

For Such a Time As This



Saturday, April 7, 2018

8:30 am - 3:15 pm

First Presbyterian Church

3231 Tilghman Street

(Tilghman St. at Cedar Crest Blvd.

Allentown, PA 18104

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Plenary Speaker:

Margaret Tran, Regional Organizer, Bread for the World

Program: The President's budget proposes substantial cuts to "safety-net" programs, including WIC, global nutrition, SNAP, and refundable tax credits that assist families with children, senior citizens, veterans, people with disabilities and others when they encounter difficult times.

"For Such a Time as This" reminds us about the story of the Jewish queen Esther who was challenged to speak out (at risk of her life) to Persian king Ahasuerus in order to save her people from extermination. Today, we are challenged to speak out to our political representatives on behalf of the poor and vulnerable people among us.

Plenary and Workshop Topics:

- The 2018 Farm Bill
- Report on Poor People's Campaign
- U.S. Budget overview ("safety net" programs)
- Mass Incarceration / Reentry
- Advocacy basics / "Offering of Letters" 101 - What is it? How to do it

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Suggested donation: \$5; Students/Low Income: *Free*

For further information and pre-registration (by **April 4**), visit
bread.ppjr.org , or contact the LCC office at 610-433-6421.

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Bread for the World, and Second Harvest Food Bank.

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- 8:30 am** **Registration;** Breakfast goodies and coffee/tea available
 Resource displays and conversation with workshop leaders
- 9:00-10:45** **Welcome,** Devotions, Introductions
 “For Such a Time as This” - Margaret Tran
- 10:45-11:00** **Break** – refreshments, resource displays
- 11:00-12:15** **Breakout session I** – (parallel workshops)
- 12:15-1:45 pm** **Lunch** and **Conversation** on current public policy issues
- 1:45 - 3:00** **Breakout session II** – (parallel workshops)
- 3:00** **Wrap-up / Evaluation**

Breakout Topics*

(Most topics will be offered only once – morning or afternoon)

- The 2018 Farm Bill
- Report on Poor People’s Campaign
- U.S. Budget overview (“safety net” programs)
- Mass Incarceration / Reentry
- Public Policy Advocacy Basics

* This is a preliminary schedule; please check the web announcement for program and schedule details and updates at bread.ppjr.org or Email: ja-bfw@ppjr.org.

For more information about Bread for the World, see bread.org or contact Margaret Tran: mtran@bread.org