

July 2, 2021

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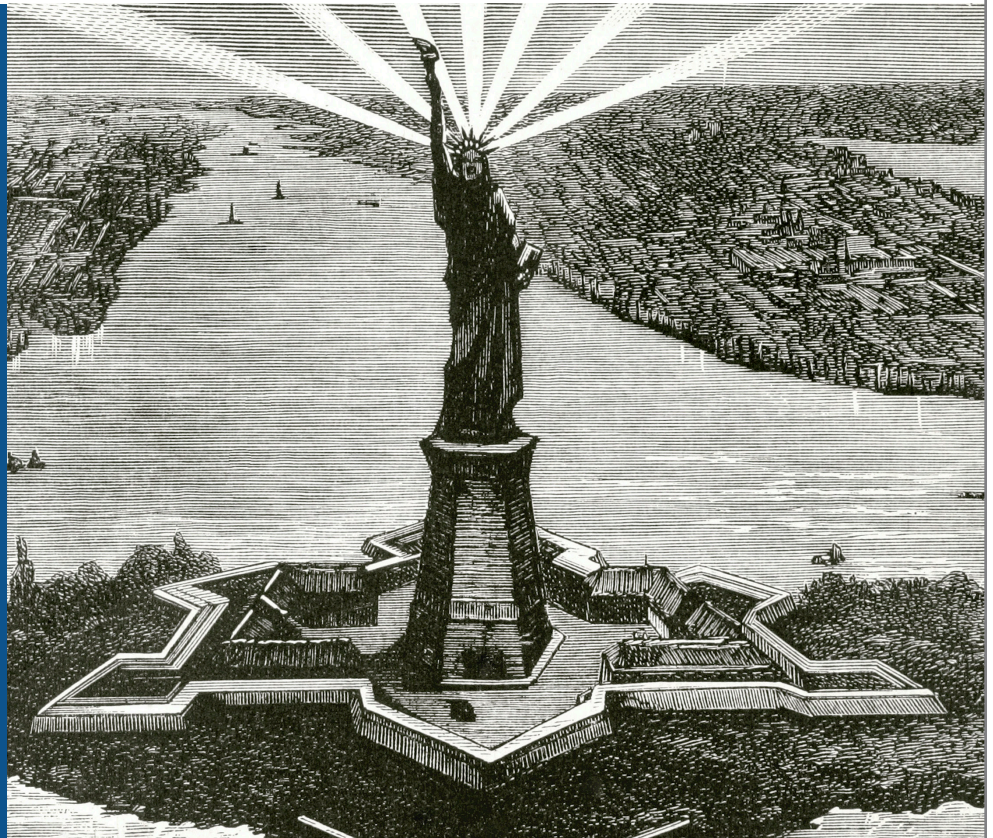
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Liberty

By Kenneth Kovacs

In his [reflection piece in worship on World Refugee Day](#), Rick Santos cited Emma Lazarus's famous poem "The New Colossus." Born in New York City in 1849, Lazarus was a descendant of Sephardic Jews. Her family immigrated to the United States from Portugal around the time of the American Revolution. She was a well-known poet admired by Ralph Waldo Emerson, who was her friend and mentor. Lazarus was asked for an original poem to be auctioned off as a fundraiser for the building of the Statue of Liberty pedestal, dedicated in 1886. She initially declined but later used the opportunity to express the plight of refugee immigrants, whom she deeply cared about. As we approach the Fourth of July, take a moment to (re)read and reflect upon this extraordinary text:

*Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;*

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Liberty

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*Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she*

*With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"*

Youth Events

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Montreat Youth Conference

August 2-6 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

There's a summer camp/conference event, a.k.a. Montreat Youth Conference, which will be held right here at the CPC woodlands. Middle and High School youth are welcome to attend. There will be dinner, games, worship, and small groups and Presbyterian youth from all over Baltimore will be participating. The Christian Education Committee of CPC is offering this event free of charge. Registrations to Dorothy Boulton at dboulton@catonsvillepres.org are due by July 12.

Volunteer at The Center

October 2 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Middle and High School youth are invited to participate in a morning of service from at The Center in Baltimore on October 2. The Center is a mission and learning organization sponsored by Baltimore Presbytery that focuses on justice issues and enacting change in local communities. Youth from the West Side Story Presbyterian Churches (Howard County, western Baltimore County) will be participating. Replies are due as soon as possible to Dorothy Boulton at dboulton@catonsvillepres.org to reserve spaces well in advance.

