

Every five years or so non-profit governing boards get together to assess the status of the organization. What programs are working? Which ones have lost their vitality? What changes have occurred your community — both demographic and cultural? What emerging needs are not being met? Adaptive organizations (as opposed to reactive organizations) use this information to develop new programs and often make staffing changes to seize new opportunities.

In the last two years, we have made several programing changes based on congregational survey data and analysis of our trends in attendance and giving. Last month in this space, our Christian Education Director, Justin Devine, spelled out the many programmatic changes for this coming year. Most significant are the musical offerings for children and youth under the direction of Rick Osborne. In the next several weeks, these musical groups will be participating in our worship services. This is the second year of our new format and we are still adapting to the changes.

This year the Session is going to look at our mission statement. Is it still relevant? Does it clearly describe who we are and what we are most effective at doing? More importantly, does it help our members invite their friends and relatives to join us in doing Christ's work? How is it used (or not used) in our efforts to make the church more visible in our community?

It has been several years since we last looked at our statement. The statement was forged in meetings with the help of consultants. We place the Mission statement in our weekly bulletin. It reads: *Our Mission — to worship God, to grow in faith and community, and to place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ.* It affirms that CCPC is committed to worship, spiritual growth, and to serve. The statement reflected the conviction of the group writing it. CCPC is a congregation that has valued excellence in Adult Education. We have strong youth and children's programs, and we have started many of the local ministries in Bowie — including Adult day care center, first Boy Scout troop, and a Food Pantry.

When I read other church Mission statements, I see that some are longer and more detailed, but they usually say the same thing. Worship, grow, and serve. Although this might be accurate, it is generic. It is like a professional baseball team designing a mission statement. Every team could say our goal is to hit, pitch, and field — three aspects of the game. They would probably say they were committed to doing all these things well and in doing so score more runs than the opposition and win more games.

However, each team actually has different goals and expectations. Miami Marlin players are more concerned with developing skills and mostly focused on statistical goals so players can earn higher salaries. If young players mature at same time — the team might try to make the playoffs every 10 years. However, if you play for the Yankees or Cardinals, you had better be all in to make the playoff every year. If the team is good, but fails to make the World Series, managers are fired. Different teams attract different types of fans. Players that might fit well with the Marlin's would not be on the roster of the Yankees or Cardinals.

The Session appointed a task force, chaired by Elder Ann Fleming, to examine our mission statement. The groups want to design a statement that will be used in our social media and will be prominently used in worship and in our programming. Please pray for the team and at some point we will be sharing their work with you.

Grace and peace,

Reverend James Brassard

Worship Notes

October 7: Worldwide Communion Sunday. Peace and Global Witness Offering. After God delivered the Israelites from Pharaoh's chariots, God needed to mold them into a mighty nation. For people who had only known oppression, freedom could just as easily turn into an occasion of lawlessness. At Sinai, God gives Moses the Law — the 10 commandments. We conclude the series on the commandments looking at coveting. The sermon is titled, "Money, Sex and Power."

October 14: As the people prepare to settle in the Promised Land, Joshua, Moses hand-picked successor, renews the covenant promises between God and Israel. Joshua 24. Sermon: "Stick to the Road." The Children's Choir will sing at both services.

October 21: We jump over the period of the Judges and hear the prophet Nathan confront King David over his sin and cover up. How does the powerful King own up to his very public failure? 2Samuel 11 and 12.

October 28: Reformation Sunday: In 2Kings 3King Solomon prays for wisdom. God gives him wisdom and much more. Sermon titled "If Only My Heart Stayed True." Clinquant Choir will play at 11AM.



In Memory of

Ruth Yarber

August 6, 1927 – May 3, 2018

We were saddened with the news of Ruth Yarber's passing. Ruth was surrounded by her loving daughters Kerryaine (Bob) Hiller and Schavawn (Pat) Kennedy. She was 90 years old. She joined CCPC in 2006. We will miss her lovely smile and kind ways.

Ruth will join her late husband Robert, a WWII veteran, at Arlington Cemetery, where she will be buried on Friday, October 26 at 10 am. Those who plan to attend should be there no later than 30 minutes prior to the service starting (9:30 am). When arriving at the cemetery, advise the guard that they are attending Ruth Yarber's funeral.

A celebration of her life will be held at CCPC on Saturday, October 27 at 11 am in the Sanctuary, followed by a memorial luncheon in Dodds Hall.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kerryaine and her family.



The deadline is by 9:00 am Tuesday, October 30.

Out of Office!

A cartoon illustration of a beach scene. A clothesline with a blue rope is stretched across the frame, with ten flip-flops hanging from it. The flip-flops are in various colors: two purple, two yellow, two pink, and two green. Each flip-flop has a different colored strap. The background shows a sandy beach, blue waves, a bright yellow sun, and white clouds. The text "Out of office" is written in a blue, cursive font across the bottom of the image.

and will return on:

Thursday, October 25.

