

At the congregational meeting on May 14, we elected five Deacons to the Class of 2020: Mercy Arney, Patricia Ashby, Tracy Backus, Rachel Oben, and Karin Rice. We also elected five Elders to the Class 2020: Judy Frank, Jane Mellow, Bridget Peters, Ellen Wimbish, and Jen Woods. Astrid Jonas will fill out the remaining year of the term vacated by Anita Pesses move to Virginia. Thanks to all eleven of these members for their willingness to answer the call to service. This fine group will be ordained/installed during worship on June 25. They will begin service in July.

While I was preparing for this year's Officer Training workshop, I received my monthly email from Bob Harris, a minister member of National Capital Presbytery and a leadership coach. As a recipient of Bob's wise coaching, I always value his commitment to helping pastors focus on the organizational health of their congregations. Bob is giving up his monthly newsletters as he winds down his coaching practice. This was Bob's last newsletter and he offered some valedictory wisdom. I will share some of his comments.

A few years ago the Gallup organization asked people what they need from leaders. They found that people need leaders who: build trust, show compassion, provide stability, and create hope. Effective leaders meet these expectations. If people don't trust you, if they think you don't care about them, if you are always leading them into chaos, and you dampen hope, then you are not leading in the spirit of Christ. Leadership is about integrity and caring and vision.

Bob is fond of Patrick Lencioni's book, "Five Dysfunctions of a Team." Bob believes that if leaders are able to build trust and work together well, then usually the congregations will also come along. I believe the two biggest dysfunctions of congregations are the avoidance of accountability and inattention to results. Congregations, especially those that are gradually declining, tend to be so concerned with keeping the members happy, they stop paying attention to the Great Commission. That is, congregations keep doing things the same way even if the steady and relentless decline continues unabated. It is only recently that scientific data collecting, like the CAT Scan, has been used to direct the strategic thinking of church leadership boards. If you don't have data about what people think and believe, you cannot develop a strategy to improve the health of the congregation.

Although businesses have long sought to build strategies based on research and best practices, churches have been slow to act. Bob shared his impatience with those pastors and elders who oversee the decline of their churches while asserting they are being faithful. Jesus calls us to make disciples and to teach people to live in his way. Jesus is the way to life. Healthy congregations are the critical foundation's stones of a vital civil society. We are the oasis in our polarized society. We have to do Christ's work more effectively.

Like most pastors, I didn't get any nuts and bolts classes in church management in seminary. This might explain why pastors are so clueless about budgets and person-

nel policy and are so reluctant to talk about money and giving. So, I have had to take leadership seminars for continuing education. I have learned there is an important difference between leadership and management. Leaders guide the congregation where they need to go to be healthy. This requires the ability to clarify priorities and to work through, not run away from, conflict. Management is making sure the numerous tasks the church requires are done effectively and efficiently. At CCPC, the Elders have both a leadership and a managerial role. The danger is getting so busy managing and staffing programs, that we don't have time and energy to effectively lead. This is where the congregation can help: volunteer!

Please express your appreciation to this incoming class of church officers. On June 25, I will offer thanksgiving for those officers who complete their service.

Grace and peace,
James Brassard

Worship Notes

June 4: Pentecost and Youth Sunday. We will hear from our high school students as they express aspects of their faith. Special music by our youth. Justin Devine will give the Homily. Wear Red: This is Pentecost!

June 11: Presbyterian Women of the Church Sunday. Our preacher will be Tara Spuhler McCabe. The PWOC will award the Sue Cobb Memorial Scholarships.

June 18: Folk Group Reunion Service. Hal Pease will preach Dorothy Parris will lead the singing with Folk Group alumni.

Congratulations!

High School Graduates

Victoria Ilko, Bowie High School
Natasha Hawkins, Bowie High School.

College Graduations

Ivy Todd, St. Mary's College.
Mary Fleming, BS in Biology from Stevenson Univ. Colter Radden Lesage, UMBC in Computer Science. Glory Tataw Atangcho, BSN from Coppin State Univ.

The following CCPC Youth received Superior Ratings at the Maryland State Solo and Ensemble Festival:

Alaina Clemence, voice
Dane Frandsen, flute and violin
Joshua Hawkins, violin/viola
Amanda Rogel, oboe.

Thank You!

Words cannot begin to express our heartfelt gratitude for all the kindnesses and support shown our family from the time Dad fell and broke his hip on December 20th, through his multiple hospitalizations and surgeries, through his rehab and palliative care at Crofton Care and Rehabilitation Center, at his passing on March 25th and through his viewing and memorial service and our days in the wilderness afterwards. Your visits, calls, texts, Facebook messages, cards, meals and prayers sustained, buoyed and comforted us. Special thanks to Rev. James, Robin, Justin and Susan for their help with the beautiful memorial service, Andrea for her patience and expertise with our numerous nursing questions, and to Sharon Youngdahl and the Deacons for their continued support. It has been said that, "CCPC is a caring community", that barely begins to express how wonderful you all are! May you all be blessed with the knowledge of how much you are loved.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you!

