#### THURSDAY MAIL



**October 16, 2025** 





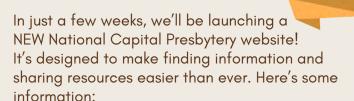
More detailed information about each event, flyers and registration may be found on the **Events** page of the website

#### **National Capital Presbytery**

6700-A Rockledge Drive, Suite 250 Bethesda, MD 20817 240-514-5348 www.thepresbytery.org

communications@thepresbytery.org

#### **NEW NCP WEBSITE!**



#### **Current Website:**

- Event registrations will continue to function as usual from the current website.
- No new content will be added to the current website after October 16.

#### **New Website Highlights:**

- A single Resources dropdown will give quick access to COM, CPM, Clerk's Corner, Grants, and more.
- NCP congregations will be able to submit job postings and events directly through the site for approval.

Thank you for your patience as we make this transition. We can't wait to share the new website with you!







#### October 14, 2025



Dear Ministry Partners,

My favorite season is upon us – and no, I'm not talking about Fall. I'm talking about budget season! I've shared before that I genuinely love coordinating, forecasting, planning, sharing and spreadsheet building that goes into making a budget. Each line item represents possibility and promises – I confess, it gets me every time!

Despite how much I enjoy it, the 2026 budget process has not been without bumps in the road. We only need to look around in our pews or our neighborhoods to see that our local economy has taken a hit over the last 9-10 months; the extent to which that is impacting giving continues to play out. We also know that our communities are hurting and facing new challenges, meaning the way we minister and respond might be shifting.

The Budget and Finance Committee has been working hard to balance economic uncertainty with committee requests and anticipates making a recommendation to Leadership Council regarding the 2026 Per Capita rate on November 5. If the way be clear and Leadership Council concurs with that recommendation, we will distribute the recommended Per Capita Rate (and all related budget materials) on November 6. (As a reminder, the 2026 per capita rate is not officially set until the body votes at the Presbytery meeting scheduled for November 18.)

As congregations enter their stewardship seasons and begin preparing their respective budgets, we do know that there will be an overall increase to per capita because both General Assembly and Synod of Mid Atlantic have increased their rates for 2026.

If you have any questions about per capita, the budget process, or anything else finance related, the business office is here to help.

Blessings as we continue this important work together!

Heather Deacon
Senior Director of Finance & Operations



Greetings People,

Priorities named from members in this Presbytery through the *HolyCow! Landscape* (a presbytery CAT) and from survey suggestions after each Presbytery meeting are EXACTLY why we are doing what we are doing: Connecting with one another and Prophetic Witnessing to God's love and justice in this world!

This coming Sunday, let's get together with youth from around our Presbytery at **Hope Presbyterian Church in Mitchellville, MD, October 19**. The **NCP wide Youth Gathering** welcomes **Zy Bryant for an afternoon of Faith in Action as Youth and Young Adults**.

Zy Bryant (a Virginian native), at the age of 12, started organizing students in a rally for justice against police brutality. In 2015 and 2016, still a teenager, Zy organized and spoke towards funding for public education and petitioning to the City Council of Charlottesville, VA (Zy's home) for the removal of Confederate statues in her town and renaming parks. In 2019, Zy published a collection of poetry and essays titled, "RECLAIM."

All of Zy is grounded in her faith, in her private and public life. Zy will be facilitating us in practices and disciplines of faith in our lives. Through labyrinth walks, basketball, food, and PRAISE, youth of NCP are welcome to join in the fun of discipleship: Praying with our FEET!

#### <u>Schedule</u>

1:00-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:45 Program and Activities

2:45-3:00ish Praise Prayer Play!

Please feel free to contact Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, <a href="mailto:tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org">tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org</a>, for any questions. <a href="mailto:Flyer">Flyer</a> within this TM. Register <a href="mailto:HERE">HERE</a>.

Peace and Courage,

Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe
Director of Congregational Development & Mission



#### **UKIRK MARYLAND**

Do you have students from your congregation who attend the University of Maryland at College Park? Let them know about UKirk Maryland – <u>ukirkmaryland</u> on Instagram share the form HERE.



As congregations plan for the year ahead, note the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2024) approved changes to the churchwide Special Offerings to take effect January 1, 2026. To learn more about the 2026 changes, click <u>HERE</u>.



