



the Forerunner

“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”

Hebrews 12:1

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What makes a church? Let's imagine for a moment...

What if we did not have a building? I know of a church family which meets for worship in a train station in suburban Chicago, a church family which chose to sell their building and worship in the chapel of a nearby nursing home. Gathering somewhere for worship of God is a mark of the church, but it does not have to be under a steeple or bell tower, or even in a permanent facility. We could be church without a building.

What if we did not have a pastor? Ruling elders are charged with the care for and guidance of the congregation in its ministry, and can very capably lead worship, preach, visit the sick, provide Christian Education, and so on when a pastor is not available. We could be church without a pastor.

What if we did not have a paid staff...office manager, bookkeeper, music director? Many smaller churches operate with volunteers to provide administrative support for worship and other church activities, regular maintenance, cleaning the building, choir directors, musicians, etc. We could be church without paid staff.

What if we did not have active members? We could not be church without active members. For it is the members of the church which make us a church, a group of people "called out" (Greek: *ekklesia*) to serve Christ in the world, to worship God, to love one another, to make disciples. You are the church. Not the building, not the pastor, not the paid staff. Without you, there is no church.

- Pastor Deborah

DMPC/HRPC Youth Group World Religion Series

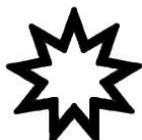
Join us on Sundays to meet people of other faiths. 4 Weeks, 12:30 – 2pm, Lunch will be provided

January 17
Bahai Faith
@HRPC

January 24
Judaism
@DMPC

January 31
Islam
@HRPC

February 7
Buddhism
@DMPC



Now Receiving Applications for Gloria Carlyse Scholarships

Ms Gloria Carlyse was a long time active member of Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church. She felt strongly about the future of young people and wished for their success beyond high school. After her death, a scholarship was established in her memory.

Scholarship funds are available to assist youth who pursue education beyond high school: community college, vocational school, a four year college, or beyond.

ELIGIBILITY

Youth, up to age twenty-five, who are members of Hunting Ridge Presbyterian Church, are welcome to apply. All students must have completed high school with at least a 2.0 GPA when submitting an application for the first time. If a student is already in college, he/she must have a 3.0 grade point average.

APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Application forms are available in the church office. They include an essay expressing service to the church, a copy of a current transcript, and a description of how the scholarship will be used. A committee will review all applications and invite students to interview for the scholarship.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

A letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or a professor if he/she is currently attending college, must be submitted with the completed application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting applications for the fall semester is March 1, 2016.

AWARD

The total number of students applying for funds, as well as the sum of the scholarship fund at any particular point will determine the amount of the award.--approximately \$500. Notification will be by letter and email.



January 10	Mark 2:1-22	A New Beginning
January 17	Mark 4: 1-9 & 30-32	A Message through Drama; Installation of New Officers
January 24	Mark 5:21-43	Jairus' Daughter Healed
January 31	Mark 6:1-29	Death of John the Baptist
February 7	Mark 8:27-9:8	Music Sunday; Transfiguration of the Lord

Deacon/Elder Groups 2016

A. Emmanuel Addo(D) 443-271-9348

Willa Banks(RE) 443-690-9151

Altman, Sally
 Atkins, Angela
 Bailey, Carol
 Gangadeen, Andy & Sandra
 Chelsea
 Hendrix-Shovlin, Eva
 Knauf, Chuck & Barbara
 Jewell, John & Suzanne
 Pusateri, Tony & Althea
 Jennifer & Mark
 Robertson, Brian
 Spain, Karen & Phillip
 Phillip
 Smith, Vivian
 Tenkeu, Stephanie

B. Louis Wyley (D) 410-215-7392

Deborah McEachran(TE) 443-462-7154

Austin, Margaret
 Bebbs, Elizabeth
 Burks, Harriette
 Burns, Bea (niece Sylvia)
 Holland, Joann
 Hull, John & Virginia
 Jones, Victor
 Lewis, Almeda
 Lambert, Thurm & Beverly
 Rice, Beulah & Darlene
 Rice, Johnny. Sr.
 Wilson, Dionne
 Wotany, Emma

