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From the Pastor

GOD IS GOOD! ALL THE TIME! ALL THE TIME! GOD IS GOOD!

The first time I heard these phrases I was at the Bowery Mission in lower Manhattan in New York City. I had taken my youth group to serve at the mission, and we had worked hard all day: cleaning hallways and bathrooms, preparing food to be served, and now leading worship, which was a required precursor for all those who were about to eat dinner and then stay overnight. The Community Life Director opened worship with this Call and Response and the congregation, made up entirely of people experiencing homelessness, was resounding. He led with “God is good!” and they shouted the words “All the time!” He replied, “All the time!” and they roared “GOD IS GOOD!”



I remember being astounded with the ferocity of the proclamation. Here were perhaps 150 individuals in clear distress, asserting God’s goodness in the midst of their pain. Sometimes it is hard for us to recognize God’s goodness when we are in pain. For we all do experience pain. It may not be what those at the Bowery Mission were going through, but each of us has our own cross to bear. I have sometimes heard people minimize their challenges in comparison to what others may be going through, but the fact is, your pain may not be the same as someone else’s, but it is yours. That does not make it any less painful. Whether you are dealing with health issues (I can so recently relate!), or job troubles, or family challenges, or financial struggles, or depression/addiction/mental illness, or something else, your challenge is still your challenge, and God is still good in the midst of it.

As I laid in my hospital bed, I had many conversations with God, mostly asking what I was to learn, and hopefully, what I was to teach as a result of the experience. It was very clear to me that God (with the help of doctors, nurses, staff at Chestnut Hill Hospital, and you: your prayers, cards, letters, texts, meals, jokes, etc.) saved my life – not once, but twice! – and so there must be more for me to do here. It has strengthened my already strong sense of call to First Pres/Germantown, but has also made me try to more deeply listen to what I am called to do and to say, as well as having the courage to do and to say it, as I lead us into an unknown future at a very difficult time in history: church history, American history, global history.

One thing that is very clear to me is that FPCG is a unique and wonderful and challenging community of faith. We are all so very different, and yet here we are together, bonded in Christ, sharing our voices and our hopes and our dreams and our struggles. I pray that as we walk into that future together, our goals are to live in love, to share the good news of the gospel with those in and outside our walls, to walk in the love and forgiveness and hope of life in Christ Jesus, and in the recognition that even when we are struggling, God is good. All. The. Time.

- Rev. Rebecca Segers



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sundays at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to worship, study and enjoy friendships at The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. There are service, outreach and fellowship opportunities in abundance. In addition to weekly and monthly scheduled services and activities, visit www.fpcgermantown.org and click on Special Events web pages for more information.

To learn more, please email fpcg.germantown@gmail.com or call the church office at 215-843-8811.

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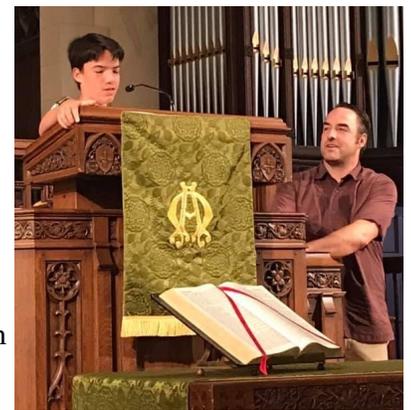


Then there is a craft or activity so that we can physically engage with the material as well. The commitment is from 11:30-12:00 – a half hour of your life that gives you the chance to talk with someone you might not usually seek out for conversation, deepening your relationship with others in our church family and with the Lord.

Our first gathering was led by the youth who went to Triennium. They shared with us from the theme of the conference:



“Here’s my heart, O take and seal it” from the hymn “Come Thou



Fount of Every Blessing.” We listened to the music played and sung in a wide variety of ways, and were asked to ponder the lyrics. Then we made art to take with us, or temporary tattoos to seal the words or thoughts literally on

ourselves. It was not only inspiring but a great deal of fun! Thanks, Christian, Andrea, and Triennium youth participants for sharing with us all.

