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Hana S. Sharif Takes the Helm as Arena Stage Artistic Director

BY SHEILA WICKOUSKI

n April 2023, Arena Stage announced that Hana S. Sharif, a theater veteran with decades of experience at regional theaters including Hartford Stage, Baltimore Center Stage and The Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, would step in as only the fourth ever artistic director of Arena Stage.

As Sharif prepares to launch her first season at Arena, she draws on her experience telling a broad range of impactful stories. While leading Hartford Stage, Sharif co-created the Aetna New Voices Fellowship for playwrights of color and launched a training partnership with the University of Hartford's Hartt School. At the Baltimore Center Stage, she helped guide a multi-million-dollar renovation and cultural transformation that included launching the "Third Space," a 99-seat theater dedicated to adventurous and thought-provoking art and creat-



Photo by Chesire Isaac courtesy of Arena Stage

Hana S. Sharif

ing immersive preshow experiences for mainstage audiences.

In her new role at Arena Stage, Sharif succeeds two legendary women who shaped American theater. Arena cofounder Zelda Fichandler was a pioneer of the American regional theater movement and served as producing director of Arena Stage until 1990. Douglas C. Wager followed, leading the organization from 1990 to 1998. Most recently, artistic director Molly Smith capped off a distinguished 25-year tenure at Arena spanning more than 200 productions while driving the design and development of the Mead Center for American Theater.

In timing that aligns with Sharif's new role, a collection of Zelda Fichandler's writings on theater is scheduled to be released. In The Long Revolution: Sixty Years on the Frontlines of the American Theater, Fichandler covers topics like The Institution as Art-Work, the Profit in NonProfit, Race and a Deepening Aesthetic, and Creativity and the Public Mind as well as intimate portraits of art-

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25 Years of Small Grants, Big Projects for Friends of Southwest DC

BY REGINA HARRISON, BOARD MEMBER, FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST DC

or 25 years, Friends of Southwest DC (FOSW) has awarded small grants to support neighborhood nonprofit organizations and residents in Southwest. In 2023, FOSW celebrated a quarter century of grant awards, with a total of \$450,000 distributed to over 50 different organizations for projects in Southwest DC.

The FOSW annual report, just released, describes the myriad ways in which 2023 grants were used to benefit Southwest residents: for school supplies and backpacks, to provide after school mentors, to distribute food, provide health screenings, sponsor college scholarships, repair community gardens,

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Nathaniel Pickett Foundation Health Fair at the Southwest Market.



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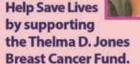
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Ward 6 Mutual Aid Marks Fourth Anniversary

BY KATRINA AVILA

elebrating its fourth anniversary on March 15, Ward 6 Mutual ▲ Aid (W6MA) emerged in 2020 to address community needs. Founded in 2009, Serve Your City (SYC) pivoted in 2020 to become W6MA's lead partner. Together with almost 100 community partner organizations, SYC/W6MA has worked diligently to address systemic issues, offering essential resources such as food, clothes, hygiene products, cleaning supplies, diapers, face masks, student laptops, school supplies, online tutoring, virtual and outdoor afterschool programming, internet access, and more.

This is #solidarityNOTcharity in action, aiming to ensure that our neighbors and their communities have the abundance they need not just to survive but to thrive. Although specific challenges have transformed, our work continues, and we express deep gratitude to those who supported SYC over the last decade-plus and W6MA for the past four years. Your #solidarityNOTcharity sustains our ongoing efforts. Join SYC/W6MA as a volunteer member today by visiting bit.ly/SYCW6MAgetinvolved to learn more.

Curious about ways to contribute? Discover various ways to engage with **Serve Your City/Ward 6 Mutual Aid:**

Virtual Tutors Needed: SYC/ W6MA's "Free School for Unlimited Youth" program provides FREE virtual tutoring to Black and Brown K-12 students across Washington, DC. We are constantly seeking passionate volunteer members to join our team! We



welcome college students, graduate students, and professionals who are committed to making a difference in any subject. If you're interested in becoming a virtual tutor, please visit bit.ly/sycvolunteertutor or contact us at youthenrichment@serveyourcitydc.org for more details.

SYC/W6MA's Southwest Pod Winter Hours: SYC/W6MA's SW Pod Donation hours are Wednesdays from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Neighbors in need are invited to visit the Pod once a month for provisions, including food, hygiene items, cleaning supplies, and access to the Clothing Closet. The Southwest Pod of SYC/ W6MA is located at Christ United Methodist Church (900 4th St SW access through the courtyard gate at the back of the building on the side street off Wesley Place SW). Christ United Methodist Church's 5000 Food Pantry will continue providing food and supplies on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays, with no distributions on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

Support the Southwest Clothing **Closet at Christ United Methodist Church:** We are seeking your support for the Southwest Clothing Closet at Christ United Methodist Church! Join us in making a difference by providing essential everyday wear, work attire, and stylish outfits for men and women in need. Clean, good-condition clothing and shoes are welcome, with a special emphasis on larger sizes. Additionally, we have a specific request for new or like-new underwear, t-shirts, bras, and socks. Your generous contributions can help us lend a helping hand to our community. The clothing closet is open every Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to serve our community members in need.

Support SYC/W6MA's Southwest Pod! We are in need of donations such as:

- Non-perishable foods like canned tuna, canned chicken, pasta, pasta sauce, soup, canned fruit, boxed milk, peanut butter, jelly, cooking oil, condiments, hot and cold cereal, Ensure, tea, coffee.
- Toiletries including toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, deodorant, feminine products, and Depends.
- **Monetary Donations:** Contribute online at bit.ly/sycw6ma-donate. Your contributions enable us to secure food from the Capital Area Food Bank, effectively tripling the impact compared to purchasing from a store.

