

FIRST & FRANKLIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2022

WORSHIP CALENDAR

SEPT. 4 | Vocation and Labor. Romans 12: 1-8. I Corinthians 7: 17-24.

SEPT. 11 | Are Ministers Necessary? Jeremiah 23: 23-32. I Timothy 3: 1-7; 4: 11-16; 5: 17-22.

Congregational Meeting to Elect PNC, followed by Welcome Picnic

SEPT. 18 | Is Worship Necessary? I Kings 8: 22-24, 27-30, 62-66. Colossians 3: 1-17

SEPT. 25 | Is Prayer Necessary? Ezra 9: 5-9, 15; 10: 1, 6. I Thessalonians 1: 1-7; 5: 12-28.

WELCOME FALL, WELCOME SCHOOL, WELCOME CHURCH



Although some schools and colleges re-start before Labor Day, that weekend marks the end of summer for most of us. For my school-teacher parents, summer was time off, even when Dad took side jobs for a couple of months. In the summer, we vacationed at the same NY State Park for a week every year, saw relatives more, and had a wonderfully unstructured time.

It was the 1960's and our family of 5 boys was average size for the new suburbs going in, with lots of neighbor kids for playing games. This was also a time when diversity in the white middle class meant different European ethnicities, while tolerance or inclusion meant Jews and Catholics, and Protestants beginning to intermarry.

My Catholic-background father took his newly-married Presbyterianism seriously. Not only had he survived terrible wartime experiences, naming me "Christian" in gratitude, but my mother's brand of Protestantism was a new language to learn and a very different style of church.

He was welcomed, became an elder, got involved in the "Social Education and Action Committee," worked on "Fair Housing," and soon served on a PNC.

Though we were not regular attendees during the summer, we were every Sunday during the school year, and one of my parents usually taught Sunday School as well. As teachers, both of my parents prized perfect attendance—and unless you were really sick, you went in because otherwise, the whole routine would be thrown off. And commitment was something you showed by showing up. Hard to imagine how they would have dealt with Covid—as our young families have had to do in these past two-plus years.

My parents-built faith into their children's lives as much as education, and my 4 brothers and I are still in it (though 3 have strayed from the Presbyterian fold to Quaker, Episcopal, and non-denominational options). Religious bodies had more social support then, and entertainment options were fewer. You may have noticed that my mother was not mentioned until now—though her influence was very strong, she could not get back into the school system after not working while we all were young.

The church itself has changed, as well as family structure, and the society is far more unequal economically. So, it costs more in a number of ways to come to church today. It requires more intentionality; all of you who read this are probably aware you go against the grain. And we need to support each other more, pray for each other more, reach out and create new opportunities.

Welcome back, to what is a New Adventure!
Rev. Chris Iosso, Interim Pastor

REPORT OF THE CONGREGATION'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR ELECTION TO THE CONGREGATION'S PASTORAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

During the months of July and August 2022, the Nominating Committee met in person and via Zoom and, after due deliberation and discussion, agreed upon a slate of six members of our congregation that it recommends for service on the Pastoral Nominating Committee (PNC) of First and Franklin Presbyterian Church.

The nominees are:

Mary Anagnost
Michael Johnson
Alex Mendelsohn
Muddassar Iqbal
Craig Smith
Rachel Walsh

There will be a brief congregational meeting after the church service on September 11, 2022, for the purpose of electing church members to serve on our Pastoral Nominating Committee, at which time these six nominees will be recommended for election to that committee. All six members have agreed to serve.

Additional nominations made be made from the floor provided that such nominees have agreed to serve if elected. It is suggested that if there are nominations from the floor, such individual(s) be additional nominees, not replacement nominees.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan B. Gordon, Elder
Chair, Congregational Nominating Committee

TABLE GUILD

Please consider joining the Table Guild! Every week, we need volunteers to put appropriate linens, candles, dishes, and hangings on the Communion Table and pulpit. Once a month or more, when we serve Communion, we need ordained officers (ministers, elders, deacons) to prepare the bread and juice and arrange the elements on the Table, and clean up after the service. Let Rev. Iosso or John McLucas know if you would like to be part of these lay ministries.

