



# OPEN DOOR

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## From the Pastor

Thanks to our work of revisioning, we are now striving to live into our new vision for the next three years. You will remember that one of our first-year initiatives is this: "Complete the work of the Welcoming Team to make our congregation and facilities full welcoming and inclusive of everyone." We imagined together that being fully welcoming and inclusive would look like this:

*Becoming an actively, and fully welcoming congregation – we believe that all people are created in the image of God and as beloved children of God, all are worthy of God's love and grace. Even more, we understand that Christ came to break down the walls of hostility that too often have separated people from one another. What better witness to this ministry of reconciliation could there be than one that welcomes everyone, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, faith history, economic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, and education.*



The Welcoming Team has worked through the autumn conducting one-to-one conversations with many of you. We are now ready for the next phase of our journey, storytelling. Beginning on Sunday, February 25, during morning worship, members of the team will offer moments of reflection in which they will share why this process of becoming fully welcoming and inclusive matters to them, and why it matters for our church and our community. Elsewhere in this issue of the Open Door, you will find the article written by team member and elder, Karen Mortensen. Hers is our first story.

A thread of common understanding will surround and run through the stories you will hear from us. Through the work we have done together, the team has come to understand that "We Are Called into Community." Our stories of how we arrived at First Presbyterian, Urbana, vary, and we may cite different aspects of this church's ministries as the aspects that hold us here, that keep us coming back. But the binding thread that ties our stories together is our sense that we did not choose this place entirely on our own. We understand that God has called us to this place, into this community of faithful people.



God calls us. We respond. We hope that you will come to appreciate

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this as we share our stories. We also hope that you will begin to struggle with an implication of this understanding that we are called into community, if you have not already. If it is God who calls us all into community, into specific congregations, then who are we to say who God can call to join us? If we are not in a position to declare who God can welcome, then that must mean we should be fully welcoming and inclusive.



Please hold our welcoming team members in your prayers as we share our stories. The upcoming moments for reflection will be much more than sharing useful information. These stories will be deeply personal, and will reveal some of the ways we, as a congregation, have not always been fully welcoming and inclusive. Our stories will also lift up our deep longings and hopes for the kind of church we can become, the kind of church we believe God is calling us to become. We are called into community, and we are thankful that God has brought us to this time.

— *Pastor David*

### Lenten Recital Series

Beginning on Friday, February 23, FPCU will host this year's midday Lenten Recitals. Each recital will begin at 12:15 p.m. in our church sanctuary, will last a half hour or less, and will be free to the public. Here is the schedule.

February 23 – Ted Turner (organ), Andrew Turner (tenor), Molly Abrams (soprano), and Sarah Cantanzaro (alto).

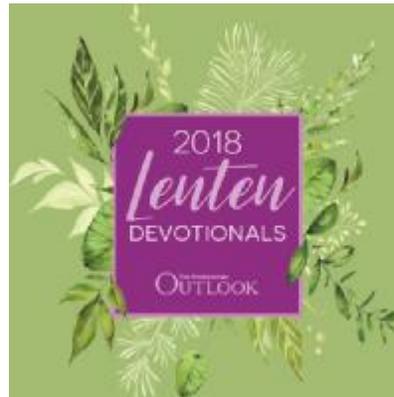
March 2 – Jonathan Young (harpsicord)

March 9 – Amanda Pond (flute)

March 16 – Yohei Endo (organ)

March 23 – Sydney Campen (harp)

### Lenten Devotionals



Lent provides the liturgical occasion for self-examination, prayer, Bible study and intentional reflection on discipleship. Often, congregations have the desire to mark a “holy Lent” but not the tools. You want to pray daily or read the Bible more frequently or try a new spiritual practice, but doing so is a challenge in an already very full life.

The *Presbyterian Outlook* has created theologically sound, accessible and user-friendly Lenten devotions for congregations written by editor Jill Duffield. Each week starts with a brief reflection on a theme followed by a Bible reading, a suggested practice and a prayer for each day of the week.

We will provide paper copies of the devotional in the office and narthex. Also, each coming week's devotions will be sent with the Friday E Report.

### Tread Lightly for Lent



The Lent 2018 daily reflection-action calendar, “Tread Lightly for Lent,” is now available. The calendar was created by the Presbyterian Hunger Program's Environmental Ministries and Enough for Everyone offices.

