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Weekly Newsletter + March 28, 2024

Maundy Thursday

Scripture Reading:
John 13:1-20

With My Outside Voice

We've been taught
to wait our turn,
to ask politely—
we do not want to appear greedy.
We've been taught:
just a pinch of salt,
just a dash of sugar,
nothing in excess.
We've been taught:
raise your hand,
keep your voice down,
no talking in church.
We've been taught to
never make a scene,
but I simply cannot abide.
I am one part questions,
two parts hunger.
I am a million prayers
and deep hope
wrapped up in one.
I am famished and hopeful,
eager and humbled.
I am using my outdoor voice inside.
I am saying,
*Not just my feet,
but my head and my hands!*
I want to go where you go.

*Poem by Rev. Sarah A. Speed, A Sanctified Art LLC,
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“Golden Hour”

by Nicolette Peñaranda

Inspired by John 13:1-20

*Acrylic, ink, paper collage, yarn,
metallic tape, and mixed media on canvas*

Good Friday

Scripture Readings:
John 13:31-38, John 18-19

The Next Line

There are some truths that are like the sun,
if you look at them too long they may burn you.
You may never see the same again.
And yet, nothing can grow without the sun.
So we summon our courage
and speak the truth of our lives.
We sing, *prone to leave the God I love*.
We let the honesty of those words crack our hearts
in two.



We admit it to our fight-or-flight,
boomerang nature,
and before the grief even begins to pass,
God is there.
God is turning toward us,
closing the distance,
inviting us to sing
the next line of the song.

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Easter Sunday

Scripture Reading:
Luke 24:1-12

Easter Morning

I cannot stay away on Easter Morning.
Like Peter,
I would run if I could.
Stop the car,
pump my arms,
take the church steps two at a time, all to know—
Did it happen?
Did it *really* happen?
Is evil no match for love?
I'd slide down the center aisle.
I'd grab the mic to ask
the angels,
the heavens,
the children,
Were the stories true?



And in response, the choir would sing, "*Alleluia.*"
The children would flower the cross.
The preacher would tell me the stone was rolled
away.
The people would pass the peace,
and welcome strangers,
and make room in the pews.
And with faith over doubt,
I would hope.

For I imagine that all of that ordinary holiness
would be enough for Peter,
and it would be enough for me.

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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!



Sabbatical Worship and Pastoral Care

During Pastor Mark's upcoming sabbatical from April 10-May 8, the following plans are in place for worship: On **Sunday, April 14**, Rev. Cindy Kohlmann, Connectional Presbyter for New Castle Presbytery will preach. On **Sunday, April 21**, Rev. Dr. Len Hedges-Goettl will preach. On **Sunday, April 28**, Elder Julia Wheeler-Dean will preach. On **Sunday, May 5**, Rev. Chelsea Spyres will preach and celebrate Communion.

General pastoral care needs will be handled by the deacons. Please contact Moderator Pat Chapman for more information (502-235-5793, ptrish2L@aol.com).

Emergency pastoral care needs, including hospitalizations, will be handled by a team of elders and pastors. If you have an urgent need, please contact Karen in the church office (302-734-3313, predvr@verizon.net) or Elder Julia Wheeler-Dean (862-266-6175, juliadean59@gmail.com).

Additionally, Elder Julia Wheeler-Dean will serve as temporary Head of Staff.

Congo Minister to Visit Dover

by Heather Thomson

You are invited to join us Wednesday, April 3 at 10:00 AM for coffee and conversation in the church library with Rev. Zacharie Mboyamba Kabala of Kananga. He was the keynote speaker at the Congo Mission Network conference 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, the Life of the Church, and pastor of his own church in Kananga.

Christian Education Updates

by Peggy Kroen

Children: This month, Children's Sunday School during Worship continues studying the life of Jesus culminating with Palm Sunday and Easter at the end of the month.

Adults: We've had 20-25 participants in the Lenten study. We will take a break during Pastor Mark's sabbatical. On May 22 and 29, we will have a Book Study on the book *Peaceful Neighbor: Discovering the Countercultural Mister Rogers*.

Delaware Winds

Delaware Winds will present a concert titled “Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue” on **April 13** at 7 PM at Dover High School and on **April 14** at 3 PM at Cape Henlopen High School. Our own Peggy Kroen plays with this group. For tickets or more information, visit the Delaware Winds Facebook page. You may also see a flyer with QR codes in the new Narthex.

Catch the Bloodmobile and Donate Blood

Blood Bank of Delmarva is pleased to partner with the Central Delaware Interfaith Alliance to provide the bloodmobile at three volunteer host locations. For questions regarding eligibility or the full schedule at these three locations, please refer to the Blood Bank of Delmarva website, <https://bbd.org>. The Blood Bank will be at the following locations: **April 2**, 9 AM - 2 PM, at Congregation Beth Shalom, **April 15**, 9 AM - 2 PM, at Calvary Baptist Church, and **April 30**, 8 AM - 1 PM, at Wyoming United Methodist Church.

Save the dates!



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

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

Save the Date!