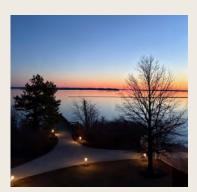
### FROM THE OFFICE OF THE STATED CLERK

Attention Clerks of Session! An email was sent yesterday requesting your church's Necrology Report – those elders who have died during the period from November 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025. All churches are asked to submit a report no later than November 3, 2025 to ensure its inclusion at the November 18th presbytery meeting. Contact communications@thepresbytery.org if not recieved. Session Records Review information will come out soon.

#### AT-LARGE AND SPECIALIZED MINISTER MEMBERS

Are you an At-large or Specialized Minister Member of NCP? Your Annual Report will be due at the beginning of November. Look for an email requesting this information soon.

#### **2026 CONTINUING EDUCATION GATHERING & RETREAT**



We are pleased to announce that our **2026 Continuing Education Gathering & Retreat** will be back at the Hyatt Regency Cheasapeake Bay in Cambridge Maryland on **March 2-4, 2026**. We will offer **early bird pricing** with the fee increasing on December 1! We are excited for our speakers **Brennan Breed**, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary and **Lakisha Lockhart**, Associate Professor of Christian Education and Acting Director of the Center for Womanist Leadership at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Register <u>HERE</u>.









#### **National Capital Presbytery**



## Upcoming Events 2025/26



SEPT

Ministry of Presence

Prayers at DC Metro Stations

SEP 8 Antiracism -Laity

Six sessions via Zoom

SEP

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Antiracism -Clergy

Six sessions via Zoom

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Missional Incubator Who, What, Why

SEP

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Action Item Dialogue

No items for action

SEP

23

Presbytery Meeting

New Commissioner Training & Business Mtg

SEP

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Faithful Investing

200m

OCT

Pastors' Hangout

OCT

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Youth Event

Presbytery-Wide Praying with Our Feet

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Allyship Training

in-person

NOV

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Missional Incubator

Implementation

NOV

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Presbytery Meeting

Zoom, Budget

NOV 21-23 Keep Awake

Registration open

JAN

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Leadership Training Coming soon

FEB

3-5

Missional Incubator

Immersion

MAR

2-4

Continuing Ed. Gathering & Retreat

For more information and to register – thepresbytery.org/events

Questions? <a href="mailto:communications@thepresbytery.org">communications@thepresbytery.org</a>

## praying with our FEET

with Zy Bryant

Sunday, October 19

1:00 -3:30 PM

Hope Presbyterian Church

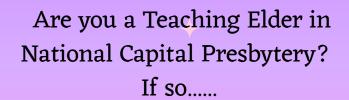
1100 Enterprise Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721

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Please RSVP for a headcount for activities and food



NCP's Teaching Elder Care and Nurture Team is here for you!

#### How can the TEC-N Team support you and your minstry?

Whether ministry is beautiful or hard and heartbreaking for you in this season, there are many ways that the TEC-N Team of National Capital Presbytery can support you!

#### Do you....

Need a Listening ear and prayer?

Need a sabbatical approved?

Need a grant to support an event or activity for your clergy group?

Need help navigating the process of getting your ministry recognized as a validated ministry within NCP?

Need a grant to support individual coaching or spiritual direction?

#### THE TEC-N TEAM IS HERE TO HELP WITH ALL OF THIS AND MORE!

Want more information? Contact team co-chairs Emma Horn ehorn@ipcmclean.org

or

Larry Golemon lgolemon@washingtontheocon.org



Explore ways to use your existing facility to create fresh expressions of church that build new communities.

All events have a suggested donation of \$10 to offset food costs unless otherwise noted.

WHO, WHAT, AND WHY?
Thursday, September 18, 6:00 -8:00 PM
Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, Sterling, VA

The future of your church will be shaped by how you answer three simple questions:

- "Who are you here to engage and serve?"
- "What are you doing to engage your who?"
- "Why are you doing what you do?"

This evening event is designed to help you and possibly a few others from your church wrestle with the implementation of your mission as it relates to your "who", "what", and "why". This will also be an opportunity to evaluate your mission plans considering your answers to the three key mission questions. For churches who are in the second round of the cohort and who bring a team, a coach will be provided to guide your table discussion at this event making this time a deeper dive into your concept as it relates to the mission. Dinner included. To reserve your spot, register HERE.

## IT'S NOT WEIRD: START A COMPELLING MISSIONAL BUSINESS Saturday, October 18, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, Sterling, VA

A church starting a compelling missional business or a social enterprise, is that weird? Would Jesus turn over the tables or would Jesus be the one who greets the strangers at the door of your gym, grocery store, coffee café, bookshop, learning center, music store...? Many churches do not find the amount of giving in offering able to sustain the mission and few churches have visitors flocking into their doors. Maybe a compelling business is a path to a viable future. Lunch included. To reserve your spot, register HERE.

