

 n Palm Sunday, April 9th, we celebrate Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem — the City of David. Jesus entered the city to a throng of his followers waving palm branches and shouting, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". When told to tone down the level of enthusiasm, Jesus said, "If I told them to be quiet, even the stones underneath my feet would cry out."

Palm Sunday will be a very festive day at CCPC. In worship, we will introduce new members to the congregation. We will sing the festive songs and have a short drama explaining the significance of the day. We will also use the day to dedicate our new audio and video system in the Sanctuary.

The installation of the new sound system started right after the first of the year. The new system provides increased amplification of the choir. We also updated the wireless systems and installed new microphones for the lecterns. A new speaker cluster provides better coverage for the Sanctuary. All these inputs are mixed with a new digital mixer. The upgrade greatly improves our capacity to record our worship services. If you missed a recent service, go to our website: ccpc.bowiemd.org. Click on worship, then sermons, find the date of the service, click and listen. These recordings are available by Monday morning.

After the sound system was in place, the Session decided to upgrade our projection systems. We decided to replace the 10-year-old projector (a memorial gift by Dick and Nancy Arnold in memory of Nancy's mother) with one that is 2 and ½ times brighter. This really helps overcome the ambient light in our Sanctuary. We decided to install a screen of the same dimensions in the balcony. This new screen, powered by a new projector, allows the choir to see the words clearly and eliminates the blind spots for those who sit in the far left corner. Don Genson worked on the design and researched equipment. Bob Brutout installed the screen. Bob and Dennis Evans oversaw the installation and integration of the new projectors. The plan is to use the old projector in Dodds Hall and install a large retractable screen on the front wall. This system will be used for educational programs, performances, and lectures.

The total cost of the audio and video systems was about \$50,000. The seed money came from a large gift left by Carl Neumann and his sister, Leslee Neumann Black, in memory of their parents, Ada Mae and Harold Neumann. Bob Rice also designated a gift in memory of his parents. The balance of the money came from memorial gifts. See the list below. We will have a brief dedication ceremony and the names and pictures of the honorees will be projected:

Jean Bauer, Elsie Bell, Suzanne Brock, Helen and Eugene Bujac, Shelley Frank, Ruth Hammett, Bud Hillman, Marge Miller, Alice & Arden Nelsen, Diane Parlow, Patricia and Buddy Primm, Robert Ross, Rose Ann Schrott, Jackie Smith, Ruth Stratton, Frank Sumner, Eric Thiel, and Robert White.

Palm Sunday is also the date for the Open House for another project that has been quietly underway for several months. Elder Emelie Rubin headed a committee to come up with a plan to repurpose our old library/former pastors office/children's ministry resources room/multipurpose room in Dodds Hall. Yes, it has had many uses. A huge book sale in early February, headed by Kim Tavel, cleared out hundreds of old books. You might have voted for the color scheme and design theme. The room will now be called the "Belair Room" and will serve as a meeting room, classroom, reading room, and quiet space. With Emelie keeping the project on task, Bob Brutout has completed the work. The funds for this renovation work came from a gift by Mary Frances, in memory of her husband, Jack Jones. The Session invites you to tour the room on your way to the third Lenten luncheon: the Second Annual Pasta Palooza, hosted by Children's ministry.

Take a moment to give thanks for the lives of CCPC Saints whose service to the Lord motivated the giving of gifts in their honor.

Grace and peace, James Brassard



Prayers of the People

- ♥ Bobbi Ardan is back at Crofton Care after a fall. Get well soon, Bobbi!
- ♥ Charles Casto is back at Collington after a stint at Walter Reed. Welcome back home, Charles!
- ♥ Jack Hill is back in church. Welcome back, Jack!
- ♥ Nancy Phillips celebrated her 85th birthday. Happy Birthday, Nancy!
- ♥ Joan Pitkin is recovering from broken ribs caused by a fall. Get well soon, Joan!
- ♥ Don Salisbury is at Genesis Healthcare, Waugh Chapel Center. Fast healing to you, Don!
- ♥ Erin Youngdahl is home following tests at University of Maryland. Best Wishes, Erin!
- ♥ Kristen Zacheis and Patrick McDermott were married in Westchester County, New York, on Saturday, March 25th. Congratulations, Kristen & Patrick!



In Loving Memory of Marian Kaiser

Marian Kaiser was a charter member of CCPC. She recently passed away. Her daughter, Jean Kaiser Sillers, and her son, Richard Kaiser, gave flowers for the April 2, 2017 worship service in loving memory of their mother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Kaiser family.

In Loving Memory of Charles Renner

Charles Renner died peacefully in his sleep early Saturday morning on March 25. He was 87 years old. A memorial service was held Friday, March 31st at 11:30 am in the CCPC Sanctuary. He was buried at Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.

The family, including daughter Sheree Renner Ruhl, received guests at Beall Funeral Home on Thursday, March 30th from 2-4 and 6-8 pm.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Sheree and her family.

Charles Renner's obituary is on the Beall Funeral Home's website.



Worship Notes

April 2nd

Fifth Sunday in Lent: The Conversion of the diminutive chief tax collector, Zacchaeus, (*Luke 19:1-10*) is a shocking and beautiful story. This is the joyful conclusion of Jesus' ministry as he prepares to enter Jerusalem. Jesus declares, "Today, salvation has come to this house." In Zacchaeus's new life, we find the three aspects of salvation Jesus wants to bring to our lives and our world.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

April 9th Palm Sunday

Jesus carefully orchestrates his much-anticipated arrival into the capital city of Jerusalem. His rowdy band of followers make so much noise, the Pharisees, always nervous about arousing the Romans, told him to tone down the hoopla. Jesus responds that even if he could, "The very stones would cry out." *Luke 19:29-44*. The children are included in the opening processional.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service 7:30PM

On the night Jesus was arrested, he inaugurated a ceremony through which the church would remember him. In John's version of the Last Supper (*John 13:1-17. 31-35*), when Jesus says, "Do this," he is not referring to breaking bread and sharing a common cup of wine and remembering him through this symbolic act. Instead, he says, "Wash feet." What example is Jesus setting for us?

