

**FALL BACK ONE HOUR.** Daylight savings ends **Sunday, November 4.**

**FALL FORUM**

**Creation, Christ and the Cosmos: A Franciscan Perspective**

**Saturday, November 3 • 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Dr. Iliia Delio, OSF Chair and Professor of Spirituality Studies and Director of Franciscan Studies at the Washington Theological Union will engage us in an exploration of the deep wisdom of the Franciscan tradition and its insights on living in a sacramental world of God's goodness. Dr. Delio has written extensively and lectures nationally in the area of Franciscan theology and spirituality with emphasis on integrating Franciscan traditions and contemporary issues. She has a particular interest in the dialogue between religion and science, and is a recipient of the Templeton Course Award in Science and Religion (2000). A prolific author, her most recent book is *Clare of Assisi: A Heart Full of Love*. She holds PhDs in both Historical Theology (Fordham University) and Pharmacology. *Bring a brown bag or go out for lunch.*

**PEACEFEST<sup>2</sup>**

**Sunday • December 2 • 4:00 p.m.**

Rock • Folk • Jazz • Reggae

SoundscapeMeditation

Service of prayer, song, meditation and Eucharist

**EVERY-SUNDAY COMMUNION DURING ADVENT**

The Session approved the recommendation of the Worship Committee (Elder Bob Proudman, Chair), to include communion as part of each Sunday service (8:30 and 10:45) during Advent. **December 2, 9, 16, 23.** In January communion will be part of the first Sunday services only.

Every-Sunday communion will be a new and strange experience for many of us but for others it will be a return to a former practice of our previous churches. The Session is not in a hurry to make changes, if any, in our communion practices. This is part of a discussion and discernment process for the whole congregation.

Forty years ago SPC changed its communion frequency from quarterly to monthly, from one Sunday every three months to the first Sunday of each month. That has not changed since. As you know, we are not a church or tradition that changes anything quickly! Opportunities (written and open discussions) will be provided later to share our experiences of every-Sunday communion with the Session and Worship Committee.

—Pastor Tremba

From the Directory of Worship (Book of Order, Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, USA): "Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ... Each time they gather at the Table, the believing community: a.) Are united with the church in every place, and the whole church present; b.) Join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God; c.) Renew the vows taken at Baptism; and they commit themselves afresh to love and serve God, one another, and their neighbors in the world. In this meal the church celebrates the joyful feast of the people of God... In the life of the congregation, Word and Sacrament have an integral relationship... The Lord's Supper is to be observed on the Lord's Day in the regular practice of worship... it is appropriate to celebrate the Lord's Supper as often as each Lord's Day. It is to be celebrated regularly and frequently enough to be recognized as integral to the Service for the Lord's Day." (Book of Order excerpts, W-2.4004-2.4009)

**PARENTS** If you'd like your child to receive first communion **November 4** or **December 2**, please notify me at least one day prior. Children may commune if they have been baptized and have expressed some interest in partaking of the sacramental meal. I will welcome them to the Table on their First Communion Sunday and present them a "communion cup."

—Pastor Tremba

## Spiritual Formation...

*(Excerpt from sermon, Cultivating Faith, on October 14)*

Practices of prayer, community and acts of love are central to who we are, and who we are becoming here in this “school of love.” Each week we gather on Sunday to tell stories, to pray and to experience the kingdom coming in our midst, and in ourselves, reminded of what is humanly possible. We engage regular practices of prayer, taking care to make opportunities, and to make space—for the Other, for Love; not just listing needs, but also listening for God’s prayer unfolding within. We cultivate faith through study; through acts of love and hospitality, especially joining with those at the margins (the homeless, the elderly, migrants, and all who have been rejected); and through the simple sharing with one another of all our experiences, the joys and the frustrations, of faith.

As I have learned too many times in too many ways, it is sometimes in seeing where we’ve missed the mark and broken connections that the kingdom coming is most clearly apparent. And often, the more we share, the more clearly we can see. An African proverb explains that antelopes travel the desert in pairs, just to have another there to blow the sand out of their eyes, making the journey possible.

