

Vacation Bible School Needs You!

June 22nd - 25th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM

“God’s new beginnings require our participation” is something our Pastor James Brassard said in his sermon the first Sunday I was here at CCPC. This is a call to action!! Not only is it important for members to participate, but it is also important for members to invite others to participate. One of the hardest parts about being new is not knowing as many kids and families as I would like to yet; I need your help! Sign up to volunteer but also invite friends, neighbors, co-workers’ children or any other kids you know. This will not only help make Vacation Bible School (VBS) successful, but is an opportunity to make a difference and share the Gospel with children who might not hear it otherwise. VBS is not only a church event, but a community event, so let’s share it with the community. With this year’s theme “Hometown Nazareth,” VBS will be an opportunity for kids of all ages to learn about and experience what life might have been like for Jesus as a kid and most importantly they will learn that Jesus not only was born and died for all of our sins. The Love of Christ will be experienced through worship, play, song, dance, lessons, and fun!

What’s New This Year:

- ◆ There will be 4 nights:
 - This year VBS spans 4 nights, Monday- Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Why? Two reasons, I have often found that volunteers are exhausted by the 5th day and could use the extra rest. Second, in the group curriculum, one day is usually less consistent with theme or just really hard to pull off, this allows more flexibility with what we do for lessons, crafts, etc.

- Marketplace would be like when Jesus was young. Each child will earn coins throughout their other group activities and they get to spend them in the Marketplace at different activity stations. At these stations, they will get to participate in hands on activities and crafts such as bead making, tie dying, and farming in addition to experiencing what some of the local produce would have been. There will also be a special marketplace activity on the last day.
- ◆ Not having VBS last year:
 - Last year there was no large group VBS. This year, we hope to make up for it with gusto. It has been 2 years since we have seen many of the kids that have participated in the past, so we need your help tracking everyone down and getting the word spread that CCPC is having VBS again this year.
- ◆ Justin:
 - This is my first year doing VBS here at CCPC, so I am sure there will be some growing pains; however, VBS is one of the best times of the church year and I am excited about what we have planned
- ◆ Pre-K
 - We now have special class sections that includes kids that previously had not been a part of the large group VBS. They will require some special attention for sure!

What's The Same This Year:

- ◆ Mission:
 - The goal to share the love and good news of Christ with all of the children who attend!
- ◆ Group VBS:
 - Kids will be assigned to various groups and will move to different stations with their group.
- ◆ Location:
 - CCPC! VBS will be held on the CCPC campus every night.
- ◆ Dinner:
 - Will be provided every night in Dodds Hall. This way no one can say that VBS interferes with dinnertime!
- ◆ Need for Volunteers and Supplies:

- **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** There will be a large board of supply donations needed available on Sunday. Please see the board to find what you can help supply. We also need you to sign up to volunteer to be there. Please sign up on the sign up sheets that will be available on Sunday.

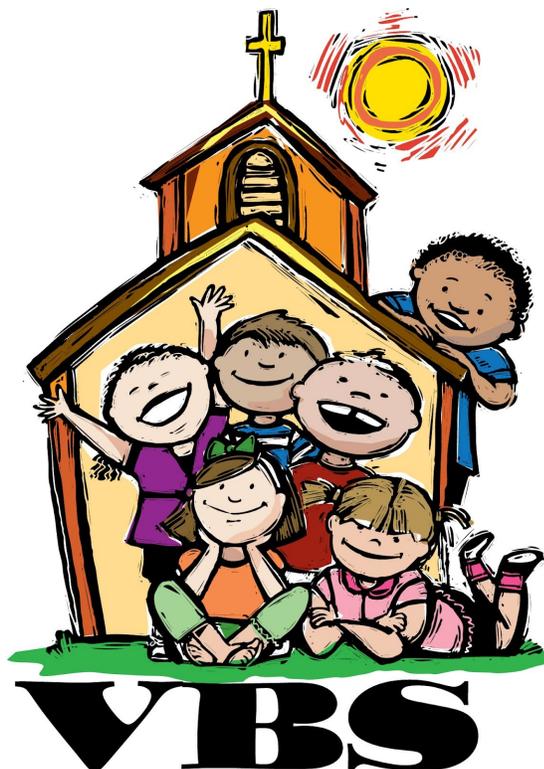
How To Volunteer:

As mentioned above, there will be sign up sheets available for your convenience starting this coming Sunday. **Please sign up!!!** Don't worry teens ... you can sign up too! The more volunteers we have, the greater the experience will be for the kids. If you have any questions about what volunteering would look like please don't hesitate to let me know.

How Do I Register Children:

There are registration forms available in the Atrium or online at <http://ccpc.bowiemd.org>. Fill them out for each child and turn them into Justin or Robin in the church office. It's as simple as that!

**DEADLINE is by
Noon Sunday, June 21st**



Worship Notes

June 21st: The service of Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons. Rev. Brassard's sermon will highlight the three distinct calls to every believer; and the unique summons to every Christian leader. We will offer prayers for the Vacation Bible School team.

