



The Caller

October 1, 2014

Since I have only served at CCPC for 10 years, I was surprised at the outpouring of emotion during the rededication ceremony on Sunday. The ceremony opened with a slide show that Kathryn McCarty and Alexandra Bourne put together sharing pictures from before the waterlogged roof of the Fellowship (now Dodds) Hall was lifted off and the work on our sanctuary was even started. I sometimes had a hard time recognizing the 21 year old pictures of our current members holding the shovel from the ground-breaking ceremony. In many of those pictures were CCPC Saints who have transitioned into the heavenly kingdom. There is indeed a great cloud of witnesses that offers loving encouragement as we celebrate the journey that brought us this beautiful place to worship God.

Building Chair John Mather gave a presentation that detailed the long and arduous journey to get the building completed. (John's manuscript is available on our website) The Building Committee (made up of several members during its long existence) served 10 years from start to finish. There were stops and starts. Plans that never got approved. Banks that would not provide financing. Of course he didn't mention the earlier work during Dick Neff's pastorate that almost got the project off the ground. We are celebrating 20 years in our new sanctuary but the vision for a place set apart for the worship of God goes back at least 40 years. Hope was fulfilled for those that didn't give up. We have our timetable; sometimes God has another.

This history reminded me of the words Moses uttered to the people of Israel. The great leader of the Exodus endured over 40 years in the wilderness as God prepared the people for their new land. Despite his long and hard service, Moses never got to cross over and live in the land. He only got to see a glimpse of the Promised Land from the mountaintop. In a similar way, many of the works that we dedicate our lives to are not fulfilled in our lifetimes. Some spend years working towards a goal that will not be accomplished until decades after they are gone. Yet they press on. This is a central part of faith.

There are other events that mark the hopes and dreams of generations. When children are baptized it marks a commitment of the parents to raise their child in the faith that has sustained them. For grandparents it is a double blessing. They proudly observe, knowing that this now adult child, the same child who was willful and perhaps slow to get it, is now taking on the awesome responsibility of passing on the faith and hope we know in Christ to their grandchildren. It must seem incredible. After all those crazy teen and young adult years did my son or daughter really figure it out? Most grandparents won't be around to see if that grandchild whose sins are washed away in the baptismal rite will come to claim the promises their parents make. Yet they press on, only seeing glimpses of the promise fulfilled.

The Apostle Paul in Philippians 3 shares this determination to keep pressing on towards goals that are never completed in our lifetime. We never rest on our laurels and brag about our heritage, but "forgetting what lies behind and pressing on towards the goal of knowing and becoming like Christ."

I have come to value special church anniversaries. It reminds me that my life is built on the foundations of faith that Christ laid years ago in this community. It gives me an opportunity to give thanks for the sacrifice and dedication of individuals that I never met. I am amazed to see how many individuals who have moved away years ago, return and say how CCPC feels like home. I know this motivates me to press on in passing on the joy of knowing and serving Christ. Eventually all of us will join the great cloud of heavenly witnesses cheering on those that follow in our footsteps. The tears of joy that flowed from hearts on Sunday are expressions that God is indeed very good.

Joyfully,
Rev. James Brassard

PS. I want to thank Mary Lou Chappell for making the arrangements and marshalling the many volunteers to serve the Anniversary luncheon. Thanks also to Susan Ricci-Rogel and our choirs for their outstanding musical offerings before and during the service. One thing that has been consistently good during 20 years of worship in our sanctuary is the music. We are richly blessed.



Worship Notes

Sunday October 5:

(World Wide Communion Observance) We will hold our Annual Memorial Brick Dedication. The names of individuals whose Bricks will be dedicated will be read during the 10 AM worship service. Families and friends are invited to tour the Memorial Garden following the service. A Memorial Program listing the names of all those individuals who have bricks dedicated in their honor will be inserted into the regular bulletin. A new Memorial Plaque that records all those whose ashes have been dispersed into the Garden is now up in the Atrium. Those families who would like the nameplates from the former plaques may pick them up on Sunday from Patti and Ken Adams. The sermon is titled "Establishing Your Anchor" from Philippians 3:4-21.

October 12:

Rev. Holly Ulmer, the Presbyterian Chaplain and the University of Maryland will be our guest preacher.



October Sunday Calendar

Sunday, October 5, 2014

- 8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship with Communion, Peacemaking Offering, and Brick Ceremony -- Sanctuary
- 10:20 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed: *The State of Education in PG County* w/ speaker Kevin Maxwell -- Dodds Hall
- 1:00 PM Youth Group - Apple Picking Trip -- Homestead Farm
- 6:30 PM Youth Group Movie Night -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, October 12, 2014

- 8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship w/Rev. Holly Ulmer -- Sanctuary
- 10:20 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade
- 10:20 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed: *Happy to 102* with Astrid Jonas -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
- 6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor
- 6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room
- 7:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale Bd Mtg -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

Sunday, October 19, 2014

- 8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
- 10:20 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade
- 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
- 11:15 AM Youth Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
- 6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

Sunday, October 26, 2014

- Ladies Get-A-Way -- Ocean City Ends
- Help for Trunk or Treat setup contact Rebecca Coleman
- 8:30 AM Chapel Worship Service -- Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
- 10:20 AM Sunday School: Cradle Roll through 5th Grade
- 10:20 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed: *Happy to 102* with Astrid Jonas -- Adult Ed Conf Rm
- 2:30 PM Trunk or Treat -- Dodds Hall

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Friendly Reminder!