—Ethel Hornbeck,

*Parish Assistant for Spiritual Formation*

### EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY

Leader: Ethel Hornbeck

“To read the sacred in everyday life, we have to develop new qualities of mind and heart, qualities that open us to the presence of the spiritual within all aspects of existence. No moment, no thing is to be excluded. But like any other kind of reading, reading the sacred requires an alphabet.” So begins the *Spiritual Literacy Project*, an innovative new DVD-based series that we have been exploring this fall, taking up the first four (of a total of 26) “spiritual qualities of mind and heart,” Attention, Beauty, Compassion and Devotion. Come join us for beautiful pictures, provocative words, interesting conversation, great company, and new possibilities. **Wednesdays, October 31 and November 14, 7:30 p.m.**

## Yootz Corner...

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

- Nov. 2-3: Senior Yootz Overnight retreat. (*Site to be determined*).
- Nov. 4: Junior Yootz hangout. After church.
- Nov. 11: Senior Yootz Christmas Family Shopping Day.

**MIGRANT WORKER SERVICE DAY** Sunday, Sep-

tember 30, about 15 Yootz set off for the Jefferson Orchards to visit the migrant workers. We went to reach out to them and extend our hospitality, and also to get a better understanding of their lives. We provided lunch and ate with them. None of the workers spoke much English, so we had to ask the Spanish-speaking adults in our group to help us.

We found out they work 11 hours a day, six days a week. They don’t return home to Mexico to be with their families until they have earned a certain amount of money. We wanted them to understand that we were interested in them and appreciated the work they do. I don’t think that I, or my peers, would be able to do that kind of work. We have more opportunities for education than these fellows do, so we don’t have to take on these tough jobs.

The meal was great and we all had fun during our conversations. After lunch everyone was divided into teams of two kids and two workers and we played small games of soccer. Once the games ended we packed up and went home. We had fun at the orchard and I think everyone learned something about the life these workers lead. —Jay Holliman

### MIDDLER’S WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAM

6th-9th Graders, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Supper, movement, Bible study (bring your Good News Bible).

## Mark Your Calendars...

**LIVING THE QUESTIONS** Sundays, **October 28, November 4 & 11** at 9:35 a.m. in Classroom 1. We’ll explore selected portions of the DVD *Living the Questions*, conveying a series of statements and questions posed by a number of individuals such as Marcus Borg and Bishop Spong. The intent is to listen to what they have to say and then have an open discussion. The beauty of this class is that it requires no preparation on the attendees part. —David Scott

### ANNUAL ETHIOPIA PARTNERSHIP BANQUET

**Friday, November 2**, First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, VA to celebrate the partnership of Shenandoah Presbytery with the Illubabor Bethel Synod (IBS) in Ethiopia. Learn the exciting ways Shenandoah and IBS are working together in God’s Mission in Ethiopia. For registration information and a flyer, go to [www.shenpres.org/PartnershipBanquet.html](http://www.shenpres.org/PartnershipBanquet.html).

### COLLEGE STUDENT DINNER AND FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, **November 15** at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Tremba. *Chew, Chat, Contemplate*.

**CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS** meeting to act on Pastor’s 2008 compensation. **Sunday, November 18** at 9:45 a.m. All registered members should attend.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** Trinity Episcopal Church, **Sunday, November 18** at 4:00 p.m. Offering to benefit JCCM. Sponsored by the Shepherdstown Ministerial Association.

**AN ADVENT SPIRITUALITY RETREAT** *Waiting in Darkness, Carrying the Light: Transition, Loss, Grief and Healing* at Rolling Ridge with Janelle Rhorer and Jackie Sabath, **Friday, November 30–Sunday December 2**. Cost for the weekend is \$100. For more information call or email Jackie Sabath at 304-261-2653, jsabath@rollingridge.net.

## Monthly Activities...

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S CIRCLE** First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Every woman is invited to join us for study and refreshments. **Next: November 1** with special guests, two Ethiopian church leaders.

**FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY** Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under **Notices: JCCM** ). **Next: November 4**.

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

**SUPPER GROUPS** Movable Feast, **Saturday, November 10** (note second Saturday), 6:30 p.m. at Karen Davison's, 304-876-9191; TGIF, **Friday, November 16**, 6:30 p.m. at Chris Duewel & Ed Zahniser's, 304-876-2442. Gatherers Supper Group Brunch at Jack and Martha Young's residence at 12:45 on **Sunday, November 4**. 304-876-2945.

