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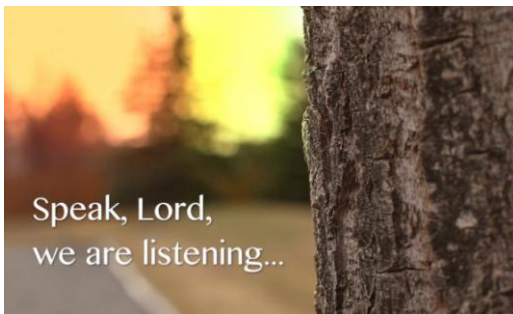
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Pastoral Ponderings

In this Lenten season, we have practiced deep listening, because we are formed by what we attend to. Listening to God, listening to our own internal voice, listening to what emerges from the silence that we must cultivate in our noisy world, we find spiritual power to shape our lives.

This month, on Easter morning, we will celebrate Resurrection once again. Resurrection is God's emphatic declaration that life wins. Resurrection is God's flesh-and-blood demonstration that love wins. Resurrection is Jesus's triumph over the power of suffering and violence and death. We who follow the Risen One, we who are formed by what we attend to, surely we, of all people, have access to the spiritual power of courage. It seems to me that what the world needs, what we need from ourselves, what God needs, are loving people who are also courageous.

I love this prayer by the Rev. Howard Thurman. It is my prayer for Eastertide and beyond:

*Give me the courage to live! Really live— not merely exist.
Live dangerously, Scorning risk! Live honestly. Daring the truth—
Particularly the truth of myself! Live resiliently—
Ever changing, ever growing, ever adapting.
Enduring the pain of change as though 'twere the travail of birth.
Give me the courage to live!*

*Give me the strength to be free and endure the burden of freedom
And the loneliness of those without chains;
Let me not be trapped by success, nor by failure, nor pleasure, nor grief,
Nor malice, nor praise, nor remorse!
Give me the courage to go on!*

continued...

*Facing all that waits on the trail – Going eagerly, joyously on,
And paying my way as I go,
Without anger or fear or regret. Taking what life gives,
Spending myself to the full, head high, spirit winged, like a god–
On... on... till the shadows draw close.
Then even when darkness shuts down,
And I go out alone as I came, naked and blind as I came–
Even then, gracious God, hear my prayer:
Give me the courage to live!*

*Blessings,
Kathy*



Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 14

Come, and join in the Palm Parade!

Maundy Thursday

April 18

Meal at 5:30

Worship following

Please sign up in fellowship hall.



The Appointment with God that we have experienced each week in our Lent worship will be expanded for an evening of being with God, with ourselves and with each other. We start with a simple meal in fellowship hall, remembering the last time Jesus ate with his disciples. Worship in the sanctuary will include Holy Communion and attention to the events at the end of Jesus' life. Then we will go out into the night to wait for . . . the rest of the Story.



An Interfaith Celebration of Good Friday

“Lotus & Cross: A Buddhist at the Foot of the Cross”

Friday, 4/19, Noon at St. Francis of Assisi (391 Delaware Ave.)

sponsored by the Capital Area Council of Churches

Easter Morning

April 21

6:30 a.m. FOCUS Sunrise Service

The Rev. Renee Hollinshed, preaching

(West Capitol Park steps; Swan St. opposite the Alfred E. Smith Bldg.)

7:00 a.m. Breakfast at Emmanuel

10:00 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection

11:00 a.m. Reception



From Service to Others

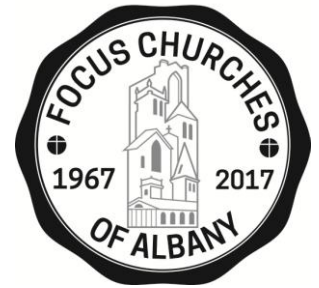
Save the Date



The 39th Annual Albany CROP Hunger Walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 5th. 25% of all funds raised by the Capital Region CROP Hunger Walks goes to local food pantries and soup kitchens. With more than 40,000 people in our region using local free meal programs to provide adequate food for their families, this money is very helpful. The local share (25%) of the 2018 Albany CROP Hunger Walk was \$26,230.50. Please consider walking as part of the Emmanuel team, or supporting those who walk. More information in the coming weeks. -- Nancy Horan

FOCUS Task Force Initiative

Are you concerned about housing, immigration, and addressing racism in the community around us? If so, you're not alone. FOCUS, of which we're a member, has identified these areas for response through advocacy, collective participation by our covenant churches, linking with community partners, and providing direct service.



