***The Inter-Faith Chapel***

***"A House of Prayer for All People"***

3680 South Leisure World Blvd

Silver Spring MD 20906



***August 25, 2019***

***Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost***

**9:00 AM Worship Service 11:00 AM**

 ***As you enter to worship, please remember to silence your cell phones.* **

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*All life is holy. Each day is sacred. Every moment contains the Divine. Every person is an image of God. Let us then, be prudent with our time, be present with our days, and be pure in our relations with one another.*

- Terry Tempest Williams in “Leap”

**WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Woodie Rea**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

**We light this candle as a symbol of our commitment to continue to work towards *peace, justice,* and *wholeness* in our world.**

**PRELUDE *Trumpet Tune in D for Worship* David N. Johnson**

 **Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Leader: Come, all you who are seeking.*

**PEOPLE: Come, all who are struggling.**

*Leader: Come, all you who are bent over with the heaviness of burdens.*

**PEOPLE: Come, all who are weighed down with worry.**

*Leader: Come to worship a God who heals your pain.*

**PEOPLE: Come to worship a God who gives forgiveness.**

**ALL: Let us worship God, who sets us free and gives us new life!**

**INVOCATION**

** HYMN *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty***

** You may stand in body or in spirit.**

*Music used by permission, CCLI #1683224*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**Lord God, we are so bound by rules and regulations that we fail to see the human need that is present in our systems and structures. We turn our backs on those in need, giving the responsibility to someone else. We easily relegate compassionate service to agencies in our society, forgetting that you have called each of us to care for others. We confess our apathy and our selfishness. O God, heal our hardened hearts. Forgive us, again, as you have so often before, when we have failed to live up to your great rule of loving one another. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*Leader: Let us stand as we are able and join in an Affirmation of Faith.*

**PEOPLE: We believe in God, creator of all things,
ruler of all that is and all that is to come.
God is transforming the world
into the place of God's justice and mercy.**

**We follow Jesus, who taught and healed,
who died and rose, revealing God's abundant grace.
He sent disciples out into the world to heal,
and to proclaim the good news of grace,**

**We rely upon the unfailing grace of God,
the presence of the Holy Spirit,
the community of the church as the Body of Christ,
the unity of all believers, and the power of forgiveness.**

**Therefore we devote ourselves to lives
of daily prayer, service, and reflection,
following Jesus for the sake of transforming our lives**

**and the transformation of the world by the grace of God. Amen.**

**GLORIA PATRI**

 **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

 **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

 **World without end. Amen. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 71: 1-6 OT 654**

 **Readers 9:00 AM Arlene Kaiser**  **11:00 AM Howard Trowern**

**ANTHEM *I Surrender All*  Israel Houghton**

 **Andrea Rene Williams, soloist Glenn Hamm/David Moffitt**

**MORNING PRAYER**

**LORD’S PRAYER UNISON**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**GOSPEL READING Luke 13: 10-17 NT 92**

**HYMN *I Danced in the Morning***

**SERMON “Rules, Regulations, and Religion” Dr. Woodie Rea**

**INVITATION TO OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY  *Aria*  George Frederic Handel**

**Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**DOXOLOGY (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise Spirit, Holy Spirit!**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

** PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

** PASSING THE PEACE**

** HYMN *God Be with You Till We Meet Again***

** BENEDICTION**

** CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos**

 **Text: Jaroslav Vajda**

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.**

**In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.**

**Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**POSTLUDE *Toccata Brevis* Daniel Gawthrope**

**Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music**

**PARTING THOUGHT**

 *Bent over woman*

*She comes, as always, eyes on the ground, feet her frame, dust her distance.
The cause, surely, within her, out of sight as sky.*

*He sees what is bent, what is caged,
Sees what is tall and straight and strong in her.
Sees what is free in her, what is noble and beautiful.
Abraham and Sarah.
Lays his hand on the lock, sets it open.*

