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*The Monthly Newsletter of Fairfax Presbyterian Church*

## WILL RETURN



**Henry will be back in worship on Sunday, September 10, 2017!**

### **ESOL Volunteers Needed** *by Kathy Squires*

Fairfax United Methodist Church needs volunteers for its English as a Second Language Program. Lead teachers and many assistant teachers are needed one evening a week to help our immigrant neighbors learn English. Volunteers help either Monday or Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm. Fall semester begins Wednesday, Sept. 6 and runs through Wednesday Nov. 15. Typically, 100 students from 30 countries enroll in classes ranging from very beginners to advanced learners. No prior experience needed. Short training session available. Contact Judy Blanchard at <judyblanchard47@gmail.com> or at 703-591-1587.

### **JOY! Kickoff** *by Marilyn Cromartie*

JOY! Ministry September Kick-off! On Sunday, September 17 JOY! Ministry welcomes George Barker, Virginia State Senator and FPC member, speaking on "A Senator's Perspective-Faith, Religion, and Critical Issues". We will meet after the 11:15 worship service in the MPR for a light lunch followed by his

presentation and lively discussion! Some of the topics George will explore are what led him to seek political office, how his faith impacts the way he fulfills his office, how to have an impact upon the legislative process, questions to ask candidates for public office, and many more! This should be of interest to any and all FPC members. Sign-up will be in the Narthex. Do not miss this informative and timely program!

## **Shepherd's Center Info** *by Gretchen Bush*

### Lunch N' Life

Are You 50 or Better? Please join us for the next Lunch N' Life sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke on Thursday, September 21, 2017, (12:00-2:00 p.m.) at Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Rd, Fairfax. The program will be entertainment by SPECIAL BLEND, a harmonic barbershop quartet. For reservations, call Bea Stephenson at 703-273-5730 by Sept. 15th. The cost is \$10.00; checks payable to SCFB. If transportation is needed, call the SCFB office (703) 273-5730. See [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org) for more information.

### Bingo

Popular event for all members of the family sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke. On Saturday, Sept. 30th, (1:00 - 3:00 PM), the doors open at 12:30 pm of the Parish Center Gym, St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA. All proceeds benefit the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) and its work for area seniors. Tickets: \$10.00 each, which includes two Bingo Cards that can be played for the entire event, and complimentary beverages and snacks. Additional cards may be purchased on site at \$1.00 per card per game. To purchase tickets, please call Lisa Carroll, (703) 426-2824.

### Exercise Classes

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke offers exercise classes for older adults on Monday and Friday mornings (9:30 – 10:30 am) at the Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Classes are designed to build strength and improve balance and flexibility. All levels of ability are welcome. The next Friday class begins Aug 11th to Sept 29th for \$20. Registration is accepted on the first day of class! Please call the SCFB office, 703-323-4788 for additional information.

NEW Class: SCFB is offering an additional exercise class on Wednesday mornings (9:00 – 10:00 am), September 6 – December 13 (no class on November 22). The 14-week session will be held at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke, from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration fee for this session will be \$35.00; application form can be printed from our website, [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org), or contact our office at (703) 323-4788.

### Transportation Program

If you no longer drive and need transportation to a medical appointment (Mon-Fri) or an accompanied shopping drive (offered Tues p.m. and Fri a.m.): Contact the SCFB transportation phone number 703-323-4788 at least five days in advance to make arrangements for your driver.

### Dementia Caregiver Support Groups

Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke sponsors a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (Noon – 1:30 PM) for caregivers to learn and to share with others experiencing similar challenges. Before attending, contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or [Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com](mailto:Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com)

## SUPPORTING SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF FAIRFAX-BURKE

### Volunteers needed as Drivers and Office Workers!

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke serves those 50+ and who no longer drive. Volunteer Drivers are needed for trips (Monday - Friday) to medical appointments and companion shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. Office Workers are needed to answer calls (Monday - Friday) from individuals requesting rides and arrange for an available driver for each request. If you can volunteer your time, please contact the SCFB office at 703-323-4788.