Adult Bible School: Prayer 101

July 15-18, 2024, 9:30 AM - 1 PM
The Presbyterian Church of Dover



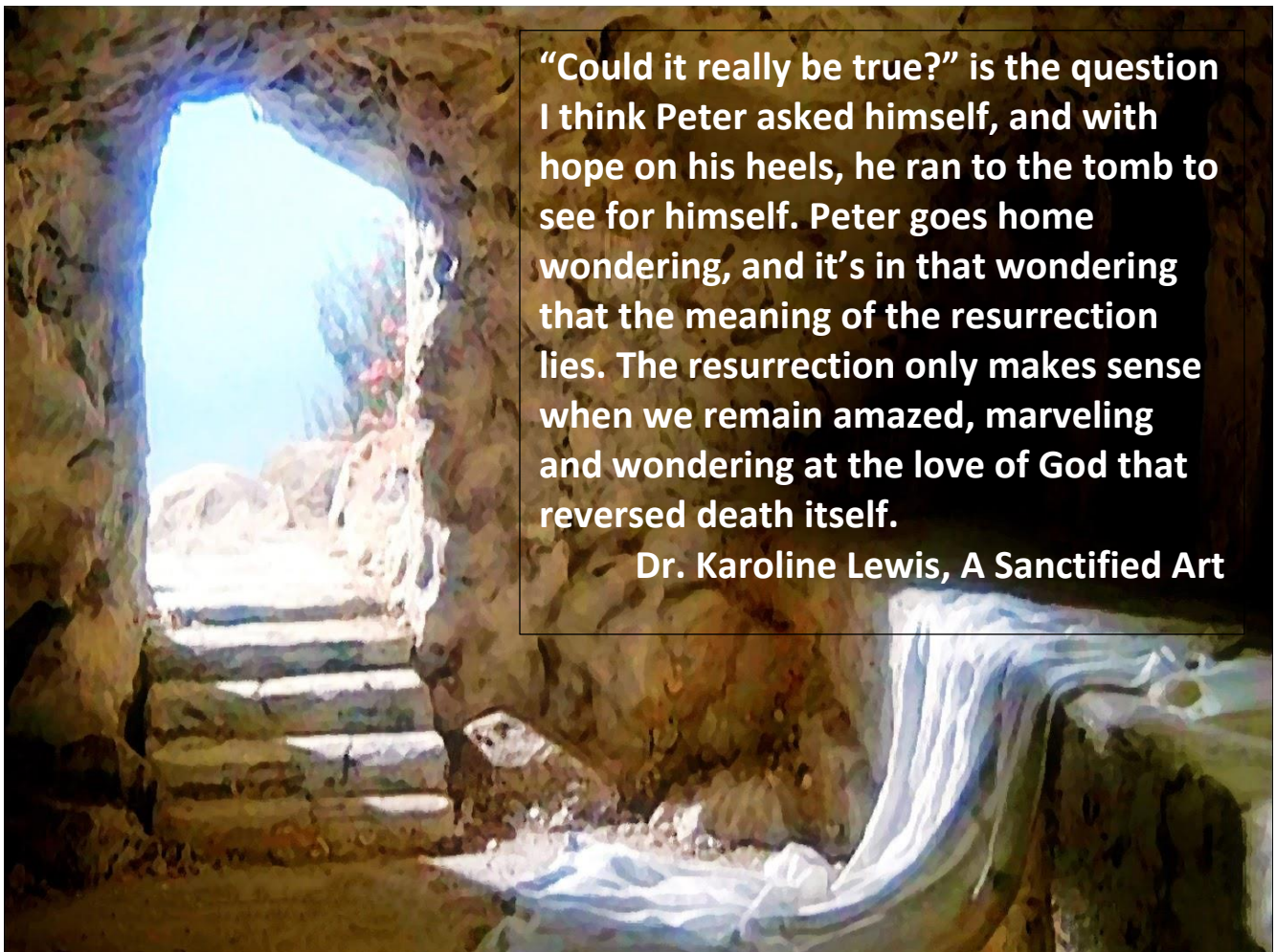
Upcoming Events at The Presbyterian Church of Dover

Sunday	Monday	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday	Saturday
March 31 Easter Sunday Worship 11 AM	April 1 Easter Monday & Church Office Closed Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) KCC Rehearsal 6:30 PM (sanctuary) AA 7 PM (social hall)	April 2 Karen Vacation Day P.E.O. Audit 9:30 AM (alcove) Membership Committee 10 AM (library) IMPJ Committee 7 PM (Zoom)	April 3 Coffee & Conversation w/ with Rev. Zacharie Mboyamba Kabala 10 AM (library) Administration 5 PM (Zoom) Session 7 PM (Hybrid)	April 4 NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room)	April 5	April 6
April 7 Worship with Welcoming of New Members 11 AM	April 8 Bells of Praise 6 PM (choir room) KCC Rehearsal 6:30 PM (sanctuary)	April 9 Interfaith Luncheon 11:30 AM (off-site) Committee on Leadership 4 PM (Zoom)	April 10 Pastor Mark's Sabbatical Begins; runs through May 8 Prayer Shawl 1 PM (library)	April 11 NA 6:15 PM (social hall) Chancel Choir 7 PM (choir room)	April 12	April 13

Prayer Requests

Please submit requests to the church office by *Tuesdays at 2 PM*. Please email so we can keep track of prayers.

- 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, Ellen Estus, Naomi Adom, Rev. Dr. Stephen Clark (former pastor of Debbie Johnson), and Beverly Bishop (Pat Franze's friend).
- 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 Ryan Kohlmann (Rev. Cindy Kohlmann's brother), Ed Gazze, and Vincent Pietracatella (Anthony's cousin).



“Could it really be true?” is the question I think Peter asked himself, and with hope on his heels, he ran to the tomb to see for himself. Peter goes home wondering, and it’s in that wondering that the meaning of the resurrection lies. The resurrection only makes sense when we remain amazed, marveling and wondering at the love of God that reversed death itself.

Dr. Karoline Lewis, A Sanctified Art