

As we all know, last year we made a big change to our worship schedule by adding a contemporary worship service; we also moved both service times 30 minutes later. This year we have not made any changes to our worship services; however, our Sunday school and music and youth programs are making several small changes to their offerings starting in September.

We already launched our new children's music programs on Rally Day and had 22 children come to our first Children's Choir practice, while 15 came to play the handbells for the first time. These programs will be ongoing, and you will begin seeing the fruit of these activities during worship services beginning in October. We know that not all children will be participating in the choirs, so teachers will still be in their Sunday school rooms at 10:05. Cradle Roll and Pre-K classes will head right to their classrooms as they are not yet eligible for the Children's Choir. One other thing we are doing is asking that children wait until after Sunday school to grab their donuts, as this will allow for a smoother transition into the education hour. Don't worry we are saving a box just for them!

Every year we evaluate all of our programs to find the areas of greatest need. One of the most pressing matters was how to manage a growing group of 10-14 year-olds as well as a growing High School population. These groups had been paired together for purposes of critical mass, thankfully that is no longer necessary. We have addressed this in two ways: First, we created a new 5th to 8th grade Sunday school class called Bridges. This will allow teachers and students to focus on the topics most relevant to middle schoolers. Also, while 5th graders will still not be eligible for youth group, they will begin to transition in to the youth program during the Sunday school hour. Secondly, we are now splitting up the youth group time between middle schoolers and high schoolers with only a small overlap. This too will give students a better chance to bond with their own age group. The overlap allows for a smoother transition for those kids who have spent the last two years together but are now being separated. For now, retreats will still be done together, with separation occurring during small group times. As always, we will continue to fine tune things in order to best serve our youth. We have a joint kickoff event on Sept. 9th and the new schedule will begin on Sept 16th. We met with both the students and parents to discuss this idea and both parties are excited for the new format.

These changes have led to us adding new teachers this year as well as getting new volunteers for the middle school youth group time. If you are interested in serving in this ministry, be sure and let us know. Now there are many more age appropriate opportunities for the children and youth of CCPC.

Our new Sunday Schedule is now as follows:

9:00am Contemporary Worship (Children's Church for ages Pre-K to 5th Grade)

10:00-10:15am Children's Choir (K-5th)

10:05-10:50am Adult Education

10:05 -10:50am Sunday School (Cradle roll-12th)

11am Blended Worship with Traditional Liturgy (Children's Church for ages Pre-K to 5th Grade)

12:15-12:45pm Children's Handbell Choir (1st-8th)

4:30-6:15pm Middle School Youth Group (6th -8th) Starting Sept. 16th

5:45-7:30pm High School Youth Group (9th-12th) Starting Sept. 16th

Justin Devine
Director of Children's & Youth Ministries

Worship Notes

We begin our third year with the narrative lectionary. The narrative lectionary starts with Genesis and covers the linear story of the bible. We cover Old Testament texts until Christmas.

September 9th: There are two creation stories in Genesis. The first one is an orderly account of God creating the world. (see Genesis 1-2:3) God closes each day by saying "it is Good." Not perfect — but good enough. What are three lessons we need to know about God's creative work and our place in it?

September 16th: God gets so disgusted with human sinfulness that he orders a flood to destroy all earthly life except what is preserved on the ark. After the flood, we are left with two questions: How does one start over? With God? With our family?

September 23rd: We hear the story of Joseph rejecting the sexual advances from Potiphar's wife (see Genesis 39). Joseph is one person who always turns potential disaster into victory. Joseph is at his best when things look the worst. The writer of Genesis says this is because "The Lord is with him."

September 30th: We get to the big story of the Old Testament: The deliverance from slavery in Egypt. This year we look at Exodus 14—"The Victory at Sea." While we learn that God is orchestrating the whole act of deliverance, we see Moses as one of the best leaders of all time. What does he have that makes him great?



Worship

Bulletin Folders Needed!

Our hardworking bulletin folders, Betty and Pete Haeussler, will be going out of town on a well deserved vacation! Would anyone be available to fold the bulletins on:

Friday, September 14 and Friday, September 21?

Please contact Robin in the church office at 301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net

Lady Tigers

Heads Up Retired Gals!

Lady Tigers reading group has been meeting twice a month on the middle and last Tuesdays at 10:30 AM in the Church Parlor. In fall/winter, we read a variety of non-fiction and some fiction. In the summer, we read lighter fiction. The books are chosen by the group. If you have further questions, you can call Bea Uehling at 410-972-1883 or Anne Shelby at 301 262 1412. Our next meeting is September 11th. All are welcome!