C. Kim Baker(D) 410-340-0748

Roseline Petro-Siewe(RE) 410-947-2330

Abunaw, Etchu
 Marie & Franklin
 Ebai, Dorothy
 Elliott, Katrina
 Javon Dow
 Fairbanks, Dick & Barbara
 Gelin, Marjorie
 Malla, Anna
 Makoge, Oscar & Mojoko Wotany
 Emmanuella, Jayson
 McEachran, Dan & Deborah
 Myles, Jacquie & Roach, Fernando
 Chris, Brandon
 Ngatchou, Colette
 Rhoades, Judy
 Sparks, Craig
 Yamoah, Alex

D. Stella Ngang(D) 443-629-8597

Malachi Mbenga(RE) 240-643-5644

Akuche, Joi & Bert
 Bondima, Rene-Robert & Kely Gelin
 Bryan, Kyara, Alexandre
 Cushman, Sukie & Shawn Atanasoff
 Lily & Daisy
 Fryer, Craig & Lydia
 Sydney
 Henson, Michelle
 Leonard, Nick & Jessie
 Charlie
 McDowell, Elaine
 Parker, Jamie Wilkins & Vincent
 Maia Wilkins & Jordin
 Parks, James & Laurice
 Snyder, Annette, Nzinga & Ted
 Santos, Sana'a, & Gyananda
 Tatis, Francisca

E. Ernestine Alston(D) 410-644-1355

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Bachman, Bill & Gail
 Bayly, Kay
 Bondima, Jean & Lucie
 Lena, James, Charles, Christian, & Leslie
 Callahan, Dave & Ginny
 Hernan, Paul & Sharleen
 Maggie & Ella
 Higbee, Joan
 Johnson, Brenda & Butch
 Little, Joyce
 Moore, Rhonda
 Mekhi, Amir, Amar, Amil, Ahroy
 Van Allen, Peter
 Alexander & Michael
 Womack, Rodney & Angela
 Tyshawn Jackson, Rodney Jr., Demi

F: Karen Spain(D) 410-581-9796

Suzanne Jewell(RE) 302-530-0821

Addo, Emmanuel & Judith
 Lennox, Phoebe
 Alston, Ernestine
 Baker, Kim
 Banks, Willa & Joe
 Joshua, Elizabeth
 Leatherman, Geraldine
 Leatherman, Stanley & Margo
 Mbenga, Malachi & Beatrice
 Queenline, Lovette, Kelly
 Ngang, Stella
 Petro-Siewe, Roseline
 Rippel, Betty
 Summers, Johnnie
 Wyley, Louis

FAITH Place

IS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION A PRIORITY AT HUNTING RIDGE?

Because of the participation of many of you as teachers or helpers, because you observe the presence of young children in worship as they collect offering, participate in the time for young disciples, or sing.: Perhaps you take for granted that Hunting Ridge has a lively, thriving Christian Education program for children.

You need to know: Faith Place attendance by HRPC member families is so inconsistent that there is currently no way for the children to get any sense of the connected nature of the lessons from week to week, to learn the songs that the Faith Place choir sings in worship, or to really receive the spiritual nurture that we have all agreed to provide for children when they are baptized. As a church family we have made a commitment to the children in our midst when we agree to **“welcome each child into the family of faith, to share the good news of the gospel with him/her and to help him/her to know and follow Christ in his/her own life”**.



Hunting Ridge kids enjoying and serving at Parent's Night Out

WHAT'S NEXT?

In accordance with their responsibility to provide for the development and supervision of the educational program of the church, your session is concerned about the regular absence of HRPC children from the only Christian Education opportunity for children which Hunting Ridge is providing at this time. On too many Sundays, if the children from the Baltimore Falam Baptist Church were not present, we would have a Faith Place attendance of 2-3 children out of a total of 16 children/grandchildren of HRPC members who have participated in recent years. Clearly, our Faith Place has been a mission to the children of the Baltimore Falam Baptist Church. Their participation has been a joy for teachers and students, as well as a huge help to them as newcomers to this country who quickly learn English and US customs. These same children attend a Sunday School program in Falam immediately following our Faith Place, so they are not dependent on Hunting Ridge alone for passing along the Christian faith.