Want to Learn More? For further details, feel free to reach out to us at: swmutualaid@serveyourcitydc.org.

St. Matthew Lutheran **Church to Host Children's Easter Party**

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

The annual children's Easter party will be held in St. Matthew Lutheran Church's courtyard on Saturday March 30, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There will be games to play, crafts to make and refreshments to enjoy, as well as a chance for families to take home printed pictures with the Easter Bunny. All children are welcome. There is no charge for this event.

The church is located on the corner of M Street SW and Delaware Avenue SW. The courtyard is located behind the church and can be entered from the gate on Delaware



A Busy Bee: Business Icon Leads with Head and Heart

BY JACKIE L. WILLIAMS, PH.D.

In the words of Juanita "Busy Bee" Britton, "the spirit led me to Southwest's District Wharf to make an economic impact and make a difference in the lives of local residents." Her business acumen engages people to shop and connect in fellowship in a way that brings the community together. When you step into one of her shops, you step out of the world as it exists into an environment that embraces priceless beauty you can own.

Through BZB International, Inc., she strives for artistic excellence in offering the best of Africa and African American visual artwork, handmade crafts, and jewelry. She also provides a forum for artists to discuss their crafts at her shops and marketplace events. This affords an opportunity to build a village to forge an authentic relationship between artists and communities.

As a minority business owner, she commits a year to expand her local Anacostia business, as an economic development strategy, to support the opening of the second phase of the District Wharf. This year-long pop-up leaves a long-lasting impact on the



Courtesy of BZB International

Juanita "Busy Bee" Britton

Southwest community for years to come. The presence of BZB International bridges the gap of people and communities between east of the river and the southwest waterfront with Navy Yard and Buzzard Point in between.

Britton oversees a conglomerate of local, national, and global enterprises. Her business development skills were

evident from the age of 10, when she launched a summer lemonade stand business as her first venture in her hometown of Detroit, Michigan. With a passion for serving people, she left her beloved community for Washington, DC to pursue a master's degree in public affairs at Howard University. With this purpose, BZB International was born in 1985 with a mission that comprises special event coordination, retail development, public relations, marketing, and an African diaspora travel firm. One of her signature events is "BZB Holiday Gift & Art Show, the largest African American Department Store on the East Coast."

Considering the "spirit" that led her to Southwest, imagine Southwest past - a thriving African American enclave which predates urban renewal. Descendent communities live along Fourth and Seventh Streets near the quadrant's major shopping center. During the mid-1950s and early 1960s, redevelopment displaced 23,500 southwesters, including African American and Jewish residents, to other city neighborhoods. In recent years, Southwest has welcomed an influx of residents as a result of the redevelopment along the

waterfronts of the District Wharf, Buzzard Point, and Navy Yard.

Through her entrepreneurial spirit, Britton builds upon the legacy of the Southwest community and economic development efforts, by fostering an environment that heals and brings people together for the greater good. No stranger to building bridges, she has expanded her beloved community to Africa. For the past 13 years, she has reigned as Royal Queen Mother Nana Botwe Adobea II of Timber Nwanta Village, in the Eastern Region of Ghana, West Africa. She travels to the village four times a year and is responsible for implementing economic development projects with more than 600 residents. As a community builder, she helps to "improve literacy standards through teacher support and training; provide higher education scholarships; secure greater access to literacy tools and technology; facilitate leadership skills and an empowerment program for girls; and promote health and wellness initiatives."

For more information about BZB International, Inc., visit https://bzbinternational.com/.

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A sunset over a snowy waterfront.

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SHARIF

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ists she worked with and director's notes from her major productions. Sharif first read Fichandler's essays on theater when she was a student at Spelman College, and declared even then that she would one day be Arena's director.

SHARIF'S VISION FOR FUTURE OF ARENA STAGE

The Southwester spoke with Sharif about how her vision as artistic director ties into that of Fichandler, who has been deemed the defining architect and builder of the most sweeping transformation of twentieth-century American theater, and Smith, who placed Arena in the spotlight of American national theater.

Arena Stage has been part of the Southwest community since it was first located here in 1960. During Molly Smith's 25 years, Arena added a number of programs to engage neighboring schools and residents.

The community Sharif joins today includes new restaurants and businesses, and many new residents, along with neighbors who have called Southwest home for decades, or perhaps their entire lives. Sharif spoke of the diversity of the community in age and nationality.

ARENA'S HELEN HAYES AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Helen Hayes Awards recognize outstanding achievement from professional theaters and theater-makers across the Washington, DC region.

Of the 72 productions nominated for Helen Hayes Awards in 2024, Arena Stage had six productions nominated for 32 awards, more than any other theater in the area.

Arena Stage productions *Swept Away* and *Angels in America, Part One: Millennium Approaches* received 12 nominations each. *POTUS: Or, Behind Every Great Dumbass Are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive* received five, and *The High Ground, Exclusion,* and *Cambodian Rock Band* received one each.

Theater presents what is going on in the lives of people in the audience and of the world around them in comedy and drama. Sharif's vision is of a diverse range of shows that have "something for everyone" but not "everything for everyone." Her plans for Arena extend beyond the upcoming 2024/25 Season to a longer range vision of what theater will be in five to 50 years from now.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

The challenges that accompany this role are significant. Theaters have experienced many changes in recent years, including shutdowns from Covid-19 that led to canceled shows and dwindling audiences. Sharif is well-positioned to address this challenge, as she served as a planning team member of the Professional

Nonprofit Theater Coalition, which helped secure access to \$16 billion of federal funding for tens of thousands of theater workers across the country during the early months of the pandemic.

Sharif takes on the leadership role at Arena as theaters are beginning to fill up again. One sign is the recent sold out performances and extension of shows at Arena Stage along with themes for special nights.

