



There was a very inspiring moment in last night's Presbytery meeting at the National Presbyterian Church in Northwest D.C. The Presbyterian Peace Fellowship gave their annual peacemaking award to Evelyn Chumbow for her work fighting against child trafficking. Evelyn is a survivor of child labor trafficking who became a national anti-trafficking activist. Evelyn has focused her life's work on ending modern day slavery, a crime impacting some 35 million victims globally.

Evelyn was brought to the US from Cameroon at the age of nine and forced to cook, clean, and care for her trafficker's children. She was never paid for her work, and any hope that she might escape her miserable life was undermined by constant beatings. For seven years she lived in constant fear, working day and night. She was prevented from contacting her family, attending school, or doing anything most children do. She was a modern slave, not in some far-flung country, but right here in the U.S. After years of captivity, she finally escaped and her trafficker was convicted and sentenced to 17 years in prison.

Today, Evelyn works tirelessly to raise awareness and help other survivors. She serves as an advisor to non-profit groups fighting trafficking. She also briefs government agencies including the Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and the Department of Justice.

In December 2015, fulfilling a life-long dream, Evelyn graduated with a BS in Homeland Security Studies at the University of Maryland. She now works with a DC law firm where she has the opportunity to support groups who need advocacy work. The firm where she works, Baker and McKenzie, provide considerable pro bono work fighting human trafficking.

There was other impressive work on her resume, but that was not what brought tears to my eyes. What was impressive was that she was able to accomplish much of this work due to the support of her local church, the Oaklands

Presbyterian Church in Laurel. Evelyn's previous church experience had not been good. Her father was an active church goer in Cameroon, but it was he who sold her into slavery. The Laurel church embraced her, helped her get into college, helped her find a job, and cheered her progress every step of the way.

As the Presbytery was giving Evelyn a standing ovation for her work, she was crying harder than the rest of us. Her humility is genuine and her courage palpable, but she really believes she is just doing what anyone would do who is grateful for the new life she has found since she got her freedom 6 years ago.

When you make your contribution to the Peace and Global Witness offering on Sunday, some of this money will go to groups helping children and teenagers escape the horrors of child trafficking. Jesus said in his first major sermon, delivered along the Lake in Galilee, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God" (*Matthew 5:9*).

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



Worship Notes

October 2nd: World Communion Sunday. We will receive the Global Peacemaking offering. We will examine the Promise of God in the Passover that initiated the start of the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

October 9th: Exodus 32:1-14 is the story of the Golden Calf. Aaron forms an idol out of the gold the people brought out of Egypt to pacify the people of Israel when they panicked because their leader, Moses, was spending 40 days on the mountain getting the 10 Commandments. What does this say about the nature of God's mercy and the nature of leadership?

October 16th: In Deuteronomy, we have the development of the common law as the people of Israel adjust to being free people living in the land of promise. The law covers everything, from how to establish property lines to dividing an inheritance. There are some radical ideas that protect human life of vulnerable people (Deuteronomy 19 establishes "Cities of Refuge"). In the famous 26th chapter, the people gather to make a thank-offering from their annual harvest. As they present their annual offering, they are instructed to recite the words that refer to their distant ancestor, Abraham, "A wondering Aramean was my father."

October 23: In 2 Samuel 7, God promises to King David that his royal line will endure forever.

Christmas Market

Sunday, November 6th from 9 AM to 1 PM

Give a Gift That Cares — your gift donation to any of the organizations given in the name of someone in your family, a friend, or a coworker will help improve the quality of life for people here and around the world. There will be tables representing organizations that work in Bowie, in the United States, and in countries from Honduras to South Sudan.

The gifts will provide disaster assistance, clean water, literacy instruction, animals, needed supplies for our fire department, animal shelter, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Whatever your heart calls you to, you will find an organization or project that is a perfect match. Some of the organizations represented are: Church World Service, Chikumbuso, Heifer Intl, Living Waters, Operation Christmas Child, Hospice of Chesapeake, Bowie VFD, CLAW (Citizens for Local Animal Welfare), PAS (Pet Assistance and Support program), Presbyterian Disaster Program, and Literacy at the Well in South Sudan.

