

Sunday morning as I stepped out into the morning air and clear skies, it felt like the season had changed. The energy at the Contemporary Service at 9AM carried over to the friendly gathering for Rally Day in Dodds Hall. The food offerings trended a little healthier this year. Outreach Chair Ann Fleming put out a grand spread. The theme for Sunday School this year is *Loving God-Loving Neighbors*.

Chuck Tanner and the *Living Water of the World* team gave a report on their July installation in Honduras. This is the ninth installation by CCPC. The network has over 160 installations in Honduras.

Sunday evening the CCPC Youth Group had their Fall Kickoff. The activity was a photo scavenger hunt. Nineteen youth competed for bragging rights. *Breaking Barriers: Opening a seat at the Table* is the study theme for the Youth this year. This year the group will have a combined meeting from 5:30 to 7:30PM. Justin will give the lesson and a separate discussion group for middle school and senior youth will follow. Consider inviting your friends and neighbors to join them.

Rick Osborne has a steadily growing choir. With practices for the Adult and Children's Bell choirs already started and the children's choir to begin rehearsals this coming Sunday, the church is singing and ringing God's praises.

CCPC has a solid program in place. We are seeking ways to increase the reach of our congregation.

We are concerned with the needed resources to most effectively run our programs. We have a variety of volunteering positions in a multitude of ministries that need more volunteers. Our staff, church officers, and key volunteers carry a heavy load. They tend to be overworked and under supported. We are asking everyone to find something new this year — something you have not volunteered to do before — but are willing to try — and serve the church in a new capacity.

The other concern is financial. Financial Secretary Steve Donoian reports that several folks have fallen behind in their anticipated giving. We hope people will catch up. With the numerous relocations this year — to other states and to the heavenly kingdom — we need stronger giving from everyone. Steve reports that about 20% of our giving comes through automated giving. Most is from the Bill Pay option with your local bank. We also offer on-line giving with credit cards. Check out our website or use the QR code available in the weekly bulletin. Another option for senior members who have to take the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) is to have your brokerage send the money directly to CCPC. With only 10% of taxpayers itemizing deductions — this is the most tax efficient way to give—since a direct contribution is not subject to state and federal taxes.

I am excited about preaching through the Old Testament this fall. The theme is *Living Inside the Biblical Story*. We will continue to talk about service and giving as central to your walk with Christ.

Grace and peace,
James Brassard

Mary Frances Davis Jones

January 16, 1923 – July 30, 2019



Mary Frances was born in Laurens, SC, the second child of Mary Decie Dark and Rev. Edgar Washington Davis, Sr. From her father came a lifelong interest in religious and spiritual matters; from her mother, a love of beauty in all its forms and a belief in the importance of the home.

Mary Frances and her older brother, Edgar Jr., grew up in small southern towns where their father was pastor of local Baptist churches. She graduated from Swansea (SC) High School in 1940, and then attended the Woman's College of Furman University. In college, she pursued her love of beauty by studying English literature and art. She graduated *cum laude* with a BA in English in 1944. Her yearbook says, "Her ideas are inspirational to all who come in contact with them."

After graduation, her favorite job was Director of Religious Activities at Furman, which included summers studying at Union Theological Seminary in New York. While she was working at Furman, she met Jack Dillard Jones, a returned veteran studying at the school. They were married in 1951 and moved to the Washington, DC area. Both

quickly embraced what the city offered, but for her, the most important place was the National Gallery of Art. There she could study the works of great artists and soak in the beauty of the place and the paintings she loved.

She and Jack had two children, Decie Anna, born in 1952 while they were still living in a studio apartment in downtown DC, and Jenny Lauren, born a few weeks before they sailed for their first European tour in 1958. The two years in Oberammergau in Bavaria were a highlight for Mary Frances. The Alps were stunningly beautiful, a German maid helped with the housework and children, and she enjoyed her German lessons and travels. One trip was to Florence for a long weekend of art and beauty, mementos of which decorated the Jones house for years to come.

Shortly after returning to the US, the family moved to the new Belair community in Bowie, MD, where she and Jack worked to make a beautiful yard, which included a host of golden daffodils each spring. Throughout her life, home was important to her. She loved having family and friends around her at a table with candles, a centerpiece and carefully chosen placemats, china, and silverware. Christmas traditions included a live tree with white lights, colored balls that reflected the lights, special ornaments, and an angel on the top. Another overseas tour in the mid-1960s to England allowed her to find many lovely objects for her home, from silver teapots to antique Windsor chairs.