Another change is audiences' expectations for theater shows. Sharif is committed to the premise that each person's experience of a theater performance is unique. While a video of a performance might always be the same, what live performance offers is a shared experience of the actors and the other members of the audience.

Each performance of the same show can evoke different responses.

Just as Kindle transformed the book publishing industry, Zoom and widespread live streaming affected attendance at live theater performances. While theater is dynamic and has changed over centuries, the setting of the stage design, which is inclusive of the audience as present in the place of the action, is yet to be reproduced by the newest electronic devices. In short, there is nothing like live theater.

Sharif also acknowledges that Arena is located in a highly political environment. Washington, DC is a seat of policy being made for the United States with potentially worldwide influence. Theater presents both the political and the personal and these cannot always be separated in shows relating stories of human interactions.

With its focus on American theater, Arena has provided a variety of productions, from dramas to musicals to modern tragedies. What is the future of the theater and the shows that will relate to its ever-changing audiences? Sharif's approach is one rooted in the history of theater, with its unique value of experiencing art in person, as well as in the fresh ideas and energy she brings to the task of creating another page in Arena's history.



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assist seniors, support community events, and more. FOSW awarded 20 grants worth \$60,000 during the year.

Scholarships were the single largest recipient of funding. FOSW awarded its second annual Coralie Farlee Scholarship for Graduate Studies, named in honor of the FOSW founder, to SaDeja Keith, who is enrolled in a master's degree program in education at the University of the District of Columbia.

"I could be a part of a fantastic group of educators promoting science, technology, engineering and mathematics careers to students in urban communities," said Keith. FOSW also sponsored four undergraduate scholarships, administered by SWNA.

Education was also the focus of several other grants by Friends of Southwest DC in 2023. Alpha Phi Alpha (Omicron Eta Lambda chapter) created enthusiasm for a return to classes by giving away backpacks filled with back-to-school essentials. The Good-Projects Learning Hub enlisted tutors in reading and math for 75 students in Southwest. Southwest Academy used its grant to provide training to interns on technological learning and practices to address disorder and violence. DC Storm (Students Taught Organization and Respect through Mentor-



Courtesy of the Author

Paul Taylor hosts the annual Southwest Comm-Unity Forum Toys for Tots.

ing) traveled with 15 students to visit college campuses around Hampton, Virginia, to expose students to academic settings and encourage them to pursue higher education.

Continuing two long-term programs, FOSW grants provided scholarships for three Southwest students to attend Camp Arena Stage and supported the Jefferson Middle School ensemble at the Arena program "Voices of Now," which fosters cre-

ativity. Another artistic program, the Children's Chorus of Washington, was given a small grant to support attendance by Southwest students.

Southwest adults also responded enthusiastically to community-oriented programs funded by FOSW grants. A grant to Waterfront Village enabled classes on "Solo Aging" to assist seniors and help prevent social isolation and loneliness. Serve Your City (Southwest Pod) and Christ

United Methodist Church (5000 Food Ministry) provided food and essential supplies for cleaning and personal hygiene to about 1,600 families. Separate grants funded repairs at the SW Community Gardens and the Christ United Methodist Church community garden.

Several community events also benefited from grants. The Nathaniel Pickett Foundation health fair drew 200 participants at the Southwest market, providing resources to deal with alcoholism, narcotics, gambling, and other issues. The Foundation expressed thanks: "Please take pride in knowing your donation has assisted in taking a firm step further toward a brighter future."

In another FOSW-funded event at the market, SW Strong-a SWNA task force—organized numerous nonprofit and governmental agencies to discuss climate change, environmental threats, and disaster preparedness. Yet another popular community event was the second annual Mutt Strut. October was a splendid time to walk the dogs of Southwest. Sponsored by the Southwest Community Center, dogs and owners strolled for several miles and then gathered in for a party with contests, prizes, and games. Grants also helped fund two Southwest Days at Lansburgh Park.

The joy of the holiday season was augmented by FOSW grants to pro-

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Spring Sports Preview

DC Defenders Return to Buzzard Point in New League

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

pring football will return to Audi Field this year, and not the futból practiced by the DC United and their upcoming visit from soccer legend Lionel Messi.

American football, as played by the DC Defend-

ers, will take to the gridiron on April 7.

Last season, Defenders were a franchise of the XFL, but the league announced a merger with the USFL to create the new United Football League.

The Defenders' home opener against the Houston Roughnecks is a rematch of the 2023 XFL championship game. Although the Defenders fell short in

the title game, their run to the XFL North Division championship was marked by strong fan interest and a culture of celebration at Audi Field.

Other Defenders home games are scheduled at Audi Field in May and July.

Washington Spirit Set to Open Season at Audi Field

BY MELISSA SILVERMAN

¶he Washington Spirit, DC's professional women's soccer team, will open another season of home matches at Audi Field in Buzzard Point on Saturday, March 23 against expansion club Bay FC.

Last season, the Spirit hosted nearly 120,000 fans across 11 regular season home matches. As they launch their 12th season of league play, some familiar faces from last season's roster, including U.S. Women's National Team midfielder Ashley Sanchez, have departed, while six new draft picks and experienced players including defender Casey

Krueger and forward Brittany Ratcliffe will join the club.

This summer, the Spirit will welcome a new head coach Jonatan Giráldez of FC Barcelona, a 2023 FIFA "Best Women's Coach" nominee. New assistant coach Adrián González will serve as interim head coach until Giráldez joins the club full time at the conclusion of the FC Barcelona Femení season.

The Spirit's season will consist of 26 regular season matches, with a league-wide week off prior to the 2024 Summer Olympic Games in Paris. Washington will kick off 2024 on the road against newly named Seattle Reign FC on March 17 before returning to Audi Field for the home opener.