Note: ALL bread used for Communion is now gluten-free.

We hope that, as COVID restrictions permit, more and more of our members and friends will be able to return to in-person worship. The absolute first priority is for everyone to be and feel safe. Please always know that your preferences are respected, your faithfulness is treasured (whether in-person or remote) - and that all who attend in person will welcome you if and when you can be with us. Blessed be the tie that binds! - Worship, Music & Arts Committee

SANCTUARY CHOIR

The First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir begins its new season with rehearsal on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00p. The choir is comprised of people who love to sing and welcomes musicians of all skill levels. If you are interested in learning more about the Sanctuary Choir, contact Jason Kissel - at jkissel@firstfranklin.org

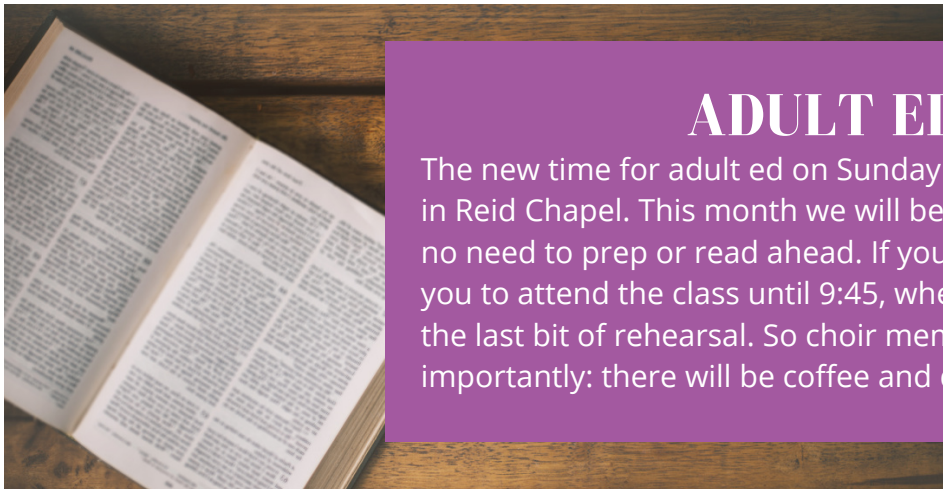
In addition to leading in worship from September through May, the choir also prepares special music for services and concerts during Advent, Christmas, and Holy Week. In May 2023, the Sanctuary Choir will partner with the choir of Market Square Presbyterian in Harrisburg, PA, to present Duruflé's beloved Requiem and Vaughan Williams' Five Mystical Songs.



CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

This year's multi-age class will start off with a bang on Sunday, September 11, 2022. We have a small class and it is our intention to grow its numbers this year. We will begin Bring a Friend to Church School Sundays in October. We would like to encourage members and friends of the church to invite a child (a neighbor, a relative, a friend's child, etc.) to attend our Multi-Age Class one Sunday a month for the entirety of the year. Our hope is that our current attendees and our young guests will invite others to join us. We really want to build our church and improved numbers in church school could help. We have another teacher ready to join me who also loves teaching young children and it would be great to have another class going.

Additionally, please join us for a Church Fall kick off barbecue on Sunday, September 11, 2022, directly after church! I believe we will have a wonderful time learning about the Lord each Sunday this year!



ADULT EDUCATION

The new time for adult ed on Sunday mornings is 9:00 am and will be held in Reid Chapel. This month we will be discussing the book of Ruth. There is no need to prep or read ahead. If you're in the choir, Jason has approved you to attend the class until 9:45, when you'll head into the sanctuary for the last bit of rehearsal. So choir members, please join us at 9:00 am! Most importantly: there will be coffee and donuts!!