One-Time Sewing Project

Our bell choirs are in need of one new table cover for the coming season. Is there a talented seamstress (or seamster?) in our congregation who might be willing to lend their sewing talents to help with a one-time project? If yes, please speak with Rick Osborne. Thank you!

Remember CCPC

In Your Will or Estate Plan - Make a difference

Your gifts to CCPC support ministries that change lives and share the love of the living Christ with a world in need. With a little planning, a gift to the church through one's will or estate plan can be a meaningful testament to one's faith, an inspiration to family and friends, and a force for life-changing ministry in the world. If you have not considered remembering CCPC in your will or estate plan, please consider it. If you have already done so – thank you! For more information, please contact Steve Donoian at 301-261-7941 or donoian@verizon.net.

Where Is That Music Coming From?

Some of you may have been wondering how or why Rick is conducting the choir and not playing the choral accompaniments "live" on Sunday mornings. Recently, we were fortunate to have acquired two identical computer keyboards. One resides in the sanctuary and the other resides in the choir room. Every week, Rick spends two or three hours creating accompaniments for upcoming anthems on the keyboard. Usually these accompaniments are comprised of several different recorded tracks containing a wide variety of instruments including piano, strings, woodwinds, brass, harpsichord, pipe organ and sometimes even percussion. After much editing, the accompaniments are finished and saved on both keyboards. Having the accompaniments on the choir room keyboard allows the choir to rehearse on Sunday mornings with the exact same music they will hear an hour later in the sanctuary. Most importantly, having a polished recording of each week's anthem accompaniment allows Rick to have both hands free and devote his undivided attention to conducting the choir. And now you know!

Peace & Global Witness

The 2018 Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church of our time to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our reconciling God's mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers – at all times in all ways. This Offering draws Presbyterians together, and provides education and exposure to those who show us how to do peacemaking well. It allows us to create resources for dealing with conflict and provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global sisters and brothers, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.

By giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we work to share Christ's peace with one another, beyond our doors, beyond our community and across boundaries.



How is my Gift Used?

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid-councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness. Your local or mid-council portion of the Peace & Global Witness Offering could be contributed toward to the Freedom Rising fund for African American males.

**Join us on Sunday, October 7, 2018
9am and 11am Worship Services**

**Thank You for Your Support!
May Peace Be With You!**

Adult Education



God & Art

September 30, 2018

Adult Education Conference Room

Discuss some of the most affecting, majestic and breathtaking works of art ever made. Beneath great works of religious art often lie conflict, intrigue and divine mysteries. Video Clips and Discussion led by Jen Woods.

Inaccuracies, Contradictions, and Fallacies: How to approach difficult passages in Scripture

Sept 9, 16, & 23, 2018/3-week series

Adult Education Conference Room

CCPC members share meaningful insights into “difficult to reconcile” passages in Scripture. Teachers: Dick Neff, Mary Brock, and Gary Cox.

**Join us on
Saturday, September 22
from 11:30am to 1:30pm
in Dodds Hall**

Guest speaker is Gloria Gaddy of Bowie Senior Center. Our workshop will be one of personal discovery, discussing available resources, and with Gloria's presentation, knowing how and when to be a caretaker now or in the future. Lunch will be served. Please sign up so we will know how much food to serve.

Sign up sheets are located outside of the sanctuary.

Sign up Deadline is Sunday, September 9

Contact is Tracy Backus tracy.backus@teknion.com or 301-523-6776 with any questions.





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LADIES TEA & MINI RETREAT

**Come to Tea Time at the Table
Saturday, October 13, 9:00 – 1:00**

Join us for a ½ day Retreat in Dodd's Hall

Time for Sharing, Getting to know each Other, and Creating.
Breakfast pastry at 9:00 and a "tea-style" lunch will be served.

COST: \$8.00

Bring a tea cup or your other favorite mug and share it's story.

We will be creating coasters on a 4" by 4" tile. Bring a picture to glue, a scripture, or favorite "saying". We will have materials for you to use. Make two and share one with someone else.

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AND . . .

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Upcoming Events of Presbyterian Women

December 2: Christmas Potluck

March 5: Shrove Tuesday, Sue Cobb Scholarship Pancake Dinner

March 29 - 31: Retreat At Rhodes Grove Conference Center

June 2: Women's Sunday

More details to come!

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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.

