

The Bellringer

Gibson Movie May Inspire Some, Repulse Others

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Mel Gibson's well-publicized account of Christ's final hours may provide inspiration to some, but movie goers should be forewarned of the film's reliance on violence and questionable interpretation of history, says Pastor Jack Sharp.

"It's certainly not a film you should take your children to," the Pastor says.

The movie, "The Passion of Christ," depicts the crucifixion as an act reluctantly ordered by Pontius Pilate, and aggressively executed by sadistic

soldiers, at the urging of a Jewish high priest, Caiaphas.

Such "passion plays" have sparked eruptions of anti-Semitism throughout history, and the movie has raised fears of a similar backlash.

While essentially true to the gospels, Pastor Sharp says, the account defies what is known from history: that Pilate was a notoriously blood-thirsty leader unlikely to follow the dictates of religious leaders in occupied Jerusalem.

The gospel ac-

counts, written during an era of Roman rule by authors who were no doubt wary of angering Roman authorities, must be considered in their context, the pastor says. Ed Richardson, Govans Director of Christian Education, agreed. "The movie is very unfulfilling on several levels: The gratuitous violence, the way the Jewish leaders are portrayed is almost a parody. And perhaps most disturbing of all, is the lack of God's love as the central message of Jesus, is

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From the Pastor: Lent 2004

Lent is a time when we take on a spiritual discipline as we consider the passion of our Lord – traditionally the disciplines have been almsgiving, prayer and fasting. But perhaps in this hectic time for individuals and families we could add another - some quiet time spent together with our families (and if you are a single person it could be quiet time spent with a friend). It is said that fewer and fewer households share an evening meal together. During Lent, families could arrange one night when

they could share a simple meal, and individuals could plan to share a meal with a friend. It would be a time to just take some time to be together - without the accompaniment of television - or the compulsion to answer every time the phone rings. It wouldn't be bad just to turn the phone off for that brief period, so each person could give his/her entire attention to the other(s). Each member could take turns through the season deciding how to use the time together; playing a game, reading a book, sharing some poetry,

telling stories. The significance of rituals in life is emphasized by Dolores R. Leckey in [The Ordinary Way: A Family Spirituality](#). Leckey notes that we need some similar order, some reliable daily ritual if we are to grow in prayer and live in peace... In this next six week period, why don't we observe the Lenten Season by setting aside some time for this ritual of Lent – getting to know one another better.

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From Pastor Sharp's Book Corner



The Heart of Christianity: Rediscovering a Life of Faith

Marcus Borg (Best-selling author of Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time)

If you thought the sermons of the past month were “heavily salted” with quotes from Dr. Marcus Borg, then you might be more forgiving when I confess that I have been spending evenings with his new book The Heart of Christianity. The Borg quotes that found their way from the book into my February sermons is a clue to my enthusiastic endorsement of this book for your winter reading. We have already purchased two copies for the Church Library, and I

LENT

Lent is a feast with a twist. It is an opportunity to exchange the pleasures and pressures that ordinarily drive our lives, for an inner hollow to be filled by God. It is a time to de-clutter our interior world so God's priorities take pride of place. There are many ways to observe Lent, but all of them involve carving a space for God. Last year a friend of mine committed herself to five weeks of Sabbath-keeping as a way of observing Lent. One day a week she devoted to prayer, rest, and re-creation -- no errands, chores, or work allowed. She visited with friends, strolled through the BMA, took a nap without guilt, prayed. By the time Easter rolled around her daily pattern of incessant activity and rushing was broken. Madeleine L'Engle writes, "When I am constantly running there is no time for being. When there is no time for being there is no time for listening." This Lent, may you find a meaningful way to pause -- to stop and savor the assurance that after Good Friday, Easter comes indeed.

The Gratitude Corner

Our fear cancels our faith - but if we choose to take the risk of faith - we soon learn that it was our fears that were the real risk! Faith is a choice!

hope they will be well circulated through the congregation.