On September 11th, after a stirring sermon, inspiring music, a time of prayer, and the congregational meeting to elect the Pastoral Nominating Committee, the Membership Committee will host our Homecoming Picnic in the courtyard. Burgers and dogs on the grill, salads, sides, beverages and desserts will be available. Please dress casual and comfy that day!! We had such a fun time at our July 4th picnic. This will be even better than that, a way to catch up with folks after summer and meet new friends too. If you have not received a link to the signup list for stuff to bring and ways to help out, you will soon. Please let Tiarra in the office know if you will be able to attend and how many people we can expect. Get ready to meet new and returning members of the choir, our members, friends and any visitors and guests that show up. First and Franklin is going to have a busy fall season of ministry, and this picnic will start it off right.

Join Us for the Annual
**WELCOME
BACK
PICNIC**

September 11th, 11:30 AM
First & Franklin Courtyard
Scan Code Below to RSVP and
Sign Up to Bring Items



TOUR GUIDES FOR DOORS OPEN

On Saturday, October 1st. from 10-4pm, we will be welcoming many guests brought to our campus by the Baltimore Architectural Foundation as well as people from the neighborhood. We expect to need as many as five tour guides who can lead people through our spaces and give some general information. All the information necessary for a tour guide will be handed out a long time before the event and does not need to be presented by heart. It will be lots of fun and a good opportunity to learn some history and meet some new folks. Please call or email the office if you are interested.

NIGHT HEART

MUSIC | MEDITATION | CONVERSATION

Third Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
October 19th - January 19th

Come experience a beautiful space and reflective music featuring the sanctuary pipe organ, followed by refreshments and a time for connecting with neighbors and friends. The space for reverie is the high Gothic sanctuary of First & Franklin Presbyterian Church, partly lit by candles. Our Minister of Music & Arts/ Organist and others will play for 25-30 minutes with little speaking: this is not a worship service but a nighttime for exploring inner worlds. For those who wish to stay afterward, an open space chapel offers chairs and tables for friendly conversation. Our intent is to offer a different kind of event that may speak to the heart and provide some time for the community.

First & Franklin is an inclusive church: all are welcome.

Mexican American tenor Josh Diaz will perform with pianist Mark Markham for the opening concert of the 2022/2023 Spire Series at First & Franklin Presbyterian Church. His performance will include works by John Carter, Henri Duparc, and Richard Strauss along with his interpretation of mariachi songs, a reflection of his family's heritage. Hailing from San Angelo, Texas, Josh received his MM (2013) and his Graduate Performance Diploma in Opera (2015) from the Peabody Conservatory, where he studied with Dr. Stanley Cornett. During that period, Josh also served as a staff singer and soloist in the First & Franklin Sanctuary Choir. Having performed many roles in both operatic and concert performances, Josh has been praised for his "rich and agile voice and sensitive interpretation."

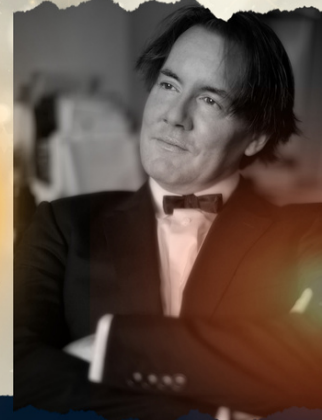
Full program details, Spire Series season subscriptions, and single tickets will be available at <https://www.firstfranklin.org/the-arts/the-spire-series/>.

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SPIRE SERIES



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MARK MARKHAM, *pianist*

7:30 PM | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

JOHN CARTER, HENRI DUPARC, RICHARD STRAUSS ALONG WITH MARIACHI SONGS

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM | FREE STREET PARKING | MASKING BY CHOICE

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ONLINE PRESALE \$20 | STUDENTS \$10 | AT THE DOOR \$25 | STUDENTS \$15

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SAVE THE DATES FOR THE 2022-23 SPIRE SERIES SEASON

JOSHUA DIAZ, *tenor* & MARK MARKHAM, *pianist* | Friday, September 30, 2022 – 7:30p

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BACH BY CANDLELIGHT WADE DAVIS, BAROQUE CELLIST | FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022 – 7:30P

Baltimore-based cellist, Wade Davis is in high demand as a solo performer and chamber music collaborator. He regularly performs with the Washington Bach Consort and the Folger Consort. Wade is also featured in popular music concerts with Sofar Sounds Baltimore the New York-based band Reserved for Rondee and Baltimore-based band Outcalls.

