

I always look forward to watching the Olympic Games when they come around every fourth August. In America, they have the added bonus of distracting us from the marathon misery that we have made of the Presidential campaigns. The Olympics are not without their critics. The host nations make massive public investments only to be left with costly sporting venues that go mostly unused once the games are over. Then, there is the corruption of the Olympic committee and this year the state-sponsored doping scandal in Russia.

Not all sports fans love the games. One broadcaster said, "Olympics are for geeks." We get to watch games most of us played as kids: volleyball, swimming, biking, tennis, golf, ping pong, archery, and even sailing. Unlike the professional athletes that compete in some events, most Olympic athletes have their moment on the world stage and then go back to real life. Some try to sustain themselves during the four years between games by appearing on "Dancing with the Stars." Most Olympians cherish the memories and put their energy and discipline into their careers or families.

Women's gymnastics and swimming are the most watched events by America audiences. This year's women's gymnastics team crushed the field and won the team Gold medal. They will undoubtedly earn several more individual metals by the time this arrives in the mail or on your screen. This is the final team coached by the legendary Martha Károlyi. The breakout star of this amazing team is Simone Biles. Even to casual viewers, Biles simply performs at a higher level than anyone else.

While the young women are waiting to perform, the television camera often shows the parents agonizing during the performances and celebrating when their kids win. Since Biles is such a star the cameras often focused on her parents, Ron and Nellie Biles. So far so good, until Al Trautwig, NBC's gymnastics announcer for the Rio games, tweeted "They may be mom and dad but they are NOT her parents." It is sad that some people still don't consider parents that adopt children as their real parents.

When Simone Biles speaks of her mother and father who raised her, people recognize that they seem like lovely people who have supported her career from the beginning. The type of people who drive any matter of distances at the crack of dawn to get their daughter to practices. The kind of people who make the financial sacrifices so their child can fulfill her dream of becoming a gymnast. People who rush to the emergency room following an injury and work long hours helping their child keep up with school while maintaining their rigorous training schedules. That's what parents do.

It is alarming to me to see Simone forced to answer reporters that while Ron and Nellie are biologically her grandparents, they are truly her mother and father. For some reason, reporters insist on reminding Simone that her mother's name is Shanon. Ever the diplomat, she kindly corrects the error and clarifies that while Shanon is biologically her mother, Nellie is mom.

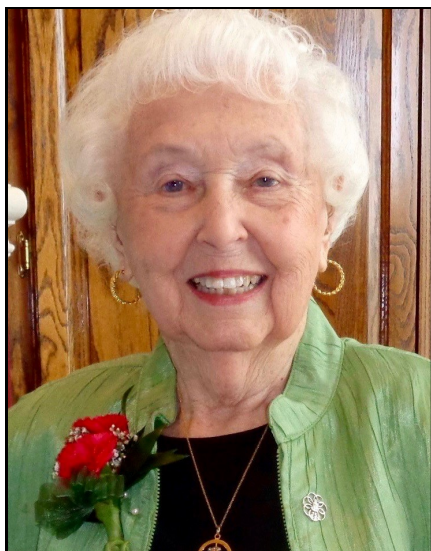
In a world that embraces the notion that it takes a village to raise a child, why is it so difficult for people to understand Simone's family and other families with adopted children? Adoption is not a rare occurrence. Moses, the man who God used to bring Israel out of slavery in Egypt, was raised by others who weren't his biological parents. Each year in the United States, about 135,000 children are adopted.

Annapolis writer Jenn Morson, who was adopted as a three-year-old when her biological mother died, suggested in a Sports Illustrated blog, that Mr. Trautwig and all of those who see her family, or see Simone Biles's family, and instead of seeing love see only technicalities, to look again. "Ask yourself," Morson writes, "what tethers you to your own parents or to your own children? Is it a shared recessive gene that caused you to both have green eyes? Do you immediately think of the fact that you are both blood type B negative? Rather, isn't it the time your heart was shattered and your father hugged you tightly and let you cry on his shoulder? Isn't it the moment you let go of the back of the bicycle and your daughter soared away from you, squealing with delight because you gave her the confidence she needed? That is what makes us parents. What makes us sons and daughters. That is what makes us real."

