

June 1, 2013



The Caller

Tis the season of graduations and other rites of passage on the road to full adulthood. On June 9th, we will honor our high school graduates. We also will celebrate those that have received college and graduate school diplomas. I will be in Queens, New York next Sunday when my son, Jonah, gets his law degree from St. Johns University. Congratulations to all. We are proud of each of you.

Last Sunday, we marked another milestone towards adulthood when we had a "Blessing of the Keys" ceremony for Tatiana and Nik Kobe. Although getting a driver's license is not as big an event as it used to be, it does provide the freedom to easily go places without relying on someone else, usually your parents, to drive you there. One of the happiest days for me was when my oldest son got his license and started sharing the duties of shuttling himself and his three younger siblings to their numerous activities. It also takes away any excuse for not getting a part-time job!

Driving has its hazards. Livings as the Kobe's do in the New York north country, this includes considerable time driving on snow-covered roads. I would venture to bet Nik and Tatiana are already better drivers in icy conditions than 99% of Marylanders. Regardless of our age, we all need prayers for safety when we head out onto the roads.

This June, Nikita and Tatiana will be traveling with their parents, Gina Jadwisiak and David Kobe, to visit the orphanages in Novokuznetsk, Russia, where they lived before they were adopted. I am sure this will be a memorable trip. We all have questions about where we came from and I hope this trip will provide some answers. I am thankful that the Kobe's are providing an opportunity for CCPC folks to provide educational toys for the children who are cared for in these orphanages. Please see the articles about the Toy Drive elsewhere in the Caller. Since last

December, the Russian government has prohibited Americans from adopting children from that country. Until those changes, we can only pray for the many children who won't have the chance to grow with the advantages Americans take for granted.

Twelve years ago, I took my family on a similar trip to Guatemala, the nation of birth for my daughter, Lydia. It was a great trip. We stayed in Antigua, a delightful small town in the beautiful volcanic region. We had a great time. One day, in what is permanently etched in family lore, we rented a car to drive to the city where Lydia was born. We were not three blocks into our drive through this very poor city when Lydia said, "OK, I've seen enough, I am grateful for being adopted and getting to grow up in America." We turned around and went to visit more appealing sites.

There are five passages in the New Testament in which the setting up of a new relationship to God through Jesus Christ is called adoption. Each of us who believe that Jesus is the son of God can be freed from sin and fear by being adopted as a child of God. Since only Jesus is a Son of God by natural right, all the rest of us receive the benefits of our relationship to God by adoption. Like adoptive parents, God chooses us and gives us the opportunity to inherit the full riches of his grace. As Christians, we are all adopted.

We are so blessed. Let us all join in celebrating the achievements of our children and youth.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard

Worship Notes

June 2: Presbyterian Women of the Church Sunday. Our Youth Coordinator, Rhia Miller, will preach on Psalm 23 and I Corinthians 13 in a sermon titled, "Love Never Fails." The service will include the awarding of the Sue Cobb Memorial Scholarship, the PWOC Women of the Year Award, and the presentation of Bibles to 4th graders. Rev. Karen Doty will preside over the communion table.

June 9th: Youth Sunday. We will hear from our High School graduates about their experiences at CCPC and their plans for the fall. Rev. Brassard will present a charge to honorees titled, *The Mysteries of Minecraft*.

June 16th: The Service of Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons.

June Sunday Calendar

Sunday, June 2, 2013

9:00 AM CCPC Book Sale -- Atrium
10:00 AM PWOC Worship -- Sanctuary
Sunday School for Ages 4 through 6 grade
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr High
12 NOON Children of Eden Rehearsal -- Dodds Hall
12 NOON Reiki Share -- CE Bldg
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room
7:00 PM Prayer/Study Group -- Member's Home

Sunday, June 16, 2013

10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
12:00 PM Children of Eden Rehearsal -- Dodds Hall
7:00 PM Prayer Study -- Member's Home

Sunday, June 9, 2013

Youth Sunday
10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
Optional Activity with the Farney's
12 NOON Youth and Children's Ministry Pool Party --
Bowie Swim and Racket Club
3:30 PM Grovehurst -- Sanctuary and Atrium
6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor

Sunday, June 23, 2013

10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
Optional Activity with Sara Rogel
12 NOON Children of Eden Rehearsal -- Dodds Hall
5:00 PM Youth Group -- Sr High Room

Sunday, June 30, 2013

10:00 AM Worship -- Sanctuary
Sunday School for ages 4 through 6 grade
10:00 AM Sunday Morning Connect: Jr. and Sr. High
2:00 PM Children of Eden Play -- Dodds Hall

HIGHLIGHTS OF SESSION

May 23, 2013

Congratulations!

