

Dear CCPC Friends,

Things are heating up. The summer temperatures are rising outside and CCPC ministry is also rising! As we prepare to reopen for in-person worship on July 11th, we are also welcoming a new team of elders and deacons, rolling out the Church Assessment Tool (CAT-Scan), and expanding our worship into the virtual realm.

I want to extend a hearty "Thank YOU" to those elders and deacons who have served us so beautifully during the past year. They have made difficult decisions, cared for those in need, and faithfully continued the work of the church during challenging times. They have truly been God's hands and feet in the world. Our Book of Order states that "To those called to exercise special functions in the church -- deacons, ruling elders, and teaching elders -- God gives suitable gifts for their various duties. In addition to possessing the necessary gifts and abilities, those who undertake particular ministries should be persons of strong faith, dedicated discipleship, and love of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel in the church and in the world." (G-2.0104) Such a powerful statement. I can truly say that the elders and deacons of CCPC have been a demonstration of the gospel. Thank you to all of them.

By now, you have probably seen at least one announcement about the Church Assessment Tool (CAT-Scan). This is your opportunity to make your voice heard about your church! I encourage you to complete the survey and return it. The elders will then review the findings of the survey and make them known to the congregation. This information will inform all of the ministries of CCPC as we move forward.

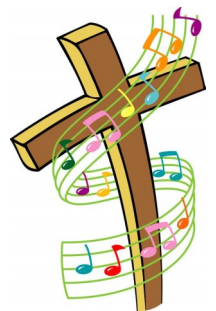
I hope that your personal lives are as rich and rewarding as your church life! As for me, my summer plans include a few visits from family, trips to the beach, and lots of hanging out with my dog Stevie.

Peace,
Pastor Susan

Story & Song Vespers Service

Wednesday June 16, at 6:30pm

Come enjoy a service of stories and songs from your CCPC friends! If you have a favorite hymn or song that you would like to share with CCPC friends, simply contact Scott Brock (ttocs55@gmail.com) by June 9 with the song title. Scott will play a recording of your song at the service, and you will be able to share the story of why the song is special to you. Come and enjoy the gift of music and the gift of sharing!





CCPC Reopening!



CCPC WILL BE REOPENING OUR BUILDING FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JULY 11!

The Session voted Monday night to approve the recommendation from the Reopening Task Force and reopen for worship on July 11. In this phase we will also open Dodds Hall and the outside grounds to CCPC groups like youth group, women's circles, and book clubs. These meetings must be coordinated with the church office.

Here are a few of the guidelines that will continue to be in place for now as we reopen the doors:

- + Members of the Congregation will be socially distanced 6 feet apart (family units will not have to distance from one another)
- + We will require masks while in church
- + No live singing
- + There will be no coffee hour in Dodds Hall, but we will offer outdoor refreshment and fellowship when the weather permits

At the same time we reopen the church, we will be transitioning how we stream our Sunday morning service (we will continue to offer an online worship service option) We expect a few bumps in the road as we work to reopen and switch to live streaming and we hope you will hang in there with us as we work to smooth those bumps.

We can't wait to see you all as we return to our beautiful sanctuary!

There are many things to be worked out, but here are some questions we anticipate:

Q: Why aren't we reopening sooner?

A: Reopening the building takes a lot more planning than closing the building. We want to make sure we are doing it in a thoughtful and safe manner. Additionally, the extra time between now and July 11 will give more people (especially those with kids 12-16) time to get fully vaccinated.

Q. Will we have communion?

A. We will have communion but it will be different than in the past. There are individually packed elements that we will use (those who have attended some of the vesper services are familiar with these).

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Q. Will we have the passing of the peace?

A. We will still have an opportunity for you to greet fellow worshipers, but it will be socially distant and contactless. Like many parts of worship, there will be some parts that are familiar and some that are different.

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Q. What about Children's Church?

A. Our Children and Youth Ministry Director, Lillie Thomas, is reaching out to parents to determine whether they plan to attend church in person with their children, and their comfort level with Children's Church.

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Q. What about outside groups using CCPC?

A. During this phase of reopening only CCPC groups can hold meetings and activities. We will open to outside groups in the next phase at a time yet to be determined.



Welcome to the Deacons & Elders Class of 2024

Scott Brock. I was born and raised right here in Prince George's County. Most of my childhood was spent in Clinton since my father worked for the Air Force at Andrews. We attended a local Lutheran church and I accepted Christ at the age of 12 while watching Billy Graham on TV. In 1975 I met and married my wife, Mary, and in 1986 we moved to Bowie with our three children, Christian, Molly and Stephen. We currently have seven grand children. In 1987 I graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Business and Management. I spent 33 years working for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, mostly in Materials Evaluation and in Warehouse Management and upon retirement I spent another 5 years working for Anne Arundel County as a Warehouse Manager. I retired from the county in 2017 I also spent 6 years in the DC Air National Guard stationed at Andrews, where I served as a Site Development Technician which involved mostly drafting and surveying. I have been a member of CCPC for about the last 15 years and have been involved with Stephen's Ministry, Bible Study, choir, Finance Committee, the men's Saturday morning book group and for the past 3 years, the Board of Deacons. I am looking forward to serving on Session and am praying that God will use this opportunity to strengthen my walk with Him and that I may be a help and encourager to the body of Christ at CCPC.

Karin Rice grew up in Florida and graduated from Vanderbilt with an engineering degree (as well as masters in science from University of Houston). While training astronauts at Johnson Space Center, she met Kevin Rice - a lifetime member of CCPC. When he proposed, Karin moved to Maryland and found a job at NASA Goddard on the Hubble Space Telescope program. A few years after Reverend Brassard married them, Karin was baptized for the first time and officially joined CCPC in 2007. Eventually as their daughter Ella was born and not too long later their son Bobby, she started to work from home in Severna Park: writing books and leading workshops. Since calling CCPC her home church, Karin has enjoyed singing in choir, building homes for habitat, and serving as deacon. Now she looks forward to being one of your elders on the board of session.