IMPLEMENTATION

Sunday, November 16, 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Ridgetop Coffee and Tea, Sterling, VA

How do you go from "discernment" to "implementation"? How do you take an idea and make it a reality? Join us early at 1:30 PM for an ideation lab that will explore how to discern which idea to implement. Dinner included. To reserve your spot, register HERE.

# MISSIONAL ENTIREPRENEURSHIP IMMERSION

"Once a quiet relic on the edge of

won, the old barn came alive again—
town, the old barn came alive again—
town, the old barn came alive again—
with laughter, worship, workshops,
with laughter, worship, workshops,
with laughter, worship, workshops,
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February 3 - 5, 2026

Ridgetop Coffee and Tea Sterling, VA

Training for Pioneers at the Intersection of the Marketplace and God's Mission

hosted by the Missional Incubator of the National Capital Presbytery and Fresh Expressions US.

What if the next story could come from your community?
Missional entrepreneurship turns holy discontent into Kingdom impact—it's what happens when visionaries stop waiting and start building what the Spirit is stirring.

"It started with a simple Keurig, a neighbor's story, and a deep sense that church could look different—by the time the espresso machine was running, so was a new kind of faith community."

for more information

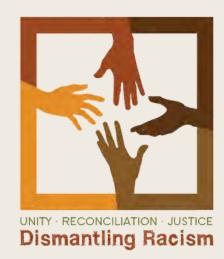




THE DISMANTLING RACISM TEAM OF NCP INVITE YOU TO

#### ALLYSHIP TRAINING 2025

led by Service Never Sleeps



#### an IN-PERSON TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

#### Saturday, October 25 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

at National Presbyterian Church

Honors the Minister Member mandate and an opportunity for all employees and members of NCP churches, congregations, and partners.

#### Lunch

(\$10 suggested donation to offset food costs)

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 IN-PERSON time together 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** 



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN NATIONAL CAPITAL PRESBYTERY

#### 2025 FALL GATHERING - Hybrid

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 10am to 12pm – Lunch to follow Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church

610 S. Frederick Ave. Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Theme: PW IN THE WORLD

**Speaker: Nina Khouri** 

"Her experience as a PW Delegate to the

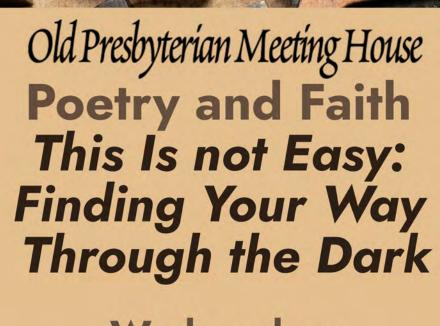
UN Commission on the Status of Women"

Registration link:

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Please no loose or rolled coin



Wednesdays
October 15 - November 12
6:00-8:00 PM
Dinner and Childcare Available
Education Building, Fellowship Hall

Poetry provides the words and the guidance we need when life is hard! We will cover topics such as aging, identity, belief, death, and our relationships with others and the natural world.



#### WeCanRow, DC AND Bush Hill Presbyterian Church

#### An Evening of

#### SHARED COURAGE

### A Doctor and Patient Reflect on Their Journeys with Breast Cancer

#### **Dr. Christy Teal**

Professor of Surgery, Director, Breast Care Center at the George Washington University School of Medicine & Health Sciences and co-author, No Longer Radical: Understanding Mastectomies and Choosing Breast Cancer Care

and

#### Caryn Muellerleile

WeCanRowDC, a non-profit organization founded in 2005, dedicated to bringing the joy and healing power of rowing ("crew") to women of all backgrounds and abilities, at any stage of breast cancer recovery.

Thursday, October 23, 7:30 p.m.



Bush Hill Church, Dickson Room 4916 Franconia Road Alexandria, VA 22310







24 October

#### OAKLANDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

14301 Laurel Bowie Road Laurel, MD 20708 6:00PM

8:00PM

Candy, costumes & community – all from the trunk of your car!

Bring the whole family for a free, safe, fun-filled evening with laughter, games, and sweet treats.





## Special Forum with Rev. Paul Raushenbush

Immanuel Presbyterian Church Saturday, October 25 2:00-4:30pm

"The root of the word 'courage' is 'cor,' or heart. Jesus commands us to love and transform that love into courage required to show up for one another, with one another in this time."

