

Dear CCPC Friends,

Autumn is here. What does that mean for you? S'mores? Sweater weather? Football? For me, it means sleeping with the windows open, taking longer walks with my dog Stevie, and enjoying the colors of the changing leaves.

I am reminded of these stanzas from Mary Oliver's "Song For Autumn":

In the deep fall
don't you imagine the leaves think how
comfortable it will be to touch
the earth instead of the
nothingness of air and the endless
freshets of wind? And don't you think
the trees themselves, especially those with mossy,
warm caves, begin to think
of the birds that will come — six, a dozen — to sleep
inside their bodies? And don't you hear
the goldenrod whispering goodbye,
the everlasting being crowned with the first
tuffets of snow?

Later this month, we will be celebrating and honoring the life of Reverend James Brasseur. I am eager to mark this sacred occasion with you. I did not know Pastor James well, but his spirit has come alive for me in the words that many of you have used to describe him: energetic, warm, dynamic, caring, funny, and a great preacher. I know that his spirit is alive at CCPC, and that his legacy will endure through the many lives he touched.

Peace,
Pastor Susan



Brick Memorial Ceremony!

Join us on Sunday, October 31 at Noon in the Memorial Garden to remember and honor all of our CCPC saints who have passed on from this earth but remain forever in our hearts.

CCPC Blood Drive!



CCPC is hosting a blood drive with AAMC Luminis Health on November 2, 2021 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in the CCPC parking lot. Please donate because there is an urgent need for blood.

The signup sheet can be found at: <https://bit.ly/ccpcnovbd>

Celebrating the Life of Doris Kobe

March 21, 1926 – August 9, 2021



Doris Kobe was a long-time member of CCPC. She joined the church in June of 1970. She was a very active member who touched so many lives in such a warm and positive way. Doris will be missed deeply and by many.

Please join us for a celebration of her life on **Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 11:00am in the CCPC Sanctuary**. A memorial luncheon will follow the service and be held in Dodds Hall. The service will also be livestreamed on Zoom. Zoom details will be sent at a later date.

Please keep Doris Kobe's family and friends in your prayers.

Celebrating the Life of Rev. James Brassard

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held for
Reverend James Brassard at

National Presbyterian Church, on Saturday, October 30, at 10 a.m.

Reverend James was a beloved pastor for many years at CCPC.

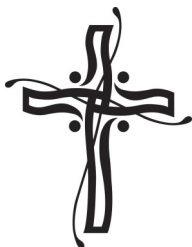
All are welcome to honor and celebrate his life.

The church is located at 4101 Nebraska Avenue NW, in Washington, DC.

A reception will follow the service.



Session has approved the plan for two buses to make the round trip from CCPC to National Presbyterian Church. We will leave CCPC between 8:00 and 8:30am, and return to CCPC around 2pm, allowing some time at the reception following the service. Each bus will take 35 passengers, to allow "space" in these COVID times. The first bus will leave ahead of the other, picking up (and later returning) ten of our Collington members on the way down and back. Further details and signup information will be sent by a separate, dedicated, email Blast. Please wait to sign up until you get those details Thank you. -Marty Sippel



Service of Lament

Join us on Sunday, October 10 at 4pm in the Sanctuary

Vacation Time!

Robin will be on vacation starting when she leaves on Friday, October 8 and will return on Tuesday, October 26. If you need to send a blast, Marty Sippel has graciously agreed to send them. Thank you, Marty!

Adult Education!

Join us after Sunday service! In-person at Church or Virtually via
Zoom (Meeting ID: 830 3598 0751)



Varying Voices of CCPC

10/3/21: Judy Frank "CCPC Pioneers"

10/10/21: Steve Donoian "Armenia: First Christian Nation?"

10/17/21: NO ADULT ED
(Dodds Hall group tables after service)

10/24/21: Sam Guillermo "From Latin America to NYC: Overcoming Obstacles with God"

10/31/21: NO ADULT ED
(Memorial Bricks Ceremony at noon)

Stewardship Season

2021-2022

Pastor Susan Graceson asked that I, Sharon Youngdahl, be the Elder for Stewardship heading into 2022.