Go U.S.A!

James Brassard





A Celebration of Life

for

Dessamore "Dess" Hillman

June 16, 1922 — July 29, 2016

Saturday, August 27, 2016
11:00 AM in the CCPC Sanctuary

Welcome Home Patti Cable!

As most of you know, Patti Cable underwent a triple bypass surgery. We are happy to report that Patti is doing well and is back home! Currently, her parents will be staying with the family for the next week or so. Once her parents leave, the family could use some help with meals and transportation.

We will be using www.caringbridge.org for anyone who would like to help the Cable family. All you have to do is go to the website, create a free account, and put in the search bar "Patricia Cable." If you sign up for notifications, you will receive emails when a request for food or transportation is needed and all of the details for that request. You will also be able to keep up with Patti's progress.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deb Cooper at 301-262-2748 or deborahkcooper@verizon.net or Dawn Wampler at 301-809-9414 or needleworkjunkie@gmail.com.

Thank You!

Dear friends,

We are appreciative of the support we have received from our many longtime friends in our Church Family. The multitude of cards, E-mails and phone calls we have received are too numerous to respond to individually so we decided to use *The Caller* to express our thanks. The get-well cards were especially appreciated, not only were the printed messages great but most cards had hand written notes expressing the sender's prayers for Ken's recovery. We strongly believe in the power of prayer as it relates to the healing process. He is struggling to regain his pre-surgery weight, but we have been assured this will happen eventually. Our goal is still to return to Florida for the winter season.

Our blessings to you all!

Patty and Ken Adams

Obituaries

Jean Mary Gormley

Jean Mary Gormley, 85 a 49-year resident of Bowie, died July 24, 2016. She was born January 18, 1931 in New York City, New York the younger of two to Ruth and Henry Smith. She was an aspiring artist and fashion designer but was unable to pursue her passion due to a debilitating eye condition caused by rheumatic fever. Still, Jean managed an active life; an avid bowler and bingo player. Jean settled into a traditional role as housewife and mother and raised five children and numerous pets. Jean is survived by one daughter: Jean (Steve) Dellinger of Manassas Park, VA; four sons: Henry (Marybeth) Gormley of Crofton, MD, Francis Gormley of Bowie, MD, David of Deale, MD and Mark (Jennifer) of Gambrills, MD; eight grandchildren: Kristy, Erica, Melanie, Shannon, Ryan, David, Cameron and Colleen; three great grandchildren: Kaleb, David and Hannah; and numerous nieces and nephews. Jean is predeceased by her husband of 59 years, David Sr., and her sister Mary Wagner.

Family received friends on Wednesday, August 3, 2015 from 10:30 to 11:30am at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, where a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:30am. Interment, Crownsville Veterans Cemetery. A repass was held afterwards at Moni's Place in Crofton, MD.

Dessamore L. (Dess) Hillman

Dessamore L. (Dess) Hillman passed away at the age of 94 on July 29, 2016. She was born on June 16, 1922 to John and Emma Dickey in Griswold, Iowa. She attended Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa where she became a member of Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She was married briefly to Lt. Lorenz Gross who trained as a B-24 pilot and was killed in Italy in 1944 during World War II. She returned to college and graduated from the University of Nebraska with a BA in Elementary Education in June 1947.

It was at Nebraska that she met and married Ralph (Bud) Hillman in November, 1947. They celebrated 65 anniversaries together before Bud died in July of 2009. Together they raised two children, Marcia and Scott. Dess had many friends and was known as "the best cook on the block" during their days in Kansas City, MO.

She was a kindergarten teacher for more than 20 years - first in Fontanelle and Griswold, Iowa during the war years, and later in Kansas City, Missouri after her children were grown.

Bud was transferred to Maryland in 1971 and she then taught for the Prince Georges County school system. Dess enjoyed teaching preschool following her retirement in 1987. She loved being together with friends and family, and watching sports while keeping track of players and game results. In 2010, she returned to the Kansas City area living at Brookdale Leawood in Kansas where she met many new friends. She also reconnected with an Alpha Chi Alumna group and enjoyed her new group of Alpha Chi "Sisters".

