

# THURSDAY MAILING



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*October 11, 2018*



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*January 28-30, 2019 – Ocean City, MD*





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# Birthday Greetings for the month of **October**

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Nancy Fox  
Wally Harman, HR  
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Mike Jones  
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Haekil Kim  
Bob Long, HR  
Joe Matthews, HR  
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Ed Taylor, HR  
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From  
the staff of  
**National Capital Presbytery**  
colette debbie, jan, karen,  
lajuan, sara, todd, wilson





## A Prayer for the Presbytery

Gracious and abundant life-giving God; creator, redeemer, sustainer: I pray for this Presbytery as our journeys now diverge.



Deepen the faithfulness of your people across these congregations that they might discern the truth in the midst of misattributions, lies and corruption. Preserve them from the temptations of power, prestige, privilege and pocketbook. Lead them to be witnesses of your realm for the benefit of creation, for the relief of the poor, for the salvation of the high and mighty. Press us all to press those in power to benefit the common good.

Make of these your congregations a place where the world might have a foretaste of your realm: a realm where suffering is met with healing; where faith pierces fear; where death is overwhelmed by resurrection hope; where injustices are repaired; where sins are confessed, forgiveness sought, recompense enacted, and salvation is thus accomplished.

Bless the members of this Presbytery to each other, that in each other they may glimpse your grace, your love, your reconciling passion. Together may they resist the temptation to overlook the same sin in each other. Lend them to a heart for the essential work of this Presbytery: creating new communities; renewing existing communities in their witness to generations and peoples yet to come through their doors; to the correction necessary for faithfulness; to systems intent on restraining sin and promoting grace.

Lord may they be faithful to the abundant life you would hope for each and every person across this world: resisting the idolatries of nationalism, racism, sexism, entitled privilege, environmental exploitation, tyranny, fundamentalism or prosperity ideologies. May they find delight in what you find delightful: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Bless all those who work and live in this city. For those serving the best government in the world: may you find resilience in the midst of the present toxicity. For those who protect us, I pray for temperance, careful ethical reflection and ensuing wisdom. For those in industry and commerce, may you serve the universal common good. For those who teach, may your compassion inspire compassion. For those who govern: may you exhibit humility even as you pursue justice. May your life be one of ethical bearing that inspires your followers' better angels.

Lord lend us all to the common good. Encourage us all in the vision of the beloved community. Lend us all bold courage in our communal work as agents of your salvation, reconciliation and justice.

Amen.





## **An Introduction to Cultivated Ministry:** **Bearing Fruit through Theology, Accountability, Learning, and Storytelling**

John Vest, facilitator

Wednesday, October 17  
10:00am – 2:00pm  
John Calvin Presbyterian Church  
Annandale, VA

How do we measure success in ministry when the traditional metrics of membership, attendance, and financial support seem out of touch with the realities of our post-Christendom contexts? Cultivated Ministry is a culture shift and approach to ministry that is committed to rigorous assessment, evaluation, and (re)design aimed at nurturing thoughtful expressions of God's mission in the world. It does not rest on traditional metrics, nor does it abdicate accountability. This training will give participants an overview of the four interlocking components of Cultivated Ministry: Theology of Bearing Fruit, Mutual Accountability, Assessment for Learning, and Transformative Storytelling.

*John Vest is the Visiting Assistant Professor of Evangelism at Union Presbyterian Seminary and served on the task force that developed the Cultivated Ministry resource with NEXT Church.*

Lunch Included  
Registration Required – **HERE**  
**registration closes October 12<sup>th</sup>**



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the Spiritual Formation Team of the National Capital Presbytery  
in partnership with NEXT Church*







# Racial Awareness and Mindfulness 2018

A Mini-Festival of the Arts, Awareness, Healing, and Justice

October 20, 2018, 10:00AM-5:00PM | Check-in begins onsite at 9am

MUSIC, DRUMMING, KEYNOTE, WORKSHOPS, EMOTIONAL EMANCIPATION CIRCLES, INTERPLAY, INTERGENERATIONAL, CAUCUSES, MULTIRACIAL, CHILDREN'S TRACK, FREE LUNCH, A LEARNING COMMUNITY



Keynote: Author/Scholar  
Dr. Ibram X. Kendi  
"How to Be An Anti-Racist"

For more information on Dr. Kendi, please visit [www.prhspeakers.com](http://www.prhspeakers.com)

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
400 I Street SW, Washington DC 20024

Register online: <https://2018-racial-awareness-festival.eventbrite.com>

Potter's House Books will be present.