Schedule highlights include nationally broadcast home matches against NJ/NY Gotham FC on April 20, the Portland Thorns on September 7 and the Houston Dash on September 15.

Special theme nights are scheduled throughout the season, including:

- March 31 Women's Empowerment
- April 20 Kicking Women's Cancer presented by Inova
- May 18 Salute to Service
- May 24 Pitchside Pups
- June 15 Juneteenth
- June 29 Pride



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- September 15 CVS Health Day
- October 13 Hispanic Heritage
- October 20 Fan Appreciation presented by Snickers



Save the Date! Upcoming Washington Nationals Promo Dates

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

Spring Training is back, which means the Washington Nationals' 2024 season is just around the corner. Below is a list of key March and April dates to note as we soon swap winter gloves for baseball gloves.

March

- March 15: Spring Breakout at Mets
- March 26: On Deck: Nationals Futures **Exhibition at Nationals Park**
- March 28: Season opener at Reds

April

• April 1: Home opener vs. Pirates; reversible

bucket hat giveaway (first 20,000 fans)

- April 5: Branch Appreciation Day, National Guard; Pups in the Park
- April 6: Penn State University Day
- April 7: Howard University Day; Girl Scout Day
- April 19-21: 2019 World Champions five year anniversary weekend
- April 19: Friday Night Fireworks, 2019 world champion music
- · April 20: 2019 World Series replica ring giveaway (first 20,000 fans)
- · April 21: Kids 2019 World Champions viewing

(first 8,000 fans, ages 12 and under); Kids open-

ing day; Screech's birthday

- April 20: West Virginia University Day
- April 21: Youth Baseball and Softball Day
- April 23: Japanese Heritage Day; Pups in the Park
- April 24: Patriotic Series, Military Appreciation Day

More information about these dates and the rest of the season can be found at https://www.mlb.com/ nationals.

National Symphony Orchestra to Perform Across Southwest and Southeast

BY SOUTHWESTER STAFF

In March, the National Symphony Orchestra will collaborate with various communities in Wards 6 and 8 to amplify joy, unity, and shared humanity through music and the arts. Partnering with local schools, museums, and organizations, we will honor the history of these neighborhoods, while also building new connections and relationships. Events are free and open to the public with first-come, first-served seating, unless otherwise noted.

Schedule of Free Events

Events are being added every day, so make sure to check back! www.face-book.com/National.Symphony/events and https://twitter.com/nsotweets

MONDAY, MARCH 18th

Waterfront Village @ St. Matthew Lutheran Church

11:00 a.m., 222 M St SW, Washington, DC 20024

Heather Green, violin | Mahoko Eguchi, viola | Paul DeNola, bass

This chamber performance will focus on Waterfront Village, a senior citizen group that works together to navigate the challenges of life.

Pearl Street Warehouse

33 Pearl St SW, Washington, DC 20024

7:00 p.m.: James Nickel, horn
8:00 p.m.: Mark Evans, cello | Paul Cigan, clarinet | Charlie Nilles, bass
Pearl Street is an historic DC location, marking the largest non-violent slave revolt in history. This is a performance venue at the Wharf specializing in live music. This will be a back-to-back performance. Registration through Pearl Street Warehouse is required. See www.facebook. com/events/765130308485494

Riverside Baptist Church

6:30 p.m., 699 Maine Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024

This historic church will host an evening concert celebrating its survival amongst the decades long streak of urban renewal and gentrification.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st

Artechouse

5:00 p.m., 1238 Maryland Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024

This interactive museum seeks to redefine the way that art is experienced. A chamber concert will be held in this innovative space.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

6:00 p.m., 400 I St SW,

Washington, DC 20024

An historic church in the SW neighborhood will host the NSO for a night of uplifting music.

River Park

6:00 p.m., 1311 Delaware Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024

This mid-century housing development was one of the first to allow African Americans to purchase homes in DC. NSO musicians will give a concert in their community room to a mixed-generational crowd.

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd

Southwest Library

11:00 a.m., 900 Wesley Place SW, Washington, DC 20024

Teri Hopkins Lee, violin | Derek Powell, violin | Mahoko Eguchi, viola | Rachel Young, cello

This library dates back to 1941 but has been completely rebuilt with a focus on community and sustainability. The performance will take place in the library's meeting room.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd

Culture House DC

11:30 a.m., 700 Delaware Ave SW, Washington, DC 20024

Housed in a former African American church, this community arts space will host a concert centered around its cherry blossom exhibits.

National Museum of the US Navy

1:00 p.m., 736 Sicard St SE, Washington, DC 20374

James Nickel, horn

Established in 1961, this museum displays and preserves significant artifacts that tell the story of US naval history. The Navy Yard itself was one of the first places to employ African Americans in the city.

The Anthem Full Orchestra Concert

7**:30 p.m.**, 901 Wharf St SW, Washington, DC 20024

FREE full orchestra concert at this Southwest Waterfront music arena featuring local DC artists.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

Rubell Museum

11:30 a.m., 65 I St SW, Washington, DC 20024

The Rubell Museum contains an exten-

sive collection of American and international contemporary art. The building that now houses the museum was formerly Randall Junior High School, which closed in 1978 and was a historically Black public school attended by Marvin Gaye.

Bald Eagle Recreation Center Full Orchestra Concert

7:00 p.m. 100 Joliet St. SW, Washington, DC 20032

This free performance will feature mezzo-soprano, Marquita Raley-Cooper, DC artist and native.

