***The Inter-Faith Chapel***

***“A House of Prayer for All People”***

**3680 South Leisure World Blvd.**

**Silver Spring, Maryland 20906**



***February 17, 2019***

***Sixth Sunday After Epiphany***

 **10:00 AM Worship Service**

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

**SILENT MEDITATION**

*We shall not, we shall not be moved.
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Just like a tree that's standing by the water,
We shall not be moved.* -African American spiritual

**WORDS OF WELCOME Dr. Woodie Rea**

**LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

**We light this candle as a symbol of our ongoing commitment to *peace* in our world.**

**PRELUDE *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* Arr. Patricia Cota**

 **Handbell Quintet**

**CALL TO WORSHIP Nancy Czujko**

*Leader: With joy and delight, we gather to worship our Gracious God.*

**PEOPLE: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.**

*Leader: With reverence and awe, we approach our Glorious God.***PEOPLE: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.**

*Leader: With celebration and praise, we draw near to our Sustaining God.***PEOPLE: Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.**

*Leader: God’s ways bring life.***PEOPLE: Those who follow God’s ways are continually nourished in faith.
ALL: Happy are we when we walk in your ways, O Lord.**

**Let us open our hearts to God’s compassionate love.**

- based on Psalm 1

** HYMN**  ***Marching to Zion***

You may stand.

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**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION UNISON**

**Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the winds of the latest crisis, or by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but we often become un-rooted from you, our ultimate source. We confess that we need to find that foundation again. Help us, we pray, to see you as our center. Help us to shed all of our jealousies, prejudices, transgressions, and all that adds to the world’s hurt. Refresh us and renew us in the river of life and help us to grow roots even deeper in the Living Water. Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

** AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** **UNISON**

*Leader: Let us stand as we are able and unite in an affirmation of faith.*

**ALL: We believe in God, infinite in love, supreme in wisdom, unlimited in power, and whose wonder and glory prevail over all things.**

**We believe Jesus the Christ to be the gift of God’s immeasurable love, the expression of God’s unfailing grace, the fulfillment of hope, and the promise of our deliverance.**

**We believe that through the Holy Spirit, the divine presence is actively engaged in our lives, offering guidance and direction in time of discernment, comfort and peace in time of distress, and providing strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the universal community of the faithful, and continuously in our lives through the service of love.**

**May all praise and glory be to 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 Jeremiah 17: 5-10 OT 879**

**ANTHEM *Balm in Gilead* Arr. by Patricia Cota**

**Bell Quintet**

**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.**

**SCRIPTURE READING Psalm 1 OT 602**

**HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me***

**SERMON “The Happy Tree” Dr. Woodie Rea**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY  *Little David Play on Your Harp* Arr. by Patricia Cota**

**Bell Quintet**

** 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 OF THE PEACE**

*During the Passing the Peace, throughout the cold and flu season,*

*we offer you the option to greet your neighbor verbally.*

** HYMN  *Take the Name of Jesus with You***

** BENEDICTION**

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

**“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  *Finale (Organ Symphony #1)*  Louis Vierne**

**Kevin Clemens, Director of Music**

**A PARTING THOUGHT**

*TREES*

*I think that I shall never see,*

*A poem lovely as a tree.*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest,*

*Against the earth’s sweet flowing breast;*

*A tree that looks at God all day,*

*And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*A tree that may in Summer wear,*

*A nest of robins in her hair;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain;*

*Who intimately lives with rain.*

*Poems are made by fools like me,*

*But only God can make a tree.*

* Joyce Kilmer

**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 Lydia Kern in memory of her father**

 **Manuel Gomes**

**USHERS Georgiana Jones, Head Usher**

 **Marilyn Sebastian, Arlene Kaiser, Vivian Williams**

 **GREETER Eoline McCrone**

**FLOWER MAKERS Anne Dobbs and Aggie Eastham**

**Delivery of Altar Flowers on Tuesday, February 19**

**Lois SmithFadeine Price**

**Presence on Sunday, February 10**

**209**

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| **February 10 Offering** **$5,816** |  **Weekly Budget** **\*$8,173** |
| **Year to Date Offering** **$49,590** |  **Year to Date Budget**  **\*$49,038** |

***ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES***

**VISITOR REGISTER** If you are a visitor at The Inter-Faith Chapel, we are so pleased you chose to worship with us today. Please sign the *Visitor Register* located in the Narthex that we might have a record of your attendance, and please receive a coffee cup as a small welcoming gift. We are delighted that you are here today and hope that you will return again soon!

