

NOVA'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM APRIL 14:

Upcoming events/dates to remember

April 21 — start of Calling Forth “season,” after Nova liturgy at Kenmore

April 21 — Freecycle Swap after Nova liturgy at Kenmore Middle School

April 21 — VOICE potluck in Herndon, 2-4 pm

April 21 — Christians for a Free Palestine, mobilizing call, on video conference, 8 pm

Announcements

1) **Calling Forth season** — Meg Tuccillo announced that Calling Forth (for new Nova chair/s for the coming year) will begin following liturgy next Sunday, April 21. She said we should plan to stay for 20 minutes, to hear an explanation of the process, and be thinking about how we want to respond to the commitment sheets that will be handed out.

2) **Freecycle Swap** — Gloria Mog reminded us about next Sunday's Freecycle Swap (in honor of Earth Day, which is the day after), which will take place after liturgy (along with the Calling Forth meeting). In the spirit of “reducing and recycling” bring two or three items in good condition that you no longer need and can pass on to someone else. Put the items out on designated cafeteria tables at Kenmore and then do your “shopping” for anything you CAN use after liturgy. There will also be a Book Swap table – again no more than two or three books per household. If your items don't get picked up, please take them home and donate them – you've already decided you're done with them. The whole idea behind this is reduce/recycle.

3) **VOICE potluck April 21** — Nancy Veldhuis told us about a VOICE potluck dinner that will take place from 2 to 4 pm next Sunday, in Herndon. The purpose of the dinner is to help VOICE members work with and build relationships with people of diverse faiths and diverse cultural backgrounds. The dinner will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Rd, Herndon, Virginia. Please RSVP by this Wednesday, April 17, so that VOICE can send pre-reading materials to all attendees and plan space accordingly. To sign up, click on this [link](#) (which also has more details about the event).

4) **Palestine mobilizing call** — Carmela Orlando asked us to consider signing on for a mass mobilizing call concerning Palestine. Christians for a Free Palestine calls the Christian community to use our voice and collective power to challenge Christian Zionism and demand an immediate ceasefire. Join the next national mass mobilizing call on Sunday, April 21 at 8 pm and learn what comes next for this important movement. Click on the following links for more info or to sign up to get the video conference link for the Sunday night call.

<https://christiansforafreepalestine.com/>

<https://christiansforafreepalestine.com/events/aprilmasscall>

5) **Job leads for a new immigrant?** — Yesenia (“you can call me Jessie”), who is from Bolivia, asked Nova for help finding job leads. She has been in the US about a year. She used to work in a medical office and would be happy finding work in that field again. If you have ideas or

leads, please get in touch with Carmela or Victoria Robinson, who can pass the info along to her.

6) **Arlington County gun buyback program** — Clair Lamb noted that the Arlington County Board has approved a gun buyback program, but needs donations from the community to fund it. They estimate the program will cost \$30,000. Supporters can donate through this link: https://arlc.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=4894 The link takes you to a page on the Arlington Community Foundation website, which has more details about the program. The foundation is spearheading the effort to gather donations to make the buyback possible.

7) **Tom Clarkson's announcements** — Tom asked the community to continue supporting legislation for a job guarantee, as well as noting that Ronaldo Vail continues to look for garden work. Here are the details: [SHORT VIDEO REMINDER ON THE JOB GUARANTEE](#) You're two mouse clicks away from receiving a weekly video reminder to ask your Congressperson to enact a Job Guarantee. Click on callsforjobs@gmail.com. That will bring up an email already addressed to callsforjobs@gmail.com. Then hit SEND on that email. No need to write anything.

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8) **Synodal process** — Clyde Christofferson noted that it's only about a month until Nova should send its submission to the Vatican for the synodal process (deadline is May 15). Look for an email from Clyde in the next few days with full information on this.

9) **Cereal for AFAC** — Finally, please remember to continue bringing cold cereal or other food donations for AFAC (the Arlington Food Assistance Center) to liturgy each Sunday. Despite the warm spring weather, the need of food-insecure families in Arlington (and elsewhere in our area) has not gone away. Hunger is not just a winter-time thing.