In Lent, we reflect on Christ's ministry, death, and resurrection. We slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around. This Lenten calendar begins with ways to prepare ourselves for the Lent and Easter season and then moves to weekly foci of women, creation, water, consumption, and social justice. We will have a few copies available in the church office, or you can download and print it on your own from here:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/resource/tread-lightly-lent-2018/>

## Silence Before Worship



American Christians who travel to Greece or Turkey often express shock at the outward shabbiness of Orthodox churches. Where our landscape is filled with beautiful stone Gothic, or Georgian, or Italian Revival churches,

or even modern gems like our own sanctuary, churches in Greece and Turkey most often look like stone heaps. Their churches just do not impress, from the outside. But once you cross the threshold into an Orthodox church, that's when first impressions begin to change. The first thing one notices is the dimness. The eyes need time to adjust. Once the pupils have dilated, then the beauty begins to fill the eyes. The gold and all of the iridescent colors of the mosaics overwhelm. First time visitors report that the experience of entering an Orthodox church feels like moving from earth into heaven itself. And that is the intention of the design.



When we cross the threshold into our sanctuary, we do well to recognize this kind of dramatic transition, too. We are leaving the world with all of its noise, distraction, and fevered pace, to enter the quiet and peace of sacred space so that we might find ourselves calmed, centered and comforted. Yes, we feel joy in greeting friends we may not have seen all week. Yes, of course, there will be conversation as

we share concerns and show one another compassion and care. Bringing all of this into the sanctuary before worship, however, distracts or impedes us from the important work to which we are called each Sunday morning: worship. Encountering God. When we cross the threshold into the sanctuary we are leaving the world and entering a holy space, a place set apart, where we behave differently. Reverence is a word that captures this difference, and one of its manifestations is silence.



Since mid-January, the pastor and the worship committee have begun moving us toward a new way of beginning worship. We are blessed with lovely chimes in the choir loft. We will continue to announce the beginning of worship by chiming the hour. When you hear the chimes, hear them as the invitation to prepare for worship. Let conversations end, and turn heart and mind toward God. Pastor David will offer the greeting, overview of announcements and invitation to worship. Only then will the Prelude begin, followed by the Introit.

The worship committee is eager to do this partly because it makes good sense, but even more because we are hearing from members and friends that the noisy chatter at the beginning of worship, which extends through the organ prelude, is a hindrance to preparing for worship. Daily life for most of us overflows with noise, with so many voices beckoning for our attention. More than a few of us look forward to, and frankly need, the stillness and silence before worship to help us complete the transition from the cacophony of society to the peace of heaven. Thank you for journeying with us into this change.



## Ash Wednesday Service

February 14, 7:00 p.m.

## FPCU Goes Bowling!



The Fun and Fellowship Committee invites you to a fun night of bowling **Friday, February 23, 6:15 p.m.** at the Illini Union. We'll share pizza, drinks, and 1.5 hours of bowling fun! Meet downstairs in the Union at 6:15 p.m., and we'll finish up by 8:00 p.m. Cost is approximately \$14 per person and includes shoe rental, 1.5 hours of bowling, pizza, and drinks. Feel free to invite friends! **Please RSVP to the office for this event by Thursday, February 15.** If cost is a barrier, please let the office know and we can help.



## In the Church Family

*Let us remember in our prayers:*

- John Dimit (broken leg)
- Shirley J. Walker (home after hospitalization)
- Bill Hall (Meadowbrook following hospitalization)
- Marilyn Querry (Meadowbrook, respiratory infection)
- Dot Hunt (home)

**Update and Thanks:** I have not made it to church the last two Sundays and will be out of town the next two, so wanted to give you an update on my son, Ian. He is currently in an inpatient mental health unit in Colville, Washington. He left for Washington state a couple days after he was released from the hospital in Chicago. Ian had said he wanted to start over...he was born in Washington, we adopted him from there, his late father's brother and family still live there, his birth family is there. He met his birth father and that family for the first time two summers ago). After a couple days there, he asked for help and was placed in an emergency room and then in the inpatient unit. He will be there for at least 14 days, maybe longer. Yesterday he told me that he feels like he is doing well, that the medication is working. So...THANKS for all your prayers!! I appreciate this very much. We have the BEST church family anyone could ask for!! My best, Linda (Bassani) Brucker

**Congratulations to Rachel Gladden,** our Financial Administrator, who got engaged Saturday, January 27 to Joel Eagles. They look forward to a small wedding sometime this year and continuing the adventure of life and love together.

