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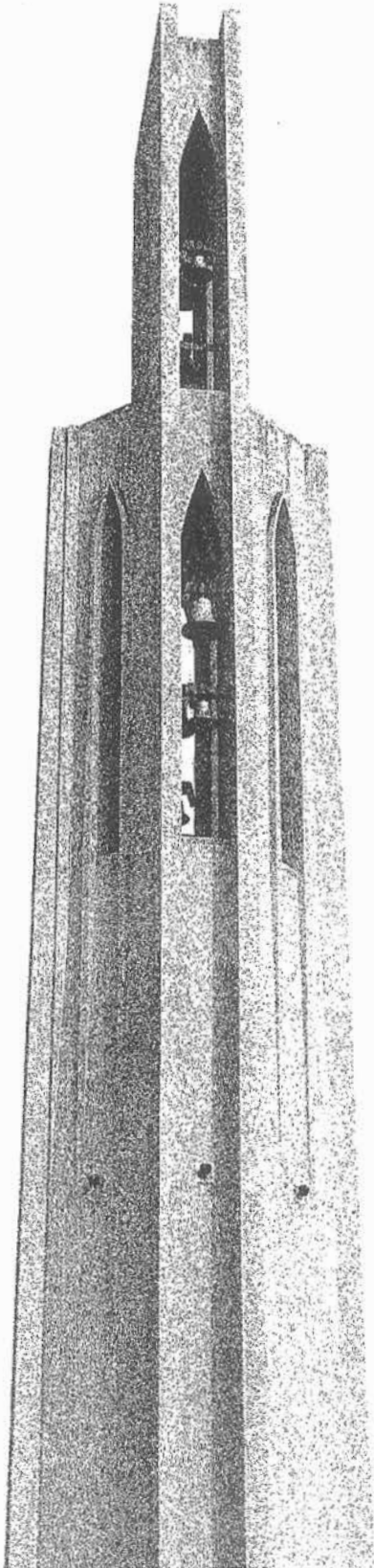
THE NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

*For I decided to know nothing among you
except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

1 Corinthians 2:2

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)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

9:15 & 11 A.M.

Please silence electronic devices.

ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

O Lamb of God, Pure and Spotless

J.S. Bach
William Neil, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Donna Marsh

▲ HYMN 142 *verses 1-3* All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

▲ PRAYER OF ADORATION

▲ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn 142, verse 4

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

CONFESSION OF SIN *in unison*

Almighty and wondrous God,
you have set the heavens above us,
the earth beneath us,
and friends and strangers among us.
How often have we turned from you,
and tried to hide from your presence.
How seldom have we looked for your creative hand
in the face of our neighbors.
How easily have we forgotten that you have
shown us yourself in the life and work
of your beloved Son our Savior.
We seek your mercy through him who came to seek and save the lost.

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 9:15 a.m.

PROFESSION OF FAITH AND SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 11 a.m.

Dr. David Renwick

Baptismal Questions

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Through baptism we enter the covenant God has established. Within this covenant God gives us new life, guards us from evil, and nurtures us in love. In embracing that covenant, we choose whom we will serve, by turning from evil and turning to Jesus Christ.

Baptism

Mba Family

*Dexter Acha Mba, Sr. and Shana Denielle Jones-Mba
with their daughter, Beila Sabine-Everleigh Mba, and son, Dexter Acha Mba, Jr.*

Prayer of Response

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 Room 106, returning after the sermon

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. David Renwick

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 2:2

The Word of the Lord.

pew Bible p. 927

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus and Muslims

Rev. Carl Medearis

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE AND CALL

RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

Choir

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Congregation

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the cross of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood. Isaac Watts

▲ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

9:15 a.m. Rev. Evangeline Taylor

11 a.m. Dr. Quinn Fox

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 AND 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

Jesu, the Very Thought Is Sweet

Mack Wilberg

Jesu, the very thought is sweet; in that dear Name all heart joys meet;
But O than honey sweeter far the glimpses of his Presence are.
No word is sung more sweet than this; no Name is heard more full of bliss;
No thought brings sweeter comfort nigh, than Jesus, Son of God most high.
Jesu, the hope of souls forlorn! How good to them for sin that mourn!
To them that seek thee, O how kind! But what art thou to them that find?
Jesu, thou sweetness, pure and blest, life's Fountain, Light of souls distress'd;
Surpassing all that heart requires, exceeding all that soul desires.

