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# *March Birthday Greetings*

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*From the staff of  
National Capital Presbytery  
david, dina, heather, john,  
lajuan, tara*



## ***Pastoral Concerns:***

We extend our prayers to **The Rev. Shannon Smith Kiser** and her family. Shannon's father, *J. Wayne Smith, M.D.* died peacefully at home after a 3-year battle with cancer in Monroe, LA, on February 21, 2023, at the age of 78, surrounded by his family.

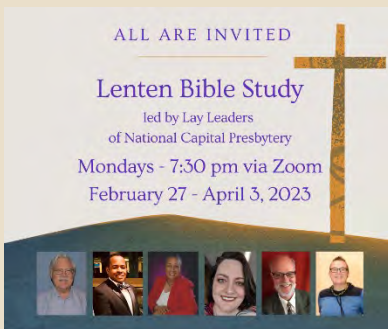
## ***Announcements:***

### ***National Capital Presbytery...***

*and Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Washington, DC, invite you to the **Installation service of the Rev. Meghan Brown, Associate Pastor** on March 5, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.*

*and Trinity Presbyterian Church, Herndon, Virginia, invite you to the **Installation service of the Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana, Associate Pastor** on March 12, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.*

*and United Korean Presbyterian Church, Bethesda, Maryland, invite you to the **Installation service of the Rev. Taekhan Yoon, Pastor** on April 16, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.*



**Keep your calendars marked!** – We have lay leaders from Lewinsville, Fifteenth Street, Church of the Redeemer, St. Andrew, Georgetown and Oaklands, Presbyterian Churches! Zoom link found here: <https://thepresbytery.org/ncp-events/>

## Clerk's Corner

*[Jesus] said to them, "Therefore, every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." – Matthew 13:52, NRSV*



Greetings! As I begin my service as Stated Clerk in National Capital Presbytery, I am grateful for all the expressions of welcome and other good wishes many of you have offered me. Some of you I am privileged to know already, and the rest of you I look forward to meeting soon.

This spring is a transitional time for my family. My wife Amy is a teacher, and our two children, Johanna and Timothy, are in eighth and second grade, respectively. They are staying in New Jersey to finish the school year, and we plan to relocate to the DMV over the summer. While I am absolutely thrilled to be here with you, I am very much looking forward to an end to driving up and down I-95, and I am eager to settle into a new home with my family.

I hope to use this space to communicate with you about my work, and to offer support for the ministry of you, my colleagues, and the communities you serve. There will be plenty of occasions for me to talk about the *Book of Order* or *Robert's Rules*, but I thought I would begin with these words of scripture above. When Jesus speaks about "scribes" in the gospels, he often has sharply critical things to say about them, so as someone whose ministry role might plausibly be described as that of a scribe, I take notice when Jesus speaks positively of a scribe who has been "trained for the kingdom of heaven." What might someone whose ministry deals with processes, structures, and records offer in witness and service of God's inbreaking reign?

**Something new and something old...**

The word "therefore" points us back to the preceding verses, where Jesus has offered a series of short parables about the kingdom of heaven. It is like a treasure hidden in a field, or like a pearl of great value, Jesus says, for which people might sell all that they have. It is like a net cast in the sea, drawing up all kinds of fish, where you need to separate the good from the bad. Eugene Boring notes the familiar vocabulary of images used in these parables—the "treasure" store—which would have been common among other religious teachers.<sup>1</sup> The images and metaphors are familiar, but Jesus employs them in surprising and innovative ways that reflect the new thing God is doing, and he invites others—perhaps the gospel author, you, me—to do the same.

One of the most satisfying aspects of my work as a stated clerk is the unexpected phone calls that begin something like this: "We are really excited to be doing this new thing at our church, but we're not quite sure how it fits with our polity. Can you help us?" I thrill at opportunities to brainstorm with you how to put our old treasures in the service of the new thing God is doing in your community—so if you have a puzzle or a question like this on your mind, please do me the favor of inviting me to collaborate with you!

God is calling us to new ministries, new relationships, new ways of loving and serving our neighbors—telling the "old, old story" in an ever-changing world. I look forward to discovering with you how we might bring out of our treasure what is new and what is old.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. David Baer, Stated Clerk (National Capital Presbytery)  
[dbaer@thepresbytery.org](mailto:dbaer@thepresbytery.org)

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<sup>1</sup> M. Eugene Boring, "The Gospel of Matthew." *The New Interpreter's Bible*. Leander Keck et al, eds. Nashville: Abingdon. Vol. VII, p. 315.

