



Seventh Street Christian Church

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March News

March At A Glance

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Cauthorn Fund Update

Dear Seventh Street Christian Church,

You may have heard murmurings from our Trustees and Board over the recent months about The Cauthorn Fund. While our Trustees oversee many funds, most of which are designated, the Cauthorn Fund's designation was so specific, it sat invested in accounts for nearly 90 years. Recent changes now allow for the money to be used. It is with excitement and joy that we share a bit more about Letitia Cauthorn, the woman behind the Fund!

A member of Seventh Street Christian Church, Letitia Cauthorn died on May 9, 1929 leaving \$4,195 for the "creation of an old ladies' retirement home." Unable to be used for its stated purpose, this sum, under careful and wise management by many SSCC trustees, grew a hundredfold to about \$400,000. I would be remiss if I didn't point out God has ways of bringing good out of what looks troubling. First, note the death date, a short 6 months before Black Friday and the world's biggest stock market crash. It is virtually certain that the estate had not been

settled and the money given to our trustees until after the crash, therefore, this sum was invested when stocks were "on sale".

Under recommendations from the Christian Church Foundation, it was suggested we explore if the limitations can be relaxed so the gift can be used in the spirit it was intended. With the efforts of Barbara Dickinson, Ford Lanterman, Hunter Cockrell and Terry Ragsdale, it was approved by the court to be "to be used to enhance the Church facilities for the benefit of its elderly congregation members and/or to support the provision of housing, care and services for the benefit of the elderly in Richmond, Virginia and surrounding counties." So after all this time, the legacy becomes available for the modern version of Letitia Cauthorn's probable intent and at a time when the elderly population in our society is exploding and the need is tremendous. In my eyes another miracle of God! I cannot help but envision God and Letitia Cauthorn looking down and smiling as we bring her long legacy to fruition.

The trustees recommended and the board agreed that the Cauthorn Fund be divided into two equal parts, to benefit both the Church and community. Outreach was given the duty of finding and determining the suitability of appropriate organizations. This resulted in 5 such organizations being found, their appropriateness being vetted by the trustees, and over the next few weeks the congregation will learn of the astounding work they are doing and how this legacy will help them. All five organizations will be with us in worship on Sunday, March 31 to hear from them directly.

Sincerely,
Steve Cheney
Outreach Co-Chair

The following organizations for consideration are as follows:

[Soar 365](#) (formerly known as Greater Richmond ARC)

[Better Housing Coalition](#)

[Rebuilding Together Richmond](#)

[Saint Francis Home](#)

[Senior Connections](#)

Lent Activities 2019

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday (March 6) and ends on Holy Saturday (April 20). The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation and preparing to begin his ministry. As Christians, Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. It is a time of examining our humility. A number of activities are planned for Lent. You are encouraged to mark your calendars and join us!

Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper and Worship

March 6 5:30: Dinner 6:30 Worship

Lent Daily Devotional

Receive a daily email with a Lenten Devotional. (if you are receiving this email, you will automatically receive the email. You can opt out if you choose.)

Stone Soup Palm Sunday Luncheon

April 14 following 11AM worship

During Lent we will be collecting food items for Stone Soup. Mark your calendars and join us!

Maundy Thursday Service

Thursday, April 18, 6:00 PM

Being Mortal Lenten Study

Read more below!

Good Friday Seder

Friday, April 19

Interfaith Racial Justice Seder - Temple Beth-El

Easter Worship

April 21

9:00 AM Breakfast

10:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 AM Worship

Being Mortal: A Lenten Study

During Lent, we are called to consider our own mortality. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, where ashes are imposed on one's forehead as they hear the words "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." The Latin root of humility is humus, dirt, reminding us that humility and mortality are tied together.

During Lent, we enter into a story about a man who lived a life serving others, was the ultimate example of embodied love, and who defied death. It's a remarkable super human story but it also erupts tension:

Jesus defies death: We die

Death doesn't have the last word: Oh, death very much does!

Death is a prelude to a richer life: We don't like to talk about death

As a society, we often avoid talking about aging and dying. We have a medical system that only focuses on saving lives, yet we all die. Many of us struggle with illness, aging, disease, or perhaps, find ourselves closer to death than to our birth.