If anyone is interested in helping out in the office while she is away, please contact her at 301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net.



Thank You!

The music ministry would like to thank Priscilla Bouic for sewing a new table covering for our handbell choirs. Thank you so much, Priscilla!



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Women's Mini-Retreat

*Come to Tea Time
at the Table*



On **Saturday, October 13** from 9am to 1pm
in Dodds Hall.

Breakfast and tea-style lunch.

Cost is only \$8.00.

Bring personal materials to make Coasters.

Contact Peggy Oates pegyoates@hotmail.com
or Cyd Radden Le Sage wyonative@verizon.net



CCPC's Annual TRUNK OR TREAT

Mark your calendars!

This is a fun event you do not want to miss!

**Sunday, October 28, 2018
3:00 to 4:30 PM**

Come in costume and **meet on the playground** behind the church. While the grownups are getting their trunks decorated, the kids will have time for some outdoor fun and games. **Trunks should be ready by 3:30** so that the Trunk or Treating can begin. Decorate your vehicles, dress up in costumes, and hand out treats from the trunk of your car.

We will be awarding a Golden Pumpkin, a Silver Pumpkin, and a Bronze Pumpkin for the best trunks!

We're not asking for any extra volunteers or candy donations.
We just want you to join us for the fun.

So, if you've never decorated a trunk, this is your year!

In case of rain, the event will be held in Dodd's Hall.



Alternative Christmas Market!

Fall is here! Temperatures are getting lower
and the Alternative Christmas Gift Market
will be in the Atrium on

**November 4, 2018
10am to 2 pm
Dodds Hall**

All proceeds will go 100% to various mission programs. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to browse the tables for information as to what the mission choices are all about. Your gift donation to any of the organizations given in the name of someone in your family, a friend, or a coworker will help improve the quality of life for people locally and around the world.

Just go table to table and see if you would like to donate to any of the charities, then pick up a free Christmas card and tell the person you shopped for the item you bought them.

There will be a list of all the charities and you decide how much you want to donate. Come check us out and enjoy the experience.

Afterwards enjoy a bowl of soup for lunch and visit with your guests.
It's a great way to start off the giving season.

See you there, Sharon McNamara & Kris Ross & Deb Sell



Christmas Families

Calendar of Events

Last year we ran into a lot of schedule changes due to the speed of our great volunteers. Times will be determined closer to actual events. Therefore, please note, everything is subject to change.

**Please also follow the CCPC Facebook Page
for daily updates!**

Nov 11 (Sun) - Christmas Family Program Kick Off

Nov 18 (Sun) - Sign Ups Continue

Nov 25 (Sun) - Sign Ups Continue

Nov 25 – Dec 2 - Gift Drop Off (Location TBD)

Dec 5 (Wed) - Set up Dodd's Hall for Gift Sorting/Wrapping

Dec 6 (Thu) - 9am to 5pm Gift Sorting/Checking/Wrapping

Dec 7 (Fri) - 9am to 5pm Gift Wrapping

Dec 8 (Sat) - 9am to 5pm Gift Wrapping (If required)
Pickup food order from Aldi's
Re-Set Dodds Hall for Food Sorting

Dec 9 (Sun) - 11:30 am Baked Goods Due
11:30 am to 2 pm Food Sorting
2 pm to 4 pm Consolidate Gifts & Groceries

Dec 10 (Mon) 9 am to 8 pm Family Pick Up/Delivery

Dec 16 (Sun) Following church Volunteer Thank you

**Questions? Contact the Christmas Families team at
ccpc.christmasfamilies@gmail.com
or Mikaela Devine at 707-344-3321**

Birthing Class

Work with your partner, mind, and hormones!



**Friday Nights at
Imagine Yoga & Wellness
Starting September 28th \$425.00**

Presented by Lauren McClain, CBE, BBCI

For more information or to register:

www.betterbirthblog.com or lauren.mcclain@gmail.com

Couples Workshop

A Couples Workshop will be held November 30 to December 2 at Imagine Yoga. All couples are welcomed. Join us in activities to improve communication and reenergize your relationship. Hosted by Gina Jadwisiak, LCSW and David Kobe. Based on the best selling book, "Getting The Love You Want." For further information and to register go to CounselingConnectionsADK.com. A discount is available for CCPC and Imagine Yoga members.

Imagine Yoga & Wellness

presents

A Maya Fiennes Kundalini Yoga Workshop

Living with Joy

September 30, 2018

9 am – 3 pm

\$120.00



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Please remember CCPC in your will, contact our Financial Secretary

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.