

Winter held on longer than usual this year. Spring tried a few times to take hold. It was glorious for the week it lasted. Now the summer heat and humidity is upon us. 'Tis the season of graduations, reunions, summer vacations at the beach or lake, and train delays on Metro.

At CCPC, we are holding on to the regular schedule a little longer than in past years. We will continue to have two morning worship services: the Contemporary at 9AM and the Traditional at 11AM — until July 1. **For the nine Sunday's in July and August — we will have one service at 10AM.**

There are several reason for the change. The main reason being, when we move to one service beginning with the third Sunday in May and don't resume the regular schedule until the second Sunday in September, we lose a lot of momentum in those 16 or 17 weeks. Getting families back to the routine of Sunday school, Adult Education, and regular worship seems to take longer each year. It takes until mid-October (sometimes later) to get many folks back to regular attendance. It is hard to build a strong program when you take a third of the year off.

We also want to give our new Music Director Rick Osborne some time to work with the choir and introduce some new worship music before the summer schedule takes hold. We will introduce Rick to the congregation at both services on June 3. He will direct the choir each week at 11AM in June and direct the summer choir at 10AM during July and August. We are excited to have Rick joining our staff.

What will summer worship at 10AM look like? It will include a variety of music that comes from both worship styles. Rick likes to call it "The Best of Both Worlds." The choir will sing every week. A few services: The commissioning of the AMOR Mission team on July 15 and their report on Youth Sunday, August 19, will be pretty close to our 9AM format but with some traditional elements. The rest of July will feature hymn medleys, we will introduce some new songs, and we will add some variety to our sung responses. We are still putting plans together, but I like the energy, creativity, and the spirit of cooperation that is quickly developing.

Last night the Session reviewed the first year of our new format. We believe the new format has increased the consistency of attendance of some of our newer members. As we expected, we have twice as many people worshipping at 11 as we do at 9. The congregation has benefited from the fellowship and educational opportunities at the 10AM hour. The coffee and donuts have been a big hit.

We have some important things to celebrate. Following the 11AM service on May 27, we will honor the outstanding work of our interim music staff. Choir Director Jon Youngdahl stepped right in and solidified the choir. Janyce Watt and Nolan King did great work accompanying the choir and leading congregational singing. Trudy Neff added very capable leadership to our Bell Choir. We have been blessed by their leadership.

Thank you all!

The summer schedule is heating up. Women's Sunday is June 3, Confirmation is June 10, Ordination and Installation of Officers is July 1, with an ice cream social following worship and a Fundraising Dinner for the AMOR Mission Trip at 5pm that includes a visit of our Mission Partner Jeremy Welch. Wow! Add Vacation Bible School June 25-28 and we have a full schedule. No letting up this summer!

Grace and peace,
James Brassard



Worship Notes

May 27th: In Acts 3 Peter is approached by a beggar looking for a hand out. He tells the man he has no money but gives him something more important: he heals him. Peter uses the moment to deliver a stirring sermon to the large crowd in town for Pentecost. In this sermon he faces up to his own failures and offers his fellow Jews a second chance to follow Jesus. At the 11AM service we will honor our Interim Music Staff. A reception will follow the service.

June 3rd: *Women's Sunday.* Sharon Youngdahl will bring the message at both services. A reception at 10AM will honor the Woman of the Year. A **Congregational Meeting** to elect Elders and Deacons to the Class of 2021 will be held at 10:45AM in the Sanctuary.

June 10th: *Confirmation Sunday.* The 2018 Confirmation Class: Abigail Ayuketah, Samantha Dillon, Sean and Makayla Burrell, and Claire Levins will be received at 9AM and introduced at 11AM. Our high school graduates will be honored at both services. Rev. Brassard will preach on I Timothy 4 in a message titled "I Wanna Go Back!"



Deaths

In Memory of

Ruth Yarber

Ruth Yarber passed away in Florida on May 3, surrounded by her loving daughters Kerryaine (Bob) Hiller and Schavawn (Pat) Kennedy. Ruth was 90 years old. She joined CCPC in 2006. A celebration of her life will be held at CCPC at a later date, when she will join her late husband Robert, a WWII veteran, at Arlington Cemetery. We will notify you once we receive the details. Condolences may be sent electronically to:

<http://www.heritageflagler.com/obituaries/Ruth-Yarber/>

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kerryaine and her family.

Bob Chroniger

Bob Chroniger, husband of Jane, passed away on Thursday, May 3 at Heritage Harbor. Bob was very active in the Bowie Fire Department and the Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council. A celebration of his life will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, May 19 at 1:00pm. Condolences can be sent to his wife Jane at: 3308 Memphis Lane, Bowie 20715.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Jane and her family.

Congregational Meeting!

A Congregational meeting will be held on
Sunday, June 3 at 10:45am in the Sanctuary.

The Officer Nominating committee will present the slate of Elders and Deacons
for the class of 2021.

The Nominating Committee consists of the following people:

Bridget Peters, chair; Judy Frank, elder;
Mercy Arrey, deacon; as well as our at large members
Bob Hiller, Peggy and Skip Oates, and Evonne Tang.

