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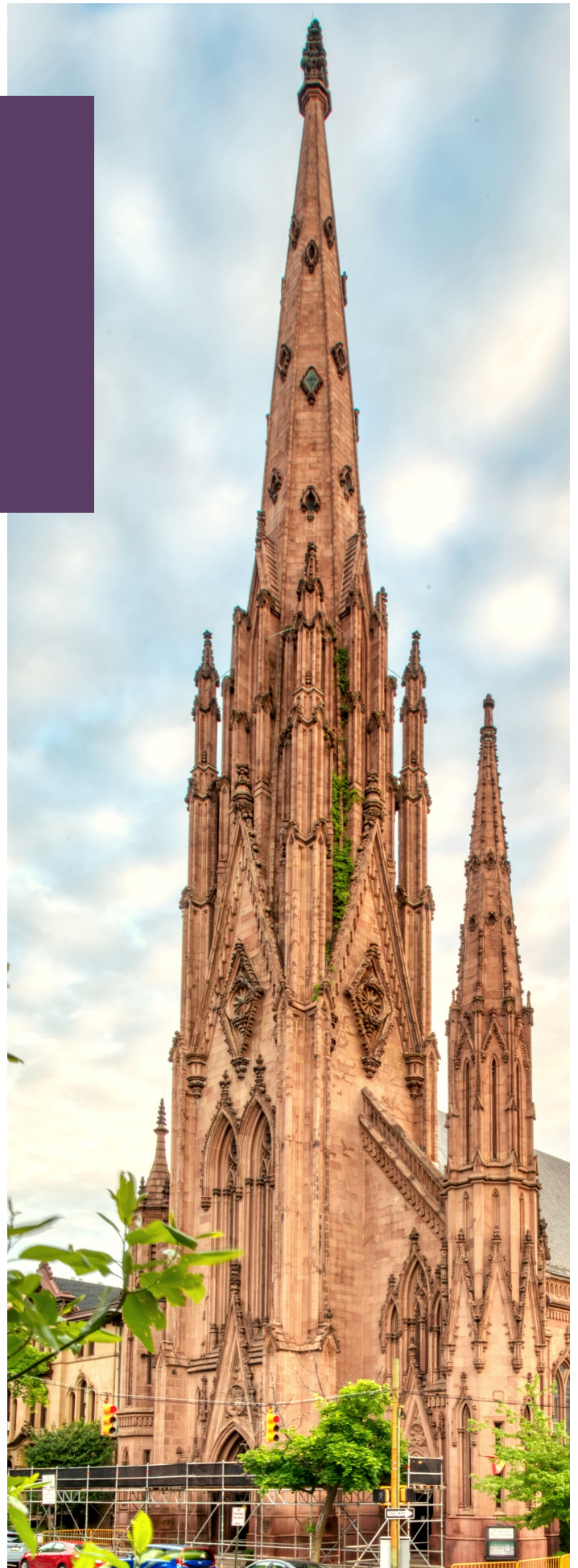
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# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing -- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People -- all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, One Great Hour of Sharing is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters, and support for refugees. Presbyterian Hunger Program takes actions to alleviate hunger, care for creation, and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed. Self-Development of People invests in communities responding to their experiences of oppression, poverty and injustice, and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these issues.

Coin receptacles for One Great Hour of Sharing were distributed in March and will be collected on Palm Sunday and on Easter Sunday. Donations can also be made at the website below:

<https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/make-a-gift/gift-info/oghs/>

## FLOWER MART FESTIVAL - MAY 5 & 6

Flower Mart was founded in 1911 by the Women's Civic League, an organization formed to advocate for better living conditions in the City of Baltimore. A focal point of the original market was to encourage flower, plant, and vegetable gardening in the yards of homes and vacant lots—thereby making them green. The Women's Civic League managed the event for almost ninety years, and along the way the festival's signature Lemon Stick treat was introduced—a porous peppermint stick used as a “straw” to suck the juice out of a halved lemon—sweet and tangy—and very refreshing.