# ***WELCOME TO NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY. . .***

*Being introduced at the March 28, 2023, Stated Meeting*



**The Rev. Chris McAuliffe** - In 2019, Potomac Presbyterian Church (PPC) welcomed Chris McAuliffe as the Director of Youth and Christian Formation. After going through the ordination process through the NCP, Chris became the Stated Supply Associate Pastor at PPC on February 26, 2023. He received a Master of Divinity at Wake Forest School of Divinity and studied Religious Studies as an undergraduate at the University of Redlands. His passion is to help people grow in their relationship with God and each other. Chris is a bit of a church history buff and enjoys having deep conversations about God and theology. He loves working with youth and is super excited that he gets to spend time teaching and interacting with the students at the church. His hobbies include all things sports, traveling, playing with his dog, and video games. Chris can't wait to get more involved in the Presbytery and see where God continues to call him in his ministry. ***Reach out to Chris here: [chris.mcauliffe@potomacpresbyterian.org](mailto:chris.mcauliffe@potomacpresbyterian.org)***



ALL ARE INVITED

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# Lenten Bible Study

led by Lay Leaders  
of National Capital Presbytery

Mondays – 7:30 pm via Zoom

Zoom link here: <https://thepresbytery.org/ncp-events/>

February 27 – April 3, 2023



Elder Rob Hunter  
Lewinsville



Elder Darrell Whiting  
Fifteenth Street



Elder Jochebed Jordan  
Redeemer



Elder Lisa Massey  
St. Andrew



Elder Alan Wisdom  
Georgetown



Elder Jesy Littlejohn  
Oaklands

**PCUSA Mission Co-worker Visits Heritage**  
**Sunday, March 12**  
**Rev. Cheryl Barnes — teaching & preaching**  
**Intergenerational Sunday School at 9:00 AM**  
**Worship Service at 10:00 AM**



**Rev. Cheryl Barnes**

Mission co-worker in  
Malawi, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

Serving as the education facilitator for the Church  
of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP).

Join us to learn about Rev. Barnes's mission and  
ministry in southeast Africa.

As the education facilitator for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Cheryl Barnes collaborates with the CCAP Education Department and the education departments of the five CCAP Synods — three in Malawi, one in Zambia, and one in Zimbabwe — to improve the quality of primary school education in the many schools under the CCAP umbrella. In her role as an education advisor, Cheryl strives to assist the CCAP in improving the quality of teaching and implementing best practices in educating children, including those with special needs. A focus of Cheryl's ministry is working with the CCAP to safeguard the rights of children by developing child protection policies and implementing them in schools. Of particular emphasis is protecting young girls against violence and empowering them to continue their schooling.

The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) is a thriving denomination with a membership of more than 3 million congregants throughout Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Despite minimal budgets, the CCAP has multiple departments through which vibrant holistic ministry takes place — especially in education, health and development. Educating thousands of students each year, the CCAP's approximately 1500 schools play a vital role in their communities.

Due to a lack of financial resources, the CCAP schools face a number of challenges that compromise their effectiveness. They are chronically under-staffed and over-crowded, with student-teacher ratios as high as 100:1. Books are in short supply. Moreover, schools struggle to address issues such as early childhood development, child protection, the rights and needs of young girls, clean water and sanitation.

Unflagging in its commitment to helping children and communities flourish, the CCAP Education Department is working diligently to improve the educational experience for all students.

To learn more about Rev. Barnes and CCAP's mission and ministry in southeast Africa please visit her website at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/cheryl-barnes/>

**Heritage Presbyterian Church**  
**8503 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria Virginia 22308**



# "God and the New Cosmology"

A webinar with Dr. John Haught



Dr. John Haught is a Professor Emeritus of Theology at Georgetown University and one of the country's leading thinkers on religion and science. Dr. Haught will address the topic of "God and the New Cosmology" and, in particular, look at how the work of Albert Einstein and Teilhard de Chardin has had an impact on how we think about our faith.

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 pm

Sponsored by the McClendon Scholar Program of The New York Avenue Presbyterian Church

**Register to receive the zoom link:**

<https://haughtmarch15.eventbrite.com>



For more information, contact 240 393-7246 or [dialogdays@aol.com](mailto:dialogdays@aol.com)

# LEARNING TO TELL GOOD STORIES

**MARCH 18, 2023**

**BUSH HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

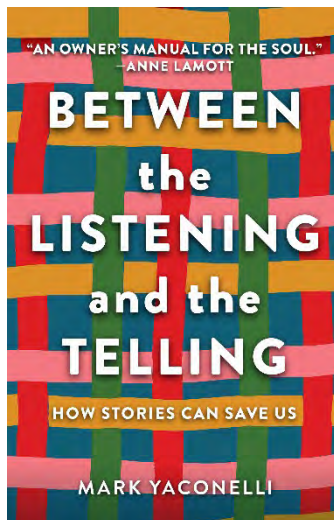
**4916 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310**

**9 A.M. – NOON**  
**Sacred Stories**

**LUNCH**

**1 – 4 P.M.**  
**How Stories Save Us**

*“Now more than ever, we need a book and a teacher such as this.”* –Anne Lamott, New York Times bestselling author



In an increasingly fast-paced and fractured world, sharing stories can be a radical and deeply human practice for uncovering the ties that bind us to one another. Story invites us to step into the reality of another person's existence and instead of judgment feel kinship. Storyteller, author, and activist Mark Yaconelli will lead two different workshops

Mark will read from his new book and lead us into an enchanting meditation on the power of storytelling in our individual and collective lives.

