



I want to thank everyone for making this a successful start to our annual fall campaign. On Sunday we received 69 Estimate of Giving cards for a total of \$272,770. Thank you! This is a good start. We want to hear from everyone. You can get a card in the office or from the pews on the next two Sunday's. If you cannot make it to worship, call the office and we will send you a card. We would like to hear from everyone by November 27th so the Session can put together our 2017 budget.

The International Meal was a great success. The food was delicious; much different and better than standard church potluck fare. You are great cooks and it was a lot of fun. Special thanks to Carl Neumann who made the turkey and mac and cheese and oversaw the kitchen.

Steven Donoian, Elder and Chair of Stewardship

As part of my fall devotional I have been reading Michael Slaughter's excellent book, *"The Christian Wallet: Spending, Giving, and Living with a Conscience."* I have enjoyed Pastor Slaughter's books over the years. Here he shares his experience with money. He focused not just on what he gives, but how he uses all the other resources God gives him. He admits the book asks difficult questions about morality and money while acknowledging there are no easy answers. We either make our peace with money or it has an unhealthy control over our lives.

The best part of the book are the many examples of friends and church families who have been transformed as they move away from the pre-eminent cultural value that sees life as a commodity that judges our self-worth through the lens of what we produce and consume.

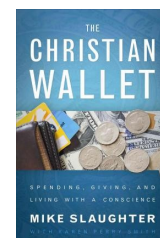
In the last chapter, titled, "The Joy of Simplicity," he shares several key conclusions about the Christian Wallet. I wanted to share 6 of his top 10:

1. All of my wallet's contents, every single penny, comes from God. I am the steward, not the owner.
2. My wallet is one crucial form of God's provision within my life. It enables me to take care of my family and myself and to serve others. My intent for deploying its contents is to be focused on others, not on myself. I am responsible for asking myself daily, "How can I live more simply so that others can simply live?"
3. Gratitude is critical. I will never enjoy what I already have, and God will not trust me with more if I fail to have an attitude of gratitude.
4. My wallet is to be used to accomplish God's good, never to propagate evil, including the exploitation of other people or reckless, unthinking destruction of the earth's resources.
5. Money is not something I should spend every waking moment thinking or worrying about. Money is and of itself is not evil; it is simply provisions. As Paul says: *"The love of money" can get me into all sorts of trouble.*
6. Money will never bring me contentment — no matter how much or how little I have. Contentment is found in a relationship with Christ and with one another.

Ultimately, says Slaughter, we each make a choice, consciously or unconsciously, to invest our God-provided resources in serving ourselves or serving God's purposes. The first is selfish and short-sighted; the later leads to new hope and renewed life. Will we choose life?

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



Worship Notes

November 20th: We examine the prophet Jeremiah in his famous statement that God will judge what is in our hearts. Continuing on the series on biblical prophecy, I will examine the three offices of the prophet: Pastor, prophet, and King.

November 27th: The First Sunday in Advent. Baptism of the Tataw Atchangcho children. The sermon is titled, "Resistance out of the Lion's Den," about the story of the prophet Daniel.

Celebrating the Life of

Dr. Theodore Pfarrer

June 13, 1928 — July 8, 2016

Saturday, November 26, 2016

11:00 AM in the Sanctuary

Please join the Pfarrer family for a memorial service for Mark Pfarrer's father. There will be a luncheon in Dodds Hall after the service.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the
Pfarrer family

Opportunity to *Serve Our Community*

The Session of CCPC has generously supported the AARP Tax-Aide program to use Dodds Hall and conference rooms for many years. Tax-Aide, sponsored by AARP and the IRS, prepares federal and state income tax returns for low and moderate income taxpayers at no cost to the taxpayer. CCPC is one of seven sites in Prince Georges County that offers this service during the tax season. We work on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Dodds Hall from early February through mid-April.

Our CCPC site volunteers electronically filed nearly 500 returns this past season, saving our clients an estimated \$100,000. Our clients love our service. We are limited in the clients that we can serve because we need more volunteers. I am asking CCPC members and friends to consider joining our group. If you have prepared your own return in the past and are comfortable with a computer, we can teach you the tax code and our tax software.

Call me anytime at 410-672-8944 if you have questions.

Jim Woods, Local Coordinator for the CCPC site and District Coordinator for PG County



Baptism Luncheon Celebration!