In the book, Dr. Borg addresses the question “How can we be passionate believers today?” He draws heavily on two branches of Christianity that often seem at odds with one another: the fundamentalist-evangelical branch and the liberal-progressive branch; both, he contends, have much to contribute to our faith and spirituality. Borg writes about the former as the “earlier paradigm” and the latter as the “emerging new paradigm.” [he uses *paradigm* as in “model.”] He passes judgment on neither, but points to serious weaknesses in each when they are separated from one another. The “earlier paradigm” is what we recognize as traditional Christianity, and is still the dominant voice of the faith. It views the Bible as the unique

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The Adult Ministry Area wants to help you find a meaningful way to enter into Lent. For four Wednesday evenings beginning March 10, we offer you an opportunity to come and discover how you can observe Lent. Each Wednesday at 6:00 through March 31, we begin with a time of fellowship around sharing a simple meal. Then you are free to create some Lenten space for yourself however you choose. The Meditation Chapel will be open and appropriate readings available. Each week there will be an informal discussion on the Lectionary texts for the week. The indoor labyrinth will be available as will the finger and sand labyrinth for personal exploration. There is no single “program” being offered. Instead, you are invited to come and practice “being” and “listening”

Can't make it to church on Wednesdays? Check out the link on our Webpage (www.govanspres.org) for a listing of the Lectionary readings for Lent and the new “Lenten Blog,” where there will be an ongoing online discussion of lenten texts.

What the writer Ann Lamott says about Ash Wednesday is true as well for Lent: "Ash Wednesday offers us a chance to break through the distractions that keep us from living the basic Easter message of love, of living in wonder rather than doubt." Join us for this time of refocusing our lives as we prepare our lives to live the message of Easter.

A Warm Welcome to Our New Members

**Susie Sutherland
John Sutherland
Sydney Sutherland (daughter)
Wendy Smith
Chris D'Arezzo**

They joined us at the 9:30 a.m. service on
February 22, 2004



I Am the Resurrection and the Life ...

John Kovach—February 9, 2004

CONGRATULATIONS to Sunghee and David Flores on the birth of their daughter, Geneva. Geneva was born on January 24, 2004

Govans Presbyterian Preschool

As we eagerly await the coming of spring, it is time to think about summer camp. We are now accepting registration for our summer program – “Animals, Animals, Animals”. Come join us for one or all four of our camp sessions. Each camp session runs for two weeks and is held from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The children will explore the world of animals through stories, music, dramatic play, science, and arts and crafts. The cost of each camp session is \$150. As offered during the school year, Extended Care hours are available from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. at an additional cost. Parents may register for this service daily, weekly or monthly. A discount is given to those who sign up monthly.

Camp will begin in June with Session I from June 14th-25th, Session II begins on June 28th and ends on July 9th (Camp and Extended Care will be closed for the Fourth of July). Camp Session III will run from July 12th - 23rd and Camp Session IV will run from July 26th through August 6th.

Extended Care will be available for parents who need care during the remainder of August. Please call the Preschool Office (410-435-8189) and request a camp brochure.

The Preschool will be closed Good Friday (April 9th) and remain closed through Friday, April 16th. Extended Care will be available for those who need this service, Tuesday, April 13th through Friday, April 16th.

We are still accepting registrations for the 2004-2005 school year. Please call the school office (410-435-8189) for information and to schedule a tour.

MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS	MARCH USHERS
3/7 Jody Sharp	9:30 a.m. Arnsdorf/McAfee Family
3/14 Julie Mertus	11:00 a.m. George Cagnet— Capt.
3/21 Betsy Toland	Connie Newton
3/28 Barbara Kemp	Mindy Watson
If you are interested in being a Worship Leader or Usher or you would like your name removed from the list, contact the church office at 410-435-9188.	Ramona Hoyle
	Elsie Hegwood

Want To Help in the Sunday Services?

Interested in ushering on Sunday Morning? Peter C. Conrad and George Cagnet are our new usher Coordinators for the two services. George will arrange ushers for the 11:00 service and Peter for the 9:30. If you would like to help through ushering, please contact either Peter (410-464-6470) or George (410-433-7232).

