

THURSDAY MAILING



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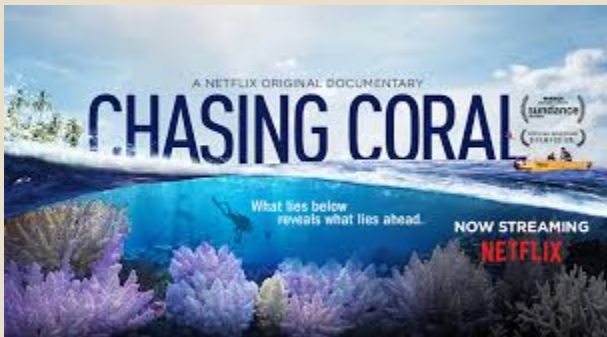
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Earth Care Congregation - Earth Care Congregation Applications accepted Jan. 1 -Feb. 15.

Is your church making a statement for the preservation of His Amazing Creation? Resources are available. You need only 2 people to start! View the audit with a small group. Take audit to the Session. See info at www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations. Local assistance www.nationalcapitalmission.org/earth-care-network-1. Consider making a significant earth caring statement!



Earth Care - Mission Movie Night! Show moving awe-inspiring documentary *Chasing Coral*! Did you know **our own Dr. Mark Eakin**, (Elder, Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church) scientific advisor for **Sundance 2017, and Emmy 2018 award winning documentary**, Chasing Coral, is available to your congregation? View at Netflix. Mark serves as NCP Mission Chair and works at NOAA. Make popcorn and show the movie. Go Presbyterians!

Unity PC is in ownership of available cemetery burial plots in two locations: (a) Maryland National Memorial Cemetery (Laurel) and (b) Cedar Hill Cemetery (Suitland). For additional information, please contact the church at 301-449-7686 or unitypc@verizon.net.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT MARKET - December 9, 11-2 PM John Calvin Presbyterian Church, 6531 Columbia Pike, Annandale - These special gifts support outreach projects that relieve poverty and suffering across the world, plus local ACCA projects, and the Kisima Child Care Academy in Kenya. Cash, checks, credit cards accepted. **Have a joy-filled shopping trip!**





November 29, 2018

Dear Friends,

A colleague slipped a copy of Brueggemann's Advent Prayer into a card several years ago. It is now the first thing I unpack as I prepare for Christmas. Each year it resonates more deeply. This year it echoes my prayer for our congregations, pastors and Presbytery. How wonderful and how frightening to pray "make all things new".

Advent Prayer

In our secret yearnings
we wait for your coming,
and in our grinding despair
we doubt that you will.
And in this privileged place
we are surrounded by witnesses who yearn more than do we
and by those who despair more deeply than do we.
Look upon your church and its pastors
in this season of hope
which runs so quickly to fatigue
and in this season of yearning
which becomes so easily quarrelsome.
Give us the grace and the impatience
to wait for your coming to the bottom of our toes,
to the edges of our fingertips.
We do not want our several worlds to end.
Come in your power
and come in your weakness
in any case
and make all things new. Amen.

— Walter Brueggemann,

Blessings –

Karen

Quill of the Stated Clerk

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- Approved the Mission Budget for 2019.
- Watched a Mission Highlights Video on Stewardship. All videos are available on our YouTube channel, which can be accessed from the NCP Home Page.
- Heard a sermon, Relationships Build the Community, using the text Acts 2:44-45, from Bob Connolly, The James Group.
- Discussed, at tables, the people who have been important in our faith development and who are role models of generosity.
- Viewed the Necrology—the roll of Teaching and Ruling Elders from National Capital Presbytery who died in the last year. Called out names of saints in our own lives who are now deceased.
- Appreciated the musical gifts of pianist John Kim, especially the uplifting final hymn, How Firm a Foundation.

Peace and blessings, Sara

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Healthy congregations are those that are missionally focused and stable in terms of resources (people as well as financial). They manage conflict and continue to re-evaluate their internal and external contexts and adapt accordingly.

The Next Steps for Healthy Congregations Grant is one way in which National Capital Presbytery partners with its congregations, by providing matching funds of up to \$20,000 a year for congregations taking the next step in church growth by creating a new program or staff position.

To be considered for the Next Step Grant, churches must have completed the Congregational Assessment Tool and should be in the Transformational quadrant. More information about the grant and the process can be found at www.ncptransforms.org. **Proposals are due by December 1st, 2018** for the 2019 fiscal year. These grants as well other grants from the Transformation Team of the Presbytery are available through Unified Mission Giving and the Resurrection Fund.