Your session needs to hear from you. Give some thought as to how Hunting Ridge can be more effective in passing along the Christian faith to the next generation if the Faith Place model is not working at this time. Look for the suggestion form in the bulletin this month and take time to offer your ideas as the session prepares to meet with all parents of children 5th grade and under later this month.

Jesus charges us to make disciples, baptizing AND teaching. (Matthew 28:19,20) The way we make disciples can vary from generation to generation. It is time for Hunting Ridge to get creative about making disciples. What can we do differently? What do YOU think?



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40 WEST FOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 18, 2016: 10am - 12pm

Pick up a donation bag on Sunday, January 10th and return it to church the following week, January 17th.

Help us help our neighbors meet their basic needs this winter!

Put Your Faith Into Words

Words have power. Writing and then reading our thoughts brings them to life in a way simply thinking them does not. In this new year, try breathing new life into your faith by rewriting a common creed or prayer in your own words. Below is the Apostles' Creed in the words of RE Millie Kreider:

I believe in God, who is the source and power of all that is
And in Jesus Christ, who is the source and power of all that is, in human form.
Jesus taught us how to live redemptively in a world that is fragmented...exploited...destructive.
He was fully human: born of human mother,
Persecuted by authorities
He was tortured, killed and buried by the uncaring,
He was abandoned, but he was not left alone.
In ways we cannot understand, Jesus was restored to a fullness of living.
And is one with the source and power of all that is.
In every moment, waking and sleeping, he can be present with us
To quicken our conscience and provide wholeness in our fragmentation.
God's spirit is the wind beneath our wings,
We are called to transcend our reality and embrace a greater life.
We are kin to others of faith whose creeds differ from ours
But who share with us a commitment to the mysterious holy and oneness of life.
I believe those who lived by faith and now live in our hearts and memory strengthen, inspire and challenge
Us to press on with the talents and time that is given to us.
I believe that we are forgiven, and that we are invited to live into that spirit of forgiveness.
I do not know what existence is after death and so I pray, "Into your hands I commend my spirit,"
Thanks be to God.

January

Birthdays

- 1 - Mekhi Moore
- Dorothy Ebai
- 6 - Etchu Abunaw
- 8 - Javon Dow
- 9 - Darlene Rice
- Nzinga Snyder
- 14 - Ernestine Alston
- 19 - Carol Bailey
- 20 - Joyce Little
- 25 - Nick Leonard
- 26 - Willa Banks
- Millie Kreider



**Session Highlights:
December 2015**

- Plans for the January 10 called meeting were discussed. At that time, four confirmands will be examined by the Session.
- The Session reviewed a proposal by Jacqueline Myles-Roach for a "prayer team."
- 2016 Communion dates were approved.
- RE Vivian Smith was congratulated on her appointment to the board of The

CURRENT EXHIBITS

**COME CELEBRATE
BLACK HISTORY
AT THE
BENJAMIN
BANNEKER
HISTORICAL PARK
AND MUSEUM**

300 Oella Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228
SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 2016, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FREE BUS TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCH PROVIDED
 PARENTAL PERMISSION REQUIRED - Slips in the Church office
 BUS WILL LEAVE FROM THE 2800 BLK OF HARLEM AVE AND RETURN

HRPC Weekly Calendar

Sundays	9:00 am	English/Spanish Class	Conference Room
	10:00 am	Adult Bible Study	Library
	11:00 am	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	1:00 pm	Baltimore Falam Baptist Church	Sanctuary
	4:00 pm	Free Community Yoga	Fellowship Hall
Wednesdays	7-10pm	Berea Church	Sanctuary
Thursdays	7:00	Imani Ringers 1st/3rd Weeks	Choir Loft
	7:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
	8:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Saturdays	7-10pm	Berea Church	Sanctuary



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