New Elders and Deacons elected May 5th are:

ELDERS	DEACONS
Gladys Tataw-Ayuketah	John Bulter
Lynne DeSeve	Christine Campbell
Deborah Hoppe	Daniel Casto
Kathryn McCarty	Lillian Cates
Kristen Zacheis	Joe Love

Deacon filling an unexpired term: Betty Haeussler. Thank you Betty!

Rev. Brassard will meet with news officers for orientation on May 30th.

Outgoing Officers Serving 2010-2013 – Thank You!

Elders: Jan Bridger, Laurel Cox, Joe Fonjoe, Jane Mellow, and Sharon Youngdahl

Deacons: John Butler, Karen Cable, Marie Farney, Beth Janeczek and Miriam Salisbury

Commissioner to the Presbytery - Many Thanks!

Thank you to Beth Janeczek and Chuck Tanner for serving as CCPC Commissioners to Presbytery in 2012-2013 and continuing for 2013-2014. Also, to Trudi Neff for serving as a back-up representative during the same years. Commissioners attend presbytery meetings with Rev. Brassard, vote on important issues, and bring reports to Session.

Healthy Maryland Initiative

At its May meeting, the Session endorsed the "Healthy Maryland Initiative," which is a proposal to raise the tax on cigarettes by \$1 per pack and will reduce Maryland's smoking rate while funding the state tobacco control program and other public health programs in the state. Similar legislation in the past has resulted in Maryland's smoking rate declining 32% over the last dozen years, more than twice the national average. For more information on this initiative, please go to www.healthcareforall.com or call (410) 235-9000; toll-free (866) 433-8451.

Financial Notes from Session

The offerings for 2013 continue to be below the Faith Expressions. For 2013, the Faith Expressions total \$480,000 for the year, or \$40,000 per month. However, the 2013 Faith Receipts (through April 30, 2013) total \$146,838 for the year or \$36,710 per month. Bottom line is that the Year to Date Offering Budget is under funded by (\$13,162).

The Session realizes that many of you need an automated way to make your monthly giving. We are currently reviewing an option for you to easily make your Faith Expressions automatically to the church, from your bank account directly to the church's account. This will allow you to avoid playing catch-up when you receive your statements during the year. You can continue to place your envelopes in the plate, marked "automatic payment". You will be able to pick the days in the month you wish the withdrawal to be made, up to twice a month. If you don't want to change your current giving method you can continue with your current practice. We just want to give this option to those who have been requesting this choice.

Good News and Bad News

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is: it's still out there in your pocket."

Vacation Bible School

Kingdom Rock

CCPC's FREE, week-long evening program for ages 4-10 includes a child-friendly dinner each night, lots of water play, and plenty of singing, learning, and crafts.



Register now on our home page at <http://ccpc.bowiemd.org>.

Dates: July 15, 2013 - July 19, 2013

Time: 5:30pm - 8:15pm

Registration Deadline: July 15, 2013

New this year is a special Toddler VBS program on Saturday, July 20, just so children ages 0-3 can enjoy all the fun of Vacation Bible School in a morning program designed for them. Registration will be available at "Big Kid VBS."

Enter the epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong. Here God's victorious power isn't a fairy tale — it changes kids forever. Join this royally-rockin' realm — register to be a part of this Kingdom Rock VBS! **NOTE: Dinner will be served!**



Toy Drive!



In 1997, the New Hope Circle and the CCPC family assisted Gina Jadwisiak and David Kobe's adoption of Nikita and Tatiana by collecting toys, medicine, and clothing for the two orphanages in Novokuznetsk Russia (Siberia) where Nikita and Tatiana lived. In June, the family will be returning to the orphanages to assist the children.

We as the "CCPC family" have a wonderful opportunity, once again, to donate toys for the Kobes to bring to these remote orphanages — and to brighten the children's lives in this simple way! If you would like to help, just bring in a new toy between now and June 23 and place it in the collection box in the Atrium. Toys should be intended for children from 6 months to age 5, should not need batteries, and should not have English songs or words. Stacking toys, pull toys, blocks, and shape finders are all good choices. Checks made out to David Kobe, will also be accepted to help the orphanage buy necessities for the children. Online donations can be made at www.gofundme.com/2z5cpo.

On June 23, the toys will be blessed for their journey to Russia. For more information contact Rebecca Coleman, Coordinator of Ministry to Children and Families, at ccpckids@gmail.com.





The Bowie Lions have pledged unselfish service to the Bowie community and to those less fortunate than us. Club members volunteer their time and energy to a variety of fundraising efforts; all the profits are designated for charitable uses. No money received from the public goes towards any of the administrative or social costs of the Club. These are borne by the Club members themselves through dues.



Eye Glass and Key

Donate glasses and change someone's life!

Imagine if you could help a child read. An adult succeed in his job. A senior maintain her independence. And provide a community with more opportunities to grow and thrive. Well, you can do just that by donating your old eye glasses and sunglasses, even the cases!

