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May Birthday Greetings

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Pastoral Concerns:

The Rev. Nancy Elaine Thornton, HR a devoted mother, esteemed minister, and a beloved friend, passed away on April 29, 2022, in Cumming, GA in the loving care of her family. Nancy served over 35 years as a distinguished, ordained Presbyterian minister in Denver, Colorado, Poughkeepsie, New York, and *Washington, D.C. where she would eventually retire as the Pastor for the Northeastern Presbyterian Church.* In honor of Nancy's wishes, her family will celebrate her life in a private ceremony. ([*Obituary*](#))

The Dr. Rev. James "Jim" G. Macdonnell, H.R., former pastor of Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, died on April 29. We will share the arrangements when received.

The Rev. Dr. Edward A. White, HR. Ed transitioned on Thursday, March 31, 2022. A memorial service for Reverend White is planned for Saturday, June 11 at 2:00 pm at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, One Chevy Chase Circle, Washington DC 20015.

The family asks those who wish to honor Ed's life to consider contributions to the Interfaith Council of Metropolitan Washington (<https://ifcmw.org/donate/>) or to Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church (<https://www.chevychasepc.org/give>).

Ed was serving as Parish Associate at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. In his long and distinguished career, Ed has served as general presbyter for the National Capital Presbytery, (PCUSA) and was, at various times, Chair of the Alban's board of trustees, President of the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, President of the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, and President of the Society for Advancement of Continuing Education for Ministry (SACEM).

Announcements:

Our trans friends and family members deserve respect, support, and care – especially now when trans children and students are under political attack. **Please join us for Beyond Pink & Blue: Trans+family and Spiritual Care**, Saturday, May 14 from 9:30am to 4:00pm ET. This free hybrid community event in person and online is offered by Bethesda Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Maryland. For more info and to register: beyondpinkandblueregistrar@gmail.com

Register Now, for May 15 Deadline: A Pilgrimage of Discovery: Israel & Palestine: Travel to Israel and Palestine on a pilgrimage and study tour October 7-17, 2022. Join others from National Capital Presbytery for this trip, led by Rev. Dr. Ben Trawick, pastor at Grace, Springfield, and Rev. Susan Wilder, co-chair, Israel Palestine Mission Network, PCUSA. Travelers will walk in the land of the Bible beside those who live in the land today. Visiting places of Jesus' life and ministry and having conversations with Israelis and Palestinians, the group will consider what it means to be faithful witnesses to Christ in this time. \$3,850, double occupancy, includes round-trip airfare from Dulles, lodging, and meals. *See brochure included in this Thursday Mail;* for more information, contact Susan at wildersus@gmail.com or Ben at ben@gracepresby.org.

REGISTER NOW: "Worship REBoot", Thursday - Friday, June 16-17, 2022, at Bon Secours Retreat Center in Marriottsville, MD, cost \$200.00 (This includes lodging, dinner on Thursday, and breakfast and lunch on Friday.) Sponsored by the Worship and Theology Team of NCP. More information and registration link included in this TM – **SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE** – info@thepresbytery.org to inquire.



Join Providence on a Holy Land Pilgrimage, October 25 - November 4, 2022

Text: Providence Church invites you to join us in October as we journey in the "Footsteps of Jesus" on a Holy Land Pilgrimage. We will experience the scriptures in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the Galilee, with an optional extension to Petra. The full itinerary is available here:

<https://progressivepilgrimage.com/provpres22/> . Please contact Eric Doss of Progressive Pilgrimage at 410-300-1170 or eric@progressivepilgrimage.com with any questions.



Serve on summer staff at Massanetta Springs: Massanetta Springs is hiring day camp counselors, lifeguards, and facilities and hospitality staff to serve its summer programs! Join us for this fun, meaningful work for a few weeks or the full ten-week season from June-August. Full time paid positions include housing and meals and may be able to fulfill college or internship credits. Contact mdaycamp@massanettasprings.org or visit MassanettaSprings.org/nettadaycamp to learn more!

May 12, 2022

Dear Ministry Partners,

I was recently asked why a church should contribute to National Capital Presbytery's Unified Mission Fund. I was excited by the question and want to share my response with you:



We don't have a unified mission fund, per se. We have a mission budget that supports a variety of amazing and creative works done by committees and teams of the presbytery in partnership with our churches. It funds the mission of National Capital Presbytery: empowering and challenging our congregations to be missional, pastoral, and prophetic. I hope you've seen evidence of that work in the life of the 102 congregations that make up our Presbytery but in case you want to broaden your perspective, I invite you to review the [Impact 2021](#) document on our website.

