

PEACEMAKING OFFERING & WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5
(See article in notices)

ImagineOneWorld
PEACEFEST
A Community Gathering
In the spirit of St. Francis
Sunday • October 5 • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary
Prayer for peace on earth
In Song & Silence
Rock • Folk • Jazz • Reggae

WHAT GOOD IS CHRISTIANITY ANYMORE?

Saturday, October 11

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Dr. Doug Ottati, former professor of theology at Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and currently professor of Religion & Ethics at Davidson College and author of *Liberal Presbyterians and Other Endangered Species*, will present two forums at SPC. Saturday: *What good is Christianity anymore?* Sunday morning forum (9:40 - 10:30 a.m.): Introduction to a Presbyterian distinctive: The Book of Confessions.

QUEST FOR THE LIVING GOD

The "Quest for the living God," the God of our ancestors, of our scriptures, of our own personal experience is an unending adventure, at least according to Elizabeth Johnson in her book of the same name. We are privileged, as the book illustrates, to live in a time of especially wide open and fruitful new thinking about the nature of God, a "golden age of theological discovery." Far from claiming any one viewpoint, Johnson offers multiple new insights about God as all serving to open up our ways of seeing and experiencing this "living God, full of energy and spirit, alive with designs for liberation and healing, and always approaching us from the future to do something new." Johnson argues that because God is incomprehensible, the human heart insatiable, and the nature of human history ever-changing, this ongoing quest is not a luxury, its a necessity, at least if we mean to remain authentically faithful. And, as we are discovering together in our explorations of this book, we are also privileged to be part of a community of intrepid pilgrims willing to take up this unending quest together, to share our own insights, experiences and questions, questions, questions--the more, the better! Please join us, second Wednesdays at 7:30 throughout the school year.

—E. Hornbeck

GOING TO BOTSWANA

On Wednesday October 1st I will board a plane and partake on an 18 hour flight to Botswana. In Botswana I will be volunteering at a Day Care Center for children whose parents have died of AIDS. The Day Care is only two years old, understaffed, and completely overloaded with more than 80 children. Hopefully, I can ease the load by helping them out long enough for them to catch their breath a bit. I have dreamed of going to Africa since I was in Middle School and still cannot believe I am actually going! Your prayers are welcome. Specifically, pray that I will do effective and helpful work and that my energy level will stay high. —*Brandon Dennison*

Mark Your Calendars...

PEACEMAKING OFFERING. **Sunday, October 5** is World Communion Sunday when we celebrate communion and community with our brothers and sisters around the world. It is also the day of our Peacemaking Offering, which supports the work of the Presbyterian Church in the world. SPC's Mission Committee will give our local portion to Community Alternatives to Violence, which encourages non-violent behavior in families. Peacemaking Offering envelopes are in the pews. Make checks to SPC; memo: peacemaking. Think carefully about peacemaking and give generously.

BIBLE WORKBENCH will re-start on **Sunday, October 19**, from 9:40 to 10:30 a.m. Esther Murphy will facilitate. The Bible Workbench is a wonderful study of the Bible, bringing together modern and ancient literature, poetry, stories, themes to connect us to each other and help us to connect and contrast our sacred stories in the present to the sacred stories of the Bible. Hope you can join us. We will meet for 4 Sundays, **October 19, 26, November 2, and 9** for this series. Let us know if you are interested in attending and we will get you the reading material (Pete and Chris Madeo: 301-791-3634). Those of you who met with the Bible Workbench last spring should have the material already but if not, we can get you another copy. Hope you can join us.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: 5th Annual Spaghetti Dinner. New Street United Methodist Church. All you can eat. **Wednesday, October 15**, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Includes: Spaghetti, roll, salad, dessert & beverage. Carry-out available. Adults: \$6.00, Children 3-12: \$3.00. Corner of Church and New Street, Shepherdstown. Tel: 876-2362 or www.newstreetumc.com.

CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE. SPC is participating again this year (along with 14 other Presbyterian churches in the Eastern Panhandle) in Christmas International House (CIH). SPC is asked to provide host families for 2 of the approximately 15 international college students. CIH originated in Huntington WV when Presbyterian missionaries Rev. and Dr. Peterson hosted 180 students in 1965. It's office is now in Atlanta.

Exact dates: TBA. Many activities are scheduled for the students throughout those two weeks. You may host one or two students, for one or two weeks, or volunteer as drivers. Please consider opening your home or giving your time to someone who will be without their own family this Christmas. Call or e-mail Bill Wagner wagners@citlink.net, 304-876-7099 for more information.

TRANSPARENCY TO THE DIVINE: Contemplative Tissue Collage. Rolling Ridge Meditative Arts Retreat, **Friday evening to Sunday afternoon October 10-12**, hosted by Rolling Ridge Study Retreat Community. Creating tissue collage in the context of a retreat experience will aim not at making images but rather at bringing transparency and consciousness to our spiritual experiences. We invite you to a soul-stirring weekend amidst the beautiful mountain wilderness of Rolling Ridge. For more information and to register: visit www.rollingridge.net or call/email Trish Stefanik at 304-725-4301/tstefanik@aol.com. Cost for the weekend is \$100 (which includes materials, lodging, and meals). Space is limited. Send a \$25 deposit to reserve your space. Checks should be made out to RRSRC and mailed to RRSRC, c/o Oct 08 Med Arts, 186 Tupelo Lane, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Registrations should include any dietary or special needs.

WAITING IN DARKNESS, Carrying the Light: Transition, Loss, Grief and Healing. An Advent Spirituality Retreat at Rolling Ridge with Janelle Rhorer and Jackie Sabath, **Friday, December 5 - Sunday, December 8**. Truly it is in darkness that one finds the Light. So when we are in sorrow, then the Light is nearest to all of us.

Cost for the weekend is \$100. Scholarships are available. Send a \$25 deposit to reserve your space. Checks should be made payable to Rolling Ridge Study Retreat Community (RRSRC) and mailed to Jackie Sabath, 129 Jubilee Lane, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. For more information call or email Jackie Sabath at 304-261-2653, jsabath@rollingridge.net.

SPC Monthly Activities...

ADULT CHOIR Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. New voices are always welcome. See or contact Georgiann Toole 301-432-6964, or Georgiann1@aol.com.

TAIZE SERVICE First Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A Service of Prayer in song, silence and candlelight. **Next: October 1.**

WOMEN'S CIRCLE First Thursdays, 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend. The Horizons Bible Study for 2008-09 is *Jubilee! Luke's Gospel for the Poor*. Study books are available in the church office. **Next: October 2.**

COLLEGE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP including dinner and discussion with Pastor Tremba. First and Third **Thursday's** at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Next: October 2 & 16.**

SUPPER GROUPS

- Moveable Feast, Saturday, 6:30 p.m. **October 4**, at Becky Phipps, (304-876-0298).
- TGIF, Friday, 6:30 p.m. **October 17**, at Nancy & Bill Wilson's (301-432-8118).

CHURCH 101 *The Heart of Christianity* with Pastor Tremba. First Saturdays, 9–10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall. Two parts each time. Topical discussion and any and all questions. **Next: October 4.**

FIRST THINGS FIRST SUNDAY Coins for relief of hunger and non-perishables for JCCM (see list under **Notices: JCCM**). **Next: October 5.**

CHURCH 201 with Pastor Tremba and Ethel Hornbeck. Discussion of *Quest for the Living God* by Elizabeth Johnson. Books (\$25). Pay what you can. **Wednesdays** at 7:30 p.m. **October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8.**

CANTERBURY SERVICES, second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. **Next: October 9.**

MEN'S BREAKFAST Third Saturdays. Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.; discussion 8:00–9:00 a.m. **Next: October 18.**

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER Third Sundays, balcony, 7:00 p.m. **Next: October 19.**

ROUNDTABLE WITH ETHEL HORNBECK Conversation and reflection with and around scripture, poetry and other selected texts. Fourth Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. in the balcony. **Next: October 23.**

Notices...