The presider and planner for next Sunday's liturgy (at Kenmore and on Zoom) will be "the Joes" — Fr. Joe Kenna and Joe Formoso. The scribe for announcements will be Judy Christofferson, who (as usual) needs written copies of announcements made. — submitted by Phil and Alicia Cackley

FROM APRIL 7:

Calendar

Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9 -- Christians for a Free Palestine mass mobilization.

Thursday, April 11, 7-8:30 p.m. – VOICE presence at Alexandria City Council to support affordable housing.

Sunday, April 14 – Nova book group discusses "The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store" at Goldschmidts. RSVP now.

Sunday, April 21 - Freecycle event after liturgy.

We are called to speak truth to power—here is an opportunity. Affordable housing can't wait! Budget Accountability Action. **VOICE needs our presence April 11** from 7-8:30 p.m. at Mark Center in Alexandria. VOICE seeks funding from the Alexandria City Council for two affordable housing projects that have already been approved by the Alexandria City Council. This is our moment to show key elected leaders our organized power, to share stories from impacted people and hold our elected officials accountable to voting for housing justice in May and beyond. We need to pack the house!

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It is important to [register here](#). Here is the schedule:

Monday, April 8 (all events at Washington Church of the Brethren, 337 North Carolina Ave SE, wheelchair accessible) [Check out this transportation guide](#)

10am-1pm - Art Build

1pm - Lunch Provided (vegan- and vegetarian-friendly)

2-5pm - Optional workshops, hymn singing, affinity groups, and down time

5pm - Dinner Provided (vegan- and vegetarian-friendly)

6-8pm - Direct Action Training (MANDATORY for Red Action Participants (I think that means willing to be arrested), masking mandatory.

Tuesday, April 9

9am - Breakfast provided for Red Action Participants

10am - Public Communion Service & Commissioning (location TBA)

12pm - Red Action (nonviolent)

12:15pm - Lunch Provided (Washington City Church of the Brethren, vegan- and vegetarian-friendly)

More ways to volunteer:

– Call for crafters and artists! Message Margaret Ernst at margaretanneerst@gmail.com if you have these skills and would like to be on a team to do this. We are in need of your help for the Art Build starting at 10AM on Monday.

- Donations for meals and snacks are needed, and this could be a way for folks at NOVA to support this action. If you can help serve lunch or dinner on Monday or check people in at the welcome desk, email jay@germantownmennonite.org.
- Monetary donations can be made [here](#).

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Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter. The planners will be Quinn Conners, O.Carm., Jack and Linda Christie. The scribes will be the Cackleys, who are expecting announcements in writing.

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Through Sunday, April 7 -- Special collection for families of victims of Baltimore bridge collapse.

Sunday, April 7 — Timpane memorial walk-a thon AND CEREAL DRIVE.

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Sunday, April 14 – NOVA book group discusses “The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store” at Goldschmidts.

NOVA is taking a **special collection this week** to support the families of the men who were victims of the Baltimore bridge collapse – families both here in the U.S. and in their native Central American countries who relied on the men's manual labor for all of their livelihoods. We will be in touch with CASA, which provides critical services to immigrant and working-class families and advocates for their rights, about how best to make our donation. Make checks payable to NOVA Catholic Community or donate on the NOVA website [here](#). Please indicate your donation is for “Bridge victims and survivors.”

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– On Monday, April 8, there will be comprehensive training to prepare all those who plan to take peaceful action.

– In addition, donations for meals and snacks are needed, and this could be a way for folks at NOVA to support this action. Donations are needed for dinner on Sunday, April 7; and for lunch, snacks and dinner on Monday, April 8. All deliveries to Washington Church of the Brethren.

Sign up [here](#) to register and receive more information.

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Happy Easter to all and thanks to the many people who worked so hard to prepare meaningful Holy Week services for us.

Next Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Easter and the presider is Francis Gargani, CSsR, with planners Eileen Joyner and Kathy Scheimer. The scribe will be Cathy Goldschmidt who needs all announcements in writing. ~ submitted by Markie Harwood

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Thursday, March 28 — Holy Thursday liturgy (reservations ended March 24); it will also be ZOOMed.

