

October 1, 2012



The Caller

It has only been two weeks, but I wanted to update you about our new Sunday morning schedule.

The 8:30 AM Chapel Service is attracting a small, but loyal following. The service includes three hymns, three scripture readings, a shorter sermon with some audience participation, and concludes with communion around the table. This service appeals to people who prefer the earlier worship time, and/or desire a quiet, more reflective worship experience. The service is over by 9:15 AM.

We are offering two coffee fellowship times. One begins following the Chapel Service. Besides serving as a fellowship time for those who attend the first service, this time facilitates choir members who are coming in for warm ups, teachers who are preparing their classrooms, and those other folks who arrive before the 10 AM service and want to chat.

The second coffee fellowship follows the 10 AM Worship Service. Yes, we will offer fresh coffee at 11AM! Starting on October 7, we will offer two adult education classes that start about 11:15 AM. Individuals attending those classes can grab a cup of coffee or tea and take it with them to class. Other folks can spend more time greeting visitors and talking with their friends.

One of the major reasons for the new schedule was the desire to increase hospitality. Henry Brinton, a Presbyterian

pastor who grew up at CCPC, spoke on Wednesday to the Paper Tigers about his new book, *The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality*. In the book, Brinton says growing congregations practice hospitality effectively. These churches do a good job of welcoming and including new people. Its members think like a host, instead of a guest. A host focuses on serving others and making them feel comfortable, not on whether they have a good time. For example, Saddleback Church in California has a three minute rule. After worship, members are asked to spend the first three minutes talking only to people they don't know. The "don't know list" is not just first time visitors, but other members you might not know very well.

I know that some of you have difficulty making the earlier start times for worship. I thank you for trying to make this work and for your commitment to the vitality of CCPC.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard



Worship Notes

October 7th:

Celebration of Worldwide Communion and Sacrament of Baptism of Jane Elizabeth and Haydn Patrick Moran. Parents are Sean and Karolyn (Brady) Moran.

We continue our survey of wisdom literature with the book of Job 1:1 and 2:1-10. Many people think Job is the Bible's attempt to answer the question: Why do bad things happen to good people? I don't believe Job or any other literature can answer that question. A better approach to Job is for us to ask more questions.

On Sunday, we will look at two questions. 1.) How do we praise God when circumstances do not incline us to praise? 2.) Is blessing any less a mystery than suffering?

October Sunday Calendar

† Sunday, October 7, 2012

8:30 AM Chapel Service with Communion
10:00 AM Worship with Communion, Baptism, and Sunday School
Sunday Morning Connect: Sr High
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
7:00 PM Prayer/Study Group -- Member's Home

† Sunday, October 21, 2012

8:30 AM Chapel Service with Communion
10:00 AM Worship with Sunday School
Sunday Morning Connect: Sr High
11:30 AM Youth Car Wash -- CCPC Parking Lot
3:00 PM Arundel Air Concert -- Dodds Hall
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
7:00 PM Prayer Study -- Member's Home

† Sunday, October 14, 2012

8:30 AM Chapel Service with Communion
10:00 AM Worship with Sunday School
Sunday Morning Connect: Sr High
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor

† Sunday, October 28, 2012

8:30 AM Chapel Service with Communion
10:00 AM Worship with Sunday School
Sunday Morning Connect: Sr High
3:00 PM Trunk or Treat -- Dodds Hall

The Share Shop is Back!

Our fall Share Shop will be held on Saturday, November 3 from 7:30 AM until 11:30 AM in Dodds Hall.

This is a good time to clean out your closets!

If you no longer want clothing, household items, books, records, toys, etc, AND they are in good enough shape to give to a friend, then bring them to the church during the week of October 29.

On Saturday morning, come and see if there are any items you'd like to take home. We open the doors to the general public at 9:00 AM so come early for the best selections.

Questions? Ask Margaret.

Adult Education Class Offerings

After the Prophet by Lesley Hazelton

October 7 – November 4 with Discussion Leaders: Steve Webb and Dave Honeyford

Lesley Hazelton in *After the Prophet* takes the reader back nearly 1400 years to the Prophet Muhammad and the early promise of Islam. On his death bed, the promise began to fray, driven by the question of who would succeed him. Two strains of theological DNA sprang from that succession dilemma; one leading to Sunni, the other to Shia. Hazelton weaves a gripping story of the characters involved in the intrigues, assassinations, alliances, and wars of whether a united Islam would be Sunni or Shia. By the end of the book, you may have a better understanding of what could lie behind the headlines from the Middle East.

