



# The Caller

September 1, 2014

In late May, Margaret Hallau announced her retirement. Margaret served as our Pastoral Assistant for six-and-a-half years following a long career as an educator and school administrator. Knowing my travel plans for the summer and all the renovation work that was planned, she graciously offered to work until August 1. At the time of her announcement, she suggested to the Personnel committee that the church use the vacancy in her position and the existing vacancy in the Youth coordinator position as an opportunity to devise a new staffing plan for CCPC.

Many things have changed since Margaret took the job. For one thing, she was working on a job description that was 20 years old and predated my arrival 10 years ago. Agreeing with her assessment, the Session immediately formed a Staff Visioning committee that examined the needs of the church in all age groups. After several meetings the group presented to the Session a staffing plan that called for the hiring of a full time "Christian Educator." The Session adopted the recommendation and formed a search committee.

We are calling this position "The Director of Christian Education." This person will oversee the spiritual development of all ages in our congregation: children, youth, and adults. She/he will also help with the outreach ministry. As you can see in the following one page description, we are looking for someone with a college degree in Christian education and at least three years experience in a church setting. We are looking for someone younger, more tech and media savvy, and who brings new ideas to ministry in these changing times.

We will begin advertising for this position on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We are using some church staffing specific websites. These will link to the full description of the position on our church website. The committee has set up a Gmail account so that the entire committee can read the resumes as they come in. I want to thank the members of the Staff Visioning committee. All of these servant leaders agreed to stay on as the search

committee. These energetic and enthusiastic members are: Alex Bourne, Brian Cable, Carrie Casto, Kevin Clemence, Barbara Engh, Johnny Guy, and Anita Pesses. Brooke Armstrong also served on the Visioning committee. Brooke is now back at college. We should all thank them for their service and pray for their work going forward.

How long will it take before we find the right person? No one knows, but we hope to have someone here right after the first of the year. In the meantime, Margaret's duties have been shifted around to the pastor, deacon moderator Astrid Jonas, our administrative assistant Robin Seekford, and various committees. Kristen Zacheis has volunteered to continue serving as the coordinator of our Youth program. Kristen has been doing this quite effectively since February of this year. Rebecca Coleman will continue to faithfully guide our Children's ministry program. We are in good hands.

Church development guru Tom Bandy writes in his book *Mission Movers* that "Today's challenge for church leaders is to help people discern Christ in the midst of rampant godliness." The term rampant godliness refers to this vague and formless "spirituality" that so often fits too smugly with complacency or hedonism. It is highly individualistic. It demands nothing. The church's calling says Bundy is to point people to the specific demands of Jesus Christ, the Lord of Lords and the Prince of Peace. This vital work requires bringing people together, in community, in regular intervals, to facilitate an ongoing conversation about what matters outside the self. Lillian Daniels says that "Where life with God gets rich and provocative is when you dig into a tradition (i.e.: Biblical and theological) that you did not invent all for yourself." We are seeking someone to help us mine this rich tradition in new ways.

This year will prove to be an especially busy fall. Work on our building will probably go right up to our September 28 celebration of the 20 Anniversary of the Dedication of our Sanctuary. The fabric for our pews will not be delivered until September 5. That leaves refurbishment for sometime during the September 10-20 period and carpet installation probably as late as September

22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>. I anticipate placing chair and pulpit furnishings back in place the evening of September 27<sup>th</sup>.

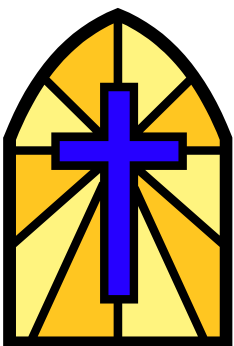
Building and Grounds has scheduled a work day for Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> to spruce up and clean up our campus.

A couple of shout outs are in order: Al Wimbish has done heroic work refurbishing the CE building. He gets things done right, on time, and way under budget. Member and architect Pete Haeussler has saved us countless dollars and time in working with the county in getting permits approved. Thank you Al and Pete for your continuous dedication to CCPC.