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** After the Easter Liturgy next Sunday, there will be an Agape. Everyone, please bring some type of finger food for this! Thanks.**

**Holy Week liturgies will be ZOOMed, but no interaction will occur. **

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Upcoming events/Dates to remember

Monday, March 11 — VOICE appeal to attend Alexandria City Council budget meeting, at 5:15 pm

Wednesday, March 13— 2nd Zoom meeting for Nova's synodal process, at 8 pm

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1) Dream Project fundraising raffle — Emma Violand-Sanchez introduced members of the parents group of the Dream Project, who were on hand to sell tickets to a fundraising raffle that

will take place in June. Former Dream Project scholar Girasol O'Neill (now an art teacher in Arlington Public Schools) showed his painting and explained the symbolism behind its composition. A full-sized reproduction of the painting is first prize in the raffle. There are a number of other prizes, including cash amounts. Tickets are \$10 each. If you didn't get a ticket at liturgy today, you can purchase them online, using Venmo or Zelle mobile payments apps. Check with Emma for details or look at her March 8 email.

2) VOICE appeal to Alexandria council — Nancy Veldhuis said VOICE is looking for NOVA members who live in Arlington and Fairfax to show up tomorrow night at an Alexandria City Council budget hearing to help advocate for two approved affordable housing projects, yet to be funded for the third year in a row. 5:15 pm to 7 pm, Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria. You can sign up here: <https://secure.everyaction.com/Metqc-gBzU2jeAjXJIFZdg2>

3) Synodal process Zoom meeting Wednesday — Clyde Christofferson let us know that over the last two years Nova has submitted two documents to the Synod Office in Rome. A third submission is due May 15. To prepare that submission, he hopes to hear from as many members of the community as possible. One meeting is still to be held, beginning at 8 pm on Wednesday night, over Zoom.

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This Week – Ronaldo needs our (notarized) letters of support (see Clarkson notice)
Sun., March 10th Fourth Sunday of Lent/Laetare Sunday - Rose or Pink are appropriate colors
Sun., March 17th - 4-6p.m. ,ini Lenten Retreat via ZOOM w/ Fr. Ted Keating
Thu, March 21 – Shane MacCarthy's tour of Capitol Bldg, 11:30am
Sun, April 7 – Mike & Gen Timpane fundraising walk for PathForward
Sun., April 14th - NOVA Book Club meets after M

Announcements

Shane MacCarthy's invite to join him, Thurs March 21 @ 11:30am, for several-hour **docent tour of Capital Bldg** (busy scene because it'll be Cherry Blossom time.)

Carolyn M thanked Community for generous response of household stuff, kids' clothes & money for 3 (new to US) **Afghan families**. She is tutoring one of 8 kids (and the Mom) in English.

Both Tom C. & Marie S-B spoke of the need for us to work to **get poor people registered to vote**, get them rides to the polls, etc. Tom C and others participated in this week's DC "March on Poverty" event. He reinforced message that all needs for housing, healthcare, food security would be underwritten if Fed legislation provided \$16/hour guaranteed wage! (See Tom's simple 2 clicks – 2 Congress effort to push for this.)

Scott Miller (Director of **PathForward**, formerly ASPAN), reported that 700 individuals have been provided with indep housing units, while PathForward still staffs the Courthouse area 24/7 homeless shelter. They seek daytime volunteers to work with chef & serve breakfast (often 30 people), lunch at Noon (often 60 people) and dinner @ 6Mark your calendars for post-liturgy 1st Sunday in April (4/7) Mike & Gen Timpane fundraising WALK @ Kenmore. Walk & donate, or just donate if walking ain't easy. See Clyde C's earlier Emails for Weds & Sun mtgs about continued efforts toward RC Church synod plans.

From Yaneth Spaine on behalf of Little Friends For Peace: Join the **2024 Best Buddies Walk** at 9 a.m. Saturday April 27 on the National Mall at 7th and Madison Drive. See Yaneth for the QR code to register.

