk spoke about estate planning. Carmen Munion talked about hospice care. Did you know hospice is for anyone with a life-limiting illness, not just for the terminally ill? Bob Spencer suggested pre-arranging funerals. Finally, Randy addressed the planning of memorial services.

Bottom line? Break the silence. Talk to your family, let your wishes be known. It will give you peace of mind, and help your loved ones during a difficult time.

—*Christine Kaye*

Yootz Corner...

ALL YOOTZ HIKING Saturday, April 5, 12 noon.

Mark Your Calendars...

MEDITATIVE ARTS RETREAT at Rolling Ridge. *The Art of Gratefulness*, Friday, April 11–Sunday April 13. In the delicate beauty of the awakening

springtime forest and the sacred embrace of encircling hills and streams we will ponder how gratefulness applies to our losses, to our everyday lives, and to our relationships. Cost for the weekend is \$100. For more information, call or email Lindsay McLaughlin at 304-724-1069, lmclaughlin@rollingridge.net.

EASTERN PANHANDLE MISSION COMMUNITY (EPMC) TRIP to Union Theological Seminary/Presbyterian School of Christian Education on **Wednesday, April 16**. To make reservations, call Ramona Smith 304-267-2587 by April 10.

WRITERS’ DAY April 19, 10 a.m.–4:40 p.m. Martinsburg Public Library. Local authors, including several SPC folks, present their works. For more information, call Christine Kaye 304-876-1497.

ROCK (Ride On For CASA Kids) Fourth annual tri-county bike ride is **Saturday, May 31**, starting and ending on West King Street in Shepherdstown. Rides are 10, 25, 50 and 100 miles plus *Tykes on Trikes* for kids ages 2–7. Can’t ride? Can you pay a \$25 registration fee so someone else can? Make check to SPC; Memo: CASA. To register for the ride or find out more about CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), call 304-263-5100 or go to www.casa-ride.com. If you can help the day of event (registration table, rest stop support, etc.) please contact Kathy Reid in the SPC office, 304-876-6466 or email her at kathy@spcworks.org.

CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, June 22.

COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL July 14–18, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Classes for ages 3 through grade 8. All children from Jefferson County and their friends are welcome to attend. Children will learn Bible stories, enjoy a daily snack, sing great songs and make a Bible related craft. (Note earlier week this year.)

CHURCH BANQUET Sunday, September 21.

SPC Monthly Activities...

TAIZE SERVICE First Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Service of Prayer in song, silence and candlelight. **Next: April 2.**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN’S CIRCLE First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited for Bible study and refreshments. **Next: April 3.**

ROUNDTABLE WITH PASTOR TREMBA Any and all questions discussed. **Saturday, April 5, 9:30–10:45 a.m.**

SUPPER GROUPS Moveable Feast, **Saturday, April**

5, 6:30 p.m. at Karen Davison's, 304-876-9191; TGIF, **Friday, April 18**, 6:30 p.m. at Tim & Moria Artlip's, 304-728-9915.

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under **Notices: JCCM**). **Next: April 6.**

ROUNDTABLE WITH ETHEL HORNBECK Conversation and reflection with and around scripture, poetry and other selected texts. Third Thursdays, 10:00–11:00 a.m. in the balcony. **Next: April 17.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; discussion from 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Next: April 19.**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Third Sundays, balcony, 7:00–7:30 p.m. (No Contemplative Prayer in April) **Next: May 18.**

Notices...

NEW CUSTODIAN Ronda Penwell has accepted the position of SPC custodian. Please welcome her when you see her around.

JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries) is celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year! Their website is www.jccm.us. Current pantry needs: canned meat (Spam, beef stew, chicken, etc.), canned tuna and salmon, cereal (dry and cooked), grape jelly, peanut butter, pancake mix, pancake syrup, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti noodles, regular coffee, instant coffee, tea bags (regular not spiced), saltine crackers, dish detergent, laundry detergent, shampoo, baby food jars w/lids, mid sized jars w/lids. Thanks for your generous support!

A MEMORIAL GROVE of American Chestnuts will be planted at the National Conservation Training Center to honor **Mark A. Benedict** for his contributions to the National Park Service.

There is also a "Race is for the Birds" on **April 26**, a 5k road race sponsored by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society. The race supports outdoor and environmental education at the Yankaeur Nature Preserve in Berkeley County, a place close to Mark's heart and home. Send donations to: Carolyn Thomas, 4894 Scrabble Road, Shepherdstown, WV 25443 by **April 10**; make check to Potomac Valley Audubon Society. To register for the race, go to www.active.com and select "This Race is for the Birds." Questions? Contact Carolyn Thomas 304-267-3115.

