



Next Month at Fort Street: May 2018

From the Pastors Desk

Legacy and Tradition

“When Shem was one hundred years old, he became the father of Arpachshad two years after the flood; and Shem lived after the birth of Arpachshad for five hundred years, and had other sons and daughters. When Arpachshad had lived for thirty-five years, he became the father of Shelah....” (Genesis 11:10-11)

The first five books of the Bible contain many passages like the one above. To our ears, they are some of the most boring passages of the Bible - endless strings of names and years. But in between the records and names is a deeper story, one of tradition and faithfulness. Each of the names in those Scriptures speak of passing the faith along, parents to their children, generation to generation.

What does it take to pass on a living faith from generation to generation? What keeps faith from being a memorial of what came before, but instead something that inspires and deepens faithfulness for each new generation? It takes the ongoing commitment, to share - and enjoy - the life of faith with those who come next.

With 169 years of history, Fort Street has much to celebrate. This month come several opportunities to honor the history - and continued faithfulness - of the church's work. There are ways you can support - and build upon - the legacy of the church in a few special ways this month.

First, come and enjoy the Chorale's Spring Concert on Sunday, May 6th. Recently we learned that some of the Fort Street elders, the leaders of the church, first came to the church to hear the Chorale perform. The legacy of the Chorale lives on in their continued service, and enjoyment. You can come and enjoy the music of Mozart's Requiem on Sunday, May 6. Ticket information is available in this message.

Also, come celebrate the Open Door Ministry's 50 years of service for a special lunch banquet event on Sunday, May 20th, 1:00pm in Fort Street Church's Great Hall. Our special guest, the Rev. Dr. Robert Crilley, will share some remarks about the ministry's history and some hopes for the future. Please RSVP and purchase your tickets through our website.

Join us to honor and support these events in the life of the church.
Pastors Anne and Eric

Notable Events

Chorale Concert - Mozart's Requiem **Sunday, May 6, 3:00pm**

General Admission: \$25 *
Groups of 10+: \$20 each
Students: \$15 * Patron: \$50 (\$60 at the door)

Tickets are available at fortstreet.org/chorale or at the door on concert day. Concertgoers may pay with a credit card online and either print their own tickets or get them at will call, or may buy tickets at the Church office during business office (Monday - Thursday).

Open Door 50th Anniversary Celebration **May 20, 1:00pm**

Please join us for a celebration recognizing Open Door's 50 years of service. Our featured guest will be Rev. Dr. Robert Crilley. Tickets can be purchased before May 10th at the church website, fortstreet.org.

Open Door Volunteer Recognition **May 17**

Have you volunteered for Open Door recently? Come for a meal on Thursday,

May 17, at 11:45pm in the Great Hall to be thanked and recognized! Call the church office to RSVP by May 10.

Summer Book Study - Waking Up White

Mondays, 7:30pm, beginning June 11

On Monday evenings beginning on June 11th, The Spiritual Life Committee is hosting a Summer Book Study on Waking Up White and Finding Myself in the Story of Race by Debby Irving. The Reverend Denise Anderson and the Reverend Jan Edmiston, Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), have invited the denomination to read and discuss the book. Pastor Anne will lead these discussions.