NEW EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



FPCG is excited to welcome Clinton (CJ) Cotton to the staff as our newest sexton. Clinton is a Philadelphia native from the West Philadelphia section. He has three beautiful children, Zion (6), Brysion (3) and Jeane (1). Clinton comes from a Christian background with his church home being located in New Jersey. He hopes to become involved in a church community that is local to his residence here in Philadelphia. He has

a strong desire to give back to his community, especially involving our youth. Becoming a mentor to provide as a positive role model is something he seeks to become involved in, in the near future. When you see Clinton (CJ) in passing please send him a warm welcome to the FPCG family.



They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. Psalm 1:3

It's almost that time again: our season of Discipleship, in which we consider how it is that God is calling us to more fully be disciples of Christ through a commitment of our time, our talents, our treasures, our all. Our theme this year is Transforming Lives, and the Discipleship Chair, Daniel Conner, and Rev. Rebecca would like you to consider how being a part of First Pres has changed your life. When were you hurting, and someone from the church community was your rock? When did you, in remembrance of how you had been nurtured in this or another church community, take the next step into serving as a

Sunday School teacher, deacon, elder, or in some other capacity? When were you in need, and how was FPCG there for you in the midst of it? If you are willing to share a transformative moment in a new and exciting – and easy! – way (without having to speak!), and are available to participate in worship on Sunday, November 10th, please let Daniel or Rebecca know ASAP.

The Discipleship campaign will be led during three weekends in November: the 3rd, 10th, and 17th. We will learn more about where we are at this point in our budget year, exciting ways that FPCG is transforming lives, have the opportunity to participate in a congregational meeting to approve the tentative budget as well as Rev. Rebecca's Terms of Call for 2020, and the chance to commit yourself more fully to God's work in the church, the community, and the world on Pledge Sunday, November 17th.

Also, as an FYI: Rev. Rebecca, Daniel, and Jim Thompson will be attending the Stewardship Kaleidoscope conference from Monday, September 30-Wednesday, October 2. The Presbyterian Foundation gave us a grant for half the cost of this event, which occurs in San Diego. The conference will help support new energy and ideas around both stewardship and planned giving.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Gayl Henze.....	October 1st
Grace Moragne.....	October 2nd
Morgan Ebo.....	October 2nd
William Young.....	October 3rd
Sara Greene.....	October 5th
Danielle Howard.....	October 8th
Kai Jeanine Burton.....	October 9th
Duane Horne.....	October 9th
Faith Lewis.....	October 9th
Charlene Hardy.....	October 10th
Cherese Akers.....	October 12th
Timothy Robinson.....	October 14th
Anna Reimann.....	October 16th
Ernest Freeman.....	October 17th
Peter Erskine.....	October 18th
Ruel Benain.....	October 21st
Dhyan Cassie.....	October 21st
Marc DiNardo.....	October 25th
Kyarra Gibbs.....	October 25th

TOTAL OCTOBER BIRTHDATES = 19

YOUTH NEWS

FPCG Youth Group trip to Cherry Crest Adventure Farm on October 5th

On October 5th, all youth group members and their families are invited to come to the Cherry Crest Adventure Farm located in Ronks, PA. This annual trip is a favorite of many with tons of activities, entertainment, and good food. More details about the farm can be found at <https://www.cherrycrestfarm.com/>. We are offering a special discount to youth groupers and family members with tickets being just \$15. The first fourteen people to sign up for rides will ride free on the minibus. Each additional person after the first 14 will pay an additional \$5/person if rides are required. Families are encouraged to provide their own transportation to the farm and parking at the farm is free. See Christian Heyer-Rivera for a participant permission slip.

FPCG's Annual Trick or Treating Party at the Hood Home

Halloween is around the corner and we are ready to party! Drew and Leah Hood have been kind enough to offer their house as base camp once again! We are inviting anyone that is interested to come join us for a pizza dinner and trick or treating around the neighborhood. We will be meeting at 5:30 pm at the Hood's to go out. Since its a school night, we will be closing the party by 7:30. *We are asking for everyone to bring \$3 to help with the cost of the pizza for dinner. Side dishes and drinks will be potluck so come with something to share. If you'd like to bring candy to pass out feel free to, and if you want candy to go home with, please bring a container for your child to fill.* Please give Christian Heyer-Rivera or Leah Hood a heads up if you're coming and how many you are bringing so there is enough food for everyone. A final note: Since there will be a variety of ages in our group (starting with babies), we ask that there be no scary costumes!