If you have background or knowledge in any of these areas of concern, have a passion for addressing them, or simply want to learn more about one of these areas, we invite you to join us in forming a task group to explore ways in which our FOCUS churches can do more to address these needs.

To express interest or request further information, please use the form below or contact: Kathy Donley, Andrea Carver or Nancy Horan.

Expression of Interest in a FOCUS Task Force Initiative

I would like to participate with FOCUS to learn more, inform others and suggest programs to address one of these critical areas affecting our community.

Please indicate your interest by checking one of the topics below, adding your name and contact information, and dropping the insert in the offering plate or in the mail slot of the Church Office.

Affordable Housing _____

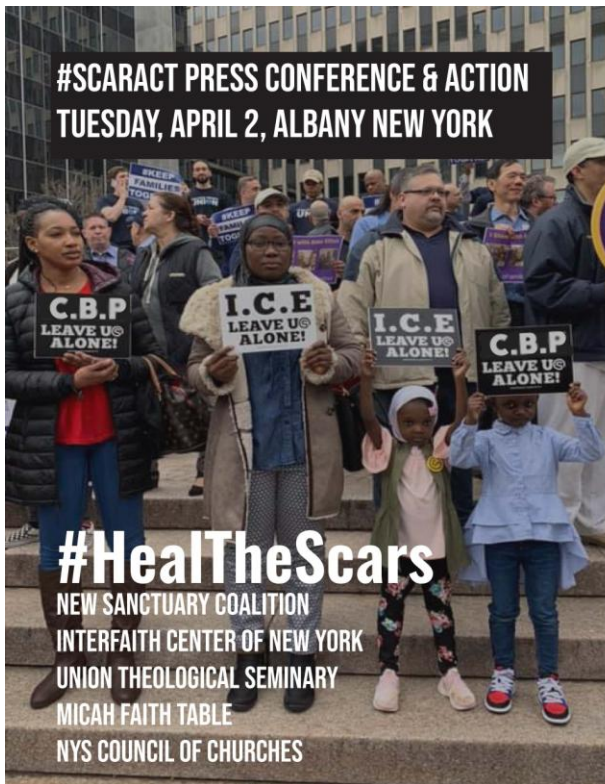
Immigration _____

Addressing Racism _____

Name _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____



JOIN US IN SUPPORT OF INTRODUCING THE SCAR ACT

The Separation of Children Accountability Response Act requires greater transparency and accountability from New York state foster care organizations.

The SCAR Act asks that basic information about separated and unaccompanied children in care of these agencies be reported to the state, as well as to the federal government.

The Interfaith Center of New York, The New Sanctuary Coalition, Union Theological Seminary, The Micah Faith Table, NYS Council of Churches and our faith partners statewide are calling on all communities of faith and moral conscience to join us on **Tuesday, April 2nd, in Albany NY** to support the introduction of the **Separation of Children Accountability Response Act**.



Executive "Dreaming" Team:
April 7, 11:45
Executive Business Meeting:
April 9, 6:15



**Pathfinder Lodge
Work Weekends**
May 4 & 11

Please consider this opportunity to help get camp ready for summer activities. All levels of ability are needed.

Call Pathfinder Lodge to sign up:
607-547-2300.

**Remember the
Food Pantry...**

April: deodorant Happy Birthday...