We need five Elders and five Deacons to serve.
We currently have the following:

Deacons

Harold Bible
Scott Brock
Shirley Cooke
Sue Evans
Becky Pfarrer

Elders

Lisa Botluck, Clerk of Session
Stanley Dixon, Worship
Astrid Jonas, Worship
Skip Oates, Buildings and Grounds

The officers will be installed in service on Sunday,
July 1 at 10:00am in the Sanctuary. An ice cream
social will be held in Dodds Hall following the service.



Love. Grow. Serve.

Caller

There will be no June 1, 2018 Caller. The next Caller will be going out on Friday, June 15 with a

deadline of by 9:00am Wednesday, June 13.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding The Caller, please contact Robin in the church office at 301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net.

Thank You!

My family and I appreciate very much all your prayers and expressions of sympathy we received during this very difficult time. It's amazing the number of cards, food, and flowers we received. Special thanks to Reverend Brassard for all your help, prayers, and guidance. We have a very special church family.

Love you all,
Gloria Godfrey

To the People of CCPC,

Thank you for providing my piano students such a beautiful venue for their recital this past Sunday. We are so fortunate to have these recitals in your church in both the spring and autumn, and to work with people in your church. Special thanks to Rev. Brassard, the Buildings & Grounds committee for giving us "the ok" over the years, Jon Youngdahl for helping with the piano, and the ever wonderful-to-work with Robin Seekford!

I am enclosing a check towards the upkeep of the piano, and cash that my students' families donated out of gratitude. We would like the cash to go to the music department towards needs that your new music director chooses.

All the best, and I look forward to being there again in October.

Warmly,
Martie Harris

Thank You from Living Waters of the World!

The CCPC LWW team would like to thank everyone who has recently purchased the Honduran coffee and vanilla flavoring we brought back from our recent water purification system installation in Honduras. The donation portion of your purchase will be put to good use, and this little story should help you understand how it is being used.

Several years ago, the American leaders of Living Waters for the World decided that in-country support was vital to the installation of water purification systems. So, they formed country Networks, consisting of an American component of team members who had made several installations in that country, and an in-country component of paid staff members who would work for the American component. About 4 years ago, the Honduran Network decided that we needed an in-country staff member who would coordinate the education portion of the installations, and we hired Nineth Munigua to do this. Since then Nineth has accompanied the CCPC teams on three installation trips, providing invaluable assistance not only as a translator, but as an educator and a facilitator of leadership development among our Honduran operating partners. And she has done this not only for CCPC, but for many other installation teams. She also travels the entire country by bus, often with a footlocker and backpack as luggage, visiting as many of the over 160 LWW installations in Honduras, which need help in educating their leaders in the proper use of clean water and the management and leadership of the purified water production and marketing. And her work is not without risk. Twice she has been robbed and once kidnapped as she was using public transportation. And for all this, LWW pays her about \$300 per month, with no other benefits. When she accompanies an installation team, they provide additional per diem pay, which is about \$25 per day. So when calamity strikes, as it did within the last month when she had emergency surgery to remove her appendix, and then became salmonella infected while recovering, it could be financially devastating as well as physically stressful. Her initial medical costs were \$550 but the costs of detecting and treating the salmonella were \$1215. And her total recovery time will be more than a month, during which she has no income.

So we are glad that we, along with several other LWW teams who work in Honduras, have been able to provide funds to Nineth to help her through this crisis. The donations which you have provided by purchasing Honduran coffee from the LWW team have been set aside for discretionary spending by the team for situations not directly related to the water systems installations, but which nevertheless we think are worthy ways to promote and support our work in Honduras. In the past, we have used these funds to purchase tools for our technician Olvin, and rain gear for him when he would ride his motorcycle. And now we are able to send Nineth \$500 to help cover her medical expenses.

The LWW projects are focused on providing clean water to improve health, but the underlying motives are to witness to God's love in our lives, and to share that love with others. LWW ultimately is more than pipes and filters and plumbing. It weaves a web of relationships between us and those people in Honduras who we consider partners and friends in Christ, and we are blessed to be able to share God's love with our neighbors.

Chuck Tanner, for the CCPC LWW team

**Christian Community Presbyterian
Church
Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

Shipwrecked



Rescued By Jesus

June 25-28, 2018

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**For: Children age 3 (potty-
trained) through Grade 6
(Fall 2018)**

Kids will venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchoring them in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms. VBS stations are designed to reinforce the daily Bible Point in a hands-on, interactive way that keeps everyone engaged. Children & volunteers will visit the Tropical Treats Cafe each evening for dinner.

The Lord comes to the rescue each time! Psalm 34:19

REGISTRATION DUE

June 12, 2018

FEE

\$15.00 for 1 child or \$20.00 for 2+ children

****Scholarships available****

To give your child the best Vacation Bible School experience possible: Register by June 12. Help us have the right number of teachers, supplies, food and nametags ready.

Questions? Contact Justin Devine at ccpcdirced@verizon.net or 707-344-3325



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

W O M E N' C O R N E R



Women's Sunday

JUNE 3, 2018

Women will be Leading and Serving during the Worship Service.

Our 2018 Honorary Life Member will be announced.

**There will be a Reception for the Honorary Life
Member at 10:00am in Dodds Hall.**

If you can contribute some finger foods for the reception,
please contact Cyd Radden-LeSage
301-352-9582, wyonative@verizon.net

Join the Women's choir for a hymn to be shared during the 11:00 service.

Rehearsal to be determined.

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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.*

Please remember CCPC in your will.



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.

