

One of our summer vacation rituals as a family is putting together a puzzle. We take a media break and spend the time talking to each other. Sitting around searching for the next connection on a large puzzle provides a good common activity between hikes, swimming, and sightseeing. We usually buy a puzzle that features notable landmarks from where we are staying: The Lighthouses of Door County, Wisconsin or the famous bridge in Duluth, Minnesota.

A conference speaker suggested puzzles are like congregations. Some are 300, 500 or 1000 members. The puzzle is never completed because someone is always moving away, retiring to another region, or going off to college or military service. Sadly, some complete their baptism and take up resident in the heavenly kingdom.

Any pastor or lay leader knows there are always holes to fill. Some holes are more difficult to fill due to the tenure of the departing member and the many roles they filled in the congregation. Sometimes the person leaves with institutional memory no one else possesses.

This year CCPC has had many big holes to fill. In January, we lost our long serving music staff. The lost included six, core members of the choir. We were fortunate to find Rick Osborne to rebuild the Celebration Choir and Bell Choir (both were fabulous this past Sunday). Rick has also started a Children's choir and we will hear the debut of the Children's Bell Choir on November 11th.

There has also been some big holes in our financial support this year. Our special giving to Mission project has been very good. For example, over \$21,000 was given for the AMOR House Building trip in Mexico. I expect the congregation to be generous at our Alternative Christmas market this Sunday. As always, our ministry to the community's most vulnerable citizens is inspirational. We host two Weeks of Warm Nights, we helped the Smith's move into their rehabilitated home with their daughter and two adopted boys. We cooperated with St. Matthews and other congregations in opening two homes for battered women and their children. We continue to work with Champ House in assisting men to recover from drug addiction. A summer drive provided back packs supplied with clothing and supplies for foster children who are suddenly displaced from their homes. However, our regular giving has been off about 20%. This \$70,000 shortfall has been filled by good market returns on our endowment. We will worry about this month's correction later. We also have several large facility repairs to be made. This month we replaced one of the HVAC units in Dodds Hall and the Water heater.

Some of the shortfall is due to the loss of members who are no longer here or have passed away. There are also some members who have reduced giving for unspecified reasons. If you are giving less than in the past, Judy Frank, Steve Donoian and I would love to know why.

On Sunday November 11th we will again dedicate our "estimate of giving cards" for 2019. We will dedicate the cards at the completion of both the 9am and 11am services. During the November 4th Christmas market and during the November 11th Stewardship Brunch (10-11AM in Dodds hall) we will have a computer set up in the atrium to help those who want to set up regular on-line giving through their bank account or credit card.

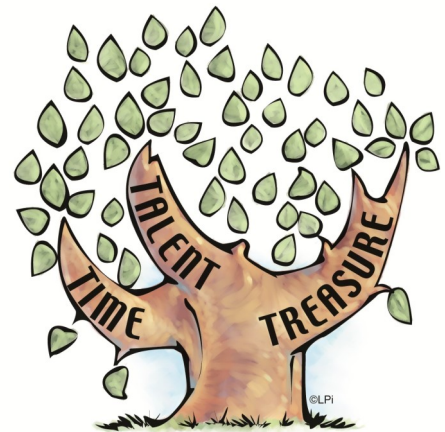
We would like you to prayerfully consider how you can help us get closer to finishing the puzzle.

There are three pockets of giving. The first is giving from Earned Income. The second is from Capital ---assets that have earned money that is not required to pay bills. The third is from Estates---money given by past generations that support current needs.

With the change in tax laws, some people without mortgages will not be able to benefit from the deduction of charitable gifts to the church. One way to gain a tax benefit is to donate appreciated stocks directly to the church. The law also permits you to have part of your required distributions from your retirement accounts go directly to the church. Even if you cannot deduct the gift, you don't pay federal or state taxes on the income. Later in this issue of the Caller, our Treasurer Bob West provides details of how you can do this.

I am pleased with how God has directed our work this year. I believe our current programming for music, youth and children, is our best in my 14-year tenure. We have an active Outreach Council that is working very hard to improve our visitor follow up and to improve our integration of new members into the life and mission of the church. We are on the right course; we need everyone's help as we follow the Spirit's leadership. We are very blessed.

Grace and peace,
James Brassard



Worship Notes

Sunday November 4: Alternative Christmas Market from 10AM to 2PM. 2 Kings 5, the story of the healing of Naaman the leper. "Is there Still a Prophet in Israel?"

November 11: Stewardship Sunday. Estimate of Giving cards will be dedicated at the end of both the 9AM and 11AM services. The Prophet Micah reminds us what God really wants from us. The Children's Bell Choir will make their debut at 11AM.





Carol Backus

September 23, 1939 - October 12, 2018

Born on September 23, 1939 in Ogden, Utah to Don and Sadie Schmidt. Don worked for the telephone company which kept them on the road traveling through the western states. Due to Sadie's health, they settled in Tucson in 1956. Carol graduated from Tucson High School in 1957. She attended Lamson Business College and went to work for Southern Arizona Bank.

She met Dick Backus, a student at the University, and fellow Jr. High counselor at St. Marks Presbyterian Church, formerly Mountain View. They married on August 8, 1959. After the birth of their first child, Carrie, and a USDA training program in Manhattan, they settled in El Paso, Texas. Carol, a homemaker, and Dick had 2 sons - Rick and John. Carol was a member of the Garden club; ran a Girl Scout Troop; and was active in Cub Scouts and the PTA. She sewed clothes for herself and Carrie and bowled with her neighborhood pals.

In 1972 the family left Texas for Maryland. Since the kids were all in school, she went back to work in banking. She continued with both Cub and Girl Scout activities. She worked hard taking care of her growing family and was active in the Presbyterian Women of the Church.