**LECTIONARY FOR THE LORD'S DAY:
MARCH**

3/7 2nd Sunday in Lent
Gen. 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17-4:1;
Luke 13:31-35

3/14 3rd Sunday in Lent
Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

3/ 21 4th Sunday in Lent
Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32 ; 2 Cor. 5:16-21;
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

3/28 5th Sunday in Lent
Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Phil 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

A Thank You from Family and Children Services

Thank you so much for being part of the Family and Children's services of Central Maryland Adopt a Family for the Holidays project this year. With your help over one hundred sixty families received help. The impact of your generosity goes far beyond the receiving of gifts. The message you send to struggling families is that someone cares and that caring many times helps families gain renewed strength to continue the intimidating process of changing behaviors, learning new techniques, and improving the outlook for the affected adults and children. It is your commitment to and interest in helping others that makes the difference. Thank you.

Pastor's Book Corner Cont'd

revelation of God, leaning toward a literal interpretation, emphasizes the Christian life for the sake of salvation later – and typically sees itself as the only true faith. The “emerging paradigm” has developed over the last 100 years as a result of Christianity's encounter with the modern and postmodern world, and it is at home with “science, historical scholarship, religious pluralism, and cultural diversity.”

Drawing upon each paradigm, Borg weaves “a way of viewing Christianity” that gives the reader tools to see the heart of Christianity.

Borg shows that terms that have been the sole province of evangelicals and fundamentals; such as “born again,” are important to all branches of Christianity (noting that the concept of dying and being born anew is central to the faith), and he lifts up the concept of the “Kingdom of God” not as a “bulwark against secularism but as a means of transforming society into a world that values justice and love.” (A quote from the book cover) Borg argues that the Christian life is essentially about opening one's heart to God and to others. He devotes an entire chapter to the metaphors of the “closed heart” and the “open, or hatching, heart.”

I particularly liked the section on finding “thin places.” (The reference is spatial not physical). “Thin Places” is a Celtic metaphor denoting places where the

Confirmation Class Begins

The Confirmation class of 2004 has begun. Confirmation is the time when our young people explore the vow made on their behalf by parents, friends and the church make a personal profession of faith in Jesus Christ. One of the dominant images for confirmation is that of a “Journey.” These young people embark upon a journey that continues throughout their lives. The church will confirm and commission these young people as participating members of the church on June 6, 2004. Each Sunday a member of the Confirmation Class will assist in worship. Greet these young people and encourage them along this important journey.

distance between God and humanity thins to almost nothing –and one feels, and sees, God in such places. His mention of the sacred Island of Iona, as an example, brought back memories of our mission trip to Iona in the summer of 2000. There was a real sense of the mystery and holiness of God in that remote historic island of St. Columba. Borg notes that “thin places” can be any place in our lives when we feel ourselves closer to God, and our lives can be changed. It can happen at worship, through the music, the sermons, the prayers, the ritual. It can happen in an encounter with another persons – but it is a time when our heart is opened, our faith nurtured, and our lives enriched. He notes that “If we took seriously that a major purpose of worship is to become a thin place, it would affect how we would conduct our worship services....the selection of the hymns, the amount of silence in the service, whether the liturgy is sung or said, the care with which the lectionary texts are read” [from page 160 in Borg's Book]

Walter Brueggemann called this book “a great gift to those who have so much to unlearn in and about the church. It will, moreover, nourish new Christians who are moving beyond popular caricatures of faith, inviting them to the real stuff.”



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

During the month of February, the church received a much needed computer upgrade for the church offices. Through the generosity of Joe and Carol Hamilton, and their daughter, Jill Marquiss, a donated Dell Server System was installed. Jill Marquiss not only arranged the contribution, but donated additional hardware to the network, providing the church with a computer network that should last many years. Many thanks to Jill, Joe and Carol!