Brian Cable was born in Washington, DC and grew up in Bowie. He started attending CCPC when he was in grade school. He attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School and started his career as an Aerospace Engineer at the Naval Air Station in Patuxent River, MD. He met his wife, Patti, at the University of Maryland more than 30 years ago. While living in Lexington Park, Brian, Patti, and their two sons attended several different churches. When Brian's job as a Safety Inspector and now Manager at the FAA brought them back to Bowie in 1999, they were very happy to once again attend CCPC. Brian has been a member of CCPC since the mid-70s; Patti was baptized here with their boys, and both Steven and Patrick were confirmed at CCPC. Growing up, Brian participated in youth group activities. He taught the Middle School Sunday School class for 2 years and has served 2 and a half previous terms as an Elder. Brian is looking forward to working with CCPC Personnel once again.

Sue Evans. We came to CCPC in 2004. I think everyone already knows who I am. If you don't here's a summary of my life. I was born and raised in Whittier, CA. My folks were wonderful Christians. Faith and service were part of the very air I breathed. I went to college and became a nurse. I worked in labor and delivery at UCLA Medical Center. I met Dennis on a blind date set up by our mothers. We married in 1961. In 1964 he got a job with NASA at Goddard Space Flight Center, and we moved to Bowie. I stayed home and raised our 5 kids. They all grew up and had families of their own. I went back to work and spent 20 years as an office nurse in a busy family practice clinic. When the work was no longer fun I retired. I filled my days with grandchildren and various volunteer activities. The grandchildren all grew up and are now starting families of their own. In 2017, we sold our house and moved to Collington where we are enjoying a happy, busy retirement. I love being a

part of CCPC. I have been involved in children's ministry, rung in the bell choir, served as a Stephen minister, enjoyed the Lady Tigers book club and have been part of New Hope Circle. I am currently part of the reopening task force. I am re-upping as a deacon for the next term. The past year has been an interesting year to serve as a deacon during a time of pandemic and great loss. We have had to learn new ways to accomplish old things.

This will be my fourth time to serve as a deacon. I look forward to whatever adventures this new term will bring.

Karen Green. Hello, CCPC family. My name is Karen Green (formally Karen Cable). I started coming to CCPC with my mother years ago. Unlike my brother and sister-in-law (Brian and Patti), I was not as involved in the church as I should have been through the years. I have served as a deacon in the past but it has been years. My mother was a member of CCPC until her unexpected passing in 2010. If you look in the memorial garden at the church you will see memorial bricks for both of my parents (Harvey and Joann Cable). I am happily married to my husband, Tom and have a beautiful 17 year old step daughter (Braylin). We live in the "B" section of Bowie with our 14 year old dog, Dexter.

I work as a social worker for Seasons Hospice. I love my job. My interests include watching Mystery ID Channel and Law and Order SVU, cuddling with my dog and spending time with family. I am very close with my husband's family.

I was so excited when I was asked to be a deacon at CCPC and I look forward to serving. The members of CCPC are a family that I am proud to be a part of.

Nancy Honeyford. My husband, Dave, and I lived in the Meadowbrook section of Bowie for 52 years before retiring to a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Mitchellville/Bowie 3 years ago. We have a lovely 2 bedroom/2 bath cottage. This has been very convenient since we have a small dog. We are making many new friends here at Collington. We have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Our daughter & family live in Sunderland, MD (Calvert County) and our son and family live in CT. My last job before retiring after (25 yrs) was a librarian with the American Institute of Physics in College Park, MD. Before that I was the Administrative Assistant to the President of a company called Sachs/Freeman Assoc. (20 yrs.) I won the Honorary Life Membership award in 2012 voted on and given by the women of the church. I've been a deacon at least 3 times off and on since joining CCPC. This is a position I really have enjoyed because as a Deacon you get a chance to meet your cluster families up close. I've also been Head usher for the 11 o'clock service for the last several years. The description of this job means I need to fill 4 Head usher jobs (1 for each month) in which I usually help usher for one of the times. I also was a Sunday morning money counter for several years. I'm an assistant leader of the New Hope Womens' circle and I have also been the treasurer for the Women's circles several times.



Love. Grow. Serve.

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.

Celebration of Life for Janet Beck



There will be a short celebration of life and scattering of ashes for Janet Beck on Sunday, June 6 at 2pm in the Memorial Garden behind the church. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to join the celebration.

Ears to Hear Happy Hour Series #3

June 11, 18, and 25 at 6:30PM

Join us on Zoom for the ETH Happy Hour Podcast Club where we will gather as friends to discuss *UnErased: the History of Conversion Therapy in America*. June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month and we're gathering to understand the role the church has played in shaping LGBTQ+ history and how we can help to heal and do better for the future. For Zoom details, and if you'd like to know more about this club, visit CCPC's Ears to Hear [web page](#) in the Race and Diversity Ministry section, or contact Sara Huey.

Children & Youth Ministries News

Hello CCPC!

The sun is shining, the cicadas are chirping and it's getting warmer. The CCPC Children and Youth Ministries would like to clue you in on our upcoming events.

- ◆ Graduation Sunday is in two weeks. Join us as we celebrate the achievements of our high school seniors on June 13th, 2021.
- ◆ Get ready to get plugged into Vacation Bible School, which will take place online this year July 15th-17th. That's right. 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.
- ◆ Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there will be no Missions trips this summer. However, community service opportunities are in the planning stages and will be announced when finalized.

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.

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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.

