

December 11, 2019

Christian Community Presbyterian Church Newsletter

"Who's Who in America" has been published biannually since 1899. A biographical dictionary of notable American men and women, you can pick up the most recent edition for only \$399.00. CCPC's recent update of our church pictorial directory is published every 5 years or so and is free to CCPC members and attendees. The new directory was the brainchild of Thad Uehling. A team of photographers: Sam Guillermo, Steve Webb and Jim Bridger, took the photographs over the summer. If you see a picture that has an uncanny resemblance to how that person looked 10 years ago, you can bet it was a holdover from the last directory.

The directory will serve several purposes. First, it will help you put names with faces. This saves you the embarrassment of not knowing the name of the person who has sat three rows in front of you for the last 10 years. Secondly, it helps longer tenured members learn the names of the many newcomers to the church. You could learn their names and maybe invite them to lunch or arrange a play date for their children. Those leaders looking for new volunteers will be able to ask if you can help.

The directories will not be in the pews. For data security reasons, we don't want the contact information available to people outside the church. Regular attendees and members can sign for a directory.

We hope to print the directory during the week of December 16-20. The new directories will be available on December 29 at the Holiday intergenerational social event in Dodds Hall. The event is hosted by your Deacons and is called, "Deacon Speed Dating." Deacons will be seated at tables as hosts — attendees will move around to several tables and answer some get to know you questions at each stop. Justin Devine will oversee the festivities. The Deacons will provide snacks at each table. A staffed nursery will be available for young children. Outgoing children as young as eight might want to join the fun.

I especially want to thank Thad Uehling for his dedication to this important project.

Grace and peace, James Brassard

Christmas Tost Office!

The CCPC Christmas Post Office Is Now Opened!

To help facilitate the sorting and delivery of your Christmas cards, we ask that you observe the following courtesies:

- 1.) Please put your cards in alphabetical order in the appropriate box.
- 2.) Do not bring cards for out of town or shut in members or they will be discarded.
 - 3.) Please pick up your cards by January 12th or they will be thrown out.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Toinsettia Reminder!

We still have poinsettias available!

Get in the Christmas spirit by supporting the flower committee and purchasing a poinsettia.

Forms are on the table in the Atrium.

Any questions, please contact Judyann Glazener Feinstein at judith.a.glazener@gmail.com or 240-351-4121.

If you have already purchased a poinsettia, we thank you for your support!

Merry Christmas from The Flower Committee



Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 15 Children's Christmas Program

Children's Ministry will be performing their Christmas program on Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 AM in Dodds Hall. The program will also feature performances by the Children's Bell Choir, the Children's Choir, the Celebration Choir, and Youth singers. A continental breakfast will be served.

Tuesday, December 24Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 29—Morning Services

We will have our 9am Contemporary and 11am
Blended Worship Services. The Deacons will host an
Intergenerational fellowship in Dodds Hall at 10AM.
The event is called "Deacons Speed Dating."
Food will be served.



Thank You!

Dear CCPC Staff,

As my piano students continue to have their recitals in your church over the years, I become more and more aware of our good fortune to be included in your commitment to support the community around you.

This year, a number of my older and advanced students have graduated and gone to college, and there were quite a few very young beginners in your Sanctuary for the first time. Two "brand new" sisters are of the Hindu faith. The younger one, a 1st grader, kept telling me with enthusiasm that it was the first time she'd ever been in a church. She clearly liked it, and it was one of my favorite experiences of the recital.

This time, I particularly want to thank Rick Osborne for helping me to move the piano, and for volunteering to move it back at a later time. It took a job off my hands right at the time I needed to be talking with the families in Dodds Hall, and helped me to be more present with the students.

Robin Seekford called me weeks in advance to let me know she'd be on vacation during the recital week. She suggested a time for me to pick up the key before she left. Robin is a fantastic organizer. I love working with her for her humor as much as her skills and competence.

The families love your space – the beauty of the Sanctuary and acoustics and the friend-liness of Dodds Hall. Thank you, again, to each of you for sharing these with us. I have included funds for the facility use as well as what the families collected to donate to your music department. I hope you all have wonderful upcoming holidays! And, I look forward to our next recital there in the spring.

All the best, Martie Harris

Christmas Gift Market

The final tally of the Christmas Gift Market is below. We would like to thank all who participated in this event. Blessings and Merry Christmas!