No tongue of mortal can express, no letters write its blessedness;
Alone who hath thee in his heart knows, love of Jesus, what thou art.

Bernard of Clairvaux
Translated by J. M. Neale

▲ 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

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION AND BAPTISMS 11 a.m.

Exchange of Vows

Baptisms

Alan Ng

Elizabeth Ung

Prayer

God of love, we rejoice to receive these newest brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ. May they discover your grace in Jesus Christ, through membership in this church family. May your love hold them, your truth guide them, your joy delight them. Gracious God, touch us all again this day with your grace of belonging. Give us new lives for old, new spirits, new faith, and new commitment in place of all that has grown tired or stale in our lives. We have heard your call and are made new by your Spirit. So may we rise and go from here to discover whatever awaits us, in joy and in trust. To the glory of your Name. Amen.

▲ HYMN 510 *verses 1-3*

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Quebec

▲ BENEDICTION

▲ CHORAL RESPONSE

Alone who hath thee in his heart, knows love of Jesus, what thou art.

Mack Wilberg

▲ PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

▲ POSTLUDE

Prelude in C Major

J.S. Bach

- ▲ Congregation standing, as able

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of two special friends, Barbara Miller and Ned Pendleton, who helped to advance the faith of Walter Hampton.

The flowers in the Court of Flags are given to the glory of God in celebration of the 90th birthday of Fred Neil Fetzer on February 11th by Nita and Larry Vorisek.

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: A pastor, elder or deacon, and Stephen Minister are available in the chapel (down the hall to the right as you exit the sanctuary) to pray with you privately about your concerns and celebrations.

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.*

In order to share God's word with the world, our services are video recorded and broadcast online. An usher will be happy to seat you if you do not wish to appear on camera.

TODAY

GUEST PREACHER AND TEACHER: CARL MEDEARIS

12:15 p.m., Jones Hall/School Gym

Today in worship we welcome Rev. Carl Medearis, an American evangelist, author, speaker, and international expert in the field of Arab-American and Muslim-Christian relations.

While living in Lebanon for 12 years with his wife and three children, Medearis promoted peace-making, as well as cultural, political and religious dialog leading toward reconciliation. He has written five books; all pertaining to Jesus and strengthening the connection between the world's two largest religions, Islam and Christianity.

All are invited to a special Lunch and Learn discussion following the 11 a.m. service, where Rev. Medearis will give his perspective on what we're hearing in the news, how God has used him in unlikely places, and what it means to share Jesus.

Learn more about Medearis and his ministry at www.carlmedearis.com.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR "STATUS" FORUMS

Today, 12:15 p.m., Agencies 105

AND Sunday, Feb. 15

10:35 a.m. & 12:15 p.m., Parlor

Last October, Session voted to begin a process established by our presbytery (National Capital Presbytery) to affirm the ministries of Associate Pastors Donna Marsh and Evangeline Taylor by transitioning them from "Associate Pastor Stated Supply" – a temporary, contractual status – to a permanent "Called and Installed" designation.

Part of the process is to invite members of the congregation to meet with members of NPC's Personnel Council and Elders, to ask questions and offer comments both about the transitions and about the process. *Unable to attend? Please e-mail comments to npcstaffing@nationalpres.org.*

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

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

Join in welcoming our newest members into the NPC church family! Wear a nametag and come to a reception in Stone Hall to meet the new members after both sanctuary services.

