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Peggy MacDonald's *Saintpaulia* "Frosty Denim"

National Capital Area Chapter of the Gesneriad Society (NCAC)

Emmanuel United Methodist Church

10755 Scaggsville Road, Laurel, MD 20723

Meets second Saturday of each month at 10:30am

Jan. 11th – In person meeting with a webinar on Sinningias by Andy Meier

Feb. 8th – In person meeting with program on Kohlerias.

Mar. 8th – In person Propagation workshop led by Donna Beverin and Barbara Stewart

Apr. 12th – no meeting due to conflicts with other violet shows

May 10th – In person or Zoom meeting, depending on Green Spring Gardens Plant Sale

June 14th – In person meeting, program TBD (dog (ugly plants) show or AV species program by Kitty

July 12th – No meeting due to the Gesneriad Society Convention in NJ

Aug 9th – September NCAC Show preparation

Sept 13th – NCAC Mini Show at the Church

Oct. 11th – In person with program on Streptocarpus by Andy Meier

Nov. 8th – Zoom business meeting, depending on dates of MAAVS convention

Dec. 13th – Holiday luncheon and meeting

President's Message:

Happy New Year, everyone! At the December meeting, members in attendance decided that in-person meetings were popular and helped bring the club together. We have tentatively planned for 10 meetings this year, mostly in-person where we can chat and share plants at the raffle table. We will continue to use Zoom for every meeting so more people can participate. Zoom will also provide a back up option if weather becomes an issue. The church has welcomed us again this year; however, we would still like to search for another location with more space. Just a reminder, this is our first meeting of the new year and time to send in your dues, if you have not done so already. We have welcomed several new members this past year and hope to continue to grow the chapter.

Feel free to invite any friends or acquaintances that might be interested in growing gesneriads. Hope to see you there or at least join us on Zoom. Barbara Stewart

From Church personnel: Please use the Youth Room on our upper level for your meeting on January 11 and until further notice. I'm not sure when the water damage repairs will be completed in Room 3, but will let you know. There will, of course, be no extra charge for using the different space!

Reminder: The Church is a "NUT FREE ZONE" due to children with allergies, so do not bring any food items that include nuts or peanuts.