Through his work with The Hearth nonprofit, Yaconelli has served communities across the United States and United Kingdom to bridge divisions, heal trauma, shed light on injustice, and recover hope. In this inspiring and interactive presentation Mark Yaconelli will show how stories can heal our families, our world, ourselves.

**Mark Yaconelli** is a seasoned retreat leader, community-builder, story catcher whose work has appeared in the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, BBC Radio, and ABC World News Tonight. [www.markyaconelli.com](http://www.markyaconelli.com)

*“Mark Yaconelli ushers us into rooms full of authentic stories, where facades fall and suffering and joy are metabolized. This is an immersive, elegant meditation, an offering of grace.”*

—Kirsten Powers, CNN Senior Political Analyst

*“An owner's manual for the soul.”*

—Anne Lamott, New York Times bestselling author.

REGISTER AT [office@bushhill.org](mailto:office@bushhill.org)

CALL (703)971-1171

SIGN UP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45afac2fa3f9c52-storytelling#/>

# Bush Hill Presbyterian Church Blood Drive

## WHEN:

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

## WHERE:

**4916 Franconia Rd.  
Alexandria, VA**

*Inova Blood Donor Services will be in the  
Dickson Room.*



**Every Drop Counts.  
Donate Blood.**

## Book Your Appointment Today

- Visit <https://bit.ly/BushHill0325>
- Call 1(866) 256-6372, use Sponsor Code 8796
- Contact Mary Elizabeth Morriss - [memorriss@msn.com](mailto:memorriss@msn.com)



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Blood Donor Services

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Photo ID and surgical face masks required. Surgical face masks will be provided if needed. Allow one hour for your donation.



# Spring Fling Concert & Wine Tasting

## LOVE ONE ANOTHER

March 25 • 6–8 pm

CAPITOL HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Concert and Sparkling Wine Tasting to  
Benefit Refugee & Migrant Support

CHILD CARE WITH GAMES AND FOOD  
SPONSORED BY WE THE PIZZA

Tickets available at  
[www.capitolhillpreschurch.org](http://www.capitolhillpreschurch.org)

\$30 – 1 ticket  
(\$35 at the door)

\$55 – 2 tickets  
(\$60 at the door)

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# The Gathering

## "Stewardship through Storytelling"

hosted by NCP Stewardship Committee



***Stories that Motivate Stewardship*** -What makes us want to support our church?

The heart of our commitment to a cause or congregation that we love is an incredible story of why we've chosen that church for our commitment. It's a call by God to share our blessings - and our job is to help our congregation hear that call.

In this interactive workshop, we'll talk about our own stories and how they changed our hearts and lives, as well as identify the stories out in your congregation. We'll show you how to find those stories, where and when to tell them, and how to set your next stewardship campaign up for success.

Our presenter for the day, ***Robyn Davis Sekula, Vice President of Communications and Marketing, at the Presbyterian Foundation.***

***Be prepared to share your stories and work in small groups.***

***Lunch will be provided***

**April 20, 2023**

**10:30 AM to 2:30 PM**

**Saint Mark Presbyterian Church**

**Open to All**

**Register Here**



THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM  
OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

# ALLY TRAINING 2023

led by Service Never Sleeps



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**Dismantling Racism**

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR 2023

(Training consists of TWO sessions.

Your registration confirms you will attend both)

**Sunday, May 7 and Monday, May 8**  
**6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.**

Where: **Zoom**

Who: **ALL Clergy AND Members of NCP  
congregations & communities & friends of  
our congregations. Want to register a  
group, let us know!**

Led by Whitney Parnell, CEO and Founder of Service Never Sleeps, these sessions will provide helpful definitions, invitations to self-mirroring, and active ally education involving the CLAIM acronym: Care, Learn, Act, Influence, and Maintain. The workshops teach individuals about the causes of social injustice, how to be effective allies for marginalized communities, and how to actively influence and educate others. Our time together on Zoom will involve breakouts for practice together in pairs and small groups intermittently throughout our time of learning, so come ready to "try on" the Ally Training strategies of Service Never Sleeps.

**[Register HERE](#)**