Last year, during the Covid outbreak and other extreme difficulties, CCPC via Zoom did successfully maintain our financial stability. Thanks be to God and through your personal giving to the work of CCPC. This fall we are back to being somewhat "live" and we need to rededicate our energy, our time, our talents to kick-starting CCPC into the future – our new future. We do this by being good stewards of the church and strengthen our support the work of the church.

The theme of our Stewardship Drive is:

1 Timothy 5:17 – "Pray that we get done what is necessary so that the vision will be accomplished."

In the next several weeks you will hear some personal testimonies from our members, and hear the preaching of God's word regarding what it means to be good stewards, some fun "Time and Talent" readings and a puppet skit I found called "A Cheerful Giver." I hope you will discover anew the spirit of generosity deep in your hearts.

October 3 Karen Green – Personal Story

October 10 Time and Talent Readings – Mark & Becky Pfarrer

October 17 The Cheerful Giver – Puppet Skit – Rick & Georgia Osborn

October 24 Finance Overview

October 31 Kevin Maxwell – Personal Story

November 7 Stewardship Sermon

November 14 Rick Hayes – Personal Story

November 21 Dedication and presentation of Faith Promise Cards

Mission Calendar

2021



With our budget limitations, CCPC is unable to give financial donations to all of the worthy organizations that we have in the past. As a result, we will have a drive for as many as possible. We will have one focus each month and ask for membership donations of these items. This will be our way of continuing our support of local and international organizations.

October: *Chrysalis House*

Chrysalis House is a transition house for women recovering from addiction. They are in need of new or gently used bath towels, and sheets and comforters for twin beds. Please help if you are able. Drop off items on the table in the atrium.

November/December: *Alternative Christmas Gift Market*

A virtual Alternative Christmas Gift Market with all your favorite organizations. Directions will be posted on the website under events and included in the Caller.

Virtual Concerts!

All concerts are held via Facebook at 4:00pm. For details, please visit our [website](#).

October 3: **Bayfield Brass Quintet**



Enjoy the Bayfield Brass Quintet with music of the Italian Renaissance and Baroque as well as Armed Forces selections, patriotic music, and popular marches.

November 7: **The Capital Ringers**

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

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.

CCPC's Annual

TRUNK OR TREAT

This is a fun event you do not want to miss!

Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 2:00pm

Come in costume and meet in the parking lot behind the church. Decorate your vehicles, dress up in costumes, and hand out treats from the trunk of your car.

We will be awarding a Golden Pumpkin, a Silver Pumpkin, and a Bronze Pumpkin for the best trunks!

We're not asking for any extra volunteers or candy donations. We just want you to join us for the fun. So, if you've never decorated a trunk, this is your year!



Alternative Christmas Gift Market

It's that time of year!

Time to start thinking Christmas!

This is an excellent way to shop for that hard to get for person. Give a gift in their name and spread the true feeling of Christmas. You get a gift for someone who has everything, and the charity of your choice gets 100% of the gift to help others in need. The 2021 CCPC Alternative Christmas Gift Market will again be offered virtually . The virtual Alternative Christmas gift market web page will provide access to videos, which explain each gift opportunity. They feature some of your favorite charity advocates, some of whom have even moved away. You can browse the videos online and learn about the charities you might want to donate to.

The 2021 virtual Alternative Christmas Gift Market_ will kick off on Nov. 7. You may give through November 30. You can make your gift payment through the CCPC payment portal. For those of you who are not comfortable online, we will send the paper ordering form in the November paper Caller so you can contribute for the gifts you want. The paper gift order form will also be available at CCPC. Send your gift order form and money to the CCPC office, drop it off at the church during business hours, or put it in the Sunday morning collection plate.

Full directions and details will follow in the November Caller.



Christmas Gift Cards

CCPC will be collecting money again this year to purchase Giant and Target gift cards for the Bowie Interfaith Pantry to distribute to their clients for Christmas.

All donations must be received by Sunday, October 17.

Gift cards will be purchased through the Script program to benefit our youth group. Please mark your online donations or checks with the memo: Gift cards for Pantry.

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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.



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.

