



Good News!

A Newsletter for Catoctin Presbyterian Church

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Beloved in Christ,

Attached, please find the spring 2023 newsletter. There is timely information about upcoming events, so please take a look!


This will be our fourth Easter in the COVID Era. Do you remember that first one when we worshiped on Zoom, disappointed that the lockdown hadn't been lifted yet after a month? Oh, how naïve we were! As we come to Easter this time, in many ways we still don't know what to expect. Not so much from COVID directly, but the world has changed so much. Our social patterns have changed, our anxieties have changed, our understanding of how things work has changed. It seems sometimes like a foggy night giving way to dawn. There's just a bit of light, but the shapes are veiled and indistinct. It can be both unsettling and beautiful, maybe depending on whether or not you have to go out in it.

I wonder if that's how it was for the women who went to Jesus' tomb on Sunday morning. After the terrible, deadly ordeal of the crucifixion, they got up early on that first day of the week to go do what they were supposed to do, attend to Jesus' corpse. Even if it wasn't a foggy morning, I imagine their minds were clouded with confusion and grief. And as the light of day dawned, they found the world was changed! The place of the dead man was empty, and they received good news that defied comprehension. Jesus had been raised! Even when they met him alive as they were on the way to tell the rest of their company, how could they possibly make sense of it? And their social patterns would change. Their fears would drop away. Their understanding of everything was transformed by the power of God in the Risen Christ.

This is how it seems to work in life, by God's design. Everything is shaped by the pattern of order, disorder, and reorder. We know how things work. Then everything comes apart. Then a new pattern emerges, bringing new meaning. We live, we die, we rise again. Once we understood things from a human point of view, but if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation! The old ways pass away, and the new has come!

I hope you will join us, in person if possible and virtually if not, for our Holy Week and Easter observances, that we might immerse ourselves in the new patterns of God's grace and power in Christ through our worship, study, and fellowship together. May we be led by the Holy Spirit into what God has in store for us, living by faith and following Christ, even through the foggy night and into the light of Resurrection's perfect day.

Grace and peace!



Pastor David

Holy Week and Easter

Through the season of Lent we have prepared for the coming celebration of Easter by focusing on Jesus' claim to be the Bread of Life and how he satisfies the many kinds of hunger we experience. Now Lent is wrapping up as we enter Holy Week, marking Jesus' last week of public ministry and his suffering, death, and resurrection.

Our Good Friday service will be in person at 7:00 p.m. on April 7th. We will hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion and meditate on what it means for us.



Our Easter Sunday service will be at 11:00 a.m., and there will be no sunrise service. The worship service will be livestreamed as we celebrate God's goodness and power, demonstrated in Christ's resurrection. Our celebration will include the sacrament of Communion. The sermon will be "The Bread of Life and Hunger for New Life."

Anyone interested in donating for a memorial flower for Easter, please let Richard Herndon (richard.herndon@catocin.org) know so we can thank you and get your memorial in the announcements. You can just mark "Easter Flowers" in the memo line of your check.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Providing **RELIEF** from natural disasters, **FOOD** for the hungry, and **SUPPORT** for the poor and oppressed.

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: TERESA BARDY/IGLBBRE, KATHY WELSH, ALLIANCE FOR FAIR FOOD

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

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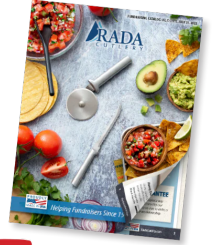
We will be collecting donations for **One Great Hour of Sharing** on Palm Sunday and Easter. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Please either mail check donations to the church or donate online to the fund. (Checks should be **made payable to CPC, with One Great Hour of Sharing (or OGHS for short) in the memo line**, and sent to P.O. Box 195, Waterford, VA, 20197.) We will have collection envelopes available in the sanctuary for in-person donations. We will collect all your gifts and then write one total check to the denominational fund.

