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Come, Holy Spirit! Come!

By Kenneth Kovacs

I've said it before, and I'll say it again: The Day of Pentecost ought to be as important for Christians as Christmas and Easter. In many respects, Pentecost should be more important *for us*, for without the work of the Holy Spirit, Christmas and Easter would be merely distant historical events—the life of Christ would be a remote event of history—with no power to touch the present and transform our lives. Our sanctuaries ought to be packed with worshippers on this Pentecost (June 9). For, where would we be without the Holy Spirit?

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Our life in Christ, and the ministry of the Church, are only vital and relevant in the world today because the Holy Spirit is creating and recreating us, forming and reforming us, and calling us to life. Without the breath of the Spirit breathing within us the Church is essentially a curious, ineffective, and, for the more part, irrelevant historical society. With the Spirit, we are a living body of the Risen Christ. And the Spirit, is continuously at work trying to bring us to life, inviting us to risk life, risk coming to life. Participating in the resurrected life of Christ, the Spirit forms us into a church and then sends us at church in the world.

I absolutely LOVE the way our *Brief Statement of Faith* affirms the Spirit's mission:

*We trust in God, the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God
and neighbor, and binds us together with all
believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit*

*who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our
faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of
salvation, and calls women and men to all
ministries of the Church.*

*In a broken and fearful world the Spirit give us
courage*

*to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord
and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom,
and peace.*

(Book of Confessions, PCUSA)

Amen – and, Amen!

So, *Come, Holy Spirit! Come!* Call the Church—
call *this church*—to life!

See you in worship on Pentecost—and be
sure to wear something red. ✝

Guest Preacher

Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, PDA

Sunday, June 16

We welcome back the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, our guest preacher on June 16. A good friend of the congregation, Laurie is the director of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) in the PCUSA national offices in Louisville, KY. PDA enables congregations and mission partners of the PC(USA) to witness the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crises and catastrophic events, both nationally and globally. Laurie served as a pastor with congregations in New York, Miami, and Florida for thirty years. She's also a certified spiritual director and a



trauma and compassion fatigue specialist. Laurie is the author of two books, *Recovering from Un-Natural Disaster* (Westminster John Knox Press, 2017) and *Tuning My Heart* (Wipf and Stock, 2008), a collection of articles, poems, and sermons.

Sacred Stories

Our Summer Sermon Series

Sundays in July and August

We are a storied people. Everyone has one. Where would we be without it? Sometimes we are free, even eager, to tell our story; sometimes we're reluctant to share—often for good reasons. Children, as well as adults, love a good story. Some of us are even gifted storytellers. And everyone is situated in a larger story or narrative—the story of our family, community, faith, nation. And, of course, there's the ever-unfolding story of God's creation, love, and redemption of the world which we are living out.

Sundays in July and August, the scripture text and sermon will explore one aspect of our storied lives in Christ. And each week a member of our community will tell a story from his/her life, sharing a formative moment or defining experience that continues to shape who they are. The full schedule of texts, themes, and speakers will be available at the end of June. This is an invitation for us to honor our stories, honor the stories of our neighbors, these sacred stories that narrate our lives. —Dorothy Boulton and Ken Kovacs



"Tell me your story, your pain, your suffering, your cry, your needs. Tell me about your childhood, tell me what you maybe remember. Tell me. Tell me your dreams. Tell me your hope." —Jean Vanier (1928-2019), Roman Catholic philosopher, humanist, and Founder of L'Arche

We Choose Welcome

Guest Speaker on Local Program for Asylum Seekers

Sunday, June 30

The Mission Committee invites you to a special brunch program on Sunday, June 30 at 10:45 a.m., following worship with Tiffany Nelms, the Executive Director of Asylee Women Enterprise in Baltimore. Asylee Women Enterprise, also known as "AWE", journeys with asylum seekers as they navigate the immigration legal process, begin to heal from past trauma and rebuild their lives. Emergency and transitional housing is provided through a network of hosts and weekday programs include classes in English as a Second Language, job readiness, and parenting skills, and wellness activities. AWE focuses on the importance of companionship and community where asylum seekers offer mutual support in a safe and supportive environment. The brunch is open to all ages. Child care will be available during the program. Join us as we consider how partnering with AWE offers opportunities for us to live out our commitment to choose welcome. For more information about AWE visit www.asyleewomen.org.

Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

Overview About the Trip

Catonsville Presbyterian Church will be hosting a mission trip to Puerto Rico, November 11-18, 2019, in El Guacio in San Sebastian. Work projects will be assigned to us by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance coordinators in Puerto Rico. We'll depart from BWI on Monday, November 11, and return on Monday, November 18. We'll also have time to visit San Juan. The estimated cost per traveler will be \$1,000. A \$50 deposit and registration will be due by June 16, 2019.

All church members and friends are invited to join us in the fall to help:

- Rebuilding and recovery
- Learn firsthand from Puerto Ricans about their history and current situation
- Be a ministry of presence and love to our brothers and sisters who often feel forgotten

Anyone 18 years of age or older who is in relatively good health is welcome. Experience with construction related work and Spanish language facility are a plus, and flexibility and a positive attitude are a necessity.

Registration Deadline Sunday, June 16

On September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria impacted the entire island, the first Category 4 storm to make landfall in Puerto Rico in 85 years. The effect was catastrophic to housing, the power grid, communication, transportation, health care, and education. For months, obtaining water, food, and other necessities became a daily struggle for significant numbers of the population. Federal, territory, and municipal emergency management systems and resources were underprepared, overwhelmed and extremely delayed. More than 2,975 people died from Maria and its after-effects. Tens of thousands migrated to the mainland. Already manifest before Hurricane Maria, the endemic and pervasive inequities between the United States and Puerto Rico were exacerbated by the storms.

We will be staying at El Guacio Camp, Carretera/Hwy 119 km. 44.7, San Sebastián, PR 00685. Camp Guacio is owned and operated by the Boriquen Synod of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is located in the Northwest area of Puerto Rico. Work may take place on the camp property and in the neighboring communities of San Sebastián, Lares, Las Marías and Maricao.

Some examples of the long-term recovery efforts that have been needed in the community are:

- Painting indoors and outdoors
- Replacing and repairing roofs
- Sealing concrete roofs
- Cleanup and debris removal jobs
- Mowing grass, cutting shrubs and small trees
- Other tasks depending on the needs and capabilities of the volunteers

The group will join Sunday worship at a local Presbyterian Church and have time for local sight-seeing and in Old San Juan before heading home.

Reasons Why We are Going

Consider this from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: "Often the work that we do is not that important; however, being present is. Funds we spend to travel could be used to provide local jobs and income.

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So why do we go? We go so people will know they are not forgotten, we go to stand alongside and offer encouragement, and we go to learn about ourselves by seeing how others find strength and to support them in the process of recovery. We go having a servant's heart. We go to listen to their stories because this is an important part of their healing process. We must not only seek to serve, but find the grace to accept the warm hospitality and invitation extended to us to be part of a community for a while as they work towards recovery." (Principles of Partnership, PDA, 2014)

Total Cost

Total cost for the trip per person is \$1,000, including airfare. Catonsville Presbyterian Church fundraising events will be organized to offset some of these costs and partial scholarships are also available. A \$50 deposit and registration will be due by June 16, 2019. Checks for the deposit should be made out to "Catonsville Presbyterian Church" with memo "PR Trip." Please prayerfully consider joining the Catonsville Presbyterian or how you can support them right here at home. To register online or learn more visit catonsvillepres.org/news/mission-trip-to-puerto-rico.



LWR-IMA World Health Project

By Glenda K. Johnson

Mission Committee Project on June 8

Thank you for your generous support of this new Mission Committee project in connection with Lutheran World Relief and IMA World Health. Each kit cost \$10 and will be used to support the basic needs of people who have been forced from their homes due to natural disasters or other community emergencies. We will be assembling about 280 personal care kits on June 8 at 9:30 am in Fellowship Hall. There's still an opportunity for you to volunteer to help assemble the kits. You can come help us that day or let a Mission Committee member know that you're available to help out in advance. The kits will be dedicated on June 9, Pentecost Sunday, before their delivery to the New Windsor warehouse. These gifts will bring relief and some of life's essentials to those in need. They will also remind the recipients that they are not alone during difficult times.

