



March 1, 2016

On the actual birthday of George Washington, the founder of our country, I went to see the new movie about the founder of our faith, Jesus Christ. The movie is “Risen.” It is another film by Affirmed Films, a group that has produced over 30 films designed to offer compelling entertainment and to point people toward God. This is their biggest budget project so far and I think their best. It opened last weekend with the second biggest box office of the week. I would encourage you to see it. It is appropriate for children 8 and older.

The film focuses on the leader of the Roman Centurions (played by Joseph Fiennes) who is charged with keeping the peace in Jerusalem. The centurion is ambitious and brutally efficient in putting down the numerous violent revolts by the zealous Jewish factions. Killing is part of his job. During the volatile Passover celebration, Jesus becomes just one of the victims of Pontius Pilate’s squashing of political and religious dissent in the city. Due to Jesus’ popularity, he is deemed a threat and one of many who are crucified. Immediately following his crucifixion, Pilate and the Sanhedrin hear troubling rumors that Jesus’ rabid followers would take his body and claim he was resurrected. In spite of the familiar efforts to keep the dead Jesus in the tomb, his body disappears. The Centurion is tasked with finding out “what happened to the Nazarene?” This becomes his journey to faith.

This is the first account of Jesus’ life that focuses on what happens after the crucifixion. The story takes us out of Jerusalem and back to Galilee where Jesus appears to the disciples and then leaves them there after he ascends. The film ends with the disciples getting ready to answer the great commission.

The movie is inspiring. It is designed for non-believers who are not familiar with the story. It dispenses with theological jargon and downplays the miraculous. It is far better than last year’s television series on the Old Testament. The violence of the crucifixion is kept to a minimum while still being true to the story.

The movie asks some timely questions about the purpose of life. We are given a viewpoint on Jesus from two individuals (the Centurion and Pontius Pilate) who view Jesus as another tiresome nuisance in their jobs. Peter and the other disciples are presented in a fresh and I think appropriate way. They really don’t know for sure what will happen next. They just have learned to trust Jesus.

I think it is well worth seeing and discussing. I am planning to attend the showing on Sunday, March 6th at Regal Cinema Bowie at 1:40PM. I missed the first 20 minutes of the film when I went the first time! This gives you time to go home after the “Pasta Palooza” luncheon. You are free to join me or see it at some other time. An Adult Education seminar on Sunday March 13th at 9:30AM will discuss the movie and its message.

Also, if you want to grow in your faith and develop some meaningful Christ-centered friendships, I strongly encourage you to join the new evening Bible study group, “Straight from the Source.” The study group will meet at the church on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday nights starting at 7:00PM. Justin is a very skilled and experienced Bible study leader. He has led youth, college students, and adults in similar classes for many years. You don’t need a strong knowledge of the Bible to fit in the group. Before you know it you will discover that the Bible does indeed speak to your life and experiences. Make the decision to connect with others and with the source of our faith.

Grace and peace,

James Brassard





# Easter Candy

Children's Ministry is accepting donations of individually wrapped, snack-size pieces of candy for the Easter egg hunt. If you would like to contribute, please drop off the candy by close of business Tuesday, March 22nd. You may leave it in the church office. Any questions, please contact Alex Bourne at [ammather@gmail.com](mailto:ammather@gmail.com) or 301-938-1687.

Thank you!

*Happy Easter*



Easter is on Sunday, March 27, 2016. CCPC honors and remembers loved ones with Easter lilies. Thirty-two single stem w/ 5-7 blooms have been ordered. The cost is \$13.50

The order form is below or you can get one off the table in the atrium. Please put the completed order form with payment in the Flower Committee mail box in the church office or in the collection plate. Any questions, please contact Judyann Feinstein at [judith.a.glazener@gmail.com](mailto:judith.a.glazener@gmail.com) or (240) 351-4121.

## Easter Lily Order Form

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Print! We want to be sure names are spelled correctly. Lilies with 5-7 blossoms are \$13.50 each**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Honor \_\_\_\_\_ or Memory \_\_\_\_\_

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Quantity = \_\_\_\_\_ @\$13.50=\_\_\_\_\_ (total)

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my total order

*Please make checks payable to CCPC-Flower Committee*

# Thank You!

On behalf of the Bible family, I would like to extend our deepest thanks to our CCPC family for all their love and support during Joy's terminal illness. Joy and I often talked, especially in 2015, about how blessed we were to have a church full of angels. As her disease progressed, we were overwhelmed by the support she received in the ER rooms, the Anne Arundel Rehab Center, Fairfield Rehab in Crownsville, and in our home. Your prayers, visits, and meals were a great support as Joy struggled to extend her life.

Love and God Bless our church family.

We will need your support as we struggle to adjust to her passing. A special thanks goes to Pastor James for his many visits and ministering to Joy and her entire family.

