



The Caller

September 15, 2012

What a great celebration for 50 years of Ministry! All of the events were well attended — even the power outage Saturday night at 4:15 PM didn't stop the 6 PM Gala dinner. Amazingly, even with traffic signals not working and trees down, 172 of the 175 people who purchased tickets for the dinner made it. Actually, the reliance on candlelight added to the ambiance. The only downside was that the relative darkness might have reduced the chance to talk to someone who was seated right behind you. Attendees were treated with reflections from the four pastors present (Dick Neff, Harold Pease, Rex McDaniel, and James Brassard) and a special duet about CCPC was sung by Sharon Youngdahl and Allen Frank.

What an amazing worship service on Sunday. Spectacular music by our choirs. How great was the congregational singing of *The Church's One Foundation* with the brass augmenting the organ. I felt like a teenager again when the Folk Group led the singing of *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*. So many happy memories. Wow!

We have so much to be thankful for as we work to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. Special thanks to Susan Ricci Rogel for orchestrating all the music and to Laurel Cox for overseeing the whole series of events to celebrate our Golden Anniversary.

Hal Pease who served this church from 1967-1977 has purchased a home in Calvert County and will be moving from Austin, Texas in November. Hal sent the church the following note:

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

See you Sunday. Remember the new schedule. Chapel service with communion at 8:30 AM. The second service is at 10 AM with Sunday school for cradle roll through high school following the children's message. Also, at 11:30 AM, we will dedicate the memorial bricks in the memorial garden.

It is a joy and privilege to serve with you in this great congregation!

James Brassard



Worship Notes

September 16th—New Worship times: 8:30AM and 10 AM. A Service of Dedication of Memorial Bricks will be held in the Memorial Garden at 11:30 AM. Sermon will be on *Proverbs 1:20-33* "The Way of Wisdom."

September 30th—There is a lot of nostalgia in America for the 50's and 60's. What is it that we long for? How do these longings resonate with the qualities and values of the Christian community expressed in the New Testament. The text is Apostle Paul's classic affirmation of the inclusive church: *Galatians 3:26-29*.

Dear Church Family,

This is so wonderful that you are celebrating fifty years! I was married at CCPC forty one years ago. I have many fond memories from CCPC. Both of my children were baptized at CCPC. My husband was in the military. You as a church family were always there for my parents. Most of all I want you to know I have always felt the warm "Welcome Home" whenever I come back to Bowie for a visit.

Even though I am not able to physically be present for this special time, I am with you in spirit. I wish you many more years and memories. God Bless and Keep You.

Leslee Neumann Black

Congratulations Chairperson Laurel Cox!

What a fantastic 50th Anniversary Weekend CCPC celebrated this past weekend!

and a Special thanks to

Did you know that there were so many willing, talented hands that made your decorative "golden" napkin rings ... thanks to Patty Adams, Mary Brock, Laurel Cox, Trudy Neff, Becky Pfarrer.

Did you know through whom the arrangements were made for the special "linens, china dishes, and silverware"... thanks to Peggy Oates.

Wilhelmina Burress

CRAB FEAST *Thank You!*

Thank you and congratulations to crab feast coordinators
Barbara Engh and Andrea Brassard!!

Thank you for another successful, fun-filled crab feast! The rain and the thunder simply served as a backdrop for the happy chatting, laughter, and fellowship that was sheltered under the pavilion.

DEACON'S CORNER

This is the twentieth in a series of articles about living well by considering the host of things we can change in our lives, our homes and our surroundings that can make our lives healthier, happier, and safer. Special thanks to Joy Bible, former Moderator of the Board of Deacons, for sharing her wisdom and expertise through the

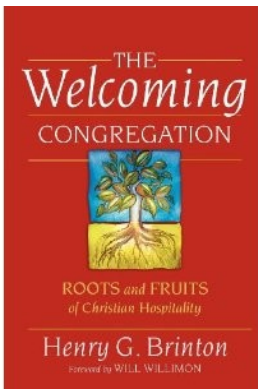
Deacon's Corner. We will be preparing a complete set of Deacon's Corner articles to share with CCPC.

