

Special Lenten Series on Refugees
SAVE THE DATES! March 6 - April 10

Who is a refugee? How does someone become a refugee? What is the difference between a refugee, an asylum seeker and a legal immigrant? How do refugees come to the US? What is their immigration status? Who are the refugees living amongst us here in the Richmond region? How might we support refugees in our area?

The Mission and Outreach team has organized a fact-filled, engaging series of presentations, videos, personal stories, and discussions as we answer these questions and get to know more about this very special group of immigrants to the US.

This is a six week series on Wednesday evenings, beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 6 and concluding on April 10. Each program will begin with a meal featuring food from around the world, followed by an one hour program. You'll have the chance to learn more about the legal process of becoming a refugee resettled in the US, meet refugees from around the world, and hear the personal stories of people who came to the US as refugees.

March 6 will begin at 5:45 PM with dinner, followed by the Ash Wednesday service and then the first program. The other five evenings will begin at 6 PM with dinner and the program will start at 6:30 PM each night.

We'll provide details on each program shortly. For now, put this on your calendars! We look forward to exploring this very special part of our immigration story together.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

... We give thanks for the birth of *Genesis Amora Barnes*. This darling girl was welcomed by *Ken Barnes, Mary Ann Gonzalez and Chance Gonzalez* on Saturday, February 16!

... Thanksgiving for *Christy Presseau's* new hope for a kidney transplant, and blessings for *Suzanne Casey* helping that hope to become real.

... *Pat Davis*, as she recovers from knee replacement surgery.

... *Donna Headley*, as she continues to recover at home from health challenges.

... *Liz King's* grandson, Shawn Campbell, and his Special Forces company. Shawn is on his third tour.

... All those in our congregation who are unable to attend church regularly due to illness or limited mobility.

... Our nation, its leaders, and our troops serving around the globe.

If you have a prayer request, update, question, or concern please contact the church office at (804) 730-9700) or email Debbie Witmoyer at debbie@newhanoverpres.org.



Sunday, February 24, 2019

IF YOU ARE A GUEST TODAY – WELCOME!

We are so glad you're here with us. Please sign the guest register with your contact information so we can thank you for being with us today.

We are a community of faith seeking to follow Christ. If you are looking to follow Jesus in your daily life with the support and fellowship of a company of believers, you have found the right place. If you seek to commit to active involvement in worship, service and study, we invite you to join us in membership!

Thank You to Today's Volunteers!

Ushers/Greeters: *Lee & Debbie Blackburn*

Assisting Liturgist: *Eric Douglass*

Lay Reader: *Robin Edwards*

Flowers: *Myrna Worrell*

Children's Sunday School: *Summer Foley*

Refreshments: *Steve & Kim Chau*

Sound Board: *Thom O'Brien*

Our Calendar...

Sunday, February 24

- * Ushers Meeting – 10:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- * Jail Ministry Cookie Baking - 11:00 a.m., Large Kitchen

Monday, February 25

- * New Hanover Ringers Practice - 7:00 p.m., Bell Tower

Tuesday, February 26

- * Women's Study Group - 6:15 p.m., Rowe Room

Wednesday, February 27

- * Choir Rehearsal - 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Saturday, March 2, 2019

- * "Guess Who is Coming to Dinner?" - Small group dinners at various members' home - 6:30 p.m. (Program being coordinated by the Deacons.)

Sunday, March 3, 2019

- * Choir Warm-Up - 8:50 a.m., Choir Room
- * Worship Service - 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
- * 2nd Education & Listening Session / Town Hall on the Future Plans & Needs for our New Hanover Church. Hosted by the Facilities & Ministry Futures Committee - 10:30 a.m., Laburnum Commons (after Sunday worship service). Refreshments provided.

TODAY...

...the children, from ages 4 to 10, will continue with the series on Gratitude in the Children's Sunday School.

... please join us for refreshments and fellowship, after the Worship Service, in Laburnum Commons.

... there will be a brief Usher meeting immediately following today's Service, in the Sanctuary.

.. Our baking session for the jail ministry cookies will be at 11 a.m. Please join us!

This Week's NEWS...

The weekly contribution amount needed to meet budget is \$4,783, which enables us to continue to do God's work in the community. Last week we received \$2,961.27.

Women's Bible Study

The next Women's Study Group (Women's Bible Study) meeting is Tuesday, February 26, at 6:15 p.m., in the Rowe Room. ALL women are welcome - no reservations are needed and you do not have to attend every gathering. We will continue to study the book, Stages of Faith, by James Fowler. If you have questions, call Terry Diebold at (540)455-4186 or email her at terry@newhanoverpres.org.

Our 2nd Education & Listening Session / "Town Hall" is set for March 3rd

An invitation to all members: please plan to join us on Sunday, March 3 at 10:30 a.m. in Laburnum Commons as our congregation holds its second Education and Listening Session / Town Hall on the Future Plans & Needs for our New Hanover Church Facility.

The program will include an update from the Facilities & Ministry Futures Committee on developments since the January Town Hall, as well as an opportunity for more congregational discussion and sharing of ideas. Refreshments will be provided during the session in the Laburnum Commons.

Lent at New Hanover Presbyterian Church

The season of Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and self-examination in preparation for the celebration of the resurrection of the Lord at Easter. It is a period of 40 days - like the flood of Genesis, Moses' sojourn at Mount Sinai, Elijah's journey to Mount Horeb, Jonah's call to Ninevah to repent and Jesus' time of testing in the wilderness. (The Sundays in Lent are not counted in this reckoning of the time between Ash Wednesday and Easter, as every Lord's Day is a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.)

Please see the Weekly Email for the Lent activities and Services.

DONATIONS OF FABRIC NEEDED BY FOR A WORTHY CAUSE

Looking for donations of 100 percent cotton fabric for teens to sew into pillowcases for patients at VCU children's hospital. Emma Sellors, one of our Children's Sunday School volunteers, is a member of Chickahominy Middle School's Family, Career, and community Leaders of America Club (FCCLA). They are hosting a sewing Saturday, for the life management students to sew pillow cases for donation to the VCU children's hospital.

They are looking for donations of 100 percent cotton fabric for the pillowcases. Each pillow case takes a yard of fabric and would love as much fabric as we can get. Please drop off fabric in the designated box in the Narthex. Any questions, please email Emma at esellors@comcast.net.