President and CEO of Interfaith Alliance, Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush, will join us at Immanuel to speak on how the church must respond to this pivotal moment in history, addressing the challenges of our time with faith and action, offering 'an invitation to courage.'



#### A Call to Courage.

Join us in the Immanuel Meeting House on Saturday, October 25 at 2:00pm for an inspiring conversation on how we can rise to the occasion and make a difference.

Questions? Please contact Pastor Blair Moorhead at <a href="mailto:bmoorhead@ipcmclean.org">bmoorhead@ipcmclean.org</a>.





# United in Worship

Saturday, 25 October 2025 06:00 - 08:00 PM

2666 Military Road, Arlington, VA 22207

"Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." (Psalm 100:2)





#### "The Cross and the Olive Tree: A Palestinian Christian Reflection"

Featuring John Munayer



Palestinian Christian theologian and author John Munayer will give his perspective on what is happening in Gaza and the West Bank and discuss efforts to cultivate Palestinian theology amidst the current suffering. He will also discuss what concepts like hope, reconciliation, and martyrdom mean in the context of Palestinians' widespread agony.

#### Thursday, October 30, at 7 pm EDT

**Onsite or Online** 

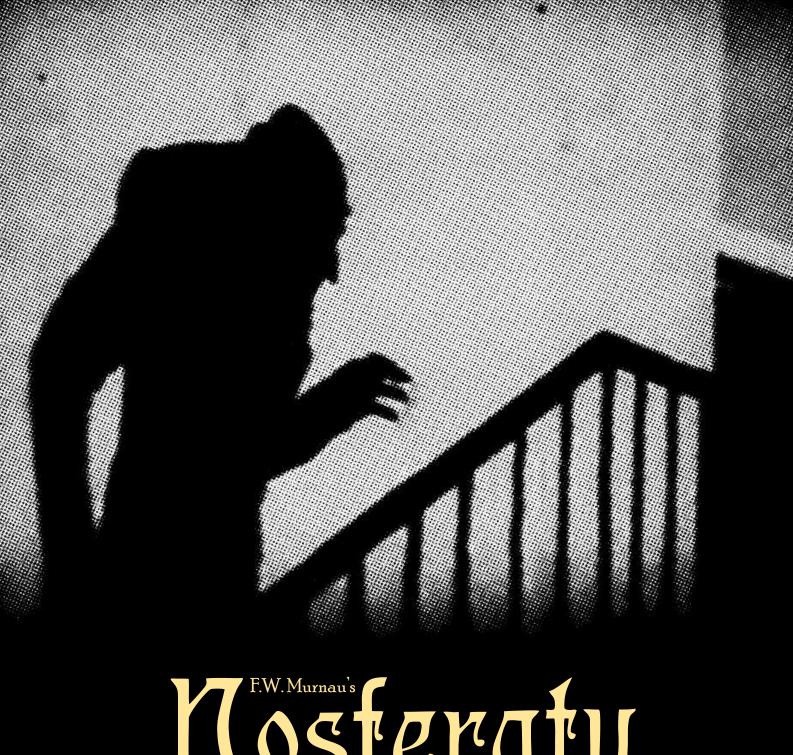
Register to attend in person or for the webinar: nyapc.org/munayer

**New York Avenue Presbyterian Church** 

1313 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20005 Free parking available next door at 1399 New York Avenue, NW

Sponsored by the McClendon Scholar Program of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church For more information call 240 393-7246





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Silent Movie with LIVE Organ Accompaniment Joe Gabalski, organ

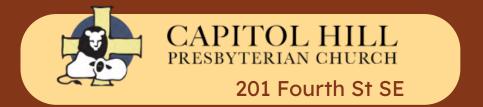
Saturday, November 1 at 7:30 pm





## BOOK CAN

Four-week study of "For Such a Time as This, An Emergency Devotional" by Hanna Reichel