Anthony Malone
Geoffrey Bray
Andrew Malone
Matthew Normile
Chris LaBarge
Ian Leet
Tenosha Ford
Hannah Scheu
Lillian Matejcek
Alyce Malone
Evie Garner
Jonathan Bray
Karen Green

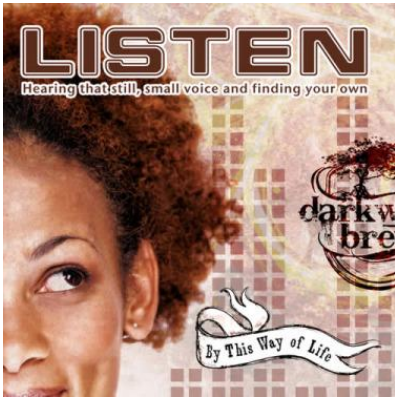


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If your birthday is not published in our monthly listing, please notify Dorothy at 465-5161.

**Deadline for the May issue of
the MOSAIC is April 18.**





Adult Spiritual Formation

April 14

“Do You Want To Be Made Well?”

John 5:1-9

11:30-12:30 in the Parlor

Note: No class on April 7 due to an Executive Team Dreaming session.

Video guest, Doug Pagitt is a possibility enthusiast who seeks to find creative, entrepreneurial and generative ways to enlist people to join in the hopes, dreams and desires God has for the world. Doug is the founding pastor of Solomon’s Porch, a holistic missional Christian community in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Notice of Meeting:

A Quarterly Congregational Meeting will be held on April 28 following worship. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

ABW Convention Coming Soon

Andrea Carver & Marilyn Malone will be attending the American Baptist Women’s Convention April 26-28. Emmanuel has been asked to contribute a gift basket for the silent auction which raises funds to support the ministries of AB women and girls.



We are putting together a "Day in Albany" basket which will include items that can be enjoyed in this area. If anyone would like to contribute money toward purchase of a Crossgates gift card, or if you know of a local business that might donate something, please speak to Marilyn or Andrea.



A service of Christian worship in celebration of the lives of Marjorie and Grant Fuller and in the sure and certain hope of resurrection will be held at Emmanuel at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20.

May 5 - Potluck Luncheon

May 5 will be an unusual Sunday. The liturgy for the morning will include a temporary change of roles for Pastor Kathy Donley and Pastor Heather Kirk-Davidoff. This will be Pastor Kathy’s last Sunday before sabbatical and Pastor Heather’s introduction.

Join us for worship which will include communion. Bring a dish to share and stay for lunch where you may greet Heather and tell Kathy good-bye for a while.





Pathfinder Camp Wish List

Maintenance

Paint brushes (including disposable)**

Brooms**

Lysol Wipes

Rakes & shovels

Sponge mops**

Dehumidifiers**

Indoor Lightbulbs

Food Items

Cake & brownie mixes

Bisquick

Minute rice

Pasta

Peanut butter & jelly/Nutella

Peanuts

Chocolate chips

Raisins

Flour

Salt

Sugar

Kool-Aid Mix (Lg. containers, pre-mixed)

Other Kitchen Items

Liquid dish soap

Liquid hand soap

HEALTH LODGE

Medical or sport tape

Shower curtains

Rubber or latex gloves

4x4 gauze

Large Band-Aids

Sports Equipment

Life jackets – vest style (any size)

Canoe paddles

Canoes, kayaks

Rope

Tents

Volleyballs

Kick balls

Water shoes (all sizes)

Dive-quality masks & fins (adult sizes)

Crafts & Program

Construction paper, card stock

Beading thread, elastic cord

Tape: masking, duct **

Colored sand

Fabric dye

White T-shirts (all sizes)

Boondoggle

Ink pads

Tulip Tie Dye

Unused birthday or note cards, with envelopes**

Gift cards to:

Price Chopper

Stewart's Shops

Home Depot

Lowe's

Ace Hardware

Tops

Hannaford Food

Walmart

****these items are especially needed**

Paper Goods

Paper towels

Toilet paper (white, single ply)

Napkins

Paper plates (heavy duty)

Cups, cold (7-9 oz.)

Zip-lock bags – all sizes

Plastic forks

PLEASE NO egg cartons, yarn or dinner plates. We have plenty.

Rain or Shine

Free lunch, tours, crafts, campfire, fun and fellowship

Coming June 1 & 8... Pathfinder Open House

Watch for details!



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