

THE BRIDGE BUILDER

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Power -- as a Coat

*Power, made me a coat. For a long time I kept it in the back of my closet. I didn't like to wear it much, but I always took good care of it. When I first started wearing it again it smelled like mothballs. As I wore it more, it started fitting better. ... I was afraid if I wore the coat too much someone would want to take it or else I would accidentally leave it in the dressing room. But it has my name on the label now, and it really doesn't fit anyone else. When people ask me where I found such a becoming garment, I tell them about the tailor, Power, who knows how to make coats that you grow into. First, you must have the courage to approach him and ask him to make you the coat. Then, you must find the patience inside yourself to wear the coat until it fits" (Ruth Gendler in *The Book of Qualities*, p. 26).*

Think of it -- power defined as a coat that is woven for you and that you wear until it fits you. That's such a great concept.

I imagine no one who becomes president of this country fits the power coat immediately. I remember John Kennedy being candid about the fact that he had to grow into it. He was anything but ready in January of 1961. The fiasco at the Bay of Pigs was proof of that.

I suppose even Abraham Lincoln would have said the same thing. He slunk into Washington D.C. in disguise with Allan J. Pinkerton at his side, warned that he might be assassinated before he was even inaugurated. He regretted that show of cowardice until, well, the day he died. Maybe only Franklin Roosevelt entered the presidency at full stature. He had to. The nation was in desperate trouble and it needed a first-class captain to steady a sinking ship.

No matter what job we sign up for, be it a profession or a volunteer position, there is a period of getting up to speed.

I am so grateful for the people in three different churches I began serving between the ages of 22 and 29. I was just plain not ready in any of those situations. They were so very patient. They knew that they were training me; that seminary was just a rough trade school that gave me the most rudimentary introduction to the work of leading a church.

The most critical learning any of us acquires comes not from any university, or course of study, right? It is learned on the job. We either measure up, or we scrub out, depending on a number of factors that are absolute requirements -- patience with ourselves so we can weather our inevitable failures, teachability, the ability to listen to others, to be mentored by appropriate mentors that we find by the grace of God, to learn the difference between mere information and real wisdom. There is something else that is necessary: Hannah Arendt is remembered to have said...

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Power corresponds to the human ability not just to act but to act in concert. Power is never the property of an individual; it belongs to a group and remains in existence only so long as the group keeps together. When we say of somebody that he is "in power" we actually refer to his being empowered by a certain number of people to act in their name. The moment the group, from which the power originated to begin with (potestas in populo, without a people or group there is no power), disappears, "his power" also vanishes.

One other thing the people in those small out-of-the-way churches that trained me had to make their peace with was this: they knew they were training me for my work I would hopefully take on years down the road – in larger towns and larger churches. They knew that the best I had to offer, they would never get. They might get a glimpse, though, but for them it was central to their calling as entry level situations.

I so love the fact that at Wasatch, as with other churches, we give people volunteer opportunities to stretch them – to do work they have maybe always wanted to do, but never had a chance to do, since their vocation was limited in scope in such a way as to not include what those people longed for the most. I hear this often.

What coat may God be calling you to try on? And, hey, don't worry if the sleeves are too long .. at first.

- Pastor Scott Dalgarno

Adult Education

- Reverend Dalgarno will teach a 6 unit course on the Prophets on Jan 20th, 27th, Feb 3rd, 24th (no class Feb 10 and 17), March 3rd, 10th.
- Russell Weeks will teach a course on Maccabees from March 17th through April 14th (Palm Sunday). There will be no classes on Easter April 21st.
- In room 355, Terresa Newport leads a guide to the lectionary, which is the schedule published by PCUSA which determines scriptures for study and the weekly sermon. Participants discuss the "scripture of the week".

"New ways to read the Bible"



Mondays, January 7th through April 15th, from 7–9 pm in room 355, Jan Bartlett has been leading an interactive discussion of various scriptural topics using audio and video clips of theologians such as Rev. Marcus Borg and Rev. John Dominic Crossan. New innovative approaches to Biblical scholarship and meanings are explored.

- David Harris, Adult Education Committee Chair

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Children's Ministry

In Sunday School, the children have been learning about the life of Jesus: so far teaching at the temple, His baptism, and resisting temptation in the desert. We are talking about applying His example to our lives. To enforce these concepts, we have been doing crafts and active play like walking through an obstacle course called Jesus' Way. In Hilary's absence, I have been trying something new ... more praise and worship style group time before we break into our individual classes. We have been learning songs with dance moves and hand motions, Big House and Every Move I Make.