The women of First Presbyterian would likely have been involved in the planning of this event as we had many ministries to parents and children or to factory workers and immigrants who lived in crowded conditions.

The festival will be held Friday May 5th and Saturday May 6th in the parks surrounding the Washington Monument with booths selling food, plants, seeds, crafts, books, and representing organizations committed to beautification and ecology of Baltimore. The church is not involved in an official way, but would it not be a nice place to spend an hour or two that weekend spreading a smile and meeting some new people. If you want to visit and identify yourself as a member of the church, check with an usher some Sunday and we can get you a name tag.

## FOOD PANTRY UPDATES

### March Distribution Totals: 94 Grocery Bags and 94 Produce Bags

We are entering our third year of the First & Franklin Food Pantry. I must confess, I grow weary - weary that the need is as great as ever. It is the kindness of our clients that strengthens my soul and reserve. One of our regular clients recently shared with me, "Thank you and all the volunteers here for all you do to help and encourage me and so many others. Your food bank ministry does great work. I personally could not have moved forward in my life without this church's help. Now that my life is on stable ground, I would like to pay it forward with this \$50 donation to First and Franklin Food Pantry."

With the special COVID funding ending in February, we have seen an increase of need for food in our neighborhood. Basics are always needed and appreciated: cereal, peanut butter and jelly, canned meats and fish, soups, spaghetti and sauce, beans and rice, dried milk, toilet paper and paper towels.

Your support of the Food Ministry is a living example of both sharing God's love with those in need and of finding God in those with needs. We need more volunteers. You will find this a wonderful way to act from your faith. Thank-you.

### NEW OFFICE HOURS - CORRECTION

The office will be open Monday through Wednesday, 8:30am-2:30pm, and Sunday from 12:00pm-4:00pm. First & Franklin's office administrator Anna Pollitt will be reachable by phone Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-5:00pm, and Sunday from 12:00pm-4:00pm. The office will be closed Friday and Saturday.

### MAINTENANCE REQUESTS

Moving forward, we ask that if you see a maintenance concern or have a suggestion regarding any church building, please direct your inquiries to the Chair of Building and Grounds Dave Pierson at [akahuey@aol.com](mailto:akahuey@aol.com). Dave will delegate such tasks to the correct party. When you see our Sexton George Meagher in the sanctuary or Reid Chapel on Sundays, please keep in mind that he is at work. Aside from small Sunday morning issues (bathrooms, fellowship supplies, worship set up, etc.) we should do our best not to pull George away from his tasks. In this way, we can help him do what he does best: Keeping our worship spaces beautiful and in order!

### LOOKING BACK AT APRILS PAST

April 17, 1776 - Samuel Purviance Jr. instigated a plot to capture Robert Eden, the Royal Governor of the Maryland Colony.

April 22, 1839 - General Samuel Smith dies. He is known for fending off the British from Baltimore in 1814, and served as Senator and Mayor of Baltimore from 1835 to 1838.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Alison Halsey	Anne Silbermann
Audrey Suhr	Ron Spruill
Nkem Anaedozie	Jim Schroll
Sabrina Schumann	Taylor Brooks
Rol Anders	Lola Amin

## CUBAN FEAST PHOTOS

Congratulations to the Peacemaking Committee on their incredible Cuban Feast Fundraiser on Sunday, March 26. The food was delicious, and the funds raised will go to supporting our sister church in Taguasco, Cuba.



## THE SPIRE SERIES PRESENTS: THE KEN & BRAD KOLODNER QUARTET



We had a blast hosting the Ken & Brad Kolodner quartet for The Spire Series on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Ken, Brad, Rachel, and Alex brought so much heart to their performance, which featured Old Time, Bluegrass, and Traditional tunes on a variety of instruments. Between each song, they shared brief stories and facts that illuminated the significance behind each piece, instrument, and collaborator - demonstrating the awesome connecting power of music.



