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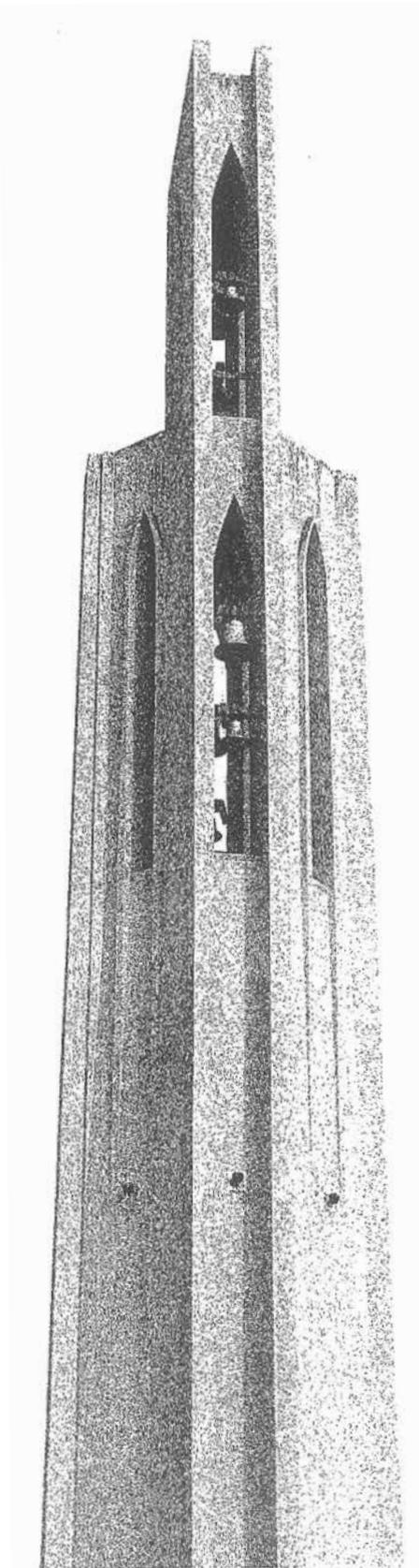
THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**LEADING PEOPLE TO BECOME
FAITHFUL FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST
TOGETHER IN GOD'S WORLD**

*Let us not give up meeting together...
but let us encourage one another—
and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Hebrews 10:25

Dr. David Renwick, *Senior Pastor* · Dr. Quinn Fox, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Donna Marsh, *Associate Pastor* · Rev. Evangeline Taylor, *Associate Pastor*
Parish Associates: Rev. Nancy T. Fox and Dr. Donald R. Wilson
Rev. Michael Denham, *Director of Music Ministries*
William Neil, *Organist* · Hilda Gore, *Contemporary Music Leader*
Ministry Directors: J. Theodore Anderson (Library & Older Adults),
Jill Meek (Children), Leslie Saum (Connections)
McLane Stone (Youth), and Sally Swanson (Serve)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Kindly silence all electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE Aria Flor Peeters
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken *Austrian Hymn*

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CHORAL RESPONSE Zion's* Walls Aaron Copland
Come, fathers and mothers come, sisters and brothers come, join us in singing the praises of Zion!
O fathers, don't you feel determined to meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go 'round the walls of Zion!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness,
you know the thoughts of our hearts.

We confess that we have sinned against you,
and done what is evil in your sight.

Wash us from the stain of sin,
and give us grace to put away hurtful things,
that we may bring forth fruits of repentance.

Cleansed and forgiven, may we at last enter your promised joy,
on the Day of Jesus Christ,
through the mercy of your blessed Son.

Alcuin of York

SILENT CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Children may meet their Sunday School leaders in the Court of Flags:

9:15 a.m. (grades K-5) to join their peers in Sunday School in the school building.