Make your Church's Holiday Mission Drive focus be on Puerto Rico!



Together our Presbytery can make a difference!

Ways you can help:

Cash Donations! Donate here:

<https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/87ptlcS8ML>

This is the best way to get our work projects complete.
Big or small, any amount will help make a difference!

Gift Cards:

Walmart Gift Cards

Visa or Mastercard Gift Cards

Home Depot Gift Cards

The rebuilding need is still great. Gift cards allow for the purchase of essential supplies from local retailers.

Connect & Support Presbyterian Seminarians

We are creating connections with the Seminary for intercultural exchanges & scholarships. For more information, please email Carrie Yearick at: cyearickpr@gmail.com

Your contributions, continued support, & prayers will help all Puerto Ricans find hope in the midst of disaster, bring encouragement & love to the most vulnerable, and return homes to habitable conditions.

Your generosity will build a future of hope for all.

<https://ncpdrn.carrd.co/>



Service & Partnership in Puerto Rico!

Come and join the National Capital Presbytery's Disaster Relief Assistance Network's adult volunteer rebuild trip and partnership with Presbyterian churches and their communities in Puerto Rico.

Who: Adults (18 years and older)

What: Volunteer work trip to rebuild and build partnerships

Where: La Posada de Ángeles; Añasco, Puerto Rico

When: Monday Dec. 31, 2018- Wed. Jan. 9, 2019

(Dates flexible on the back end of trip.)

Cost: \$450.00 (Room/Board, Meals and Rental Van Costs)

This Does Not Include Airfare

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A Christmas Worship Celebration!

**December 2, 5:00 – 6:00 PM
at Ashburn Presbyterian Church**

Begin this special season by joining us in a joyous evening of worship and singing of familiar Christmas Carols and Worship Music! This service will be a wonderful way to usher in the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Invite family, friends and neighbors to share in this opportunity to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

This Night of Worship will be led by: the Worship Team,
members of the Sanctuary Choir, Youth and Cherub and PraiseKids Choirs

Our time of worship will be followed by a Dessert Fellowship!

Additional Christmas Worship Services

Traditional Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 23, 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve Worship

Children and Family Service – 4:00 PM

Contemporary Candlelight Service – 7:00 PM

Traditional Candlelight & Communion Service – 9:00 PM





FAITH & FELLOWSHIP FRIDAYS

**ADULTS, YOUTH
AND KIDS**

**OCT 12
NOV 2
DEC 7**

**NORTHMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

6 TO 7:30

**November's Event includes a Meditation Class
taught by Rev Michael McNamara, the Silver Spring
New Worshipping Community Coordinator**

**A FREE
Christmas
Event**
for your whole
Family!



**One Starry
Night**
in Bethlehem

Experience **CHRISTMAS**

in a whole new way this year!

Imagine walking through Bethlehem and smelling fresh baked bread, working in a wood shop, eating from the marketplace...then suddenly, shepherds appear to tell you the great news...a Savior has been born! You then meet Mary and Joseph and see the Baby Jesus with your own eyes.

You'll surely remember this Christmas as your family spends One Starry Night in Bethlehem!

December 7th & 8th, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Ashburn Presbyterian Church
20962 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, VA • 703-729-2012
www.ashburnpresbyterian.org



GARDEN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Invites you to an evening of

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&

MUSIC BY SAM
PERRYMAN & ASSOCIATES

Saturday, December 15
5-7 pm

1720 Minnesota Ave SE
Washington, DC 20020

\$5 donation requested for homeless & boiler funds



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Travel to Haiti and
share your skills

Experience the
beauty and
transformation

**JANUARY
12-19,
2019**

This team will help with school-based clinics at a rural CCH partner school and small construction projects at CCH's new facility. Healthcare professionals and non-medical volunteers are needed!

**\$900 TRIP FEE
+ AIRFARE**

Interested? Contact
clark@cchaiti.org

www.cchaiti.org



2019 CALM TO THE WAVES RETREAT

When: January 28-January 30

Where: Dunes Manor Hotel, Ocean City, Maryland

For: For NCP Parish Clergy, Educators, and Parish Associates and Their Spouses

Theme: *Psalms of Lament in the Season of Lent*

Keynote and Worship Leaders:

Dr. Denise Dombkowski Hopkins, Professor of Biblical Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary

Rev. Dr. Eric Myers, PCUSA minister, Frederick PC

Billy Kluttz, Evening Worship Leader, Immanuel PC

Hosted by NCP CARE TEAM of COM

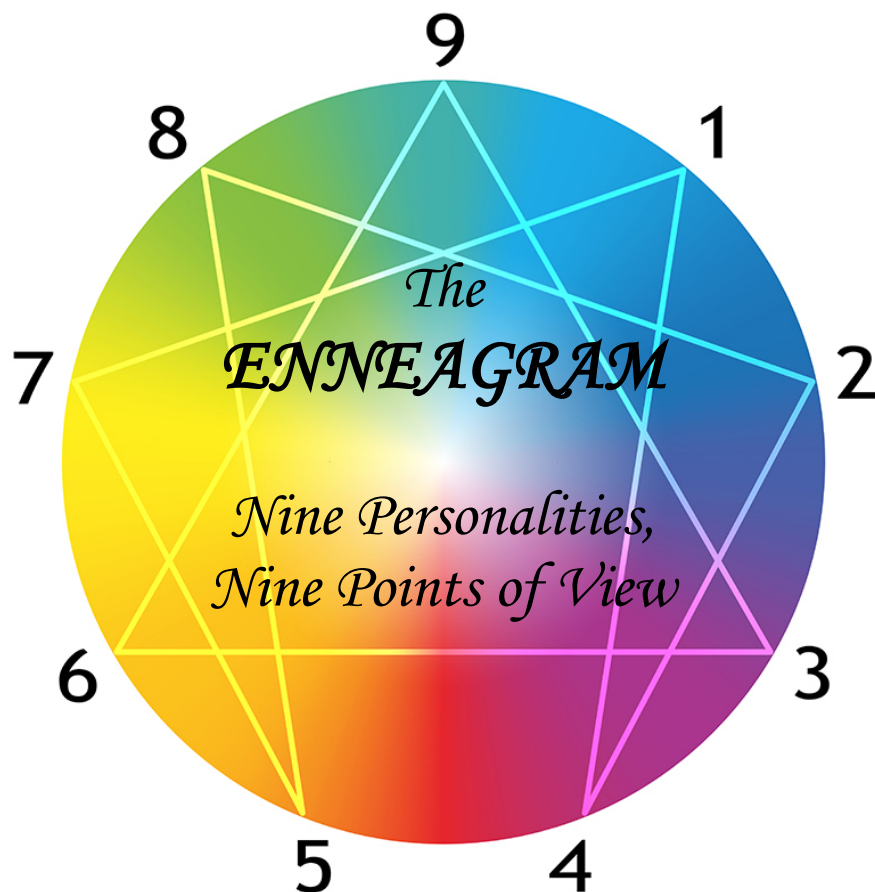
Cost: \$50.00 per person

Register and pay online @ www.thepresbytery.org/events

The Enneagram is a powerful tool for self-discovery. It is based on the theory that each of us is a variation on one of nine core personality types.

In discovering our type, we gain access to the underlying motivation and focus of attention to which each of us is predisposed. By observing our motivation and attention, we can broaden our experience of life.

Over time we have become “blind” to our automatic behaviors and ingrained motivations. The Enneagram helps us to look at our “blindness” in an accepting way and move our individual lives into a more humble and effective balance.



A Workshop for Clergy

February 28th, 2019

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Saint Mark Presbyterian Church

-lunch provided, \$10 donation suggested -

Registration is required, but the workshop is free.

Please contact: kchamis@thepresbytery.org



About Barbara Jaquette, MSW

Enneagram: Studied and taught the Enneagram for 30 years. Certified to teach by the Helen Palmer / David Daniels school of the Enneagram in the narrative tradition. (Narrative tradition means that it is in telling our story and listening to the stories of others that we come to know the Enneagram.)

Professional: High school teacher – home economics, family life, child development, relationship communications, independent living. Leader of program that was part of a Maryland Drop-out Prevention initiative. Pastoral Counselor with a small interdenominational agency that partnered with churches to become part of their community mission commitment.

Presbyterian: All my life. Baptized at Church of the Pilgrims. Member of Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church for 60 years – deacon, elder, Stephen Ministry leader.





PRESBYTERIAN YOUTH TRIENNIUM 2019

July 16-20, 2019 • Purdue University

NCP REGISTRAR:	Doug Mar, member of Immanuel PC, 703-350-1665 Looking for adult leadership —please contact Doug!
AUDIENCE:	High School age youth and accompanying adult advisors. (Entering freshmen through graduated seniors; adult advisors must be 21 yrs+)
THEME:	"Here's My Heart"
REGISTRATION:	Registration will be open late 2018 and conclude May 2019
REGISTRATION FEE:	Youth: \$555.00 18yrs & Older: \$575.00 Work Crew: \$475 (Registration fee includes all programming, food, & lodging. Everything but travel to the event)