## Schedule of Events

10:00 - 10:15AM Opening Ceremony

10:15 - 11:15AM Keynote: "How to be an Antiracist" by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

11:30AM - 1:00PM Deepening Your Racial Awareness (Improving Your Racial Intelligence)

Why Do We Think Violence Can Solve Problems? Developing a Theology of Violence and Nonviolence w/ Glenn Zuber and Eleanor Abarno (Amidon-Bowen ES Board Room)

Language as an Oppressive Structure and a Subversion for People of Color w/ Lady Brion (Amidon-Bowen ES Library)

Emotional Emancipation CircleSM w/ Alanna Taylor and E. Ursula Young (African Diaspora Only) (Amidon-Bowen ES Library Media Room—25 max.)

It's in the Cards--How To Play With Race and Win! (Interplay) w/ Kamau Kitwana and Caroline Blackwell (Amidon-Bowen ES Cafeteri— 30 max.)

Diving into White Privilege and Systemic Racism w/ Fran Zamore, LICSW-C (White Caucus) (Amidon-Bowen ES Spanish Room—30 max.)

"Let Your Light Shine!" (Interplay) Children's Track w/ Soyinka Rahim (Amidon-Bowen ES Gym)

Confronting Racism with Teens and Young Adults w/ Lakesha Bradshaw Easter (Amidon-Bowen Parents Room)

"What does it mean to be an antiracist?" Workshop w/ Ibram Kendi (Stage)

12:00 - 2:00PM Lunch (Blues with Clarence "Bluesman" Turner)

2:00 - 3:30PM Deepening Your Racial Awareness (Improving Your Racial Intelligence)

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Drumming Healing Circle w/ Katy Gaughan (Stage)

3:45 - 4:45PM Facilitation George Kerr III: Intergenerational Dialogue

4:45PM Closing Ritual





*You 're invited to hear FUPCDC's next speakers!*

**Saturday, October 20, 7:00 PM**

*Open to the public, free of charge, light refreshments.*



**The StreetLight**

**Rose Powers , Executive Director  
and Joyce Entremont of**

**Streetlight Community Outreach**

will share highlights from 24 years providing  
holistic housing and support services to our  
local at-risk individuals, and inspire you to  
share and care in our community, too!



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*An Invitation from The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church*

# ***Prophetic Possibilities for Contemporary Ministry***

**A Weekend with Dr. Ellen Davis**  
**October 20-21, 2018**



Amos Ragan Kearns Professor of Bible and Practical Theology  
Duke Divinity School

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## **Saturday, October 20**

10:00 am to 11:45 am:

***Border Crossing, Hospitality and  
Community Formation***

Childcare provided

12:00-1:00 pm:

***Luncheon Dialogue with Dr. Davis***

RSVP to [dialogdays@aol.com](mailto:dialogdays@aol.com)

## **Sunday, October 21**

8:45 and 11:00 am  
worship services:

***Dr. Davis Will Preach***

Sunday School at 10:00 am:

***Holy Places: Precious, Fragile  
and Threatened***

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**All events at The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church**

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1313 New York Ave. NW | [www.nyapc.org/mclendon-sir](http://www.nyapc.org/mclendon-sir)





# BUILDING POWER<sub>IN</sub>

## We the People

**Come to the VOICE 1,200-person assembly October 21 at Fairfax High School and multiply our power to create change!**

In more than 500 small group meetings with 6,000+ NoVa residents during 2016-2017, VOICE leaders established a four-year organizing agenda. It's time to expand on that momentum!

Fairfax High School  
3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax, VA 22030

Sunday, October 21st  
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Arrive 3:30 pm to get a seat & enjoy music.

**Come hear Virginia Governor Ralph Northam and Attorney General Mark Herring announce how they plan to lead on VOICE's key issues**

## VOICE LEADERS PRIORITY ISSUES

1. Criminal Justice Reform: Dismantling mass incarceration
2. Education: Lifting up our children, not locking them down
3. Immigration: Keep families together
4. Housing and Job Equity: Affordability

★ ★ For more information about VOICE & our non-partisan GOTV work go to [VOICE-IAF.org](http://VOICE-IAF.org) ★ ★



