
SCRIPTURE & ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15, 2017

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen." (NRSV)

SERVICE & STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

VOICE Join with VOICE leaders, clergy, and all faith communities throughout NoVA in a 1,600 member strong, pre-election forum to exercise our democratic power to organize and prepare for the upcoming state elections. VOICE does not endorse candidates but it does ask candidates to commit to changes for NoVA residents. Candidates need to SEE and Hear from YOU. Attend and lift your VOICE **TODAY**, 4:15-6pm @ Patriot High School in Nokesville.

EQUAL EXCHANGE Good news! Chocolate again available at standard shipping rate. Organic cacao is grown by small scale farmers in Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Peru and Panama. Check out chocolate minis. Ordering soon. For special orders contact <kathysquires2@gmail.com>

DISASTER RELIEF PC USA - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the recent hurricanes and the earthquake in Mexico. What can you do? You can continue to GIVE; there are two Designated Relief Accounts. You can ACT by planning a work trip or putting together a children's activity. You can PRAY. Pray for those affected and for those responding. Info: <https://pda.pcusa.org/>

ON THE CALENDAR

WAKING UP WHITE Book discussion on "Waking Up White" is underway. Thanks to everyone who came for the first session! Please join us **10/15, 10/22**. Book Discussion includes US history of racism and white privilege.

PRESCHOOL CONSIGNMENT SALE Support Fairfax Presbyterian Preschool by shopping at the Fall Consignment Sale today from 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

FACETS Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program (HPRP) During the week of December 3rd-10th, FPC will be providing a warm place to sleep, nutritious meals and hospitality to homeless adults in our community. This is an annual church-wide mission event which relies on the active participation of many members to ensure its success. Today, **October 15**, at 12:15 we will hold an information session in the church parlor to provide details on the many ways each of us can support this program. Contact Mary Wade (mnwade815@gmail.com) or Sheri Zimmerman (sszim@aol.com) for more information. <http://facetscares.org/programs/hypothermia-prevention-and-response-program/>

BAPTISM CONFERENCE Next scheduled Baptism Conference is **October 17**, 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.

PANEL ON SOCIAL JUSTICE. All are invited to a program on **October 19** at FPC, sponsored by Rumi Forum: "Peaceful Communities: Faiths for Social Justice." Henry Brinton will join a Muslim speaker and a Jewish speaker in a panel discussion on how to utilize faith as a means of mobilizing communities to achieve social justice. Thursday, October 19, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

WELLNESS CONNECTION Will meet in the Library at on Sunday **October 22** at 10 am to discuss plans for the 2018 Workshops. Come and join us, all are welcome.

LAST CHANCE TO JOIN THE MIDLIFE MEN! The Midlife Men on a Mission will meet on Tuesday, October 24, at 7:00 p.m. at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, to complete planning for their mission trip to Honduras, November 5-11. If you want to join the adventure, contact Henry Brinton at hgbrinton@gmail.com.

CHILI COOK-OFF GRACE youth fellowship's Inaugural Chili Cook-off is **October 29**, 1PM in Fellowship Hall. Calling for your family, neighborhood or world famous chili to our fundraiser! Entry is \$10 per person, \$1 to vote on the chilis. Looking forward to a fun community event and fundraiser for the GRACE youth fellowship! Please contact Tempest Brevard, Youth Director for more information.

MISSION FAIR The Mission Outreach Ministry and Mission program leaders will host a Mission Fair on **October 29** at 12:15 following the second service, in the sanctuary and narthex. Stop by tables to learn more about FPC's mission work across more than fifteen programs and how you might become involved. We believe we can serve our brothers and sisters in need, sharing in their struggles and hopes and working together for a world of compassion, peace, and justice.

BRITEPATHS Come to the 7th Annual Complete the Circle FOODraiser, joining with Britepaths and Lorton Community Action Center on October 29 at 1 pm - meet at Fairfax High School's practice field, to raise awareness and fight hunger in our community. More information at www.CompletetheCircleFx.org.

GIG ARTISAN SALE Guatemala artisan and craft items will be for sale Sundays, **October 29** and **November 5** in the Parlor and Narthex. Proceeds go directly to support future mission work in Guatemala and the work of the Guatemalan Faith Stories Project women.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Monday, **November 20**, 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Thanksgiving is the one true interfaith American holiday, and you are invited to join fellow members of FPC, along with members of other Christian, Jewish, and Muslim congregations, in giving thanks to God with song, word, and prayer. Service will be followed by conversation and light refreshments.

MORNING BOOK GROUP Next meeting is **December 7** - we'll be discussing "Our Kids, the American Dream in Crisis" by Robert Putnam. Read the book and come join us.

Did you know that Fairfax Presbyterian Church has a Facebook page? You can "like" us on Facebook at "Fairfax Presbyterian Church," and keep up with important news.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Call 703-273-5300 or email boyd@fairfaxpresby.com to let us know of celebrations or concerns. If an emergency occurs on the weekend, email **Henry Brinton** at henry@fairfaxpresby.com or **Yena Hwang** at yena@fairfaxpresby.com. To receive weekly prayer requests by email, please send your email request to fpc@fairfaxpresby.com.

JOYS

Bobbie Hess is grateful to the **FPC Sunday Express** for preparing dental hygiene goodie bags for the children at **Amigos de Jesus Home for Children**. The 122 children received dental care and hearing aids at the **Manor Amigas Clinic**.

Mac Mercer sends Thanks to **all who helped** on **Fix it Day** on September 30th.

Kay Phinney shares the joy for the baptism of her friend **Peg Smith** (whom we have prayed for a successful open heart surgery).

Kristen and Kim Hart share the celebration of **Maia's** birthday.

Virginia Leslie is grateful and blessed to be **ordained at FPC**, where she and **Tim** were married, on this day, 6 years ago.

CONCERNS

Prayers for dialog, peace and democracy for the **people of Venezuela** who are facing economic hardship and political turmoil.

Kristen Hart asks for travel mercies for her mother **Mary** who will be returning from a mission trip in Haiti.

Attendance

Last Week
223

Last Year
268