Here's a link to more information: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/oghs/>

PWOC Fundraiser

PWOC continues to host a fundraiser with Rada Cutlery for their charity work. If you wish to purchase an item online, here's the link: bit.ly/pwocfundraiser

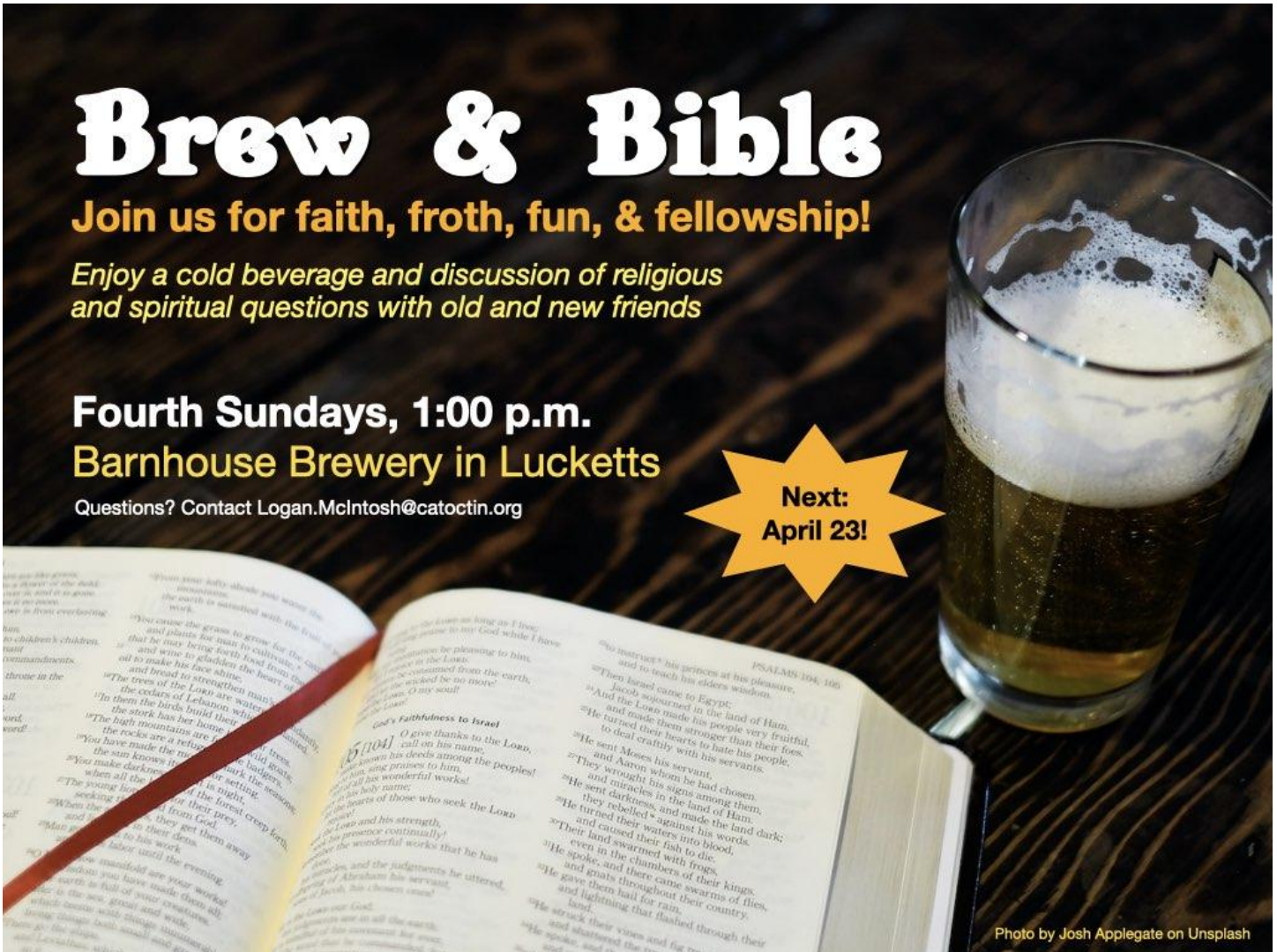


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Fellowship Hour!

We are once again enjoying weekly Fellowship Hour together immediately following the worship service. If you wish to sign up for a week to bring refreshments, we are keeping it simple and asking that you provide just TWO snacks—a sweet, salty, or healthy, and a beverage, as well as make the coffee. Elder Pam Siek, Care of Congregation chair, sends out a quarterly SignUp Genius, so pick a week that works for you, and sign up if you wish to provide refreshments! Either store-bought or homemade items are appreciated! Keep it simple, as it's the fellowship that counts.

Brew & Bible



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Join us for faith, froth, fun, & fellowship!