## Malawi Trip Needs Our Enhanced Support

Our 2018 Malawi Trip faces a financial challenge. We have received a \$10,000 pledge from the Shelbyville church toward air fare for our delegation of 12 people. Unfortunately, the Shelbyville sponsorship is less than we received for previous trips and covers less than half the airfare. In anticipation of less funding from Shelbyville, and in order to be good stewards of our mission funds, we asked all church members going on the trip to each contribute \$500 toward expenses, and non-members to contribute \$1,000. We are now in a position to ask participants to contribute more if they are able, and we are reaching out to those not going to Africa to support the trip with financial donations. It is likely that we won't be able to send partnership delegations to Malawi as frequently in future years. We are joyful that Pastor David and some of his family will have the opportunity to meet Jeanes CCAP church members in Domasi, and we have some critical agenda items to address regarding the shallow wells, the new preschool and bursary student scholarships. The Jeanes CCAP church leadership has responded enthusiastically about the planned trip and we pray the visit will strengthen our partnership. Please support the 2018 trip with your prayers and donations marked for "2018 Malawi trip" in the memo.



*Photos in this article are from our 2016 Malawi trip.*





First Presbyterian Urbana is heartily in favor of welcome. I haven't yet encountered a single person who wants our congregation to reject LGBTQ persons (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer). Even those who find "homosexual activity" to be unBiblical and sinful do not want LGBTQ people turned away at the door nor barred from membership.

It seems to me that the welcome for LGBTQ people, however, often comes with a qualification, a "but," a follow-up statement that diminishes the welcome.

The national PC(USA), for several decades prior to 2013/2015, had major qualifications:

- You are welcome . . . but you are barred from serving as pastor or elder or deacon, unless you commit to celibacy.
- You are welcome . . . but our clergy are forbidden from officiating at your wedding.

I wonder if our own congregation's welcome doesn't come with some qualifications, too:

- They are welcome . . . but if we say so, it makes those who disagree feel unwelcome.
- They are welcome . . . but we have more important issues to deal with.
- They are welcome . . . but we need more time. It's so new.
- They are welcome . . . but they shouldn't be in leadership positions.
- They are welcome . . . but we don't want to become like McKinley.
- They are welcome . . . but I'm not going to stick my neck out and say something when I hear them maligned or stereotyped here.



I also wonder if any of you have ever found your welcome in a church to be qualified, if not because of your sexuality, then because of your education, your income, your culture, your age, your marital status, your background, a disability, your gender...

Consider.

To an LGBTQ person, within or outside our congregation, how different it would sound to hear:

You are welcome and you are wanted. Period.

Or even: You are welcome *because*...



- You are welcome because you are a child of God.
- You are welcome because you are created in God's image.
- You are welcome because your life has sacred worth.
- You are welcome because we need the gifts which God has given you for the benefit of community.
- You are welcome because we diminish our witness to God's abundant love and grace when we do anything less than fully welcome you and embrace you.

The qualifications – the “buts” which I listed above - reflect the honest anxieties of well-meaning people striving to be faithful. I am guilty of the last one on the list, the silence. It was because I just couldn't live with my conscience anymore that I decided, in the summer of 2016, to start speaking out more and, with others, to bring the request to our session for an active, public welcome of LGBTQ people.

I have often heard our congregation refer to itself as a family. A family can react in a variety of ways to an LGBTQ person in its midst - a son or daughter, a grandchild, a cousin or uncle, a niece. Some are immediately accepting. Some react with rejection, even to the point of throwing a child out on the street; that is clearly not the path of our church family. Some want to fix their family member, to make them straight through therapy or prayer. Some families ignore it and hope it will go away or just stay quiet. Some families are embarrassed. Some families are accepting, but ... "grandma can never know." Many families, while initially distressed, choose a path of learning and arrive at acceptance. Some families go beyond acceptance and become strong advocates for the LGBTQ loved one, and some even become advocates for the well-being of all LGBTQ people. Where is our church family? Where would we like to be?