In addition to the free public events listed above, there will also be free private events at other locations across Wards 6 & 8:

FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd

Van Ness Elementary School 12:45pm-1:30pm & 2:25–3:10pm,

1150 5th St SE, Washington, DC 20003

Marissa Regni, violin

The NSO will provide two back-to-back concerts for the students at this elementary school. Van Ness's teaching philosophy emphasizes the develop-

ment of the whole child, and the newly renovated building includes a historic field house and a rooftop educational garden. The concert will take place on the auditorium/gym stage.

Jefferson Middle School Academy

2:15pm-3:00pm, 801 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024

This performance will feature an interactive program of music during "club time" at Jefferson.

MONDAY, MARCH 25th

Tyler Elementary 9:50am-10:50am & 11:10am-12:10pm, 1001 G St SE, Washington, DC 20003

James Nickel, horn

This school of over 500 students is home to several notable programs including Special Education, Spanish Immersion, and Creative Arts Learning. This will be an in-school, back-to-back performance. The first concert at 9:50 will be for PreK-1st graders. The second concert at 11:10am will be for 2nd-5th graders.



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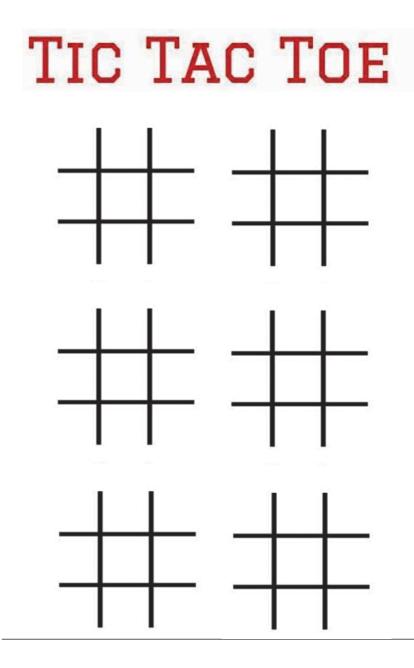
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Answers from February 2024 issue

Differences: The picture on the right has an additional flying envelope and a third balloon; the person has a peace sign on the shirt in the picture on the right; the heart on the envelope is different; there is an extra white flower in the picture on the right; in the picture on the right, the person is wearing a hat.

WORD SEARCH: SPRINGTIME!

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Drawing Time!

What would you like to draw?

Math Moment!

Can you complete the following equations?

8 + 8 = 150 x 3 = 34 - 33 = 34 + 33 = 102 + 8 = 72 + 20 = 5 x 5 = 50 / 10 = 16 / 4 = 76 + 18 + 6 =

Jokes!

Why did the mushroom think he could join the circus?

Because he thought he was a Fun Guy!

(Submitted by Naomi P.)

Does February march?

No, but April may!

Why couldn't the little flower ride a bike?

Because it didn't have any petals!

Write Your Own Joke!

If you would like to submit a joke to The Southwester, email it to editor@ thesouthwester.com.

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Young Readers



Book Clubs for Introverts

BY KITTY FELDE

You might call them Book Clubs for Introverts.

Imagine a room full of readers, sharing the experience of reading, but not talking. That's the idea behind Silent Book Clubs.

The rules are simple. There is no assigned reading, everyone brings whatever they want to read. Any format is welcome, whether it's an ebook, audiobook (with headphones), textbooks, graphic novels, magazines, whatever. Members meet up at a local bookstore, coffee shop, library or other community space, and order food or drink (if it's sold at the venue.) You open your book and read silently for an hour. At the end of the hour, talk about the book - or not!

The Silent Book Club was created in 2012 by Guinevere de la Mare and Laura Gluhanich, a pair of friends who carved out time to read by meeting at a neighborhood bar in San Francisco. They'd tried conventional book clubs, but the groups didn't last.

Today, there are more than 500 chapters of the Silent Book Club in more than 50 countries. There are chapters in Arlington, Alexandria, and here in Washington. The DC chapter has been around since 2019 and meets the last Wednesday of every month, 6:30pm-8pm, at Sonny's Pizza.

Their motto is "Read alone, together!"

If your child is on the shy side, bring them with you to a Silent Book Club meetup. Your kids may not listen to you about the joys of reading, but being surrounded by a group of people, their nose in a book, silently reading, is a powerful experience.

Bonus: both of you will come away with a list of new books to put on your "must read" list!

Kitty Felde hosts the Book Club for Kids podcast and writes The Fina Mendoza Mysteries series of books, including "Losing is Democratic: Talking to Kids About January 6th."



Let's get together and discuss your Selling and Buying options in the neighborhood. Our real estate company has kept pace, adapting to the rapid growth and a changing economy while maintaining exact standards and integrity. This is why I am introducing the "CASH BACK PROGRAM".

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Purchase/Sales Price of Property	Amount of Cash Back
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\$300,000 - \$349,999	\$1,825
\$350,000 - \$399,999	\$2,100
\$400,000 - \$499,999	\$2,525
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\$650,000 - \$799,999	\$4,100
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to register for the program and put money in your pocket when you are buying or selling a property. I look forward to working with you during your real estate process.



FRIENDS

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vide meals and gifts. The James Creek Resident Council sponsored a Winter Wonderland, distributing winter clothing and gift cards. Carron Baptist Church served hot Thanksgiving meals for seniors and the homeless and gifted winter coats. Bread for the Soul handed out gifts to Southwest families, as did the Southwest Comm-Unity Forum, with their Toys for Tots program, marking their 14th year. In a letter to Friends of Southwest DC, members of Carron Baptist Church wrote: "As your name suggests a friend is someone that should be there during your time of need and help you through the most difficult time."

Friends of Southwest DC depends entirely on donations from community members to fund its grants; to become a donor or apply for a grant, please visit FriendsofSWDC.org.