11 a.m. (grades K-2) to go to the Children's Church program in Church Room 106, returning after the sermon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. David Renwick

** Zion is another name for the city of Jerusalem, which alludes to the community of God.*

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 12:4-20, 27 9:15 a.m. Elder Serge Duss

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

11 a.m. Elder Herma Williams

**and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.**

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom,
and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,**

to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy,

to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

**All these are activated by one and the same Spirit,
who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body,
though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body
—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.**

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say,
“Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

**And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,”
that would not make it any less a part of the body.**

If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Vision for God's Future

Dr. David Renwick

Moving on... Together

Mark 3:13-14; Matthew 25:31-46

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

HYMN 504 *verse 1*

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Union Seminary

sung first by choir, then congregation

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name
two or three are met to gather, you are in the midst of them;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

Rev. Evangeline Taylor

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father
Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Great Day

Moses Hogan
Spiritual

Great Day, the righteous marchin', Great Day, God's gonna build up Zion's wall!

Chariot moved on the mountaintop, brother (God's gonna build up Zion's wall)!

God spoke an' de chariot stopped, sister (God's gonna build up Zion's wall)!

This is the year of Jubilee, brother (God's gonna build up Zion's wall)!

God's gonna set his people free, sister (God's gonna build up Zion's wall)!

Great Day, the righteous marchin', Great Day, God's gonna build up Zion's wall!

Great Day, that mornin'!

Great Day, come marchin'!

Great Day, my brother!

Great Day, my sister!

God's gonna build up Zion's wall!

with Sheri Jackson, soprano

▲ DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

▲ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

▲ HYMN 435

We All Are One in Mission

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Austrian Hymn

From on high the Holy City to God's people will descend;

There, amidst exultant glory and rejoicing without end –

Hallelujah, Hallelujah – shall we praise the great I AM!

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▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

God Among Us

Olivier Messiaen

from *The Nativity of Our Lord*

▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Bruce Boyd, in honor of his mother, Mabel J. Boyd, remembering her January 11 birthday; and in memory of his aunt, Audrey N. Vandecar.

Take flowers to brighten someone's day. Are you planning to visit someone who is ill or home-bound? Take along flowers to bring some cheer! Bud vases with fresh flowers may be found on the table outside of Elson Parlor.

Chapel prayers after worship: If you have a joy or concern on your heart, come to Elson Parlor after the 9:15 a.m. service, or the Chapel after the 11 a.m. service. Both are down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary. A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister will be there to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

TODAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.

Classes and locations listed on pg. 8.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

During 11 a.m. worship, Church Room 106

Children are always encouraged to join their families in worship. Children in grades K-2 may leave for a special Children's Church program after the Time for Children, and return to their families after the sermon.

Childcare is available for children under 4 – see back page for locations.

NPC YOUTH

5–7:30 p.m., Youth House

Gather for food, fun, and fellowship!

- **Middle School (6th–8th grade):**
5–6 p.m., Youth House
- **NPC Youth dinner (parents welcome!):**
5:45–6:45 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room
- **High School (9th–12th grade):**
6:30–7:30 p.m., Youth House

YOUNG ADULTS

12:15 p.m., Church Room 110/111

“Across the Aisle” group for young adults (ages 22-35) gathers for lunch and conversation. *Contact: Under35@NationalPres.org.*

PLEASE SIGN FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

To help us get to know one another, **members and guests alike are encouraged to sign and pass along the Friendship Register** during the welcome or the offering.

SECOND SUNDAY SANDWICH MAKING

Stone Hall, after 9:15 & 11 a.m. worship

All ages can help feed the hungry in our city by making sandwiches for the homeless to be distributed through NPC mission partner Martha's Table. Together we can make 800 sandwiches!

