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Sixth Sunday of Lent / Palm Sunday

Scripture Reading:
John 12:12-16

Courage

We summon every ounce of courage.
We give ourselves pep talks
and we call our friends.
We dig deep within.
We practice the words out loud,
rolling them around in our mouths,
imagining the response.
We deal out every “what if” card our brain holds
on to
and spend absurd amounts of time
imagining all the ways it could go wrong.
And then finally, blessedly, we say it:
I love you.

To speak the truth of your heart takes courage.
It always has.
But please,
summon your courage,
join the parade,
and speak with conviction.
For God has been saying to the world since day
one:
I love you.
What is your response?

*Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC,
sanctifiedart.org*

Wandering Heart

"Songs of loudest praise"



“Then They Remembered”
by Lisle Gwynn Garrity
Inspired by John 12:12-16
Acrylic painting on canvas with digital drawing

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Contribution envelopes will be available in the pews through Easter Sunday, March 31. God has bestowed so many blessings upon us, so let's continue to share them with the least of these!

Easter Lilies and Tulips



The Easter lily and tulip order forms are available until this Sunday, March 24 and must be received by the church office no later than 2 PM on Monday, March 25. The price per plant will be \$12. Please consider purchasing a plant in honor or in memory of a loved one.

Upcoming Celebrations for April!



We celebrate the following April birthdays!

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| April 11 Carrie Knapp | April 20 Cheryl Weil | April 25 Tyler Hutchison |
| April 11 Mary Knox | April 22 Marjorie Ramsey | April 25 Peggy Kroen |
| April 11 Nancy Murray | April 24 Kaylee Comstock | April 25 Eleanor Voshell |
| April 19 John Barndt | April 24 Jeff Sytsma-Sherman | April 28 Ron Sherman |
| April 19 David Sytsma-Sherman | April 25 Bob Fesel | |

We celebrate the following April anniversaries!

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| April 06 Charles & Mary Knox | April 22 Jimmy & Betsy Gray |
| April 19 Heather & Alan Comstock | April 29 Matt & Judy Garrity |
| April 19 Hank & Sandy Rhodes | |

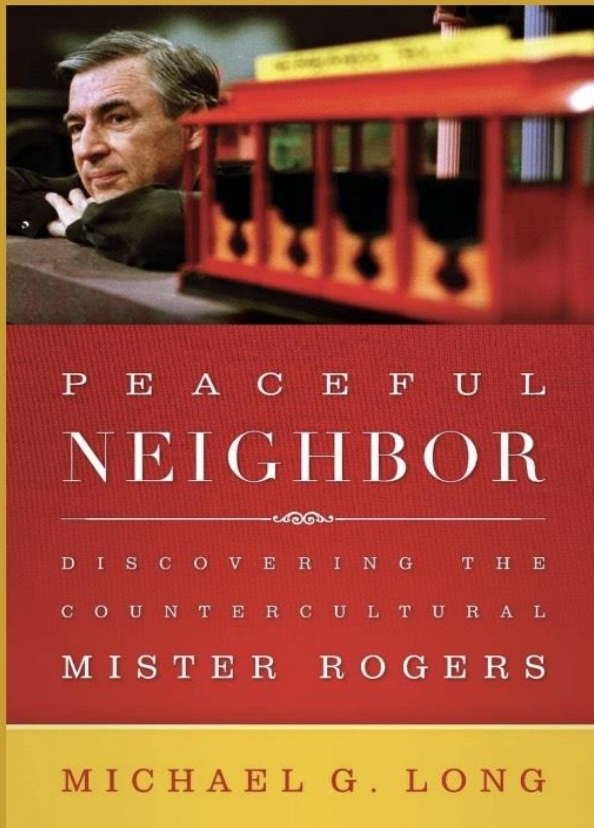
Congo Minister to Visit Dover

by Heather Thomson

We would like to invite you to join us Wednesday, April 3, at 10 AM for coffee and conversation with Rev. Zacharie Mboyamba Kabala of Kananga. He was the keynote speaker at the Congo Mission Network conference last week, and will be visiting our presbytery at the end of the month. He is the legal representative of Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC), director of the Department of Mission and the Life of the Church, and pastor of his own church in Kananga.

Thank you for the prayers and greeting cards sent following my recent fall. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Carol Neild

Save the dates!



**Wednesdays,
May 22 & 29
6 PM**

**A two week
discussion of the
countercultural
Mr. Rogers**

Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

| Sunday | Monday | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Friday | Sat. |
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| March 24 | March 25 | March 26 | March 27 | March 28 | March 29 | March 30 |
| Palm Sunday Worship 11 AM | Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) KCC Rehearsal 6:30 PM (sanctuary) | | Prayer Shawl 1 PM (library) Special Choir Rehearsal 6 PM | Maundy Thursday NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Maundy Service 7 PM (sanctuary) | Good Friday | |

| March 31 | April 1 | April 2 | April 3 | April 4 | April 5 | April 6 |
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| <p>Easter Sunday</p> <p>Worship 11 AM</p> | <p>Easter Monday & Church Office Closed</p> <p>Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room)</p> <p>KCC Rehearsal 6:30 PM (sanctuary)</p> <p>AA 7 PM (social hall)</p> | <p>Karen Vacation Day</p> <p>P.E.O. Audit 9:30 AM (alcove)</p> <p>Membership Committee 10 AM (library)</p> <p>IMPJ Committee 7 PM (Zoom)</p> | <p>Coffee & Conversation w/ with Rev. Zacharie Mboyamba Kabala 10 AM (library)</p> <p>Administration 5 PM (Zoom)</p> <p>Session 7 PM (Hybrid)</p> | <p>NA 6:15 PM (social hall)</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room)</p> | | |

Prayer Requests

Please submit requests to the church office by *Tuesdays at 2 PM*.

- Family members in the service at home and abroad, the homeless, those suffering from COVID-19 and variants, those adversely affected by natural and unnatural disasters, those in the hospital and/or Hospice care, those dealing with life-threatening issues.
- Those with health concerns, specifically Brendan Ward (Addy Babus' grandson), Terry Bone (Marsha Wycoff's brother), Harriet DiChiara, Morgan (Becky Martin's niece), Ellen Estus, Brian Pierce (Bonnie Wiley's niece's husband), and Naomi Adom.
- The citizens of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, and others who are impacted by wars and violence around the world.
- The families of those killed and injured in mass shootings in our country and all those who live with physical, emotional, mental, and financial repercussions related to mass shootings.
- The homebound members and friends of the church, specifically, Kathleen Boone, Claire Bradley, Marianne Leavitt, Charlie Lohrmann, Betty Maine, Charlotte Massey, Sandy & Hank Rhodes, and Eva Ritter.
- Family & friends of the recently deceased, specifically long-time member Ed Gazze and Ryan Kohlmann (Cindy Kohlmann's brother).



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