



One of the outcomes of the Congregational Assessment Tool (CAT) was that many in the congregation feel we “need to strengthen the process by which members are called and equipped for ministry.” Digging into the data we discovered there is some confusion about how church officers are selected and how the church trains them to be successful fulfilling the service to which they are called. Since we just elected a new slate of Elders and Deacons, I wanted to share our process.

Each year at the annual congregational meeting, we select an Officer Nominating Committee. The chair and one other member of this 7-person committee are current members of the Session. One is a member of the Board of Deacons. The other 4 are from the congregation at large. We try to find committee members who represent the diversity in our church and are active in various ministries and groups. The committee begins their work in March.

The nominating committee is always looking to identify individuals with leadership skills and a commitment to service. Usually, new officers are individuals who we have observed serving on church committees or volunteering in various church activities. Often the Session is looking for a particular skill set (i.e., knowledge of facilities; familiarity with accounting or finance; or experience in educating children, youth, or adults). Elders are responsible for administering programs and for setting overall church strategy. Most of all we are always looking for people who have a servant’s heart and a desire to grow spiritually.

The committee draws up a list of names for each office and then assigns committee members to contact these people to find if they are willing to serve. Thankfully, most who are called are willing to serve and feel honored that fellow members have recognized their talents and appreciate their commitment to the church. However, some defer because they don’t feel they can devote the time and energy to the church. We understand this. There is a time for everything in life and it includes church service.

There are those who doubt they have the spiritual maturity to serve. Others feel they don’t know the congregation well enough to lead. Usually, they can be convinced that we would not have called them if we didn’t trust they had the gifts and ability to serve in this capacity. One of the ways to better get to know the congregation is by serving as an officer. After three years of service your knowledge of the church, its programs, and its people will be much deeper.

Once we have a slate of officers we initiate a training process. It includes an evening training session with me, where we examine the scriptural basis for the church offices, review the historical principles of Presbyterian governance, and provide an overview of the “Book of Order,” which guides our way of being a church. Once Elders and Deacons are ordained and installed each board spends time at the first few monthly

meetings orienting new members to our processes. After a few months into the three-year term, you start to feel comfortable in your duties. After a year, you are probably ready to chair a committee.

I want to thank the nominating committee (chaired by Steve Donoian) for securing the following slate of officers. The list includes many first time officers.

FOR ELDERS: Carrie Bence, Brian Cable, Steve Donoian (Steve was filling the unexpired term of Kathryn McCarty and was re-elected to a full term), **Joi Kesner, and Emilie Rubin.**

FOR DEACONS: Jan Butler (Jan just completed an unexpired term), **Debbie Sell, Jackie Lindbeck, Betsy McArdle, and Sherry Saylor.**

These officers will be ordained and installed at the **June 26th worship service.**

Joyfully serving Christ with you,

James Brassard



Worship Notes

May 22nd: Trinity Sunday and Music Sunday. One of the gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit is the power to discern the truth. What is the source of God's truth and when and how can we discern it? How can the spirit lead us to deeper understanding Christ's message for us today?

Note: This is the final day of Sunday School. A special ceremony will be held during the 9:30 AM Education hour.

May 29th: The first Sunday in our Summer Schedule. We will have one service at 10:30 AM. Summer choir will rehearse at 9:40 AM. Children's church will continue during the worship service. Justin Devine will preach on this Memorial Day weekend. Rev. Brassard will be officiating at his son's wedding in Maine.



Memorial Brick Ceremony

Brick Order Deadline

The Annual Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held at
12 Noon on Sunday, September 25, 2016

**The deadline for brick orders is
Thursday, June 30th at 9 AM**

Please note this is a strict deadline as time is needed for the orders to be processed, the bricks to be made, delivered to the shop, picked up from the shop, then laid in the pathway.

Bricks are \$50.00 each. The order forms are in the church office.

For more information, please contact Robin in the church office by email to ccpcbowie@verizon.net or by our CCPC cell 240-917-8856, which we are using until our regular phones are back up.

Thank You!

Dear CCPC Members,

I would like to thank the members of the Christian Community Presbyterian Church, Rev James and Robin in the office for allowing me to preach on Sunday and helping with all the arrangements. And again I also offer thanks to James and the many church members for their care of Elsie Bell for many years of faithful friendship and fellowship.

Reverend Robert Mellgard

To the Excellent People at CCPC,

Thank you for providing your church space for my piano students' recital again this year on April 27th. Every time the students play in your Sanctuary, I hear from the families and guests that we are so fortunate to have such a beautiful place to play and listen. It means a lot to our community of families to be able to witness and support all of the students as they mature musically and personally. Thank you Reverend Brassard for leading such a community-minded church. Thank you to Susan Ricci Rogel for the use of the piano. We all noticed the beauty of its sound as we focused on composers from the Romantic era, and the piano's tone and sweetness did justice to Chopin! And, as always, it is such a pleasure to work with Robin Seekford, who infuses finding dates and times as well as arranging paperwork and keys with such a good sense of humor. Best to all of you and your congregation.

We look forward to being back again in November. I've enclosed a gift of gratitude that the students' families collected.

Sincerely, Martie Harris

Christian Community Presbyterian Church **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**



Cave Quest

**Following Jesus
The Light of the World**

Kids will spend 4 nights building a rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through life's dark times.