From John & Carol Reeder: There will be a **trip to Senator Tim Kaine's Capitol Hill Office**. Please contact John for details.

From Ted Miller: There is a program on Apple TV currently called **Masters of the Air**. It is getting ready to air its final episodes 8, 9 and 10 which will feature Carolyn Miller's Dad. Her maiden name is Clark. The program airs on Fridays.

From Joe Keyes A **mini report from the committee working on NOVA's future**; if you have a need of help from NOVA, please contact Cathy Goldschmidt, Anne Passin or Ted Miller (emails and phone numbers in the NOVA Directory). Joe also said that Stephen Ruth will be working with folks on ZOOM.

A Conversion of the Heart: From Chardin to Laudate Deum, a Lenten mini-retreat with Fr. Ted Keating, SM on Sunday March 17 on Zoom. Please join us for an afternoon of inspiration, reflection, prayer and music with Fr. Ted Keating, beloved priest, lecturer, seeker and lifelong supporter of Intentional Eucharistic Communities. The work of Teilhard de Chardin has fascinated Fr. Ted for decades. In this retreat he will bring together the “conversion of heart” in relation to the earth and all beings that Chardin imagined and Pope Francis demanded in his latest Encyclical document: Laudate Deum. Participants will benefit from reading Pope Francis’ Laudate Deum book (35 pages) before the retreat or watching a summary video of the document.

From Cathy Goldschmidt: If you are interested in an **informal Zoom chat** every few weeks with other members on fun or interesting topics please contact Steve Ruth at ruth@gmu.edu. We might consider favorite books or TV shows, effect of technologies on lifestyles or security concerns, travel stories - whatever subject intrigues the group. This is open both to friends who only attend by Zoom, and to those who attend in person as well.

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3. LETTERS OF SUPPORT FOR RONALDO AND HIS FAMILY

Ronaldo & Nohemi's asylum lawyer has asked for friends to send letters saying good things about him, especially if they have done something for you, for NOVA, or for others. Please notarize your signature (lots of UPS stores have notary services) and give them to Tom next Sunday. Click [here](#) for the lawyer's instructions.

FROM FEB. 25:

Calendar

Monday, February 26th: Visit Senator Warner's office

Wed.. Feb. 28th - resumption of Study of the Book of Exodus

Fri., March 1st A NOVA Chorus Concert 7:30 p.m.

Sun., March 3rd is another First Sunday with Snacks and Coffee following Mass

Sun., March 3, 3-5 pm —annual VOICE meeting, in Burke

Sunday, March 17 4-6 PM: mini Lenten retreat with Fr. Ted Keating

Sun., April 7th Path Forward Walk after Mass to honor Mike Timpane

Sun., April 14th — Nova book group meets (after liturgy)

Announcements

The Care for Creation Team has sent a number of emails with **suggestions for Lent**. Now we have pulled those ideas together in a suggested action plan. It is:

- Observe Meatless Mondays– or one additional plant-based meal weekly.
- Read [Laudate Deum](#), Pope Francis' "apostolic exhortation" on the climate crisis.
- Take Catholic Climate Covenant's [Laudate Deum Action Pledge](#).
- Attend the March 17 mini-retreat with Father Ted Keating: "A Conversion of the Heart: From Chardin to Laudate Deum."

This information is on the website and will be in the announcements with links to Laudate Deum and the Lenten pledge.

From Nancy Veldhuis: **Annual VOICE meeting** March 3 from 3 to 5 P M. This gathering will set the stage for the rest of the year, with VOICE delving into discussions about organizing priorities, budget approval and the selection of a Strategy Team. The meeting will be held at Accotink UUC, 10125 Lakehaven Ct, Burke, VA 22015. To register for the event, click on this link: [VOICE registration](#)

Two announcements from Carolyn Miller:

– A new family with a small baby has just moved into the building where the family I am helping lives. They have nothing. If you have any baby furniture, beds, linens, carpets, etc. to donate please Let me know.

– The NOVA Chorus is having a Spring Concert this coming Friday, March 1st beginning at 7:30p.m. Parking is free at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311. Free Admission, too, though donations are welcome. Featured will be The NOVA Chorus, The Arlington Community Chorus and Brentsville District High School.