# Beer & Hymns



OCTOBER  
21<sup>st</sup>

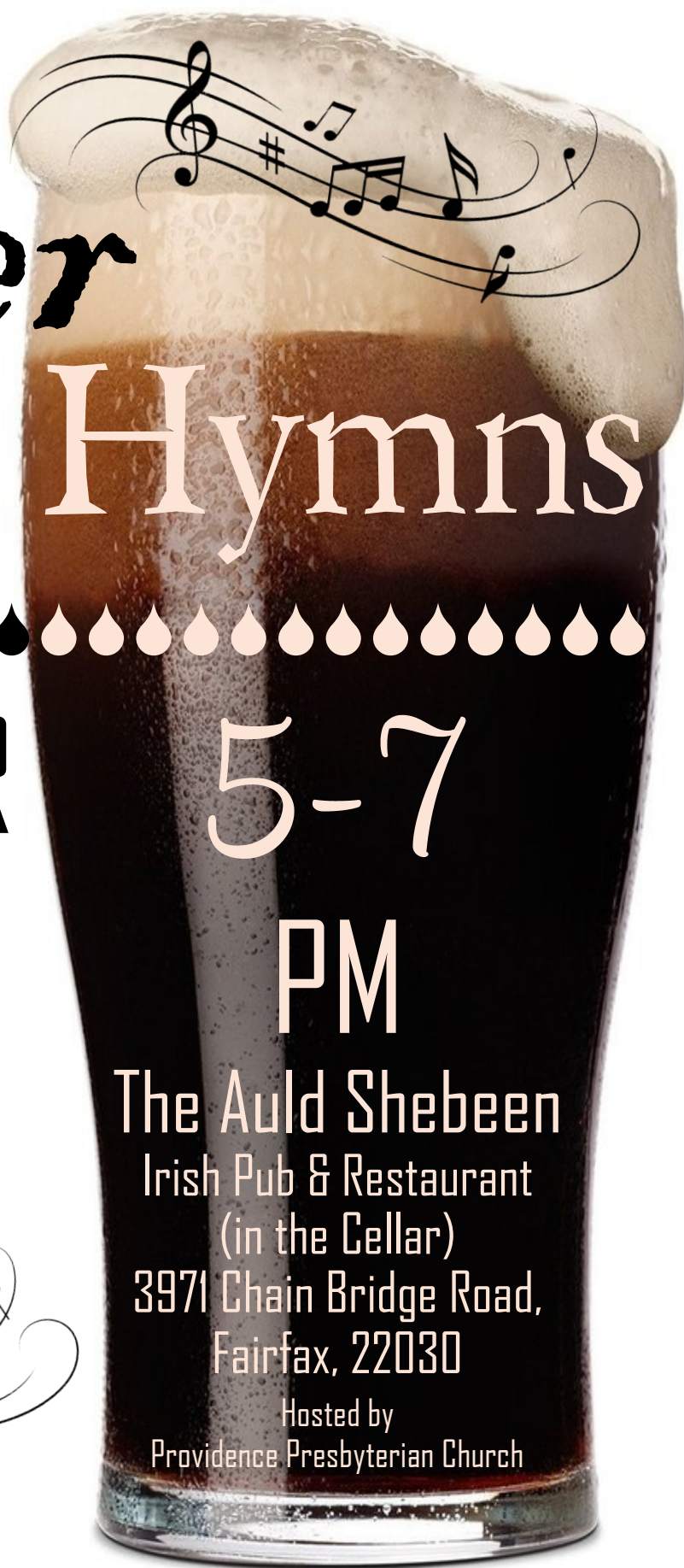
5-7  
PM

Have dinner too!



The Auld Shebeen  
Irish Pub & Restaurant  
(in the Cellar)  
3971 Chain Bridge Road,  
Fairfax, 22030

Hosted by  
Providence Presbyterian Church







*Save the date!*

#### **What is the Moveable Feast?**

- It's a regional gathering of Presbyterians in National Capital Presbytery for sharing ideas around Mission and Church Development.
- It's two hours of workshops, listening sessions and fellowship
- It's a great opportunity to hear what support is available from the Presbytery... as well as to share what support would be helpful from the Presbytery.

#### **When/Where is the Moveable Feast near me?**

*Westminster, DC – October 13<sup>th</sup>, from 2 – 4 p.m. **POSTPONED***

*Oaklands Presbyterian - November 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3 – 5 p.m. Warner Memorial – November 17, from 1 – 3 p.m.*

*Virginia Regional Meeting – December 1, TBD!*

**Who can attend?** Anyone from your congregation who would benefit from information on grants, Presbytery Mission networks, etc.

**Can I go to another region's meeting?** Absolutely! Some of what is offered may be 'regionally' based, but most of the feast is truly moveable! Keep an eye out for more specific topical information!

*Sponsored by the Church Development Committee and the Mission Coordinating Committee*

**Contact:** [kchamis@thepresbytery.org](mailto:kchamis@thepresbytery.org) for more information



# Bonhoeffer in Charlottesville: Pondering the Shape of America

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, famous German theologian and Nazi resister, is an example for American Christians of a faith-based response to the threat of Nazism and the white supremacy movement. For many, Bonhoeffer's act of resistance was thought to be a thing of the past but recent events in the life of our country prove otherwise. What happens when the Nazis show up in chat rooms, websites, and finally, on your city streets? How are Christians to respond when the same ideologies that tore apart Germany find approval in America's civic and political life?

On Saturday November 3rd at Capitol Hill Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC, Jeffrey C. Pugh, former Maude Sharpe Powell Professor of Religious Studies and Distinguished University Professor at Elon University will lead a discussion of these questions as he recounts his experiences of August 11/12th in Charlottesville, Va. as part of the clergy resistance. He will discuss how Christianity contributed to the rise of Nazism, ineffectively resisted it, and how faith might inform our choices moving forward in America.