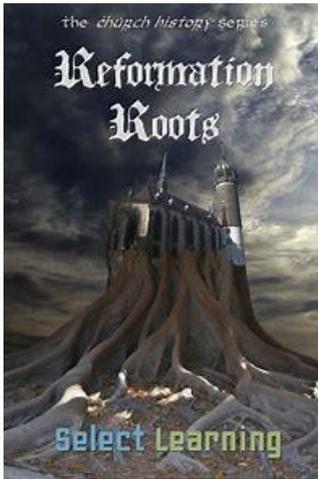


—Karen Mortensen

## Upcoming Seminars

Sundays at 11:00 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall

### Seminar Series: "Reformation Roots"



Warren Hapke and Pastor David will be leading a six-session DVD-based series called "Reformation Roots." We live in the post-Reformation era when denominations are trying to discover common ground rather than points of disagreements. Many of those earlier areas of disagreement have been resolved through dialogue and statements of agreement. The aim of this series is to help explain the existing landscape of western Christianity and to suggest that some of the unresolved Reformation themes are still in play today.

**February 4 – "From Night to Dawn."** The Reformation did not happen in a vacuum. Many forces of historical events paved the way. There were Reformers who preceded Luther and Calvin. *(Series continues on February 18)*

**February 18 – "From Bondage to Freedom."** This session will introduce Martin Luther and his early struggles.

**February 25 – "From Scholar to Provocateur."** We explore how Luther attacked the penitential system of the Roman Catholic Church, and how the impact of his work was enhanced by the new technology of the printing press. *(Series continues on March 11)*

**March 11 – "From Heretic to Hero."** The Pope responds. Luther is excommunicated. During this time Luther writes his seminal works.

**March 18 – "The Swiss Reformation."** In this session, we explore the ministry of Ulrich Zwingli in Zurich, John Calvin in Geneva, and the influence Desiderius Erasmus,

who was sympathetic to the concerns of the reformers, but who chose to remain within the Roman Catholic Church.

**March 25 – "The English Reformation."** In this final session, we explore Henry the VIII's role in creating the Anglican Church, and how the English Reformation was rooted more in politics than theology.

In this midst of this series there will be two other seminars.

## Evolution Sunday, February 11, 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

We will welcome two presenters from the University of Illinois.



**Sam Beshers** got his BA at Swarthmore College and a PhD in Biology from Boston University. He is currently Research Associate in the Department of Entomology and Coordinator of the Neuroscience Graduate Program at UIUC. He studies the organization and design of biological systems, with a particular focus on division of labor in ants. As a result, he views nearly everything from the perspective of an ant colony. He is also a member of the Unitarian Universalist church in Urbana, sings in the choir, and chairs the Worship Committee.

The title of his presentation is "**Go to the ant, thou slug-gard.**" Ant colonies are fascinating in themselves, and also great systems for studying biological organization and behavior. Dr. Beshers will give a brief overview of the organization and division of labor in ant colonies, and use this as background to support profound insights into evolution and the human condition.

**Becky Fuller** received her undergraduate degree at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, studied in Sweden as a Fulbright scholar, and obtained graduate degrees from Michigan State University (M.S.) and Florida State University (Ph.D.). She joined the faculty at the University of Illinois

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in the Department of Animal Biology in 2005. She is an evolutionary biologist who studies fish. Her lab works on many projects related to speciation, adaptation, and the evolution of sensory systems and signals.

The title of her presentation is “Common Misconceptions Surrounding Evolution.” Evolution via natural selection is a deceptively simple idea. Natural selection favors traits that increase survival and/or reproduction. Yet, this pithy one sentence summary glosses over many important questions. Can individuals evolve within a single lifetime? What changes: individuals or populations or species? Is genetic variation good? Are mutations bad? Most importantly, does natural selection predict ‘perfection’? In this talk, Dr. Fuller will discuss these common misconceptions and their applications to human society.

## Special Music Seminar March 4 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall



In anticipation of Special Music Sunday during worship on March 11, Director of Music Lindsey Bruner Woodcock will present a seminar about Dietrich Buxtehude’s *Membra Jesu Nostrae*. Lindsey will be discussing this Baroque masterwork, its music and text, noteworthy features, as well as the life the composer.



