

November 1, 2012



The Caller

As I spend time on Stewardship, I have been impressed with how frequently I have read messages that have a theme of gratitude that God gives us each and every day.

- ♥ The heart of Christian faith is gratitude.
- ♥ The heart of Christian hope is gratitude.
- ♥ The heart of Christian love is gratitude.
- ♥ The heart of Christian life is gratitude.

That gratitude is rooted in a sense that life is a gift, that life is good, that life is worthwhile. God's goodness is the reason to be generous. That conviction does not come from a Pollyanna view of life, from overlooking the difficulties or pretending they do not exist. That conviction comes from a sense that God gives us what is really important, what really matters, what we really need: the sense that life is valuable, that we are here for a purpose, that we are instruments of a loving God. What a difference that can make each day in how we live this life!

We should utilize our tremendous opportunity during Stewardship to exceed our own expectations to give back to God. Our giving is a sign of our joy and gratitude.

With this gratitude message, I would like to confirm that our pledge receipts are approximately twenty eight thousand behind what our anticipated expectations are for the year. When you received your

church statements, you may have had an opportunity to see if you are current with your giving for the year. Please work to meet your pledge before the end of the year. We have lost many of our senior member angels in the past few years, so you may also think about giving a special gift to the church this year in gratitude of God's blessings.

Cyd Radden-LeSage
Finance and Stewardship Elder

As in past years, we will be dedicating our "Estimate of Giving" for 2013 cards at the end of the November 11th worship service.

During the November 4th and 11th worship services, we will hear short testimonies from two of our elders.

Following the 10 AM service on November 11th, we will assemble in Dodds Hall for our Stewardship Luncheon. We are making it a potluck meal this year. Elder Susan Brutout is coordinating the meal and the details as to who is bringing what.

If your last name begins with:

A - I bring dessert,

J - Q bring sides

R - Z bring main dishes.

Hope to see you there!

Worship Notes

November 4th: Baptism and Communion: All Saints Sunday. The Old Testament story of Ruth and Naomi is an inspiring story of everyday Saints. These two ordinary women become heroes by showing us how to deal with the difficulties of life in wonderful ways. The memory verse is from Ruth 1:16 "Where you go, I will go. Your people shall be my people, and your God will be my God."

November 11th: Stewardship Sunday with a Potluck Luncheon to follow worship in Dodds Hall. The passing of the offering plate, the singing of the Doxology, followed by the Prayer of Dedication has only been a part of Christian worship for 125 years. Tithing didn't start till the 1920's. Before then, the church was supported by taxes and by pew rentals. With the growing popularity of online banking and instant giving via smartphones, the church has to adapt to new ways of supporting its ministries. Sermon is titled: "Not your Grandmothers' Offering Plate."

November Sunday Calendar

† Sunday, November 4, 2012

Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8:30 AM Chapel Service with Communion -- Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Christmas Market -- Dodds Hall
- 10:00 AM Worship with Communion, Baptism, and Sunday School -- Sanctuary
- Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr High
- 11:00 AM Scrip Card Sales -- After Church Services
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed: After the Prophet -- Dodds Hall CR
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed: Gospel of Mark -- Conference Room
- 5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
- 7:00 PM Prayer/Study Group -- Member's Home

† Sunday, November 11, 2012

Veterans Day and Stewardship Sunday

- 8:30 AM Chapel Service with Communion -- Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship with Sunday School -- Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Stewardship Dinner -- Dodds Hall
- 11:00 AM Youth Orchestra Rehearsal
- 11:00 AM SCRIP Card Sales
- 11:15 AM Adult Ed: Gospel of Mark -- Conference Room
- 5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
- 6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor

† Sunday, November 18, 2012

Youth Lock In Ends at 7:30 AM

- 8:30 AM Chapel Service with Communion -- Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Worship with Baptism and Sunday School -- Sanctuary
- Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr High
- 11:00 AM Youth Council Meeting -- Sr High Room
- 7:00 PM Prayer Study -- Member's Home

† Sunday, November 25, 2012

- 10:00 AM Worship with Sunday School -- Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr High
- 11:30 AM Hanging of the Greens Luncheon -- Dodds Hall
- Noon Hanging of the Greens -- Dodds Hall
- 5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room



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 November 15th. Please have all articles in by 9 AM on Tuesday, November 13th.

If you need assistance, please feel free to call the office. Thank you!

Thank You

Dear CCPC Family,

I really appreciate all of the kind comments on notes and cards that I have received since my mother's death last month.

Many of you are aware of how much influence my mother had on my career choices. She was also a women of great faith. I miss her very much.

Thank you for your kindness,

Andrea Brassard

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION

The Stated Clerk/Treasurer of National Presbytery, after many years, has retired as of September 21, 2012. The new Stated Clerk, Sara Coe, began her duties on October 9. Rev. Brassard attended the 200th year Anniversary of Princeton Theological Seminary on October 23-25.

Please return to the church office, attention to Jan Bridger, Clerk of Session, all historical files, pictures, notebooks, DVD's on loan, etc to be cataloged and maintained in the CCPC Historical Files.

