

I doubt if there is any easy time to stop doing the work, to which you have dedicated your life. Some choose to retire after a milestone event: like the dedication of a new building. Some work until they reach a milestone: a certain age or an anniversary of service. Many have to work because they cannot afford to lose their paycheck and end up dying in the pulpit (like two of my former Bowie colleagues). One colleague was asked why he decided to retire, said, "I had a dream and God told me to stop preaching."

In my case, I fainted and fell in Chicago the day after Christmas while visiting my son and his family. The next week my annual physical exam and bloodwork produced some alarming results. My adult children forcefully told me — it is time to stop working and take better care of yourself. I decided in December this would be my last fall as pastor. The only question was the date. So, last night I informed the Session I will be retiring as pastor of CCPC effective May 31, 2020.

I write this with relief and sadness. CCPC is my favorite of the three congregations I have served. For almost 16 years, I have poured myself into it. Together we have accomplished many things. I treasure the friendships in the congregation. Yet, it is time to step aside.

When I have informed people of my decision to retire, I have been asked three questions:

Where will you live? Andrea and I plan to continue living in our home in Bowie. Andrea will continue her policy position with AARP. She cut back to 4 days a week this January. This will allow us some freedom to travel — especially to see our grandchildren in New Jersey and Illinois.

What will you do with your time? Except to play more golf, I don't know. I will figure that out.

Where have you been the past few weeks? I am thankful for the Session granting me three weeks to rest following some Session conflict. I traveled to Charleston, South Carolina (Andrea and I had great fun at the Elizabeth Warren rally with singer John Legend). I sought the trusted counsel of my colleagues in Orlando. Last weekend I visited my sister, my daughter and their husbands in Albany. The time was a blessing as I sorted out my plans for the future.

The Church of Jesus Christ is in the midst of a Reformation. Old patterns are done and new patterns are emerging. The church and its leaders will have to retool for whatever God is bringing our way. It has been a joy serving beside you in this wonderful faith community. Meanwhile, I will be preaching almost every week through May 31.

Grace and peace,
James Brassard



Worship Notes

March 15th: Rev. Brassard's sermon is on the persistent widow pleading her case to the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8). The title is *Nevertheless, She Persisted*.

March 22nd: Stoning in the Biblical times was considered an appropriate form of localized justice. Severe public punishment was considered necessary to strongly discourage others from assaulting the bonds of marriage. In John 8, Jesus confronts the vigilantes. Rev. Brassard's sermon is titled, "Go and Sin No More."



Births!

Welcome to Deborah & John Rice's grandson — their first grandchild!
A healthy and beautiful baby boy named

Thomas John Cantlin

DOB: Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Time: 11:37pm

Weight: 7lbs, 14ozs Height: 19-1/2" long.

Congratulations, Deborah & John!

Thank You!

Dear CCPC Family and Friends,

A simple word – thanks – means so much. A bright spot in my day was when Pete arrived for his daily visit with cards from CCPC members. The get-well wishes and the lovely cards, phone calls, and flowers were welcomed. Your thoughts and words of encouragement kept me positive and pushed me to "excel" in PT. Generosity of your time and thoughtfulness never seem to end and was much appreciated. CCPC members are a blessing!

Thank you!

Betty Haeussler



Order Form

At CCPC, we honor and remember loved ones with Easter Lilies.

Lilies with 5-7 blossoms are \$14.50.

Fill out this order form and mail with payment to CCPC.

In the memo portion of check, please note Easter Lilies.

The deadline for ordering is Palm Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Given By: _____

Please Print Clearly.

We want to be sure names are spelled correctly.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Number of Lilies _____ @\$14.50= _____ (total)

Enclosed is \$ _____ for my total order

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

Thank you for your order!

Adult Education!

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Join us at 10am in the Adult Education classroom.

This was a four-class series, but your attendance at the first two, which already happened, is not necessary for you to attend the two below. Hope to see you there!