*Now: to see faces. Heaven is eye to eye.
Horizon given. Distance possible.
To bear a load, to watch a bird, to see more than one thing at a time.
What she stands for.
Once bent, now sent, she sings.*

*This is not a faith that wishes,
But that frees.* - Steve Garnaas-Holmes

**Welcome To The Inter-Faith Chapel**

**We are committed to being “*A House of Prayer for All People*.”**

**We are seeking to share the Love of God through caring, outreach, study, and worship. We invite you to share with us in this journey.**

 **We are delighted you are here today, and hope you will return soon and often!**

**Believing in God whose love and grace are accessible to all,**

**we strive to make our worship service accessible to all.**

***For V isually I mpaired Large Print Bibles are available***

***For H earing I mpaired Sound Enhancement Headphones***

***For P hysically I mpaired Wheelchair Accessible Seating***

***Automated Doors are available at front and side entrances***

 **If you need help with any of these aids, please ask an usher for assistance.**

**ALTAR FLOWERS Dedicated by Eoline McCrone in memory of her beloved**

**son, Jonathan**

**USHERS 9:00 AM Clydis Kellough, Head Usher**

 **Cloteele Damsky, Maureen Harris, Raymond Williams**

**USHERS 11:00 AM Marilyn Sebastian, Head Usher**

 **Jill Glixon, Melvin Robinson, Fredreika Smith**

 **GREETER 9:00 AM Sandy Broadhurst**

 **11:00 AM Eoline McCrone**

**FLOWER MAKERS Linda Hamilton and Sally Lagas**

**Delivery of Altar Flowers on Monday, August 26**

**Beryl Adams Bertie Knisely**

**Presence on Sunday, August 18**

**9:00 AM 82  11:00 AM 97 Total 179**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **August 18 Offering** **$3,509** |  **Weekly Offering Budget** **$8,173** |
| **Year to Date Offering** **$279,729** |  **Year to Date**  **Offering Budget**  **$269,709** |

***ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES***

**GREETING TO VISITORS** We are so glad you chose to spend your morning with us, and hope you will feel comfortable and at home here. We invite you to sign our *Visitor Register* located in the narthex and to pick up an Inter-Faith Chapel coffee mug as our small gift. Please make your presence known to one of our pastors and we hope that you will return to be with us again soon.

**NEW MEMBER / AFFILIATE REGISTER** If you are interested in joining The Inter-Faith Chapel, please let us know by signing the *Member / Affiliate Register* located near the coat room in the Narthex. We will be in touch with you to joyfully welcome you into the full fellowship of this congregation.

**COFFEE HOUR** During summer season, we invite you to linger longer or come early to enjoy a time of coffee and fellowship. Coffee and light snacks will be served between the two Sunday morning services. All are welcome to join us in Fellowship Hall!

**FARMER’S MARKET** The Red Wiggler Farm will offer fresh produce in The Chapel parking lot on **Thursdays in August** **from 9 am until 11 am** or when they sell out of produce. Red Wiggler Farm is one of the missions supported by the Inter-Faith Chapel.

**CHOIR REHEARSALS**  The Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals on **Thursday**, **August 29, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. The Women’s Chorus will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 4, at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Inter-Faith Ringers will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, September 10 at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The Men’s Chorale will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, October 29 at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

**GOSPEL CHOIR** Dr. Phillip Woods is organizing a Gospel Choir to sing on the fifth Sundays, beginning on **Sunday, September 29.** If you are interested in joining this choir, please call 301-598-5312. The choir will rehearse at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays: September 10, September 17, and September 24. Everyone is welcome to come sing with us.

**DAY TRIP TO ANNAPOLIS** The Inter-Faith Fellowship invites all on a day trip to Annapolis on **Tuesday, September 17.** The group will gather at The Chapel at 8:15 am to carpool and volunteer drivers will be needed. Extensive walking will be required. The first activity will be a guided tour of the State House which will be followed by lunch. In the afternoon, the group will enjoy a 40 minute boat tour of the harbor and Naval Academy. Your RSVP and payment of $17 per person for the boat tour are due no later than Monday, September 9. You may RSVP by calling 301-598-5312 or going to the Announcements section of the home page at [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org).