THE GREAT GOVANS SPRING FLEA MARKET

THE GREAT GOVANS FLEA MARKET is calling for collectibles - arts, crafts, books, toys, jewelry and more. We need shoes, clothing, furniture and tools. Let your imagination go wild and donate all of your unwanted goodies (but please keep your old computers) to our Flea Market to be held Saturday, April 17th from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. The Dungeon is waiting to hold all of your treasures. We need volunteers as well - come work with Susan Platt and Mary Osborn and help sort and price items during the week or on sale day. Or maybe the Café is your area of expertise and you would like to help Mary Weller fill the church with wonderful aromas and help feed all the hungry visitors and workers. Clean up has to be the most fun - help Bobbi Seabolt bag and sweep after the event. This is an important fund-and friend-raising event for our Church - come out and help make it a success!

Job Opening at GEDCO

Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO) needs a Senior Aide for an "on-call" position. Assist with meal service and provide housekeeping and personal services for senior residents at Epiphany House. Fill in when regular staff is on vacation or sick leave. Flexible hours range from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Must have an ability and desire to work with senior citizens, be physically capable of performing the job duties, and have experience with related tasks. Please contact Ken Coulson, Service Coordinator, at 410-323-3040 or at epiphany-house5610@netzero.net. EOE.

Gibson Movie May Inspire Some, Repulse Others—Cont'd nowhere to be found," he says. Dr. Richardson was also concerned with the "demonizing" of children in the film. "Judas, after he betrays Jesus, is first teased by children playing on the street. Then they transform into hideous demons which drive him out of the city and torment him until he hangs himself," he says.

The Presbyterian church, along with the Catholic church and other mainstream denominations, follow specific guidelines for the interpretation of the Biblical accounts of Christ's death. The guidelines say it is improper and inaccurate to blame Jews for the death of Christ.

In that context, the film is a reversion to outdated interpretations of the event, says Pastor Sharp, a leader in the city's interfaith community. He has higher hopes for an ABC made-for-TV account scheduled to be aired March 8.

Some viewers may find the Gibson movie helps them understand the suffering of Jesus, he says. "You will understand what crucifixion was."

And the depiction of women – Mary and Mary Magdalene – is well done, he says. But graphic images of beatings and other abuse of Christ detract from the film's spiritual value, he says.

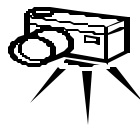
Pastor Sharp does not accuse Gibson of anti-Semitism, however. "I think this is his theology," he says.

However, he says the film misses several points. It fails to portray the wide diversity in Judaism at the time. "It doesn't show that Jesus was a Jewish teacher struggling against a corrupt temple system," he says.

"I wouldn't straight-out recommend it to anyone but I think people will go see it because it is a phenom," the pastor says. "The film has some bad theology and a lot of sadism in it."

Govans member Rev. David Harris will lead adult-option discussions on the passion on Sundays in March beginning March 7 at 10 a.m. at Govans.

- By Jon Morgan



Smile: A New Pictorial Directory Is On Its Way

It has been 5 years since our last pictorial directory was published. Some of us have really grown up since 1999.

We will begin advertising for portrait sittings three or four weeks before Easter and begin photographing the week after Easter—April 13th to 17th.

We will need volunteers to help sign up individuals and families as well as lay-out activity pages in the front of the directory.

If these are your talents, please see Marilyn Forbes.

**The Presbytery of Baltimore
And
Faith Presbyterian Church
5502 Loch Raven Blvd., 410-435-4330
Invite you
To the installation of Christa Fuller Burns
As Designated Pastor
On
Sunday, March 7, 2004
At 3:00 p.m.
A reception will follow**

How Can I Contribute Financially to Govans—My Church? Let Me Count the Ways:

I can support Govans by contributing through ...

- 1) the weekly offering - using cash or check in a church offering envelope (so my contributions can be tracked for tax credit purposes).
- 2) using the automatic electronic transfer program of Hubbard Press (our national church program). There is no

charge to me - and the payment is automatic on the 20th of every month. I can sign up with a form from the church office. This way I don't fall behind when I go away - my pledge is always up to date!

- 3) using my Visa, MasterCard, or Discover Card at any time - my church can accept credit card contributions. Isn't

that convenient?

- 4) using communion envelopes on the designated Sundays to support special missions.
- 5) using online purchasing at Amazon.com by clicking through the link on our website - www.govanspres.org. That link is on the front page of the website -and Govans receives a cash percentage of any pur-

chase you make at Amazon. So, whenever I buy books, music, even computers - a percentage of the purchase goes to my church. Isn't that great? These are the ways I contribute to my church - you can too.