Enjoy a cold beverage and discussion of religious and spiritual questions with old and new friends

Fourth Sundays, 1:00 p.m.
Barnhouse Brewery in Lucketts

Questions? Contact Logan.McIntosh@catocctn.org

Next: April 23!

Photo by Josh Applegate on Unsplash

Brew & Bible is both a fellowship activity and an outreach opportunity as we get out into the world and talk about our faith!



Help Wanted

CPC 2023 Youth Committee Chair: Responsibilities include organizing and administering programs and activities for our youth, to help them grow and mature in their faith and experience fellowship with one another. Anyone who feels called to this ministry should contact Pastor David at pastor@catoctin.org.

2nd Sunday Soup Sunday!



Every 2nd Sunday of the month, we're hosting a free soup lunch for the congregation and for the local community. We have homemade soups, bread, drinks, and dessert. We want this to be a time for our friends and neighbors to join us for a simple meal and time to build relationships. So invite someone to come along. No preaching or teaching, just food and friends!

Outreach



We are very excited about the outreach activities we have scheduled for the first half of the year! The weather is beginning to get a bit warmer, and Easter is soon upon us! This is a great opportunity for you to bring a friend to our beautiful church for a lovely service celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! Did you know that we also set up **story walks** and activities on the church lawn the week leading up to Easter? We will once again have a Stations of the Cross walk and meditation, an Easter story walk for kids, make and take craft kits, and a photo booth!

Have you been wondering what **Second Sunday, Soup Sunday** is all about? Well, this is a monthly meal that we host for church folk and our community. You don't need to bring anything but your appetite and maybe a friend or two. We serve homemade soup, bread, and dessert for no charge. There's no preaching, no teaching, just food and fellowship. And each week follows a theme where we seek to support our local mission partners.

And planning for our **2023 Farmer's Market** has begun! Our kickoff date is set for Friday, July 14! Don't forget to mark your calendars! We are excited to announce that our Friday farmer's market is now a *farmer's market AND food truck Friday event!* We will have 1-2 food trucks joining our vendors each Friday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 pm. We are currently seeking additional vendors, so please refer any interested individuals to our event page at <http://www.catocin.org/events/farmers-market/> to sign up.

This is just a sample of our current and forthcoming outreach happenings. Take a look at the list of dates below for additional information! If you would like to be a part of the work of this ministry, please email Logan McIntosh at logan.mcintosh@catocin.org.

- ★ March 26 – Brew & Bible at Barnhouse Brewery 1:00-3:00 pm
- ★ March 31 – Easter Story Walks Set Up
- ★ April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 am on the church lawn
- ★ April 9 – Easter Service 11:00 am
- ★ April 9 – Second Sunday, Soup Sunday at 12:15 pm
- ★ April 23 – Brew & Bible at Barnhouse Brewery 1:00-3:00 pm
- ★ May 6 – Yard Sale from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm
- ★ May 20 – Assist at JK Community Farm, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (3rd Saturday through Sept.)
- ★ June 3 – Parents' Night Out (TBD)
- ★ July 14 – Farmer's Market KICK OFF!

Endowments

Thank you to Russ Mehl (chair), Reg Jones, Leif Larsen, and Connie Moore for serving a second term on the Endowments Committee, which oversees our investments and memorial funds.

Nominating Committee

The 2023 Nominating Committee will be elected at the Congregational Meeting on April 16th. Logan McIntosh and Reg Jones are serving as co-chairs.

A thank you to the 2022 Nominating Committee for their work: Sue Douglas, Richard Herndon, Bertha Tiffany, Kristen Mazlum and Jim McIntosh.

Christian Education



This Lenten season, we began a hybrid study using the text, "*Plenty Good Room: A Lenten Bible Study Based on African American Spirituals*," which combines an in-depth look at Scripture, American history, and the music and lyrics of six African American spirituals. The weekly study period occurs Wednesday evenings from 6:45-7:45 pm, in-person and on Zoom through April 5. Please join us in this very meaningful time of reflection!

(If you missed any or all of the sessions, you can find them on our [YouTube channel](#) - click the link or go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "catoctinpresbyterianchurch". Then find the Playlists tab, and look for "[CPC Lenten Study 2023 Plenty Good Room](#)." Click the "Subscribe" button while you're at it to find us easily in the future.)