Middle/High School Youth Group Outing to "Terror Behind the Walls"

Each year Eastern Penitentiary hosts a fundraiser for the Museum around Halloween. The prison transforms into a Haunted Trail with costumed actors ready to startle and scare participants of this experience. This year our Middle and High School Youth Group members will be girding their loins and testing their nerve on October 25th. We will meet at the church at 6:30pm, eat dinner together, and travel to the penitentiary for some fun as a group. Tickets to the event are \$40 and need to be purchased in advanced. All youth group members should see Christian Heyer-Rivera for a permission slip and have their money in by Sunday, October 20th.

Middle School and High School Fall Retreats

at Johnsonburg Camp Retreat Center in Summer Camp, New Jersey

On November 22-24 FPCG will be bringing Senior High members and youth group members (9th-12 graders) to retreat at Johnsonburg Camp, and on December 6-8th Middle Schoolers (6th-8th graders) will retreat together at the camp as well. Cost info and permission forms will be available at youth groups during the month of October. See Christian Heyer-Rivera for more details.

Lingelbach School Yard Design and Fundraising Event

Good news! First Pres partner and local public school, Lingelbach Elementary, is getting a new schoolyard. Come and check out the design on Saturday, October 26th. The vision is that this expansive area would be a recreation space not only for our students, but for the larger community as well. In addition to the substation financial investment made by the School District and project partner, Trust for Public Land, the Lingelbach family needs to contribute \$50,000 to the project cost. We would love to see First Pres members represented at the kick-off fundraising event on the 26th!

FPCG member accepted into the Citizen Planning Institute

Leah Hood, longtime member and community advocate, was recently accepted into Philly's Citizens Planning Institute (CPI). CPI introduces Philadelphians, who "love where they live", to the activities of city planning, zoning and development so they can help shape and preserve their neighborhoods. Through a seven week course, local leaders will be equipped to bring their new-found skills and resources back to their neighborhood organizations. Leah's project will focus on strengthening ties between the neighborhood and the local public school. She looks forward to sharing what she learns with First Pres and planning ways in which we can be salt and light in Germantown together.

(Youth News cont. on page 5)



Continuing our Windows section called the Good News Youth Corner, this section will be devoted to lifting up some of the great things that our young people are experiencing and accomplishing. Any parent or member is welcome to share some good news big or small about one of our young people who participate in our community and ministry. Email Christian Heyer-Rivera at christianaheyer@yahoo.com, or text him at (267) 972-5662. When you see the following persons, give them a big congrats for the following:

- ◆ Emery Hood has recently joined the Chess Club at Masterman Middle School. He is excited about this opportunity and has already been learning and practicing strategic moves to capture the King. The team competes at the local, regional and national level and the program at Masterman is second to none in the city. Congratulations to Emery and don't forget to encourage him when you see him.



- ◆ Emanuel Heyer-Rivera has joined the cross country team at GFS. While his goal isn't to win his races, he has been enjoying the exercise and is increasing in both stamina and achieving his smaller goals. Manni has also been diligently hitting the books at his new school and making his parents proud! Thank you all who have prayed for him and the Heyer-Rivera family in this transition.

- ◆ Elisa Heyer-Rivera will again be taking classes in musical theater through the local organization Staging Journeys this fall. If you're interested in catching one of her final performances, they will be on December 13th and 14th at the Circus School on Greene Street in Mt. Airy. Please see Christian or Sheila Heyer-Rivera for more information.



- ◆ Sally McCord-Amasis has reported that both Taye and Amara are doing well after their move out to Washington with Mark. Both are adjusting to this new stage in their lives. Taye was able to make the traveling soccer team immediately which has eased the transition for him. Aidan is also doing well at college at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). Please keep the McCord-Amasis family in prayer as they will remain apart from one another until the sale of their home here in Elkins Park. You can send love and support to the family through Sally and little Jamison while they are here awaiting the sale.

The Scholarship Committee of The First Presbyterian Church in Germantown is pleased to announce the recipients of our congregation's 2019-2020 academic year awards.

This year's recipients are as follows (listed in alphabetical order): Kai Burton, DeShaye Carter, Jason Greene, Kiara Greene, Kristina Ohemeng, and Matthew Reisse.