I invite you to participate in our Lenten study as we examine these tensions but also cultivate a safe space to talk about our own mortality. Using the book [Being Mortal](#), by Atul Gawande, alongside our sacred Easter story, we will consider not only what it looks like to die well but perhaps, more importantly, LIVE well.

Sundays from March 10- April 28 (no Easter meeting)

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM @ Seventh Street Christian Church

March 10 - Chapters 1 & 2

March 17 - Chapter 3

March 24 - Chapter 4

March 31 - Chapter 5

April 7 - Chapter 6

April 14 - Chapter 7

April 28 - Chapter 8

Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End is a non-fiction book by American surgeon Atul Gawande. The book addresses hospice care and the current state of care about age-related frailty, serious illness, and impending death.



Green Team Update

Creation Care

We all know that even drops of water can end up filling a bucket. Likewise, each one of us can make small changes to our lives or routines that can prevent additional waste or energy being used up. Below are some small ways we can alter our habits and make positive changes in our lives that are also positive to our wallets, animals, and the environment as well!

- Don't buy single serve products- buy as large a quantity as your household can use and use re-usable container.
- Fix those leaky faucets- as mentioned, even drops add up!
- Turn the faucet off when you brush your teeth and do the dishes
- Reuse water sitting in containers to water your plants
- Adopt your next furry family member- millions end up being literally disposed of- save one instead!

Education Forum

Christian Education, children and youth, spiritual formation and articulating our faith has been a prominent theme in church round tables. This has lead us to ask good questions: What does a comprehensive Christian Education program look like at Seventh Street Christian Church? What do we want our people (of all ages) to learn and know at each stage of life? How do we foster Bible knowledge and theology, fellowship and missions? Your input is vital as we consider these questions!



You are invited to gather with us on **Saturday, March 9, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** for an education forum. During this time, we want to collect your insights, ideas and memories about spiritual formation and to create an intentional scope and sequence for Christian education from birth to 12th grade at Seventh Street Christian Church. We will consider what does it look like to help our young people deepen their personal understanding of the love of God and how to share that faith with the world? This time will be fun, thought provoking and active!

We are cultivating an intentional time of conversation, so we ask that you RSVP by Monday, March 4th to [Jayme Babczak](#).

There will be childcare for those who may need it. Lunch/snacks will be provided.

Open Leadership Positions

Seventh Street is still looking to fill a few leadership positions.

Board Chair-Elect: this person would become Board Chair in January of 2020. They would have the next 9+ months to attend Board meetings and get a hands-on, sense of the job.

Elder Chair: we have the elders that we need but really need a chairperson that would serve on the Executive Committee as well as the Board and have a vote on both on behalf of the Elders and those we care for in our congregation.

Easter Lily Order Form

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If you would like to place Easter Lilies in the Chancel on Easter Sunday, April 21, in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the form below.

The cost per lily is \$14.00

Please place your order by Sunday, April 7. Checks may be made payable to "Seventh Street Christian Church" with "Easter Lily" in the memo line.

Number of lilies _____ x \$14.00 = _____

Your Name _____ phone _____

Email address _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Summer Mission Trip!

Want to get involved in some hands-on mission work? Want to support the outreach efforts of our community? Seventh Street will be serving alongside friends from Immanuel UCC (Reading, PA) this summer on a mission trip to Bath, Maine! We will be fundraising and preparing for this trip over the next few months, and we will be asking you to get involved! Stay tuned for more information! Want to travel along with us to build houses & relationships? Contact Jayme Babczak for more information – Babczakj@gmail.com | (610) 401-6360

2019 Mission Trip Fundraising

Let us build a house where love can dwell!

Join the mission efforts of Seventh Street Christian Church as we prepare for a summer mission trip to Bath, Maine! We will be serving alongside local housing agencies and building relationships in the community.

We will be serving in Maine from July 13th – July 21st

Help us cover the cost of travel, housing, and work materials by purchasing bricks, paint, and other building accessories for our Seventh Street model home!