**A TASTE OF THE HOLY LAND** You are invited to join Dr. Lee and those who travelled with her to the Holy Land for a luncheon and PowerPoint presentation on **Thursday, September 26** at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will share with you many of the sights visited and reflections on how the trip has impacted our spiritual lives.

The cost of the luncheon is $8.00 per person. Please register for this event no later than Friday, September 20 by calling the church at 301-598-5312. Payment for the luncheon is due at registration. We look forward to sharing the food and fond memories of this trip of a lifetime.

**FALL BIBLE STUDIES** Several Bible studies will be offered in the fall. You may consult the September 2019 Courier for specific details.

* *God’s Views on the News* taught by Dr. Lee. Meets on Mondays at 10:00 am starting on **Monday, September 9.** If you are interested in this class, call The Chapel and give us your email address. Sign up by calling 301-598-5312 no later than Wednesday, September 4.

Note: This class is not designed to focus on political issues dividing our country. There is other news to consider and we will explore a vast array of topics.

* *The Parables of Jesus* taught by Bill Pailen**.** Meets on Fridaysat 10:30 amstarting **o**n **Friday, September 13.** Register for this class by stopping by or calling 301-598-5312. If you wish to purchase the book, please indicate so and pay for the book when you register. The cost of the book is $12.00. Deadline for registration and payment is Thursday, September 7.

**THE ALZHEIMER’S SPOUSE** On **Wednesday, September 18** from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm, Mary K. Doyle will present a workshop for spouses who are caregivers. She is the author of *Navigating Alzheimer’s* and *The Alzheimer’s Spouse* and speaks from the perspective of someone who provided care to a person with Alzheimer’s. She understands and will talk about how Alzheimer’s interferes with all aspects of life, including relationships. As a life partner, she knows how spouses are connected to one another on every level. During her presentation, she will discuss not only how Alzheimer’s interferes with marriages, but also what we can do to counter the effects, regarding marital expectations, family relationships, communications and much more.

This program is brought to us as a community service by Arden Courts. All are welcome.

 Please register to attend by calling 301-983-3620 or emailing Potomac@arden-courts.com.

**SHEPHERD’S TABLE FOOD DONATIONS** It’s time to bake the Shepherd Table’s Zippy Beef casserole and, for our non-bakers, time to donate pantry items. Sign-ups for baking the casseroles will be on Sundays, September 8 and September 15, in the Narthex after each service. Disposable pans, recipes, and freezer labels will be available for pick up as well as during the intervening week in the kitchen. If picking up pans, recipes, and freezer labels from the kitchen, please sign the log so we can keep track.

No signup is required for pantry items. Pantry items may be brought to the boxes in The Chapel Narthex between Sunday, September 8 and noon on Wednesday, September 18. Suggested donations include ground coffee, dry creamer, sugar, artificial sweetener, pancake syrup, and salad dressing.

**Please bring frozen casseroles to the Chapel kitchen on Wednesday, September 18, between 11:00 am and 12:00 pm.**

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Monday, August 26 2:00 PM Sandwich Makers**

**Tuesday, August 27 12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

**Thursday, August 29 9:00 AM Farmers’ Market**

 **7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

 **THE INTER-FAITH CHAPEL**

**3680 South Leisure World Blvd.**

**Silver Spring, MD 20906**

[**www.inter-faithchapel.org**](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org)

**CHAPEL OFFICE HOURS**

**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM  Monday – Friday**

**301-598-5312**

***Rev. Dr. Woodie Rea, Senior Minister***

***Rev. Dr. Ramonia Lee, Minister of Congregational Life***

***Kevin M. Clemens, Director of Music***

***Bonnie Bonner, Administrator***

***Joy Dufour, Administrative Assistant***

***Steve Buck, Gary Carpenter, Video Technicians and Sextons***