For each academic year, the Scholarship committee, a subcommittee of The Christian Education Committee, issues a call for applications from among our congregation's members and friends. The committee then receives and evaluates applications using a rubric based on the values and qualities we seek to support through the program--long-term engagement with the church, academic diligence, and a thoughtful statement of goals and interests--as well as on financial need.

Upon confirmation of enrollment, each scholarship is paid directly to the students, so that it can be used for books or other expenses in support of their education beyond tuition.

If you are interested in understanding more about the process for evaluating applicants, or would like to become a part of the Scholarship committee, please see one of our committee members for more information.

Congratulations to each of our award recipients. We invite our congregation to join us in prayer and support of each of them as they pursue their educational and vocational goals.

With gratitude,

The Scholarship committee:
Klaas Hoekema (Chair)
Contina Lundy
Christian Heyer-Rivera

Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry News!

Grocers Against Hunger is a program of Philabundance, Philadelphia's largest hunger relief organization. Through this program, GACM is partnered with two local grocers. ACME Andorra and Save A Lot, Broad St. Each week our truck team picks up donations that include a wide variety of organic products, meats, fish, dairy and other often high cost items. This relationship has significantly increased our need for storage.

On that front, there are several exciting events about to happen. The Property Committee is working with GACM to finalize plans for a major renovation to the Food Cupboard. The renovation will increase our capacity to serve clients and store food.

Funding from several sources will cover the costs and enable the purchase of new commercial refrigeration.



With the exception of serving food, GACM has been closed to clients as we strengthen our organization structure. Daily the administrative staff have been busy. We are in the process of hiring a new Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper and Social Service Specialist. Depending upon the renovation plan, we may reopen to clients mid-October or November. We'll keep you informed of our progress.

Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network -- PIHN Fall Hosting Session September 29 – October 27

Homelessness is complex! According to the PIHN website. *“A large number of factors that are often out of our control such as job loss and health crises can easily change the financial status of an otherwise stable family. And it's a growing problem. On any night of the year in Philadelphia, an estimated 1,000 to 1,300 children and their families are homeless.”*

With caring staff who provide case management and caring volunteers who provide meals and hospitality, PIHN is the shelter that's not like a shelter. A public shelter may house over 100 families. In contrast, PIHN partners with local congregations to house three or four families for three or four consecutive weeks. Since it was founded 28 years ago, as a host congregation, FPCG has supported this compassionate approach to addressing homelessness. PIHN provides us education about the growing problem of homelessness and an opportunity for “hands on” service that makes a difference! Annually FPCG financially supports PIHN through our Mission and Outreach Community fund. Additionally, when in our building each fall and spring, volunteers provide support to the families, whom we call guests. Though homelessness is a large problem, during their stay in our building, there are small things you can do to make a difference.

As a dinner or evening host you can prepare and share a meal with the families, purchase boxed drinks, snacks and items to prepare lunch. Or, you can volunteer to be an overnight host sleeping in the building from 8:30 PM – 7:30 AM. While working with our guests, be prepared. The stress of their situation, encountering new volunteers each day, parenting and life in general can take its toll. Some families are very social while others aren't. They may choose to share the meal and retreat to their room.

More information about IHN volunteer opportunities can be found on the literature table. To volunteer see Eileen Jones or Delores Solomon during coffee hour.

FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

F. Anthony Thurman, Music Director

McLean Memorial Pipe Organ Centennial Concert Series

We are flinging wide our doors and inviting the public to join us in celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of our McLean Memorial Pipe Organ, the largest church organ in Philadelphia. The instrument contains nearly 7,000 individual pipes of both wood and metal ranging in size from a pencil to a telephone pole, all controlled by a four-manual organ console with 354 stops.

Four exciting, entertaining, and educational events featuring award-winning performers are planned on Sundays at 4 p.m.:

Nov. 10 *Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza* with **Clara Gerdes**

A program for school children with demonstration and pipe chamber tour

Nov. 17 *Wings* with **Peter Krasinski**

A 1927 silent World War I film with improvised organ accompaniment

Jan. 19 **Marvin Mills** and the **Philadelphia Brass**

A celebration of music commemorating the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

April 26 **Ken Cowan**

A program of solo repertoire and orchestral transcriptions

To support this community outreach series, Marc Dinardo and Liz Drum have made a generous pledge to match contributions from church members up to a total of \$5,000. This means your gift in any amount will be doubled by their matching gift. Please help us meet this challenge by sending your contribution to the church office (check memo "Organ Series") or contribute online at www.fpcgermantown.org.