We have been keeping busy fellowship activities, including a Family Fun Night with *Minute to Win It* style games (think silly and messy) led by our Youth and a "crafternoon" for Club 56 where they had fun making pillows and slime (silliness and mess). We are looking forward to a family outing at Obstacle Ninja Warrior in February where all ages will have the chance to explore a fun obstacle course. And Club 56 will be gathering for a "late-over" in the Loft later in February. Looking ahead to March, we are excited for the fun of Mardi Gras, pancakes, dancing, and beads included!

-Stasha Lewis, Acting Children's Ministry Director

Youth

The youth continue to have fun together at youth outings, events, and service projects. Recently, they participated in a lock-in where they spent the night at the church and a service project where they made dinner for the Family Promise guests.

This upcoming month, they will participate in delivering hearts to congregation members for Valentines Day, collecting money for a local non profit, and Paul Hewitt and Don Drew will lead our second annual ice fishing adventure to Strawberry Reservoir.

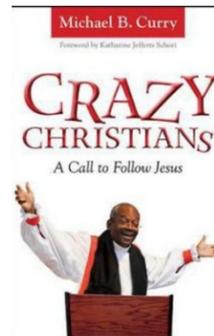
- Dawn Fleishman, Youth Director, dfleishman@wpcslc.org



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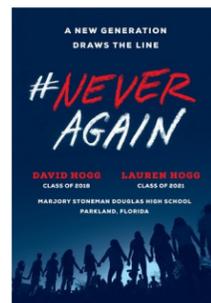
Library Book Notes

Crazy Christians: A Call to Follow Jesus, by Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church



You may recognize his name from the sermon he preached at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle last year. His topic, love, was not simply a suitable theme for a wedding. Love, love for God, our love for God as practiced in the teachings of Jesus, has been at the heart of Bishop Curry's understanding of what it means to be Christian for many years. That guiding experience is exuberantly expressed in this little book of sermons, written a number of years prior to the wedding. Curry finds in Jesus's life, in his actions as well as in his teaching, an expression of love that changes our personal life and our public life, which is one of the reasons he refers to the need for "crazy" Christians. Such love as this, practiced, can seem crazy or foolish to the wise, as Paul noted, and not only foolish, but dangerous. But you cannot read these short homilies without hearing the sheer joy such total commitment and total love brings. A light in darkness.

#Never Again by David Hogg and Lauren Hogg



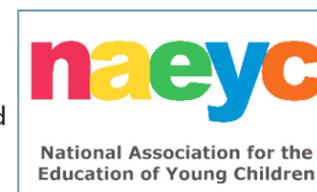
I like to think I keep up reasonably well with the changes in this 21st century world. But I'm a product of the 20th century, and that inescapably shapes my response, especially to the rapid growth of iPhones, texting, twitter etc. as normal means of communication. David, age 18, and Lauren, age 14, were born post-2000 and have, as so many teens do, an instinctive feel for this fascinating, and to me, a bit scary world of web "talk." They also experienced what no teenager of any century should have had to, the shooting rampage at Stone Mason school in Parkland. Their response has not faded away as so many others have, lost in the rapid turn over of news headlines. This book tells the story from both David and Lauren's point of view. It also tells the story of March for Our Lives as a practical response by a core group of survivors of gun violence that is spreading via the web and social media from students to students, of which many of my generation may not even be aware. These young people are extraordinarily well educated and extraordinarily determined to make a difference. **#Never Again** is a book by teens for teens, but with an impact for anyone of any age. Check out the book. Check out the website www.marchforourlives.com for up to the minute news – it's well worth a few minutes of your time.

- Beth Phillips, Church Librarian

Wasatch Presbyterian Preschool

Our preschool would like to invite new families to register for the 2019-20 school year during our Open Enrollment window, which runs February 1-28, 2019. Interested families are welcome and encouraged to tour the Preschool any Tuesday at 10:00 AM, or by appointment with the Director, Christy Lawlor @ (801) 487-2641 or christylawlor@wpcslc.org.

Wasatch Presbyterian Preschool is proudly accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (www.naeyc.org), and offers part-time, two, three, four, and five-day programs for children ages 2.5-5 years old.



We stand firm in our mission; *Recognizing that we serve children and families of diverse backgrounds, we offer a safe, nurturing environment that promotes intellectual, emotional, and social growth, allowing children to build a strong foundation of confidence and enthusiasm appropriate for lifelong learning.* Please help spread the word ~ Thank you!

- Christy Lawlor, Preschool Director, christylawlor@wpcslc.org

Annual Congregational Meeting

Join us in coming together as a congregation for the Annual Congregational Meeting **February 10th**, at 10:10am in the Sanctuary.