Spring at Catonsville Presbyterian

Top and bottom left: Child Care Center's stone garden project. Top Right: Our 3-5th grade church school class hosted fellowship hour on Sunday, May 5. All of the foods highlighted the nutritional value of the Moringa Tree, our May mission project. Bottom right: Three of our high school graduates, Eva White, Katrina Bucher, and Michael Santoni, celebrate the occasion on the last day of church school, May 19. Vince Fromm put together a beautiful ceremony with video, pictures, and words of fond remembrance and good wishes.



Summer Schedule

In June, July, and August, worship is at 9:30 a.m.

Summer schedule begins on Sunday, June 2. Worship moves to 9:30 a.m. while church school and adult education hour take a break. Childcare during worship for infants through age six will continue during the summer months.

We'll gather in the sanctuary on June 2 and 9 (Pentecost), but move to Fellowship Hall on June 16, for the rest of the summer. Worship is at 9:30 a.m. for June, July, and August.

Session Meeting Highlights

The Session is a body of fifteen members, elected by the Congregation and ordained as ruling elders, who provide leadership for our congregation. Following are highlights of the regular monthly Session meeting of May 1, 2019.

■ To open the meeting, the Session met with the seven members of the New Members Class, having a time for getting acquainted before voting to receive them into membership at Catonsville Presbyterian. New members were welcomed into membership by the congregation at worship on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

■ The Session members drew each other's names for "prayer partners" for the coming year. Prayer partners will share their concerns with each other and remember each other in regular prayers. Session members also agreed to pray for the Session, the Deacons, the Trustees, and the ministry of Catonsville Presbyterian.

■ Committee assignments were made for all Session members, as each member is expected to chair or serve on at least one Session Committee each year. The list of committee assignments will be published in the near future so that church members will know to whom to bring their various concerns.

■ The Finance Committee reported that the church has a surplus of income versus expenses for the year to date, but we must remember that the annual budget predicts a shortfall, so members are urged to keep their pledges up to date throughout the summer months.

■ Session approved a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to approve changes to the Child Care Center's Employee

Handbook regarding sick leave policy. The changes will keep the policy in compliance with state and local requirements, and keep it consistent with the church employees' handbook. All Child Care Center employee policies must be approved by the Session.

■ The Session agreed that the guidelines that established the Envision Fund are due for review and evaluation after five years of operation of the Fund. This will be an item on the docket for the June Session meeting.

■ Before closing the meeting, the Session members had a conversation about the state of stewardship at Catonsville Presbyterian, highlighted by a slide presentation from the Finance Committee. The statistics presented showed that there is a great opportunity for education and emphasis on financial support for the ministry of Catonsville Presbyterian by our congregation.

Session recognizes the need to continually communicate with our membership, and we welcome your suggestions for communication exchange. Session member contact information is listed in the Church Directory, so it is easy to communicate directly with your church leaders. Take a few minutes to send a message to a Session member, the pastors, or the church office, and let us know what you think. We want to hear from you!

—David Hutton, Clerk of Session
(dhutton1@verizon.net)

Our Financial Resources

We rely on everyone to support what God is doing through this congregation. The vitality of this ministry is secured by God's grace and funded by the faithfulness and commitment of God's people. We are counting on the ongoing generosity of our members and friends. Thank you!

—Keith Glennan, Finance Committee

Actual income as
of May 18: \$ 230,576

Actual expense as
of May 18: \$-229,332

Total: \$ 1,244

Scouts Update

By Glenda K. Johnson
Chartered Organization Representative

Scout News

Boy Scout Troop 306 participated in the recent Camporee, sponsored by the Arrowhead District. There were three Scout skills stations which again provided information and practice of basic skills. Some of the activities were competitive ones with other local Troops. Members of the Cub Scout Pack camped with the Troop during this event.

Memorial Day

Scouts put up and took down the American flags along Frederick Road on May 27. This is one of the Troop's community wide service projects for Catonsville.

Summer Camp

Scouts and adults will be attending this annual event in July. Merit badge requests have been finalized and plans are being completed for this special adventure.