Jeffrey C. Pugh, Professor Emeritus and Distinguished University Professor at Elon University, is author of six books. He has spent much of his career exploring why Christianity failed so tragically in Germany during the rise of National Socialism and the ensuing Holocaust.

**FREE PUBLIC LECTURE**  
**SATURDAY November 3**  
**7:00 PM**  
**Capitol Hill**  
**Presbyterian Church**  
**201 4th Street, SE**  
**Washington, DC 20003**



**Telephone:**  
**202-547-8676**  
**Website:**  
**[capitolhillpreschurch.org](http://capitolhillpreschurch.org)**  
**Childcare available upon request**



# National Capital Presbytery Youth Carbon Analyst Program

Counting  
GHGs for  
net zero  
emissions in  
the PC(USA)

## KICK OFF PIZZA PARTY

Speakers:

Karen Chamis

(NCP, Missions)

June Eakin

(NCP, earth care network)

Dave Grace

(WMPC, convener)

Warner Memorial Presbyterian Church | November 17, 2018 | 4 - 6 PM

Register via email: [dce@warnermemorial.org](mailto:dce@warnermemorial.org)





# CLIMATE CHANGE SCIENCE AND CHRISTIANS

## **Katharine Hayhoe, Ph.D.**

is an accomplished atmospheric scientist who studies one of the most pressing issues facing humanity today: climate change and why it matters to us here and now. She is also a remarkable communicator. But Katharine may be best-known to many people because of how she's bridging the broad, deep gap between scientists and Christians—work she does in part because she's a Christian herself. She's been recognized by Time Magazine as one of the top 100 Most Influential People in the world (2014) and by Foreign Policy as one of the top 100 Global Thinkers; her work was featured on the Emmy award-winning documentary series, *The Years of Living Dangerously*; and she won the American Geophysical Union's award for climate communication. She was named to the POLITICO 50 list of thinkers, doers and visionaries transforming American politics (2016) and named one of FORTUNE's world's greatest leaders (2017).



## **FREE PUBLIC LECTURE**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 AT 7:00 PM**  
**SAINT MARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**10701 OLD GEORGETOWN RD.**  
**NORTH BETHESDA, MD 20852**

Register here:  
<https://bit.ly/2MvzHoY>

Childcare available upon request: 301-530-0600





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**“Strengthening Congregational  
Finances”**  
*with Bob Connolly*

**Open Space—4:00—5:00 p.m.**  
(prior to presbytery meeting)

**November 27, 2018**

**National Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC**

*This workshop will focus on  
“The Tree Main Reason Folks Give”*

- *Faith Relationships*
- *Opportunities*
- *Asking*

***It is the combination of all three which is critical to the success of a giving program in a congregation. Join us to learn more!***

**Bob Connolly, Vice President, Partner James Company**

Bob has worked with church congregations, schools, and social agencies since 1974. He has managed stewardship and capital fund appeals, conducted leadership-training seminars, and supervised planning processes for a wide variety of non-profit institutions.

Bob and his wife Lynn have two grown children and belong to Gesu Catholic Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bob is a Board Member of the Pilgrims of Ibillin and a member of Common Ground.





UNITY · RECONCILIATION · JUSTICE  
**Dismantling Racism**

**NCP Confronting Racism Task Force  
Listening Project Open Space  
November 27, 2018, January 22, 2019, and March 26, 2019**

The NCP Confronting Racism Task Force is beginning phase II of its three-phase process, which ends with three or four strong recommendations to Leadership Council to address the Presbytery's five-year Mission emphasis to "Bear public witness to the love, truth, and justice of God in Jesus Christ specifically in the areas of racism and reconciliation," by listening first to each of our own congregations, and following to listen as broadly as possible throughout the Presbytery at three opportunities offered at Open Spaces at each of the next three stated meetings in November, January, and March, and listening to our elders at retirement centers throughout National Capital Presbytery.

Our sessions will consist of a focus group of 10-12 members, facilitated and recorded by two members of the NCP Confronting Racism Task Force. If you are interested in participating in one of these listening sessions, please show up on time (4:00PM) at one of the three Open Spaces listed above. We will accept the first 10-12 persons, creating the most diverse group possible. Please arrive having considered the following four questions:

- 1) As a child, what have you heard adults around you say about people of other races?
- 2) What are your basic thoughts/beliefs about people who are a different race than you?
- 3) How does your faith impact how you understand race?
- 4) What has been your experience of race in the church?

We look forward to hearing from you!



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[www.thepresbytery.org](http://www.thepresbytery.org)





# 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*

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



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## ***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](http://www.thepresbytery.org/events)**