

HOLY WEEK at GOVANS

Palm Sunday - April 2: Join us for at 10:00 a.m. this very special first Sunday combined service. We will do a procession of the Palms to begin the service. In place of the sermon the choir will be performing "Dark Night Of the Soul", by Norwegian composer, Ola Gjeilo, and two choral pieces by African American composer, B.E. Boykin (with one of them being a world premiere!).

Maundy Thursday - April 6: Join us in the Sanctuary for a Maundy Thursday Communion Service followed by a performance of a seat-gripping musical tale of the crucifixion composed by the French Impressionist composer, Olivier Messiaen. This big organ work will serve as accompaniment to members of our Biblical Storytelling Team who will perform a dramatic pantomime of the Last Supper and Garden of Gethsemane.

Good Friday - April 7: Please join us for a ecumenical Good Friday Service hosted at Unity Fellowship in Towson (120 Allegheny Ave., Towson, MD 21204) at 7:00 p.m. We will be joining several other local churches in a traditional Seven Last Words of Jesus service. We will have 7 pastors (including Pastor Tom) from 5 churches preach on the 7 last sayings of Jesus from a social justice perspective. Those who wish to carpool can meet at Govans in the big back parking lot. Carpools will leave at 6:30pm sharp!

Easter Sunday, April 9:

- **Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m.** - Join us in the Columbarium for an informal Easter Sunrise Service with music, prayer, scripture, and reflections.
- **Worship 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** with an Easter Egg Hunt and Animals from Woodberry Crossing between the services

Adult Options - March 26 - MarLear V. Alston, Foster Parent recruiter from the Kennedy Krieger Institute will visit us to discuss their Foster Care program for special needs children: The Therapeutic Foster Care Program at Kennedy Krieger offers a variety of services for children with special needs who require temporary or permanent out-of-home placement. We match children and teens with families who can offer them stability, love and attention until they can be returned to their families, adopted or transitioned to independent living. We are looking for either full time Foster Parents or Respite Care Providers who can be a relief for parents for a day or a weekend. We will hear about their kids, and the specialized training and support that KKI provides foster parents. The discussion will take place in Sharp Hall and on Zoom.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday, April 2

Join us after the combined service on Palm Sunday

Join us after the combined service on Palm Sunday for our annual **Stations of the Cross** experience. We will start in Sharp Hall and follow a short outdoor, accessible route (weather permitting). This year we will also experience new original artwork by artist Gwyneth Leech and readings from our national denomination.

Senior Network Fundraiser:

Support the Senior Network by having dinner at the SNNB Community Night at Gertrude's Chesapeake Kitchen at the Baltimore Museum of Art on Thursday, May 11. Thirty percent of the proceeds go to the Senior Network, which is based at Govans. Reservations can fill up quickly. Call 410-889-3399 to make a reservation.



First Service Lay Leaders Needed: Thanks to Akilah Atkinson for volunteering to coordinate First Service Lay Leaders. We are putting together a list of youth and adults who are willing to serve as First Service Lay Leaders on Sunday mornings. Please speak with Akilah (akilahatkinson2@gmail.com) or Pastor Tom if you are willing to help out.



March Mission Offering - One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)

For over 70 years, One Great Hour of Sharing has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People** - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

*****All donations during the month of February marked "Mission Offering" will support One Great Hour of Sharing.*****

Youth and Young Families Events:

- Sunday, March 19 - Intergenerational Sunday School at 10:10 a.m. in youth room
- Sunday, March 26 - Intergenerational Sunday School at 10:10 a.m. in youth room
- Sunday, April 2 - Youth Servant Leader Council - Pastor Tom leading

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CARES Food Pantry:

CARES has moved to their new location at 401 Woodbourne Avenue. For reopening, they are seeking volunteers who can help unload food truck deliveries on the second Thursday of every month from 9:00 a.m.

- 1:00 p.m. They are also looking for the following donation items:

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| • CANNED SALMON | • LAUNDRY DETERGENT |
| • COOKING OIL | • TOILETRIES |
| • MAYONNAISE | • FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS |
| • MUSTARD | |
| • DISH SOAP/DETERGENT | |

You can bring your donations to worship or to the church office during the week. Contact the church office if you have any questions.



WELCOME VISITORS

Govans Presbyterian Church is a theologically progressive community empowering people to make the world better. We empower people to make the world better by encouraging each person to develop and nurture a relationship with God as they understand God. God is the source of our life, joy, healing, wholeness, ability to overcome obstacles and make a positive difference in the world. We provide the means for each person to grow in their relationship with God, by inviting and welcoming all people to worship, learn, serve, and care for one another. For more information about Govans Presbyterian Church, visit us on the web at www.govanspres.org or scan the QR codes to fill out our Visitor Form and sign-up to receive our weekly email newsletter. We hope to see you again soon!

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