Jan Bridger, Clerk of Session

Thank You

Thank you for your patience while we resolved the problem with the threshold for the new atrium doors. When we ordered the doors, we did not realize the threshold included a tripping hazard and wheel chair obstacle. We contracted with a professional door company to fix the problem. However, when their workman showed up, he scratched his head and said he couldn't do the job. He didn't have all the necessary materials and he said they would have to submit a new bid because the job entailed more work than initially thought.

In the meantime, Al Wimbish applied some handyman ingenuity and a few hours of manual labor and resolved the problem. He developed a functional and professional solution. The B&G Committee would like to thank Al — the latest recipient of the CCPC Unsung Hero Award — for his hard work and continued support to the committee.

Boy Scouts Food Drive

On November 10th, Boy Scouts throughout the state will be helping local food pantries to collect much needed supplies. Participating has never been easier. In the Bowie area, scouts will drop bags at local homes on November 3rd for residents to use in the food drive. Scouts return the following Saturday, November 10th, to look for groceries in bags outside these homes to transport to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry at CCPC.

Scouts will help to sort the food, identify expired items that must be thrown out, and shelve the groceries in the pantry. This is a major drive each year that brings in thousands of items for the local community's neediest residents. The pantry can only take food that is not expired, so please take a moment to check your cans and boxes before leaving them on the stoop or bringing them to the church.

For more information, please contact the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry at 301-262-6765 or by email bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com. You can also visit their website at www.bowiefoodpantry.org.

Thank you for your support in this effort!

2012 Bowie Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service

The 2012 Bowie Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 21 at 7:30 PM at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
14900 Annapolis Rd. Bowie, MD.

Local clergy will speak on the theme, "Poverty in America: What is our Religious Commitment to the Poor?" Other clergy who wish to take part in the program should arrive at 7:00 PM to be given a role. An Interfaith Choir will sing "All Thy Gifts of Love"
by

David L. Brunner. Those who wish to sing in the choir should also arrive at 7:00 PM.

An offering of money and staple goods will be taken for the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry. A reception will follow the service.

We appreciate your support!

Knits with Sticks

While the CCPC Knits with Sticks is very appreciative of donated yarn, please make sure that any yarn donated is clean, has been stored properly, and is bug free.

Please do not donate yarn that has been off the market for 30 years, like Sayelle, and has been in the attic.

Thank you again for your donations!

Priscilla Bouic

Adult Education Class

Beginning on November 18th at 11:15 AM in the Adult Education Conference Room, there will be an Adult Education class led by Jim Bridger centered on the Marcus Borg book entitled, *Speaking Christian, Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power and How They can be Restored*.

This class will study such Christian words as mercy, forgiveness, sin, born again and several more as well as delve into their original and culturally-tinged meanings. We will also examine how they are understood today. Our discoveries may be controversial, but are sure to be interesting. I hope that many of you will attend. Twelve copies of the book will be available in the Narthex to read if you plan to attend the class.

Questions or more information, please contact Jim Bridger.

Fall Clean Up — It's that time of year!

The beautiful leaves are now off the trees and on the ground waiting to be taken away.

Will you help us in this effort?

We could really use as many people as are able to join us on
Saturday, November 17th from 9 AM to Noon.

Bring rakes, blowers, and tarps please.

Youth Ministry Fundraiser Reminders

CCPC Youth Ministry runs a great fundraiser we call Giant Cards. Every second Sunday of the month, someone from Youth Ministry will be in the CCPC Atrium before and after church to collect checks from those wishing to buy Giant gift cards. It works just like purchasing a Giant gift card at the check-out line. You can purchase a card at face-value amount to buy your groceries. Since this is up front money for Giant, Giant returns to CCPC Youth Ministry five percent of the total amount collected and 100% of that money goes towards Youth Conferences and Retreats. On the third Sunday of the month, Youth Ministry will be in the CCPC Atrium before and after church to distribute the Giant cards you purchased. The cards can be purchased in \$25, \$50, \$100 or more increments. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Armstrong or Kristen Zacheis. If you already shop at Giant, this is a really good and easy way to support the CCPC youth ministry! I want to thank those volunteers who do this each month to help out our youth!

SCRIP fundraising gift cards are the same gift cards you would normally purchase from a retailer in your local retail stores, and they work the same way. You'll find cards you can use at grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, home improvement stores, and almost any business that accepts gift cards. CCPC Youth Ministry can earn up to a 15% rebate on each purchased gift card and 100% of the proceeds go to our Youth Conferences and Retreats. This fundraiser is done by CCPC Youth twice a year, once in the Spring and once in the Fall. **Our SCRIP fundraiser began on October 28 and ends on November 18.** The cards will come in after Thanksgiving. During the fundraiser, the Youth will be in the CCPC Atrium after church to help those who are interested. **Order forms are due by November 18th at Noon.** The Youth will hand out the gift cards to those who ordered them about two to three weeks after the deadline. Since the Holidays are just around the corner, keep family, friends, and others in mind when you fill out your order forms. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Zacheis.

Thank you for your support with these fundraisers!

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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

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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