Classes will begin on October 7 at 11:15 AM and consist of five sessions. Books will soon be available in the Church Office. The book is yours to keep. If you would like to contribute the cost of the book, you may do so to the CCPC Adult Education Council. We will cover about three chapters per week, approximately 40 pages. We ask that members read ahead. We will discuss the introduction and first three chapters on October 7.

Gospel of Mark

Starts October 7 with Discussion Leader Gary Cox

This class will provide a brief overview introduction to the book of Mark, and then focus on the lectionary readings for the Gospel Cycle emphasizing the 10-12th chapters of Mark. We will seek to explain the rationale behind the lectionary cycles and deal with those passages of scripture.

Health and Healing

The Health and Healing program will return to its weekly schedule starting on Tuesday, October 2. Our morning schedule is:

- 9:30 — Chair exercise or walking
- 10:00 — Fellowship time
- 10:30 — Study. This year we will be doing McLaren's book on Naked Spirituality
- 11:30 — Worship

Newcomers and visitors (male and female) are welcome. Call Doris Kobe if you have any questions at 301-464-2097.

Crop Walk

Ending Hunger One Step at a Time!

The walk will be held on October 7th at St. Matthews Methodist Church. Registration is at noon and the Walk starts at 1 PM.

You can help by either walking, contributing to a walker, or contributing a bag of groceries to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry.

Grocery Bags should contain:

4 cans of soup (1 tomato, 1 cream, 2 others); 6 cans of vegetables (1 pork and beans, 1 other bean, and 4 vegetables); 1 tomato product (sauce, diced, paste, or stewed); 1 spaghetti sauce or 1 man-wich; 1 can of pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, etc.); 2 cans of fruit; 1 condiment (catsup, mustard, salad dressing, etc.); 2 cans tuna or salmon; 2 cans of meat (beef stew, chicken breast, chicken & dump-lings, chili, corned beef hash); 1 peanut butter or jelly; 4 dry goods (1 mac & cheese, 1 spaghetti/pasta, 1 rice side, pasta side, or pasta salad, 1 rice or or potato product); 1 dessert (cake and frosting, brownie mix, pudding, cookies, etc.); 1 cereal; 1 roll of toilet tissue.

Extra Items that may be included (any 3):

Corn muffin mix; ramen noodle packets; cereal bars, snack bars, or crackers; jello mix; popcorn

Each client will receive juice, coffee, or tea separately.

Note: Large (29 oz.) cans of fruit or vegetable equals 2 cans.

Personal care items are also welcomed: soap, shampoo, dish and laundry detergent, razors, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.

Any questions, please contact Nancy Phillips at 301-262-6454.

**Thank you for supporting the Crop Walk
and our Fight Against Hunger!**

Knits with Sticks

The CCPC Knits With Sticks group is well underway in working on making scarves or hats for the parents of the Christmas Families. We have an inventory of 35 items at present, with more waiting in the wings. Our regular meeting time is in the Parlor at 1 PM on the third Monday of each month, with our next meeting on October 15th. We welcome anyone who wants to join us and we will help new knitters or crocheters.

Should you wish to participate, but cannot come to meetings, please feel free to pick up a pattern from the collection on the information table in the Atrium. Some new patterns by Priscilla Bouic have recently been added. Or you can use any pattern you wish. Both knitted and crocheted items are welcome.

Last year, we had about 80 adults and, like a miracle, each one of them received either a hat or a scarf.

So, please join us in the effort as we get ready for this Christmas.

Items may be dropped off in the church office or in the knitting closet at the far end of the hall next to the Parlor. Please put your item(s) in a bag with your name on it — and any special note about the material if you wish, such as “100% wool, hand wash.” Items are due during the first week in December.

We have a nice supply of donated yarn in the knitting closet nearest to the Parlor. Please help yourself.

Thank you,

Priscilla Bouic
Knitting Chair
301-262-4906

Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry

October Special: Toilet Paper



The pantry packs one roll of toilet paper in each set of groceries. With your help, we could give everyone an extra roll! Donations of toilet paper can be dropped off at the pantry or at one of our many donation sites throughout the city: Bowie Gymnasium; Bowie Library; Bowie Senior Center; CCPC Narthex; Every Second Boutique; Kenhill Center; Long and Foster (now in Crofton); Melvin Motors; PNC Bank (Rte 450 and Stonybrook Dr); YMCA (Moylan Dr).

Greatest Needs

Soups ❖ Spaghetti and Pasta ❖ Canned Beans ❖ Cereal ❖ Oatmeal ❖ Tuna Fish ❖ Applesauce

Every Sunday from 8 AM until 12 Noon, volunteers from the Pantry are in the parking lot of Bowie High School collecting donations of food and money from visitors to the Farmer's Market. The Pantry will continue to be at the Market on Sunday's through October 28th. Volunteers shop at the Market with the donated funds and visitors to the market purchase fresh produce and bread for the Pantry's clients. At the end of the Market, the local farmers donate their leftover produce to the Pantry. This has been a huge success and the clients are thrilled to have fresh veggies and bread. Thank you for your support!