CANDLELIGHT CHORAL CONCERT | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022 – 4:00P THE FIRST & FRANKLIN SANCTUARY CHOIR | JASON KISSEL, CONDUCTOR

The First & Franklin choir and soloists are joined by harpist Jacqueline Pollauf and guest instrumentalists in this annual concert of choral music for the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

THE KEN & BRAD KOLODNER QUARTET | MARCH 19, 2023 – 2:30P

The father-son team Ken & Brad Kolodner weave together a captivating soundscape on hammered dulcimer and clawhammer banjo blurring the lines of Old-Time, Bluegrass and American Roots music, joined by Alex Lacquement (bass, banjo) and Rachel Eddy (fiddle, guitar, vocals, banjo). Ken and his music have been featured on NPR, The Thistle and the Shamrock, All Things Considered, the CBC, the Voice of America, and German National Radio.

JESSICA TONG, VIOLINIST & MICHAEL SHEPPARD, PIANIST | FRIDAY APRIL 21, 2023 - 7:30P

Sheppard and Tong share a rare, singular vision in their approach to music-making, and have presented adventurous programs that integrate both well-loved and lesser-known masterpieces for violin and piano. The program features Schubert's Violin Sonatina no. 1 in D Major, Poulenc's Violin Sonata, and Lili Boulanger's Nocturne et Cortège for violin and piano.

BALTIMORE SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS ARMSTRONG HONORS RECITAL | THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023 - 7:00P

Featuring selected students of the Class of 2023, this recital is named for one of Baltimore's great educators and BSA founder, Margaret Armstrong.

PRELUDE TO PRIDE CONCERT SARAH DAVIS BUECHNER, PIANIST | JUNE 4, 2023

"The breadth of Ms. Buechner's artistry, spanning thundering fortissimos and chiseled passagework, as well as lyrical moments colored by a poetic sensitivity that was tempered by wit and judicious restraint." The New York Times



GUNS TO GARDENS

First & Franklin Guns 2 Garden event is quickly coming! On September 17 from 11:00 - 3:00, citizens are encouraged to bring their unwanted, unloaded guns to church. The guns will be checked for safety and then cut into pieces so they will never again be able to harm anyone. As a thank-you, gift cards will be offered to the donors. This ambitious project has pushed many of us beyond our comfort zone in learning how to write grants, approaching businesses for donations, planning with the police, reaching out to other churches and organizations, and advertising. As a result, many of us are growing in our trust in God's spirit being ever present. There are several ways in which you can help us successfully host this event:

- A few volunteers are still needed on September 17
- Monetary donations to fund gift cards and other expenses.
- Help spread the word by mouth or by hanging posters in your neighborhood.
- Pray for peace

Please contact anyone on the Guns 2 Gardens committee if you can help in any way.

Ruth Paradise, Betty Schroll, Judy Dadds, Steven Hollaway, Aaron Redsicker, Anne Silverman, Paula Crews, Liz Dicembre, and Diane Newman



FOOD PANTRY

Despite the employment numbers going down, inflation has been a hard hit for those with limited incomes. The food pantry continues to meet the needs of 20-25 neighbors every week.

There are the "regulars" who we enjoy seeing and hearing their stories plus new people who continue to find us. "Thank-you" are the words we constantly hear as people struggle to meet their bills and put food on their tables. Your generous contributions of food and money is what makes this pantry outreach possible. The food items which need constant refilling are:

pastas/ tomato sauces
peanut butter/jelly
soup/ crackers

rice and beans
cereals
canned meats

dry milk

Presently we are receiving plenty of fresh vegetables and fruit to distribute so canned fruits and vegetables are not a priority.