You have one hour to evacuate your home, what do you take? Recently, I heard from Kay Knox. She and her husband Paul had to evacuate their home because of forest fires. Kay mentioned the 4 p's: pills, pets, photos, and (important) papers! By now, hopefully, our pills are all in one place, catching Fido or Boots should be easy, but photos and papers, that is a different story. Our photos are in boxes, albums, and drawers, scattered everywhere. Many old family photos are irreplaceable and should be in one area. This brings us back to papers. How long should we keep financial records or other documents? What and where should we keep these important papers so they are both available and accessible? One of the first things to do and mentioned before is to make copies of most of your important papers including birth certificates, social security cards, passports, immigration papers, marriage licenses and divorce certificates, stock and bond certificates, real-estate documents, current insurance policies, and wills. Keep original and copies separate from one another in places like a fire-proof home safe, bank safe-deposit box, your lawyer's office, or perhaps a trusted neighbor's home. Your tax returns and all supporting documentation must be kept for at least three years in case of audit. But it's better to keep them for at least seven years, or even permanently, in case the IRS uncovers a substantial error. Hold on to receipts or canceled checks for home-improvements projects and big ticket items for as long as you own them; likewise product warranties. You don't need to keep bills for non-tax-deductible items and utilities for more than a year; day-to-day receipts for credit-card purchases and ATM transactions can be discarded (shred or tear to be safe) when the monthly credit-card or bank statement arrives. This can give you a start on sorting your papers and determining what is important.

One of the biggest blessings you can give your family members is to list all they will need to know about your belongings, business affairs, and desires. In the past two weeks, we have been helping an elderly neighbor dismantle her home with the help of one of her three children. They had two weeks to empty a house with 40 years of stuff in it. Our neighbor is frail and had not been able to keep up her home and things piled up and over. It was a massive undertaking, painful, confusing, and chaotic for all. Paper's everywhere, and no time to sort it all out. Two weeks to clear out a house and off to Alaska with a few belongings. (I must interject here a very special THANKS to Dick Arnold for helping also). This whole process caused angst among the other two siblings, pain at not being included and feelings that decisions were being made out of anyone's control. Whatever the situation is: a move, severe illness, or death, if you take time and care, you will make things easier for your loved ones. How sad it is when material things come between family members when all could have been avoided if spelled out before an event occurs.

As deacons, we have seen when family members have made very specific instructions for their belongings, location of personal papers, what they want done at their funeral and much more information, it makes the process less painful, frightening, and smoother. There is a pervasive condition we all suffer from at any given time and it is PROCRASTINATION! (The Putting Off Until Later Something That Is Burdensome or Unpleasant.) It can be a habitual condition and as we all know what we put off until tomorrow, usually never happens. It is never too early, but it can become too late! Don't leave this burden to someone else. Please be in charge of your own destiny and be very clear on you desires. Everyone benefits from your decisions and peace can prevail.

Rev. Henry Brinton Speaks to the Paper Tigers



The Rev. Henry Brinton, Senior Pastor of Fairfax Presbyterian Church and child of CCPC, will be discussing his latest book, “The Welcoming Congregation: Roots and Fruits of Christian Hospitality” with the Paper Tigers men’s book study group in Dodds Hall from 8 to 10 am on Wednesday, September 26.

His book studies the Biblical basis for Christian hospitality and how it is practiced in congregations today. All members and friends of CCPC are invited to join us for a continental breakfast and engaging discussion.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Committee Report

As we celebrate the milestone of our 50th anniversary, we are reminded that our campus is aging as well. We recently had some problems with our aging sprinkler system and fire alarm panel in the Sanctuary building. We also had some challenges with the new atrium doors.

Fire Sprinkler System: The compressor that supports the sprinkler system in the Sanctuary building has failed. A temporary compressor has been installed and a new one is on order. We hope to have the new compressor installed soon.

Fire Alarm Panel and Smoke Detectors: The fire alarm panel in the Sanctuary building has failed. Apparently the circuitry was fried. A new replacement panel is on order. The committee decided to replace all of the aging smoke detectors (some of which had already begun to fail) along with the panel.

Exterior Church Doors: The new atrium doors have been installed. However, we encountered a problem with the threshold and mechanism for securing the doors at the bottom. The threshold is much higher than advertised and the lower bar that secures the door does not go into the concrete, as we had expected. Instead, it goes into the relatively thin metal threshold. We have contacted the door manufacturer and requested that they come to CCPC to resolve the problem.

Paul Sell, Committee Chair for Buildings and Grounds

CCPC's Golden Anniversary Weekend was Golden!



What a wonderful celebration weekend! Friday night our Ice Cream Social set the tone for the rest of the weekend ... fellowship with friends from long ago, and friends we see now on a regular basis. The Folk Group Reunion was so much fun, music, laughter and lots of wedding albums to reminisce younger days – thanks Sheree Ruhl and Carl Neumann. A HUGE “Thank You” to Becky and Mark Pfarrer for opening their home Saturday morning to 100 guests as we visited with our Ministry Team. The weather was beautiful and the food was delicious!

