

INTERCESSOR LIST

- ◆ **Pink prayer request sheets** are available on the podium before worship. All are invited to write their joys and concerns; these will be shared with the congregation during the Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession.
- ◆ **Names of extended church family and friends are added to the list for six weeks.** If you would like an extension at the end of the six weeks, phone or email the church office: 410-747-6180 or office@catonsvillepresb.org.

Your prayers are appreciated for those in our church family:

Samantha Enokian
Lockard/Dugan Family
George Ellers
Marge Hetrick
Sarah Chame Martinez
Tina Pritchard
Cynthia Schwanz
Libby Wolf

Your prayers are appreciated for our extended church family and friends:

Anne Colantoni & Family
*Daniel W. Denton
Family of Jane Hoder
Tom Jones
Mike McDonal
George Paytas
*Elliott Wolf
*Jason Woolard

**Serving in the U.S. military*

Your ongoing prayers are appreciated for our homebound members:

David Hardy, Jr.
Dot Kielman
Sandy Lord
James A. Nesbitt
Emma Pennington
Carolyn Respass
Janis Roberts
Pat Schwartz

To add a name, please contact Rev. Kovacs or Rev. Boulton at 410-747-6180.

Life in the Community



For the week of March 4–10, 2018

We Choose Welcome!

Associate Pastor's Schedule

Dorothy is on vacation from
February 26–March 7.
She will return to the office on March 8.

Christian Education

Youth Events:

- ◆ **Sunday, March 11th** – Senior high youth gather at Ellen Fromm's house, 6–8 p.m. And it's March Madness for our middle schoolers from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the church. Bring a friend. (Dinner will be served at both events. RSVPs by March 8th would be really helpful.)
- ◆ **Sunday, March 18th** – Lord's Little People youth -- and families & whoever else would like to attend (it's supposed to be an excellent film!) -- will venture out to see the new movie, *A Wrinkle in Time*, at the Hollywood Theater in Arbutus. Families can purchase their own tickets for the afternoon show and meet at the theater. More details to come.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14: This 40-day season – plus Sundays -- concludes on Easter morning, April 1st. It's a time of reflection and preparation; a time to "engage with God" at a new level. It's a way to stretch our spiritual wings, to try out new ways of praying and growing and serving others in Jesus' name.

Some ways you may wish to participate are:

Children & youth can pick up a One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) fish bank and Giving Calendar in church school or at the back of the sanctuary. These calendars offer a way each day to "Return God's Blessings out into the World." All money goes to hunger-relief, disaster assistance, and self-development of people ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Our fish banks will be collected in worship on Palm Sunday (March 25th) and Easter (April 1).

Youth, Adults, and Families may wish to engage in Daily Prayers & Devotions using the bulletin insert written by Jill Duffield of the Presbyterian Outlook. We'll include one each week during Lent.

Other options are:

“Mary Oliver and the Poetry of Lent” which can be purchased for \$10 at the saltproject.org. Or for a social justice focus, download the “Tread Lightly for Lent 2018” resource at presbyterianmission.org. It’s published by the Presbyterian Hunger Program’s Environmental Ministries and Enough for Everyone offices.

If you are looking for more resources to help you and your family have a holy Lent, please feel welcome to contact us at the church office. Blessings on your Lenten season. *Dorothy & Ken*

Growing in Grace: Adult Education Offerings.

9:00 a.m. in the library. Childcare is always provided.

March 4, 11, 18, 25: Psalms: Prayer Book of the Heart. Walter Brueggemann writes, “The Psalms, with a few exceptions, are not the voice of God addressing us. They are rather the voice of our own common humanity—gathered over a long period of time....” The Psalms, “speak of life as it really is, for in these deeply human dimensions the same issues and possibilities persist.” The Psalms are really a prayer book of the heart, giving expression to a wide range of emotions (from grief and rage to praise and joy). For these weeks in Lent, we’ll explore ways to deepen our prayer-life through the Psalms. Our guide, Brueggemann’s *Praying the Psalms: Engaging Scripture and the Life of the Spirit* (\$12.00) is available for purchase today, Sunday, February 25. *Led by Ken Kovacs.*

Thursday Morning Bible Study: On March 1, we began our study of the book of Jonah. This might be a good time to join or return to the group. Jonah is not your average “fish story”—and it never says anything about a “whale.” I think you’ll be surprised by what’s in this fascinating text. Join us on Thursdays from **10:30 a.m. to noon in the library.** *Ken Kovacs*

Peace and Justice

The P&J Committee meets on the third Sunday at 11:45, in the France Room. Our mission is to act and speak for those whose voices cannot be heard. To that end, we try to identify issues that prevent us all from living as God’s children and encourage the congregation to take action to correct injustice. We invite anyone who is interested to come to a meeting to see what we are about. No commitment is required! For more information, please contact Cindy Gunderson at cinrom.md@verizon.net. We look forward to your visit!

Stewardship

Per Capita for 2018: \$34.38. To date, we have received **\$1,295** toward the 2018 yearly assessment of \$14,267.70. CPC pays this per-member assessment to the PC(USA) for administrative expenses of the Baltimore Presbytery, the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic, and the General Assembly.

**Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018
Flowers and Brass**

Spring flowers provide decoration in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. In addition, the Easter worship service is one of the most festive of the church calendar, and it is made even more so with the inclusion of brass instrumentalists to make a joyful noise unto God.

You may give a gift to cover the cost of flowers and/or brass.