GRIEF SHARE

Sundays, 12:30 p.m., Culbertson Library

Those experiencing the loss of a loved one will find encouragement and support during weekly GriefShare classes. We will view and discuss a video each week, helping to lead you from mourning to joy. You may attend as often as your schedule permits. A light lunch will be served. *Please register with Barb Dear, BDear@NationalPres.org, or 202.537.7540.*

READ THE BIBLE IN 2015

You can read through the **New Testament** in a year with just a few minutes a day, five days a week. You can complete both the **Old and New Testaments** in the next 12 months by reading 15 minutes a day. Guides for both approaches are available on the information table to the right as you exit the Sanctuary. You may also follow the two-year lectionary printed each week on the back page of the bulletin.

NEW BOOKS FOR A NEW YEAR *Satellite Library*

Come visit the Satellite Library (across from the bookstore outside of Stone Hall) and check out the new collection of books (for all ages!) that have recently been added.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are so glad you are here today.

- **Welcome packets** and information on the church are available at the information table to the right as you exit the sanctuary, and at the entrances to the church building.
- Enjoy **coffee and cookies** downstairs in Stone Fellowship Hall after worship.
- Our **Connections Team**, wearing purple badges, are here to welcome you and answer questions.
- **Tours of the church** on Sundays or weekdays are available upon request. *Please call: 202.537.7529.*

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

BOOK STUDY: “LIFE TOGETHER” BY DIETRICH BONHOEFFER

*Thursdays in January & February
7:15 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Dr. Quinn Fox leads a study of this classic book from the renowned Christian minister, professor, author and martyr who recounts his unique fellowship in an underground seminary during the Nazi years in Germany. **On January 15 we will discuss “The Day Together” (pp. 48-64)** from the recently translated Fortress Press edition; copies are available for sale in the NPC Bookstore.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Monday, Jan. 12, Noon, Stone Hall

Come for great food, fellowship, and a special presentation by Dr. Renwick, “A New Year: Faith to Look Ahead.” *For lunch reservations (\$12), sign up today in Stone Hall or please call 202.537.0800.*

AFTERNOON T.E.A.

*Wednesday, Jan. 14
1:30–2:30 p.m. Elson Parlor*

All women with school-aged children are invited for a monthly gathering with *Teaching, Encouragement, and Adoration* as we study the The Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-7, share our lives and worship our God together. (Yes, tea and other refreshments are served!) Come for meaningful connection and fellowship before your kids get home from school. *Contact Alison Dickey: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

*Wednesday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.
Church Rooms 110/111 & 105*

Women are invited for prayer at 10 a.m., followed by a study of “Balaam” from our Bible study focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study, enjoy fellowship as we prepare cards for NPC members in need of care and prayer. *Contact: Mildred Wheat 703.931.1490.*

TIME TO MAKE NPC YOUR CHURCH HOME?

Sunday, Jan. 25, 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Learn more about the Christian faith and membership at NPC, and spend time with church leaders at the Pathway of Christian Discipleship Class. *Please contact Kemet Rakiatu by January 19 to register: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org or 202.537.7578.*

BREAK THE ICE IN 2015!

Sunday, Jan. 18, 12 p.m., Elson Parlor

Would you like to meet more people at church, but small talk feels awkward? Whether you are new to National, or have been coming for some time: join us for an interactive conversation on “Icebreaking 101: From Conversation to Community.” This casual gathering is open to all – refreshments will be served! *Contact: Leslie Saum, LSaum@NationalPres.org 202.537.7494.*

MISSION GUEST SPEAKER

*Sunday, Jan. 18, 12:30–2 p.m.
Church Room 105*

Did you know NPC supports missionaries in Dohuk, Iraq? Volunteer Kelcey Bishop assisted our missionaries for five weeks after ISIS had captured Mosul last summer. Come hear about her ministry to the Kurds and Assyrian Christians and about her upcoming work with the International Justice Mission. A light lunch will be served. *Questions? Contact 703.241.8519.*

COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

*Tuesday, Jan. 20, 8 p.m.
AU East Quad Building, Room 209*

All college students are welcome for conversation, scripture study, and food on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month. *Contact: McLane Stone, MStone@NationalPres.org.*

COLLEGE STUDENT LUNCH

Jan. 25, 12:15 p.m., Elson Parlor
Drop by after the 11 a.m. service for a home cooked lunch and some casual connecting time with fellow students.