Refugee Day

World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day is June 20! Be on the lookout for events in Baltimore and DC. Around the world, communities, schools, businesses, faith groups and people from all walks of life are taking big and small steps in solidarity with refugees.

Children, Youth and Family Ministries

Summer Events

Our regular church school and youth group ministries are on vacation for the summer, but there's still some excellent events happening at the church. Please join your church family for the LWR-IMA health project care kit assembly on Saturday, June 8, see details on page five. We're also hoping to have some conversation groups, another Trivia Night, and perhaps an evening of outdoor games and indoor fun. Information on these will be shared in the bulletin and email. Please join us as you are able. And have a blessed, joyful, restorative, re-creative summer! KickOff for fall ministries is Sunday, September 8, 2019.

GODSPELL

Sunday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m.

We're looking forward to presenting this classic musical, directed by Ellen Frank, in fellowship hall early this month. Since seating is limited, please check the table in fellowship hall after worship to see if tickets are still available. If you cannot attend on June 2, or are unable to purchase a ticket, please contact Dorothy Boulton at the church office. We may be able to arrange attendance at the dress rehearsal which is late afternoon on Saturday, June 1.

Website and Social Media

Visit the Catonsville Presbyterian website at www.catonsvillepres.org, where you will find the calendar of events, latest sermons, and current news. Take a look around, explore our pages, and pass along the link to a friend. When you visit our website, opt in to receive our weekly worship preview email. If you are already on our mailing list, share it with friends and encourage them to sign up.

You can also stay current on information about life in our church when you follow us on Twitter [@CatonsvillePres](https://twitter.com/CatonsvillePres) and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catonsvillepresb. We hope that you comment on our posts, ask questions and share our content with friends and family who would benefit from the information.

Spring Family Campout

By Wil Heslop

The cub scouts of Pack 306 and their families held a spring campout at Broad Creek Scout Reservation in northern Harford County last month. More than 45 campers pitched tents in 25 mile an hour winds and set up other areas of the camp on Saturday morning. As the wind died down, the pack went on a 2.5 mile hike through the Broad Creek trail system and stopped by Lake Straus where two bald eagles were spotted.

After the hike, the cub scouts participated in a fire safety demonstration before breaking into smaller activity stations to learn how to tie knots, lash poles, and start a fire by friction using a bow drill. There were also various sports and games, as well as some free time for cub scouts to explore the campsite and have fun.

As the activities slowed down, campers prepared dinner where four kinds of chili were ladled up, hot dogs were also served, and dutch oven peach cobbler was offered for desert.

As the sun started to set, the fire was brought back to a roar and an hour long campfire



program featured skits, jokes, songs and the Pack 306 tradition, Cubmaster Thomas Cherry delighting the cub scouts with stories of old.

Sunday morning brought a little rain, but that didn't stop the campers from preparing a pancake and sausage feast. After breakfast, Pack 306 broke camp, packed up and conducted the litter line drill to make sure that they left the campsite better than they found it.

Life in the Community

Baptisms

Frank Willard Bender, son of Mike and Milli Bender, was baptized on March 10, 2019. Oaks Steven Marks, son of Zachary and Ashley Oaks Marks, was baptized on May 12, 2019. Oaks' grandparents are David and Sharon Oaks.

Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Gwen Logsdon, especially Gwen's cousin Lisa Kristaponis. Gwen died on April 24, 2019.

Graduation Recognition

Congratulations to our 2019 graduates. We rejoice with you and celebrate your achievements, praying that God will continue to guide and bless you on your journey.