Gifts or pledges that come in with the designation of benevolence/unified mission/shared giving go to support the mission budget, directly and exclusively. Without those dollars, NCP's reach and ability to support our congregations are immediately reduced. In the past couple of years, the mission budget has supported dozens of congregations with hybrid and online worship set ups, anti-racism training, congregational assessment tools, redevelopment opportunities, learning labs, countless continuing education opportunities for both laity and clergy, mission partnerships – the list goes on and on.

Giving to support the mission budget allows opportunity to be shared by our communities and distributed in a collective and equitable way. Your gift has the ability to impact not only all of the congregations in National Capital Presbytery but to leave a footprint on the folks that each of those congregations touch as well. Talk about exponential impact!

If you or your church has not yet made your **2022 Unified Mission Giving commitment**, I encourage you to prayerfully consider doing so. In 2022, we shifted to an electronic process for doing so and instructions can be found in this edition of the Thursday Mail.

Blessings,

Heather A. Deacon
Director of Business Affairs/NCP Treasurer





SUPPORTING NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We hope you have felt the impact of the collaborative ministry of National Capital Presbytery in 2021.

You are invited as a church, an organization or as an individual to join with us by financially supporting our shared work in the year ahead. – Thank you for your generosity!

**Pledge your 2022
financial support here:**
<https://bit.ly/3BCFcVj>



Make a financial gift here:
<https://bit.ly/3jQFaf>





The Reformed Political Tradition and the Current Crisis of Democratic Politics: A Short Course Offered by the Reformed Institute

Four sessions, Saturday mornings (9:30-noon): April 30, May 7, 14, 21. Complete Virtual Event from. No charge, but a donation is welcome.

Instructor: Dr. R. Bruce Douglass, former director of the Reformed Institute of Metropolitan Washington and emeritus member of the political theory faculty of the Department of Government, Georgetown University.

The course is designed to examine critically the relevance of certain key ideas in the Reformed Protestant political tradition (from Calvin to Wolterstorff) to the current crisis of democratic politics, with primary emphasis on developments in the industrialized nations.

The four sessions will cover the following topics:

April 30 – Reformed Political Thought—the Foundations

May 7 – Reformed Political Thought—Subsequent Developments

May 14 – Three Versions of Democracy—Constitutional, Liberal and Populist

May 21 – Democracy, Religious Pluralism and the Idea of a Christian Nation

Participants will be encouraged (but not required) to do a modest set of readings, most of which will be available online.

REGISTER FOR THE COURSE HERE: <https://reformedinstitute.org/event/short-course-on-reformed-thought-and-the-crisis-of-democracy-virtual/>

Virtual Spring Gathering and Annual Business Meeting

Saturday, May 14, 2022
10:00am

Please join us on Zoom for
friendship and fellowship
starting at 9:45am

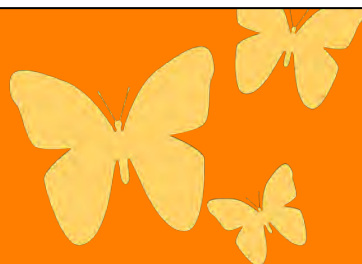


National Capital
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Women

For more information, check out the [NCP PW Facebook page](#).

Offerings will be
collected to support
the work of the
[Presbyterian
Disaster Assistance
Fund](#).



Caring for God's Creation!

With signs of spring everywhere, let
us gather to discuss the ways we can
individually and collectively be better
stewards of God's earth and all its
creation.

Please register [here](#) by May 12th, 2022

BEYOND PINK & BLUE

Trans+Family Spiritual Care

Saturday
May 14th
9:30-4:00 ET

A FREE HYBRID COMMUNITY EVENT
IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Bethesda Presbyterian Church Bethesda, Maryland
Registration at: beyondpinkblueregistrar@gmail.com

You're Invited

*Responding to the Rise of
"Christian" Nationalism*

**Sunday Speaker Series,
In-person and On-line
11 am at Western Church**



**May 15 - Congressman Jamie Raskin,
member of House Committee on January 6
and author of *Unthinkable: Trauma, Truth,
and the Trials of American Democracy***



**May 29 - Doug Pagitt, Pastor,
social activist and executive director,
Vote Common Good**



**WESTERN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Sponsored by the Free Inquiry Class

*On-line participants will use the worship zoom link; for
more information contact info@westernpresbyterian.org*

NORTHEASTERN
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GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Virtual Seminar



hosted by the
**Social Concerns/Peace Making
Committee**

Saturday
May 21. 2022
1:00pm to 2:30pm

There will be presentations on prevention and reduction of gun violence and the causes. The victims view of the gun violence problem and crime in general.