Namaste' - Sheree, Jim, Kellen, Amanda, Evan, Rachel, Kevin, Joan,
Hunter and Tyler

Warm Nights Wrap Up

On behalf of the Mission Committee, I would like to thank everyone for supporting the Warm Nights Program. The Mission Committee decided to host a second week this year, which we did May 14 to 21. There were more families than we usually see in January. We hosted 5 different families: a father and mother with 2 small children; 2 single mothers with 2 children each; a single mother with her son; and a father with his son. There were also several individual men and women. Everyone was very appreciative of the support we provided.



In addition to thanking all of the CCPC members who support the program, we would like to thank Mod Pizza. Monday night's dinner was open so we called a few pizza restaurants to see if they would give us a discount for a large order of pizzas. Ryan, the manager at Mod Pizza, said he could do better than a discount; he would donate 10 free pizzas. The pizzas were a big hit with our guests. The next time you are at Mod Pizza, please tell Ryan thanks!

It turns out that May is a very busy month for CCPC members. Many people were busy with graduations, weddings, school events, and other activities and were not able to become as involved as they usually are during the January Warm Nights week. The Mission Committee will discuss Warm Nights at our next meeting and consider various options. Is there a better time to host a second week? Should we consider partnering with another church to share duties? Are there too many activities at CCPC during the spring and summer to fit in a second week? Etc.

If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let us know.

Paul Sell

Directory Update

Please update your directory with the following information:

David & Kathryn McCarty
14506 Clydesdale Trail
San Antonio, Texas 78254

Dee & Don McCarty
grandma_dee@aol.com

Playground Meet Up

Calling all kids! Join us on the CCPC playground every Saturday at 9:30 am for playtime and socializing (weather permitting). We plan to continue meeting weekly through the spring and summer.

Tiger Lilies

Tiger Lilies will meet on Monday, June 12th. Please bring suggestions for summer reading and fall book selections. Any questions or for more information, contact Andrea Brassard at andreabrassard@verizon.net.



Youth Group Reunion!

If you've ever been involved in any church youth group, grab the family, snag a swimsuit, and join us at the Brassards from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 4th.

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Folk Group Reunion

**Saturday, June 17, 2017 at CCPC
Meet & Greet**

Enjoy tacos and a sing-a-long

**Sunday, June 18, 2017 in the Sanctuary
Folk Group Worship Service**

Harold Pease will be preaching

Dorothy Parris will be leading the folk group



For more information, please contact:

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Christian Community Presbyterian Church
Vacation Bible School (VBS)
Hero Central

Discover Your Strength in God!



June 19 - 22, 2016 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**For: Children age 3 (potty trained)
through Grade 6 (Fall 2017)**

Kids will spend each evening of awesome adventures alongside the Heros of the Bible and discover the qualities that make us truly heroic in God. We will spend the week jetting through activity stations, including Heroic Bible Quests, crafty crafts, and Heroic Adventure Games with their Super Hero Crews. VBS stations are designed to reinforce the daily Bible Point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. Children & volunteers will have dinner in the Hero Central Cafe each night.

Do good! Seek peace and go after it! Psalm 34:14

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 VBS experience possible:

Register by June 12.

**Help us have the right number of teachers, supplies, food
and nametags ready.**

Questions?

Please contact Justin Devine at
ccpcdirced@verizon.net or 707-344-3325

Memorial Brick Ceremony

The Memorial Brick Ceremony is at 12 Noon on Sunday, September 24, 2017

The deadline for brick orders is by 9 AM, Friday, June 30th

(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, and laid in the pathway.)

Bricks are \$50.00 each.

The order form is below or you can contact Robin in the church office (301-262-6008 or ccpcbowlie@verizon.net) and she can assist you with the form over the phone.

CCPC Memorial Garden Brick Form

Today's Date:

Ordered by Information:

Name:

Address:**Phone:****Email:**

Brick(s) can be imprinted with three lines up to about 17 characters for each line, incl. spaces. Please print the name and/or the message you would like on your loved ones memorial brick in the boxes in the "Brick Inscription" section below. Almost any type of image may be imprinted on the brick too, unless there are copyright laws pertaining to that image. Use the "Special Instructions" section to put in any instructions like "Center all lines" and/or "Put image in lower right hand corner." The brick company reserves the right to choose type size/font and arrange words and/or images to maintain balance and improve legibility, if required.

Please include payment of \$50.00 per brick at the time of ordering (make checks payable to CCPC and please note "Memorial Brick" in the memo section of the check). Give the completed form with payment to CCPC's administrative assistant. Once orders are processed, the brick(s) can take six to eight weeks, sometimes a little longer depending upon weather and special circumstances, before they are laid in the memorial garden. You will be notified when your loved ones brick has been placed in the garden. If you need further assistance, please feel free to contact the church office at 301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net. Office hours are Tues – Fri, 9 AM to 3 PM.

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Brick Inscription:

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Special Instructions:

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Thank you for your order!

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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.