As we head into this exciting time, I ask that you would pray for someone to answer God's call to work with us in seeking God's will and way in our lives. With God's help our common efforts will produce extraordinary results.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



## Director of Christian Education

Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC) is a PCUSA congregation that seeks to worship God, grow in faith and community, and place our gifts in the service of Jesus Christ. Our caring faith community is seeking a Director of Christian Education (DCE) to oversee all educational ministries (**Children, Youth, and Adult**) of the church by recognizing, nurturing, and empowering volunteers, teachers, and leaders as they seek to help others grow in their faith. We are looking for a dynamic, outgoing person who has a strong relationship with Jesus Christ, is inspired and creative, organized yet flexible, and can encourage and motivate others. Team-building is an important skill as is the ability to communicate through verbal, written, and technological methods.

### Responsibilities

Plan and coordinate Christian education programming for all ages, including recruitment, training, and oversight of volunteers

Supervise the children and youth ministry program

Coordinate the Outreach Ministry of the church

Works with the Adult Education Committee to oversee the development and implementation of various adult study groups

Assists in coordinating the church calendar of activities and Christian education, in partnership with the Pastor, staff, and Session members.

### Qualities

Excellent knowledge of social media, computer skills, use of other education and marketing technologies

Ability to work comfortably in a multicultural and multigenerational environment

**Church size:** 335 confirmed members

### Compensation/Benefits

\$42,000 to \$56,490 annual salary based on experience

Contributions toward health insurance, retirement, and continuing education

Must pass criminal and CPS background check

For additional information and full posting information go to <http://ccpc.bowiemd.org> or email; [ccpc.bowie.recruitment@gmail.com](mailto:ccpc.bowie.recruitment@gmail.com)

Posting open until position is filled.



## *Worship* **Notes**

**September 7:** Return to Fall Schedule. Chapel service with communion at 8:30 AM. Worship with Choir at 10 AM. In Matthew 18, Jesus gives instruction about how the members of the church are supposed to live together. He addresses how we balance making ethical judgments with loving restorations of offending persons in order that the church's unity and life may be preserved. We will hear a report from the Habitat for Humanity Work trip to Camp Wood in West Virginia.

**September 14:** In Romans 12:9-21, The Apostle Paul gives us a timeless description of how we should live in times when the world around us seems to be unraveling. The key phrase is found in verse 18, "As far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."



## September Sunday Calendar

### Sunday, September 7, 2014

Camping Trip for Youth Group -- Duncan's Family Campground  
 8:30 AM Chapel Worship with Communion -- Sanctuary  
 10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary  
 10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade  
 11:00 AM Youth Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
 11:00 AM **Congregational Meeting -- Sanctuary**

### Sunday, September 21, 2014 – Peacemaking Offering

8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary  
 10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary  
 10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade  
 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High  
 6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

### Sunday, September 14, 2014

8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary  
 10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary  
 10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade  
 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High  
 6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor  
**6:30 PM Youth Group-Welcome Back Party! -- Sr. High Room**  
 7:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

### Sunday, September 28, 2014

*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sanctuary Celebration*  
 8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary  
 10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary  
 10:30 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade  
 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High  
**11:15 AM Sanctuary 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon**  
**(By Reservations Only) -- Dodds Hall**  
 6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

*Celebrating*  
the  
**20th ANNIVERSARY**  
of our  
**Sanctuary**

Sunday September 28, will be a day full of celebration at CCPC marking twenty years since the completion of our sanctuary. First there will be our celebratory worship service at 10 AM with special music and thanksgiving. That will be followed by a catered luncheon in Dodds Hall for all the congregation and our guests. There will be a short program laced with nostalgia as well as looking forward to CCPC's next twenty years using our refurbished sanctuary and campus.

Please plan to join our celebration day. There will be further information forthcoming soon about the luncheon reservation process. Because of limited capacity in Dodds Hall and the fact that this will be a catered event, we must have your reservations made when requested in order to plan accordingly for the luncheon. Please help us by making a reservation when instructed later in the month. There will be no cost for the event, but only your reservation will admit you to the luncheon.