TWO GREAT PRESENTATIONS THIS MONTH:

Church & Culture

*Saturday, Jan. 24, 9 a.m.–Noon
Stone Hall, No charge*

Maintaining a clear Christian identity can be difficult for churches in today's ever-shifting culture. Dr. Bradley J. Longfield, Professor of American Church History and Dean of University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, will share his expertise and insights as he explores the topic: "Presbyterians and American Culture: The Case of the 20th Century" in what promises to be a fascinating presentation. Dr. Longfield's books will be available for purchase and signing.

Science & the Soul

Sunday, Jan. 25, 9:30 a.m., Stone Hall
January Term will conclude with a plenary presentation by Curt Thompson, M.D., author of *Anatomy of the Soul*, who will discuss new discoveries in neuroscience – discoveries that reveal how our interactions with each other help shape our brains and relationships. Dr. Thompson will talk about how these discoveries reflect what we already know from Scripture – that God desires for us a better life than what we could plan for ourselves.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY

You can make a meaningful impact on the life of an international student at American University during this coming semester by offering love and encouragement. *Contact Hilda Gore, HGore@NationalPres.org for details on how to become an "American friend."*

PRAYER MINISTRY

We pray for:
Carl Frandsen
Larry Kegley

*Confidential prayer requests:
nationalpres.org/prayer*

EXPERT ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

Lisa Rindner, MSW LGSW, is a trusted resource to our congregation, providing expert advice on practical and emotional matters of aging. *Free appointments available at NPC. Contact Lisa at 202.895.9440 or LRindner@iona.org*

JANUARY'S FOOD DONATION: 1 LB. BAGS OF RICE

Please bring donations of 1 lb. bags of white or brown rice for mission partner Martha's Table to the baskets outside of Stone Hall, or upstairs at the information table. *You can help gather food donations or pack and deliver food to Martha's Table! Contact: Nancy Chapman Colb, nancy@nchapman.com.*

PREPARE FOR MARRIAGE SEMINAR *Saturday, February 14, 2015 8:45 a.m.–3 p.m., Elson Parlor*

Are you planning on getting married in 2015? Join other engaged couples for a day of preparation, information, and reflection. This class is offered once per year and is required for all couples whose weddings will be held at NPC. Cost: \$100 per couple. *Please contact Holly Novak by Jan. 30 to register: HNovak@NationalPres.org; 202.537.7527.*

NEW MISSIONARY SEEKS SUPPORT FROM NPC FAMILY

NPC member Anne Gochnour Snow is joining the Young Life staff in San Juan, Puerto Rico. NPC is glad to support her ministry of reaching teenagers in Puerto Rico with the gospel of Jesus Christ. *To learn more about how you can support her financially and through prayer, please contact her at anne.g.snow@gmail.com.*

A HEALTHY NEW YEAR

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m., Agencies Lower Level
All ages and fitness levels are welcome as ACE-certified Body & Soul instructor Hilda Gore leads a one-hour class designed to strengthen you physically and spiritually. Your first class is free! *Beginning Jan. 24, the class will be held in Jones Hall (School Gym).*

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

January 11 - 18

Sunday

Psalms 104; 29
Isaiah 40:1-11
Hebrews 1:1-12
John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Isaiah 40:12-24
Ephesians 1:1-14
Mark 1:1-13

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
Isaiah 40:25-31
Ephesians 1:15-23
Mark 1:14-28

Wednesday

Psalms 89:1-18; 33
Isaiah 41:1-16
Ephesians 2:1-10
Mark 1:29-45

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
Isaiah 41:17-29
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 2:1-12