NPC welcomes the following new members:

- Donna Ackman, *Lancaster, PA*
- Mark Angehr, *Washington, DC*
- Benita Bottom-Svitchan, *Kensington, MD*
- Leslie Dawkins, *Chevy Chase, MD*
- Bryan Everett, *Bethesda, MD*
- Won Everett, *Bethesda, MD*
- Sarah Heist, *Washington, DC*
- Shana Jones-Mba, *Greenbelt, MD*
- Dexter Mba, *Greenbelt, MD*
- Alan Ng, *Potomac, MD*
- Douglas Price, *McLean, VA*
- Justin Stokes, *Washington, DC*
- Ann Sun, *Washington, DC*
- Elizabeth Ung, *Arlington, VA*
- Susie Westrup, *Arlington, VA*
- Haiyang Zhang, *Washington, DC*

Interested in membership at National? The next Pathway of Christian Discipleship class is on May 9. Contact: Kemet Rakiatu: KRakiatu@NationalPres.org.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES

Need help hearing during the service? Twelve assisted listening receivers with your choice of a *T-Coil compatible* neck loop or a standard single ear bud can be found on the information table, to the right as you exit the sanctuary. Ushers will be happy to assist you. Please return the device after the service. *Contact: Bill McNett, BMcnet@NationalPres.org.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ADULTS, YOUTH, AND CHILDREN *Sundays, 9:30 a.m.*

Classes and locations listed on pg. 8.

THIS WEEK AND UPCOMING

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON
Monday, Feb. 9, Noon, Stone Hall
Stewart McLaurin, **President of the White House Historical Association** will be our guest speaker. Come and learn about the unique history of the Executive Mansion – home to U.S. Presidents since 1800. *Sign up in Stone Hall today or call 202.537.7529.*

WEDNESDAY WOMEN BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER GROUP
Wednesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Church Room 110/111 & 105
Women are invited for prayer followed by a study of “Balaam” (rescheduled because of January’s weather cancellation) from our focus on “Biblical Bad Girls, Rogues, and Fools.” After the study we will address cards of encouragement to NPC members in need of care and prayer.

AFTERNOON T.E.A.
Wednesday, Feb. 11
1:30–2:30 p.m. Elson Parlor
All **women with school-aged children** are invited for this 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. Come for meaningful connection and fellowship before your kids get home from school. *Contact Alison Dickey: NPCafternoonTEA@gmail.com.*

BOOK STUDY: “LIFE TOGETHER” BY DIETRICH BONHOEFFER
Thursday, Feb. 12, 7:15 p.m.
Elson Parlor

Dr. Quinn Fox concludes a study of *Life Together*. On February 12 we will discuss “Confession” and “Lord’s Supper” (pp. 108-118) from the recently translated Fortress Press edition; copies are available for sale in the NPC Bookstore.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
Sundays beginning Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m.
Church Room 105

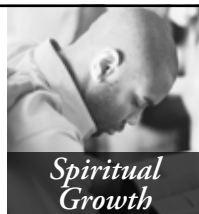
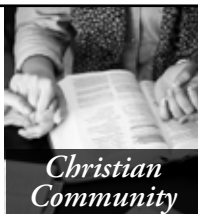
Eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. Dave Ramsey will challenge and motivate you, through DVD lectures and discussion, to get a hold on your finances, make a plan for your money and reorient your life! All are welcome to take part in this valuable course, but married couples receive the invaluable added benefit of vital communication skills in one of the most challenging areas for married couples. *Purchase class materials in the bookstore or online: www.daveramsey.com. Contact: Holly Novak, HNNovak@NationalPres.org.*

SANDWICH MAKING
Next Sunday, Feb. 15, 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!

**COME TO THE CROSS:
ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP**
Wednesday, Feb. 18, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
Evening Communion services during Lent begin on Ash Wednesday. These one-hour evening services feature music, prayer and preaching, and communion and are a time of mid-week spiritual refreshment in our busy lives.

PRAYER MINISTRY
Please pray for:
Carl Frandsen
Larry Kegley
Maj. Scott Porter, son of Aly Porter, deployed to Afghanistan
Confidential prayer requests:
nationalpres.org/prayer

Become part of a *small* *group* this Lent!