Children will be encouraged to participate with gifts in their price range and a passport to travel to the various locations that they can help. There will be a Soup Kitchen to get a delicious, warm lunch and proceeds will go to the St. Matthews Housing Corporation. If anyone would like to help out in the soup kitchen, please contact Debbie Sell at 301-928-9267. This year we plan to have kid-friendly food of hot dogs and mac and cheese along with the soup. You can purchase your gifts and finish the shopping with a lunch and fellowship. If you have any questions you can call Sharon McNamara at 301-262-7060 or Kris Ross at 240-206-8787.



Halloween Party & TRUNK OR TREAT



Mark your calendars!

This is a fun event you do not want to miss!

**Sunday, October 30, 2016
2:00 to 4:00 PM**

The fun begins with games and crafts for the kids in Dodds Hall starting at 2:00 PM,

followed by "Trunk" or Treating in the back parking lot. Decorate your vehicles, dress up in costumes, and hand out treats from the trunk of your car.



**Best decorated trunk gets
the Golden Pumpkin Award!**



Volunteers are needed to staff tables for games and crafts. Email Alex Bourne (ammather@gmail.com) if you can volunteer.

Adult Education



PLEASE NOTE OCTOBER 2nd CHANGE

The October 2nd Adult Education class at 9:30 AM with Mary Brock has been postponed to a later date. Justin Devine will be presenting on October 2nd instead. Join him for "Straight from the Source Sunday Edition" at 9:30 AM in the Adult Ed room.

Sunday, October 9th

Continuing with our 10-week series on *Great American Preachers*, Kristen Ross will talk about Fulton J. Sheen. The popularity of Sheen was due to his ability to give a message that went beyond Catholicism. An Emmy Award winner, he spread his message through radio and television. Please join us at 9:30 AM in the Adult Education Conference room.

Youth Happenings

This coming Sunday, October 2nd, we have both Youth Group and Sunday Morning Connect. At Connect, Charlie will be continuing his class on "Decisions".

At Youth Group, we are starting a new unit that will be centered on the book of Romans. Attendance has been very good of late, so lets keep it up!

We have a special event coming up on October 14th. The Dillon Family will be hosting a Campfire and S'mores night for the youth at their home. We will have hot dogs, so come hungry and bring friends. The festivities will start at 6:30 and go until around 8:30. Their address is:

3512 Mullin Lane, Bowie 20716

Tutoring is available upon request!
Contact Justin Devine at ccpcdirced@verizon.net.



CCPC Work Day!

Join us on

**Saturday, October 15th
9 AM to Noon**

We need people to help with odd jobs around the church: replacing light bulbs; installing dispensers and door stops; etc. If you are available, we sure could use your help! Hope to see you there!



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Women's Book Groups



Tiger Lilies

The Tiger Lilies are members and friends who select books to read, study, and discuss together. We meet on the second Monday evenings from September through May at 7:30 PM in the Parlor.

New members are welcome! Our next meeting is October 10th. We are reading "Waking Up White: And Finding Myself in the Story of Race" by Debby Irving. Here is a link to a book excerpt:

<http://debbyirving.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Website-Book-Excerpt.pdf>

Please join us! Contact: Andrea Brassard 301-352-0075 or andreabrassard@verizon.net

Lady Tigers

The Lady Tigers is a daytime reading group at CCPC. We currently meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM in the Church Parlor year round. We read a mix of non-fiction and fiction books chosen by the group. Anyone with a love of reading and learning or wants to

Sight & Sound Bus Trip

Audrey Scott is chairing a bus trip to see "Samson" at Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA on Friday, October 21st. There is no school on the 21st.

There will be a bus pick-up at the Macaroni Grill parking lot in Annapolis Mall at 10:30 AM. Tickets are \$80 for adults and \$60 for children. We will be stopping at the Hershey Family Restaurant for lunch, which is on your own.

This trip is being sponsored by the Queen Anne County Arts Council. Deadline for tickets is October 10th. For more information, call Audrey at 410-991-9703.



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*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.