Love and Blessings to All,  
Harold and the Bible Family



Thank you to Justin Devine and Kim Tavel for hosting the Parent's Night Out with the assistance of Kris Ross and James Brassard. Thank you to all of the Youth and other volunteers who hosted a fun Pajama party for the kids and allowed the parents to spend some time out without kids. The parents are eternally thankful!

Great job everyone!



Thank you to the Deacons for hosting a wonderful Potato Bash again this year!

We must also thank Sharon Youngdahl for making the  
Irish blessings — so thoughtful, Sharon!

And, Bruce Jonas for his talent on the piano and  
leading us in a spirited and fun sing-a-long!

Thank you all so much!

## Lenten Luncheons

The Lenten Luncheons will be after the 10:30 AM worship service in Dodds Hall and everything will be provided at no charge to you. All you have to do is show up!



**Sunday, March 6, 2016**

*Children and Youth Ministries Pasta Palooza!*

The Children & Youth Ministry will be hosting a Pasta-Palooza Potluck Lenten luncheon. All are invited! We will be using SignUpGenius for volunteers to bring a dish. Please see Facebook for information regarding signup or other information. Please contact Alex at [ccpckids@gmail.com](mailto:ccpckids@gmail.com) or Kristen at [ccpcyouth15@gmail.com](mailto:ccpcyouth15@gmail.com).

Hope to see you there!

**Sunday, March 20, 2016**

*Choir's Chili Cook Off!*

**Come one, come all!**

Sample more than ten different types of chili (from vegetarian to mega-spicy!), and enjoy salad, corn-bread, and dessert with the CCPC Choirs after church on Sunday. You can vote for your favorite chili recipe, converse with your friends and neighbors, and not have to do the cooking!

There will be non-chili luncheon options available too.



**AND**

... the CCPC Living Waters for the World (LWW) team will be presenting their experiences from the system installation of this past January as well as selling the last of the Honduran coffee! You won't want to miss it!

# *Visiting the Public Hospital in Guatemala*

**By Brian Thompson-Royer, Mission Co-worker with the Women of Guatemala.**



Today, we experienced heartbreak and another reality of how life is for the poor in Guatemala. This was our first visit to the public hospital in Xela where we live. We received a call from Carmelina that her husband Pedro was in the hospital. They are dear sweet Maya Quiche souls. Sandi met them both in 2001 when she did a workshop on domestic violence. Pedro was the only male attending and has continued to be supportive of Carmelina and the rights of women.

We offered to visit on Sunday because from 1:00 to 2:30 PM was the time and day they could receive more than one visitor at a time. As we walked in, it was hard to believe the number of people, waiting and milling around outside. Carmelina came down five flights of stairs to meet us in the lobby. The elevator didn't work, so we began the hike up the dark stairway through crowds of people. The hallways and lobbies were jammed with people, mostly indigenous. As we waded through, we finally arrived in Pedro's room. The smells were pungent and the level of cleanliness was concerning. Doctors or nurses were not visible. There were eight beds in each room, four on each wall with a crowded walkway between them. Pedro was sitting up in a chair on the window wall visiting with his daughters and grandson.

If you want food, have your family bring it. If you need a bandage, you need to buy your own. If you need medicine, same story — go out and buy it. The medicine he needs is too expensive for the family. Because they can't afford the medication to improve his condition, he will not be able to have the operation he came for. After eight days in the hospital and no improvement, he will go home.

Between corruption and resources not getting through the bureaucracy, and a tax system that only favors the rich, once again, the poor suffer. Why Lord? The light of the Holy Spirit was shining brightly amongst us; they were asking for prayer. As I led, everyone joined in, and the crescendo of pleas, begging, helplessness, fear, tears, and being together merged into something wonderful, in a place that is anything but wonderful.

Hopefully, Pedro can go back to his home and wait out the rest of his days in the love of his family. Maybe a miracle of faith can heal. God is with him. Why does it feel so bad? God in your mercy, please hear our prayers.

Sandi and Brian Thompson-Royer

Mission Co-Workers in Guatemala

Serving at the invitation of the National Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Guatemala

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## Spring Clean-Up

**Gentlemen,  
Start Your Engines!**

While it will not be the big race at the "brick yard" on Memorial Day, we are planning our Spring Cleanup to focus both on cleaning out last year's dead growth from the garden beds and doing LOTS of much needed pruning and trimming. We will not be spreading new mulch this year. Please bring yourself, a can do attitude, as well as gloves, boots, hats, rakes, pruning shears, blowers, wheel barrows, shovels, and CHAIN SAWS.

A light lunch will be provided around noon. Prepare to start your engines!

### **The Pruning Day is Scheduled for Saturday April 9th at 9:00 AM**

This is the same weekend as the Women's Retreat. And, gives us an excellent opportunity for manly fellowship for those lonesome soles whose wife is away at the retreat and is in need of something to do. We can also earn some bonus points by proving we can do this WITHOUT the girls! Questions? Contact Bill Radden-Lesage.



