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## Spreading the Word

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### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 26, 7:00 p.m.  
 In the Sanctuary - All are welcome



### WEDNESDAY LENT DEVOTIONS

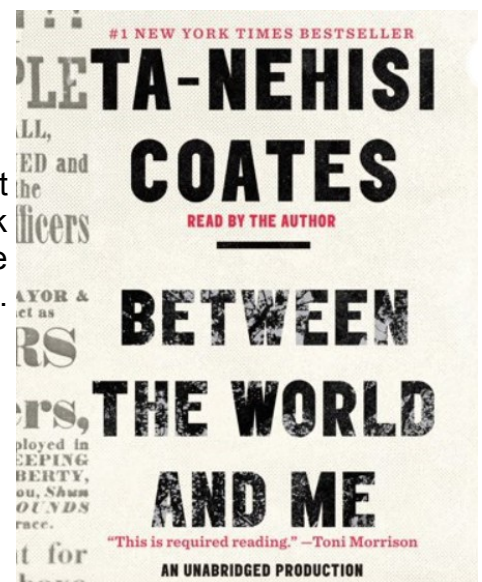
Normally during the season of Lent you have the opportunity to gather for a time of reflection and prayer. This year will be a bit different. The "Read Through the Bible Group" has finished the Old Testament and is eager to start the New Testament. During Lent we will study the Gospels and anyone is invited to join us.

SCHEDULE - Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

- March 4 - Introduction to the New Testament
- March 11 - Gospel of Mark
- March 18 - Gospel of Matthew
- March 25 - Gospel of Luke and Acts
- April 1 - John and Revelation

### Between the World and Me Ta - Nehisi Coates

Louie is forming a group who would like to discuss this difficult but important insight into racism. It was the winner of the National Book Award. The group will meet later this month and hopefully will have a guest from the University come in and assist with our discussion. Contact Louie if you are interested.





## Haiti Update with Mission Co-Worker, Cindy Corell, on February 2

Cindy Corell, the Presbyterian mission co-worker in Haiti whom we support is coming to Richmond! She will be speaking on **Sunday February 2** to everyone in the Presbytery of the James. Ginter Park Presbyterian Church is hosting. Time: **3:00-4:30**. While the violent protests have begun to subside, the conditions in Haiti remain dire. One in three people have no idea how to find their next meal, a decline from already disturbing statistics of hunger in Haiti.



Cindy will provide an update not only on Haiti but on how individuals and churches here might engage with our mission partners there to bring relief and help build a better future for our neighbors.

It is a busy Sunday, but come anyway! Let's support our mission co-worker who is serving on our behalf and will be returning soon. Let's surround her with our love and prayers as she helps us discern what our next steps might be.

### Knitting Ministry

The knitters are busy this winter making baby hats. We have had a request for the hats from Elizabeth Hopkins' daughter who is a doctor at a new women and children's hospital. If you are interested in helping with this project, we have patterns and yarn available. Join us Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the library.



### Wood Ministry News

The holidays are a fond memory, the weather is uncomfortable at best, the days may be getting longer but hardly enough to notice, and folks are burning a lot of wood to stay warm. February is the most challenging month for your Wood Ministers. Maybe that's why it's also the shortest month?

We had a busy Christmas! A few years ago, we started delivering a ham to our clients through the generosity of one of our members. Later, as other folks learned about the effort, we expanded it to include some fruit and a few sweets in a gift bag. This year, the whole team expressed a desire to participate and we managed to fill a laundry basket for seven clients and two other deserving individuals. The smiles on their faces were the best repayment we could have received.



There's still plenty of winter left, we still have lots of work to do, and blessedly we have plenty of seasoned firewood. We're able to do what we do because of the support of Louie and the Session, the Mission Team, and our exceptional church. When you wake up on a cold Wednesday morning, you might want to think a kindly thought for the folks at the woodpile, but don't feel too sorry for them – they're loving what they do!

# Youth News

On January 5, the youth sponsored the final environmental movie. A group of 20 youth and adults met to watch and discuss the movie, "Racing Extinction." Thank you to Cheryl Borgman for helping organize the movie series and to everyone that supported the youth. A great time was had by everyone that attended.



The youth continue to deliver welcome baskets to refugees in Charlottesville. In December baskets were given to families from Iraq and Tanzania in association with International Neighbors.