Just as it went with the original planning for the sanctuary, things did not go exactly as planned with our refurbishment schedule. Because of some delays with obtaining the pew material which delayed other items, our original plan to have a dinner on Saturday evening was changed to the Sunday luncheon in order to have more flexibility with our celebration plan and incur no contractual penalties with catering contracts.

The service will celebrate the special events held in the sanctuary over the past 20 years. We are asking members to send us your pictures of weddings, baptisms, special musical and theatrical productions, Christmas and Easter worship, Children's pageants, Confirmation services, and Installations and Ordinations. Please send these to James at [ccpcpastor@verizon.net](mailto:ccpcpastor@verizon.net) or drop off pictures in the office.

**Mark Sunday, September 28th on Your Calendar**  
**and as the date gets closer, plan to join us to worship and celebrate!**

We are excited for our upcoming

# Youth



# Camping Trip!

**Saturday, September 6th - Sunday September 7th.**

Following are a few items you might find helpful.

The campground we are going to is called Duncan's Family Campground and the following link should have all the information you need. Unfortunately the pool will be closed since it is after Labor Day. <http://duncansfamilycampground.com/>

We would love the parents to join in on the fun for however long you're available — whether it be an hour, an afternoon, an evening, or all night (yes we'll have plenty of room in tents for you). It would be a great opportunity for the parents to get to know each other better as well as some of the youth you might not know very well.

You can bring your youth anytime Saturday after 10 a.m.  
Please bring a side dish to share for lunch or dinner on Saturday.  
We will have coolers to keep them cold if they need refrigeration.

Questions? Contact Joi Kesner

# Busy Bees



Your Busy Bees Sunday School teachers are setting up a "dress up" corner in our classroom and are looking for donations of dress up clothing and accessories for 3 - 7 year olds. If you have any items to donate, please place them in the church office clearly labeled for "Busy Bees." Questions: Contact Kim Tavel or Roxanne Johnson.

The Busy Bees Teaching Team is Roxanne Johnson & Claudia Caffes, Kim Tavel & Breckan Coleman, and Melodie & Kimi Dziduch



## *Ninth Annual Service Dedication of Memorial Bricks*

On Sunday October 5, the names of 17 individuals, whose lives will be memorialized on bricks in our Memorial Garden Walkway, will be read during the 10AM worship service:

Frederick Beck; Eugene Bujac; Wilma Bundy; Frank Conley; Richard Crabb, Jr.; Winifred R. Jeffers; Winifred T. Jeffers; Marjorie Miller; William Miller, Jr.; Jere Ossont; Arden Reynolds; Nancy Reynolds; Charles Sweeney; Herbert Vandersall; Neva Vandersall; and Gladys Waddel.


All bricks will be installed by October 5.  
Everyone will be invited to tour the Garden.

# Monarch Mysteries



What takes generations to migrate to and from Mexico  
and how do they do it?

Find out what researchers are learning about  
Monarch butterfly migration in this  
free educational program at

 September, 20 at 1:00 PM  
Assateague Island Visitor Center  
11800 Marsh View Lane, Berlin, MD 21813.

If conditions are favorable, live butterflies will be tagged and released.  
Presented by monarch butterfly enthusiast and citizen scientist Richard Arnold, who has been raising and releasing butterflies for the organization Monarch Water since 2006.

For more info: 443-614-3547, outreachAIA@gmail.com.

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## *Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!*

CCPC's musical ensembles will begin their fall rehearsal schedule after Labor Day. CELEBRATION CHOIR is open to all members (middle school and older) who are interested in singing a wide variety of anthem styles for our 10 AM worship services. We will be planning to sing for the upcoming Twentieth Anniversary Celebration for the Sanctuary later in September as well as in the John Rutter musical fable BROTHER HEINRICH'S CHRISTMAS that will be performed on December 14.

**REHEARSALS are WEDNESDAY NIGHTS from 7 PM to 8:30 PM beginning Sept. 3, 2014 in the Sanctuary**



Hope to see you there!

**CLINQUANT handbell choir will begin rehearsals on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014 in the choir room**

Rehearsals will be each week in preparation for performances in the 10 AM services throughout the year, especially at the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Clinquant rehearsals are from 7 to 8 PM.