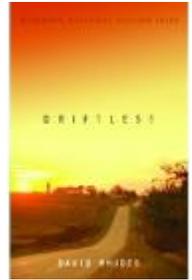
## Adult Bible Study



Sundays at **8:15 a.m.** in Meeting Room B which is next to the church office on the main

## Driftless Discussion Group

The next discussion group for *Driftless* by David Rhodes will meet **Wednesday, February 21, at 5:45 p.m.** in the Church Library. You did not have to attend the first gathering. We will discuss the entire book.



## New in the Church Library

### Fiction

Rhodes, David. *Driftless*. c2008.

This compelling book is an exploration of the beating heart of the farming community of Words, Wisconsin. The preoccupations and everyday epiphanies of these folks are told in 69 snapshot-chapters, with such titles as “Mushrooms Are Up,” “Grief,” and “Humped Floors.”

These pages are suitable for a short dip, or for drifting with the current for a good long time.

### Earth Care

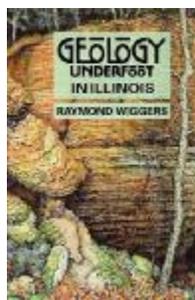
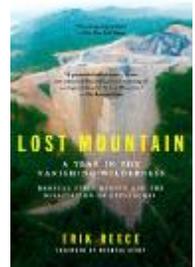


Cullen, Heidi. *The weather of the future*. c2010.

The author, a climatologist/journalist, presents a useful review of the perils of climate change. Offering scenarios for seven threatened locations, her warning is that “if left unabated, climate change will transform every corner of the world by midcentury.”

Reece, Eric. *Lost mountain*. 2006.

The lost mountain is one in Kentucky that was destroyed by strip mining. Reece spent a year witnessing this painful process—its causes and effects. Terse, powerful environmental journalism.



Wiggers, Raymond. *Geology underfoot in Illinois*. 1997.

A tour of the “geologic diversity” of Illinois, told as we join Wiggers in 37 walking/driving adventures in our beautiful state, delving into moraines, mounds, basins and such. Number 26 is “Monticello and Environs.” Engagingly written and full of surprises, with lots of photos.

– Ann Ricker

# Serving Schedule

## Sunday Assisting Schedule

2018	Worship Leader	Head Usher	Ushers	Steward	Flowers / Communion	Make Coffee/ Wash Cups	Greeters
2/11	Jamie Ellis	Andy Harden	Ann Ricker Carl Caldwell Camille Caldwell	David Bullock	<i>Flowers:</i> Helen Vedder	Liz Greeley (both)	Nancy Uchtmann
2/18	Don Uchtmann	Harold Guither	Cindy Strehlow Barb Schleicher Don Greeley	Cindy Strehlow	<i>Flower dedication available</i>	Beth Chato (both)	Lois Guither
2/25	Marilyn Dewey	Andy Harden	Lauren Smith Linda Brucker Pat Jensen	Jason Harris	<i>Flowers:</i> Alison Champion	Jamie Ellis (both)	TBD
3/4	Peter Mortensen	Jason Harris	TBD	TBD	Communion	Cindy Strehlow (both)	TBD

### Greeters are Needed



Please sign the list in the hallway to be a "Greeter" before the Sunday morning service. If you have questions please call Nancy Uchtmann at 377-8797.

### Thrift Shop Sorting Days

**Thank you, Volunteers!** Linens were organized, clothing was sorted, cardboard was recycled and donations were processed at the January 20 Twice Is Nice Sorting Day, thanks to our volunteers Harold Guither and members of the UIUC Phi Delta Epsilon honorary fraternity. Thanks also to David Kay and MaryE Yoemans for hauling overstocks to ReStore and Salt & Light.



### Membership Committee

Please consider joining the Welcome and Membership Committee. The committee is working to help visitors feel welcome and offer information/activities to those who may be interested in becoming members. If interested, please contact Nancy Uchtmann at 217-377-8797.



**Our February Sorting Days are Wednesday, February 7 from noon to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, February 17 from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** Hope you can join us!

**Food & More Program  
Donation Request  
for February:  
100% Juice  
(Large bottles – any flavor)**



## Upcoming PYC (Youth) Events

Sunday, February 11, we will meet at 6:00 p.m. to complete care packages for college freshmen.