JCCM (Jefferson County Community Ministries) current pantry needs: canned meats, canned soups, mac & cheese, pancake mix, pancake syrup, coffee (instant and perked), potatoes (fresh, dry, casserole), jelly, saltine crackers, granulated sugar, vegetable oil, milk (dry or evaporated), Ramen noodle soups, all purpose flour, canned fruit, baby food (all stages in jars or plastic tubs), shampoo, diapers (especially sizes 3, 4, 5), toothbrushes & toothpaste, baby food jars with lids, mid-sized jars with lids.

GIFT OF THE HEART CLEAN-UP BUCKETS. Shenandoah's Disaster Response Team has issued an immediate call for congregations to assemble clean-up buckets in response to the flooding again in the Gulf as well as throughout the mid-west. Buckets should be brought to SPC no later than **October 12.**

Items needed:

- 5 gallon bucket with resealable lid*
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 (18 count) pkg. reusable cleaning towels
- 1 (50-78 oz) box dry laundry detergent
- 1 (12 oz) liquid concentrated household cleaner
- 1 (25 oz) bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap
- 50 clothespins
- clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves
- 1 pair work gloves
- 24-count roll (33-45 gal.) heavy-duty trash bags
- 1 (6-14 oz) bottle insect repellent (drops or lotion, not aerosol)

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

Please note: The value for each type of kit is given below if you would prefer giving a financial gift to support the purchase of kit contents.

- Health Kit: \$11.00
- School Kit: \$13.00
- Baby Kit: \$39.00
- Clean-up Bucket: \$50.00

Contributions by check may be sent to: PC(USA) Individual Remittance Processing, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700. Indicate on the check #DR000015 - US Response.

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Yootz Corner...

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT. Calling all SPC Junior & Senior Youth GIRLS! **Saturday, October 11**, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., we will be gathering for an evening of female fun... including homemade pizza, a fantastic craft brought to you by Sarah Hammond, and more! Watch for your invitations and be sure and RSVP to natashabaihly@yahoo.com or call 304-876-8283.

Snippets of Old Shepherdstown...

*That which is forgotten returns to the circling wind.
~ Navajo Wind Chant*

For thousands of years, "Pack Horse Ford" was used as a natural crossing for herds of wild animals, Native Americans, and, later, by wagon trains and early settlers. Beginning in the mid-1700s, the "Great Waggon Road to Philadelphia" passed through here. There are records of large herds of cattle, sheep, hogs, and turkeys being driven through town. Occasionally, the hungry droves invaded and destroyed vegetable gardens. The road entered town through the west end, then continued east on High Street. The road to the river started at the east end of High Street and continued along the south bank of river to the ford. First-time travelers often asked if this was Philadelphia. Hence, our west end became known as "Little Philadelphia." In the 1960s, that moniker was dropped.

—Jim Price

Keeping Up With Members...

Katie Proudman got a full time job with Major League Soccer in NYC.

RECYCLING

• **Paper**, 4-H group at Christ Reformed Church, 8–9:15 a.m. Paper, cardboard, magazines, books. Place in paper bags, boxes, or tie securely. NO PLASTIC BAGS. **Next: October 4.**

Financial Corner...

GENERAL FUND through September 28. Expected: \$206,250. Actual giving: \$192,301. Building Fund pledged for 2008: \$27,000. Submitted to date: \$23,725.

PRESBYTERIAN INVESTMENT & LOAN PROGRAM (PILP). You get a good return on your investment while helping SPC (rebate on our mortgage) plus other Presbyterian churches. Visit: www.pcusa.org/pilp/.

NEXTNEWSLETTER: November 2008. Announcements, articles or news on our members? Contact the office, 304-876-6466 or <office@spcworks.org>. Copy deadline **October 22**. *Let us know if you would like to get the newsletter on line. It will save us paper and postage.*

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