Survivors include her daughter Marcia Bowerman (Jack), and son Scott Hillman (Dawn). She is also survived by four grandchildren: Mark Bowerman (Asia); Blake Bowerman; Justin Hillman (Audrey); and Marcia Hoover (Patrick); and four great grandchildren: Jackson and Dylan Bowerman and Brooks and Laine Hillman.

**A memorial service, followed with a memorial luncheon, will be held on
Saturday, August 27, 2016 in the Sanctuary.**

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Karl Eugene Koles

Karl Eugene Koles passed away on Thursday, July 14, 2016. He was a resident of Bowie, formerly of Bladensburg, Maryland. In 1926, Karl was born in Murphysboro, Illinois.

Prior to joining the Navy in 1944, he worked for Denver & Salt Lake Railroad in Denver, Colorado. He proudly served his country as a Navy Yeoman Second Class in the Asiatic Pacific Theatre during World War II. Karl was an active long-time member of the Cheverly American Legion, Post 108. Karl always loved to travel and never missed an opportunity to explore the world. His beloved wife and traveling companion, June Dee Koles, passed away in 2000. Karl was the loving father of Peggy Gibson and her husband Wendell and the late Karla Koles Galindo. He was the cherished grandfather of Steven C. Gibson and his wife Laura, and Heather Gibson Bradford and her husband Dr. John Bradford. He is also survived by his wonderful great-grandchildren Candice Gibson Buckman and her husband Brandon, Charlotte and Harris Bradford and son-in-law Jose Galindo. Friends called at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville, MD on Sunday, July 17 with an American Legion Service later that day. His funeral service was also held at Gasch's on Tuesday, July 19 at 10 am. Interment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Karl's name to the American Cancer Society, 801 Roeder Road, Suite 800, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the
Gormley, Hillman, and Koles families.*

Births



Congratulations to Dodji and Kemi Komlan, proud parents of a healthy baby boy!

Etcham Kodjo Komlan

Born on July 25th at 5:17 PM. He weighed in at 8lbs and 13 oz.

Dodji and Kemi are grateful to God for this amazing blessing!

Congratulations, Kemi & Dodji!

Sunday's in August!

Sunday, August 14

Join us for our regular 10:30 AM worship service.

Rev. James Brassard will be preaching.

Clusters 4, 5, 8, and 10 will be meeting in Dodds Hall after the worship service.

And, calling all kids . . . don't forget Rev. Brassard and his wife, Andrea, will be hosting a Children's Ministry pool party from Noon to 2 PM today at their home. Their address is 4701 Ramsgate Lane, Bowie, 20715.

Sunday, August 21

Join us for our regular 10:30 AM worship service. Some of our youth will share their experiences about the Amor Mission Trip to Mexico and they will also entertain us with some Amor Homecoming singing!

Also, please remember to bring your backpacks as we will be doing the Blessing of the Backpacks this

Sunday too. And, if you are in Cluster 2, 3, 13, or 14, please remember you will be gathering in Dodds Hall after the worship service for some good food and great company!

Sunday, August 28

Join us for our regular 10:30 AM worship service. Rev. James Brassard will be preaching.

And, don't miss out on our Annual Crab Feast at

Allen Pond, West Pavilion from 1 to 4 PM!

Don't have tickets? See Barbara Engh before or after church service.

AND . . .

a sneak preview of Sunday's in September . . .

On Sunday, September 4, we will have our **last** one-service summer worship for this year at 10:30 AM. After worship, please join us in Dodds Hall for a picnic luncheon. On Sunday, September 11, we will go back to our regular 8:30 and 10:30 AM services.

Children's Ministry

Children's Ministry had a busy summer and there is still more to come!

Here's what we have coming up:

August 14th—Swimming at the Brassard's after church. Bring a dish to share. The Brassards live at 4701 Ramsgate Lane, Bowie.

August 21st—Blessing of the Backpacks.

We welcome all children, youth, college students and teachers going back to school to join us.