### ***Delivering Welcome Baskets by Sophie Ogilvie***

I was able to help deliver a welcome basket to a refugee family from Iraq. As we filled the baskets at church we thought about what it means to be a refugee. They left everything behind to come to our country. The family I visited was from Iraq and had three young girls. When they opened the door, they were excited to realize we were there to welcome them. The children were thrilled to see what was in the basket and loved the mittens and doll from the knitting group. I can't imagine being 4 years old and in a totally new country. This was a wonderful opportunity to spread kindness.



On January 19 a small but mighty group (Will Winter and Ethan Ogilvie assisted by their mothers) filled 150 bags for the Children's Food Pantry.

*Submitted by Dana Ogilvie*

## Session Highlights for January 21, 2020

Moderator Rev. Louie Andrews called the Session Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Elder Dana Ogilvie presented the Opening Prayer and Devotions. Joys and Concerns were shared. Prayers were asked for Katy Jo and Al Gale, Dana Bond, Susan Holland, Peggy Toms and Diana Rockwell.

### Clerk's Report:

- Approved Minutes of the Stated Meeting 12/17/19.
- Transferred Barry and Midge Shawley to South Plains Presbyterian Church, Keswick.
- Elected Sue Fulton as Clerk of Session for 2020.
- Elected Sue Nichols and Roger Fulton as Treasurers for 2020.
- Ratified email vote approving 2019 Statistical Report for Presbytery.
- Approve Elder Sue Fulton as 2020 Nominating Committee Chair and Elder Phyllis Savides as Co-Chair.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Louie Andrews presented a personal story.

Stewardship/Finance: Elder Wendy Culberson presented a positive financial report.

New Business: Elected Elders Sue Fulton and Wendy Culberson Commissioners for the POJ Meeting 2/15/20 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville.

### Ministry Team Reports and Recommendations:

- Elder Phyllis Savides (Worship Ministry Team) brought a recommendation for Communion dates for 2020, which was approved.
- Elder Bob Alpers (Mission Ministry Team) outlined that the ministry of providing Senior Lunches for 2020 has been suspended and that the remaining \$2,000 of the 2019 budget has been allocated to 6 different missions (Human Kind, Nelson Kid Care, Coveseville Child Development Agency, Sexual Assault Resource Agency, Dogs Deserve Better Blue Ridge, and Goodness Grows Garden). The Mission Ministry Team recommended that the following special offering donations for 2020 include: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peace and Global Witness, Christmas Joy, Emergency Relief, 5 Cents a Meal, and Care Bears; Backpacks; Thanksgiving Baskets; Easter Baskets; and Christmas Party, which Session approved.
- Elder Dana Ogilvie (Christian Education Ministry Team) reported youth activities including delivering welcome baskets to families from Iraq and Tanzania, presenting the third environmental movie program on 1/9/20, and filling 150 bags for the Children's Food Pantry. On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the youth will deliver more refugee baskets and then visit "The Raven" historical Escape Room in Charlottesville.

### Celebration and Gratitude:

We give thanks for:

- The joy Louie felt in watching Martina present a speech during worship services at Old Trail.
- Louie's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s sermon that included sections of Dr. King's lesser known speeches.
- The powerfully moving and beautiful music presented by the choir and Bill Howard, Kathleen Rosenberg, John Savides, and Marianne Lampert in conjunction with Louie's sermon.

NEXT STATED SESSION MEETING: Tuesday, 2/18/20 at 7 P.M. Devotional/Opening Prayer: Elder Ken Engebretson.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sue Fulton, Clerk*





# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Second Worship Five Cents a Meal Offering	<b>3</b> 10:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group 7:00 p.m. Mission Team Meeting 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Nurture	<b>6</b> Noon—Men's Group Lunch 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Second Worship	<b>10</b> 4:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Nurture 7:00 p.m. Studying the Bible	<b>13</b> Noon—Men's Group Lunch 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Second Worship	<b>17</b> 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra	<b>18</b> 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting	<b>19</b> 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Nurture	<b>20</b> Noon—Men's Group Lunch <b>Spreading The Word Articles Due</b> 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 8:15 a.m. Early Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Pack Pantry Bags for Kids 10:00 a.m. Second Worship Emergency Relief Offering	<b>24</b> 7-9 p.m. NC Community Orchestra	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 a.m. Knitting and Nurture <b>7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service</b>	<b>27</b> Noon—Men's Group Lunch 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir	<b>28</b> Pantry Bag Packing	<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. Distribution at Food Pantry