After their retirements, Carol and Dick returned to Tucson in 1996 to begin the next phase of their lives. They became involved in Interfaith Community Services where they provided transportation services and delivered mobile meals until this past summer. They both volunteered with AVIVA Children services. Carol sewed items for children until this summer as well. Carol chaired the St. Andrew's Mission Sewing and Knitting Circle.

After a barrage of health issues this year, she died peacefully on October 12, 2018.

Morris L. Youngdahl

Morris L. Youngdahl, 90 of The Lodges of Idlewild in Lutz, FL passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Morris was born in Brockway, PA and after graduating from Penn State University in 1950, started his music teaching career in the Fairview, PA school district the same year. In addition to his teaching schedule he was a Music Minister for several churches in the Erie area and conducted many regional choirs, community bands and was a founding member of the Dixie Doodlers. His greatest joy was performing as an outstanding bassist in many bands in the Erie area.



Morris and his wife Shirley retired to Land O Lakes, Florida in 1985 where he continued his musical endeavors. He performed with popular big bands in the area including: Lloyd Johns Gulf Bay, Frank Parsons and the Serenaders. Even in his later years, his musical talent never diminished. In his last group, Morris and Friends, he continued playing once a month to the enjoyment of his many friends at The Lodges.

Morris was a tenor vocalist in the famed Master Chorale of Tampa Bay and the Mendelsohn Choir. He enjoyed traveling to visit family and continued to be active in music performance. He enjoyed classic antique cars, was an avid reader and gathering around the table with his dear friends Carol, Lois, and his "old college chum", Sir Francis.

Morris was predeceased by his wife of 65 years, Shirley M. Youngdahl, his parents, Arthur and Ethel Youngdahl, his brother, Dr. Donald Youngdahl and sister Burnell Monsen. He is survived by son Jon T. Youngdahl (Sharon), Carol Youngdahl, Kristin Wastell (Alan) and Lisa Hammond (Dave) as well as 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Our family would like to acknowledge all of the staff and caregivers at Angels Senior Living, The Lodges of Idlewild, for their exceptional loving care and kindness to our father. You are true angels on earth. A Celebration of Life will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date. For those wishing to make a donation in Morris's memory, please visit <https://www.alz.org/> for the Walk To End Alzheimer's event on November 3, 2018 in Tampa, FL. Donate to the Angels Senior Living team.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Backus and Youngdahl families.

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and best wishes for when Lois had pneumonia and Cal was having heart procedures. We so appreciate receiving the gifts, phone calls and the cheery get well cards. It brightens a "not so good" day. We feel blessed that you all take the time to remember us and that we are a part of such a caring community.

Thank you all,
Lois and Cal Pals

FUN! FOOD! FELLOWSHIP! **EVERYONE IS INVITED**



Deacons' Clusters Gathering

(During the Stewardship Brunch)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2018

10:00 a.m. IN DODDS HALL

Adult Education!

Faith Formation at Home: Ideas and Resources



Adult Education: Nov 18, Dec 2, and Dec 9/3-week series.

Objective: How can I improve my faith practices at home?

CCPC members share insights related to faith goals, bed-time/meal-time prayers, biblical storytelling, biblical resources and apps, and service disciplines.

Teachers: Nov 18: Rachel Oben and Gussie Assam;

Dec 2: Gladys Ayuketah and Glory Tataw; Dec 9: Ann Fleming.

Location: Adult Education Conference Room.

Adult Education contact is Jen Woods
jwoods@aacps.org or 443-848-9363

Charitable Offerings!



End of year is a good time to review your charitable offering to the church. Parishioners may avoid capital gains taxes by directly transferring assets into CCPC's Fidelity Investment account.

Simply contact your broker, identify the source and amount of funds for distribution. Your broker will need the following information:

Fidelity Investments
Christian Community Presbyterian Church
Account # Z50326291
DTC# 0226

You claim the total distribution as a charitable deduction and your basis (or cost) is your original investment. It's a great tax planning tool. However, you must do it before midnight December 31, 2018 to take advantage of this program for this year.

Speak with your tax advisor before you make the distribution to determine if this is right for you.

CCPC Concert Series!

2019 Schedule

SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, March 3:

Nolan King, pianist

Sunday, April 7:

Gwendolyn Briley-Strand,
Actress

Sunday, May 5:

Wesley Parrott, organist

Sunday, October 6:

Csilla Lakatos, cellist

Sunday, November 3:

Bayfield Brass Quintet

Sunday, December 8:

Celtic Bay & Mary Fitzgerald, harpist



Alternative Christmas Market!



**November 4th will be the day for gift shopping in
Dodd's Hall from 10:00AM until 2:00PM**

All proceeds will go 100% to various mission programs. Bring your family, friends & neighbors and browse the tables that will have 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. Basically you 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 what item you got 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	(Sun-Sun)	Gift Drop Off (Location TBD)
Dec 5 (Wed)	TBD	Set up Dodd's Hall for Gift Sort/Wrap
Dec 6 (Thu)	9am-5pm	Gift Sorting, Checking & Wrapping
Dec 7 (Fri)	9am-5pm	Gift Wrapping
Dec 8 (Sat)	9am-5pm	Gift Wrapping (If required) Pickup food order from Aldi's (non-perishables) Re-Set Dodds Hall for Food Sorting (time tentative)
Dec 9 (Sun)	11:30 am 11:30 am-2 pm 2 pm – 4 pm	Baked Goods Due Food Sorting Consolidate Gifts and Groceries
Dec 10 (Mon)	9 am – 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

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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.