This will be a part of Mexico Mission Sunday as well and there will not be regular Children's Church that day.

September 11—Rally Day : First Day of Sunday School. Come early at 9AM and join us for breakfast in Dodd's Hall. Classes for children, youth, and adults begin at 9:30AM.

September 24th – Children's Campfire at the Church. Details to come later.

If you did not receive a 2016-17 calendar of Events as of yet, please let us know and we will get one to you. They were distributed at VBS and the two Sundays following.

For any questions about upcoming events or to get your calendar email me at ccpcdirced@verizon.net.

In Christ, Justin Devine

Gadabouts

The Gadabouts will not be meeting in August.
The next meeting will be on September 6th at Noon in the Adult Education Conference Room. A beverage and desert will be served.

Flowers

There has been a decrease in families signing up for Sunday flowers to honor loved ones or in memory of someone. The cost is \$25 payable to the Flower Committee. One may take the flowers home after the second service or pick them up on Monday if prearranged. A second option is to leave the flowers for delivery to a shut-in by a Deacon. The sign up board is on the door beside the doors going into Dodds Hall. Please return vases to the CCPC Flower Committee closet. Thank you!

Cluster Gatherings!

Cluster Gatherings are a way for our new members to meet the congregation and for the congregation to welcome the new members into their CCPC family. The Deacons are hosting the events with light fare so all you need to bring is yourself!

Sunday, August 14th (after church in Dodd's hall)

Cluster 4 (Priscilla Bouic – 301-262-4906)
Cluster 5 (Jan Butler – 301-249-3060)
Cluster 8 (Jackie Lindbeck – 301-262-0628)
Cluster 10 (Trudy Neff – 301-262-3318)

Sunday, August 21st (after church in Dodd's hall)

Cluster 2 (Deb Cooper – 301-262-2748)
Cluster 3 (Kris Ross – 240-206-8787)
Cluster 13 (Sherry Saylor – 301-352-2822)
Cluster 14 (Dodji Komlan – 301-789-7816)



Ladies

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**October 8, 2016
Women's Mini Retreat & Lunch
9 AM to 1 PM**

*Women to Women—Age to Age
Titus 2*

Leaders:
Nancy Honeyford and Peggy Oates



Imagine Yoga & Wellness

presents

Couples Workshop

Are you beginning a relationship and wanting to build a strong foundation from the start and avoid frustrations from past experiences? Do you want to turn a good relationship into a great relationship? Are you in a difficult relationship with longstanding conflicts or nearing a certain breakup and wondering if the relationship can be saved?

Join us for this special workshop hosted by CCPC member Gina Jadwisiak, LCSW. Gina has counseled children, groups, couples, and adults in the DC area for more than 20 years and is offering us a special rate for this relationship-saving workshop. You will learn to develop effective communication skills using the "Imago Dialogue", resolve longstanding issues with compassion and ease, and recreate passion, attraction and intimacy. Discover a path to emotional healing and spiritual revolution through your relationship as well as experience a deep level of empathy and connection with your partner.

Please join us and help take your relationship to the next level!

Gina will be leading this workshop at Imagine on Saturday, August 27 from 8:30 - 7:30 and Sunday, August 28 from 8:30- 4:30. Stop by the studio to register or call 443-510-6308. \$300 per couple.



Bowie CLAW

Need help feeding your pet?

If you live in Bowie or the surrounding area, Bowie Citizens for Local Animal Welfare (CLAW) may be able to help you through our Pet Assistance & Support (PAS) program. Due to the struggling economy, some are finding it difficult to afford to feed their pet and are forced to surrender their pet to a shelter. For many, their family pet is all they have. We also offer some assistance with spaying and neutering your pet. If you need assistance with feeding your pet, please contact us at bowieclaw@gmail.com.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the PAS program, you may mail a check to: Bowie CLAW PO Box 116, Bowie, MD 20719 or pay online via Pay Pal at bowieclaw.org.

Liberate

Your Inner Voice



Chesapeake Chorale Open Rehearsals

**Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 PM
CCPC Dodds Hall**

For more information, visit www.chesapeakechorale.org

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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.