Purchase one or more of the items below, write your name(s) on it, and add it to our model home!

Building Brick	\$30
Gallon of paint	\$20
Paintbrush	\$10
Nuts & Bolts	\$5

In exchange for your investment in our trip, you will receive photo updates from the team while serving, a thank-you postcard, and a seat at our Mission Trip Luncheon in August!

Questions? Contact Jayme Babczak – Babczakj@gmail.com

Outreach

Liberation Veteran Services



Lunch will be prepared & served to our Veterans on Sunday, March 3rd immediately following our church service. We serve lunch, deliver DVDs, novels, household supplies, & visit with our Veterans on the 1st Sunday of every month.

Change for Change



This is an ongoing ministry to help animals in crisis. Thank you to



all who continue to drop their pocket change in the basket on the Welcome table in the Narthex.

Meals on Wheels



Our MOW's teams delivered meals on Monday, February 25th. They also delivered our non-perishable food donations for FeedMore. Many thanks to our teams: Olivette Cox, Nancy Garver, Carole Chaffin, & Pat Mays for their dedication to this ministry. Thanks also to Janet Morris for subbing when needed. Our MOW's teams deliver meals on the 4th & 5th Monday of every month & our non-perishable foods for FeedMore is ongoing!

March Call to Action



Our "Call to Action" in March will be collecting donations for our Stone Soup Luncheon on Palm Sunday, April 14th. A bin for your donations will be in the hallway near the Outreach table. There is no cost for the lunch but an ask for donations to support Meals on Wheels.

Special Thanks to all our Volunteers!

Liberation Veteran Services:
Olivette Cox, Janet Morris

FeedMore/Meals on Wheels:
Carole Chaffin, Pat Mays, Olivette Cox, Nancy Garver
Janet Morris (sub)

Kimote Foundation:
Sarah Anderson

Giving Tree Mission Project:
Stewart Shotwell

Thanks to you all at Seventh Street for your amazing support!

Want to donate your time to one of our many Outreach Ministries?
Contact Liz Hulette (794- 9219)

Laity Schedule

Prayers of the People

March 3 - Judith Hopkins
March 10 - Mildred Bruce
March 17 - Austin Douglas
March 24 - Rev Hollie
March 31 -

Communion Stewards

March 3 - Nancy Garver
March 10 - Janet Morris
March 17 - Melissa Taylor & Sarah & Alyssa Schumacher
March 24 - Whitney Walters & Jamie Lynn Haskins
March 31 - Pat Mays

Worship Leader

March 3 - Whitney Walters
March 10 - Austin Douglas
March 17 - Janet Morris
March 24 - Alyssa Schumacher
March 31 - Rich Voelz

Greeters

March 3 - Sharon Young & Cheryl Lage
March 10 - Joyce Clark & Betty Butterworth
March 17 - Sue Cathell & Carol Whitaker
March 24 - Terry and Mary Rose Ragsdale
March 31 - Douglas Family

Elders

March 3 - Terri Cheney & Pat Mays
March 10 - Mildred Bruce & Paul Mennetti
March 17 - Mark Anderson & Judy Lindsey
March 24 - Jamie Lynn Haskins & Ian Douglas
March 31 - Jamie Lynn Haskins & Ian Douglas

Counters

March 4 - Frank Bedell & Clara Hamlett
March 11 - Joyce Clark and Mary Rose Ragsdale
March 18 - Tara & Mark Douglas & Pat Mays
March 25 - Olivette Cox & Nancy Garver
March 31 - Tara & Mark Douglas & Clara Hamlett

Anyone who would like to serve in one of these laity roles in the future, please contact Jamie Lynn Haskins and let her know of your interest.

Stewardship Chair: Barbara Dickinson

February Birthdays

Clara Hamlett - March 1
Steve Cheney - March 8
Becky Edwards - March 11
Lois Bedell - March 11
Connie Lanterman - March 14

Judy Gunn - March 14
Paul Mennetti - March 15
Libby Londeree - March 21
Barbara Dickinson - March 23

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Sermon Refreshers

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or visit www.anchor.fm/7thstreet

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