**June 20 - 23, 2016
6:00 - 8:30 PM**

For: Children age 3 (potty trained) through Grade 5 (Fall 2015)

Kids will spend each evening spelunking through activity stations, including Deep Bible Quests, Imagination Station, and Spelunker Games with their Cave Crews. VBS stations are designed to reinforce the daily Bible Point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. Children & volunteers will visit the Cavern Cafe each evening for dinner.

REGISTRATION DUE: June 12, 2016

FEE: \$10.00 for 1 child or \$15.00 for 2+ children

****Scholarships available****

To give your child the best Vacation Bible School experience possible: Register by June 12. Help us have the right number of teachers, supplies, food, and name tags ready.

**Questions? Contact Justin Devine at
ccpcdirced@verizon.net or 707-344-3325**

Gadabouts

The Gadabouts are meeting at CCPC on **June 7th at 11:30 AM**
to form carpools for our lunch at Brio's in Annapolis.

All are welcome, so come and join us. The food is great and the company is even better! We hope to see you there!

CCPC Youth Fundraiser

Scrip Advantage – Gift Cards

Spring is here – and so is the next opportunity to purchase Gift Cards to support our 2016 CCPC Youth Program fundraiser. This is a terrific program that you won't want to miss out on. These gift cards can be used at local area or nationwide merchants – the places you normally shop or dine. It operates just like the ongoing Giant Food Card program that the Youth sponsor monthly – only this is for other merchandise, and the companies give us a percentage of the card sales to keep as a fundraiser.

While you can certainly buy the cards to use for yourself – think of it as paying in advance for your next dinner out or next trip to the department store, these cards also make great gifts. With birthdays, graduations, and weddings coming up, you might think about giving some gift cards. Also – consider your upcoming summer vacations – gift cards can be purchased for hotels, airline tickets, cruises, etc. They also make good gifts for the neighbor who takes care of your animals or brings in your mail when you are away.

Maybe you don't see the specific company you would like to purchase a gift card from on our order form, or perhaps you would like a card in a different denomination? Well, the "scrip" website includes additional vendors and card amounts not on our preprinted attached order listing.

Please feel free to check out their website at www.glscrip – and you can then add any additional card orders at the bottom of the form.



Timeline – to get the cards to you by June 12th, and in order to allow for the processing of the cards by the "Scrip" company, we will take orders from Sunday, May 8th through Sunday, May 29th. You can bring completed order forms and checks (pay to the order of CCPC) to the church through May 29th at noon – Youth will be in Dodds Hall to collect them. Alternatively, you can drop off completed forms to the church office (please put them in Justin Devine's mail slot). If you have questions, please contact Justin Devine at ccpcyouth15@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support of the CCPC Youth!



Flower Arranging Workshop

**Saturday June 18, 2016
10 AM - 12 Noon**

The flower committee is giving a workshop on the art of arranging flowers for our Sunday services. Fundamentals of different techniques will be covered. Fathers enjoy receiving flower arrangements also and we encourage you to come and design a bouquet for the special father in your life. Men are encouraged to come also. Each arrangement needs a minimum of three different flower bunches. Bring your own or let one of us know if you need help with choosing.

Contact for the Flower Committee: Judyann Glazener Feinstein
judith.a.glazener@gmail.com or 240- 351-4121

Congregational & Community Leaders Workshop

Caring for Veterans & their Families

May 21, 2016 at 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
14900 Annapolis Road, Bowie, MD 20715

FREE TO ATTEND

Light refreshments included

Upon returning home from war many veterans are wounded in mind and spirit. Returning warriors and their families have specific needs. During this workshop, we will explore those needs and discuss how we as business, civic, and religious leaders can help our Veterans and their Families. As community leaders and congregations, we will develop skills to welcome, reintegrate, and journey with our Veterans and their Families.

Speaker: Chaplain Dave Smith, retired Army Chaplain

David served as a senior leader in the U.S. Army Chaplaincy for over 30-years. He earned his MDiv degree from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC and an MS in Strategic Studies from Army War College in Carlisle, PA. He is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church.

**RSVPs appreciated: 301-262-1408,
churchoffice@stmatthews-bowie.org**

The Chesapeake Chorale Presents

a Song of Joys



Sunday,
June 5, 2016
at 3:00pm
at St Matthew's
Methodist Church
14900 Annapolis Rd,
Bowie, MD 20715

Join the Chesapeake Chorale as they celebrate 35 years with music from modern choral composers and the world premiere of "To Music, To Be calm His Fever" by Bruce Trinkle, a Chesapeake Chorale commission in memory of its founder, Karen Landis.

JESSE PARKER
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

SUSAN RICCI ROGEL
ACCOMPANIST

Concert will be preceded by a silent auction starting at 1:30PM in St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall.

For ticket information visit
chesapeakechorale.org,
or call 410 721-5422

\$15 GENERAL ADMISSION
\$12 SENIORS & MILITARY
CHILDREN & STUDENTS ARE FREE

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CCPC, the first Protestant church in Levitt Bowie, was born from a passion for Christian mission in the local community, and this focus continues.

*Our Mission: To worship God, to grow in faith and community,
and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.*



Belair Cooperative Nursery School

The school is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-partisan organization. It's located in the CE Building of Christian Community Presbyterian Church.

Call 301-464-5782 or Email info@belaircoop.org

www.belaircoop.org



Imagine - Yoga & Wellness Center



Located in the CE building, offers yoga and a variety of wellness programs to CCPC members and the community. For more information, visit

www.ImagineThePlace.com, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail info@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

