



Show Up for Community

As we move towards the Summer, we are seeking to Show Up for Community here at the church. Jesus said, "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). If you call PPC your church home or if you are looking for a faith community to be a part of, know that you are most welcome here and your presence matters! God calls each and every one of us into service and our community is forever changed for the better because you are a part of it. We all make up the body of Christ and are all needed in order to bring about God's kingdom more fully on earth. So, the question is - how will you Show Up for Community and, in doing so, let your light shine before others?



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APRIL 7

Communion
Acts 4:32-35; Ps. 133; John 20:19-31
"Show Up for Community" The Rev. Chris McAuliffe
+ 9:45am Adult Education Class "So Who are these People who Don't Like Jesus? Pharisees, Scribes, Sadducees, Samaritans" with The Rev. Dr. David Renwick

APRIL 14

Luke 24:36b-48
"Opening our Minds to Understand"
The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea
+ 9:45am Adult Education Class The Wired Word (Current Events Curriculum) with Pastor Emily

APRIL 21

Earth Care Sunday
Psalm 23; John 10:11-18
"The Good Shepherd" The Rev. Chris McAuliffe
+ 9:45am Adult Education Class [Nourishing Bethesda](#) with Deputy Executive Director Tammi Houton

APRIL 28

Stephen Ministry Sunday
+ 9:45am Adult Education Class "The Best Short Summary of Presbyterian Belief: Belonging to God: A First Catechism" Part 1 with The Rev. Dr. David Renwick ([click here for his bio](#))

MAY 5

Communion/Russo Music
Genesis 35:9-15; John 15:9-17
"Bear Fruit that Will Last"
The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea
+ 9:45am Adult Education Class "The Best Short Summary of Presbyterian Belief: Belonging to God: A First Catechism" Part 2 with The Rev. Dr. David Renwick ([click here for his bio](#))

MAY 12

Confirmation Sunday/Mother's Day
John 17:6-19
"Claiming Faith" The Rev. Chris McAuliffe
+ 9:45am Adult Education Class NO CLASS

MAY 19

Pentecost/Senior Recognition
Acts 2:1-21
"The Spirit of Gentleness"
The Rev. Emily Berman D'Andrea
+ 9:45am Adult Education Class "Archaeology: What's Happening in Heshbon East of the Jordan River" with Isabel Srouf



The Organ Committee has been hard at work, and we are excited to share with you a brief update. We have had the opportunity to visit a couple of local area churches to hear their organs, and after extensive research, our committee recommended to Session that (1) we do need a new organ, and (2) that our new PPC organ be a Viscount brand digital organ. Session has approved both recommendations. We have been working with the Viscount dealer to finalize the organ specifications and will be working closely with the Property Committee to finalize any changes within the sanctuary that may need to be made, as our new organ will be situated in the front of the church instead of in the balcony. We are very excited for this overdue instrumental upgrade and the musical opportunities having a new organ will provide, and

we look forward to sharing additional details with you all as soon as they are available.

Cyndy Mamalian & Tom Hougen, Co-Chairs Organ Committee
Committee members: Jon Davies, Marcia Boogaard, Chris Cyrway

Join us on Sunday, April 21 to say thank you to Lindsay Chapin for her 14 years of service to PPC as Church Treasurer. We will celebrate Lindsay's dedicated ministry as Treasurer with flowers in worship to honor her and beautify the sanctuary space as well as a cake during fellowship hour for all to enjoy. Please thank Lindsay for her dedicated ministry when you see her and join us for the celebration on April 21. Lindsay has started her own bookkeeping business.

All Church related Treasurer/Bookkeeper questions should be directed to our new part-time Financial Manager, Melissa Cutler at Melissa.Cutler@Potomacpresbyterian.org



Join us for the Special Earth Day Fellowship after worship in the fellowship hall on April 21 to learn more about our Giving Garden partnership with [HarvestShare](#), about [Nourishing Bethesda](#) and food insecurity in our area, and about how you can support our PPC Earth Care efforts.



If you would like to support our Summer Mission Trip to NC but are unable to participate in person then you may sponsor a youth for \$300 which will help with scholarships for youth who would like to attend but may not have the financial means.

- [Click here to donate online.](#)
- Checks may be mailed placed in the offering plate or mailed to PO Box 59869, Potomac, MD 20854



VOLUNTEER
AT THE
GIVING
GARDEN

After learning about the real problem of food insecurity in this area from my experience packing food with Nourishing Bethesda, I was eager to volunteer at the Giving Garden to see where some of the amazing looking vegetables come from! I had zero experience with gardening, but I learned the basics in a single session in the garden and can't wait to go back again. The garden "gives" to those in need, but it also "gives" to the volunteers -- an opportunity to meet new people and learn gardening skills, working with your hands in the fresh air, and of course the good feelings that come with volunteering and furthering the goals of Harvest Share. It's an easy and great way to Show Up for PPC this year. Sign up and grab a friend to come along! Melissa Conway

Help grow to donate in our HarvestShare garden. Tasks vary based on the time of year but include weeding (always), planting, watering and harvesting. Learn from other gardeners while you fight food insecurity.

[Click here to sign up for dates.](#)

More for You This Spring



HELP WANTED

Sunday Morning Photographer! To use our new camera and take pics of worship/fellowship events for our social media.

Lead Worship/Host Fellowship/Tech Support opportunities also available.

[Click here to sign up.](#)



APRIL 13 WOMEN'S RETREAT WITH KELLY JOHNSON

Please join Kelly Johnson on April 13 from 9am-2pm (at Marianne Beardall's home) as she empowers us to be BRAVE. Through teaching, group discussions, and experiential exercises, we will explore being.... Bold, Resilient, Authentic, Vulnerable, Engaged and Empowered.

[Click here to sign up.](#)



APRIL 14 INQUIRERS' CLASS

Interested in membership?

Meet the Pastors!

God is Calling You.

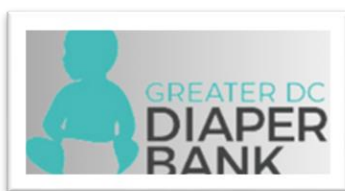
Sunday, April 14, 4:00pm-5:30pm in the Church Parlor

questions? emily.dandrea@potomacpresbyterian.org or chris.mcauliffe@potomacpresbyterian.org



MAY 12 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Join us for worship at 11am as we celebrate our Confirmation Class who are claiming faith for themselves.



MAY 12 MOTHER'S DAY DIAPER BANK COLLECTION

[Greater DC Diaper Bank](#) is on a mission to empower families and individuals throughout DC, MD, and VA by providing a reliable and adequate source of basic baby needs and personal hygiene products. Look for upcoming notifications on collection dates. [Click here for a list of what they do/do not accept.](#)



MAY 19 PENTECOST

Join us for worship at 11am as we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world.



MISSION TRIP 2024

We are headed to New Bern, North Carolina this year to help with long term hurricane relief efforts. The trip will be July 28-August 3 and we will be driving down together. Please sign up here to let us know you are able to come so that we can begin planning all the logistics. We can't wait! [Click here to sign up](#)