The Atangcho family would like to invite everyone to join them for a luncheon in Dodds Hall after the 10:30 AM worship service to celebrate the baptisms of:

Nchabanu Atangcho

Nathan Atangcho

Ariel Atangcho

Congratulations, to Nchabanu, Nathan, and Ariel!

Happy 70th Birthday & Happy Retirement to Skip Oates!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

Sunday, December 4, 2016

We will be celebrating Skip's 70th birthday and his full-retirement this December with a light lunch and birthday cake in Dodds Hall after the 10:30 AM worship service.

All are welcome!



Christmas Market

Thank You & Follow Up

We raised \$21,500.80 from the November 6th Christmas Market!

Thank you to all who helped out: Lillian Cates, Barbara Eng, and Judy Ann Feinstein for helping set up the tables and making the center pieces. Cyd Radden Lesage for tallying the numbers. Marge Clark and Bonnie Smart for being the cashiers. Betty Haeussler and Deb Cooper for handing out the gift cards. Eileen Christianson and Nancy Honeyford for helping with coloring the handmade cards.

Charles and Marjorie Tanner, Julia Lehman, Peggy and Skip Oates, Priscilla Bouic, Jim Woods, Jackie Lindbeck, Dick Arnold, Justin and Mikaela Devine for manning the tables. And, Debbie Sell for managing the Soup Kitchen.

It's not too late!

Someone will be sitting at the Christmas Gift Market table for the next three Sundays in case you missed the market and would still like to donate. Dick Arnold will have his pictures set up also.

Thank you so much, Kris Ross and Sharon McNamara

The Interfaith Council of Suburban Maryland
Invites you to the

2016 Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

*Sharing our American Stories
of Hope and Faith*

**Wednesday, November 23, 2016
7:30 PM**

Collection will be taken up canned goods and monetary to support the work of the Bowie Food Pantry.

Temple Solel, Bowie MD
2901 Mitchellville Rd., Bowie MD 20716
Phone: 301.249.2424

Christmas Families 2016 Kick Off

Sunday, November 13, 2016, we will be in the Atrium before and after the 10:30 AM worship service. Please stop by and select a family to support. If you would like to volunteer to help in any way, please see our table during the Christmas Market or talk to Mikaela Devine at 707-344-3321. Below is the schedule.

Day	Time	Event
Sunday, November 8		Christmas Families Kickoff
Sunday, November 8 – Sunday, December 6		Early Gift Drop Off (Library)
Tuesday, December 1		Order Food from Aldi's
Sunday, December 6		Final Deadline for Gift Drop Off – by Noon
Wednesday, December 9	9 PM	Set Up Dodds Hall for Gift Sorting & Wrapping
Thursday, December 10	9 AM – 5 M	Gift Sorting & Checking
	6 PM –9 PM	Gift Sorting, Checking, & Wrapping
Friday, December 11	9 AM –3 PM	Gift Wrapping
	10 AM	Pick Up Non-Perishable Food Order from Aldi's
	5 PM –9 PM	Gift Wrapping Continues
Saturday, December 12	9 AM –2 PM (time tentative)	Gift Wrapping Continues, if required
	2 PM – 3 PM (time tentative)	Reset Dodds Hall for Food Sorting
Sunday, December 13	11:30 AM	Baked Goods Due
	11:30 AM – 2 PM	Food Sorting (Water & Dry Snacks Provided)
	2 PM – 4 PM	Consolidate Gifts & Groceries
Monday, December 14	7 AM – 8 AM	Pick Up Perishable Food Order at Aldi's (Includes turkeys and chickens)
	9 AM – 1 PM	Family Pick Up/Delivery (Refreshments provided)
	6 PM –9 PM	Family Pick Up (Refreshments provided)
Tuesday, December 15	9 AM – Noon	Pick Up & Deliver Make Up Day, if needed
	Afternoon (TBD)	Clean Up Dodds Hall





Hanging of the Greens

Following worship on November 27th, the Parish Life committee invites everyone to the annual "Hanging of the Greens" to prepare the church for Christmas.

Lunch will be provided by *Felix and Glory Tataw Atangcho*, in celebration of the baptism of their four children: *Annie Claudia, Nchabanu, Nathan, and Ariel*.
as we decorate trees and hang the greens!