By: Pastor Sharp

Stella Maris—Good Buy Shop Winter Clearance to Benefit Residents

The Good Buy Shop at Stella Maris will hold its Winter Clearance Sale from March 1 through March 12. The Good Buy Shop is a consignment shop with jewelry, household items, and clothing for men, women and children. All proceeds from the shop directly benefit the residents of Stella Maris.

From March 1 until March 5 all items will be 50 percent off regular price. From March 8 through March 10 everything in the shop will be 70 percent off, and on March 11 and 12 the shop will feature its "Fill a Bag for \$3.00" sale.

Store hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

The Good Buy Shop is located on the ground floor of Stella Maris, 2300 Dulaney Valley road. For directions and information call Cass Bittner at 410-252-4500 ext. 7254.

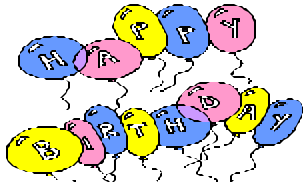
A Happy Thought:

Lord, I love you and I need you, to come into my heart, and bless me, my family, my home, and my friends, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bishop T. D. Jakes "7 Second Prayer"

Joseph Richey Hospice Volunteers Needed

Joseph Richey Hospice seeks patient care, kitchen, laundry, garden and administrative volunteers. The hospice is hosting a free hospice volunteer training course, which will take place at **Joseph Richey Hospice**, 828 N. Eutaw Street, on Saturday, March 20th and Saturday, March 27th, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Free parking is available in the Mount Calvary Church lot on Madison, adjacent to the church. To register, call Anne Hawkins or Erin Seiller at 410-523-2150 before Wednesday, March 17th, 2004, or fax 410-523-1146.



March

13th	Jill Marquiss
14th	Mary Frantz
15th	Mary Jane Hardin
16th	Matthew Hoffman
17th	Albert Isteero
18th	Maria Kaniecki
19th	Nancy Songster
20th	Mary Beth White
25th	Cory Joiner
26th	Catharine Helmers
29th	Elizabeth McGiffert
30th	Karen Kaufmann
31st	John Songster
	Shaevonne McLaughlin
1st	
2nd	
3rd	
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6th	
8th	
10th	
12th	

If your birthday does not show in your birth month we might not have it. Please call the office at 410-435-9188 and let us know when your birthday is, or you may e-mail it to office@govanspres.org

ADULT OPTIONS

Each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. during Lent, you are invited to participate in the Adult Option discussion. Our topic for Lent will center around events that lead to the formation of the early church. We will begin on March 7 by viewing a portion of the NBC special report, "Who Killed Jesus?" The discussion will include reviews of the new film *The Passion of the Christ*. Then, on the following Sundays in March, we will explore how the Early Christian church moved from being just another Jewish sect to a religion that included and even embraced the Gentile world. We will view segments of the new PBS video *Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution* which highlights how Judaism and Christianity parted ways.

By: Ed Richardson

Baltimore Presbytery Singles Group 2004

Sunday, March 7 **1:00 p.m.**
Stew in Your Juices at Boordy Vineyards. Choice of Beef, Chicken or Mushroom Stew. Cost: \$8. Carpool from Loch Raven/Cromwell Bridge Park & Ride. RSVP: Cassie at 410-391-8713.

Saturday, March 20 **6:00 p.m.**
Interactive Comedy Murder at the Historic Baker Home in Aberdeen, MD. Cost \$25. Carpool from Park and Ride behind Ikea at White Marsh. Light dinner included. RSVP immediately. To Janet at 410-256-5097.

Sunday, March 21 **3:00 p.m.**
Annual Choral Festival of the Columbia Pro Cantare & Second Presbyterian Choir. Free. At Second Presbyterian church on 4200 St. Paul Street. Dinner after the concert. RSVP to Janet at 410-256-5097.