BUSY BEE

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Jackie L. Williams, Ph.D. writes about people, places, and historical celebrations at the intersection of faith and public policy. She earned degrees in computer science, education, public policy, and religious studies/ethnics and social justice from Jackson State University and Howard University. As a Southwest Washington, DC resident of more than 20 years, she is an ordained Christian minister, licensed tour guide, a Docent at the Washington National Cathedral and a past Chair of Friends of Rankin Chapel at Howard University.



Riverside Baptist Church has launched its 2024 scholarship program for students from SW DC who are pursuing undergraduate degrees.

To apply, go to riversidedc.org/more/scholarship-program/

Questions? Email: ScholarshipCommittee@riversidedc.org.

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Join us for an informational Zoom on March 19

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Indivisible Waterfront @getinfo.iw@gmail.com



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Southwester Community Calendar | March 2024

Please check the web references or telephone numbers in the listings for details.

SAT 2, 12 - 4:00 P.M. STEM Lab Open House. All Ages Welcome. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 4, 7:00 P.M. ANC 6D Admin meeting - Contact 6D@anc.dc.gov for access to the meeting via 700m.

WED 6-27, 7:00 P.M. Hybrid Lenten Bible Study. Join us on Wednesdays (3/6-27) as we work toward a better understanding of God's presence in our lives. Reading materials: Living Compass' Study Guide: Living Well Through Lent 2024 along with readings from bell hooks' "All About Love." Join us in person at Westminster Church or on zoom. Contact church office for zoom link wpcdcoffice@gmail. com/202-484-7700

THURS 7, 7:00 - 8:15 P.M. PUBLIC TALK- CHANGE YOUR MIND, CHANGE YOUR WORLD. Kadampa Meditation Center 1200 Canal St, SW 20024

SAT 9, 7 P.M. Faith & Film Zoom presentation of AIR. *Release Date: 2023 Genre: Biographical Drama Runtime: 1h 52m Rating: R* Sonny Vaccaro and Nike pursue basketball rookie Michael Jordan, creating a partnership that revolutionizes the world of sports and contemporary culture. Join us for a lively after film discussion. Official Trailer- https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=Euy4Yu6B3nU For Zoom link, email the Westminster office at wpcd-coffice@gmail.com. All Invited.

SUN 10, 1 P.M. Sit & Stitch. Stitchers of all kinds and skill levels, join us for an hour of stitching and community at Southwest Neighborhood Library! Basic instruction for beginners in crochet, knitting, embroidery, and cross-stitch is available. Seniors. Adults, 13-19 Years Old (Teens). Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 11, 7:00 P.M. ANC 6D Business Meeting. Click this link to join the webinar: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87556895604 Or One tap mobile: +13017158592,,87556895604# (don't forget the # sign). Draft Agenda will be posted prior to the meeting. *If there is a concern you'd like to raise at a business meeting, please submit a 3-minute maximum transcript of your community concern to 6d@anc.dc.gov at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

TUES 12, 5:30 -7:30 P.M. Game On! For Adults and Seniors. Play CLASSIC board games, checkers, uno, dominos, backgammon, and scrabble for this fun 2-hour program event. Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

THURS 14, 1-3 P.M. COFFEE & CONVERSATION. Patrons are invited to join a casual conversation with other library customers and individuals from the neighborhood. Coffee provided. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

THURS 14, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Let's Play Spades. SPADES is a trick-taking partnership game where players bid on the number of tricks each expects to take. Games are played to 500 points and the team with the highest score wins. Seniors, Adults, 13-19 Years Old (Teens) Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

SAT 16, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. WORKSHOP- CONFIDENCE TO CHANGE. Kadampa Meditation Center 1200 Canal St, SW 20024

SUN 17, 3 P.M. Pride Book Club. Want to read more LGBTQ+ stories? Looking for an LGBTQ+ bookish community? Join us for our second meeting where we will discuss *Pomegranate* by Helen Elaine Lee! Queers and allies welcome! Southwest Neighborhood Library www.dclibrary.org

MON 18, 11 A.M. National Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Concert. St. Matthew Church, 222 M St SW. Heather Green, violin | Mahoko Eguchi, viola | Paul DeNola, bass

TUES 19, 6 - 7:15 P.M. Migrant Reception Support in D.C. A talk with SAMU Leaders First Response: The organization providing humanitarian aid to the hundreds of migrants coming into the District of Columbia. For the Zoom Link, contact Ben Curran at benimon@hotmail.com. (202) 294-7043. Southwest Neighborhood Library, 900 Wesley St. S.W

TUES 19, 6:30 - 7:30 P.M. Off Script Celebrity Book Club. Come read about the lives of your favorite celebrities in their own words! Join us each month as we explore the lives of the fawned-over and the forgotten, the inspirational and infamous! Seniors, Adults. This group will meet every 3rd Tuesday of the month. To find out the memoir of the month, please call the Southwest Library @ 202/724-724-4517 or register for this event to be added to the Off Script email list. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org.

WED 20, 12 Noon-2 P.M. The Southwest Waterfront AARP Chapter Luncheon Meeting and Speaker Series in Celebration of Women's History Month. Come Meet and Hear from our guest speaker, ANC6D Chair Fredrica, "Rikki" Kramer. PROGRAM-A Community Conversation with Commissioner Fredrica Kramer. Location: River Park Mutual Homes South Common Room. 1311 Delaware Avenue SW. Street Parking is available, and the Waterfront Metro (Green Line) is two blocks away. Bus #74 stops in front of the River Park Delaware Avenue Gate. Everyone is welcome to join us for this presentation and conversation. You will hear and learn about community matters, programs, and initiatives in support of and benefiting adults aged 50 and over and all the residents of Washington, DC. Lunch Available: COST: \$5.00. Masking is optional but strongly encouraged. We will also provide masks for attendees. For further information contact Betty Jean Tolbert Jones at bettyjeantolbertjones@yahoo.com or 202-554-

THURS. 21, 6:00 P.M. National Symphony Orchestra (NSO) In Your Neighborhood Program. Chamber Group performance. Wine and Cheese Reception follows. Free to the Public. Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org

SAT 23, 7:30 P.M. National Symphony Orchestra FREE concert at the Anthem. Full orchestra featuring local DC artists.