The Youth of CCPC are putting on a Car Wash! All proceeds will go to Youth Ministry Conferences and Retreats for 2013! The highlight of each year for our youth program is when the youth go on these retreats. With your help we can continue to make memories and strengthen bonds in the Youth Ministry. The fundraiser is after church on October 21 from 11:30 to 1:30. We will only accept donations. Come one, come all, tell your friends, family, and neighbors!

Kristen Zacheis
Coordinator of Youth and Family Ministry



Trunk or Treat



Boo!

Whoooo, Are you ready? Halloween is almost here!

Join us in the parking lot for some old-fashioned fun on Sunday, October 30th from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Fun and games for children in Dodds Hall until about 3 PM, then the kids will go trunk or treating in the parking lot!

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



CHRISTMAS GIFT MARKET

November 4, 2012

Tired of giving ties and shirts to all the men on your list? Running out of ideas for those who are hard-to-buy-for? Would you like to give a gift that will really make a difference? Come to the Christmas Gift Market! There are gifts for everyone. You can give rabbits from the Heifer Project in honor of your nieces or nephews. Choose medicine or mosquito nets from Medical Benevolence in honor of Aunt Sue. Give someone a gift of Living Water. There are many other choices to make.

Join us in Dodds Hall from 9:30 to 1:30 to shop for gifts and have soup for lunch.

Voter Information Dates

Voter Registration Deadline

(General Election)

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

9:00 PM

Absentee Ballot Application Deadline

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

4:30 PM to 11:59 PM

Late Absentee Ballot Application Begins

Wednesday, October 31, 2012

General Election Day

Tuesday, November 6, 2012

7 AM to 8 PM

Early Voting

Saturday, October 27, 2012 thru Thursday, November 1, 2012

10 AM to 8 PM

Sunday hours are Noon to 6 PM

Early Voting Sites

College Park Community Center

5051 Pierce Avenue

College Park, MD 20740

Bowie Library

15210 Annapolis Road

Bowie, MD 20715

Upper Marlboro Community Center

5400 Marlboro Race Track Road

Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Wayne K. Curry Sports and Learning Center

8001 Sheriff Road

Landover, MD 20785

Oxon Hill Library

6200 Oxon Hill Road

Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Thank You!

Dear CCPC Friends,

What a privilege it was for me to have been invited to attend CCPC's Golden Anniversary Celebration!

Being there and seeing so many folks I knew 35 —45 years ago was a marvelous experience.

You certainly know how to celebrate with gusto!

To all who made the weekend so memorable, I send my heartfelt Thank You!

Hal Pease

Dear CCPC Friends,

Thank you for the warm welcome my daughter Dawn and I received on the 50th anniversary celebration.

It was so wonderful and heartwarming seeing so many familiar faces and receiving the warm hugs.

It was my privilege to be part of such a wonderful congregation.

Many Blessings,

Jane Utara



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Friendly Reminders

- ❖ *Heavenly Creations* cookbooks are still available. If interested, please contact Youth Director Kristen Zacheis by email ccpcyouth@gmail.com or Robin in the church office. Price per cookbook is \$12.00
- ❖ CCPC Yearbooks celebrating the Golden Anniversary of the church and its people are available. Price is \$25.00. Please contact Laurel Cox.
- ❖ CCPC 50th Anniversary Christmas ornaments are available. Price is \$20.00. Please contact Laurel Cox.
- ❖ Christmas Families school supplies are being collected now and up until December 1st. Two items are needed: 1.) 3-ring loose leaf, wide-ruled notebook paper and 2.) 4 oz school glue. Please drop off your donations in the box marked "Drop Off Christmas Families Supplies Here" that is on the floor beside the guest desk in the church office.



If you no longer want *The Caller* delivered to your home and/or prefer to receive it online, please contact Robin at the church office. The next Caller will be sent out around October 15th. Please have all articles in by 9 AM on Tuesday, October 9th. If you need assistance, please feel free to call the 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.

Bowie Interfaith Pantry

We are open for distribution and service 9 AM-11 AM on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

We are closed on holidays.

Located at: Christian Community Presbyterian Church
(in the Education Building at the rear of the parking lot)
3120 Belair Drive — Bowie MD 20715

Visit our website: www.bowiefoodpantry.org

E-mail us: BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com Phone: 301-262-6765

Thank you for your continued support!

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.

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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