Saturday, April 17 **6:30 p.m.**
Manor Tavern for dinner. RSVP: Janet at 443-849-2052 or email janetlee@bcpl.net by April 3. **NO LATE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED.** Carpool from Loch Raven/Cromwell Bridge Park & Ride.

Last minute reservations will not be taken when advance reservations have to be made or tickets have to be purchased. Thank you.

SNNB: Senior Network of North Baltimore

Located in the Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Center

The SNNB offers a variety of programs and activities for senior adults. Below are a few of the activities for this month. For more information on any of these programs, please call SNNB at 410-323-7131.

FRIDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Join SNNB for a gourmet box lunch and a program every Friday at Noon.

All Luncheons are subject to change.

- March 5** Kitchen Kapers (Singing and Dancing)
- March 12** Travel Log—"Road to Rio"
- March 19** Eating at the Buffet
- March 26** Out to Lunch Bunch—Jade Gardens (Reservations are a must by 3/18 with a \$3.00 non-refundable payment)

Call 410-323-7131 to sign up. You MUST sign up by the end of the day on Monday.

A \$1.50 to \$2.00 donation to Eating Together is suggested for people 60 or over.

Under 60, please pay the full cost of the meal (\$5.95). Sponsored by Eating Together.

- Free Blood Pressure Checks** Wed., 3/3, 3/17 & 3/31 10:30 a.m.
- Free Eye Screening** Thurs, 3/15 10:30 a.m.
- Manicure & Haircuts** Wed., 3/17 10 a.m.—1 p.m.
\$5 plus tip for haircut & \$4 plus tip for manicure
- Chair Massage** Mon., 3/8 & 3/22 12—1:5 p.m.
Fee \$10.00 for 15 minutes
- AETNA—Health Insurance** Tues., 3/2 10 a.m.—12 noon

Senior Network Receives Vials of Life

Vials of Life are given to seniors living in their own homes or apartments. Persons receiving the vials store their personal medical information in the Vials and place a sticker on their front door. In case of emergency, paramedics know to look for the Vial, which is kept in the refrigerator. Come pick up your free vial at Senior Network.

Computer Classes Begin

March 5—April 16
Call Senior Network for classes and pricing.

- UPCOMING TRIPS:**
- Tues., March 2** Trip to Giant at York Road Plaza
 - April 13-15** Foxwood Casino
 - May 10-13** Cape Cod, Mass
 - May 26** Washington, D.C.
 - Nov., 14-21** Bermuda Cruise from Baltimore
- Contact Mary Swen for more information at 410-323-7131. Reservations and deadlines apply.

Winterized Emergency Food

The Senior Network, through Baltimore City Commission on Aging, is offering Emergency Meals. These meals **DO NOT REQUIRE REFRIGERATION** and can be obtained for a small donation. Included in this box are: beef stew, tuna, juices, cookies, crackers, non-fat dry milk, and raisins. It provides enough for three meals. Stop by SNNB or call 410-323-7131.

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With Contemporary Music

(Coordinator: Mike Kirkpatrick)

10:10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT OPTIONS

11:00 a.m.

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with Organ and Chancel Choir

(Dir. Of Music, James Galdieri)

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CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR BOTH SERVICES

ALL ARE WELCOME

The Ellen Morriss Memorial Labyrinth

is open from dawn to dusk daily

Fall Retreat

To help celebrate our 160th Anniversary, the Adult Ministry Area is planning a Fall Church retreat. If you are interested in helping put together the activities and theme of this retreat, please contact Ben Hobbs (bhobbs1@jhu.edu) or Ed Richardson

CARES is a Food Pantry & Financial Assistance Center located at St. Mary's Church, serving the residents of Govans and surrounding areas. Donations can be dropped off here during church (basket located in Tower Room or to the church office). CARES need assistance all year long especially during the holidays.

Wish List: Tea bags, sweetener packets, small containers of canned meats such as tuna, chicken, and chili, chicken stew, beef stew, spaghetti noodles and sauce, jello/pudding, boxed potatoes, rice, beans, soups and jelly and peanut butter, canned vegetables/fruits, cereal, along with female personal care items and paper items such as toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Thank you for your support.