SUN 24, 1 P.M. Sit & Stitch. Stitchers of all kinds and skill levels, join us for an hour of stitching and community at Southwest Neighborhood Library! Basic instruction for beginners in crochet, knitting, embroidery, and cross-stitch available. Seniors. Adults, 13-19 Years Old (Teens). Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

MON 25, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Brief Encounters Book Club. Join us as we get acquainted with the works of authors you've heard of but want to know better! Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

TUES 26, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Game On! For Adults and Seniors. Play CLASSIC board games, checkers, uno, dominos, backgammon, and scrabble for this fun 2-hour program event. Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

WED 27, 7:00 P.M. Candle light Labyrinth Walk and Meditation! Classical Music Performance! Wine and Cheese Reception - Meet the Artist! Free to the Public Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org

THURS 28, 6:30 P.M. Community Seder Meal. Join us at Westminster Presbyterian Church for a traditional Seder meal and time of remembrance. Must RVSP: 202-484-7700/ wpcdcoffice@gmail. com. Free to the Public.

THURS 28, 5:30 - 7:30 P.M. Let's Play SPADES. SPADES is a trick-taking partnership game where players bid on the number of tricks each expects to take. Games are played to 500 points and the team with the highest score wins. Seniors, Adults, 13-19 Years Old (Teens) Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

SAT 30, 11 A.M.-1 P.M. Children's Easter Party. St. Matthew Church Courtyard. Games to play, crafts to make and refreshments to enjoy. Come and get a printed picture taken of you and the Easter Bunny. All children are welcome. There is no charge for this event. Enter the Courtyard through the gate behind St. Matthew Church at Delaware and M St SW.

SUN 31, 10-11 A.M. Easter Brunch. Break bread with us on Resurrection Sunday. Join us for light fare and fellowship. Free to the Public. Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org

SUN 31, 11 A.M. Easter Sunday Service. Westminster welcomes back Bobby Felder and Friends to lead music worship. Special Easter Message. Free to the Public. Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org

SUN 31, 12:30 P.M. Easter Egg Hunt for Kids. Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt for children 2-13 years of age. Join in the fun! All invited! Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org

WEEKLY, BIWEEKLY

AARP FOUNDATION TAX- AIDE PREPARATION SERVICES FOR DC AND MD RESIDENTS. To make an appointment, patrons can come during regular tax assistance hours (Mondays and Wednesdays. 1:00 - 5:00 P.M.). At that time, you will get a taxpayer information packet (TIP) that contains the intake and interview form to be filled out, as well as a list of documents needed to prepare returns. Be sure to bring all TY2023 tax documents and completed intake forms to your appointment. For any questions, please call 202/656-0442 and leave a message or email 20051018@ aarpfoundation.org. A tax preparer will reply.

CALENDAR

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ADULT CHESS CLUB, Wednesdays, 6-7 P.M. Chess for Adults, 13-19 (Teens). Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Mondays-Fridays at Noon (St. Dominic Catholic Church) or Wednesday evenings (St. Augustine's Episcopal Church). Postpandemic we have resumed live meetings. This fellowship is open to all men and women who desire to recover from alcoholism. You will be welcome; for more information, contact Josie at 202-880-6971. https://aa-dc.org/meetings/t-g-i-f

ARENA STAGE, A new play at Arena Stage revealing the untold story of Black D.C. educator Anna Julia Cooper. TEMPESTUOUS ELEMENTS reveals the struggle of educational luminary Anna Julia Cooper as she fights for her students' rights to an advanced curriculum. In a scandal orchestrated by the government, her tenure as principal of D.C.'s historic M Street School is sabotaged by her colleagues and neighbors leading Cooper's professional and personal relationships to become fodder for innuendo and social ostracization. Witness the journey of this formidable Black feminist's fight for educational equity, freedom, and legitimacy at the turn of the 20th century. By Kia Corthron and Directed by: Psalmayene 24 through March 17, 2024. Call (202) 488-3300. Southwest Nights are March 5 and March 15.

BABY LAP TIME, Thursdays, 1:15 - 2:15 P.M. These 15-20-minute story times are specially designed for infants from birth until they begin walking, along with their grown-ups! Stay for a fun baby playtime afterward. Ages: Birth to walking. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

BLUES MONDAYS, 6-9 P.M. Various Blues musicians and singers are featured each Monday. \$10 cover and food for sale. Schedule at Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org/blue-monday-schedule.

BREAD FOR LIFE - BREAKFAST, Sundays, 8-8:45 A.M. Free Breakfast. The pandemic has forced us to change how we serve breakfast—but we still offer a free breakfast every week as a to-go bag with a breakfast sandwich, juice, fruit, and slice of cake. If you would like to volunteer with Bread for Life, please contact Virginia Mathis, lead organizer and kitchen manager for the program at thor081828@ hotmail.com. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Community Room, 555 Water Street SW. www. staugustinesdc.org/bread-for-life.

BUILDING BLOCKS, Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Come explore constructive play with us! Children birth to 5 and their caregivers are invited to a special early literacy play date themed around building, knocking down, and building back up again. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary. org

CHAIR YOGA, Mondays and Fridays 11 A.M.- Noon. Gentle movements to increase flexibility, strength, balance & endurance, adapted for all body types. Careful instruction promotes proper breathing, meditation, positive thinking, & deep relaxation. Westminster Presbyterian Church. Any questions? Email instructor, Pamela Wilson, wilsonpj108@gmail.com.