Good Friday Service at 7:30PM

We will offer a Tenebrae Service of the Passion readings and the extinguishing of candles. The service will include a rich variety of music: choral, instrumental, and congregational songs.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION: EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16th

Sunrise Service at 7:00AM in the Memorial Garden

We will read *John 20*, that focuses on the personal encounter the Risen Lord had with Mary Magdalene. Mary moves from weeping, to turning towards Jesus, to announcing the incredible news that Jesus is alive. We will conclude with communion. The service will run about 30 minutes and will take place in the Memorial Garden.

The Celebration of the Resurrection – Easter Sunday

Services will be at 8:30 and 10:30AM. We will sing the classic Easter hymns and enjoy special choral and instrumental music. The sermon title is "When Does Your Life Really Begin? The text is the resurrection of Jesus' friend, Lazarus, in *John 11: 1-53*.

Children's Easter Program

The program (including the Easter Egg Hunt, Blossoming of the Cross, and the Easter lesson) is at 9:30-10:15AM. Families are encouraged to come early and share breakfast.

The Session will host a **hot Easter breakfast** of scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee from 7:30-8:30AM. A **continental breakfast** will be served from 8:30-9:30AM to accommodate families arriving for the Children's Easter program.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) helps to improve the lives of people in these challenging situations. The Offering provides us a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need. In fact, OGHS is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world. OGHS, received during the season of Lent makes a difference in the world through three impactful programs:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)

Works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after the devastation of natural or human-caused disasters.

Receives 32% of funds raised

Presbyterian Hunger Program (PHP)

Takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty so all may be fed.

Receives 36% of funds raised

Self-Development of People (SDOP)

Invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these societal ills.

Receives 32% of funds raised

CCPC will be joining forces with OGHS during worship services on Palm Sunday, April 9th, and Easter Sunday, April 16th.

Thank you for your support!

Lenten Luncheon

Sunday, April 9, 2017

Children & Youth Ministries Pasta Palooza!

Children and Youth Ministries will host a pasta dinner with all the fixings!

We hope you will join us. All are welcome!





Easter is on Sunday, April 16, 2017

At CCPC, we honor and remember loved ones with Easter lilies. Thirty-two single stem with 5-7 blooms have been ordered. The cost is \$13.50 and the **deadline to get your order in is by Sunday, April 9.**

The order form is on a table in the Atrium. Please put the completed order form with payment in the Flower Committee mailbox in the church office or in the collection plate. Any questions, please contact Judyann Feinstein at judyann.a.glazener@gmail.com or (240) 351-4121.

Playground Meet Up

Calling all kids! Join us on the CCPC playground every Saturday at 9:30am for playtime and socializing (weather permitting).

We will meet for the first time on the Saturday after Easter, April 22, and plan to continue meeting weekly through the spring and summer.



Adult Education



The Adult Education offering for

April 2nd at 9:30 AM

in the

Adult Education Conference Room

will feature Jodi Rose. Jodi is the executive director of Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake. She will talk about environmental stewardship in our region as well as practical ideas of how we can protect our watershed, secure our drinking water, and preserve our local environment. Jodi is a Christian and will connect our Christian understanding of creation to our stewardship of the earth for future generations. For more information on Jodi's organization, please visit: www.Interfaithchesapeake.org.

CCPC Work Day

Church grounds spring cleanup and mulch spreading. We will have the bagged mulch from the Boy Scouts. Lunch will be provided around 11:30am. Bring rakes, wheel barrels, gloves, and a willingness to work. Many hands will make this go fast.

Saturday April 8th, beginning at 8:30AM

All hands are needed! Please join us!



Many Hands Make LIGHT Work

Tiger Lilies

The Tiger Lilies are reading "A People's History of Christianity" by Diana Butler Bass. Our next meeting will be April 10th at 7:30pm. Contact Andrea Brassard at andreabrassard@verizon.net or 301-352-0075 with any questions.



Christmas in April

Christmas in April, in partnership with local communities, rehabilitates the houses of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly and people with disabilities, so that they may continue to live in warmth, safety, and independence. Founded in 1988 and headquartered in Washington DC, Christmas in April is a nonprofit organization with affiliates throughout the country. The local affiliates identify homes for rehabilitation and volunteer house captains assess the level and type of work required and prepare lists of chores to be completed. The event culminates on the last Saturday in April when volunteers report to their assigned home to complete the various chores.

This year, CCPC is partnering with All Saints Lutheran Church to rehabilitate a home for an elderly woman in Pointer Ridge. The chores include a bit of yard work, power washing the house, removing a shed, and a bunch of painting inside.

The work will start at

7:30 AM on Saturday, April 29th

and lunch will be provided. We are looking for about 6 to 8 volunteers from CCPC.

Youth ages 14 and up are welcome, especially if they need to earn some service hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the signup sheet in the Atrium. If you have any questions, please see Paul or Debbie Sell.

Here is the link to the local PG County Christmas in April affiliate, if you would like additional information. <http://christmasinaprilpg.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.

