



I know you are busy. I just wanted to share some good news without asking you to do anything. When you arrive into our atrium you might not notice the banner from our Capital Campaign launched in May of 2014. The campaign slogan is "Strengthening the House the Lord Built" with the dates: 1994-2014. The Capital Drive used the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the Dedication of our Sanctuary to raise money to pay for a long and costly list of building repairs. In March of 2014 a committee was formed and made a list of necessary repairs and estimated the costs. The Session and Deacons and staff were asked to make pledges. I then ran around with my tin cup and asked over 20 individuals and families to make gifts. No one turned me down. Then on May 15th Mark Pfarrer gave his memorable "We Have to Talk!" testimony in church. Mark reminded us that we are like a family and when important things need to be done and the family needs to make it happen, someone says, "We Have to Talk." He said we needed at least \$200,000 for the work and shared that whatever was raised 10% would be set aside for special, emerging mission projects. The congregation was asked to respond.

Members were given the choice of making a lump sum gift or to make a pledge payable over 18 months. The 18 month period ended on November 30th, 2015.

Last month I asked two members of the committee to give a final report on the project. Cyd Radden -Le Sage who was the campaign treasurer, offers the financial details. Her husband, Bill, chairperson of the Building and Grounds committee shares the work that was performed. Their report is found below. I wanted to assure several people who want the concrete curb stops to be removed to prevent damage to the undercarriage of your cars, that we are getting ready to do so. Most of all I wanted to express my gratitude for all those who helped get the work completed and for all of you who enthusiastically responded to "The Talk."

Together in doing God's work, James Brassard

CCPC Capital Campaign

In late Spring of 2014, the Session began discussing the many large maintenance projects that befall our church campus. Realizing that it had been 20 years since the new Sanctuary had been completed, we decided it was important to tackle these projects and make sure that everyone who loves celebrating at CCPC had an opportunity to be part of the improvement team.

We began a drive to raise funds with the specific task of repairing and sprucing-up the church. Everyone could contribute by making contributions in whatever kind of payments that would work with their own individual budgets. Church members, both past and present, pledged \$261,402. to be made over the next 18 months. The end of November 2015 was the completion of our campaign.

As of November 30, 2015, we have received \$259,238., just shy of the pledges. This is a tremendous accomplishment and we want to thank everyone again for your many contributions to CCPC.

Just as a reminder, this is what we accomplished:

- A new roof for the Sanctuary;
- The exterior of all buildings were painted;
- New upholstery for pews and chairs was installed;
- A new HVAC (no more Sunday mornings with coats and gloves) was installed for the Sanctuary;
- New carpeting was installed in the Sanctuary;
- An anti-glare coating was installed on all the Sanctuary exterior windows;

- New LED lighting for the choir and pulpit was installed;
- The CE Building was modified for multiple tenants;
- The bathrooms in the CE building were renovated;
- The electrical panel for Dodd's Hall was replaced with a new modern panel;
- Additional counter height electrical outlets were added to the kitchen;
- All the electrical outlets in the kitchen were upgraded with ground fault protection;
- A new floor was installed in the kitchen;
- Exterior lighting was upgraded with new fixtures and LED lights; and
- Funds remain for repair and upgrade of the parking lot and needed tree removal.

We are truly blessed with a remarkable congregation and a beautiful campus. But, with all that we have accomplished, maintenance and improvement needs will continue. If you want to continue to keep our buildings and campus beautiful, you can make contributions to our property fund by indicating such on your offerings.

Everything is possible with God,

The Capital Campaign Committee



In Memory of Joy Bible

Joy Bible, age 75, passed away on Monday, December 7th, at her home surrounded by loved ones. She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Harold R. Bible; her son, Mark & wife Shirley; her daughter, Rebecca & husband Sean; her daughter, Sarah; her grandchildren, Kaitlin, Ashlen, Christopher, Connor, Hannah, and Liam; and her brother Milton.

Joy was born and raised in Kenosha, Wisconsin. She graduated from University of Wisconsin in 1963 with a degree in physical therapy. It was that vocation that led her to meet Harold while both were employed at Adult Curative Rehabilitation Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. They married in May of 1964 and moved to Maryland that year and then to Bowie in 1968. Joy and Harold joined Christian Community Presbyterian Church that same year and have been faithful members since that time. Joy's family and CCPC were the center of her life. She served as a Deacon, a Session Member, and a leader in the Women's Circle and Women of Faith and in so many other capacities in support of her beloved church family. Joy loved to write and excelled at doing so. She often wrote columns for the "Deacon's Corner."

Joy was an incredibly loving and dedicated mother and grandmother. "Nanny" never allowed distance to keep her from having very close and supportive relationships with each of her grandchildren. From soccer games to dance recitals to graduations, Joy and Harold were always in the audience with huge smiles during the event and ready with congratulatory hugs and kisses afterwards. She loved to travel and realized a lifelong dream of visiting Australia and New Zealand.

Joy was an outstanding cook and loved to do so for her family and friends. The "more the merrier" she would say for dinner parties or pot luck meals at home or church. Joy always kept a warm, loving and inviting home that was as welcoming to lifelong friends as it was to new acquaintances.

Joy was aptly named as her calling in life was to love and bring joy to all those who were blessed to know and meet her. Her joy, compassion, and love for her friends were pure and unconditional. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

A celebration of her life will be held on Sunday, December 27 at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Bible family.

In Lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made in her name to MPN Research Foundation 180 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1870, Chicago, IL 60601. You may visit their website at www.mpnresearchfoundation.org.

Christmas Eve Worship Services

We will have two worship services on
Christmas Eve.

The first one will be a candlelight family-oriented service that starts at 6 PM. The second one will be a candlelight communion service that starts at 8:30 PM.

Also, a friendly reminder that there will be only one worship service on Sunday, December 27th and it will be at 10:30 AM.

We hope you will join us.

*Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and
a Happy, Healthy, and Blessed New Year!*

January 2016 Caller Deadline

The January newsletter, *The Caller*, will be going out on Friday, January 8th.

The deadline for all article submissions is by 9AM Tuesday, January 5th.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding *The Caller*, please contact the church office.

Thank you.

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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.*



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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.