**NEW MEMBER REGISTER** We would love for you to consider membership with this dynamic and active family of faith. If you are interested in joining The Inter-Faith Chapel, please sign the *Member/Affiliate Register* located in the Narthex near the coat closet and we look forward to being in contact with you.

**FLOWER DEDICATION**  Would you like to dedicate altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved ones? We have an open date on March 31. The cost is $45.00. Please call Bonnie at 301-598-5312 if you are interested.

**SWEATER DRIVE**  Clean out your closet for the sweater drive sponsored by the Missions Committee on **Monday, February 25** from 10:00 am 2:00 pm. You may drive under the Chapel portico to drop off your sweaters. Clean, gently used sweaters for all ages and for men, women, and children will be accepted and given to Interfaith Works.

**GENTLE YOGA FOR ENERGY AND STRESS RELIEF**  Come learn how to reduce stress, decrease osteoarthritis pain, and lower blood pressure! Terrie Daniels, senior fitness and wellness specialist from Brooke Grove Retirement Village, will present this free seminar on **Wednesday, February 27** from 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Register by going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) or calling 301-598-5312 by February 21 to save your space.

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** Dr. Lee and Dr. Rea will co-lead our Lenten Bible study of the “I Am” sayings of Jesus from the Gospel of John. We will use *The God We* *Can Know: Exploring the “I Am” Sayings of Jesus* by Rob Fuquay for the study, along with the Bible. The course will meet on **Tuesdays from March 12 – April** **9** at 10:30 am. You may register by calling 301-598-5312 or by going to [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org) by February 28. The book is $10.00 and must be ordered by the registration deadline.

**TRIP TO SHRINE AND MONASTERY** The Inter-Faith Fellowship invites you to a day trip on **Thursday, February 28.** We will take a guided tour of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, the largest Roman Catholic church in North America, renowned for its sacred art collection. After a lunch break, the group will tour the Franciscan Monastery with its full-size replicas of the sacred shrines of the Holy Land, including Nazareth, Bethlehem, Gethsemane, Calvary, and much more.

The group will meet in The Chapel parking lot at 8:30 am to carpool to these sites. There is no charge, but both sites accept donations. This will be a vigorous day trip with lots of walking. We will need volunteer drivers in order to make this trip possible. RSVP by calling Bonnie at 301-598-5312 or going to www.inter-faithchapel.org by February 21.

**TAKE BULLETIN HOME** We encourage you to take this bulletin home with you and re-use it in one of several ways. Remind yourself of the weekly announcements and transfer these upcoming events to your home calendar. You might re-read the written prayers and meditations for your own personal devotions. Please consider passing your bulletin on to a friend or neighbor as an excellent outreach tool. Also, if you missed a Sunday, past bulletins are available at [www.inter-faithchapel.org](http://www.inter-faithchapel.org).

**REBROADCAST OF OUR SUNDAY SERVICES** Each Wednesday at 2:00 pm, Leisure World television station 972 rebroadcasts the service from the previous Sunday. If you want a DVD of a specific service, please call Bonnie at 301-598-5312 to request one. We ask for a donation to cover the cost of the DVD and case.

**In Memoriam**

**Dr. Charles Garner**

**February 12, 2019**

**Fred Carney**

**February 14, 2019**

**CALENDAR**

**Monday, February 18  Office closed for Presidents’ Day**

**Tuesday, February 19 12:00 PM Staff Meeting**

 **2:30 PM Dance Practice**

**Wednesday, February 20 10:00 AM Women’s Chorus**

 **3:00 PM Alzheimer’s Support Group**

 **4:30 PM Dance Practice**

**Thursday, February 21 10:30 AM Missions Committee**

 **2:30 PM Worship Committee**

 **7:00 PM Chancel Choir**

**Friday, February 22 10:00 AM Knitting**

**Saturday, February 23 11:00 AM Memorial Service for Martease**

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**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***

***Linda Faith, Administrator/Facilities Manager***

***Bonnie Bonner, Administrative Secretary***

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