Sharon McNamara, Kris Ross, and Debbie Sell

ORGANIZATION	TOTAL
Church World Service	\$465.00
Medical Benevolence Foundation	\$1125.00
CCPC Habitat for Humanity Projects	\$900.00
Heifer International	\$765.00
Bowie Volunteer Fire Dept. & Rescue	
Squad	\$388.00
United Campus Ministry	\$595.00
Amor - Youth Mission Trip	\$425.00
Community Crisis Services Inc. (CCSI)	\$305.00
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance	\$1225.00
Champ House - Addiction Recovery	
785	\$785.00
Dick Arnold's Photo Table - Mission	
Scholarship	\$409.00
CCPC Honduras Water Project	\$1379.00
CCPC Honduras Mission Worker	\$100.00
Honduras Educational Program	\$800.00
Citizens for Local Animal Welfare	
(CLAW)	\$585.00
CCPC Christmas Families	\$470.00
Literacy at the Well Life Needs	\$970.00
Blue Ribbon Project/Backpacks of Love	\$260.00
Soup Kitchen - Ardan Memorial Fund	\$221.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,172.00

Speed Dating!



JOIN THE DEACONS
FUN! GAMES! SNACKS!

December 29, 2019 10:05 am in Dodds Hall



Adult Education

First, I'd like to thank all of the CCPC members who led Adult Education classes in the past year! Thank you all for bringing your unique knowledge and insights to our Adult Ed program!

Ann Fleming, Kristen McDermott, Wayne Smith, Astrid Jonas, Andrea Brassard, Alex Kummer, Justin Devine, Steve Webb, Dick Neff, Mary Brock, Gary Cox, Rachel Oben, Gussie Assam, Gladys Ayuketah,

Glory Tataw, Mark Pfarrer, Rick Snyder, and Sue Evans.

Next, the upcoming class in January 2020 is "New Beginnings: Reboot Your Life"

Want to make some positive changes in the New Year? Join us for a 4-week course to discuss ideas to establish a strong foundation for spiritual and personal growth. Each Sunday, discussion will be based on one of the following scriptural themes: The Creation Story (Order Out of Chaos), Baptism (Spiritual Cleansing), New Life in Christ (Resilience), and Revelation (Discernment of God's Call).

Discussion Leaders:

January 5 Gladys Ayuketah, Creation Story January 12 James Brassard, Baptism January 19 Stanley Dixon, New Life in Christ January 26 Rick Snyder, Revelation

Finally, Mary Brock and I are planning a class for March 2020 entitled "Convivencia: Living Together in a Multicultural Society." Maryland Public Television (MPT) is airing some relevant television programs this month. Please consider tuning in to one or both of the two programs at the following times (you can think of this like a homework assignment!).

<u>The Ornament of the World</u> (Muslims, Christians, and Jews forged a common cultural identity during a remarkable time in history.) Friday, Dec. 20 at 9pm on MPT and Wednesday, Dec. 25 at 9pm on MPT2.

<u>Cities of Light: The Rise and Fall of Islamic Spain</u> (Take an epic journey back to one of the most captivating and important periods of world history, when Muslims, Christians, and Jews held a fragile union in Western Europe.) Monday, Dec 30 at 9pm on MPT2

Thank you again, Jennifer Woods, Elder, Adult Education

Women of the Church

Winter Potluck

January 5, 2020 12 Noon in Dodds Hall (after 11AM service)



"Winter Getaways - Think Warm? Think Cold?"



What's <u>your</u> favorite winter getaway?

Bring a "souvenir" (bauble, t-shirt, etc.)

that represents your happy "getaway" place

Please bring a dish to share.

Presbyterian Women will supply a ham, biscuits and veggie tray.

Warm Nights



CCPC will be participating in the Warm Nights Shelter Program from January 19th to the 26th. The program is a collaborative effort of numerous committed church congregations throughout Prince George's County that provide a rotating emergency homeless shelter. It has been in operation since the early 1990s and CCPC was one of the first churches in Bowie to participate in the program. Each week two churches provide shelter for 25 to 30 homeless families. The program is managed by Community Crisis Services Incorporated (CCSi), a nonprofit organization.

During our week, we will provide the shelter clients with a warm place to stay from 7:00 PM until about 6:00 AM. We also provide them with three meals a day. When they arrive, they are greeted with a hot hearty dinner. In the morning, they get breakfast, and we hand them a bagged lunch as they walk out the door.

Successful participation in this program requires CCPC volunteers to perform a variety of duties. There are many ways you can get involved. You can sign up to prepare a meal, serve as an overnight host, or help setup Dodds Hall on January 19th before the shelter clients arrive. The Mission Committee will purchase the food for the lunches, as we have for the last several years. We ask that volunteers sign up to prepare the lunches. Sign-up sheets and instructions will be available in the atrium. Even if you cannot participate in any of the Warm Nights duties, I encourage you to stop by the church during our Warm Nights week. You will have an opportunity to meet the shelter clients, hear their stories, and see how our giving and caring are impacting their lives.

Paul Sell
Warm Nights Coordinators

Imagine Yoga & Wellness Center



You are cordially invited to our

Start Your New Year with Yoga!

Wednesday, January 1st At 10:30 AM in Dodds Hall

It is said that whatever you do on New Year's day is what you will do all year long — if you want to make Yoga a regular practice, this is a great place to start!

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

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.lmagineThePlace.com, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail info@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.