



July 15, 2015

Hey Everyone,

This month I will be reporting on the wonderful events we had during the last week of June: Vacation Bible School (VBS) and the Junior/Senior High Retreat. However, rather than just give you my perspective on these events I thought it would be nice to hear from members of the congregation on what they experienced as well. Therefore, I have included comments from Heather Miller, Debbie Armstrong, and Victoria Ilko about their own experiences.

Vacation Bible School

The first thing I must do is thank the McCarty Family for their astounding commitment to this year's VBS. Kathryn and Dave led two of our four main stations: the Marketplace and Games. They also spent the 3 days prior to VBS here at the church turning Dodd's Hall into the Marketplace setting. We had 45 students participate in this year's program. We also had over 15 youth and 30 adult volunteers involved as well! The lesson section led by Joi Kesner and Jen Woods was where the kids heard stories about young Jesus. We had live music which was led by Alaina Clemence and Dane Frandsen with help from Kevin Clemence and Rebecca Ilko. There were also many volunteers in the Marketplace over the four days as well as in the kitchen preparing dinner. So, thank you to everyone who helped make this a great event. Here is Heather Miller's summation of the experience she had with her two children, Jackson and Penelope:

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2015 was a fun filled four-day celebration focusing on Jesus' childhood town of Nazareth. There were activities for all children ranging from 3 to 12. It was a great opportunity to play with the kids of CCPC and for CCPC to get to know new faces in the community.

Every day started with dinner in Dodds Hall followed by great music in the sanctuary. Specifically, the kids had a blast dancing and singing to the Hippopotamus Song. Just when you could not think you could sing the song any faster, the kids sang it on hyper-speed which made them dance wildly in sheer delight. Every child's face lit up as they sang and you could feel the joy in their laughter.

After songs in the sanctuary, the children went to various stations including games, Mary's house, and crafts. Mary's house was one of the favorites. They loved the stories that Mary told and probably loved her brownies, ice cream, bread, and rice crispy treats even more. To ensure that each child never forgot the great time they had at CCPC's VBS, the third day included water play with a slip and slide, water guns, water balloons, and water races. One would think that would be the highlight that week, but it wasn't. On Thursday, a petting zoo was set up just outside the sanctuary. The kids got to touch and feed a pony, a goat, chickens, bunnies, a mini cow, and if you were small enough, you could go "turtle-surfing" on the large tortoise.

Overall, the children had a phenomenal time. Kids came together to focus on the life of Christ, share in the strength of the community, and enjoy the playfulness of childhood. ----**Heather Miller**

Junior and Senior High Retreat

We had a great weekend at the Meadow Retreat Center in Middleburg, VA. We started the weekend off with a scavenger hunt at the National Mall and then proceeded to a wet and fun filled weekend. The youth participated in a low ropes course, many board games, bible lessons, rain-soaked outdoor activities, and tubing. A special thank you goes to Kristen Zacheis, Astrid Jonas, and Debbie Armstrong for chaperoning the weekend. Here are the accounts from Debbie Armstrong and Victoria Ilko of their experiences:

Twelve youth and four chaperones set out on an adventure two weekends ago to come closer to Christ and each other through Community. That was our theme during for the weekend — Community. Building a Christ-like community in the way we treat each other and, in fact, the world around us. It was a simple lesson that we all lived throughout our weekend together without really noticing. I observed and joined in bonding, nurturing, laughter, exhaustion, and facing some fears. There were very late nights and early morning risings — together. There was trekking 3.5 miles to the Ropes course in the rolling hills and the pouring rain — together. There was tubing a murky stream running high after the rain (I was terrified but didn't let on!) — together. Bananagrams, cards, and Mafia! Just getting to know each other better. Justin had two simple requests (rules) — no name calling and no whining. Mission accomplished 99.99% of the weekend! What a wonderful, intelligent, and insightful group of teens. I was so happy and honored to be included in this weekend. CCPC you're doing a fine job — it is so nice to see relationships build and so nice to have Justin lead the way. ----**Debbie Armstrong**

Overall, my retreat experience was very fun. We stayed in a large house and everyone was always together. In the evenings we played card games, chess/checkers, and even made s'mores by the fire. Even though it rained a lot during our activities, it made the experience more memorable.