From Yaneth Spaine on behalf of Little Friends For Peace: Join the **2024 Best Buddies Walk** at 9 a.m. Saturday April 27 on the National Mall at 7th and Madison Drive. See Yaneth for the QR code to register.

Also, NOVA got a nice note of gratitude from LFFP to express its gratitude for our support. Included was this paragraph: "If you know anyone who could benefit from our services, or would like to get involved, please refer them to www.LFFP.org or reach out to us at anytime."

From John & Carol Reeder: The **trip to Senator Warner's office** (8150 Leesburg Pike, Suite 700 Vienna.) is at 2 PM tomorrow Monday. Hope to see you there!

From Ted Miller: There is a program on Apple TV currently called **Masters of the Air**. It is getting ready to air its final episodes 8, 9 and 10 which will feature Carolyn Miller's Dad. Her maiden name is Clark. The program airs on Fridays.

From John Veldhuis: IF you do not think you are already on the List for the **Study of Exodus**, please contact John Veldhuis. On Tuesday, John will send out the link to this ZOOMed presentation which will be held on Wed., Feb. 28th.

From Joe Keyes A **mini report from the committee working on NOVA's future**; if you have a need of help from NOVA, please contact Cathy Goldschmidt, Anne Passin or Ted Miller (emails and phone numbers in the NOVA Directory). Joe also said that Stephen Ruth will be working with folks on ZOOM.

From Sally Keyes, two things:

– If you can help provide finger foods for next Sunday's First Sunday, please let Sally know at jskeyes@verizon.net

– Also, the current Tables of Six (or Seven) Timing is now through April.

From Meg Tuccillo: Next Sunday a representative from **Path Forward** (used to be ASPAN) will be at NOVA. There will be an upcoming Walk around Kenmore to raise money in honor of Mike Timpane and all the good he did. The date is April 7th.

A Conversion of the Heart: From Chardin to Laudate Deum, a Lenten mini-retreat with Fr. Ted Keating, SM on Sunday March 17 on Zoom. Please join us for an afternoon of inspiration, reflection, prayer and music with Fr. Ted Keating, beloved priest, lecturer, seeker and lifelong supporter of Intentional Eucharistic Communities.

The work of Teilhard de Chardin has fascinated Fr. Ted for decades. In this retreat he will bring together the “conversion of heart” in relation to the earth and all beings that Chardin imagined and Pope Francis demanded in his latest Encyclical document: Laudate Deum.

Participants will benefit from reading Pope Francis' Laudate Deum book (35 pages) before the retreat or watching a summary video of the document.

From Cathy Goldschmidt: If you are interested in an **informal Zoom chat** every few weeks with other members on fun or interesting topics please contact Steve Ruth ruth@gmu.edu. We might consider favorite books or TV shows, effect of technologies on lifestyles or security concerns, travel stories - whatever subject intrigues the group. This is open both to friends who only attend by Zoom, and to those who attend in person as well.

From Tom Clarkson:

[SHORT VIDEO ON THE JOB GUARANTEE](#)

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Federal jobs guarantee — Tom Clarkson wants everyone to contact their Congressional representatives to urge them to support a federal jobs guarantee. See the complete text of his announcement below.

Food for AFAC —Don't forget to bring food donations for the Arlington Food Assistance Center to liturgy every Sunday. Even in a community as wealthy as Arlington, there still is tremendous need (AFAC typically serves more than 2,700 clients per month). Bring cold cereal, cans of low-sodium vegetables, proteins such as canned tuna or salmon, or beans.

Dianne recently contacted AFAC and these other items would also be appreciated: Dianne recently contacted AFAC and these other items would also be appreciated:

low sodium soups in pop=top cans

canned fruit in light syrup

peanut butter

plain pasta

canned beans

cooking oil

*I, Linda, will run this additional list monthly when I am the scribe.

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday in Lent. The planners will be Quinn Conners, O. Carm and Richard Urban. The scribe will be Victoria Robinson who requires announcements in writing.
~submitted by Linda Christie