Are you looking for meaningful Christian community in the midst of busy life in the District? Are you eager to grow in faith? Become part of a small group during Lent for a short-term engagement with long-term benefits. Groups will meet regularly for fellowship, prayer, discussion and study based on the previous Sunday's Scripture passage and sermon.

Groups will meet in a variety of locations and times, including at the church on Sunday after worship, and Wednesday evenings before and after Lenten Vespers.

Sign up today to become part of a group:
www.nationalpres.org/small-groups

Questions? Contact groups@nationalpres.org or 202.537.7527.

COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 7–9 p.m., Agencies 105

This weekly Bible study welcomes men and women with all levels of Bible knowledge. A new study of the book of Daniel will begin Feb. 19. Newcomers welcome! Study booklets are available for \$10. *Contact: Robin King, robin@kinghome.us*

FLORAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Saturday, Feb. 21

9:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Stone Hall

The NPC Flower Ministry invites you to a day of lecture, workshop, and fellowship. Dr. Renwick will speak about "A Flourishing Connection: Israel's Temple, National's Flower Ministry and the Garden of Eden." This will be followed by demonstration and lecture on the art of floral arrangement, and an opportunity for workshop participants to make an arrangement to take home. Advanced registration is requested. *Contact Nora Szeto to register, noraszeto@hotmail.com.*

FEBRUARY'S FOOD DONATION:

UNSWEETENED CEREAL

Please bring donations of unsweetened cereal 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.*

EXPERT ADVICE FOR OLDER ADULTS

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 6–10, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Registration begins March 1

Save the date for Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. Children age 4 to the 5th grade will have a week filled with faith and fun, including Bible teaching, service projects, cool crafts, yummy snacks and awesome music! *To volunteer, please contact Jill Meek: JMeek@NationalPres.org.*

WEATHER CLOSURE POLICY

To find out if NPC is closed during inclement weather, please check the nationalpres.org website, or call the main phone at 202.537.0800. **If there is no message posted, campus is open.** As always, please use your personal judgment before travelling.

CLASSES AND GROUPS

ADULTS

LECTIONARY READINGS

Year 1

Feb. 8-15

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Isaiah 57:1-13
Hebrews 12:1-6
John 7:37-46

Monday

Psalms 5; 29
Isaiah 57:14-21
Galatians 6:11-18
Mark 9:30-41

Tuesday

Psalms 42; 133
Isaiah 58:1-12
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday

Psalms 89; 33
Isaiah 59:1-21
2 Timothy 1:15-2:13
Mark 10:1-16

Thursday

Psalms 97; 62
Isaiah 60:1-22
2 Timothy 2:14-26
Mark 10:17-31

Friday

Psalms 51; 65
Isaiah 61:1-9
2 Timothy 3:1-17
Mark 10:32-45

Saturday

Psalms 104; 98
Isaiah 61:10 - 62:5
2 Timothy 4:1-8
Mark 10:46-52

Sunday

Psalms 103; 139
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Corinthians 3:1-9
John 12:27-36a

Sunday Classes, 9:30 a.m.

- Life in Progress: Seeking God Amidst Life's Complexities *School Room 236*
- Financial Peace University *begins Feb. 15 *Church Room 105*
- Men's Sunday School Class *Agencies 101*
- Exploring John's Gospel: A Bible Study *Agencies 105*
- Book study of *Playing God* (by Andy Crouch) *Elson Parlor*
- Experiments in Christlikeness: Spiritual Formation 101 *Church Room 5*
- The Gospel of Luke *Church Room 110/111*
- Wrestlers: Engaging Contemporary Issues *Agencies Lower Level*

Groups

- Across the Aisle (ages 22–35) **Sundays, 12:15 p.m.** *Church Room 110/111*
- GriefShare **Sundays through Feb. 15, 12:30 p.m.** *Culbertson Library*
- The Circle Family Group **3rd Sunday of the month, 4:30–6 p.m.** *Jones Hall/School Gym*
- 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*

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.

Church Room 106
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 **Thursdays, 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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