June 28th: Service of Baptism for Sedem John Kiveku Agivie. The Apostle Paul in *2 Corinthians 8:7-15* appeals to our generosity in giving to meet the needs of the poor. In this rich discussion on the connection between charity and the condition of our souls, Paul suggests that the more spiritually committed one is, the more socially conscious one will be. Far from religion being what Marx called the "opiate of the people" that hinders compassion and caring, faith can be a powerful resource for social change.

Thank You!

I want to thank all of you for the prayers, calls, and cards, all this certainly has helped me have a quick recovery!! Deb Cooper

To my second family at CCPC,

Thank you, thank you, thank you all for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards, and many hugs over the course of my mom's ill health and final decline between May 2014 and this past February. Every little thing made a difference. I'm so grateful that each one of you is a part of my life. Blessings, everyone.... -Marty Sippel

PS - Please accept my apologies for the lateness of this thank you. However late, it is no less sincere.

Tiger Lilies

Tiger Lilies is a women's book group that meets the first Monday of the month from September through June at 7:30 PM in the Parlor. Contact Andrea Brassard at andrea.brassard@verizon.net for a list of recommended authors for summer reading. We will discuss books we've read this summer on September 7th (Labor Day). Our fall book is *The Good Book* by Peter Gomes. Available in paperback or Kindle. We will start our discussion on October 5th.

An Opportunity To Serve

Christian Community Presbyterian Church (CCPC) falls under the National Capital Presbytery (NCP) which serves 108 churches in the national capital region for the Presbyterian Church (USA). The NCP supports our church in many ways. It conducts six meetings each year as one means to manage the business and spiritual needs of the member churches in the Presbytery. The makeup of the voting participants at these meetings is half clergy and half church elders. Our pastor regularly attends these meetings. In addition, CCPC is allocated a number of "Elder Commissioners" for these meetings each year. For the coming year, CCPC has been allocated two Elder Commissioners. The Session fills these positions from Elders in our membership. At the May meeting, the Session elected Elder Chuck Tanner to continue representing CCPC in this capacity, which he has done for many years. The Session is seeking another Elder to fill the second position. An Elder currently on session could probably provide the best link between church and presbytery, but any ordained Elder is eligible. And, the session can designate an Elder as a Commissioner for a single meeting or for many meetings.

Currently, the Presbytery meets at National Presbyterian Church in Northwest D.C., usually on the 3rd or 4th Tuesday of selected months. The current schedule calls for "open space" time beginning at 4:00 PM, when many interest groups have an opportunity to present issues and enlist participation in their projects and programs. At about 5:00 PM, time is allocated for a meal. You may bring your own or purchase in advance a box meal for about \$10. The meeting usually begins at 6:00 PM, and a worship service is always incorporated within the meeting. Reports are heard from presbytery committees and the Presbytery Council, and often votes are taken on their proposals. The meetings are usually over by 9:00 PM, sometimes earlier. The remaining meetings for 2015 are scheduled for September 22nd and November 17th. Chuck can offer a ride from CCPC leaving at 3:00 PM.

Participation in the Presbytery is an important part of our Presbyterian form of church government, and of our Presbyterian tradition. Every Elder should participate in a presbytery meeting at least once, either as a commissioner, or as just an observer. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Pastor Brassard, Clerk Jim Woods, or Elder Chuck Tanner.



Congratulations to our *Graduates!*

College Graduates

Owen Bolig from Mercer
Ryan Dudley from WVU
David Honeyford, Jr., MBA from
Western Connecticut
Christy Littlefield from Mary Washington
Roy Littlefield, MBA

High School Graduates

Christie Ahearn from Bowie
Patrick Cable from Eleanor Roosevelt
Ross Dudley from a high school in Kansas
Gara Ebot from Bowie
Claire Leaman from South River
Eric McCarty from Eleanor Roosevelt
Mohamed Sesay from Eleanor Roosevelt



*May God's graces be with you as you
step ahead towards your dreams*



Imagine **Yoga & Wellness Center**

**Free Yoga for Veterans!
Thursday, June 25th at 7 PM**

Imagine wants to welcome home war veterans and help them cope with the stress of combat through yoga instruction. Pam will lead a specialized class for the great servicemen and women of our country.

Serving on the staff of *Mindful Yoga Therapy for Veterans*, as an ambassador for the *Give Back Yoga Foundation* and as a co-founder of *Blue Star Families*, she has well-rounded experience with military families and veterans issues and specific yoga training to work with veterans and service members.

Cost: FREE for Veterans

**FREE YOGA!
Sunday, June 28th at 4 PM**

Imagine believes in giving back to those who give so much to others, and would like to start in our own front yard. Beginners, Intermediate,

Advanced, All Levels, All Ages, No experience Necessary.

You do not have to be a CCPC church member or Imagine session holder to take this class. All are welcome!

See what yoga is all about without investing a dime. Feel free to bring your own mat, blanket, cushion if you'd like, we'll have some there too. Dress comfy!

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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 Ann@ImagineThePlace.com. Scholarships available.