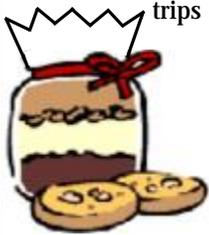
—Robert Foelske, Youth Coordinator

### Many thanks for your support of the PYC mix sales!

Thanks to your generous support, the 2017 Mix Fundraiser was a great success raising over \$1000 for local and global mission efforts. The youth have already allocated \$240 to Heifer International for purchase of a sheep and goat and \$261 to the Alternative gifts fund in support of children and youth in Malawi. It is their hope to send additional supplies with this year's Malawi team.



At this time, we are not planning to have a mix sale next fall due to a decline in the number of youth. We can, however, celebrate the fact that this fundraiser has served as a major source of support for both mission and Montreat trips over the years. These experiences have provided memorable and meaningful opportunities to a generation of youth. Meanwhile, if any of you find yourselves in Hooty Creek withdrawal next fall, we will be happy to share our recipes! (Contact Liz Greeley)



## Short Stakes for a Tall Cause Saturday, February 10

Buy a ticket, eat pancakes, and help support **Boy Scout Troop 6** at Applebee's Restaurant, 1201 N. Dunlap Avenue, Savoy on **Saturday, February 10 from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.** Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$5/person. See Isaac Ellis, Joseph Santic, or another Troop 6 scout or scouter to buy your ticket.



## We Are Looking for New Mentors and Volunteers



Leal Elementary School, located at 312 W. Oregon, is one of the six neighborhood elementary schools in Urbana. Leal participates in the C-U One-to-One Mentoring program and we are always looking for new mentors/volunteers from our community.

C-U One-to-One Mentoring is the school-based mentoring program of Champaign Unit 4 and Urbana District



#116 Schools. Mentoring is about building relationships of trust between a young person and an adult for to provide support, encouragement and guidance. After completing a two-hour mentor training, an application, background check and interview at the school, mentors are matched with students. Mentees are students who need a little extra support and encouragement to thrive. Mentors meet with their 'mentees' for one hour a week during the school day on school grounds. Mentors and mentees usually spend their time together doing fun and creative activities: talking/listening, playing games, doing something physical like going for a walk on school grounds or playing basketball, reading, exploring on the computer, doing experiments, doing art/ craft projects and more. If you have a genuine interest in youth, good listening skills and are flexible and patient and if you want to participate in a journey with a child, not "fix" them you can be a mentor.



Community members also can offer their time by doing volunteer work at Leal school. Volunteers are assigned to tasks according to teachers'

needs and the volunteer's interests and abilities. Volunteers can tutor students one-on-one, helping students get organized, set up materials for special arts/science activities etc.

If you would like to be a mentor/ volunteer at Leal school or if you know someone who can be a good fit you can get more information by contacting Leal School Mentor/Volunteer Coordinator Mujde Gezer via email [mgezer@usd116.org](mailto:mgezer@usd116.org) or call 217-384-3618.

## A Hurricane Update from PDA



Greetings in the Light,

This past fall, three hurricanes battered parts of the Caribbean and Gulf Coast regions. Hurricanes Harvey,

Irma and Maria brought violent winds and severe flooding, and their rapid succession left many people and relief organizations overwhelmed. Your faithful and generous support, however, allowed the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to respond with the light of hope in the midst of chaos, through the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). **Thank you for your support.**

Your gifts provided emergency funding in Texas, Florida, Cuba and Puerto Rico. In the days after each storm, PDA was on the ground, assessing damage, providing expert support, partnership, consultation and coordination. Impacted congregations received urgent assistance to continue in ministry to their affected neighbors. PDA's response is widening, providing resources for long-term recovery, working with partners to set up volunteer rebuilding opportunities, supporting capacity building and providing support and training for leaders in Compassion Fatigue and Resiliency. Fatigue and hopelessness often cause a second crisis long after the winds subside and the waters recede.



Historic support from Presbyterians ensured a swift response. In Florida, decades of work in partnership and capacity building with the Florida PDA Network (FLAPDAN) meant that preparation and coordination began before Irma made landfall. Collaboration with presbyteries in Texas provides coordination of disaster

response efforts. Ongoing support from Presbyterians means that long-term redevelopment is accomplished as the love of Christ is made visible in all of the affected areas.