We will come together to:

Look back at highlights from 2018

Look at what's to come for 2019

Remember those we have lost in the last year

Review our finances

Enjoy a slideshow of photos

Celebrate our wonderful volunteers



Childcare will be provided for children up through 6th grade. Children should be dropped off in the gym and will be able to enjoy games, a movie, and snacks. Following the meeting, we will have refreshments for all in Fellowship Hall.

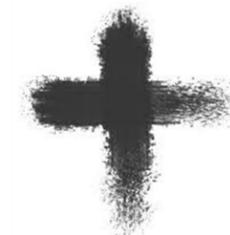


Mardi Gras!

Come join the party on Fat Tuesday!

On **March 5th** we'll enjoy our annual celebration from 6-7:30pm with an (over)abundance of pancakes and bacon, music on the piano, a dance party in the Loft, and a collaborative art project for all ages. Wear your masks, beads and feathers and bring a festive spirit. At the end of the evening, we'll wrap the celebration and prepare to enter Lent by gathering for a few moments of contemplation in the Sanctuary.

We need volunteers to help make bacon and pancakes (4-6pm) and serve food (20 min slots between 6-7pm). If you can lend a hand, please let Congregational Life know by emailing courtney.raines@yahoo.com. Hope to see you!



Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, **March 6th**, we will come together to begin the season of Lent. We will gather first at 6pm for a simple soup supper in Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by a quiet, contemplative worship service in the Sanctuary that will begin at 6:45pm and include the imposition of ashes.

We need volunteers to help bring soup. If you can lend a hand by bringing a crockpot of soup, please let Congregational Life know by emailing courtney.raines@yahoo.com.

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Box Tops for Education Drive

Please collect your box tops and put them in the PW box upstairs or in the clear box in the church office. Look for the logo printed on all kinds of grocery items.

They'll go to a Presbyterian School for boys called the Goodland Academy in Hugo, Oklahoma.

This collection runs all year long.

- Florence Bertagnole

Bagby Memorial Concert

The organ and orchestra concert on January 28th was an overwhelming success. The Young Artist Chamber Players under the direction of Jack Ashton with soloists Marian Florence and Dr. Kenneth Udy performed to a capacity crowd in the sanctuary.

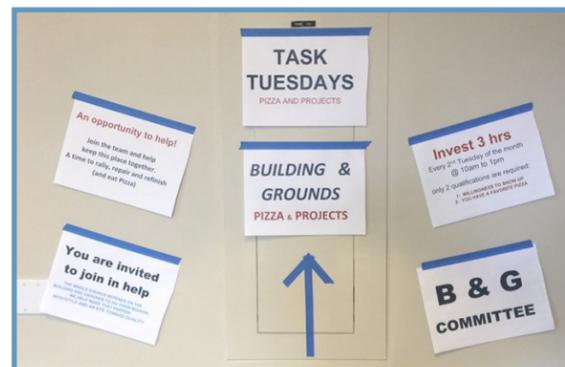
Thank you for your
incredible support!



Task Tuesday - Pizza and Projects

Buildings and Grounds is initiating a new program, Task Tuesday-Pizza and Projects. On the second Tuesday of each month, Building and Grounds will host a project work session from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and ends with your favorite pizza for lunch. Come join as we work together maintaining, repairing and improving our church and its grounds.

The first task Tuesday will be February 12th and we will meet in the library, where Building and Grounds will have all the materials and supplies needed for the projects and will provide guidance to install child proof safety outlets and spot painting. The only qualifications are a willingness to be part of a team and a favorite pizza.



FEBRUARY EVENTS

FEBRUARY 7

COFFEE

Thursday 10:30am (FH)
Devotional: Janet Wortley

FEBRUARY 11

BOOK CLUB

Monday 6:30pm (away)
Janet Wortley 801-733-4490

FEBRUARY 14

MARTHA CIRCLE

Thursday 10:30am (FH)
Loyda Kyremes 801-487-0478

STITCH & CHAT

Thursday 12:30pm (FH)
Mary Beth Keidl 1-414-550-3295
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

UPCOMING EVENT

March 7 Luncheon & Bingo
Thursday 11:30pm (FH)

Almost-Completed Documentary About Flint Water Crisis Will Be Shown To Some Festival Attendees

By Rich Copley | Presbyterian News Service | January 25th, 2019



LOUISVILLE — Somewhere in the swirl of movie stars, auteurs, paparazzi and snow at this year's Sundance Film Festival you could find the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). "Flint: The Poisoning of an American City," a nearly-completed documentary about the water crisis in Flint, Michigan by Story Productions, a ministry of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), will be shown as a work-in-progress preview at a screening room in Park City, Utah, this weekend. "Flint" is the latest film directed by David Barnhart, PDA's associate for Story Ministry, whose other credits include "Trigger: The Ripple Effect of Gun Violence" and "Locked in a Box," which looks at the U.S. immigration detention system. The preview showings of the film, which is in the final stages of post-production, are being organized by Water Rising, a Detroit-based not-for-profit.

