



# Mission Sunday

June 24<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. Worship

Join us for a special Sunday as we highlight GAPC's many national and global mission projects. Our guest preacher will be **Rev. Donald Marsden, Associate Director**, Frontier Fellowship, stationed in Richmond, VA.

Frontier Fellowship's mission is- ***For every people: an indigenous church. For every church: a mission vision.*** "Of the nearly 7.5 billion people alive today, over two billion have never heard of Jesus. That reality compels us to engage the world's least-reached places, supporting efforts to establish local churches that can proclaim the Good News of God's Kingdom to their communities and beyond. We long to see all people, from every distinct group on earth, encounter the grace of God and become thriving expressions of the Body of Christ in their unique contexts."

Donald's involvement in missions has led him to various ministry roles both in the US and abroad. Donald's ongoing ministry is primarily focused on Eastern Europe, Central Asia, Niger and among churches in the US. He loves encouraging pastors and church leaders, mobilizing congregations and building bridges of friendship with Muslims. In his free time, you can usually find him gardening, reading, playing guitar or hiking. He and his wife, Laurie, live in Richmond and have three grown children and four



Informational displays will highlight GAPC's mission support via the church budget and special offerings. Join us on this special Sunday. Pray for our many missions and projects.

## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### Presbyterian Women: Birthday Offering 2018 - May 6

The Birthday Offering was launched in 1992 and has funded nearly 100 major mission projects that continue to make a difference in the lives of women and children.

In 2018 we will offer our prayers and financial support to the following recipients:

**Cottage Village, a Tiny-house Community for Low-Income Residents.** The money will help build 13 tiny houses and a central shared-use area that will serve as a compassionate and protective community for vulnerable rural citizens in Cottage Grove, Oregon.

**Village of Grace Center for Physical and Spiritual Health in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.** This Birthday Offering will make it possible for the Presbytery of Honduras to purchase the center that was originally established by Presbyterian Mission co-workers.

**The Dwelling Place** will be located in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minnesota. It was established in 1998 to provide for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of women and their children following their escape from a violent partner. They will also purchase a vacant lot and construct a multi-use building with spaces suitable for large and small group programming. With this additional space, they will be able to serve even more women and children who are seeking safety.

*Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women.*

### Pentecost Offering - May 20

On Sunday, May 20 we will collect the Pentecost offering. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. For more information about the programs supported by this offering please visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/pentecost.html>.