

Mission Projects

Mission Postcards: "Notes from the Heart"

You will have an opportunity to continue an activity begun at the Youth Triennium this year --- to write notes of encouragement "from your heart" to PCUSA mission co-workers serving throughout the world. The post cards will be forwarded by the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Oglala Sioux Toiletry Kits

Construct toiletry kits to be donated to the Pine Ridge Reconciliation Center located on the Oglala Sioux Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

This joint Presbyterian and Lutheran ministry fosters mutual trust, respect and understanding while addressing the deep poverty that exists on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. They offer a Job Corps program that provides people with a way to earn a living and support their families, year-round after school programs for kids, new quilts, blankets and hygiene kits, and an energy assistance matching fund. The following items will be available to pack:

- Wash cloth (dark colors)
- Bath Towel (dark colors)
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- 1 or 2 Bath-sized bars of soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner (optional)
- Razors (optional)
- Nail Clippers (optional)

Pillowcases for Harford Family House

Inspirational Pillowcases - Harford Family House sees lots of children each year. Wouldn't it be great to be able to give them an inspirational pillowcase to let them know that people love them and believe in them? Think about your best inspiring phrases, write them down, and bring them to our event. With just a little imagination, you will be able to encourage and support children as their families climb out of homelessness into the promise and hope of a new beginning.



How does Susquehanna Parish manage to put on these programs for its churches?

We're so glad you asked!

The money that each church gives to Shared Ministry at the Presbytery each year provides between \$15,000-\$18,000 for our Ministry Group. The elders and pastors who attend the Ministry Group meetings (monthly on the fourth Tuesdays) decide how to use the money to best support the churches of our Ministry Group for spiritual leader development, congregational development, mission outreach, and more. So when you decide to contribute to Shared Ministry, you are making sure that this money is available to support our area churches.

Do you want to be part of the decision-making process?

Join us at our next meeting!

October 22nd at 7:00 pm, December 10 at 12:30 pm.



Susquehanna Parish Ministry

The 2019 Fall

Discipleship Event



Saturday, November 2, 2019

8:30 AM — 1:30 PM

First Presbyterian Church

Bel Air, MD

Registration Deadline:

Friday, October 25, 2019

Schedule for the Day

8:30 Registration
9:00 Worship led by Triennium participants
10:00 Break
10:15 Workshops A & B
11:15 Break
11:30 Workshops C & D
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Departure

Susquehanna Parish is delighted to invite its 11 churches, their leaders and members, as well as those from any of the churches in Baltimore Presbytery to join us for our sixth annual event. Susquehanna Parish is committed to both spiritual leader development and congregational development in all areas of our worship and music experience. Everyone is invited - you do not need to be a member of the Parish to attend.

The Convener of Susquehanna Parish is Rev. Kimberly Secrist Ashby, pastor of Fallston Presbyterian Church, 410-879-7729 or email: pastorfallstonpc@gmail.com.

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The Fall Discipleship Event is offering three opportunities will be for “hands-on” mission work. These will be made available at Registration and set out for throughout the morning.

Toiletry Kits — Constructed for the Oglala Sioux Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

Mission Postcards — Postcards in which participants may write notes of good will to PCUSA mission co-workers.

Pillow Covers - Designing pillow cases which will be donated to children at Harford Family House in Aberdeen, MD.

Workshops

A. “Spiritual But Not Religious: Perspectives on Spirituality and the Institutional Church from the First Great Awakening and the Enlightenment.”

- Rev. Stephen Melton

The founders of our country (John Adams, Benjamin Franklin Thomas Jefferson, etc.) were the products of the First Great Awakening and the Enlightenment. They found themselves both rejecting the institutional church of their time while embracing the role faith can play. They were "spiritual but not religious" - does this sound familiar? How might their responses give us some direction in our times?

B. “Here’s My Heart” - Highlights from 2019 Presbyterian Youth Triennium. This event will be ideal for churches with youth groups. You will learn about some of the newest ideas from the PC(USA) discovered at the Triennium at Purdue University: activities for youth, songs, games, mission ideas.

- Rev. Debbie Reese, with help from Beatrice Muma and Mbah Sally Kella.

C. Transforming Lives – The Baltimore Dakota Partnership.

- Elders Claudia Scarborough and Debbie Glenn

From an idea in the early 1990s when members from the Dakota Presbytery and Presbytery of Baltimore met to discuss mutual learning possibilities a strong partnership was developed. Those conversations grew into the Baltimore Dakota Learning Camps, the idea of which was initiated by Dakota and whose model was developed by Baltimore. Churches in both presbyteries are mutually supported and over 22 Baltimore churches have been active in this relationship.

Our mission is to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ by honoring and nurturing the lives of children, youth, and adults through education partnerships with the ministries of the Native American churches that comprise the Dakota Presbytery. Through the Baltimore Dakota programs all those involved are transformed into the people God calls them to be. This workshop will introduce participants to the history and culture of our Native American partners. In addition, staff members and youths will share their experiences from past camps and how their lives have been affected through involvement in this powerful mission.

D. Learning Your Love Language

- Rev. Kimberly Secrist Ashby

Everybody has a love language we prefer! Did you know there are at least five of them? We tend to give everyone love in the same way we like to receive it, but what if other people prefer a different love language? Come learn about all of the love languages, and how to give love best to your spouse, your children and grandchildren, and your friends based on which love language they prefer most. God gives us a variety of expression for a reason! (using the books on Love Languages by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell.

Registration Information

Please register for this event by **Friday, Oct. 25th** via E-MAIL (preferred) or phone or mail to Rev. Kimberly Secrist-Ashby at

email: pastorfallstonpc@gmail.com or 410-879-7729
Or at Fallston Presbyterian, P.O. Box 54, Fallston, 21047

Please be sure to include the following information with your registration:

- ♦ Name (s) of those attending
- ♦ Church name
- ♦ Position held at the Church
- ♦ Email address (es)

Lunch is included - will you be staying for lunch?

Workshop Selections - please indicate which of the offered workshops you will be attending for each time slot:

10:15 AM Workshops - **A** or **B**

11:30 AM Workshops - **C** or **D**