Nowhere is the need so pronounced as in Puerto Rico. Throughout the island, the loss of homes, infrastructure and loved ones has touched almost every resident. Many months later, thousands of people still lack electricity and running water. Your support is delivering the light of hope into the darkness of the disaster. From the aid and cleanup on the island, to support for presbyteries in Florida and New England as they receive many Puerto Ricans displaced by the devastation, to long-term rebuilding and development, your gifts have made the church's response possible. Because of

your support, PDA is able to support a coordinator for relief and development efforts in Puerto Rico from the Puerto Rican Presbyterian community. This important step ensures that the work done by the church will be delivered efficiently and effectively and will build capacity should future disasters strike the U.S. territory.



**Thank you for sharing the Light with those in need by standing in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray.**

**Give:** You have been so generous to us and we thank you. You can continue to support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's emergency response and long-term recovery work through participation in **One Great Hour of Sharing**. This Special Offering secures PDA's capacity to respond to these and other disasters.

**Act:** Contact the PDA Call Center and organize a work team. Call (866) 732-6121 or email [pda.callcenter@pcusa.org](mailto:pda.callcenter@pcusa.org). Work teams will be needed in Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico to assist in cleanup and rebuilding efforts.

Ensure your congregation has materials to support One Great Hour of Sharing. PDA and its partner ministries, the Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People, are able to share the love of Christ with those in need because of widespread church support through One Great Hour of Sharing. If you have questions, need help or want to start receiving this offering at your congregation, email [specialofferings@pcusa.org](mailto:specialofferings@pcusa.org).

**Pray:** God our Light, Be a strong presence in the lives of neighbors who, having survived the winds and rains, now follow the light of your love toward recovery and rebuilding. Thank you for the generous response of the church. May these gifts of support overflow more than floodwaters, to grow your work of healing and rebuilding and bring comfort and strength to those who suffer. *Amen.*

For more information, visit [presbyterianmission.org/pda](http://presbyterianmission.org/pda).

In the Light,

The Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus  
Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