Each will be 15 minutes including time for questions and answers.

Zoom Link: [HERE](#)

Presenters include:

Allen James

Co Chief of the Violence Reduction Section for the
Office of the Attorney General (Washington, D.C.)

Norman Brown

Program Manager of the Credible Messenger & Director
of the Department of Youth & Rehabilitation Services
(Washington, D.C.)

Keenon James

Gun Violence Survivor -- Senior Director of the Everytown
Survivor Network (PG County, MD)

J Wyndal Gordon

Civil Rights and Criminal Defense Attorney (Baltimore, MD)

Northeastern Presbyterian Church | 2112 Varnum St. N.E. | Washington, DC 20018
202.526.1730 | nepc-dc.org | Rev. Dr. Willie J. Keaton, Pastor

POAMN HONORS OLDER ADULTS

Worship and Celebration of Older Adult Month

May 22, 2022 7:00 PM EST
on zoom.us



JOIN US FOR A MULTI-CULTURAL
WORSHIP CELEBRATION
WITH
THE WRITERS OF WORSHIP SERVICES
FROM
THE 2021 PROGRAM IDEAS AND
RESOURCES GUIDE

Save the Date May 22, 2022
"The Saints Among Us"
POAMN.ORG

YOU ARE INVITED

CELEBRATE DC YAV

6.10.22

7-9pm EDT

AN EVENING OF
music &
community

TO SUPPORT DC YAV



[CLICK HERE TO GET
YOUR TICKETS!](#)

10TH JUNE 2022

7:00-9:00PM

IN-PERSON AT FIFTEENTH STREET PRESBYTERIAN
OR ONLINE VIA ZOOM



JOIN US FOR PRIDE!

June 11, 2022

Congregations and individuals from National Capital Prebsytery are planning to march together again in this year's Capital Pride Parade. If you or your church are interested in participating, [click here](#) to sign up!

WORSHIP REBOOT

JUNE 16-17, 2022

BON SECOURS RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER
MARIOTTSVILLE, MD

HOSTED BY THE WORSHIP & THEOLOGY TEAM OF NCP

Join the Worship & Theology Team for two days of a **"worship reboot"**! We will hear from Dr. McFee on new ways of integrating worship design, artistic rituals and more. We will also hear from colleagues around our presbytery on Humor, Setting the Scene, Hybrid on a Shoestring, Being Real, Tech Steps and of course, Music! (Schedule included on this flyer)

Cost: \$200 pp, includes overnight lodging, dinner, breakfast, and lunch



OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Educator, Ritual Artist, Adventurer

Marcia McFee, PhD is a professor, worship designer, author, preacher, and ritual artist. Drawing on a first career in professional dance and musical theater and equipped with a Master's in Theology and a PhD in Liturgical Studies and Ethics, she understands the role of any worship artist in the church as that of creating extraordinary portals through which communities' journey with the Spirit. The task is at once deeply theological and wonderfully artistic.

Marcia McFee - Worship Consultant

REGISTER HERE

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WORSHIP REBOOT
JUNE 16-17, 2022
BON SECOURS RETREAT & CONFERENCE CENTER
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SCHEDULE

Thursday

4:30 pm	Check-in
5:30pm	Dinner
7:00 – 8:30	Keynote #1 – Dr. Marcia McFee
8:30 – 9:00	Evening Worship

Friday

8:00 am	Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00	Keynote #2 – Dr. Marcia McFee
11:15 – Noon	Small Groups
Noon	Lunch
12:45-1:45	Worship Talks (6-7 minutes) Rev. Barbara Heck-“Humor in Worship” Rev. Chuck Booker- “Setting the Scene- The Sacredness of Screen” Todd Richardson- “Music in Hybrid Worship” Elder Willie Montgomery-“Next Steps in Tech” Elder Jesy Littlejohn- “It’s Still Sacred on a Shoestring Budget” Rev. Don Meeks- “Being Real”
2:00 pm	Closing Worship