



The Annual Congregation/Corporation Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 7th, following the 10:30 AM worship service. The 2015 Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 31st. Before the February 7th worship service and during the intermission, the children will be collecting for the Souper Bowl of Caring offering.

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld keeps busy with his online series, “Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee.” He started driving around in his Porsches’ talking with other comedians in 2012. The conversation is about the craft of humor. Very funny and insightful. Perhaps his series inspired another series called “Carpool Karaoke” by late night comedian James Corden. Corden does something many of us like to do; sing along with the radio while we drive. We also like to sing in the shower, but this sometimes upsets our families. When we sing in the car other people are just happy we are not texting! His short clip with Adele singing her hit, “Hello,” already has over a million hits and I love his bit with Stevie Wonder singing, “Isn’t She Lovely.”

Certain songs remind us of moments in our lives. I love sitting near the water listening to Otis Redding’s mellow, “Sitting at the Dock of the Bay.” This is one of Sue Cobb’s favorite songs. I always start humming it each time we have the scholarship Pancake dinner in her honor. Remember the date, Shrove Tuesday February 9th.

Redding wrote another song about the same time, “Respect.” It was about a love gone wrong. It was never popular until a few years later when Aretha Franklin took the song and made it a raging rallying cry for the women’s movement. With Franklin it was a different power and a different message for a different time. Her rendition became popular in the Civil Rights movement. It still gets a charge out of my wife and my daughters when we get together in the summer.

The way we hear a song is dependent on the voice singing or telling the story. I thought of that as I was planning services for Lent. This year, Easter arrives very early — March 27th. So, Lent arrives right after the ink is dry on our Annual Reports and Carolina wins their first Super Bowl.

So, for Ash Wednesday, we will involve the Youth and every generation in addressing this year’s theme: “Letting go of Your Grievance Story.” Besides the morning service at 7:15 AM, which begins the daily lectionary readings, we will have an evening Ash Wednesday Service at 7:30 PM. Susan, Justin, and I are trying to motivate you to participate in the special services of Lent: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. These are all an integrated part of the central task of faith, which is writing a strong personal faith story.

I am also excited about a three-week educational series by our resident historian Wayne Smith for Black History month. Wayne has put together three-weeks of presentations that will lead into discussions about the legacy of Civil Rights. On February 7th, Dr. Smith will talk about the enduring myth of the Confederacy and how it impacts us today? On February 14th (Scout Sunday), he will lead us through the history and policies that led to 90-years of Jim Crow. Lastly, on Feb 21st, Dr. Smith will get theological with an examination of Dr. King’s clarion call to the church: “The letter from a Birmingham Jail.”

We have plenty of things going on. You can even take advantage of free babysitting and have a sweetheart Valentine’s Day date on Saturday, Feb 13th, when the Youth host *Parent’s Night Out*.

My question this Lent is: How are you going to sing the Lord’s new song?

Grace and peace,
James Brassard

CCPC Per Capita

Per capita dollars help to sustain our governance system. The PC (USA), as with other faith traditions and denominations, is but a small part of the one church of Jesus Christ.

We affirm that God's call is for the church to be one.

Each member is asked to pay \$36.50 from National Capital Presbytery for 2016. If you would like to make a contribution toward Per Capita this year, please indicate it on your offering.

Worship Notes

January 31: We all have a tendency to see the world from the vantage point of where we live and how we have been raised. We are all parochial. Jesus had his differences with the Pharisees. They are not for the reasons you might think.

February 7: Annual Meeting following the 10:30AM Service. Communion. The Text is *John 2:1-11, Jesus' first miracle at Cana*. "What Does the Picture Say to You?"

February 14: Sunday in Lent (Scout Sunday). We are like the people Luke describes who continued to be filled with expectations that someone from the outside would dramatically come in and solve all their problems. We need to remember there is only one Messiah.

Annual Congregational Meeting

CCPC will have their annual congregational meeting on Sunday, February 7th after the 10:30 AM worship service. The annual reports will be on the shelf in the alcove in the Narthex by Sunday, January 31st.

Gadabouts

The Gadabouts meet Tuesday, February 2 at Noon in the conference room.

Straight from the Source

New Adult Bible Study starting on February 29 at 7:00 PM. We will be reading through various bible stories sharing thoughts, ideas, and applications.

This class will be led by Justin Devine and is open to all adults. The Study will be held on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday's of the month.

Tiger Lilies

The Tigers Lilies are meeting on Monday February 1 at 7:30pm and continuing our discussion of David Brooks' book "The Road to Character". Please join us! Contact andreabras-sard@verizon.net.

The Ultimate Good Samaritan

By Dane Frandsen

Dane gave this speech at the MLK service at the Bowie Methodist church on Martin Luther King Day. For many it was the highlight of the service. In case you missed it, we wanted to share it with you.