Do you own a vehicle that you are no longer using? Do you want to avoid the hassle of selling that unwanted vehicle? Save money on insurance, tags, registration and personal property taxes? Call this toll free number 1-855-500-RIDE (7433) to donate your car and mention you want to support the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke in Virginia. An appointment with a local towing company will be scheduled at your convenience. The towing company will take away your vehicle and you will provide the title at that time. Within a few weeks you will receive the paperwork regarding the vehicle and the amount that you can deduct for tax purposes. The car is gone, you get a tax deduction, and SCFB receives a donation. How easy is that!

### Buy Grocery Gift Card

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke is selling gift cards from Giant, Safeway, Shoppers Food Warehouse, and Whole Foods. They can be purchased in amounts of \$50 or \$100, and buyers receive full value upon use. SCFB buys in bulk at a discount to obtain a donation from each card sold.

The cards can be used at any location of the participating grocers and you will still gain gas/reward points. Cards can be purchased by check (preferred) or cash by contacting the SCFB office at 703-323-4788.

## **Men's Breakfast** *by Sandy & Al Henderson*

MEN'S BREAKFAST - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017 will welcome as our guest speaker, Scott Silverthorne, former mayor of Fairfax, who will discuss past events that took place and the current direction of his personal life. Washingtonian Magazine writer Luke Mullins expects to be with us on that date, schedule permitting. Washingtonian Magazine will be featuring an article about Scott in its November issue. Please join us on the SECOND SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER - SEPT. 9TH at 8 AM in the Multipurpose Room for an excellent breakfast and to see old friends. We look forward to having you with us. Sandy & Al Henderson [alshenderson@aol.com](mailto:alshenderson@aol.com) 703 927-8696.

## Announcements & Events

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**WELCOME YOUR NEIGHBORS** "No matter where you are from we're glad you're our neighbor" in English, Spanish, Arabic. Yard signs available in narthex: \$10.00. (printed on 1 side)

**WALK THRU LITURGICAL YEAR** On Sunday, September 3rd, our worship service will walk through the liturgical year with scriptures and hymns from over the course of the church calendar year.

**KICK-OFF** a new program year on Sept. 10th! We return to 8:45 am and 11:15 am services of worship on Sept. 10th. Pastor Henry Brinton returns from his Sabbatical and will share his "Sabbatical Reflections" with us. Sunday Express and GRACE Youth will have kick-off activities following the second worship service. All are welcome!

**FPC BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** We will meet on September 7, 2017 from 9am to 11am. We will be discussing Kate Atkinson's 2013 novel "Life after Life". After the first several chapters this well-written novel may have you wondering about what is in store. All is made clear by the final chapter, well nearly all. Along the way you will be exposed to some truly delightful dialogue and very imageable prose. All who have read the novel are welcome. For more information, contact Stephen at [stvsjkei@verizon.net](mailto:stvsjkei@verizon.net).

**BAPTISM CONFERENCE** Next scheduled Baptism Conference is September 19, 6:45 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. If you desire baptism for yourself or a child, please call the church office and reserve a spot in this conference with pastors and elders.

**CHANGE IN STAFF** We are sad to announce the resignation of our Associate Director of Music / Organist, Dr. Sanghwa Lee. Her last service with us will be on September 10. Alongside her husband, Rev. Joon Lee, she has been called to serve at Grace Covenant Church in Chantilly, VA.

**FPC ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 24, 2017, following the 11:15AM worship service in the Sanctuary.

**WAKING UP WHITE** Book Discussion in 4 sessions -- "Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debbie Irving Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1, 8 at 10am for Adult Christian Education. The Reverends Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016), are urging Presbyterians via their "One Church, One Book" project to read and discuss *Waking Up White*, by Debbie Irving. For more about their invitation, see <http://bit.ly/2w81PDF>. Book Discussion will be led by Erin Loesley and Leslie Woods. Please join us! Books may be purchased on Amazon in eBook, paperback or audiobook form - <http://amzn.to/2wNgD7z>. Please let Leslie know if you need to borrow a book.

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<b>FPC Operating Revenue &amp; Expenses</b>		
	<b>July 2017</b>	<b>Year-to-date</b>
Income	\$93,690	\$93,690
Expenses	\$71,484	\$71,484