### UPCOMING SPIRE SERIES EVENTS

4/21 | Fri | Jessica Tong & Michael Sheppard | 7:30 pm

5/25 | Thu | Baltimore School For the Arts | 7:00 pm

6/4 | Sun | Prelude to Pride with Sara Davis Buechner | 3:00 pm

*Tickets on sale at [www.firstfranklin.org/the-arts/the-spire-series](http://www.firstfranklin.org/the-arts/the-spire-series)*



*The Spire Series presents*

### From Elegance To Extravagance

Jessica Tong, *violin*

Michael Sheppard, *piano*

Friday, April 21, 2023 | 7:30 p.m.

*Franz Schubert | Violin Sonatina no. 1 in D Major, D.384*

*Francis Poulenc | Violin Sonata FB 119*

*Lili Boulanger | Nocturne et Cortège for violin and piano*

*Richard Strauss | Violin Sonata in Eb Major, op. 18*

# *Lent & Easter*

February 22 | 6:00pm  
**Ash Wednesday Service**  
*with octet*

March 1-29 | 6:00pm  
**Wednesday Meditative Services**  
*with organ*

April 2 | 10:30am  
**Palm Sunday Service**  
*with choir and organ*

April 7 | 7:00pm  
**Good Friday Service of Tenebrae**  
*with readings and motets*  
*sung by the First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir*

April 9  
**Easter Service**  
Prelude at 10:10am  
Service at 10:30am  
*with brass, timpani, choir and organ*



Visit [www.firstfranklin.org](http://www.firstfranklin.org)  
for more information!

# APRIL 2023 CALENDAR

4/1 Sat 1:00-3:00pm Food Pantry  
4/2 Sun 9:00am Book Study: Jesus and the Disinherited  
4/2 Sun 9:00am Multi-age Sunday School  
4/2 Sun 10:30am Palm Sunday with Rev. Dorothy LaPenta  
4/4 Tue 7:00pm Peacemaking Committee Meeting  
4/6 Thu 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal [TIME CHANGE]  
4/7 Fri 7:00pm Good Friday Service of Tenebrae  
4/8 Sat 10:00am Choir Rehearsal  
4/8 Sat 1:00-3:00pm Food Pantry  
4/9 Sun 9:00am No Adult Education or Sunday School  
4/9 Sun 9:00am Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt  
4/9 Sun 10:10am Easter Worship Service  
4/12 Wed 7:00pm Membership Committee Meeting  
4/13 Thu 12:00-3:00pm Dakota Learning Camp Staff Interviews  
4/15 Sat 1:00-3:00pm Food Pantry  
4/16 Sun 9:00am Adult Education  
4/16 Sun 10:30am Guest Preacher: Rev. Jose Lopez-Chapa  
4/16 Sun 10:30am Sunday School Earth Day Presentation  
4/17 Mon 5:30pm Worship, Music, and Arts Committee Meeting  
4/18 Tue 7:00pm Education Committee Meeting  
4/18 Tue 7:00pm Mt. Vernon Belvedere Association Meeting  
4/20 Wed 6:30pm Building & Grounds Committee Meeting  
4/21 Fri 7:30pm The Spire Series: From Elegance to Extravagance  
4/22 Sat 1:00-3:00pm Food Pantry  
4/23 Sun 9:15am Hanging of the AIDS Quilt  
4/23 Sun 9:00am Adult Education  
4/23 Sun 9:00am Multi-age Sunday School  
4/23 Sun 10:30am Guest Preacher: Rev. Janna Vanderwoude  
4/25 Tue 6:30pm Session Meeting  
4/29 Sat 1:00-3:00pm Food Pantry  
4/30 Sun 9:00am Adult Education  
4/30 Sun 9:00am Multi-age Sunday School  
4/30 Sun 10:30am Guest Preacher: Rev. Michael Cuppett