Dr. Martin Luther King was a true embodiment of what a Christian is supposed to be. A Bible verse that describes what Dr. King represents is 1st Corinthians 13:4-8 which says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails." (NIV edition). Dr. King represented the force of love and peace in times of hardship, discrimination and strife for black people. He led peaceful protests instead of giving in to the violence that was surrounding him. He strongly believed in the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi, who led peaceful demonstrations against the Indian government in order to do away with the caste system in that country. In the same way, Dr. King used nonviolence to lead many sit-ins and marches. Today, the Good Samaritan parable will be highlighted through Dr. King's "I've been to the Mountaintop" speech. This speech was told to a group of sanitation workers who went on strike in response to the effects of extremely low wages of the workers and the deplorable work conditions which the City of Memphis ignored. It was the law of the City that prohibited Black sanitation workers from seeking shelter in the cab of the truck during inclement weather. They were only allowed in the back of the truck. This led to the tragic death of two sanitation workers, Echol Cole and Robert Walker, who were crushed while seeking shelter in a rainstorm when the dilapidated truck malfunctioned. As a result, the sanitation members wanted to unionize. They urged the City of Memphis to recognize their union, create better working conditions and give each man a decent living wage. The mayor, Henry Lobe, refused to recognize the union. Over the next few months tensions grew. Sanitation workers marched daily with signs that read, "I AM A MAN!" but Mayor Henry Lobe continued to refuse their demands. In the evening of April 3rd, 1968, Dr. King gave his "I've been to the Mountaintop" speech and foretold his death. In the "I've been to the Mountaintop" speech, he cited the parable of the Good Samaritan. He urged the listeners to help their neighbor despite race, religion, gender, and economic differences as they would themselves, as a call to raise the moral consciousness of the public. Shortly after Dr. King's death, the City of Memphis and Mayor Henry Lobe agreed to recognize the sanitation workers' union and give the workers a decent living wage.

Almost 50 years later, I have benefited from the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. I am blessed that I am able to attend a school that has great cultural, social, economic and gender diversities. I have the opportunity not only to get to know my classmates but I get a chance to work alongside and serve with them. I am blessed to share the love of a sport, a meal, a videogame, and make music with someone who is not of the same ethnic or racial make-up as me. I have learned to look at people for who they are. Galatians 3:27-29 reads, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Dr. King upheld these values. He was an example of the ultimate Good Samaritan.

Honduran **Coffee!**

Judyann Feinstein will be selling premium Honduran coffee on **Sunday mornings, between and after services**. This coffee was packaged fresh in Honduras on January 20th and was brought back by the Living Waters for the World (LWW) team.

Anyone who has tried this coffee before can tell you how good it is, so be sure to make your purchase before it is gone.

This year, we are again charging **\$12 per pound bag**, including an \$8 donation. You will receive a receipt for your donation, and if you place it in one of your offering envelopes, Sandy Dorsey will see to it that it shows up on your CCPC donation record.

Thank you!

Lenten Readings

Looking for a different Lenten discipline this year?

Join us in the Sanctuary each morning (except Sundays) during Lent (2/10 through 3/26) at 7:15 AM for the reading of the daily lectionary and a brief prayer. We are usually finished by 7:30 AM.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Thank You!

Dear CCPC,

Thanks for all the calls, cards, and get well wishes after my illness of pneumonia and pleurisy. As of January 11, I am back at work (slowed down some on days and hours) and feeling better. Sorry I am a little late with my note.

Thanks, Margaret Levitan

Adult Education

January & February 2016

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the blizzard there have been date changes to our Adult Education classes. Please see below for the updated schedule.

January 31: Andrea Bassard, "Disrupting Aging"

Starting February 7th, we begin a series of classes taught by Wayne Smith on African-American History:

January 7: "Why did the Confederate myth prevail?
Why is that relevant even to Oregonians?"

February 14: "What were the origins of Jim Crow?"

February 21: "An appreciation of 'Letter from Birmingham Jail,'"

All classes start at 9:30 AM and will meet in the Adult Education Conference room.

Souper Bowl of Caring

*"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game,
help us to be mindful of those without
even a bowl of soup to eat."*

On February 7th, be part of this national movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

**Every dollar donated goes to
The Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry, our Souper Bowl of
Caring charity
of choice.**

Thank You!

CCPC Children's Ministry

Parents Night Out



Parents, drop your pajama-clad children on

**Saturday
February 13th
from 5–8 PM**

We'll have an evening of dinner, games, movies, and an ice cream bar!

Please RSVP to Kim Tavel (tavkm@comcast.net or 240-508-4395) or Justin Devine (ccpcdirced@verizon.net or 707-344-3325).

Hope to see you all!



Volunteers:

Please bring
your items to church
no later than 4 PM

Youth Winter Retreat

Want to build a Snowman?



The youth of CCPC are embarking on a

**Winter Retreat on February 5-7
Rhodes Grove in Chambersburg, PA**

The theme of the retreat is *Choices*.

Each youth attending will need to bring \$40 to help cover the costs. The youth will be home on Sunday in plenty of time to watch the Super Bowl.

Any questions, please contact Justin Devine at ccpcdirced@verizon.net.

Sue Cobb *Memorial Scholarship* *Pancake Dinner*



Sue Cobb fought a courageous battle against ovarian cancer for more than seven years. She was very active at CCPC. Sue served on Session and was very involved in our Missions. She loved, and lived for, serving others. We honor her memory with an annual scholarship to a young woman from our congregation. Your support of this dinner will help fund this scholarship.

The dinner will be on:

Shrove Tuesday
February 9, 2016
from 6 to 8 PM
in Dodds Hall

All female Seniors are given an application for the scholarship, which is reviewed by a committee consisting of PWOC *Woman of the Year* recipients.

Sue was a 2009 *Woman of the Year*.

The scholarship will be awarded on Women's Sunday.

Thank you for your support!

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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.*



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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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.