Any instrumentalists who might be interested in performing an offertory or prelude during a service are always encouraged to speak with either Kevin Clemence or Susan Ricci Rogel, or you can leave a message in the office in our mailboxes.

Looking forward to another exciting year of music at CCPC!



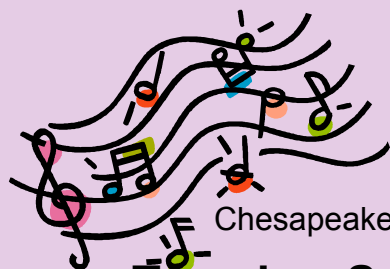
Come join us!

Join the

# *Chesapeake Choral*

for its

## **34th Season!**



Do you love to sing?  
**OPEN REHEARSALS**

Chesapeake Choral membership is by audition and open to all!

**Tuesday, September 2 at 7:30 PM in Dodds Hall**

Need more Information, visit [www.chesapeakechorale.org](http://www.chesapeakechorale.org)

## CCPC Telephones

Please note that on Tuesday, September 2, CCPC will be getting a new phone system installed! This means there will be intermittent phone service to and from CCPC throughout the day. This will not affect our internet service.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we transition to our new system.

## *Friendly Reminder!*

Please write the amount of your check or cash offering on the "General Offering" line of your envelope. If you include a "Special Offering," please describe that offering on the blank lines below the "General Offering."

If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Dorsey.

Thank you!

## GADABOUTS

Gadabouts will meet in the conference room at 12 noon on Tue., 9/2/14. Bring your lunch. A desert will be provided as well as beverages (ice tea, water & hot tea).

Any questions can be directed to Marge Clark at 410-451-0833.

## *Kudos to Barbara Engh!*

What a successful Crab Feast! And, a great new location!

Thank you for all the arrangements and for making the day so special for all of us, Barbara! We appreciate all the time and effort you put into this event, and everything else you do for CCPC!

## *Do You Enjoy Coffee?*

If you have been enjoying coffee and visiting with friends in Dodds Hall after services, there is a small group of dedicated people coordinated by Jon Youngdahl to thank for it. **BUT**, we need your help!

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. **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.



The next Caller will be sent out on September 16th. Please have all articles in by 9 AM on Wednesday, September 10. Any questions, please call the office.

# Thank You!

Children's Ministry would like to thank everyone who generously made time to spend a Sunday with our young children this summer during Optional Activity. This gave the children a chance to meet people they might have only seen on Sundays, and it showed them that they are important and cared about by many people in their congregation. I hope you also got something special out of this time. It provided a nice break for the teachers who are gearing up for Sunday school again.

Thank you from all of us in Children's Ministry!

Dear CCPC Friends,

Once again you have overwhelmed me with your kindness and thoughtfulness.

The encouragement in the cards and your prayers were extremely needed and welcomed. The telephone calls and the visits were also joyfully received. When you are in a rehabilitation facility where everything is the same every day, all of the above mentioned kindnesses are really a bright spot in the day. I am home now and the broken hip is mending nicely.

Thank you again for all the love I received from each of you.

Barbara Stone

Dear CCPC Friends and Family,

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for my husband after his stroke last month and during his recent surgery and subsequent complications. It is times like this that make me really appreciate belonging to such a caring church. Vic was very touched by your concern and James' visits. Although he is still very weak, Vic is doing better and is happy to be home after two weeks in the hospital.

Shirley Cooke

Dear CCPC,

It was my privilege to serve as your pastoral assistant beginning in January of 2008, walking along side you in times of trial and in times of joy. Thank you for sharing your lives with me — and for being with me when I needed your caring support. I was touched and surprised by the reception in Dodds Hall after worship on July 27. What a great opportunity to share memories with you. Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for making this party happen. I love the gift certificate to James Avery, a fabulous jeweler. It is such fun to look at the catalog and I will pick out something beautiful to reflect our time together. I cherish your cards and notes — thank you! You have a special place in my heart and I look forward to our working and playing together in the future.

Blessings and a heart full of love,

Margaret Hallau

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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](mailto:info@belaircoop.org)

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