On the ride there, as well as during the retreat, we were not allowed to have our phones/electronics. At first this was very frustrating, but we all bonded and became a lot closer. We worked together without being distracted. This experience will be with me for the rest of my life and I am grateful to have had this experience. ----**Victoria Ilko**

It was a busy but excellent end to the month of June here in the Youth and Children's programs at CCPC. I look forward to many more action-packed months like this here at CCPC.

Justin Devine
Christian Education Director

Welcome!

Ellis James Dorsey

Born on Father's Day, June 21, 2015

Weighing in at 5 lb, 7 oz

Proud parents are Bryan and Holly Dorsey

Proud grandparents are Sandy and Paul Dorsey

Congratulations Bryan & Holly and

Sandy & Paul!

In Memory of



Shelley Frank

August 12, 1964 - July 10, 2015

Shelley passed away at home from an apparent heart attack.
Shelley's parents, Judy and Frank, will be having a memorial service
Saturday, August 15th at 11 AM in the Sanctuary.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Frank family.

Cluster Gatherings

Clusters 1 and 6

David Honeyford and Skip Oates

Will meet on **July 19th** at the Oates' home after worship service. Brunch will be served.

Clusters 2, 3, 4, and 14

Deb Cooper, Kris Ross, Priscilla Bouic, and Dodji Komlan

Will meet on **August 23rd** in Dodds Hall after worship service.

Cluster 7, 11, and 15

Julia Leaman, Debbie Armstrong, and Lillian Cates

Will meet on **August 2nd** in Dodds Hall after worship service.

Cluster 9 Debbie Sell

Debbie will contact the people in her cluster to let them know the day/time soon.

Clusters 10 and 12

Trudy Neff and Sharon Youngdahl

Will meet on **July 26th** in Dodds Hall after worship service.

A light meal will be provided so we can "break bread" and get to know each other. Members of their cluster will get a reminder from your deacon. We look forward to seeing you and getting to know you better!



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National Capital Presbytery

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 two "elder commissioners" for these meetings. The Session fills these positions from elders in our membership. Chuck Tanner currently fills one of these slots. The Session is seeking another elder to fill the second position. To learn more about this opportunity, contact Rev. Brassard or Chuck Tanner.

Worship Notes

July 19th

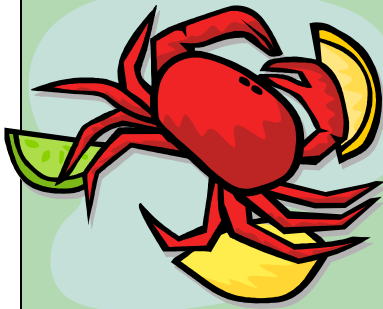
The Apostle Paul was a bridge builder who worked tirelessly to overcome barriers between the Christians who were Jews and the emerging wave of Roman citizens who came to follow Christ. The Sermon is titled, "Being a Bridge Builder." We will baptize two toddlers, Cali and Nicholas, daughter of Amber (Kwong) and Kimmie (Gedrich) Dziduch

July 26th

Sermon title is *Good Riddance!*

Save the Date!

Annual CCF@



Crab Feast

Sunday, August 23, 2015

1 PM – 4 PM

Allen Pond Park, West Pavilion

Join us for steamed crabs or crab cakes, chicken, corn, watermelon, and more!
Bring your own drinks and utensils.

Cost is \$25.00 per ticket for crabs or a crab cake
\$10.00 ages 6 – 16 and adults not eating crabs
Free for ages 0 – 5

Tickets will be sold after church on August 9th and 16th
For questions or offers of help, please contact Barbara Engh at 301-906-6850 or
bengh1@verizon.net



Ladies *Mini Retreat & Afternoon Tea*

Mark your calendars!

We are having a Ladies Mini Retreat and
Afternoon Tea on

Saturday, September 19th 9 AM - 1 PM

Hope you can join us!

Any questions, contact Peggy Oates

Gadabouts

The August Gadabout meeting will be a pot luck lunch at Marge
Clark's house

12 Noon Tuesday, August 4th

Everyone should bring a dish to share.

Hope to see you there!

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.

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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.