Our Gala Dinner Saturday night was exactly what I had spent the last many months praying it would be ... A Memorable Event! In spite of the weather, and lack of electricity, 172 of us gathered for an evening of reflection, memories and entertainment. Thank you to Sharon Youngdahl, Allen Frank and Susan Ricci Rogel for 50 years of “Dramady at Church.”

By design, our weekend culminated with our Golden Worship Celebration. Wow! If the angels sing like that in heaven ... I can't wait to join them! Performances by the Children's Choir, The Combined Choirs, The Folk Group, The Clinquant Bell Choir and our Instrumental Ensemble joined by the Ekklesia Ensemble ... you ALL took my breath away! Audrey Scott had the perfect Children's Message – the church is the people, we just meet in a building. Kevin Clemence's anthem from the Sanctuary dedication was just as relevant today as it was in 1994.

Having our four ministers: Rev. Hal Pease (1967-1977), Rev. Dick Neff (1969-1984), Rev. Rex McDaniel (1985-2002) and Rev. James Brassard (2004 – present) participate in service was such an honor. And after service, with the young, and young at heart, Dick Arnold helped release Monarch butterflies ... to show us the way to the future.

The weekend was an effort of a dedicated team – our Golden Team. THANK YOU to: Trudy Neff, Patty Adams, Wilhelmenia Burress, Lynn DeSeve, Doris Kobe and Mary Brock, Judy Genson, Judy Frank, Becky and Mark Pfarrer, Sharon Youngdahl, Susan Ricci Rogel, Sheree Ruhl and Carl Neumann and Dennis Evans. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped in and did every little job that needed to be done.

Thank you to Doris Kobe and Mary Brock for our fabulous history and yearbook. Thank you to Lynn DeSeve for the ornament design. The yearbook and ornaments were both a big hit ... we do have a few left and if you missed us last weekend, we will be selling them in the atrium for the next couple of weeks.

It has taken generations to get to this point ... It has taken many leaders and friends to reach today. To all of you I say, from Philippians: “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

May our next generation be as blessed as I have been by the work of this congregation of our God. Thank you for a wonderful weekend and your gracious gift – a day of rest is just what I could use!

Laurel

Adult Ed Public Forums — *Marriage & Dreams*

The Adult Education Council will be hosting two public forums in Dodds Hall on successive Sundays on topics which will appear on the Maryland ballot on November 6th. Our purpose in presenting the forums is to assist those who attend to become informed in faith on the issues.

The first forum will address the Civil Marriage Protection Act on September 23rd at 11:30 AM.

The Maryland State Board of Elections has finalized the wording for the state's impending referendum on a recently passed same-sex marriage law. Appearing as Question 6, the referendum has been titled the "Civil Marriage Protection Act," the name the bill had when passed by the legislature. It will read on the ballot as follows:

Establishes that Maryland's civil marriage laws allow gay and lesbian couples to obtain a civil marriage license, provided they are not otherwise prohibited from marrying; protects clergy from having to perform any particular marriage ceremony in violation of their religious beliefs; affirms that each religious faith has exclusive control over its own theological doctrine regarding who may marry within that faith; and provides that religious organizations and certain related entities are not required to provide goods, services, or benefits to an individual related to the celebration or promotion of marriage in violation of their religious beliefs.

The forum will feature Rabbi Steven Weisman of Temple Solel of Bowie and Rev. James Brassard who will present key Biblical and theological material related to the topic. In addition, a representative from Equality Maryland will answer questions about the civil and legal implications of the legislation.

The second forum topic is the Maryland In-state Tuition Referendum (also known as the Dream Act Referendum).

This forum will be conducted on September 30th at 11:30 AM.

The legislation in question was approved by both houses of the Maryland General Assembly during the 2011 legislative session. The referendum allows voters to decide whether the law will be upheld. The ballot measure will read as follows:

Question 4 — Referendum Petition — Public Institutions of Higher Education – Tuition Rates

Establishes that individuals, including undocumented immigrants, are eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at community colleges in Maryland, provided the student meets certain conditions relating to attendance and graduation from a Maryland high school, filing of income taxes, intent to apply for permanent residency, and registration with the selective service system (if required); makes such students eligible to pay in-state tuition rates at a four-year public college or university if the student has first completed 60 credit hours or graduated from a community college in Maryland; provides that students qualifying for in-state tuition rates by this method will not be counted as in-state students for purposes of counting undergraduate enrollment; and extends the time in which honorably discharged veterans may qualify for in-state tuition rates.

A representative of the Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights will answer questions about the legislation.



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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.

Feel free to join us in worship any Sunday at 8:30 AM and/or 10 AM. All are welcome!

Bowie Interfaith Pantry

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

We are closed on holidays.

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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.

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