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
Isaiah 42:(1-9) 10-17
Ephesians 3:1-13
Mark 2:13-22

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
Isaiah (42:18-25) 43:1-13
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 2:23-3:6

Sunday

Psalms 19; 113
Isaiah 43:14-44:5
Hebrews 6:17-7:10
John 4:27-42

January Term Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Journey Towards Emotional Wholeness *Church Room 105*
- Battle Rhythm: The Essential Patterns of a Healthy Spiritual Life *Agencies 105*
- Listening for God's Voice in Scripture *Church Room 5*
- Your Mind Matters *Church Room 110/111*
- The Gospel According to *Downton Abbey* *Chapel*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Adult Fellowship Luncheon **3rd Monday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Cub Scout Troop 1946, **Every other Tuesday, 6–7 p.m.** *MP Bldg. & Agencies Lower Level*
- “Real Moms” Coffeehouse **Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.** *Church Room 107*
- Wednesday Women **2nd Wednesday of the month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- Boy Scout Troop 1946, **Wednesdays, 7–8:30 p.m.** *Agencies Lower Level*
- Afternoon T.E.A. Bible Study **2nd Wednesday of the month, 1:30-3 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- WomenConnect **3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-8:45 p.m.** *Elson Parlor*
- Community Bible Study **Thursdays, 7–9 p.m.** *Agencies 105*
- Men's Breakfast **1st Saturday of the month, 8 – 9:30 a.m.** *Stone Hall*
- B&P Women's Guild Luncheon **1st Saturday of the month, Noon** *Stone Hall*
- Saturday Morning Bible Study **Saturdays, 8:30 – 10 a.m.** *Satellite Library*
- Women in the Word Bible Study **Saturdays, 9:30–11 a.m.** *Church Room 105*
- GriefShare Resumes Jan. 11, **Sundays, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*

YOUTH

Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

- Middle School (6th & 7th grade) *MP Building; Multipurpose Room 101*
- Middle School (8th grade) *Agencies 102*
- High School (9th – 12th grade) *Youth House*

Youth Group, Sundays, 5–7:30 p.m.

- Middle School (6th–8th grade): **5–6 p.m.** *Youth House*
- NPC Youth dinner (*parents welcome!*): **5:45–6:45 p.m.** *Multipurpose Room*
- High School (9th–12th grade): **6:30–7:30 p.m.** *Youth House*

CHILDREN

Preschool Sunday School, 9:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Parents drop off children between 9:10-9:15 and pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30 a.m.

- 2 and 3-year olds: School Room 104
- 4-year olds: School Room 106

Elementary Sunday School, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children meet teachers in the school gym at 9:30 a.m., whether coming directly to Sunday School, or from worship after the Time for Children. Parents, pick up children in their classrooms at 10:30.

- Kindergarten: School Room 108
- 1st Grade: School Room 132
- 2nd Grade: School Room 200
- 3rd Grade: School Room 208
- 4th Grade: School Room 240
- 5th Grade: School Room 242

Children's Church, 11 a.m.

Children grades K-2 begin in worship, attend the children's church program, and return after the sermon.

CHILDCARE 8 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

- Crib Room: Babies 6 weeks – Crawling *Church Room 16*
- Walker Room: Toddlers and walkers up to 4 yrs. *Church Room 7*

MUSIC

- Chancel Choir **Wednesdays, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.** *Choir Room*
- Contemporary Music Team **Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:45 p.m.** *Chapel*
- Grace Chimes Handbells **Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.** *Church Room 110*
- Children's Choir (K–5th grade) **Sundays, 10:30-10:55 a.m.** *School Building*
- Youth Choir (6th grade +) **Sundays, 10:25-10:55 a.m.** *Multipurpose Room*

BOOKSTORE & LIBRARY Sundays 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

- Culbertson Library (also: M-TH 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.) *Admin. Bldg., Second Floor*
- Satellite Library & Moehrle Bookstore *Adjacent to Stone Hall*

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