

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration Works: MT Meadowlark

Today, **Sunday, March 19, at 2 pm**, Celebration Works presents a delightful collaboration of winds and strings featuring the **Meadowlark Trio and the MT Duo**. A reception will follow with refreshments. Free admission and free parking in FPC's garage. See you this afternoon!

Easter Lilies Orders are here

Easter lilies adorn our sanctuary and are hand delivered to homebound or ill church members to brighten their Easter holidays. You can help offset the cost by donating **\$18** in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Order online by clicking the **"Order Lilies" button on the front page of our website** or by clicking the link in this week's e-blast. If you need assistance ordering online, please call Sheila or e-mail the office. Please order your lilies by **April 2**.

Lenten Daily Devotionals

For Lent, our church is reading through **A Way Other Than Our Own** by Walter Brueggemann. This is a way to find grace, comfort, and abundance by the remarkable assurance that the God who summons us is the God who goes along with us. We are also hosting a **Wednesday Evening Soup and Study night from 5:30-6:30pm every Wednesday in March**. Our Adult Education Committee will lead a discussion on the prior weeks readings during these nights.

Easter Vigil; a recital of the Gospel of John

We invite you to participate in a contemplative recitation of the Gospel of John on Saturday, April 8 from 8pm - 9pm in the Chapel. Participants will take turns reading aloud. If you're interested in attending, please contact Pete Vanden Bosch. (petevandenbosch@gmail.com, 503-440-7886)

Palm Sunday Brunch @ Menucha

Join us at Menucha's Palm Sunday Brunch. This special event will take place starting at **12:45 pm on Palm Sunday, April 2**. Sign up in **Geneva Hall after worship**, or go to the church website, **click CCB, events, and then on April 2**. \$25 for adults and teens, \$15 for ages 6-12, age 6 and under are free.

Observe Lent with One Great Hour of Sharing

OGHS provides relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed here at home and around the globe. Our donations will be dedicated in worship on **Palm Sunday, Apr. 2**. Visit pcusa.org/give-oghs for more info

Women's Book Club

We invite you to join us on Tuesday, April 4th, at noon in The Heritage Room (#207) or via Zoom to discuss the book "A Road Called Down on Both Sides: Growing up in Ethiopia and America" a memoir by Caroline Kurtz. Caroline, an Oregonian and child of Presbyterian Missionaries from the 50s, joins us to discuss her book. Join us at 11:30 am and bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided before the meeting.

Sign up for the Women's Retreat: April 14-16

FPC's Women's Retreat will take place at Menucha from Friday, April 14, through Sunday, April 16, 2023. The **Rev. Dr. Barbara Campbell** will speak at this year's retreat. Registration will take place on **Sundays during coffee hour in Geneva Hall and on the church website through CCB**. Overnight accommodations are \$185, and commuters will be \$90. Alternative Diets have a \$15 surcharge. Scholarships are available by e-mailing Pastor Brenna. **The deadline to sign up is March 19th!**

Easter Items Needed

We are looking forward to welcoming children for the FPC annual egg hunt. We are in need of small, individually wrapped candies, or small toys or stickers to put inside each Easter egg. If you are able to donate, there will be a donation bin located downstairs in Geneva hall marked "Easter egg hunt" for the next several weeks! Please avoid sending items that pose a choking risk (balls, hard candy, etc.).

Soft Goods & Books!

Running from **now until April 30th**, the youth will not only be collecting soft goods, but books as well. This drive goes to support their mission trip to the Philippines. Both the soft goods and books go to a local thrift store, and the youth raise money per pound of items! So bring us those big books and old clunky shoes and more. **All items can be dropped off in Geneva Hall.**

CAN you Help?

With the rising cost of food and cuts made to SNAP benefits, our emergency food closet is being hit hard. For the next month we are collecting food staples: **peanut butter, tuna, canned fruit, canned soups**. As our space is limited, we are **ONLY collecting the above items**. Please drop donations in the large Red bin in Geneva Hall or by the church office.