"'Flint: The Poisoning of an American City' is an incredibly timely and relevant film because it explores the critical question of how this could happen in an American city, and this serves as a warning for the rest of the country," Alicia Douglas, founder and executive chair of Water Rising and Cities Rising, said in a statement. "This documentary educates but also enrages and moves people to some kind of action —and in that process, radically changes how we view and value water." For those who will want to take action after seeing this film, PDA is developing an accompanying study guide that will help viewers process and learn about next steps they can take in their own communities and on a national level. The film is expected to be completed and begin distribution in the coming months. In her statement, Douglas said the film will be shown to environmental leaders and other film festival programmers. The weekend could be important in determining how the film is distributed and presented.

Sundance, the largest independent film festival in the United States, is known as the launch pad for many celebrated feature films and documentaries. While the festival boasts a long list of official selections competing for coveted awards, a lot goes on at the periphery of the festival including showings of other films seeking notice and distribution. The film is still a work in progress and obviously was not completed by the Sundance deadline, but Barnhart said he's deeply grateful for the opportunity to share the film and the story of what has happened in Flint. "It will be an incredible opportunity to share this with influential environmental leaders and I hope it can be resource and catalyst for them to organize community dialogue and engagement with these issues in their own cities," he says. Like all his films, Barnhart says he hopes "Flint" will motivate people to take action. The Flint water crisis made national headlines in 2016 when the government declared the water unsafe to drink and advised residents to use only bottled or filtered water. It was a crisis more than a century in the making, resulting from a combination of waste dumped into water sources and aging lead pipes. "One-hundred-thousand people in an American city have been poisoned by lead, which will affect them for the rest of their lives and practically no one is talking about it," Barnhart says. "Flint is just the latest chapter in the ongoing normalization of daily shocking events, which is numbing us to both human suffering and environmental devastation. "I strongly believe Flint cannot be normalized and I think people need to be confronted with all the factors that have led to what happened there. Residents of Flint feel their voices were taken away. It is this erosion of citizen access and voice which has led to so many disastrous decisions being made by those in power. It is clear Flint is just the tip of the iceberg."

A 2016 report by the Natural Resources Defense Council said that 5,363 water systems in the United States violated the federal rules governing lead testing in 2015. The same year, USA Today reported that nearly 2,000 water systems across the United States had been found to contain excessive levels of lead. "Flint is a warning," Barnhart says. "The question is, are we paying attention? Are we looking at our own neighborhoods and cities and collectively confronting these issues?" Judging by a key early reaction, the film is already making people pay attention. Josh Jackson, editor-in-chief of influential modern culture magazine Paste, saw a preview of "Flint" and wrote, "It's a fantastic doc about the history of a great American city and a great American tragedy that will enlighten and enrage you in equal measure. State government incompetence, institutional racism, criminal negligence." Barnhart says he has also been contacted about the possibility of screening the movie in August at Stockholm World Water Week, which is to water what Sundance is to film. But first, the film goes before some of the influential eyes at Sundance.

STATUS OF OPERATING FUND AS OF 12/31/2018

Income	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	Difference	Annual Income Budget
Pledges	410,000	411,684	1,684	410,000
Loose Offering	100,000	106,513	6,513	100,000
Per Capita	4,000	3,534	(466)	4,000
Other Income	145,242	128,111	(17,131)	145,242
Baur Bequest	15,948	16,095	147	15,948
Planned Transfers	10,100	10,590	490	10,100
Extra Princ. Received	-	-	-	-
Totals	685,290	676,527	(8,763)	685,290
Expenses	Budget to Date	Actual to Date	Difference	Annual Expense Budget
Program/Building	642,179	631,596	10,583	642,179
Mission	41,700	42,170	(470)	41,700
Per Capita	18,389	18,389	-	18,389
Extra Princ. Paid	-	-	-	-
Totals	702,268	692,155	10,113	702,268
NET DIFFERENCE	(16,978)	(15,628)	1,350	(16,978)
Carryover from 2017	57,451	57,451	-	57,451
CASH FLOW	40,473	41,823	1,350	40,473

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Deadline for next Bridge Builder (March 2019) = **February 25th**

Have something (or someone) you'd like to see in the next Bridge Builder?
Send content or suggestions to communications@wpcslc.org

Sunday Schedule

9:00 am iBelieve Worship
10:10 am Sunday School
11:15 am Traditional Worship
2:00 pm Sudanese Worship

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9am - 3pm

Friday
9am - 12:30pm
801.487.7576

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Communion

First Sunday of every month
during worship service.

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