



I always have mixed emotions when the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church convenes.

First of all, I am proud that 500 elders and an equal number of pastors come together to discuss important issues. The twice daily worship services are inspiring. The singing of hymns alone is worth the trip. (I love the music of Motown. I wonder if the Presbyterian delegates would be able to clap on the right beat.)

Where some other churches shun all matters political, Presbyterians read the biblical commands both to love neighbors and to break the chains of injustice as requirements to engage in public debate. This of course causes me to cringe, because engaging in serious conversations over controversial topics can and will produce backlash. I have come to expect that the only news reported from these gatherings will be controversial.

Who reports news that is not a story about conflict? The items on this year's agenda are all hot buttons: the death penalty, gun violence, drones, sexual violence in the U.S. Military and the Palestinian/Israeli conflict. Then, of course, the church must decide about whether pastors and congregations will be permitted to officiate at same gender marriage ceremonies in states that recognize such unions. Pray for wisdom and discernment.

The Assembly will be meeting in Detroit starting Saturday. Detroit has been in the news lately. Most of the news has been negative. The city is making a slow but steady rise from decay and depopulation. In the first decade of this new century, the city population shrunk by 30%. A shrinking tax base produces all sorts of service cuts and tough funding decisions. Thanks to the generous contributions of Americans around the country, the city will not have to sell its fabulous art collection at its premier art museum in order to pay its debt. The good news is that the American automakers are selling lots of cars these days. The bad news is that making these cars takes many fewer workers than it did even 20 years ago. If you want to watch a good movie out of contemporary Detroit, I recommend Clint Eastwood's "Gran Torino."

This year, CCPC Elder Chuck Tanner will be an elder delegate. Chuck has long been active in National Capital Presbytery. Chuck and his wife Marjorie have participated in numerous mission trips with Living Waters for the World. They have also accompanied the Gaithersburg Church to several clean up projects related to the devastation from Hurricane Katrina. Chuck gave a briefing to the Paper Tigers about the process at General Assembly and the topics that will be addressed. Pray for Chuck as he represents us.

Grace and peace,

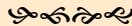
James Brassard



## Worship Notes

**June 15:** Trinity Sunday, Service of Ordination and Installation. We usually only talk about the Holy Spirit when read *1 Corinthians 12* which addresses the gifts of the spirit. When we think of gifts we usually think about individuals who have spectacular and highly visible gifts. What about those numerous people whose gifts are almost invisible in public, but make everything work?

**June 22:** Former pastor Hal Pease will be preaching. Dick Neff will be baptizing Cayla Ann Theberge. Dick performed the marriage of Cayla's parents (Jacqueline and Casey) and her grandparents (Lee and Gay Mann)



## Do You Enjoy Coffee in Dodds Hall after Services?



If you have been enjoying coffee and visiting with friends in Dodds Hall after Sunday services, there is a small group of dedicated people coordinated by Jon Youngdahl to thank for it. **BUT**, it is vacation season and like everyone else, they have plans and there are many unfilled dates on the upcoming calendar.

If you make coffee at home, you can also prepare it at CCPC. It is made easy with all the supplies and instructions provided for you. **So, sign up now to fix the coffee or clean up afterward.** Please help us maintain that weekly chance to visit with other CCPC folks and to keep the coffee flowing.



# CCPC's Graduates!

We want to congratulate the following graduates for a job well done!

## High School Graduates

★ Nina Fonjoe

★ Thatcher Owen

★ Kevin Todd—Bowie High School

We would also like to congratulate Kevin Todd for his participation in the Maryland Special Olympics Summer Games in the swimming events on June 6 and 7. Great job, Todd!

## AND . . .

## **Congratulations New CCPC Officers!**

New Elders and Deacons elected May 4th are:

<b>ELDERS</b>	<b>DEACONS</b>
Alexandra Bourne	David Honeyford
Dennis Evans	Dodji Kolman
Don Genson	Julia Leaman
Bill Radden-Le Sage	Skip Oates
Wayne Smith	Kris Ross
	Debbie Sell

## **Outgoing Officers Serving 2011-2014 – Thank You So Much!**

Elders: Debbie Armstrong, John Backus, Susan Brutout, Cyd Radden-Le Sage, and Paul Sell.

Deacons: Shirley Cooke, Melodie Dziduch, Nancy Honeyford, Peggy Oates, and Evonne Tang.

# DEACON'S CORNER

This is the 40th in a series of articles about living well by considering the host of things we can change in our lives, our homes and our surroundings that can make our lives healthier, happier, and safer. Special thanks to Joy Bible, former Moderator of the Board of Deacons, for sharing her wisdom and expertise through the Deacon's Corner. We will be preparing a complete set of Deacon's Corner articles to share with CCPC.

This world we live in today is one that can be very hard to navigate. We are bombarded with news daily that scares us, makes us worry or at times makes us feel helpless. What can we do about it? Well, there are a few things we can do to arm ourselves against the negative world that invades our space. There is some armor we can put on to protect and guide us. No matter our age or stage in life we need to be mindful of our space and place in this life. There are a few very important steps to be taken.



Strengthen your FAITH. A strong faith will help guide you through times of difficulty and joy. A strong faith helps you to appreciate the beauty around you.



Grow in your capacity to LOVE. Teach a loving heart to those around you. Love, like a beautiful flower needs care and feeding. Share that love and feed it daily.



Check your ATTITUDE! From the moment you wake in the morning until your head hits the pillow at night, what is your attitude? Is it positive or negative? Is your glass half full or half empty? There are a million clichés to define and describe attitude but nothing can beat a personal attitude check-up. Do you have a bad attitude?