CHURCH CLEANING, 2nd Saturdays of the month, 9:35 A.M. St. Dominic Church. www.stdominic-church.org/

CHILDREN'S LEGO CLUB, Tuesdays, **3:30 - 4:30 P.M.** Join us for a fun 1hr activity building LEGOS on the Second Floor in the STEM Lab 5 - 12 years old. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

CYCLE 2 OF "Modern Well-Married Saints & Holy Couples". Sundays through March 17, 2024, 9:15-10:15 A.M. in the Parish Meeting Room. St. Dominic Catholic Church, 630 E Street SW. www. stdominicchurch.org/

ENCORE CREATIVITY FOR OLDER ADULTS, Tuesdays, 6:30-8 P.M. DC Rocks Rehearsals. For more information, contact: https://encorecreativity.org/Westminster Presbyterian Church.

FAMILY GAME DAY, Sundays, 12 noon. Can you beat your sibling at checkers? What about your parent at Candy Land? Birth – 5 years, 5-12 years old. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org.

FAMILY STORYTIME, Mondays 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. These 30–40 minute story times are designed to be enjoyed by all ages. Promoting early literacy skills through books, songs, rhymes, and movement. If you would like to visit with a school, childcare, or camp group, please call ahead to make arrangements. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

FILM DISCUSSION, Tuesdays, 11A.M.-1:30 P.M. For those who love being part of a good conversation. Seniors, Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org.

GODLY PLAY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN, Sundays 11 A.M-12 P.M. ages 4-12. Fun sessions including videos and interactive activities about the life and teachings of Jesus. Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org/

HYBRID ADULT EDUCATION CLASS Sundays 10-11 A.M. Led by Rev. Dr. Alice Bellis (Howard University) and Jeff Nicoll (author of Strange and Gaudy Fruit: Toxic Theology). Westminster Church. To register, contact: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com. FREE. https://westminsterdc.org/

HYBRID SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE, Sundays, 11 A.M.-12 P.M. All welcome to share in inspiring worship! Westminster Presbyterian Church. https://westminsterdc.org/

JAZZ NIGHT IN SW, Fridays, 6-9 P.M. Various Jazz musicians and singers are featured each Friday. \$10. Food for sale. Schedule at https://westminsterdc.org/jazz-night-in-dc-schedule Westminster Presbyterian Church.

JOB SEEKERS, Mondays, 1-3 P.M. Stop by for this drop-in clinic where we answer your questions and provide guidance and assistance to job seekers in their search. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

KADAMPA MEDITATION CENTER, Weekly Drop- In Meditation Classes. Tuesdays: 6-6.30 P.M., Thursdays: 7:15 - 8.30 P.M., Sunday, 10 - 11 A.M. 1200 Canal St, SW

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, 6:30-7:30 P. M. If interested in attending our meeting, please contact us at komentoastmasters8714@gmail.com.

MAKE IT! Tuesdays, 4-5 P.M. Explore science, technology, arts and crafts, math, music, and more. 5 - 12 years old. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Wednesdays, 7 P.M.-8 P.M. Contact Westminster Presbyterian Church for

more information at wpcdcoffice@gmail.com.

NEW SPY EXHIBIT: Bond in Motion. Starts Friday, March 1. James Bond drives with a license to thrill and a horsepower to kill! Experience the ultimate spy spectacle at the International SPY Museum! See the official exhibit of 007's iconic vehicles, driven by Bond and his allies. Explore the "Bond In Motion" celebration showcasing 17 legendary pieces. **International SPY Museum** 700 L'Enfant Plaza, SW. 202/393-7798 info@spymuseum.org

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH PROTEIN PANTRY, 2nd Sundays, 11:30 A.M. All are welcome! For more details contact rsbc@riverside.org. Riverside Baptist Church, 699 Maine Ave SW, https://riversidedc.org/

SEATED YOGA led by Pamela Wilson, Fridays, 11 A.M.-12 P.M. Westminster Presbyterian Church for more information at wpcdcoffice@gmail.com.

TODDLER SENSORY PLAY TIME, Fridays, 10:30 - 11:30 A.M. Join us in the Children's Room for sensory playtime! We'll provide the materials, just bring your imagination! For children 6 months to 5 years old. Birth to 5 years old. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

TECH HELP, Mondays, 2 - 3 P.M. Get help with digital devices and accounts for free at the library! Seniors, Adults. Southwest Neighborhood Library. www.dclibrary.org

THEMATIC BIBLE STUDY (Virtual), Second Thursdays, 7 P.M., If you don't know our Zoom channel address, just email Rev. Scott at priest@staugustinesdc.org and he will be happy to send you the info! All are very welcome to join us. St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. https://www.staugustinesdc.org/

THURSDAY EVENING MEDITATION, Thursdays, 7:15-8:30 P.M. Suitable for everyone, these meditation classes offer practical methods to improve the quality of our lives through meditation and Buddhist teachings. Each class is available by drop in and you can come to either the entire series for the month or by individual class. Each class is self-contained. Everyone is welcome. For support with our online classes, prayers & events: support@meditation-dc.org Kadampa Meditation Center www.meditation-dc.org/

THE WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS CLUB (WSCC) meets at 7 P.M. on the First and Third Wednesdays of every month at Christ United Methodist Church, 300 Eye Street, SW. Visitors are always welcome to take part in our meetings. Ring the church's doorbell at the Eye St. entrance to enter the meeting. https://www.dcstampclub.org/

ZOOM RESISTANCE BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M. Discuss timely issues on Jesus and Social Justice. For Zoom link, contact Westminster office: wpcdcoffice@gmail.com

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