Catonsville High School: Katrina Bucher, Luke Dongarra, Erin Kreis, Graham Seechuk, and Eva White

Mt. Hebron High School: Michael Santoni

Pacific Lutheran University: Ann Quinn—Master's in Fine Arts in Poetry

University of Maryland: Kim Blay—Doctorate in Nursing, Charles Boulton— Bachelor of Arts in Theater and Economics, Gabe Noble—Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and Minor in Homeland Security, and Abigail Santoni—Bachelor of Science, Major in Animal Science

Poetry and the Christian Life

By Ken Kovacs

Exploring Poetry

Each month, Ann Quinn and I will choose a poem of the month. Our poem for the month of June is by the American poet e. e. cummings (1894-1962), “in time of daffodils.” Read it slowly, ponder it, reflect on it, let it speak to you, even pray it.

in time of daffodils

By e.e. cummings

*in time of daffodils (who know
the goal of living is to grow)
forgetting why, remember how*

*in time of lilacs who proclaim
the aim of waking is to dream,
remember so (forgetting seem)*

*in time of roses (who amaze
our now and here with paradise)
forgetting if, remember yes*

*in time of all sweet things beyond
whatever mind may comprehend,
remember seek (forgetting find)*

*and in a mystery to be
(when time from time shall set us free)
forgetting me, remember me*

Join Us for Discussion

Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the France Room

Au revoir, André

—and thanks!

By Ken Kovacs

After serving as sexton for more than a year, we’re sorry to say that André Bosshardt will be leaving us. His last day was May 31. In June, André and his wife, Nora, leave for Upstate New York to be nearer her parents who have some health problems. André started working at Catonsville Presbyterian on February 1, 2018 and will be deeply missed. Serving as sexton was more than a job for him, it was a calling, a ministry—and he put his heart into everything that he did. I have heard nothing but praise for his work with us, and I know that he was an invaluable partner for the Trustees. The Session expressed its appreciation for his service with a \$100 gift card to Christianbook.com. All the best, André. God’s blessings to you and your family on this new stage of your journey!

CPC Calendar



EVERY WEEK

SUNDAYS

9:30 a.m. Worship, Summer Schedule

MONDAYS

7-9 p.m. Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAYS

9-11 a.m. Al-Anon, France Room
10 a.m. Needles Group, Library
7-9 p.m. Charm City Dancers, Gym
7-9:30 p.m. Martial Arts, Fellowship Hall

THURSDAYS

5:30-6:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous, Library
7-9:30 p.m. Kung Fu, Fellowship Hall
7:30-9 p.m. Boy Scouts, Scout Rooms and Gym

UPCOMING THIS MONTH

SATURDAY, June 1

1-4 p.m. Tai Chi, Gym
4-8 p.m. GODSPELL Rehearsal, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, June 2

9:30 Worship, Communion, Sanctuary
6-8 p.m. GODSPELL Performance, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, June 5

10 a.m.-Noon Committee on Ministry, France Rm
10 a.m.-Noon Catonsville Ministerium, Library
7 p.m. Session, Library

THURSDAY, June 6

7-9 p.m. Boy Scout Com, Library

FRIDAY, June 7

8 a.m.-1 p.m. Child Care Center Graduation, Sanctuary

SATURDAY, June 8

9:30 a.m. Personal Care Kits Assembly Day, Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, June 9

PENTECOST

9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

MONDAY, June 10

6 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group, France Rm

WEDNESDAY, June 12

7 p.m. Child Care Council, CR Rm
7:30 p.m. Trustees, Conf Rm

FRIDAY, June 14

2-3:15 p.m. Writing Group Meeting, France Rm

SATURDAY, June 15

1-4 p.m. Tai Chi, Gym

SUNDAY, June 16

TRINITY SUNDAY

9:30 Worship, Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Laurie Krause, Fellowship Hall

WEDNESDAY, June 19

6:15-7:45 p.m. Alzheimer's Caregivers' Support Group, France Rm
7 p.m. Poetry & the Christian Life, Library
7 p.m. Envision Board, Conf Rm

THURSDAY, June 20

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

7:30-9 p.m. Dismantling Racism, Library

SATURDAY, June 22

3-7 p.m. Graduation Party (G. Seechuk), FH

SUNDAY, June 23

PC(USA) WORLD AIDS SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
11:45 a.m. Peace & Justice Com, France Rm

MONDAY, June 24

6 p.m. Contemplative Prayer, France Rm

WEDNESDAY, June 26

7 p.m. Deacons, Library

SUNDAY, June 30

9:30 a.m. Worship, Fellowship Hall
10:45 a.m. Presentation & Luncheon with
Asylee Women's Enterprise, France Rm
10:45 a.m. Christian Education Committee,
Youth Rm

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fellowship and service.

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