**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: November 15**.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** Third Saturdays at 7:30 a.m. discussion from 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Next: Nov. 17**.

**CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER** Third Sundays, balcony, 7:00–7:30 p.m. **Next: November 18**.

## Notices...

**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 this month 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

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE (PDA)** is responding to the wildfires in southern California. Please continue to pray for all those living under threat of fire, the courageous firefighters, the caregivers, and for Presbyterian congregations in the disaster area. If you wish to respond financially make a check to **SPC. (memo: So. Cal. fire)**.

**JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries)** With the holidays coming up, there is a greater need for donations for the JCCM Food Pantry. Immediate needs: cereal (dry and cooked), peanut butter, jelly, canned soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, pancake mix, pancake syrup.

On-going needs: mac and cheese, all canned vegetables, all canned fruits, canned pasta, canned meats, Ramen noodles, dried beans, potatoes (fresh, dried, casseroles), small vegetable oil, shampoo, evaporated milk (not condensed), all-purpose flour, granulated sugar, toilet paper, laundry detergent, dish detergent, bath soap, toothpaste/toothbrushes, baby food jars/containers w/lids, pint size jars w/lids.

JCCM is in need of beds, especially twin size; also, a table and chairs to seat six. Reminder that local grocery stores are doing Thanksgiving/Christmas promotions. If you earn any free turkeys and/or hams please consider donating them to JCCM. Collection at SPC on first Sundays. **Next: Nov. 4**.

**FREE FOR THE ASKING** Shower seat, air filter, and potty chair available from Parish Nurse Dena Hill, R. N. Contact the office (876-6466 or office@spcworks.org) if you are interested.

## Financial Corner...

**GENERAL FUND** through October 28. Expected: \$211,692. Actual giving: \$191,202. **Building Fund** pledged for 2007: \$30,000. Submitted to date: \$17,318.

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## LOOKING FORWARD TO ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

### Joygift Potluck Dinner

Sunday, **December 16**, 5-7 p.m.  
Barron Hall in the Firehouse.

One service only (10:45)  
**December 23 and 30.**

### Christmas Eve Candlelight services:

- 5:00 p.m. (Especially for children)
- 8:00 p.m. (Choirs and homily)
- 11:00 p.m. (Carol sing & communion)

### Children's Christmas Pageant December 30

**PEACEFEST** A community gathering to pray for and celebrate peace and love was convened at the Presbyterian Meeting House on Sunday evening, October 7. It began with a short concert and proceeded through movements of Creation, Alienation, Reconciliation, and Benediction. There was a beautiful dance and a very spiritual Soundscape Meditation to focus our minds on visualizing worldwide peace and harmony. There were well-selected readings and songs, and Holy Communion was celebrated.

After more wonderful music by very talented musicians, the service reached a high point with everybody in the sanctuary participating in the famous Beatles song *All You Need is Love*. It was a fantastic spiritual high. After the service, everyone was feeling mighty fine and we enjoyed refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. It would be wonderful if all the world could feel that way, making violence and war impossible.  
—Karen Davison

**WHERE HAVE ALL THE SHUTTERS GONE?** As part of our project to paint windows and shutters on the east side, we have taken down the shutters. Most were so rotten they would not support their own weight; so, they cannot be re-used. We will proceed with painting the windows, and replace the shutters as funds become available.

—John Burns, Property

## Thank You...

I want to thank, thank, thank the Yootz for heavy-duty service and an extended tour of another side of Jefferson County. I do not know another team that could have so ably handled that chore other than Terry Lindsay, Joe Hill, Will Howard, and Tommy Wagner. They conquered several dangerous obstacles that would have broken lesser men. I noticed, especially, how Terry (gently and thoughtfully) shepherded the young men. Anything that I can do for you, let me know. Humbly and gratefully yours, —Joni Edwards

## In Our Prayers...

Eunsook Baihly • Wannu Martin • Ada Hatchett  
• Anderson and Jan Clark • Residents of Southern California • Malibu Presbyterian Church (destroyed by fire) • Esther Murphy's daughter Maureen • Rosemarie Coy's daughter Cheri

**NEXT NEWSLETTER: December 2007.** Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or <office@spcworks.org> Copy deadline **November 21.**

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