

1. **March 25 Meeting.** I have to attend the meetings of the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly (COGA) and the General Assembly Council (GAC) at the end of this month, in Louisville, KY. COGA is the oversight group under which the Task Force I serve on is lodged. The other Co-Moderator of the Task Force (Cindy Bolbach) is general counsel of a government records management firm in Washington, and cannot attend these meetings due to a heavy schedule of annual meetings.

I will be making a presentation to COGA on Tuesday, March 24, and tried to get my time with the GAC scheduled in a time to get me back home for the Session meeting. Unfortunately, the GAC scheduled me for Thursday, March 26. As this meeting is scheduled for only three weeks after tonight's meeting, and the following week is close to Holy Week, my recommendation is that the March 25 meeting be cancelled. This would make the next stated meeting of the Session to be Wednesday, April 29.

2. **Maundy Thursday Communion.** If the March 25 Session meeting is cancelled, this will be the last meeting prior to the April 9 Maundy Thursday communion service. Here are the assigned servers:

1/7 Mary Rainey
2/8 Maxine Robertson
3/9 Chuck Blackley
4/10 Jerry Fry
5/11 Stewart Sherwood
6/12 Kay Moyer
P: Stewart Sherwood

During this service, everyone will be instructed to hold the elements until all are served. The bread will be served (numbers 7-12), and after everyone is invited to "take and eat," the cup will be served (numbers 1-6). Routes 1 and 8 involve serving those in the balcony; please trade with someone if this would be a problem for you.

3. **Lent-Easter.** We are now into the season of Lent, in preparation for Holy Week and Easter next month. The focus for the season will be on the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew's gospel. Matthew is currently the focus of the Tuesday Bible Study. My sermons during Lent will be from the Sermon on the Mount, and I have produced a devotional guide for each day from Ash Wednesday through Easter that focuses on the Sermon. (The devotions for Holy Week are from Matthew's account of that week.)

Special events upcoming include:

- Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday: including the Staunton Palm Sunday Parade (10:25 a.m.) and the annual Palm Sunday Luncheon in Fellowship Hall, following worship.
- Thursday, April 9 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7:30 p.m.)
- Friday, April 10 – Good Friday Service of Darkness (7:30 p.m.)
- Sunday, April 12 – Easter / The Resurrection of our Lord

4. **Synod P.W.** There will be a planning meeting of the Synod of the Mid Atlantic Presbyterian Women here at Second on Friday - Saturday, March 13-14. Pam Snyder is hosting this meeting, which usually involves the use of a room like the Lucille Sanger Classroom or the parlor.

5. **Task Force.** At this point, I have the following Task Force commitments on my calendar.
- March 24-26: COGA/GAC meetings, Louisville, KY (See #1, above)
 - May 4-5: Synod of the Covenant, Toledo, OH (I will be back in Staunton mid-afternoon on Tuesday, May 5)
 - June 11-13: The Big Tent event in Atlanta, GA (Thursday - Saturday)
 - August 12-14: Task Force meeting in Dallas, TX (Wednesday - Friday; final rewrite of FOG documents)

I will not be away any Sundays for this work, unless I schedule one of my vacation weeks concurrently with one of these meetings.