Throughout her life she sketched and painted, frequently doing commissioned portraits for friends. She also drew inspiration from her home, painting family members, flowers, fruit, and objects around the house. She signed her pictures "Mary West Jones". The "West" portion of the name paid tribute to her maternal grandmother and also to the great painter Benjamin West who was reputedly a distant relation.

She joined CCPC in 1970 and served in a variety of roles, including Sunday school teacher and deacon. As part of her Sunday school, she did a sketch of every child in the class for their parents. She also continued her interest in religious and spiritual matters by reading widely and attending a spiritual healing class and service in Baltimore. She helped to start CCPC's Health and Healing circle.

Mary Frances and Jack moved to Asheville, NC, in 2013 to be closer to their daughters. After Jack's fatal stroke in 2015, she continued to live in the house they had bought, taking pleasure in walks, her neighbors, her family, her reading, her book group, correspondence with friends, and difficult Sudoku puzzles. Mary Frances collected and cherished new friends like she had collected and cherished beautiful objects earlier in her life. She continued to read the Washington Post, and she remained interested in women's issues, national politics, and spiritual enlightenment up to her final days.

*Memorials may be made to Christian Community Presbyterian Church,
Furman University, or the National Gallery of Art.*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is partially funded by the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering. These gifts work within communities as they recover and find hope after devastation of disasters such as Hurricane Dorian. We have all seen the scenes on TV and in our newspapers of the destruction caused by this recent disaster. This fund needs our immediate support so that the program may continue their efforts in caring for those in immediate need as well as future rebuilding. Please make your check payable to CCPC (put Hurricane Relief in the memo section of your check).

The Mission Council thanks you in advance.

Happy Winter from South of the Equator!



Happy Winter from south of the equator!
In Malawi we are in the middle of our 'winter' season and have enjoyed a visit to Mzuzu by Tyler's parents, Jerry and Marian. Living and working across the ocean from family is hard at times, and we are grateful for the time they were with us. Check out our family blog on weekly work and life in Malawi at:

<http://www.holminafrika.blogspot.com/>

Session Highlights

September 9, 2019

- ◆ Elder Paula Hays agreed to take over the Clerk position vacated by Lisa Botluk's move to Lewes, Delaware.
- ◆ Steve Donoian agreed to fill the last two years of Lisa's term and to continue as the chair of the finance counsel.
- ◆ The Session was pleased with the combined summer services. The summer choir, children's sermon, and the worship team provided two contemporary songs, which made the service slightly longer, but most said, "It didn't feel long." Congregational singing was robust.
- ◆ The photo directory is being edited. We are still missing photos of a few families.
- ◆ The Session voted to move up the start of our summer service by a few weeks next June. We had nine combined services this summer. Next year the first combined service will be June 21. This is Father's Day and the Sunday after Vacation Bible School. We will resume the two-service schedule on the Sunday after Labor Day. This will translate into 12 weeks of combined services of one service only at 10AM from June 21 through September 6.

Adult Education

21st Century Spirituality

How do we worship God in the 21st century?

Join us for a 4-week course that examines different modes of spiritual worship: Prayer, Meditation on Scripture, Music in Worship, and Service/People-Helping.



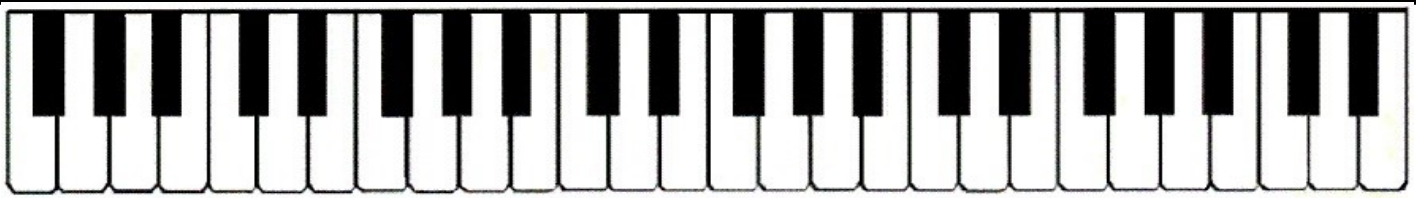
Oct 6 (Prayer) Mary Brock

Oct 13 (Meditation on Scripture) Rick Snyder

Oct 20 (Music in Worship) Jen Woods

Oct 27 (Service/People-Helping) Justin Devine

**All Adult Education classes are held at 10AM
in the Adult Education Conference room**



Upcoming

Musical Events at CCPC!