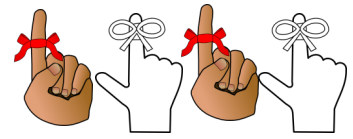
Everyday, the Bowie Lions Club recycled eyeglass program does all of this and more. And, CCPC is glad to be of help. You can join us by bringing in your donations and putting them in the Lion Club box marked for Eye Glasses in the Atrium.



You could be the key to your community!

The Bowie Lions Club collects keys to melt down for scraps. The money from this process is then put back into the community. So, bring in your old keys and help keep the door to this program open. CCPC has a round container labeled "Recycled Keys" in the Atrium next to the Lions Club eye glasses box. Feel free to drop off your keys anytime.

Thank you for supporting these programs!



Friendly Reminders

Covenant Circle

The Covenant Circle will meet at Noon on June 10 at Sylvia Dunlap's home instead of at CCPC at 10.

Any questions, please call Sarah Hyde at 301-262-6819

CCPC Crab Feast

Annual CCPC Crab Feast
Sunday, August 25 (1-4PM)
Bowie Whitemarsh Park
(Large Pavilion)

All you can eat steamed crabs (or a crab cake), grilled chicken, and corn on the cob.

Bring your own drinks, utensils, side dishes.

Cost: \$25 adults eating crabs, \$10 children under 12 or adults not eating crabs, children under 5 free.

For more information or for offers of help please contact Barbara Engh at bengh1@verizon.net or (301)464-4347.

Gadabouts

On June 4, the Gadabouts will be having lunch at Brio's in Annapolis. If you are interested in going and need a ride, please meet in the CCPC parking lot at 11:30 AM.

Mission Council Meeting

This mission council meets on the last Thursday of each month. For June, the meeting will be on the 27th in the Adult Ed Conf Room.



Children of Eden

CCPC Theater Troupe is proud to present a wonderful story about love and letting go: *Children of Eden*, a musical by Steven Schwartz. This play was well received seven years ago when the Theater Troupe took on the retelling of this poignant story of Creation, Adam and Eve, and the destruction and hope of Noah's Ark.

CCPC will see many familiar faces in starring roles, with a full CCPC band in accompaniment! Join us June 27 and 28th at 7 PM or June 30th at 2 PM for this amazing adventure.

Tickets are \$10, \$8 for seniors and children.
Keep your eyes open for cameos by some unexpected animals!

Time and Talent Surveys

**Thank you to everyone
who has filled out a survey!**

The Time and Talent Surveys will be very helpful to the Session as they continue to plan.

There is a list of names on the board in the Atrium of people who completed the surveys...and one survey with no name. So, if you have completed your survey AND your name is not on the list, please see if the survey on the board is yours.

We want to be sure that everyone's ideas are included. If you haven't filled out a survey yet, they are available in the Atrium.

Ride Share

There are several folks in our congregation who need a ride to and from church.

We'd like to get a team of people together who can pick up and drop off folks who need rides.

This is a great opportunity to get to know someone you might not already know.

Please let Margaret Hallau know if you would like to participate in this important ministry.



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your expressions of sympathy and your cards concerning the sudden loss of my younger brother.

You help remind me that we are all never alone.

Regards,

Dennis Evans



In Memory of Bruce A. Bell

Bruce, who was a former member of CCPC, passed away at Holy Cross Hospital in Fort Lauderdale, Florida on May 16, 2013 at the age of 71 after a valiant struggle with the after effects of a stroke.

Bruce was born in Detroit but spent most of his childhood in Lorneville, New Brunswick, followed by a working career in Toronto and Washington D.C.

Bruce, always a risk taker, had no qualms about leaving a comfortable life in Toronto to live in D.C. This willingness to take on risk continued later in life when at the age of 68 he left Washington for a new life in Fort Lauderdale.

Bruce was a talented carpenter who could build anything from scratch. In his lifetime, he completed several apartment and home renovations almost entirely on his own. As a young man, Bruce loved to drive in car rallies. Later on, as the proud owner of his 60's Lincoln and Cadillac, he was active in antique car clubs in Washington and Florida and was noted for his hosting of numerous car club Christmas parties in Washington.

Bruce had a strong interest in politics from a left of centre perspective and always enjoyed a heated discussion. Always on the lookout for a fun time, he never turned down an invitation to a good party.

Burial will take place in New Brunswick later this Spring with a memorial celebration to follow in Washington D.C. at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice in Bruce's memory would be appreciated. (Albert County Funeral Home, Hopewell Cape, NB, 506-734-2780 or lisa@albertcountyfh.com).

His entire obituary can be read at:

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?pid=164959168#fbLoggedOut>



The next Caller will be sent out around June 15th. Please have all articles in by 9 AM on Tuesday, June 11th. ? = Call the office.

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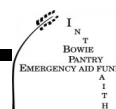
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CCPC, the first Protestant church in Levitt Bowie, was born from a passion for Christian mission in the local community, and this focus continues.

*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