During this time, the Sunday school children will hold rehearsal for the December 18th Children's Christmas Pageant.

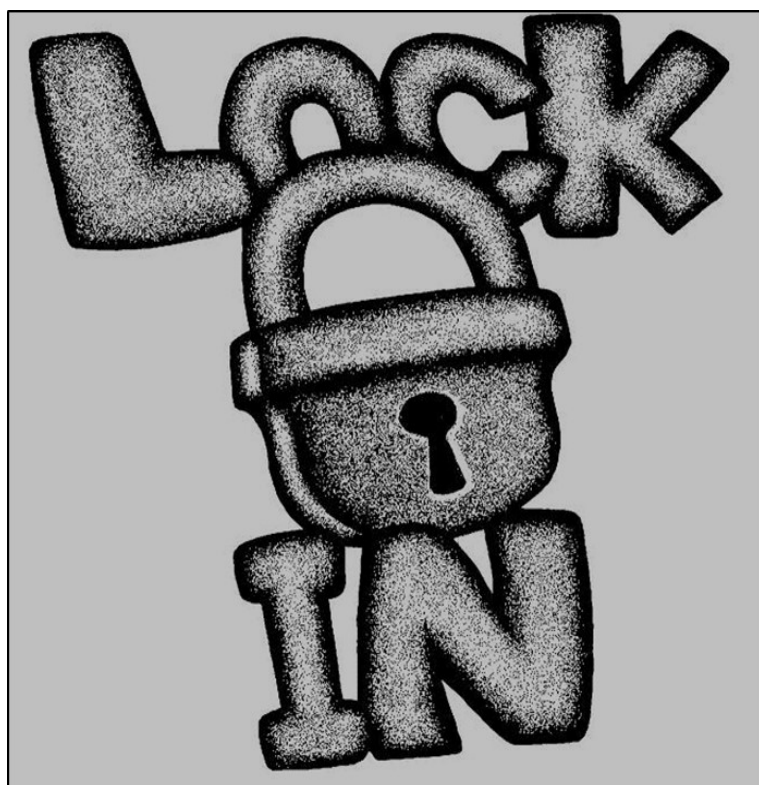


Fall Yard & Leaf Cleanup

**Saturday
November 19th
9:00 AM till Noon**

A light lunch will be provided!

Tasks that need to be completed include racking leaves and trimming bushes and grasses. Bring your rakes, work gloves, and god's spirit to enjoy a morning filled with fellowship and a little hard work. The more hands we have the lighter the work becomes for all.



Where's It?

CCPC - Dodds Hall Side of the building

When's It Going Down?

*Friday (NOV 18) 8:00pm -
Saturday (Nov 19) 10:00am*

What's Taking Place?

*Scavenger Hunt, food, crazy games,
shenanigans, movies, etc.
Leaf Cleanup from 9am-10am*

What Do I Need To Bring?

*Friends, sleepover items, tennis shoes,
and a good attitude!*

What's the Cost?

\$10

SCRIP Cards

You Still Have Time!!

Our SCRIP fundraiser began on November 13th and will end on November 27th.

SCRIP fundraising gift cards are the same gift cards you would normally purchase from a retailer in your local retail stores, and they work the same way. You'll find cards you can use at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, home improvement stores, and almost any business that accepts gift cards.

CCPC Youth Ministry can earn up to a 15% rebate on each purchased gift card and 100% of the proceeds go to our Youth retreats (such as Winter retreat and Montreat). Using SCRIP couldn't be easier. You can purchase gift cards for places where you plan to shop, and use those cards instead of cash or credit. This fundraiser is done by CCPC Youth twice a year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall.

The cards will come in after Thanksgiving. During the fundraiser, the Youth will be in the CCPC Atrium after church at a table distributing the SCRIP order form and list of retailers, and collecting the completed order form and accompanying check.

All order forms are due by Noon on November 27th

Two or three weeks later (which will be announced in church and in *The Caller*), the Youth will hand out the gift cards to those who ordered them. Since the holidays are just around the corner, keep family, friends, and others in mind when you fill out your order forms. You can also take forms for non-CCPC congregation members to use, just as long as they return them by the due date.



If you have any questions, please contact Justin Devine or Joi Kesner at ccpcyouth15@gmail.com or 707-344-3325

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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.