If you donate monetarily, please earmark your donation "Food Pantry". "Thank-you" is what the volunteers feel in our hearts as we put your donations on the shelves and then fill bags of food to share. "Thank-you"!

SAVE THE DATE FOT OUR CUBA FUNDRAISER DINNER

Please save the date for our Cuba fundraising dinner on October 1, 2022 on our campus.
More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks in our weekly e-blast.



A banner for the Wise Women's Work series. It features a close-up of a seashell on a bed of green moss with pink flowers in the background. The text "WISE WOMEN'S WORK" is in large white letters, followed by "ONLINE COMMUNITY AND CONVERSATION SERIES" in smaller white letters. Below that, the dates "Oct. 27, Nov. 17, 2022, Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m. ET" are listed. At the bottom, there are five small portrait photos of the participants: Indali Vanderslice, Becca Stevens, Laura Everett, Jen Bailey, and Hedda Sharapan. The Pittsburgh Theological Seminary logo is in the bottom right corner.

Join the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Wise Women Work group for conversations with inspired and inspiring women who connect the work of their hands to the well-being of our communities and help create a world that supports the flourishing of all. For more information visit:
www.pts.edu/wise-women-2223

BRYCE ST. CLAIR THE BALTIMORE BANNER

Our very own Bryce St. Clair has published an opinion piece in the Baltimore Banner on the need for equitable transportation in Baltimore. To read the article visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/bravestclairarticle> or click [here](#)

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EVERYONE'S BIRTHDAY
PW Birthday Offering Turns 100!**

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OUTSIDE IN THEIR PAVILLION FOR A PICNIC. FOOD PROVIDED
NO GIFTS! YOUR PRESEENCE IS ALL WE NEED.
BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO
THE BIRTHDAY OFFERING.**

**GUEST SPEAKER NANCY LONG PW MODERATOR
SYNOD OF MID-ATLANTIC**

**RSVP to adrienneknight.pw@gmail.com
Church, how many**

**1 OCTOBER 2022 • 10:30 AM -1:00PM
RAIN DATE 8 OCTOBER 2022**

F&F AUGUST /SEPTEMBER HISTORICAL TIMELINE

DATE	HISTORICAL EVENT
8/1/1776	Dr. John Stevenson, original founder was elected as a representative to the Maryland Consitutional Convention. Loaned money to build the first church. Wealthy exporter of wheat and flour. Innoculated public against smallpox for free.
8/5/1777	General William Buchanan was named Commissary General of Purchases, United States Army. He represented Baltimore County in the second, third, and fifth Maryland conventions in 1774 and 1775 and served as commissary general of purchases for the Continental army in 1777 and 1778.
8/24/1814	Joshua Barney defends Washington against British in War of 1812. The Revolutionary Naval Commadore were severely wounded during the Battle of Bladensburg fighting British in hand-to-hand combat.
9/8/1781	First Mayor, James Calhoun meets George Washington in Baltimore. Future first mayor part of the reception committee to General Washington during Baltimore visit, September 8, 1781. The same year contributes to fund the Continental Army.
9/12/1777	Rev. Patrick Allison presses Congress to Print American Bibles. Printing of Bibles in America was forbidden. Patrick Allison presses Continental Congress on the matter. Finally Aitken's 1782 Bible printed with the approval of Congress.
9/12/1815	Rev. James Inglis speaks at Dedication of Battle Monument. The Revolutionary War Battle Monument was dedicated on Calvert ST.