GODSPELL at Toby's Dinner Theater

August 29 at 5 p.m.

High School youth are rescheduling a trip to see GODSPELL at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia on August 29. The cost is \$20. Please reserve your space as soon as you can with Dorothy Boulton at dboulton@catonsvillepres.org. We have ten tickets but can purchase more if they are still available.





Little Library

Thanks to a partnership with Hillcrest Elementary and Catonsville Presbyterian Church, there's a new Little Library in town. Featuring books for children that represent all kinds of diversity and inclusion, it's located on Frederick Road between the church and the school so it will be easily accessible to the community. Many thanks to Cecilie Nilsen for her work in researching and assembling the library; volunteers from Hillcrest will keep it well-stocked and organized. Come by and check it out!

Summer of Kindness

Growing in God's Love

Looking for ways to grow in faith over the summer in a fun and meaningful way? The Christian Education committee is sharing this amazing resource called the "Summer of Kindness" with six sessions to help us understand kindness better. Each session has four parts—Hear, Wonder, Pray, Play, Act.

Hear the Bible story from Growing in God's Love story bible (or watch the video on the website)

Wonder about the story together

Offer a short prayer

Play a fun game or activity

Choose an act of kindness (or a few) from the Bingo sheet.

Themes include—Welcoming, Compassion, Caring, Thankful, Loving, and Kindness Can Be Hard. Videos of the Bible stories, plus songs and other great selections are also available on the website. (It includes Will-i-am singing with the Sesame Street muppets, how great is that?)

Choose whichever parts bring you and your loved ones joy. The materials can be found at www.michiganumc.org/2021-summer-of-kindness. (Many thanks to the generosity of the Michigan United Methodists for this excellent resource!)



SUMMER OF KINDNESS

Prayer practices, rituals and activities for
faith formation, wherever you may be

Also, we're giving away the Growing in God's Love story bibles to CPC families with children ages four-years to nine-years-old. To receive yours, look for Dorothy Boulton at the Catonsville Fourth of July parade in front of CPC on Saturday, July 3. We will also have copies available on Sunday mornings when we gather for worship, plus at the church office, which is open Tuesday thru Fridays from 9 a.m. till 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Dorothy at dboulton@catonsvillepres.org.

Caring about Hunger

The Westside Men's shelter has received ongoing support from CPC. One of the ways we do that is through the monthly purchase of basic food staples for their kitchen. Our ministry, currently managed by church member Tom Enokian, is funded through donations from our Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. This year our CPC youth weren't able to host our after-worship luncheon so we're inviting you to participate in funding this ministry through online donations.

Catonsville Presbyterian has a line item called "Local Hunger Response" which is accessible through our website at <https://onrealm.org/CatonsvillePres/-/give/now>. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 410-747-6180. Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors.

Deacons Prayer Line

We are excited to announce the extension of the Deacon's Prayer Partner Line through the end of the year. This ministry has been developed to give opportunity for those who may be feeling alone, wanting to speak with God, and are seeking a companion to pray with. Those who reach out will be paired with a member of the Deacons to pray with in one spirit. For those interested in reaching out for a prayer partner, please call the church at 410-747-6180, follow the prompts to the Prayer Line, and please be sure to press the # key so we receive your message. A Deacon will then call you back for prayer. Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Backpacks for Success

By The Board of Deacons

In our community, there are many underprivileged students who don't have resources to obtain the suitable school supplies for class. Given the tools such as backpacks, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, rulers, etc. leaves a child "packed with success".

All backpacks, school supplies, and monetary donations will go to Grace AME. The general cost of a full backpack is \$30. Please visit the link <https://onrealm.org/CatonsvillePres/-/give/Backpacks> and click on the "give once" or "give multiple" times icon to submit your donation. The complete list of supplies will be forthcoming as the new school year closes in. Purchased items can be placed in the designated box on the front porch of the church starting July 4, 2021.

Welcoming

We rejoice with Zachary and Ashley Oaks Marks on the birth of their daughter Miller (Millie) Louise Marks born on June 5 at St. Agnes Hospital.

Congratulations to Millicent and Mike Bender on the birth of Dorothea Marie, born on June 19. Brothers Frank and Mac were excited to meet her.

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.

Doing God's Work

■ Income as of July 2, 2021	\$ 385,443
■ Expense as of July 2, 2021	\$ -381,809
■ Total:	\$ 3,634

The Messenger

Our Mission

We seek to find and share God's calling for this community of faith through worship, fellowship and service.

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