Here is a test: You've lost your wallet, stained your favorite shirt, and got a bad haircut all in one week. You think:

1. Geez , a higher power must really have a vendetta against me.
2. Things will be better next week, don't bad things happen in three's anyway?
3. Just my luck. Nothing ever goes my way!

Did you know that 16% answered the first. 41% the second and 43% the third. What was your answer? How is your attitude? So, arm yourself with Faith, Love, and a positive attitude and throw in some humor for good measure.

Remember: This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

*Psalm 118; 24*





# **CCPC Annual Crab Feast**

**Save the Date!**

**Sunday, August 24 (1-4pm)**

**ALLEN POND PARK (West Pavilion) \*Note Change of Place\***

Cost is \$25 for adults eating crabs, \$10 for kids under 12 or adults not eating crabs, children under 6 free. Crabs, chicken, corn, and watermelon will be provided. Bring your own drinks and utensils.

**Tickets will go on sale after church beginning in August.**

**Hope to see you there!**

Questions? Contact Barbara Engh at [bengh1@verizon.net](mailto:bengh1@verizon.net) or (301)906-6850

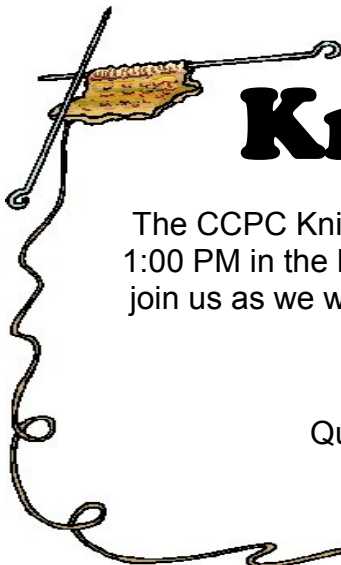
## ***Moses!***

**CCPC Theater Bus Trip—July 24th**

**Today is the last day to reserve your tickets!**

Cost is \$100 per person, which includes transportation, cold drinks and snacks on the bus, reserved seats for the show, smorgasbord lunch, all taxes and tips, including the driver. (If fewer than 52 participants, the cost will be higher.)

Contact Marge Clark (410-451-0833 or [mhclark@verizon.net](mailto:mhclark@verizon.net)) today!



## **Knits with Sticks**

The CCPC Knits with Sticks group will meet on the third Monday of June – June 16th, at 1:00 PM in the Parlor. This group is for both knitters and crocheters, so please feel free to join us as we work on projects for the Christmas families or just to learn a new technique you might have a question about.

Check out patterns in the box on the table in the Atrium.

Question regarding this group, please contact Priscilla Bouic at 301-262-4906 or [pbouic@juno.com](mailto:pbouic@juno.com).

# BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS News

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is working to execute several major projects that are funded by the Capital Campaign. B&G Committee members are serving as managers for specific projects. Below is the status of each project:

- ♦ **Sanctuary Roofs:** Project Manager, Paul Sell: The roof project is completed. All of the shingles on the sanctuary roof were replaced with new underlayment and 40-year shingles. Problems with the flat roofs on Dodds Hall and the sanctuary building were also repaired.
- ♦ **Exterior Painting:** Project Manager, Paul Sell: This project is completed. The exterior of Dodds Hall and the sanctuary building were painted, vinyl soffit covers installed, and the fascia boards were capped in vinyl to reduce our long-term maintenance requirements.
- ♦ **HVAC System Replacement:** Project Manager, Lou Aquilina: The HVAC system that provides heating and cooling to the sanctuary will be replaced. We anticipate installation to occur in early-to-mid September.
- ♦ **Pew & Chair Reupholstering/Carpet Replacement:** Project Managers, Miriam Salsbury and Marjorie Tanner: The pews and chairs in the sanctuary will be reupholstered and the carpeting replaced. The congregation helped to select the fabric and carpeting. The reupholstering and carpet installation is planned to take place in late July or early August.
- ♦ **Kitchen Renovations:** Project Manager, Skip Oates: The plan is to upgrade the electrical system in the kitchen, install new flooring, and service the stove/oven. The electrical work will include upgrading the electrical outlets, installing additional lights and replacing the 1960s-vintage electrical panel thereby bringing the electrical system up to current codes. After the electrical work is completed, installation of new flooring in the kitchen and pantry will follow.
- ♦ **Parking Lot Repairs:** Project Manager, Al Wimbish: This project is anticipated for next spring and will include repaving the parking lots and replacing the existing concrete bumpers with low-profile rubber bumpers. In the interim, we will seek volunteers to help repaint the parking space lines this summer.
- ♦ **CE Building Renovations:** Project Manager, Al Wimbish: Space in the Christian Education Building that had been occupied by the Bowie Interfaith Pantry is being renovated for expanded occupancy by the Belair Co-op Nursery. The work includes painting, new flooring in two rooms and carpeting in another, replacing the sink in one room and installing countertops and cabinet bases in two rooms. The 1960s-vintage kitchenette will be modernized. Other renovations that are pending approval from county and state officials include reconfiguring the bathrooms for handicap-accessibility and installing an entrance wall and doors to provide added security for the nursery.

This is my last report as the B&G Committee Chair as I turn the chairmanship over to the very capable Bill Radden-Lesage.

Paul Sell



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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.

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## 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](http://www.ImagineThePlace.com), call 443-510-6308, or e-mail [Ann@ImagineThePlace.com](mailto:Ann@ImagineThePlace.com). Scholarships available.