Sunday evenings, 5 to 6 p.m., Nov. 2 - Nov. 23

## CAROL WILLIAMS



Organ Dedication Concert Friday, 11/14/2025 @ 7:30pm

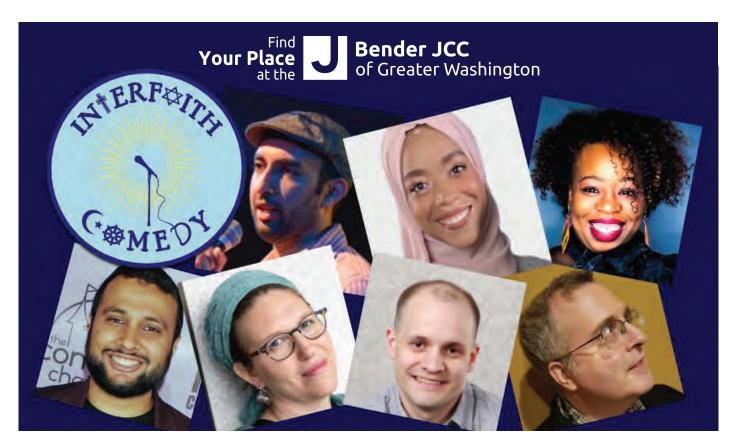
Berger Lecture on Organ & Worship Saturday, 11/15/2025 @ 11:00am

Tickets Free

10301 RIVER ROAD POTOMAC, MD







#### Interfaith Comedy Show

Sunday, October 19 | 5:30 PM

**Individual Tickets: \$20** 

#### Laugh. Connect. Build. All Are Welcome!

Join us at the Bender JCC for a night of hilarious, heartwarming comedy (from InterfaithComedy.com) that brings together voices from across our interfaith community. This special evening kicks off our "Build Bridges" initiative with laughter and connection.

Sponsorship Package available for community organizations.

For more informations, contact Lauren Dworkin at 301-348-3837 or ldworkin@benderjccgw.org.



Scan QR code to purchase tickets >>

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NEXT CHURCH NATIONAL GATHERING

## ALREADY & NOT YET

GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN NOVEMBER 11-14, 2025



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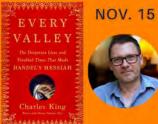
Explore the issues facing the Church right now.

A Gathering for Leaders Committed to Transformation



#### 2025-2026 SEASON

#### **CHARLES KING**



#### TERAH SHELTON HARRIS



#### FEB. 28



#### JEFFREY DALE LOFTON



APR. 25



#### SATURDAYS | 2PM | READING & RECEPTION





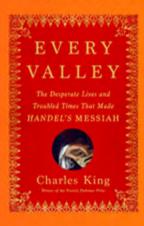








#### WELCOMES CHARLES KING





SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2:00 PM

READING & RECEPTION
\$20 SUGGESTED DONATION
225 E. BROAD STREET, FALLS CHURCH, VA













#### November 21 - 23, 2025 Massanetta Springs

This is a pay-what-you're-able retreat for high school students and their leaders, centered on worship, leadership development, and small group discussion in line with PC(USA)'s Matthew 25 vision.

#### IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 10/6/25: group holds expire Monday 11/10/25: final day to register

Register your church group **HERE** 

#### **Questions? Contact Colleen Earp**

540-434-3829 - colleen@massanettasprings.org

Contact NCP's Tara Spuhler McCabe tspuhlermccabe@thepresbytery.org

AFTER your church has registered.



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#### **November 8, 2025**

#### **Union Presbyterian Seminary**

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Is worshiping with your child a joy?

Do you want your chie's prayer lie to be more than meals and bedtime?



Spend a day with us and your family

- children, parents, grandparents, caregivers -- however your family is configured •
  - exploring new ways to \*nurture your child's faith through worship and prayer \*experience intergenerational learning

Let us partner with you on the journey of baptismal living.

#### What to do next...

We have 50 spaces for families. including children up to 12 years old. Use the QR Code to apply to participate. All supplies, lunch, and snacks are provided. More information is available on our website. Spaces will fill. Apply now!











**PRESENTS** 

# 2025 CHRISTMAS ELSTMAS

THEME: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

VENUE: CHURCH OF THE COVENANT 2666 MILITARY ROAD, ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22207

FOR ANY ENQUIRY PLEASE CONTACT

BUDDI 301-580-7907

FREDDIE 240-217-9960

GUEST PREACHER: RULING ELDER AND FORMER MODERATOR, SHANI MCILWAIN

DEC. 6TH, 2025 5PM



MASSANETTA SPRINGS 2026 PROGRAM DATES

**Confirmation Retreat** 

1/30-2/1

Ringing at the Springs

2/13-15

Netta Day Camp: Spring at the Springs

3/30-4/3

**Easter Respite** 

4/6-10

**Netta Day Camps** 

9 weeks starting 6/8

Middle School Conferences

6/18-21, 6/23-26, 7/9-12, 7/14-17

Bible & Church Music Conference

7/19-25

Called Together

7/27-30

**Keep Awake** 

11/20-22