SHENANDOAH WOMEN'S CENTER Items needed: baby food, spill proof cups, baby bibs, bottles and spoons, videos (for children or family), arts & crafts supplies (coloring books, crayons and activity books, etc.), Barbie dolls and clothes, toy cars and

machinery, and board games. *Items always needed:* pre-paid long distance cards, laundry detergent (powder), shower gel, ACT fluoride rinse, waxed dental floss, diapers & baby wipes. Place items in the red basket next to JCCM items. *Please do NOT donate clothing!*

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA) In response to tornadoes in Georgia and South Carolina, PDA has sent members of the National Response Team and stands ready to assist with One Great Hour of Sharing and designated funds. At least 17 tornadoes in South Carolina damaged more than 300 houses and at least three presbyteries have been affected by these storms. To respond financially by credit card, call PresbyTel at (800) 872-3283 or online at www.pcusa.org/pda/donate/accounts.htm. Make checks to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and mail to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Central Receiving Services, 100 Witherspoon Street, Louisville, KY 40202-1396.

Please keep the affected presbyteries, storm survivors and all who are responding to this crisis in your thoughts and prayers.

SHEPHERDSTOWN VISITORS CENTER needs volunteers to help at the center. The amount of time you volunteer is optional. The center has moved to 102 E. German Street (former location of the 123 Kangaroo Toy Store). Any questions, call Mary Sue Eldridge at 304-876-2337.

CHURCH PICTURE DIRECTORY It's here! One copy per church household.

Financial Corner...

General Fund through March 30. Expected: \$68,750. Actual giving: \$62,607. Building Fund pledged for 2008: \$27,000. Submitted to date: \$5,361.

One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering Total to date: \$3,316.90. Thanks to one and all very much for your care and generosity.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: MAY 2008. Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or office@spcworks.org. Copy deadline APRIL 23. Let us know if you would like to get the newsletter on line. It will save us paper and postage.

Visit www.spcworks.org on a regular basis for all the latest news, podcasts, calendar events and much more.

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PROPERTY REPORT

Shuttering at the condition of outside paint We are scraping, caulking, and painting our exterior window trim. The cost is \$3,920 for 29 windows. Some of the lower paneling on the front is badly rotted and will be replaced soon. The shutters have been taken down and were to be painted and put back, but their condition is so bad that many fell apart. Most of the others would cost more to rebuild than to replace. So we will propose to Session the following approach:

- Do not restore shutters on the west side.
- In the near term, do not restore shutters to the east side (Post Office side). In the long term, replacing these shutters would cost about \$5,000.
- Replace the shutters to the front, at a cost of about \$5,000 (including painting and mounting).

Our contractor for this work is Mike Henderson

Stepping up to repair the brickwork The front steps have been repaired with safety the primary goal, at a cost of \$900. This is a short-term fix! We are grateful to our contractor, J. R. Starliper, for doing this work on just two days notice and in time for Easter Sunday.

There is no proper foundation or drainage provided under the existing steps. This summer we will solicit bids for properly rebuilding them, plus engage our architect and solicit opinions from our members when designing the new steps. The cost for this will be major and will require significant planning and budgeting.

Classroom #1 re-furnished Using money given to the church for that purpose, the plaster walls are repaired and repainted; new tables and bookcases installed, and new chairs will be delivered April 11. Also, new A/V equipment will be ordered.

—John Burns

Keeping up with Members...

Congratulations to **Sarah Hammond** for helping to lead the Jefferson High girls basketball team to the State Championship. Her coach stated in a radio interview that Sarah was one of the team's leaders and motivators. Good work, Sarah!

State Science Fair High School Level: 1st place Microbiology: **Sara Hornbeck**; 1st place Environmental Science: **Eric Smith**. Regional Social Studies Fair, Division II. Sociology: 1st place **Nathan Howard**, 2nd place **Stella Barrat**. Congratulations!

Susan and Paul Pritchard were in the Martinsburg Journal with two recent projects in Berkeley County. The first article discussed their efforts to form the City Club, a monthly forum that brings together citizens interested in the quality of life in the historic downtown.

The second article highlighted their efforts to build an "incubator," a small business complex near I-81 known as the West End Business Center (WEB). WEB focuses on providing space for small enterprises that need expandable spaces and support to help them grow.

"We believe the best way to help people is to support their community and their dreams," said Paul.

SPC's own Bill Kaplin is being honored by the Stetson University College of Law and by its Center for Excellence in Higher Education Law and Policy. "The William Kaplin Award for Excellence in Higher Education in Law and Policy Scholarship" will be presented to one scholar each year beginning in February 2009. Academic and professional scholars from across the nation are eligible for nomination.