All concerts are held in the CCPC Sanctuary and start at 4:00 pm

Sunday, October 6: The Trio

Flutist Maureen Cannon, cellist Csilla Lakatos and keyboardist Rick Osborne
The Trio will present works by Albinoni, Bizet, Debussy, Handel,
Liszt and Mozart.

NEW ADDITION! Sunday, October 13: Elisabeth Von Trapp

Ms. Von Trapp, granddaughter of the Austrian family that inspired
"The Sound of Music," will delight everyone through scripture,
stories and songs

Sunday, November 3: Bayfield Brass Quintet

The quintet and organist Rick Osborne will present music of the
Italian Renaissance and Baroque.

In observance of Veterans Day, the second half of the program will feature a
mix of Armed Forces selections, patriotic music and popular marches.

Sunday, December 8: Celtic Bay & Mary Fitzgerald, harpist

The trio and harpist Mary Fitzgerald will present a program of seasonal
music on the Great Highland pipes, small Scottish pipes, percussion,
twelve string guitar and Celtic harp.

**For further information, please contact:
ccpcmusic@verizon.net or 301-262-6008**



Knits with Sticks

Calling all knitters and crocheters too!

Our Knits With Sticks group will start up again on Monday, September 16, at 1:00 PM in the parlor.

Since I am on "baby watch", I may not be there, but for those who can come, please come and share ideas and work on your own projects. We will be sharing our charity projects with the Christmas families, the prayer shawl ministry here at CCPC, and scarves for chemo patients at Anne Arundel hospital. I also have two new patterns on one sheet, for two one-row scarf patterns that are rather addictive to make. Copies of the patterns are in our pattern file in the Atrium. We have a nice fall stash already started, with a great contribution of crocheted items from Sarah Hyde, now at The Annapolitan Assisted Living, in Annapolis. Many, many thanks to Sarah for the beautiful items. Please browse through the yarn closet and help yourselves to whatever you need.

Blessings, Priscilla Bouic at 301-262-4906

Children's Campfire

Sunday, September 21 at 6 PM



Inviting the congregation and their families to join us in the back parking lot for

**Hot Dogs!
Games!
Smores!**

If you have any questions, please call
707-344-3325
or email ccpcdirced@verizon.net

Justin Devine

Memorial Brick Ceremony

The Annual Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held at
12 Noon on Sunday, September 29, 2019

We will be dedicating bricks in honor of loved ones who have passed.

The Backpack Blessing

Several people asked Laurel Cox for the *Blessing of the Backpacks* prayer that she did on Sunday, August 25th, to be included in *The Caller*, so here you go . . .

Thank you God for these children. Bless them as they go to school - pre-school, elementary, middle or high school - even those going to college!
Guard them and guide them. Send your angels to camp around them as they walk, carpool or ride buses to their schools.
Give each of them a good friend to play with, eat lunch with - and do homework with.
Bless all of their teachers, bus drivers, lunch ladies, school secretaries, police and crossing guards.
Help each one of these children as they learn new things and as they do their homework.
Dear God, give all of these children a wonderful year of new experiences and exciting things. Let them each know that You love them - even more than we love them.
Thank you for being our God.
In Jesus Name, Amen!

Children, remember the Bible verse following
The Pledge of Allegiance:

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Christmas Families

Calendar of Events

Sunday, November 10		Christmas Family Program Kick Off
Sunday, November 17		Sign Ups Continue
Sunday, November 24		Last Sign Ups
Saturday, December 7		Set Up Dodd's Hall after Kid's Movie Night
Dec 8 (Sun)	9-12pm	Wrapped Gift Drop Off (Dodd's Hall) <u>FIRM DROP OFF DAY ONE DAY ONLY</u>
Dec 12 (Thurs)	TBD	Pick up food order from Giant (non-perishables) & Re Set Dodd's Hall for Food Sorting Baked Goods Due (can be dropped off in kitchen)
	5 pm – 7 pm	Food Sorting & Consolidation
Dec 13 (Friday)	9 am – 8 pm	Family Pick Up/Delivery





Christmas Gift Market

Sunday, November 3, 2019

SAVE THE DATE!

Christian Community Presbyterian Church



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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



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.