# February 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>4 Scout Sunday</b>            8:15 AM Bible Study (MB)            9:15 AM Child Care for Infants &amp; Toddlers (DS Rooms 4 &amp; 5)            9:30 AM Worship (S)  <b>After Worship</b> Fellowship (N); Parish Nurse (NO); Children &amp; Youth Sunday School (YC); Seminar: "Reformation Roots: From Night to Dawn" (FH)            1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12(C)            1:30 PM Communion at Clark-Lindsey</p> 	<p>CL – Choir Loft            CR – Choir Room            CY – Green St. Courtyard            DS – Downstairs            FH – Fellowship Hall            L – Library            MA – Meeting Rm A            MB – Meeting Rm B</p>	<p>N – Narthex            NO – Nurse's Office            S – Sanctuary            US – Upstairs            YC – Youth Center            Thrift Shop—Twice is Nice, 607 W. Elm</p>	<p>AA – Alcoholics Anonymous            ACA – Adult Children of Alcoholics            KC – Korean Church OA – Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p><b>1</b>  <b>Open Door DEADLINE</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            12:15 PM Mid-day Prayer (C)            5:30 PM Earth Care (L)            5:30 PM OA (MB)            7:00 PM ACA (YC)            7:00 PM Korean Church (S)            7:00 PM Worship Corn (MA)</p>	<p><b>2</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p>	<p><b>3</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
<p><b>5</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            11:00 AM OA (L)            6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 12 (FH)            8:00 PM AA (YC &amp; 6)</p>	<p><b>6</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 6 (FH)</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>Open Door Mail Date</b>            6:00 AM KC (C)            12:00 PM Sorting Day at the Thrift Shop (607 W Elm)            1:00 PM Wilds (YC)            5:30 PM Deacons (L)            6:30 PM AA Group (YC)            7:30 PM Choir (CL)</p> 	<p><b>8</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            12:15 PM Mid-day Prayer (C)            5:30 PM OA (L)            7:00 PM ACA (YC)            7:00 PM Korean Church Praise Team (S)</p>	<p><b>9</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            7:00 PM Korean Church Worship Service (S)</p>	<p><b>10</b>            6:00 AM KC (C)            8:00 AM Short Stacks /Tall Cause (Applebees)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            10:00 AM Presbytery Meeting (Effingham)            11:00 AM OA (L)</p>	<p><b>11</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
<p><b>11 Transfiguration of the Lord / Evolution</b>            8:15 AM Bible Study (MB)            9:15 AM Child Care for Infants &amp; Toddlers (DS Rooms 4 &amp; 5)            9:30 AM Worship (S)  <b>After Worship</b> Fellowship (N); Parish Nurse (NO); Children &amp; Youth Sunday School (YC); Seminar: "Evolution Sunday (FH)            1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12(C)            6:00 PM Youth: Care Packages (YC)</p> 	<p><b>12</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            11:00 AM OA (L)            6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 12 (FH)            8:00 PM AA (YC &amp; 6)</p>	<p><b>13</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            6:00 PM Building &amp; Grounds Committee (L)            7:00 PM Adult Ministries (MA)            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 6 (FH)</p>	<p><b>14 Ash Wednesday</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            1:00 PM Wilds (YC)            6:30 PM AA Group (YC)            7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service (S)            7:30 PM Choir (CL)</p> 	<p><b>15</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            12:15 PM Mid-day Prayer (C)            5:30 PM OA (L)            7:00 PM ACA (YC)            Praise Team (S)            7:00 PM Children &amp; Youth Ministries (YC)</p>	<p><b>16</b>            6:00 AM KC (C)            1:00 PM Budget &amp; Finance (MA)            7:00 PM KC Service (S)</p>	<p><b>17</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            9:00 AM Sorting Day at the Thrift Shop (607 W Elm)            11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
<p><b>18 First Sunday in Lent</b>            8:15 AM Bible Study (MB)            9:15 AM Child Care for Infants &amp; Toddlers (DS Rooms 4 &amp; 5)            9:30 AM Worship (S)  <b>After Worship</b> Fellowship (N); Parish Nurse (NO); Children &amp; Youth Sunday School (YC); Seminar: "Reformation Roots: From Bondage to Freedom" (FH)            1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12(C)</p> 	<p><b>19</b>            6:00 AM KC (C)            11:00 AM OA (L)            6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 12 (FH)            1:00 PM Food &amp; More Set Up (FH, L)            8:00 PM AA (YC &amp; 6)</p>	<p><b>20</b>            6:00 AM KC (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            9:00 AM Food and More Partnership Program (FH)            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 6 (FH)            7:00 PM Session (Room 3)</p>	<p><b>21</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            1:00 PM Wilds (YC)            5:45 PM Driftless Discussion Group (L)            6:30 PM AA Group (YC)            7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal at (CL)</p>	<p><b>22</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            12:15 PM Mid-day Prayer (C)            5:30 PM OA (L)            7:00 PM ACA (YC)            Praise Team (S)            7:00 PM Mission Committee (L)</p>	<p><b>23</b>            6:00 AM KC (C)            12:15 PM Lenten Recital (S)            6:15 PM FPCU Goes Bowling! (Ilini Union)            7:00 PM Korean Church Praise Team (S)            7:00 PM Mission Committee (L)</p>	<p><b>24</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            11:00 AM OA (L)</p>
<p><b>25 Second Sunday in Lent</b>            8:15 AM Bible Study (MB)            9:15 AM Child Care for Infants &amp; Toddlers (DS Rooms 4 &amp; 5)            9:30 AM Worship (S)  <b>After Worship</b> Fellowship (N); Parish Nurse (NO); Children &amp; Youth Sunday School (YC); Seminar: "Reformation Roots: From Scholar to Provocateur" (FH)            1:00 PM Korean Ch (S, DS, CR) 12(C)</p>	<p><b>26</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            11:00 AM OA (L)            6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack 12 (FH)            8:00 PM AA (YC &amp; 6)</p>	<p><b>27</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 6 (FH)</p>	<p><b>28</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            1:00 PM Wilds (YC)            6:30 PM AA Group (YC)            7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal at (CL)</p>	<p><b>29</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            11:00 AM OA (L)</p>	<p><b>30</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            11:00 AM OA (L)</p>	<p><b>31</b>            6:00 AM KC Prayer (C)            9:00 AM Thrift Shop            11:00 AM OA (L)</p>

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## OUR KEY MESSAGES

Welcome to our church family!

God is doing *exciting* things here!

Choose a path: **Have an impact & feed your soul!**

Thanks to Cornelius VanderVelde and Michéle Miller for preparing this Open Door for mailing.

**Open Door Deadline:** For inclusion in the next Open Door, items should be submitted by **Thursday, March 8, 2018** to [office@firstpresurbana.org](mailto:office@firstpresurbana.org). The Open Door will be mailed on **Wednesday, March 14, 2018**.

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