Additional funding for this series is being provided by the American Guild of Organists (Philadelphia Chapter) and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.



Longwood Gardens



A field trip is planned for Sunday afternoon, October 13, departing from the church at 12 Noon. Enjoy the beautiful fall colors of Longwood and an organ recital by First Church Music Director Tony Thurman performed on the largest pipe organ ever built for a private residence. The cost is \$35, which includes roundtrip bus transportation and Gardens admission. Sign up with Gloria Bethea during coffee hour or call the church office at 215-843-8811 to reserve your place. Read more about the Longwood online at Longwoodgardens.org.

Messiah Concert

Save the date! The Germantown Oratorio Choir & Orchestra will present our annual *Messiah* concert on Sunday, December 1, at 3 p.m. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning October 29. For more information or to participate, please call the church office at 215-843-8811 or e-mail music.fpcgermantown@gmail.com.

In Other News!

A message from Randy Clever about his Puerto Rico experience!



“A drop in the bucket” is an expression to denote an amount so insignificant that it makes no difference to the overall outcome of whatever it is your talking about. There are 181,843.6 drops of water in a standard 2-gallon household bucket. You can see why this expression is appropriate. Hurricane Maria was a devastating catastrophe that dropped as much as 24 inches in 24 hours in some parts of Puerto Rico with winds up to 160 miles per hour. I don't know how many drops or how many buckets of water that makes, but it certainly wasn't insignificant.

Two years later, the island still hasn't fully recovered and there is still an enormous amount of work to be done.

When I first heard about the formation of a team from 1st Pres, I knew I wanted to go. It happened. So, here I come with my eyedropper and 1 drop to add to the bucket of help to restore some normalcy to the lives of the people of PR. It is sometimes hard to feel that the little I have to offer will make any real difference. But, along the way, I met people whom that tiny bit of effort meant the world. They expressed how much they appreciated our small gifts to them. Amazingly, the ones we were able to help ministered to us with what they had while we worked in their homes. Not only did the people whom we helped directly appreciate the help, but on more than one occasion, individuals we ran into would say, “thank you for coming to help”. Our drops in the bucket meant oceans for the few that we did encounter. How will the bucket ever get filled if we withhold the little we have? I was touched that my feeble efforts mattered to a few of God's children. It didn't matter about being amazing or doing something grandiose.

The other thing that I was really struck by, was our amazing team. When I first saw the list of who was going, my reaction was, “well, aren't we a motley crew?” There was no judgment in that, simply a realization that I was joining a group of people, some of whom I didn't know well or didn't have much in common as far as interests go. But there were two things we all had in common. We were there to serve in the name of Christ and to do whatever needed to be done. That was enough to bond and give us a real appreciation for one another. I was impressed with the entire team and how we functioned together. It wasn't so much the talents we had, but the willingness to do whatever was necessary to get the job done. We were all adding our drops to the bucket to make an impact, great or small - because every drop counts and matters.

So, that is what I brought back from Puerto Rico. There is always something I can contribute, sometimes more or less. Whatever it is, if it is done for the glory of God, it counts and matters. We are a motley crew here at first Pres, but the significance of working together for the common goal of God's Kingdom is the overarching motivator and glue that holds us together and moves us forward.

Thank you for the part that all of you played in supporting and sending us.

How Does God Call to Act & Engage?!

The words that precede the Isaiah 1:18 quote, “Come now, and let us reason together,” are “Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.” In other words, Act and Engage (A&E)! To do just that, a new initiative, “A&E,” is being launched as an extension of the Mission and Outreach Committee.

A&E will provide our church community the opportunity to examine local, national and global issues that as people of faith we are called to address. The format will include sharing personal stories, engagement of experts to learn facts, and a time to wrestle among ourselves as we seek God's call for our individual and communal actions, be that to pray, ponder, petition, perform, or perhaps, protest. Our vision is to explore each topic in a series of three gatherings, each planned with sensitivity to our diversity in experiences and viewpoints. A time to listen, learn, and reason together. All voices are welcome at the table. Criminal Justice will be our first focus. In the spring we'll explore Environmental Justice.