F&F AUGUST /SEPTEMBER HISTORICAL TIMELINE CONTINUED

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9/12/1746	Dr. William Lyon established first drug store in Baltimore. He loaned money to build the first church. Issued the first city health ordinance in 1750. "Whereas several persons permit stinking fish and dead creatures or carrion to lie on their lots, or in the street near their doors, which are a very offensive nuisance and contrary to Acts of Assembly, the Commissioners therefore order the clerk to put up advertisements to inform such persons that they are to remove the same."
9/12/1815	Rev. James Inglis speaks at Dedication of Battle Monument. The Revolutionary War Battle Monument was dedicated on Calvert ST.
9/13/1874	The ceremony for Spire Completion was held on Sunday September 13, 1874. The total cost of construction for F&F including including sanctuary and spire: 250,000+.
9/13/1814	General David Poe, Edgar Alan Poe's Grandfather, fought in the Battle of Baltimore. Assistant Deputy Quartermaster in the Revolution and known to George Washington. Contributed \$40,000 to the war effort . At 71 he fought in the War of 1812 Battle of Baltimore.
9/14/1814	George Brown fought in the War of 1812. Brown joined his father in the family Finance business, Alex. Brown & Sons. Fought in the Battle of Hampstead Hill (now Patterson Park) Sept 12-13-14, 1814. In his will, he cancelled a \$25,000 mortgage of First Presbyterian Church in Baltimore
9/15/1763	Rev. Patrick Allison was elected as the First Pastor of First Presbyterian Church. In 1763, Patrick Allison, then age 23, accepted the group's invitation to lead the church in Baltimore. Annual Pay is 100 Pounds, Pennsylvania money
9/15/1786	The Western Burying Ground was acquired by First Presbyterian Church. The Western Burying Ground of the Church contains 18 Revolutionary era Generals, James Calhoun (first Mayor of Baltimore), Edgar Allan Poe, and many leading citizens in commerce and industry
9/15/1835	Martin Van Buren, a founder of the democratic party led the Democratic National Convention that was held at First Presbyterian. He was also a leader in the development of the two-party system .

A TIME TO MOURN

Rev. Chris Iosso, Interim Pastor

Frederick Buechner, an inspirational novelist and theologian, author of 39 books, died at 96 on August 15, 2022. A Presbyterian minister who never served as a pastor, his reach was ecumenical and capable of touching both "evangelical" and "mainline" readers. As a college student, I first read his coffee-table book, *Faces of Jesus* (1974), from which the quotation below this paragraph is taken. Steve Hollaway will be providing one of his best known quotations in the August 28 worship bulletin. His book, *Wishful Thinking: A Theological A,B,C.*, stands out as I look back-- I often gave that as a present. One of my cousins read all his books-- for some he was more contemporary than C.S. Lewis but could speak to one's inner experience of faith with similar effectiveness. Through a member of the Scarborough Presbyterian Church I was once able to meet him and part of his family-- he was wonderfully hospitable, showing me the converted barn-library where he wrote some of his books. The NYTimes obituary is here: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/15/books/frederick-buechner-dead.html?action=click&module=RelatedLinks&pgtype=Article>

They also ran an appreciation by David Brooks:

https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/18/opinion/columnists/frederick-buechner-inner-depths.html?campaign_id=39&emc=edit_ty_20220819&instance_id=69702&nl=opinion-today®i_id=26025810&segment_id=101810&te=1&user_id=76ce54854cbeb1e93816844e8aeb393e

For me he was part of a group of engaging Presbyterian writers: Patrick Henry, Kathleen Norris, Marilynne Robinson, Barrie Shepherd, and Robert McAfee Brown a bit earlier, who understood the late 20th and early 21st Century world and could see God in it. That's our world, and I recommend Buechner (pronounced, Beekner) and those other writers who have given me so much.

"In his own way, Paul would have perhaps understood this painting too, Paul as the only one who ever dared to speak of the foolishness of God, of the crucifixion itself as folly, of the folly of his own preaching. If the world is sane, then Jesus is mad as a hatter and the Last Supper is the Mad Tea Party. The world says, Mind your own business, and Jesus says, There is no such thing as your own business. The world says, Follow the wisest course and be a success, and Jesus says, Follow me and be crucified. The world says, Drive carefully - the life you save may be your own - Jesus says, Whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. The world says, Law and order, and Jesus says, Love. The world says, Get and Jesus says, Give. In terms of the world's sanity, Jesus is crazy as a coot, and anybody who thinks he can follow him without being a little crazy too is laboring less under a cross than under a delusion."