Don't forget the Ladies Tea with a catered lunch (\$5.00) and guest speaker will be happening in Dodds Hall from 11 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, October 11th. For more information contact Peggy Oates.

Gadabouts

October 7th: Regular monthly get together is noon, Tuesday, October 7th in the conference room. Bring your own lunch. Beverages & desert will be provided. Those going to Toby's Dinner Theatre need to bring either cash or a check for \$53 for the show we'll see on October 12th.

October 12th: Gadabout outing. Those who signed up to see *Memphis* at Toby's Dinner Theatre should meet at CCPC at 10 AM to car pool to Columbia.

Any questions regarding the Gadabouts,
please contact Marge Clark at 410-451-0833 or mhclark@verizon.net.

Hooray to Daniel!

Hooray to Daniel Pfarrer for participating in Faith Day at the Nationals baseball game as a bell ringer. Over 500 ringers played the National Anthem September 6th. Daniel said, "It was an amazing experience!"

Personal Care Items

Did you forget to bring your personal care items to the church office?

Please don't put them on the table in the atrium or they will go to the Pantry.

We need many personal care items if we are to supply each Christmas Family with a personal care package. Your help is greatly appreciated. Questions? Contact Frances Rocha at rochafranc@verizon.net or 301-262-5909.

Christmas Post Office

After considerable discussions over the past few years, we decided to no longer use the CCPC Christmas Post Office to exchange cards within the church. There were several reasons for this decision. First and foremost is the cost of cards and the considerable stress it puts on members to address the envelopes and put notes on the cards. Then, there was the never-ending work of getting cards delivered to members who didn't pick them up. Instead, this year, we are going to have a huge church wide card in the atrium for you to sign your name. We will have two scrapbooks next to the mega card for you to insert your card/letter and picture for everyone to admire and read. We hope to bring more simplicity and serenity to your Advent observances.



The next Caller will be sent out on Friday, October 10th. Please have all articles in by 9 AM on Tuesday, October 7th. Any questions, please call the office. Thank you!

Flowers for Worship Services

The Flower Committee is most happy to arrange flowers for you for Sunday mornings.

If you are wondering how to order flowers:

- * Sign up on the Flower Poster next to the doors leading to Dodd's Hall.
- * List on the Flower Poster who the flowers are in memory or honoring.
- * Sign up, or call the office, no later than Sunday, before you want the flowers.
- * The cost is \$25, payable to CCPC Flower Committee. Place your check or cash in an envelope and place in the collection plate or place a check or cash in a pledge envelope and write on one of the lines Flower Committee, and write in the amount. Include the date of your flower arrangement.
- * Take them home after the 10:00 AM service, or leave them and they will be delivered to a home-bound CCPC member or friend of CCPC.
- * Return the vases to the closet by the Dodds Hall conference room within two weeks.

Want to join the flower committee? Call or e-mail Judyann Feinstein, judith.a.glazener@gmail.com; 301-262-1771, or Jan Bridger, bridgerj@verizon.net; 410-956-2481

Please look around your home to see if you have forgotten to return any CCPC vases. Large vases are hard to replace.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

A search committee of the Personnel Committee has advertised and is receiving applications for the newly created position of Director of Christian Education. Brian Cable was elected on September 7 to fill an unexpired term on the Session as an elder/trustee in the Class of 2015.

CCPC has received funds in the amount of \$14,600 as a beneficiary of the Bruce Bell estate. This bequest is in addition to a prior receipt of funds from a Bruce Bell retirement account for which CCPC was a direct beneficiary. Bruce passed away in Florida in 2013 and was a former member of CCPC.

Rev. Holly Ulmer will preach at worship services on October 12. She is a Presbyterian chaplain at the University of Maryland, College Park, and has preached for us in the past.

Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in volunteering?

The CCPC office has times when volunteers are needed for things like:

- ♦ Phone coverage and little tasks like mail sorting, etc.
- ♦ Bulletin folding on Friday's
- ♦ Folding, sealing, and stamping the newsletter
- ♦ Help with the CCPC directory
- ♦ Shredding
- ♦ And more

Some of these jobs already have volunteers, but we need someone when they are not available. For the folks who already signed up in the Time and Talent Survey under interest in Office Help, then you do not need to reply as you are already on the list. For those of you who never signed up or never knew there was such a survey, but have an interest in assisting the office, please feel free to contact Robin by phone 301-262-6008 or email ccpcbowie@verizon.net and she will be happy to include you on the list of interested parties. You will receive an email when volunteers are needed and if you could pitch in that would help so much. If not, maybe next time. We hope to hear from a lot you!