If you have a story about your law enforcement encounter or other experience, an idea about a professional or expert we should talk to, or interested in helping to plan or lead this new effort in its first outing, please join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16th in the Finney Room for an information and planning meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to be a part of the planning/leadership of A&E, please let Rev. Rebecca know, and she will assure your participation.

One Sunday during Coffee hour Annie Kotto was showing pictures to a group of us. The pictures were of her husband, Anthony Ohemeng in his desert garb. This one was titled “Good Morning family”. I was so intrigued, I asked for Anthony’s email address to find out more about his work with the United Nations in Mauritania. Anthony manages a staff of 600 United Nations staffers. His letter was so interesting, I wanted to share it here. –Lois Bethea



Thanks for your interest in my work and the general work of the UN. In Mauritania, the UN is primed to support the government to achieve the sustainable development goals (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/globalpartnerships/>), a set of objectives to help better the lives of people, foster peace and save the planet. There are eleven UN agencies in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania. Each agency concentrates on the sustainable development goals for which it has a mandate and expertise. The UN HCR (High Commissioner for Refugees) also runs a refugee camp in Mauritania for mostly Malians fleeing conflict in their country. There are 60,000 people in the refugee camp.

The pictures Annie showed you were taken on my work visit to the refugee camp to meet UN staff, the camp managers and Mauritanian authorities who facilitate our work. The camp is called the Mbera camp. It is in the south-east part of the country, 1500 km from Nouakchott, the capital of Mauritania. As the highest-ranking UN official in the country

my work consists mostly of discussions on policy alternatives and ensuring that fundamental norms are followed by government (human rights, inclusion, equal rights for girls, etc) and suggesting solutions. I also ensure that the UN agencies' activities reflect and demonstrate those fundamental values of inclusion and equality in a coherent manner. I also engage bilateral partners (ambassadors accredited to Mauritania) and multilateral agencies (the EU and World Bank) to strategize on issues and ensure coherence, as well as seek their financial support for UN projects.



I am the Representative of the UN Secretary General in the country, so I am also engaged in sensitive political discussions that ensure that the overall purpose of the UN, peace, tolerance, inclusion, equality, development prevail in the country. These are not impositions because all member countries of the UN have signed off and accepted those values, except some do not continuously express them in policy and action, and we are here to remind them, in a diplomatic way, of their commitments.

Thanks again for your interest in the work of the UN. It is our hope and belief that the world can be a better place. And the 600+ UN staff in Mauritania work towards that everyday, sometimes in very harsh conditions.

With best regards,
Anthony Ohemeng



Anthony Ohemeng will be leading a men’s breakfast program in November. More information to come!

**Trip to Long Wood Gardens
Located in Kenneth Square P.A.**

This trip will consist of hearing our own Music Director Tony Thurman, in a very Special Organ Recital. Included is an escorted trip around Long Wood Gardens, which is known for its vast collection of vibrant flower gardens, a greenhouse, and fountain shows. Wheelchair accessibility is available if needed. The Van will leave the church at 12:00 P.M. sharp on October 13, 2019. For additional information or to sign up to go on this trip contact Gloria Bethea at (215) 473-1672 or sign up in the church office ASAP.



***OCTOBER CHALLENGE OFFERING
PRESBYTERIAN PEACE & JUSTICE***

Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering is our Challenge recipient for the month of October. Without a doubt, our world is in need of peace. On our streets and in our communities, within our households and in our relationships, within groups and between factions, among nations and within the whole global community, we need peace. Stark reminders of our need for peace confront us every day, calling us to act and inviting us to engage in the works and witness of peacemaking. The Presbyterian Peacemaking Offering provides a concrete way for all of us to contribute to the work of peacemaking.

2020 Calendar sale to benefit Deacons. After a three year hiatus, the Deacons will be selling 2020 Calendars featuring photography by Heidi Mercado-Littles. Calendars are \$15 and will be available in time for Christmas. You can see a sample and place your order during Coffee Hour through Sunday, November 24, 2019. Thank you for supporting the work of the Deacons.



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