Brass \$ _____

Flower \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Place this form and a check—made payable to Catonsville Presbyterian Church—in the offering plate or send it to the church office or email the information to office@catonsvillepresb.org **by Tuesday, March 13.**

Indicate “Easter flower” and/or “Easter brass” on the check.

The name of your loved one or honoree will be included in the Easter worship bulletin.

► **BRASS** – Check one: In memory of In honor of

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► **FLOWER** – Check one: In memory of In honor of

Given by: _____

Phone # and/or email: _____



THE LENT EVENT

Join us for fun, fellowship and food.

Sunday, March 25

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m.

- Activities for Children and Youth
- *The Journey Inward/Outward* –
A conversation led by Rev. Dr. Kovacs

6:00 p.m.

- Potluck Dinner
 - Please bring a main or side dish to share.
 - Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Following dinner, there will be a closing meditation.

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Retiring Our Mortgage through the "Embracing the Vision" Capital Campaign as 02/25/2018

▶ Number of pledges to date	90
▶ Total dollar amount pledged	\$ 546,191
▶ Gifts received to date	\$ 637,892
▶ Current Mortgage Balance	\$ 0

Our Financial Resources Doing God's Work

Actual Income as of 03/03/2018	\$ 90,567
Actual Expense as of 03/03/2018	\$ -77,058
Total	\$ 13,509

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.

Flowers

If you would like to provide the flowers for a Sunday morning worship service as a memorial, in recognition of someone, or in celebration of a special event, contact Virginia Fairman: v.fairman@comcast.net or 443-636-5559. Please let her know how you would like the announcement to read. The two bouquets are \$37.95.

Deacon of the Day

There is a deacon available on Sunday mornings to help members of our church family and guests by greeting, assisting, and acting as a point person for congregational emergencies or special needs. The deacon usually sits near the door leading into fellowship hall. Feel free to contact the Deacon of the Day or a member of the Board of Deacons with any issues or concerns. *Debbie Anderson*, Moderator

Deacons' Assistance Fund

This fund is used for emergency needs as they arise for members of our congregation, their family members, and/or community members as appropriate. We need your help to keep this fund active. Please send donations to the church office or place in the collection plate. Write "Deacons Assistance Fund" on your check. Thank you for your generosity.
Jackie Hopkins

Calendar March 4–11, 2018

Sunday 3/4	Lent III
9:00 a.m.	Church School, ages 3 thru high school
9:00 a.m.	Adult Education, Library
10:30 a.m.	Worship: Communion
11:45 a.m.	Christian Education Committee, France Rm
Monday, 3/5	
9:30 a.m.	Presbyterian Women's Morning Circle, France Rm
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Tutoring Syrian Family, CR/RS Rms
Tuesday, 3/6	
9:30 a.m.	Needles Group, Library
Noon:	Organ to be Tuned
7:00 p.m.	Concert Board, Library
7:00 p.m.	Personnel Committee, Conference Rm
Wednesday, 3/7	
7:00 p.m.	Session, Library
Thursday, 3/8	
10:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Library
3:00-5:00 p.m.	Tutoring Syrian Family, CR/RS Rms
6:45-7:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Upper Music Rm
7:35-9:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm
Friday, 3/9	
Saturday 3/10	
Sunday, 3/11	Lent IV
9:00 a.m.	Church School, ages 3 thru high school
9:00 a.m.	Adult Education, Library
10:30 a.m.	Worship
6:00-7:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth, Gym/FH
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Senior High Youth at Ellen Fromm's House



Roster of Church Boards

Session

Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kenneth E. Kovacs
Clerk: David Hutton

- 2017: Robert Burriesci, Vickie Lord, Megan Peercy, Reid Spearman, Laurie White
2018: Raimon Cary, Wylene Davies, Cynthia Gunderson, Susan Krehbiel, Jodie Virago
2019: Vitya Blay, Alison Enokian, Keith Glennan, Craig Hornig, Ann Nickels

Board of Deacons

Moderator: Deborah Anderson

- 2017: Evelyn Hayner, Kristine Holmes, Richard Johns, Faith Mayange, Aaron Plymouth
2018: Deborah Anderson, Jacqueline Hopkins, Kristin Koblisch, Ann Quinn, Josephine Titanji
2019: Mary Blanchard, Judith Brownawell, Donna McAdoo-Bucher, Eugene Wayne Ford, Agnes Schneider

Board of Trustees

President: John Dittman

- 2017: John Gaither, Jr., Norman Lazarus, Sandra McDermott, Susan Smith
2018: Gerald Brownawell, John Dittman, Joel Hutton, Todd Walther
2019: David Carr, Amy Oaks LoPresti, Gary Offutt, Carl Schneider

Envision Fund Board

Chair: Alex Hall

- 2017: Robert Cooper, Tracy Lantz
2018: Alex Hall
2019: Jeffrey Bolognese, Jeanne Mueller
Representatives of respective boards: Mary Blanchard (Deacons), Amy Oaks LoPresti (Trustees), Laurie White (Session)

Church Treasurer: Hemi Lee Gallagher
Pledge Secretary: Marge Hetrick
Associate Pledge Secretary: Keith Glennan

Child Care Council

Co-Chairs: Meredith Keller and Christopher Coker

- 2017: Erin Flis, Meredith Keller, Lydia Reid
2018: Nancy Burke, Christopher Coker, Megan Long
2019: Jadie Mayes, Linda Meyer, Johanna Santa Rita