The Golden Age — Once upon a time, Christians and Jews and Muslims lived somewhat peacefully with each other and actually learned from each other. They borrowed culture & language, science & philosophy, and even religion & ritual from each other. What they forged together in this melting pot was Medieval Spain, a culture that was far different from each of their own roots.

And then it all went tragic.

March 15: What can we learn from their efforts to encourage our own Golden Age, where our multi-cultural country can create an environment from which we can benefit from each other's knowledge and practice? Taking a look from the Islamic perspective. This session will be led by Khalil Shadeed

March 22: Continuing the conversation of how we can better live together will be Rabbi Steve Weisman of Temple Solel. How can our faith learn from other faiths?

ClimbZone!

Join us on Saturday, March 14 from 12:30pm to 2:00pm at ClimbZone.

Cost is \$10 per climber or \$20 per family. We will be in the BLUE tent!

Questions! Contact Melodie Dziduch or Justin Devine

Palm Sunday Worship & Fellowship

Join us on Palm Sunday, April 5 for our one-service only at 10:00AM in the Sanctuary, followed by some food and fellowship in Dodds Hall, then our free 4:00 PM concert in the Sanctuary!

Suzuki Violin & Viola Spring Recital!

The Suzuki Violin & Viola Studio of Lerna May-Frandsen will present a spring recital on Sunday, June 7 at 3:30pm in the Sanctuary. Among the students performing is CCPC member Joshua Hawkins. Come join us for a spirited musical soiree of great classical music! A light reception will follow. The program is free of charge and the public is invited to attend. See you there!

CCPC Concert Series!



Rosa Parks: Such a Time **Sunday, April 5th at 4:00 pm**

Actress Gwendolyn Briley-Strand brings to life one of the icons of the Civil Rights Movement, Ms. Rosa Parks, in her historic act of civil disobedience. At the urging of the Maryland Humanities Council, Ms. Briley-Strand developed her second one-woman play which has been performed nationally in schools, churches, organizations and theatres. "She sat, so we could stand."

A free will offering will be received and a reception will follow

Sunday, May 3: Nolan King, pianist

Mr. King returns to CCPC presenting a program including masterworks by Beethoven, Prokofiev and Liszt.

Sunday, October 4: Rick Osborne, organist

Mr. Osborne will present works of the Romantic period by Brahms, Elgar, Franck, Liszt and Mendelssohn

Sunday, November 1: Malcolm X Drummers and Dancers

Virtuoso drumming and thrilling dancing combine in a celebration of African American culture and history

Sunday, December 6: Capital Ringers

The ensemble will perform on six octaves of handbells and hand chimes, presenting a program of seasonal music with light show and audience participation.

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

Sue Cobb Scholarship Pancake Dinner Update

Laurel Cox was asked to speak at the pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 25, about Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday), the Sue Cobb Scholarship Pancake Dinner and Sue Cobb. Below is what she said:

"Today is Shrove Tuesday and tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the 40 days of fasting and prayer called Lent.

The word *shrove* is the past tense of the English verb *to shrive*, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance. During the week before Lent, sometimes called Shrovetide in English, Christians were expected to go to confession in preparation for the penitential season of turning to God. Shrove Tuesday was the last day before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and noted in histories dating back to 1000 AD. Pancakes are associated with the day preceding Lent because they were a way to use up rich foodstuffs such as eggs, milk, and sugar, before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. The liturgical fasting emphasized eating plain food and refraining from food that would give pleasure: In many cultures, this means no meat, dairy, or eggs. (And what is a good way to save eggs for 40 days? Hmm ... Easter eggs?!) Let us prepare our hearts for the coming worship season, and the rejoicing of our Risen Lord!