Elijah's **Bowl**

October 11th is CCPC's turn to prepare food for Elijah's Bowl at Grace Lutheran Church.

A sign up will be in the atrium. We will also be collecting canned goods for trick or treat. Fill a grocery bag with items such as applesauce, mixed fruit, fruit rollups as well as canned veggies, soups, canned meats, peanut butter, and jelly.

Donations can be placed in the atrium in a box marked *Elijah's Bowl*. Pumpkin painting will be available for the kids who attend. A volunteer is needed to purchase and coordinate the paint activity.



Trunk or Treat

Halloween is almost here!

Join us in the parking lot for some old-fashioned fun on

Sunday, October 26th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM

We will have games and activities in Dodds Hall from 2:30-3:45, followed by "Trunk" or Treating around the parking lot! Start planning your trunk decorations now — our Golden Pumpkin trophy this year will be BIGGER and BETTER than ever!

Volunteers are much needed to staff tables for games and crafts.

Please email Rebecca (ccpckids@gmail.com) if you can take a turn at a table!

Please bring candy to give out to our little ghosts and goblins — or you might get TRICKED!

Bowie CROP Walk

Sunday, October 5, 2014



The Bowie CROP Walk to end world hunger will take place on Sunday, October 5th. The walk will begin at 1:00 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 14900 Annapolis Road, with registration from 12:15-1:00. Walkers will have a choice of a 2.5 mile or 4.5 mile walk.

This year the Bowie walk hopes to raise \$15,000. As in previous years, 25% of all proceeds raised from the walk will go to the Bowie Food Pantry.

Food donations will also be collected on the day of the walk. The Pantry is forming its own team for the walk;

walker donation envelopes are available at the Pantry. All team members must fill out an envelope. Walkers are encouraged to collect donations prior to the walk, but you are welcome to just come and walk with us! Together, we can all help to end hunger in our own community and throughout the world!

October Adult Education Classes

On October 5th at 11:15 AM in the Adult Education Conference Room, Kevin Maxwell will be speaking about the *State of Education in Prince Georges County*.

October 12th and 26th at 11:15 AM (there will also be two more classes in November) in the Adult Education Conference Room, Astrid Jonas will talk about aging the best way possible. It will be based on the book *Happy to 102: The Best Kept Secrets to a Long and Happy Life* by Kathy N. Johnson, PhD, CMC, James H. Johnson, PhD and Lily Sarafan, MS. The sessions are based on the second half of life, beginning at age 50 and will include Independence and Interdependence, Safety, Nutrition, Physical and Mental Exercise, Social Life and other related topics. Astrid will also include some information from the book *The wonder of Aging: A New Approach to Embracing Life After Fifty* by Michael Gurian.

Kids Clothing Drive

Joi Kesner is collecting clothing for a family with four children who are new to the Bowie area and have little to no fall and winter clothes. If you or anyone you know would like to donate clothing to these children, please place in the bin that has Joi's name on it in the atrium.

They could use shirts, sweaters, pants, winter coats, hats, gloves, boots, and anything else you might have and are ready to pass on.

The following sizes are needed:
For the girls (6, 7, & 11 years old):
Tops and Pants size 6/7 and 10/12
Shoes 1, 4, and 13

For the boy (10 years old):
Tops 10/12; Pants 10; Shoes 4





Christmas *Gift Market*

The Christmas Market is coming to CCPC on November 2 from 8 am to 12:30 pm. *Give a Gift That Cares* – your gift donation to any of the organizations given in the name of someone in your family, a friend, or a coworker will help improve the quality of life for people here and around the world. There will be tables representing organizations that work in Bowie, in the United States, and in countries from Honduras to South Sudan.

The gifts will provide disaster assistance, clean water, literacy instruction, animals, needed supplies for our fire department, animal shelter, Christmas Children's Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, etc. Whatever your heart calls you to you will find an organization or project that is a perfect match. Some of the organizations represented are Church World Service, Chikumbuso, Heifer International, CCPC Christmas Families, Honduras water project, Operation Christmas Child Children's Ministry, Hospice of Chesapeake, African Team Ministries, Bowie VFD, CLAW, People Watch and Literacy at the Well in South Sudan.



Children will be encouraged to participate with gifts in their price range and a passport to travel to the various locations that they can help. There will be a Soup Kitchen to get a delicious, warm lunch and proceeds will go to the CCPC Shelter Housing fund. You can purchase your gifts and finish the shopping with a lunch and fellowship.

Call Sharon McNamara at 301-262-7060, Kris Ross at 240-206-8787, or Debbie Sell at 301-928-9267

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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

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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, call 443-510-6308, or e-mail Ann@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