## **LET'S GO TO THE Movies!**

A new film, *Risen*, has just opened in local theaters. On March 6<sup>th</sup> after the luncheon, Adult Ed and Pastor Brassard will be going to the Regal Cinema Bowie to see the 1:40 show.

It is a very important look at the resurrection of Jesus from the perspective of a non-believer. Pastor James says it is one of the best movies about Jesus he has seen. You might want to check the website for the film:

<http://www.RisenMovieResources.com>

On March 13th, we will discuss the movie in our Adult Ed class in the Adult Ed Conference room at 9:30 AM.

## Horseshoe Crab Tagging

I plan on being in Ocean City, Md. on the below dates tagging horseshoe crabs. Some of you have asked in the past to be notified when I will be there. A lot of you have joined me in the past and I hope to see you again. Please be sure to check with me before coming down as old age, the weather, and the availability of tags and crabs are all variables.

### **DATES**

April 21-25

May 18-24

May 22--My friend, Hank, and I will be doing a Horseshoe Crab presentation at the visitor center at the Assateague Island National Park.

June 17-23

JULY 16-22

August 16-21

Sept- 18: I will be doing a Monarch presentation at the visitor center at Assateague Island National Park.

Dick Arnold -- 301-908-6088

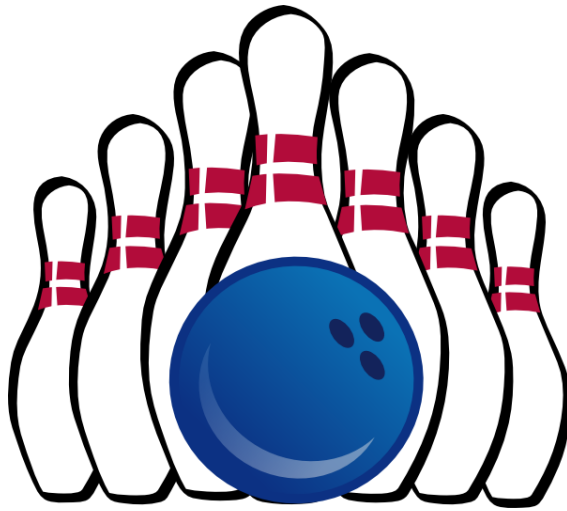
# *Cabaret*

The Chesapeake Chorale will be  
presenting a concert in Dodds Hall on March 4th and 5th at 7:30 PM.  
For tickets and more information visit their website  
[www.chesapeakechorale.org](http://www.chesapeakechorale.org)



# *Charity Circle Reunion*

When: June 25, 2016  
Contact: Peggy Oates  
301-262-6959  
[peggyoates@hotmail.com](mailto:peggyoates@hotmail.com)



# *Bowling Day*

Join us at the Crofton Bowling Center (2115 Priest Bridge Drive, Crofton.  
301-261-6670) on Sunday, March 13th at Noon for a fun-filled day of bowling.  
Cost of \$15 will cover pizza and bowling for the whole family.

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# *Gadabouts*

The Gadabouts will meet in the Adult Ed Conference room at Noon on  
Tuesday, March 1st. Beverage & cookies will be provided.



# *Tiger Lilies*

We will finish our discussion of David Brooks, "The Road to Character," on March 7th at  
7:30 PM in the Parlor. Please bring ideas for future books to discuss.  
Contact [andreabrassard@verizon.net](mailto:andreabrassard@verizon.net)

# **MARCH 1—13, 2016**

**7:15 AM Lenten Readings Every day, except Sunday, through March 26**

## **Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
12 Noon Gadabouts -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
4:30 PM DI Practice -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall  
7:30 PM Deacons Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

## **Wednesday, March 2, 2016**

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom  
10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home  
6:30 PM Support Group for Breastfeeding Mothers and Their Children -- Parlor  
7:00 PM B&G Committee Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:00 PM New Hope Circle -- Members' Homes  
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

## **Thursday, March 3, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
10:00 AM Charity Circle -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
3:30 PM Tutoring by Justin -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:00 PM Broga -- CE Building  
7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room  
7:30 PM Chesapeake Chorale Rehearsal -- Dodds Hall  
7:30 PM Bridge Classes -- Parlor

## **Friday, March 4, 2016**

7:30 PM Chesapeake Chorale Cabaret Concert -- Dodds Hall

## **Saturday, March 5, 2016**

10:00 AM Financial Peace University -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:30 PM Chesapeake Chorale Cabaret Concert -- Dodds Hall

## **Sunday, March 6, 2016 – Worship Services 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM, both with Communion**