Sue Cobb Scholarship

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner is now used as a fundraiser for our Sue Cobb Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to a graduating High School Senior young woman. All female Seniors are given an application for the scholarship. Because of Sue's commitment to Missions and service – the application has an emphasis on the applicant's mission service (both in the church and the community) The scholarship is awarded each year in June (Women's Sunday or Youth Sunday). The number of applicants, and awards, varies from year to year as you can see from the table cards in front of you. Those seniors who turn in applications are considered, as well as the funds available from your donations this evening – so in the memory of Sue Cobb and her generous life, please consider donating to this scholarship.

Scholarship Recipients

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| <u>2010</u> – Nicole Corbett & Sara Rogel | <u>2011</u> – Ezechielle Fokam & Christy Littlefield | <u>2012</u> – Brooke Armstrong |
| <u>2013</u> – Becca Jonas Claire Leaman | <u>2014</u> – Nina Fonjoe | <u>2015</u> – Christy Ahern & |
| <u>2016</u> – No scholarship (no graduates) | <u>2017</u> – Victoria Ilko & Natasha Hawkins | <u>2018</u> – Catherine Coleman |
| <u>2019</u> – Rebecca Ilko | | |

Scholarship Applications are available for graduating senior class young women, of our church family. This year (2020) our graduating female seniors are: Alexis Ayuketa, Claire Levins and Caitlyn Shoemaker

Mary Susan Bennett Cobb — July 17, 1947 – July 11, 2009

Sue Cobb fought a courageous battle against ovarian cancer for more than seven years. Sue was very active at CCPC. She served on Session and was very involved in our Missions. Sue loved, and lived for, serving others. Sue was honored with the 2009 Honorary Life Membership Award from the PWOC (Presbyterian Women of the Church). We honor her memory with an annual scholarship to a young woman from our congregation. Your support of the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner funds this scholarship. Sue leaves behind her husband TC, her boys Bert, Ty and Reb, her grandchildren and more friends than we can count!

I was blessed with Sue's friendship for only the last 5 years of her life. Over the years, I have enjoyed hearing those of you who knew her longer tell stories of raising your children together and working together to make this church family what it is today. I, like many of you, watched her battle. Until the end of her life she was still working and serving others. She faithfully served communion with her oxygen tank in tow. She served on Mission Council – legend has it that she called to say she would miss her last meeting because she was in the hospital. Sue introduced Living Waters for the World in her time on Mission Council – recruiting many dear friends to be part of this work. Our church is still working with Living Waters, specifically in Honduras (thank you for that Sue!). My greatest honor was being a part of the legacy of Sue Cobb – teaching Cradle Roll for two of her grandchildren Ben and Savannah ... who are no longer babies. Sue was the embodiment of the Proverbs 31 Woman: today, specifically verses 20 & 31 –

She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy ... and let her works bring her praise at the city gate

The BCNS Invites CCPC to Join them on April 25th!

Yardsale!

Saturday, April 25th!



Ok everyone, time to go thru your stuff and come help us raise some money. Arrive at 6:30am for set up and we will go until the cows come home. Everyone is responsible for their own set up/take down, money to make change for your customers, and tables/chairs.

Cost is \$10 per family & it will be collected the morning of. I would like everyone to keep your items neatly contained to a parking spot along the front of the church so people on Belair Drive can see us. We will park along the side & guests can park along Belair Drive. We cannot park in front of the school as yoga still has classes.

Anyone wanting to come set up a vendor table to promote a business is also welcome. The cost is \$20 (CCPC folks pay \$10.00). They must also have tables, change, and pay the morning of.

Additionally, we will have a “donation only” bake sale. This means that people will leave us a donation instead of us charging for the baked goods. I’m asking that each family make a baked good for us to “sell”. If you eat gluten free, then make a gluten free desert.

Same thing if you are Keto. The goal here is to appeal to as many palates as we can. Please wrap every item securely & provide a list of ingredients so anyone with allergies can be aware. These items do not need to be peanut free so bake till your hearts content! Please make yum-mies you would like to eat/buy ... all of the funds collected will be going to the school!

If anyone has questions please reach out and thanks for helping us keep our school going!

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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.