Ultimately, we would love to spend *more* time together in small groups, studying God's Word, reading scripture, and taking the time to reflect on important teachings in the Bible. We are aiming to make this happen on Wednesday evenings moving forward, just as we have done with the Lenten study. We will turn our attention to materials that aid in a fuller, more comprehensive understanding of what it means to be a Matthew 25 church. One study that is of interest at the moment is [this resource](#) from the PCUSA store titled, "Honoring God's Diversity". Please check out the weekly announcements and our social media pages for further updates! If you have small-group study suggestions, please email Logan McIntosh at logan.mcintosh@catoctin.org.

Additionally, our adult Sunday school class takes place with Elder Leif Larsen on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall. And children's Sunday school occurs during the worship service, after the passing of the peace. Take part in the life of the church as you feel called and able to do so!

Inquirers Class

A collage of five images: a circular stained glass window with a red center and colorful segments; the official logo of the Presbyterian Church (USA) featuring a chalice and a cross; a photograph of a large, light-colored church building with a steeple; a framed document with handwritten text; and a baptism font with water and a wooden spoon. Below the collage is a graphic of a cross with four hands (red, green, blue, yellow) at its ends, each holding a different symbol (a heart, a cross, a hand, and a foot).

Want to know more about CPC?
Join the Inquirers Class!

Learn about...

- The journey of discipleship
- CPC and PCUSA theology, history, structure, ministry, and mission
- How to be an active member of CPC, and more!

Contact Pastor David at pastor@catoctin.org or 571-293-6543

Mission Committee

The mission committee has made several donations in the first quarter of 2023, including support for the Presbyterian Church, USA, and our mission partners. Our gifts include:

- We donated **\$500** to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** to help earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. This mission amount was added to the generous donations from individual church members (**\$850**), bringing the total amount given to **\$1,350**.
- We also gave **\$500** to our partner, the **Community Coalition for Haiti**. They do vital work helping Haitian families with literacy, nutrition, potable water, and health care.
- And we also donated **\$500** to the Presbyterian Church (USA) for **general mission programs**.

We are now collecting clothing for our partner, **Mobile Hope**, a local organization that helps homeless teens and young adults. Please drop your clothing donations (in bags) in the Fellowship Hall (in the corner between the bookcases and the storage area where we keep tables and chairs). If possible, please separate clothes by season, or male/female, or size—whatever is easiest. If you don't have time to separate your donated items, that's okay too. We will sort the donations and take them to Mobile Hope immediately after the CPC yard sale (Provisionally scheduled for May 6th.) Mobile Hope gives clothing to homeless youth, and also sells clothing in the Mobile Hope Thrift Shop (Purcellville) to raise money and teach kids about working in retail operations. Here is a photo from our last **clothing drive for Mobile Hope**—an amazing 33 bags.



And here's a friendly reminder to periodically refill our **Food Blessings Box**. People routinely stop by and take donated items, so this is filling a real need in the community, in addition to our blue box donations to Loudoun Hunger Relief. And there's our **Little Library Box**, too, and that's also getting traffic!



Thank you for your mission support!



Monthly Prayer List

Please keep the following CPC family and friends in your prayers.
If you have an update on any of these folks, let us know at prayers@catoctin.org.

- All in our church family grieving for lost loved ones
- All our senior saints
- Family and friends of Isabella F
- Family and friends of Bruce Mc
- Brenda H, and Richard
- Peggy M
- Ruth L
- Connie M
- Nancy G
- Robert C
- Julie W
- Virginia P
- Leif L
- Cathy D
- Patricia S
- Laura S
- Angélica H
- Jerry D
- Drew B
- Phil C
- Nick
- Harry D
- Cheri G
- Pr. Scott B
- Melissa Q
- Andrew B
- Claire C
- Sean W
- Mary H
- Alberto
- Nancy S
- Elliott
- Jimmy
- Edward

Spring Yard Sale

YARD SALE

CATOCTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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High St,
Waterford,
VA 20197

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8:00 AM - 12:00PM
SATURDAY, MAY 6

Questions?
Contact: logan.mcintosh@catoctin.org

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

SCAN ME

BIT.LY/CPCYARDSALE

.....ONE DAY ONLY

a little bit of everything

Stay Tuned... Our next quarterly newsletter will be published in June. Look forward to receiving weekly church emails with announcements and committee updates to keep everyone informed about the life of the church! Grace and Peace!