

Dear Friends,

Spring has sprung! Flowers are blooming, birds are tweeting, the air is warmer and brighter, and God's people are rejoicing in the newness of the earth and the newness of the Easter season. I recently shared photos of the church grounds on our Facebook page. I hope that some of you have been able to visit our beloved space and see it's natural beauty for yourselves. Thanks to Elder Skip Oates and his team of devoted volunteers from the Building and Grounds Committee, 3120 Belair Drive is a beautiful addition to our community and to God's world

Along with all of the natural rebirth that surrounds us at this time of year, we at CCPC are surrounded by spiritual rebirth: Elders Susan Mather and Sharon Youngdahl will soon present a new slate of elders and deacons; we are on the cusp of rolling out the CAT-Scan (Church Assessment Tool); our Reopening Task Force has gathered data that looks very promising for in-person gatherings in the near future; Children and Youth Ministry Director Lillie Thomas II has scheduled wonderful programs for our young disciples; Sam Guillermo and his Tech Team have made great progress in moving us forward into the virtual realm; and Rick Osborne is coordinating performers for an upcoming live and in person concert series. The spirit is alive at CCPC!

I am reminded of this verse from *Song of Solomon 2:11-13*:

"For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance."

I hope that you are enjoying the "fragrance" of spring in your own lives. As for me, my youngest son Carter is home from college to spend part of the summer with me. I am enjoying walks along the wetlands preserve with my little dog, and I am delighting in the good work that God has given me to do with you, the good people of CCPC

Peace,
Pastor Susan



Directory Updates

Please update your directory with the following address changes:

Andrea Brassard:

42 Fort Sumter South, Ocean Pines, MD 21811

Pastor Susan Graceson:

8011 Delores Court, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732

Thank You

Dear CCPC Friends,

I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards and emails, shared advise about the probate process and what to expect, made my family delicious meals, and reached out to me about my brother's passing. Words cannot express how much it means to me and my family.

Your support means so much.

Warm regards,

Robin Seekford and family



Congregational Meeting

On May 9, following the worship service, we will have a brief congregational meeting to elect Ruling Elders and Deacons. The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates that are listed below. The Zoom link for the meeting will be the same as the Adult Education Hour, which will follow the brief meeting.

You can join us at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83035980751>
Meeting ID: 881 5978 7563 Passcode: 2272

Slate of Candidates for Ruling Elders and Deacons

The Nominating Committee of the Session of CCPC nominates the following slate of candidates for Ruling Elders.

For the Class of 2024:

Wendall Ayievie
Dan MacMillen
Karin Rice
Scott Brock

And to fill a vacancy in the **Class of 2022**: Brian Cable

The Committee nominates the following slate of candidates for Deacons.

Class of 2024:

Rachel Oben
Karen Green
Sue Evans
Peggy Oates
Nancy Honeyford

I move that we elect the above candidates by acclamation.

Susan Mather
Chairman, Nominating Committee

Members: Sharon Youngdahl (Session rep), Sue Evans (Deacons rep),
Myrna Webb and Madeleine Kennon (Congregational reps)

Session Update

Pastor Susan introduced Lillie Thomas II, who was warmly received by session members. Lillie explained her education history and her previous responsibilities. Her vision for youth ministry includes camaraderie, growth in relationship to God, and community involvement with justice.

A Congregational Meeting has been called for Sunday, May 9, so that Wendall Aylevie and Dan MacMillan may be voted in as elders to fill vacant positions.

A memorial service for Pastor James Brassard has been scheduled for Saturday, October 30, 2021, at the church. A memorial service for Nancy Sandford has been scheduled for June 20, 2021, in the Memorial Garden. A service for Peter Ebot is pending.

Sharon and Stanley Dixon have transferred their membership to Eastminster Presbyterian Church in South Carolina.

The Worship Committee hopes that the church will open for in-person worship August first. This service will also include Facebook Live, which will also be available for August 8th. If all goes well with the new equipment, live streaming will begin August 15th.

The CAT scan team is hard at work collecting initial data. This is the first step in the process to search for a new pastor.

Evonne Tang, Finance Committee Chair, adjusted the budget figures to include \$11,000 for equipment, which brings the 2021 budget figure to \$468,930. Cyd Radden LeSage has filed all the paperwork in hopes that CCPC might qualify for a second PPP loan. Purchase streamlining and the possibility of credit card use by church staff is in process with the Finance Committee.

The Race and Diversity Committee holds podcasts on Fridays at 6:30; next is *Unearased*, stories of men who underwent conversion therapy for homosexuality. Matthew 25 book discussions – Summer: [Microagressions in Ministry](#); Fall: [White Too Long](#), Winter: [Outside the Lines](#). The committee is exploring More Light resources for future use. The Fair Youth Sentencing Law, which the committee endorsed, will take effect in October. The next focus will be the Emmitt Till Anti-lynching Law.