9:30 AM Confirmation Class -- Rev Brassard's Office  
9:30 AM Christian Education: Parents in the Parlor, Sunday, School, and Adult Ed  
11:30 AM Lenten Luncheon: Pasta Palooza -- Dodds Hall  
1:30 PM Movie Day: Risen -- Regal Cinema Bowie Theater  
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

## **Monday, March 7, 2016**

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:00 PM Straight from the Source Bible Study  
7:30 PM Tiger Lilies -- Parlor

## **Tuesday, March 8, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
10:00 AM Lady Tigers -- Parlor  
4:30 PM DI Practice -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall  
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

## **Wednesday, March 9, 2016**

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom  
10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home  
1:00 PM Joy Circle -- Members' Homes  
6:00 PM Southern Comforter's Quilt Guild -- Dodds Hall  
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

## **Thursday, March 10, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
3:30 PM Tutoring by Justin -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:00 PM Broga -- CE Building  
7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room  
7:30 PM Bridge Classes -- Parlor

## **Friday, March 11, 2016—No Events Scheduled**

## **Saturday, March 12, 2016**

7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread  
10:00 AM Financial Peace University -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

## **Sunday, March 13, 2016 – Worship Services 8:30 AM with Communion and 10:30 AM**

9:30 AM Confirmation Class -- Rev Brassard's Office  
9:30 AM Christian Ed: Parents in the Parlor, Sunday, School, and Adult Ed  
Noon Family Bowling Day -- Crofton Bowling Center  
6:30 PM Discovery Circle -- Parlor  
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

# **MARCH 14—31, 2016**

## **Monday, March 14, 2016**

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:30 PM Session -- Conference Room

## **Tuesday, March 15, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
4:30 PM DI Practice -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall  
7:00 PM Outreach & Parish Life Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

## **Wednesday, March 16, 2016**

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom  
10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home  
12 Noon 80's Bash -- Olive Garden - Bowie Town Center  
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

## **Thursday, March 17, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
3:30 PM Tutoring by Justin -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:00 PM Broga -- CE Building and Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room  
7:30 PM Bridge Classes -- Parlor

## **Friday, March 18, 2016—No Events Scheduled**

## **Saturday, March 19, 2016—12:00 PM Private Event -- Dodds Hall**

## **Sunday, March 20, 2016 – Worship Services 8:30 AM with Communion and 10:30 AM**

9:30 AM Christian Education: Parents in the Parlor, Sunday School, and Adult Ed  
11:30 AM Lenten Luncheon: Chili Cook Off with LWW Presentation -- Dodds Hall  
6:30 PM Youth Group -- Sr. High Room

## **Monday, March 21, 2016**

10:00 AM Hope Circle -- Members' Homes  
11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
1:00 PM Knits with Sticks -- Parlor  
7:00 PM Straight from the Source Bible Study

## **Tuesday, March 22, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
10:00 AM Lady Tigers -- Parlor  
4:30 PM DI Practice -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall  
7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm

## **Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom  
10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home  
6:00 PM Southern Comforters Quilt Guild -- Dodds Hall  
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

## **Thursday, March 24, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
3:30 PM Tutoring by Justin -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:00 PM Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room  
7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Worship--Sanctuary and Bridge Classes--Parlor

## **Friday, March 25, 2016—7:30 PM Good Friday Worship Service -- Sanctuary**

## **Saturday, March 26, 2016—7:30 AM Men's Book Group -- Panera Bread**

## **Sunday, March 27, 2016—Easter Worship Services: 7AM Sunrise / 8:30 AM / 10:30 AM** **7:30 AM Easter Sunrise Breakfast and 9:30 AM Sunday School with Easter Egg Hunt and Program**

## **Monday, March 28, 2016**

11:00 AM Monday Morning Lectionary -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:00 PM Grace and Glory Circle -- Members' Homes

## **Tuesday, March 29, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
4:30 PM DI Practice -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
6:00 PM Chesapeake Chorale -- Dodds Hall

## **Wednesday, March 30, 2016**

8:00 AM Paper Tigers -- Dodds Hall Classroom  
10:30 AM Prayer/Study/Healing Group -- Doris Kobe's Home  
7:00 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal -- Sanctuary

## **Thursday, March 31, 2016**

8:00 AM AARP Tax Aide -- Dodds Hall  
3:30 PM Tutoring by Justin -- Adult Ed Conf Rm  
7:00 PM Broga -- CE Building and Clinquant Rehearsal -- Choir Room and Mission Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Room  
7:30 PM Bridge Classes -- Parlor  
8:00 PM Worship Council Meeting -- Adult Ed Conf Rm



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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](mailto:info@belaircoop.org)

[www.belaircoop.org](http://www.belaircoop.org)



## 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](http://www.ImagineThePlace.com), call 443-510-6308, or e-mail [Ann@ImagineThePlace.com](mailto:Ann@ImagineThePlace.com). Scholarships available.