- *The Faces of Jesus*, Frederick Buechner



BIRTHDAYS

3 - Geoff Genth
5 - Jason Kissel
6 - Michael Costa
8 - Chris Iosso
12 - David Fischel
15 - Rebecca Hoch
16 - Nusrat David
21 - Sophia Smith
33 - Mara Dudrow
24 - Coila Seiber

ANNIVERSARIES

1 - Ann & Michael Lucas
7 - Christine & David Wallace
23 - Steven Lapsley & Jim Sinclair
38 - Anjal Amin and Amy Pucino
30 - Scott Fulton & Sasha Koo-Oshima



BRING YOUR ART FOR THE MEMBER ART SHOW, LATE SEPTEMBER TO THROUGH LATE NOVEMBER

Attention all artists, crafters, and creatives of all kinds! Have you been making things during the pandemic? Perhaps you took up a new hobby or revived an old one. The Membership Committee invites you to share your work in a Member Art Show (church friends welcome) in Reid Chapel from late September to late November.

We'd love to see your paintings or drawings, quilts or knitting, pottery or jewelry, any kind of creative work that can be hung on the wall or displayed on a table. This is not part of the Art under the Spire program, but we do ask that you notify the church office or Becca if you are offering any art for sale. If you have any questions, call Becca Hollaway 401-536-4453.

RECAP OF MICA SOCIAL DESIGN PRESENTATION



On August 8th, Professor **Thomas Gardner** the director of the Social Design Program at the Maryland Institute College of Art and his colleague, **Professor Pickett Slater Harrington**, looked at our campus in terms of its usefulness-- current and potential-- to our community as well as the church itself and shared their ideas with us. Their approach combined architectural analysis and an understanding of social groups and processes. Click **here** or visit <https://www.firstfranklin.org/wp-content/uploads/MICA-outline-of-current-building-uses.pdf> to view a detailed recap of the presentation.

HAPPY RETIREMENT JUDGE PAM WHITE!

After serving over 15 years on the bench, Judge Pam J. White is retiring. We thank you for your dedication to our justice system and wish you the best! Members and friends please enjoy some pictures from her retirement party with pictures of Pam, Susan, and former pastor, Rev. Allison Halsey who married Pam and Susan 12 years ago and had offered the Invocation at Pam's investiture in 2007. Congratulations Pam!



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SHARE GOOD NEWS & IDEAS!!!

We would love to receive and share your news in the upcoming Newsletters. What would you like to see? Do you have milestone events to share – graduations, weddings, family updates?

Please send them to the church office. You can call, email or use the Contact Us link on the website.

Please submit all entries for the October Newsletter by September 21, 2022.



DO YOU NEED TO UPDATE OR SPECIFY YOUR PREFERRED CONTACT METHOD?

Please call or email the church office if your contact information or address has changed. We would also love for you to tell us your preferred method of outreach. Do you prefer email or mailed letter? Would you like a call or an email? Let us know!

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**One Day
Buy Back**

GUNS *to* Gardens

Saturday, September 17, 2022

11:00 am-3:00 pm

**First & Franklin Presbyterian Church
210 W. Madison Street, Baltimore, MD**

Bring your unwanted and UNLOADED guns to be dismantled and they will then be made into garden tools by blacksmiths through the RAWTools program. Our goal is to reduce the number of unwanted guns in homes and communities.

THANK YOU GIFTS CARDS VALUED UP TO \$250*

*\$100 handgun or long gun; \$200 semi-automatic; \$250 assault weapons
BB guns & pellet guns, ammunition, and replicas are not eligible.

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