Session approved the BCNS request to hold a spring yard sale in the church parking lot on a Saturday in May. They will use social distancing and clean up afterwards. The sanctuary, meeting rooms, hallway, narthex and bathrooms have been deep cleaned and sanitized by the Building and Grounds Committee.

Memorial Brick Ceremony!

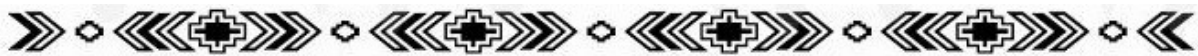
The Memorial Brick Ceremony will be held in the Memorial Garden at Noon on Sunday, October 31.

The deadline for brick orders is Wednesday, June 30.

Please note this is a strict deadline and cannot be extended due to the process of ordering the bricks, getting them made, shipping, and set into the memorial walkway.

If you have any questions or need help with ordering a brick, please contact Robin in the church office at

301-262-6008 or ccpcbowie@verizon.net.



Capital Drive!

Do you enjoy CCPC's online services?

Do you want to help us continue to stream worship once we return to in-person services?

CCPC has started a capital drive for streaming equipment.
We are hoping to raise \$17,000.

The new equipment will allow CCPC to expand the reach of our ministry beyond our walls.

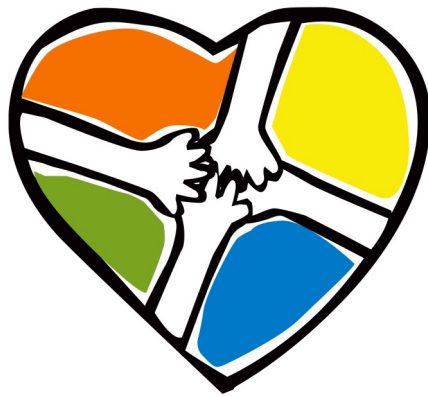
The first donation to this drive was from the James Brassard Memorial Fund.

To donate, you can send a check with "Video Equipment" written in the memo section or go to our website, click the "Donate" button, and select "Capital Drive for LiveStreaming."

CCPC's Prayer Chain

The Bible tells us to "Pray without ceasing," but it's hard to know who to contact when you have a concern or celebration that you would like to share with your church family.

CCPC's Prayer Chain will help!
Patti Cable will coordinate the Prayer Chain by email (CCPCPrayers@aol.com) or by phone (Patti's home phone, not cell) found in the Directory.
Contact Patti to be added to the list or for more details.



Support Group!

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)

Our Board of Deacons has decided to form a new support group to help us "carry each other's burdens." Pastor Susan will facilitate this group which will meet on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month at 2 p.m., on Zoom. Each group session will be strictly confidential, and will include devotional readings, prayer, sharing, fellowship, and encouragement.

Please join us if you are in need of some extra support. Contact Pastor Susan or your deacon for more details. Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85724376817>

Meeting ID: 857 2437 6817

One tap mobile: +13017158592,,85724376817# US (Washington DC)

Dial by your location: +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Children & Youth Ministries

Update

Hello CCPC!

Spring is in full swing. Summer is just around the corner and we have some news for you. The last day of Sunday School for Children and Youth will be May 30th, pausing for the Summer Season to resume again in the Fall.

On June 13th, we will have our Graduate Sunday, celebrating the achievements of our high school seniors.

Get ready to get plugged into Vacation Bible School, which will take place online this year July 15th-17th. That's right. Now is a good time to start talking with your friends, family members, and coworkers about Vacation Bible School. We are looking for Volunteers to help out with Vacation Bible School this year. Contact the Director of Children and Youth Ministries at ccpcyouth@verizon.net to express interest.

To everything there is a time and a season and summer is a good time to relax. Occasional Youth related summer events are currently in the planning stages and will be announced when finalized.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no Missions trips this summer.

Thank you for your continual support of the Children and Youth Ministries.

Lillie Thomas II
Director of Children & Youth Ministries



2021

Virtual Concert Series

Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

Each performance will be aired live at 4PM on CCPC's website
<https://www.facebook.com/ChristianCommunityPresbyterianChurch>

Sunday, June 6

Malcolm X Drummers and Dancers



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

Sunday, October 3

Bayfield Brass Quintet

The regionally acclaimed quintet returns with a varied program including works of the Italian Renaissance and a patriotic salute to our armed forces.

Sunday, November 7

The Capital Ringers

The ensemble, performing on six octaves of handbells and hand chimes, return with the inspirational program, "Rise Up!" and its message of hope and resilience.

Sunday, December 5

A Celtic Christmas

Pipers Randy Welch and Michael Binnie, with percussionist Robert Murray and Celtic harper Mary Fitzgerald return with a program of seasonal music from the British Isles.



*Step
Up
to
the Plate!*

CCPC
Blood Drive

3120 Belair Drive, Bowie, MD 20715

May 14, 2021
8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

DETAILS & ONLINE SIGN-UP:
<https://bit.ly/CCPCBloodDrive>

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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.